# **OPERATION AND SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS**

# Q-TEC<sup>™</sup> QERV Energy Recovery Ventilator with Exhaust

For Use with Bard Q-TEC Heat Pumps Models:

Q24H4-A,-B,-C Q30H4-A,-B,-C Q36H4-A,-B,-C Q24H4DA,B,C Q30H4DA,B,C Q36H4DA,B,C



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Electrical shock hazard.

Disconnect remote electrical power supply or supplies before servicing.

Failure to do so could result in electric shock or death.

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Exposed moving parts.

Disconnect electrical power before servicing.

Failure to do so could result in severe injury or amputation.

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Cut hazard.

Wear gloves to avoid contact with sharp edges.

Failure to do so could result in personal injury.

# **Electrical Specifications**

Model	Voltage	Amps	Control Voltage
QERV	230/208	2.2	24V
QERV	460	1.2	24V

# Description

The energy recovery ventilator was designed to provide energy efficient, cost effective ventilation to meet IAQ (Indoor Air Quality) requirements while still maintaining good indoor comfort and humidity control for a variety of applications such as schools, classrooms, lounges, conference rooms, beauty salons and others. It provides a constant supply of fresh air for control of airborne pollutants including CO<sub>2</sub>, smoke, radon, formaldehyde, excess moisture, virus and bacteria.

The ventilator incorporates patented rotary heat exchanger technology to remove both heat and moisture.

The package consists of a unique rotary energy recovery cassette that can be easily removed for cleaning or maintenance. The QERV has two 13" diameter heat transfer wheels. The heat transfer wheels use a permanently bonded dry desiccant coating for total heat recovery.

Ventilation is accomplished with two blower/motor assemblies each consisting of a drive motor and dual blowers for maximum ventilation at low sound levels. The intake and exhaust blowers can be operated at the same speed (airflow rate) or different speeds to allow flexibility in maintaining desired building pressurization conditions. Factory shipped on medium intake and low exhaust. See Figure 1 on page 6 to change speeds. The rotating energy wheels provide the heat transfer effectively during both summer and winter conditions. Provide required ventilation to meet the requirements of ASHRAE 62.1 standard.

**NOTE:** During operation below 5° F outdoor temperature, freezing of moisture in the heat transfer wheel can occur. Consult the factory if this possibility exists.

# **OERV Performance and Application Data**

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DB/ WB	F	VLT	VLS	VLL	HRT	HRS	HRL	VLT	VLS	VLL	HRT	HRS	HRL	VLT	VLS	VLL	HRT	HRS	HRL
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### Summer Cooling Performance (Indoor Design Conditions 75°DB/62°WB)

#### Winter Heating Performance (Indoor Design Conditions 70°F DB)

Ambient			Ventilati	on Rate			
OD	400 CFM	75% Eff.	325 CFM	76% Eff.	250 CFM 77% Eff.		
DB/°F	WVL	WHR	WVL	WHR	WVL	WHR	
65	2160	1620	1755	1333	1350	1039	
60	4320	3240	3510	2667	2700	2079	
55	6480	4860	5265	4001	4050	3118	
50	8640	6480	7020	5335	5400	4158	
45	10800	8100	8775	6669	6750	5197	
40	12960	9720	10530	8002	8100	6237	
35	15120	11340	12285	9336	9450	7276	
30	17280	12960	14040	10670	10800	8316	
25	19440	14580	15795	12004	12150	9355	
20	21600	16200	17550	13338	13500	10395	
15	23760	17820	19305	14671	14850	11434	

### LEGEND:

- VLT = Ventilation Load Total
- VLS = Ventilation Load Sensible
- VLL = Ventilation Load Latent
- HRT = Heat Recovery Total
- HRS = Heat Recovery Sensible
- HRL = Heat Recovery Latent
- WVL = Winter Ventilation Load
- WHR = Winter Heat Recovery
- **NOTE:** All performance data is based on operating intake and exhaust blower on the same speed.

# **Control Wiring**

The QERV comes from the factory with the low voltage control wires connected to the wall mount low voltage terminal strip. Care must be taken when deciding how to control the operation of the ventilator. When designing the control circuit for the ventilator, the following requirements must be met.

#### **Control Requirements**

- 1. Indoor blower motor will automatically run whenever the QERV is run.
- Select the correct motor speed tap in the QERV. Using Table 1, determine the motor speed needed to get the desired amount of ventilation air needed. For instance, do not use the high speed tap on a QERV if only 250 CFM of ventilation air is needed. Use the low speed tap instead (see Ventilation Airflow for information on moving the speed taps). Using the high speed tap would serve no useful purpose and significantly affect the overall efficiency of the air conditioning system. System operating cost would also increase.

# TABLE 1 Ventilation Air (CFM)

Model	High Speed	Medium Speed	Low Speed		
	(Black)	(Blue)	(Red)		
QERV	400	325	250		

3. Run the QERV only during periods when the conditioned space is occupied. Running the QERV during unoccupied periods wastes energy, decreases the expected life of the QERV and can result in a large moisture buildup in the structure. The QERV removes 60-70% of the moisture in the incoming air, not 100% of it. Running the QERV when the structure is unoccupied allows moisture to build up in the structure because there is little or no cooling load. Thus, the air conditioner is not running enough to remove the excess moisture being brought in. Use a control system that in some way can control the system based on occupancy.

# ▲ IMPORTANT

Operating the QERV during unoccupied periods can result in a buildup of moisture in the structure.

#### **Recommended Control Sequences**

Several possible control scenarios are listed below:

- 1. Use a programmable electronic thermostat with auxiliary terminal to control the QERV based on daily programmed occupancy periods. Bard markets and recommends Bard Part No. 8403-060 programmable electronic thermostat for air conditioner and heat pump applications.
- Use a motion sensor in conjunction with a mechanical thermostat to determine occupancy in the structure. Bard recommends Bard Model CS9B\*-\*\*\*\* CompleteStat for this application.
- 3. Use a  $CO_2$  control with dry contacts to energize the QERV when  $CO_2$  levels rise above desired settings.
- 4. Use a DDC control system to control the QERV based on a room occupancy schedule to control the QERV.
- 5. Tie the operation of the QERV into the light switch. The lights in a room are usually on only when occupied.
- 6. Use a manual timer that the occupants turn to energize the QERV for a specific number of hours.
- 7. Use a programmable mechanical timer to energize the QERV and indoor blower during occupied periods of the day.

# **Ventilation Airflow**

The QERV is equipped with a 3-speed motor to provide the capability of adjusting the ventilation rates to the requirements of the specific application by changing motor speeds (see Table 1).

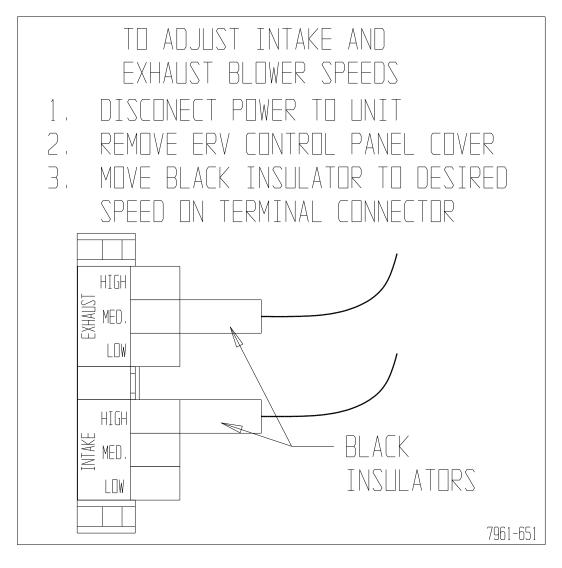
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Open disconnect to shut all power OFF before changing motor speeds. Failure to do so could result in injury or death due to electrical shock.

The units are set from the factory with the exhaust blower on the low speed and the intake blower on medium speed. Moving the speed taps located in the control panel can change the blower speed of the intake and exhaust (see Figure 1 on page 6).

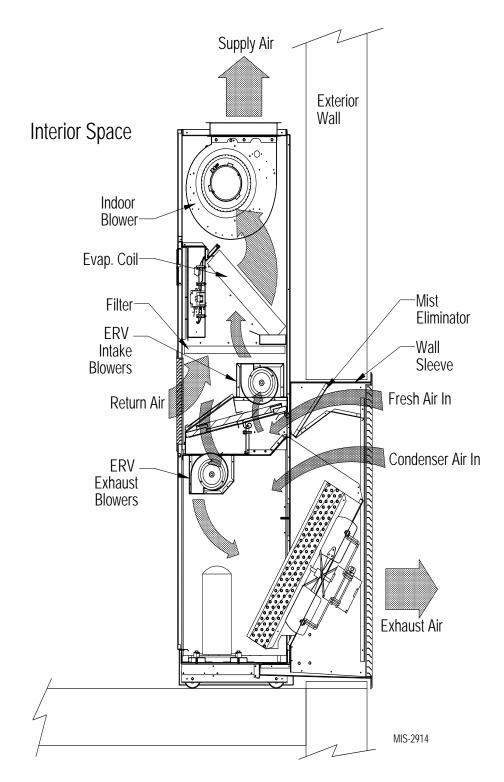
**NOTE:** No setup changes required to operate in Balanced Climate<sup>™</sup> mode.

# FIGURE 1 Speed Tap Label





# FIGURE 2 Mechanical Cooling Opertion



## Energy Recovery Ventilator Maintenance

#### General Information

The ability to clean exposed surfaces within air moving systems is an important design consideration for the maintenance of system performance and air quality. The need for periodic cleaning will be a function of operating schedule, climate and contaminants in the indoor air being exhausted and in the outdoor air being supplied to the building. All components exposed to the airstream, including energy recovery wheels, may require cleaning in most applications.

Rotary counterflow heat exchanges (heat wheels) with laminar airflow are "self-cleaning" with respect to dry particles. Smaller particles pass through; larger particles land on the surface and are blown clear as the flow direction is reversed. For this reason, the primary need for cleaning is to remove films of oil-based aerosols that have condensed on energy transfer surfaces. Buildup of material over time may eventually reduce airflow. Most importantly, in the case of desiccant-coated (enthalpy) wheels, such films can close off micron-sized pores at the surface of the desiccant material, reducing the efficiency with which the desiccant can absorb and desorb moisture.

### Frequency

In a reasonably clean indoor environment such as a school, office building or home, experience shows that reductions of airflow or loss of sensible (temperature) effectiveness may not occur for 10 or more years. However, experience also shows that measurable changes in latent energy (water vapor) transfer can occur in shorter periods of time in commercial, institutional and residential applications experiencing moderate occupant smoking or with cooking facilities. In applications experiencing unusually high levels of occupant smoking, such as smoking lounges, nightclubs, bars and restaurants, washing of energy transfer surfaces, as frequently as every 6 months, may be necessary to maintain latent transfer efficiency. Similar washing cycles may also be appropriate for industrial applications involving the ventilation of high levels of smoke or oil-based aerosols such as those found in welding or machining operations, for example. In these applications, latent efficiency losses of as much as 40% or more may develop over a period of 1 to 3 years.

### Cleanability and Performance

In order to maintain energy recovery ventilation systems, energy transfer surfaces must be accessible for washing to remove oils, grease, tars and dirt that can impede performance or generate odors. Washing of the desiccant surfaces is required to remove contaminate buildups that can reduce absorption of water molecules. The continued ability of an enthalpy wheel to transfer latent energy depends upon the permanence of the bond between the desiccant and the energy transfer surfaces.

Bard wheels feature silica gel desiccant permanently bonded to the heat exchange surface without adhesives; the desiccant will not be lost in the washing process. Proper cleaning of the Bard energy recovery wheel will restore latent effectiveness to near original performance.

### Maintenance Procedures

**NOTE:** Local conditions can vary and affect the required time between routine maintenance procedures; therefore, all sites (or specific units at a site) may not have the same schedule to maintain acceptable performance. The following timetables are recommended and can be altered based on local experience.

### Quarterly Maintenance

- 1. Inspect mist eliminator/prefilter and clean if necessary. This filter is located in the fresh air intake hood on the front of the unit. This is an aluminum mesh filter and can be cleaned with water and any detergent not harmful to aluminum.
- 2. Inspect wall mount unit filter and clean or replace as necessary. This filter is located either in the unit, in a return air filter grille assembly or both. If in the unit it can be accessed by removing the lower service door on the front of the unit. If in a return air filter grille, by hinging the grille open to gain access.
- 3. Inspect energy recovery ventilator for proper wheel rotation and dirt buildup. This can be done in conjunction with Item 2 above. Energize the energy recovery ventilator after inspecting the filter and observe for proper rotation and/or dirt buildup.
- 4. Recommended energy recovery wheel cleaning procedures follow: Disconnect all power to unit. Remove the lower service door of the wall mount unit to gain access to the energy recovery ventilator.
- 5. Remove the front access panel on the ventilator. Unplug amp connectors to cassette motors. Slide energy recovery cassette out of ventilator.
- 6. Use a shop vacuum with brush attachment to clean both sides of the energy recovery wheels.
- 7. Reverse shop vacuum to use as a blower and blow out any residual dry debris from the wheel.
- **NOTE:** Discoloration and staining of the wheel does not affect its performance. Only excessive buildup of foreign material needs to be removed.
- 8. If any belt chirping or squealing noise is present, apply a small amount of LPS-1 or equivalent dry film lubricant to the belt.

#### Annual Maintenance

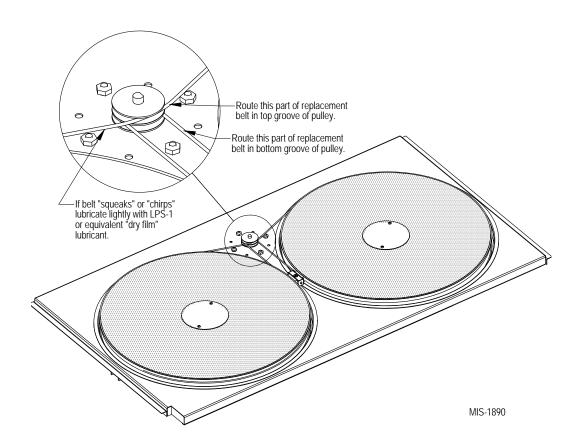
- 1. Inspect and conduct the same procedures as outlined under *Quarterly Maintenance*.
- 2. To maintain peak latent (moisture) removal capacity, it is recommended that the energy recovery wheels be sprayed with a diluted nonacid-based evaporator coil cleaner or alkaline detergent solution such as 409.
- **NOTE:** Do not use acid-based cleaners, aromatic solvents, temperatures in excess of 170°F or steam. Damage to the wheel may result.

Do not disassemble and immerse the entire heat wheel in a soaking solution, as bearing and other damage may result.

3. Rinse wheel thoroughly after application of the cleaning solution and allow to drain before re-installing.

- 4. No re-lubrication is required to heat wheel bearings of the drive motor, or to the intake and exhaust blower motors.
- 5. If any belt chirping or squealing noise is present, apply a small amount of LPS-1 or equivalent dry film lubricant to the belt.

#### FIGURE 3 Belt Replacement Instructions



### FIGURE 4 Hub Assembly with Ball Bearings

