

Project “Accelerating energy efficiency (EE) in large industries through energy management system, system optimisation and the promotion and adoption of EE in SMEs” (IEEP)

# EXPERT TRAINING PROGRAMME

## COMPRESSED AIR SYSTEM OPTIMISATION (MODULE 2)

Ha Noi, 19 - 22/11/2024





## AGENDA

### Expert Training on Compressed Air System Optimisation 19-22 November 2024

*At Adonis Hotel - 55 Quang Trung Street, Hai Ba Trung District, Ha Noi  
And HOST plants in Nam Dinh province*

#### Day 1: 19 November 2024

*(Classroom Training at Adonis Hotel, 55 Quang Trung, Hai Ba Trung District, Hanoi)*

| Time               | Contents  | Speakers   |
|--------------------|---|--|
| 8.00-8.30          | Registration and welcome  |  |
| 8.30-8.40          | Opening speech  | Representative of Department of Energy Efficiency & Sustainable Development, Ministry of Industry & Trade<br>Representative of European Union Delegation |
| 8.40-9.00          | Introduction  | International Expert   |
| 9.00-10.00         | Review of basics  | International Expert   |
| <b>10.00-10.15</b> | <b>Tea-break</b>  |  |
| 10.15-12.00        | Carrying out a compressed air survey                            | International Expert   |
| <b>12.00-13.15</b> | <b>Lunch at the hotel</b>                                       |  |
| 13.15-15.00        | Learning to use the equipment                                   | Equipment supplier / class / International Expert  |
| <b>15.00-15.15</b> | <b>Tea-break</b>  |  |
| 15.15-16.45        | Learning to use the equipment / Overview of useful calculations | Equipment supplier / class / International Expert  |

## Day 2: 20 November 2024

*(Onsite Training at HOST plants in Nam Dinh province)*

| Time               | Contents   | Speakers                  |
|--------------------|--|---------------------------|
| 6.45-7.00          | Trainees gathering at the Adonis hotel                             | All the class             |
| 7.00-9.00          | Moving to the HOST plants by cars                                  |                           |
| 9.00-9.10          | Coming to the HOST plants<br>Introduction                          | All the class             |
| 9.10-9.20          | Welcome speech   | Enterprise representative |
| 9.20-9.45          | Safety instruction   | International Expert      |
| <b>9.45-10.00</b>  | <b>Tea break</b>   |                           |
| 10.00-11.45        | Measurement and data collection (5-6 people per group max)         | All the class             |
| <b>12.00-13.30</b> | <b>Lunch near the HOST plants</b>                                  |                           |
| 13.30-16.30        | Measurement and data collection<br>Leak detection in factory areas | All the class             |
| 17.00 – 18.00      | Check-in at the hotel in Nam Dinh                                  |                           |

### Day 3: 21 November 2024

*(Onsite Training at HOST plants in Nam Dinh province)*

| Time               | Contents   | Speakers   |
|--------------------|--|--|
| 7.45-8.00          | Trainees gathering at the hotel lobby and moving to the HOST plants by cars                    | All the class  |
| 8.30-8.40          | Coming to the HOST plants, Safety instruction  | International Expert   |
| 8.40-11.45         | De-install loggers, retrieve data  | All the class,<br>International Expert                         |
| <b>11.45-13.30</b> | <b>Lunch near the HOST plants</b>  |  |
| 13.30-15.00        | Review logged data / Analysis - Group discussion   | All the class,<br>International Expert                         |
| 15.00-15.30        | Tea break  |  |
| 15.30-16.00        | Provisional/overview (pending analysis)<br>Finding presentation to enterprise's representative | Enterprise representative, All the class, International Expert |
| 16h-19h            | Coming back to Ha Noi  |  |

## Day 4: 22 November 2024

*(Classroom Training at Adonis Hotel, 55 Quang Trung, Hai Ba Trung District, Hanoi)*

| Time               | Contents  | Speakers             |
|--------------------|---|----------------------|
| 8.00-8.30          | Registration and welcome  | All the class        |
| 8.30-9.30          | Analysis / Report writing<br>Questions and Answers about the on-site training | International Expert |
| 9.30-10.00         | Analysis / Report writing<br>Questions and Answers about the on-site training | International Expert |
| <b>10.00-10.15</b> | <b>Tea-break</b>  |                      |
| 10.15-11.00        | Report writing<br>Questions and Answers about the on-site training            | International Expert |
| 11.00-11.30        | Next steps (candidate plant assessments and webinars)                         | International Expert |
| 11.30-12.00        | - Reviews on the training<br>- Closing remarks                                | UNIDO Project Office |
| 12.00-13.00        | <b>Lunch at the hotel</b>   | All the class        |

# Compressed Air Systems

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## Part 1 – Compressed air basics

## Course Agenda

- Introduction
- Review of basics
- Carrying out a compressed air survey
- Survey case study
- Overview of useful calculations
- Practical survey on user site
- Review and analysis of data from site

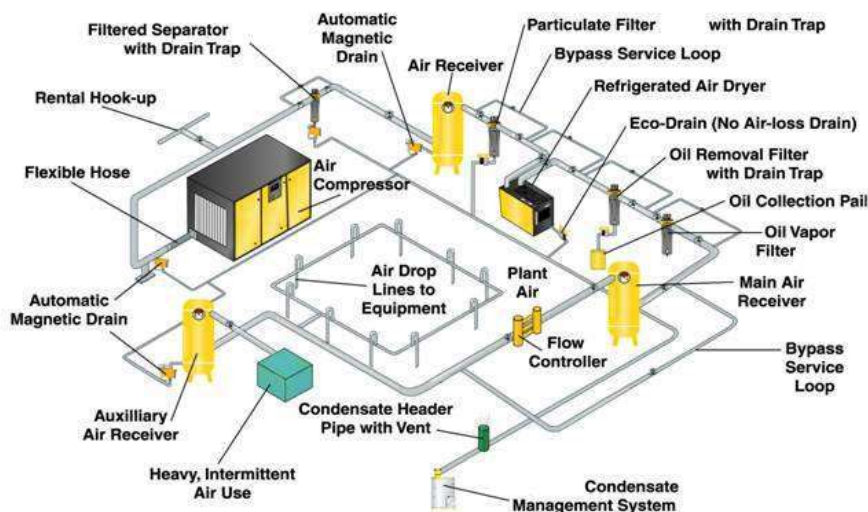
## Compressed Air - The Facts

- 10% of industrial electricity is typically used to produce compressed air
- In Vietnam this equates to around VND31,836,105,000,000
- On average 30% can be saved some at little or no cost this equates to 1,228,864Tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>
- Compressed Air is NOT free - it's an expensive resource - don't waste it

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## Compressed Air Systems

### Typical Compressed Air System





## Common problems in practice

### The symptoms

- High running cost
- High pressure drops
- Wet air
- High purge or drain losses
- Poor reliability

### The causes

- Incorrect sizing
  - Compressors
  - Dryers
  - Filters
  - Receivers
  - Pipework
- Poor control
- Inadequate cooling
- Poor maintenance

## What constitutes a best practice system?

- Compressors well matched to the demand and well controlled
- Compressors efficient and well maintained
- Treatment to the minimum required standard
- Dryers running efficiently
- Condensate collected and treated correctly
- Piping correctly sized in all areas
- Operating pressure minimum required
- Pressure drop <0.5 bar in compressor house
- Pressure drop <0.2 bar in system
- Leakage <10% of mean demand
- Air on only when required

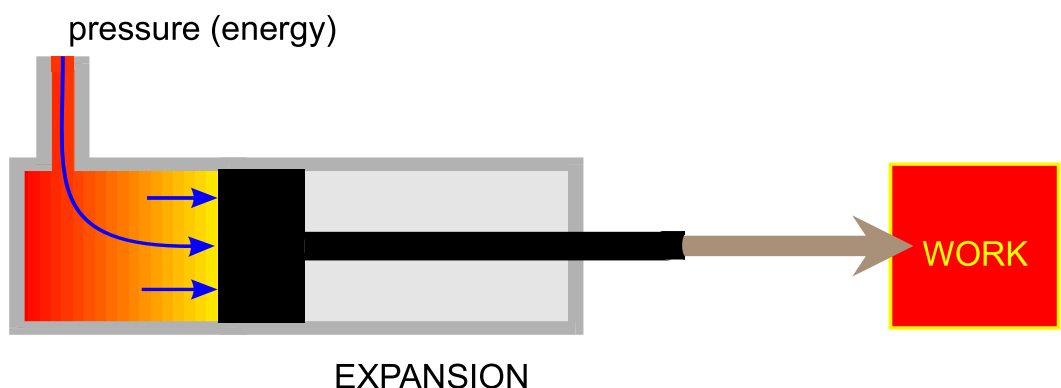
## Review of compressed air basics

- ✓ Understanding compressed air
- ✓ Compressors
- ✓ Treatment & condensate
- ✓ Compressed air installations
  - Compressor houses
  - Receivers
  - Distribution
- ✓ Optimisation opportunities

### Physical laws

COMPRESSED AIR is atmospheric air under pressure.  
That means energy is stored in the air.

When the compressed air expands again  
this energy is released as **WORK**.

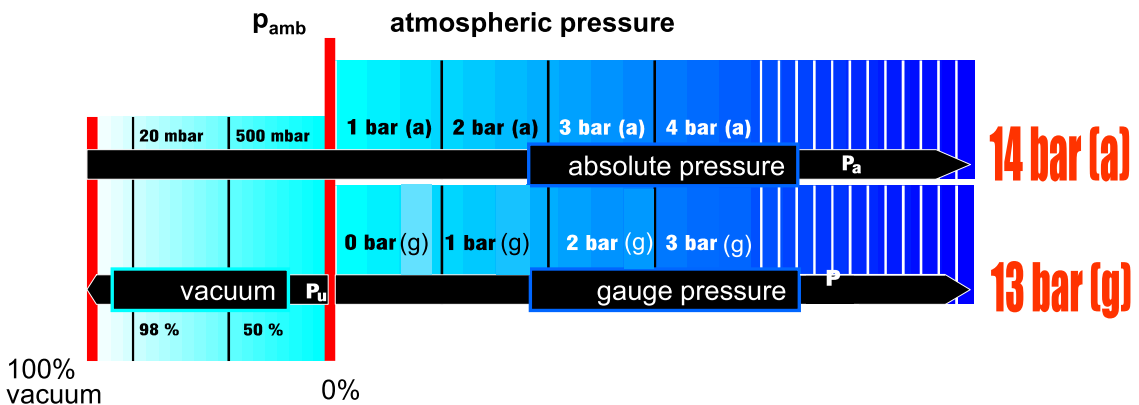


## Absolute pressure ...

... is the pressure measured from absolute zero. It is used for all theoretical calculations and is required in vacuum and blower applications.

## Gauge pressure ...

... is the practical reference pressure and is based on atmospheric pressure.



## Definition of pressures

Generally:

$$\text{Pressure (p)} = \frac{\text{Force (F)}}{\text{Area (A)}}$$

Dimensions:

$$1 \text{ Pascal (Pa)} = \frac{1 \text{ Newton (N)}}{1 \text{ m}^2 \text{ (A)}}$$

### Equivalents

$$10^5 \text{ Pa} = 1 \text{ bar}$$

$$1 \text{ MPa} = 10 \text{ bar}$$

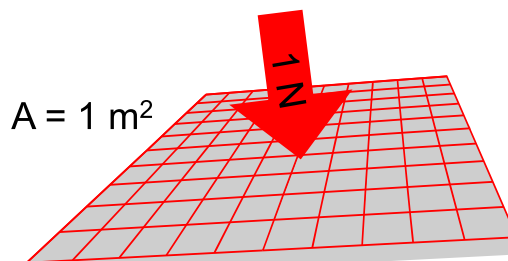
$$1 \text{ hPa} = 0.001 \text{ bar}$$

Gauge pressure

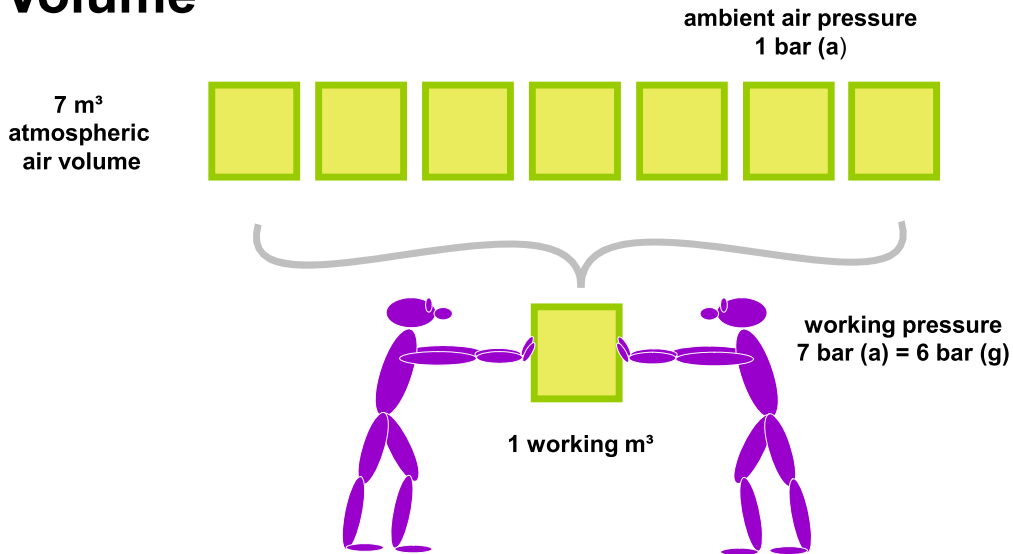
$$1 \text{ bar} = 14.5 \text{ psi(g)}$$

$$1 \text{ bar} = 10197 \text{ mmWC}$$

$$1 \text{ bar} = 750.062 \text{ Torr}$$



# Volume



## Gas equation

Gas law relating to a closed system:

$$\frac{p_0 \times V_0}{T_0} = \frac{p_1 \times V_1}{T_1} = R = \text{constant}$$

p = pressure (bar (absolute))

V = volume (m<sup>3</sup>)

T = temperature (K)

R = special gas constants

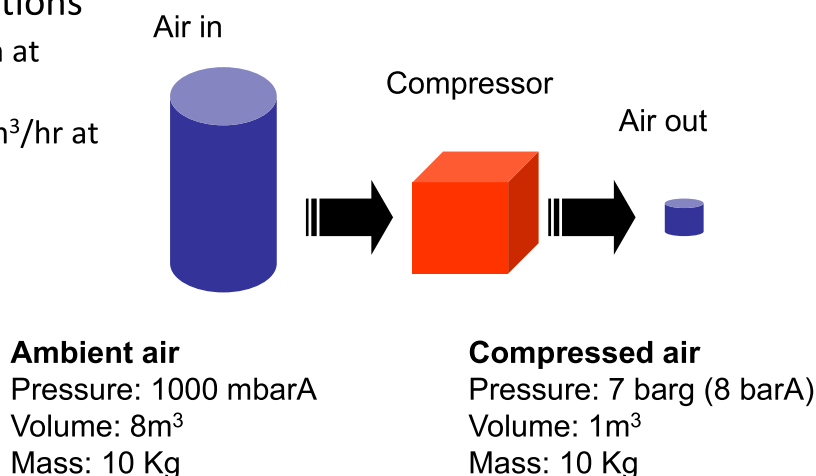
e.g.  $R = 28.96 \frac{\text{bar} \cdot \text{m}^3}{\text{K}} = 289.6 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}}$

for dry air

# Compressed air – The basics

## Compressors are rated at their inlet conditions

- 500 cfm = 500 cfm at compressor inlet
- 250 m<sup>3</sup>/hr = 250 m<sup>3</sup>/hr at compressor inlet



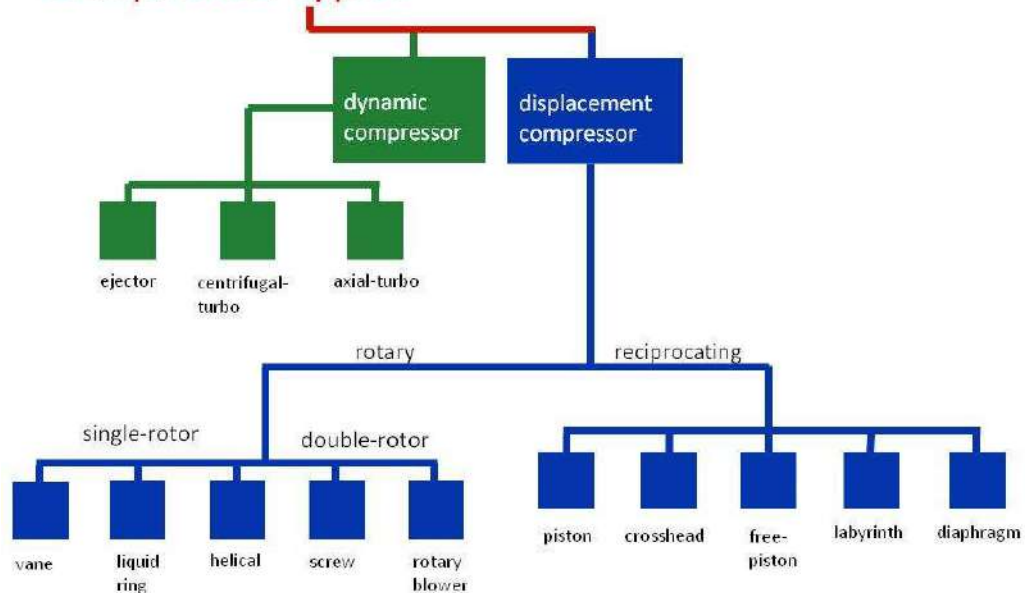
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## Definition of volumes

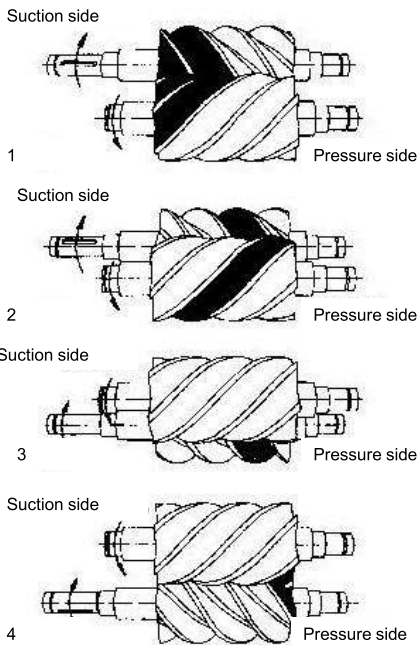
|   | Temperature             | Pressure             | Relative humidity    | Density                 |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Volume according to DIN 1343<br>- <b>Normal</b>       | 0°C = 273.15K           | 1.01325 bar          | 0%                   | 1.294 kg/m <sup>3</sup> |
| Volume according to DIN/ISO 2533<br>- <b>Standard</b> | 15°C = 288.15K          | 1.01325 bar          | 0%                   | 1.225 kg/m <sup>3</sup> |
| Volume related to atmosphere (normal state)           | atmospheric temperature | atmospheric pressure | atmospheric humidity | variable                |
| Volume related to operating state                     | working temperature     | working pressure     | variable             | variable                |

# Compressors

## Compressor types

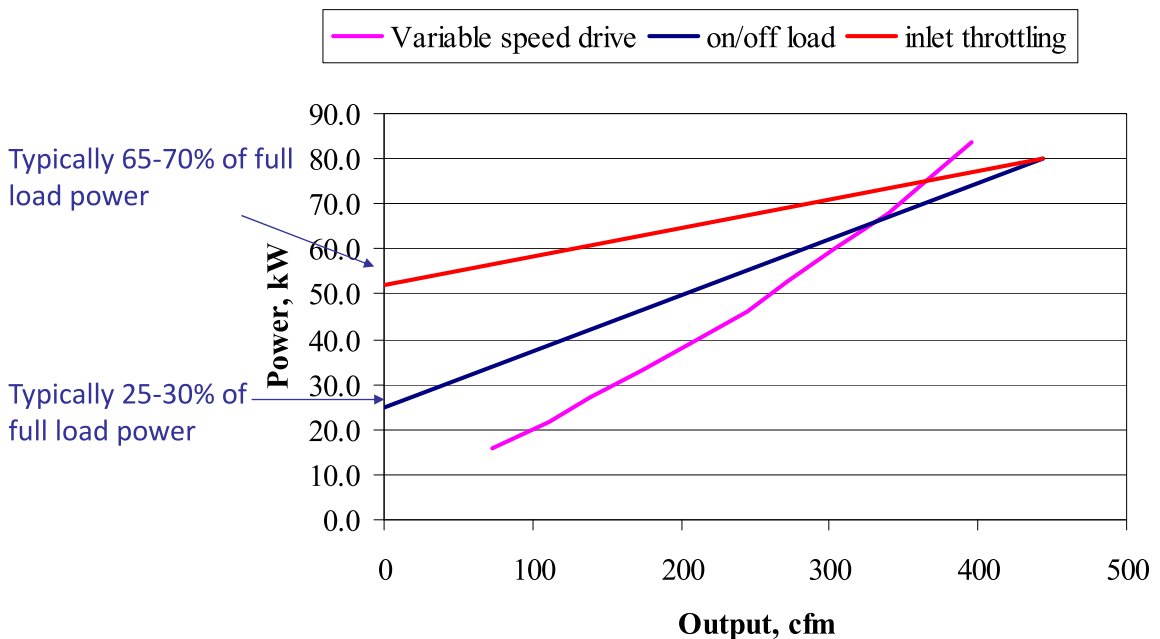


# The screw compressor

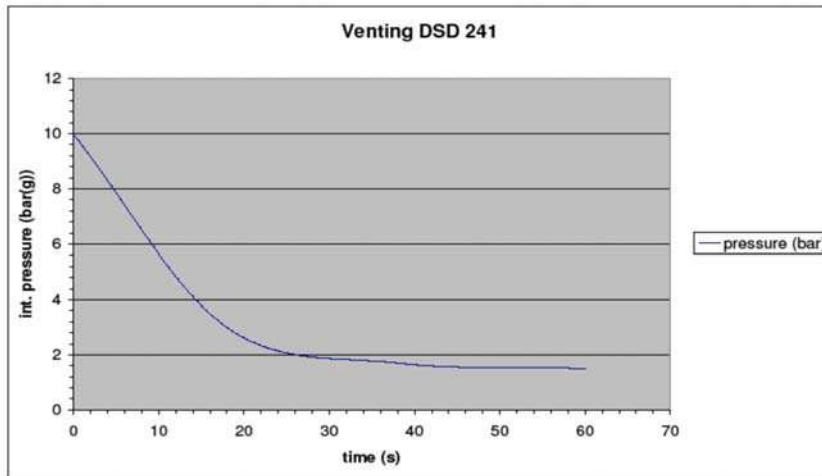


Oil injected – single stage  
 Oil free – two stage

## Compressor control – positive displacement



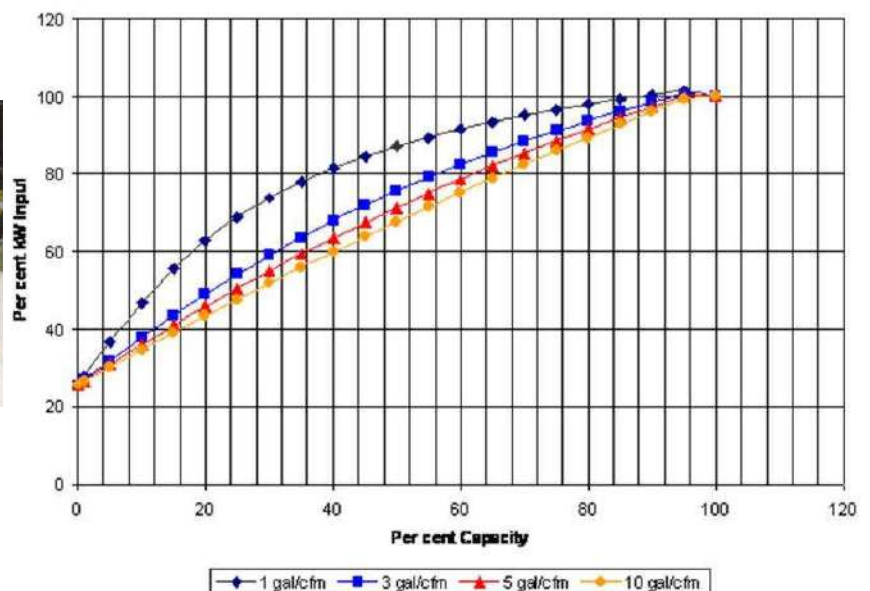
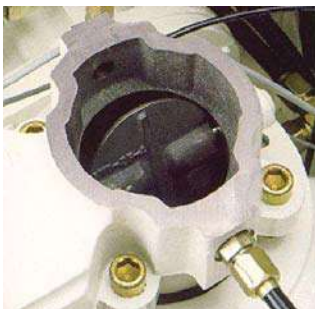
## Unloading Power Time



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## Compressor control – on/off load

Average kW vs Average Capacity with Load/Unload Capacity Control

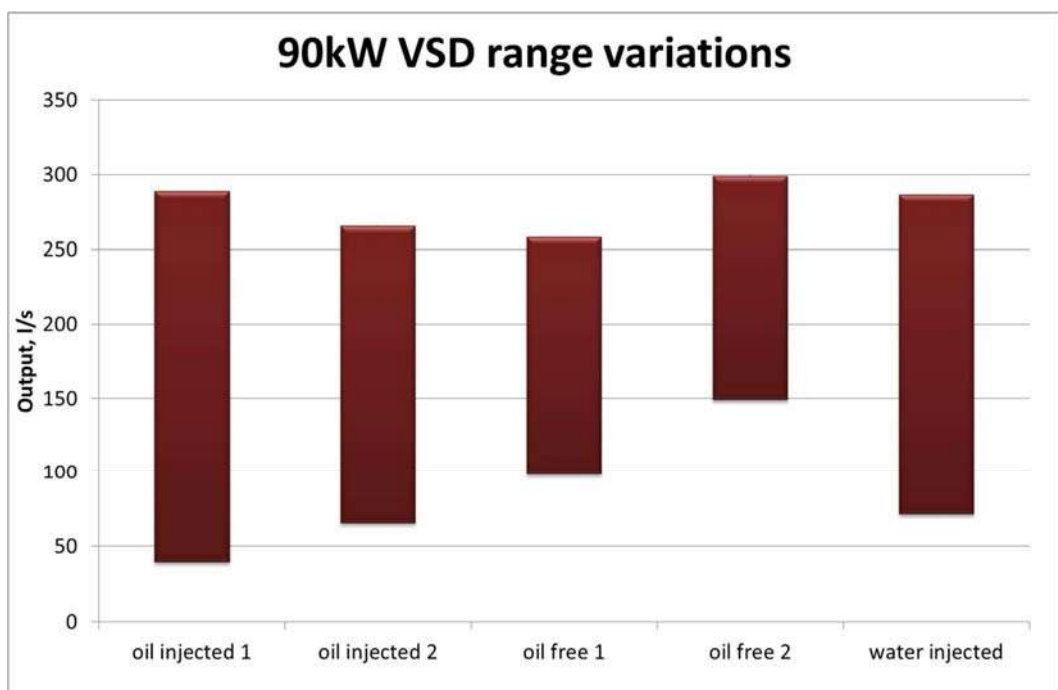


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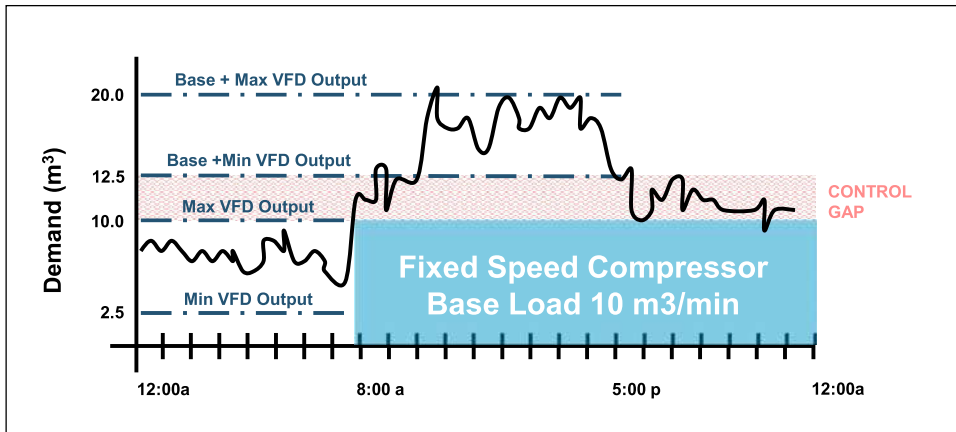


## VSD compressors

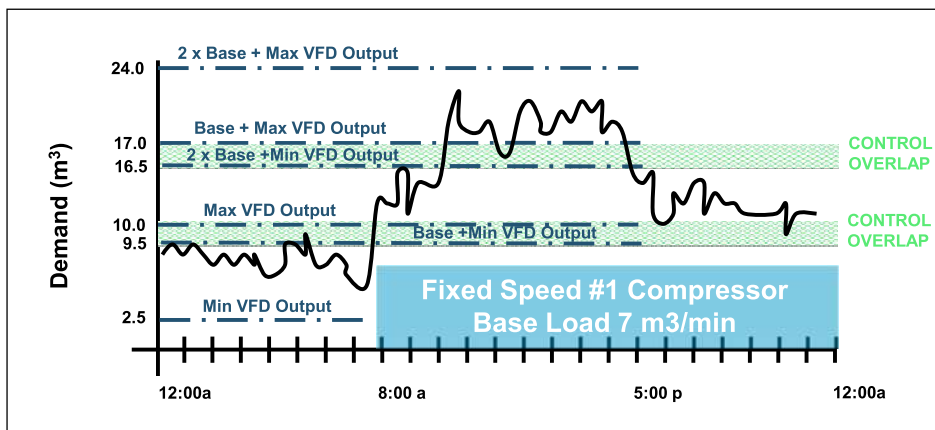
- ✓ Size compressor to cover demand range
- ✓ Avoid control gaps
- ✓ Maximise running at mid range speeds
- ✓ Remember not all VSDs offer the same performance range



## Variable Speed Control “Control Gap”

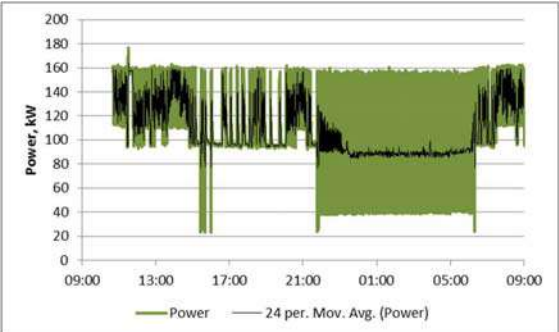


## Variable Speed Control Eliminating “Control Gap”

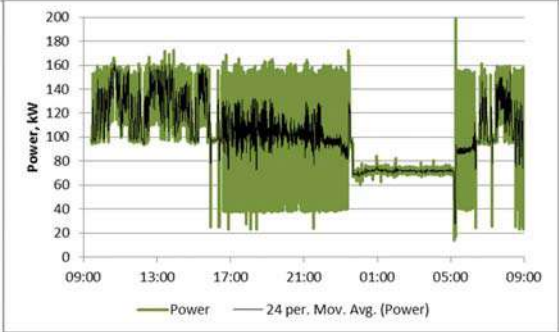


# VSD misapplication

Graph 1 – VSD and on/off cycling together

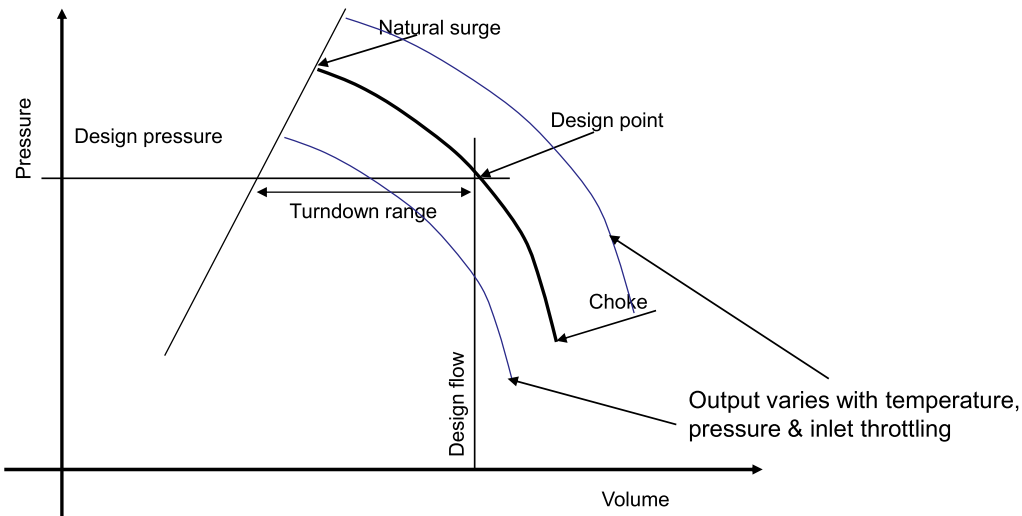


Graph 2 – VSD alone



Change in control setting reduces night load by 20 kW

# Centrifugal Compressor control range



## Efficiency - comparison of specific power consumption

$$\text{Specific power consumption}^* = \frac{\text{power}^* \text{ in kW}}{\text{Effective FAD in m}^3 / \text{min}}$$

$$P_{\text{spec}} = \frac{P^*}{\dot{V}}$$

\* depending on reference point:  
 - compressor shaft power  
 - motor output power  
 - electric power input

## Maintenance

What causes loss of compressor efficiency?

- ✓ Internal leakage paths
- ✓ Poor cooling
- ✓ High internal friction
- ✓ Internal pressure losses
- ✓ Poor lubrication
- ✓ Poor or lack of maintenance

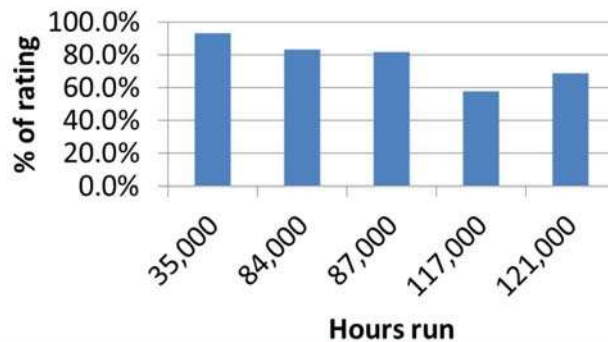
## Other vital signs of efficient running

- ✓ Total hours run
- ✓ Oil leaks and air leaks from within package
- ✓ Bearing noise when running off loaded
- ✓ Separator pressure drop (oil injected)
- ✓ Intercooler pressure and temperatures
- ✓ Temperature balance all heads (recips)
- ✓ Unloading system working correctly

## Running parameters

- ✓ Intercooler pressure (2-2.4 barg)
- ✓ Stage temperatures – ideally balanced
- ✓ Discharge air temperatures
  - Air cooled – 10 degrees above ambient
  - Water cooled – 5 degrees above water on temp
- ✓ Inlet temperature – As close to ambient as possible
- ✓ Inlet filter pressure drop <45mbar
- ✓ Oil separator pressure drop <0.2 bar

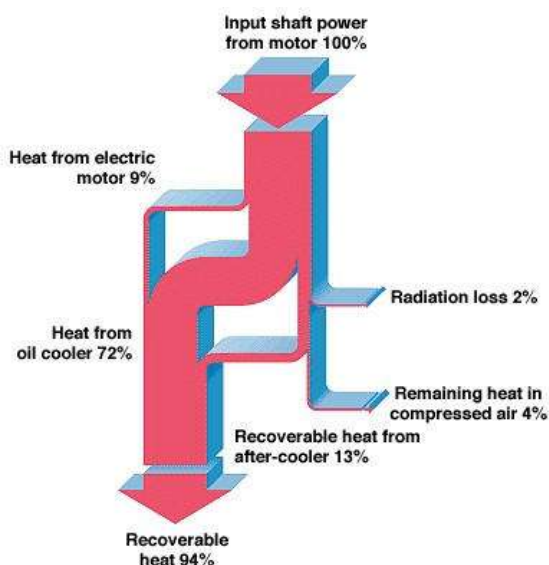
## The effect of time and maintenance



| Compressor | Pressure barg | Temp °C | Hours run | Output Nm3/min | Rated Nm3/min | Result as % rated | SPC (kW/Nm3/min) |
|------------|---------------|---------|-----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1          | 5.7           | 46.2    | 84,000    | 16.6           | 20            | 83.0%             | 7.15             |
| 2          | 5.7           | 65.0    | 117,000   | 11.5           | 20            | 57.5%             | 9.55             |
| 3          | 3.87          | 46.2    | 87,000    | 61.4           | 75            | 81.8%             | 6.01             |
| 4          | 3.8           | 45.8    | 121,000   | 51.4           | 75            | 68.5%             | 9.70             |
| 5          | 3.8           | 50.0    | 35,000    | 70.0           | 75            | 93.3%             | 5.29             |

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## Heat recovery



On average 85% of input energy can be recovered for heating applications.

The possibility for heat recovery depends on:

- Heating demand of the factory
- Matching of compressor operation and heat demand
- Proximity of compressor station to heating distribution lines/consumers
- Temperatures

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## Treatment and condensate

## Compressed Air Treatment

- Treatment is essential to reduce water, dust and oil in the delivered air
- Treat the main supply of air to minimum quality then upgrade at point of use where required
- Use ISO8573.1 air quality specification





## Compressed air quality classes ISO8573.1:2010

Technology:

Filtration

Drying

Filtration

| Summary of ISO8573.1-2010 |  |               |               |             |                        |  |
|---------------------------|--|---------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|--|
| Class                     | Particulate - Maximum number of particles per m <sup>3</sup>                   |               |               |             | Dewpoint<br>°C         | Oil carry<br>over<br>Mg/m <sup>3</sup> |
|                           | Particle size  |               |               |             |                        |  |
|                           | ≤0.1   | 0.1<d≤0.5μm   | 0.5<d≤1.0μm   | 1.0<d≤5.0μm |                        |  |
| 0                         | As specified by the equipment user or supplier and more stringent than class 1 |               |               |             |                        |  |
| 1                         | Not specified  | 20,000        | 400           | 10          | ≤-70                   | ≤0.01                                  |
| 2                         | Not specified  | 400,000       | 6,000         | 100         | ≤-40                   | ≤0.1                                   |
| 3                         | Not specified  | Not specified | 90,000        | 1,000       | ≤-20                   | ≤1                                     |
| 4                         | Not specified  | Not specified | Not specified | 10,000      | ≤+3                    | ≤5                                     |
| 5                         | Not specified  | Not specified | Not specified | 100,000     | ≤+7                    |  |
| 6                         | ≤5 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>   |               |               |             | ≤+10                   |  |
| 7                         | 5>Cp≤10 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>  |               |               |             | Cw≤0.5g/m <sup>3</sup> |  |
| 8                         |  |               |               |             | 0.5<Cw≤5               |  |
| 9                         |  |               |               |             | 5<Cw≤0.5               |  |
| X                         | Cp>10  |               |               |             | Cw>10                  | >5                                     |

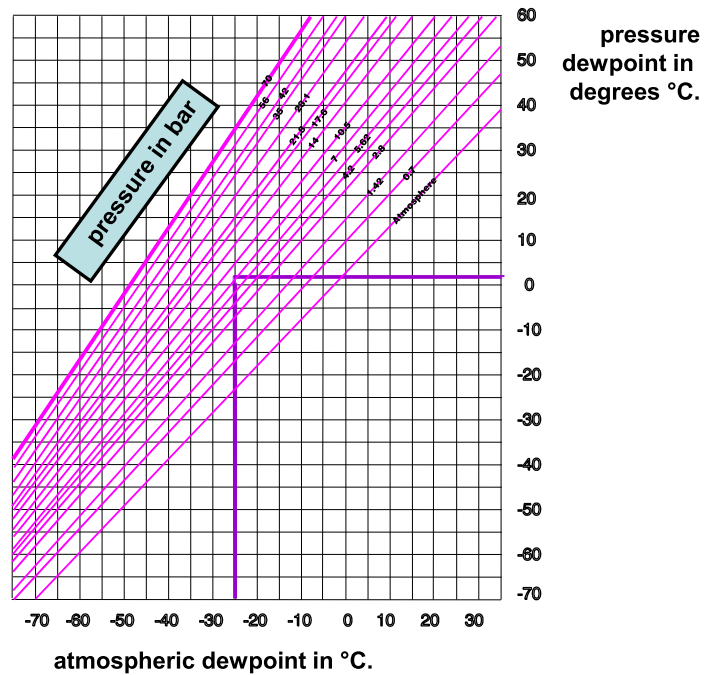
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## Water Content of Ambient Air

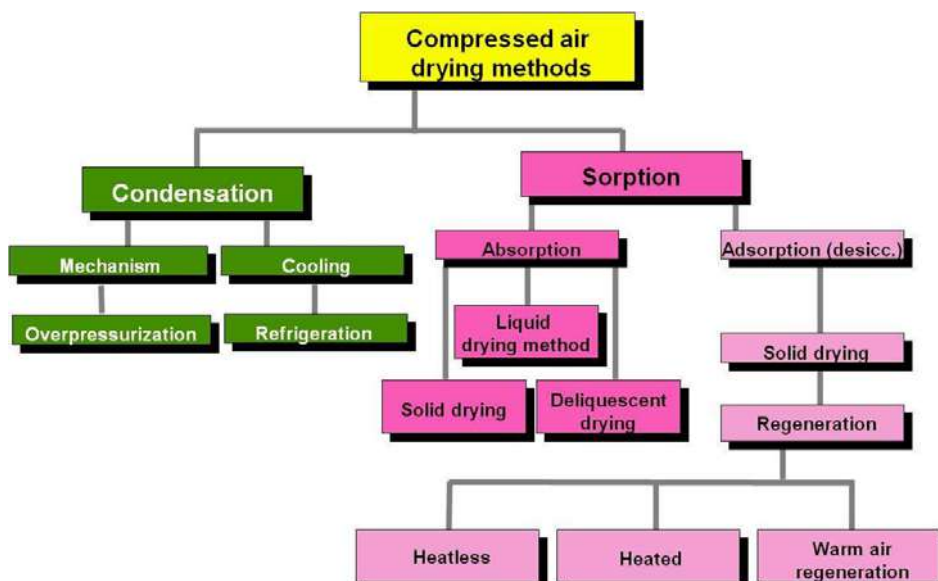
| Dewpoint | g/m <sup>3</sup> | Dewpoint | g/m <sup>3</sup> |
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| +90      | 417.935          | +4       | 6.359            |
| +80      | 290.017          | +2       | 5.570            |
| +70      | 196.213          | +0       | 4.868            |
| +60      | 129.020          | -10      | 2.156            |
| +50      | 82.257           | -20      | 0.88             |
| +40      | 50.672           | -30      | 0.33             |
| +30      | 30.078           | -40      | 0.117            |
| +20      | 17.148           | -50      | 0.038            |
| +10      | 9.356            | -60      | 0.011            |
| +8       | 8.342            | -70      | 0.0033           |

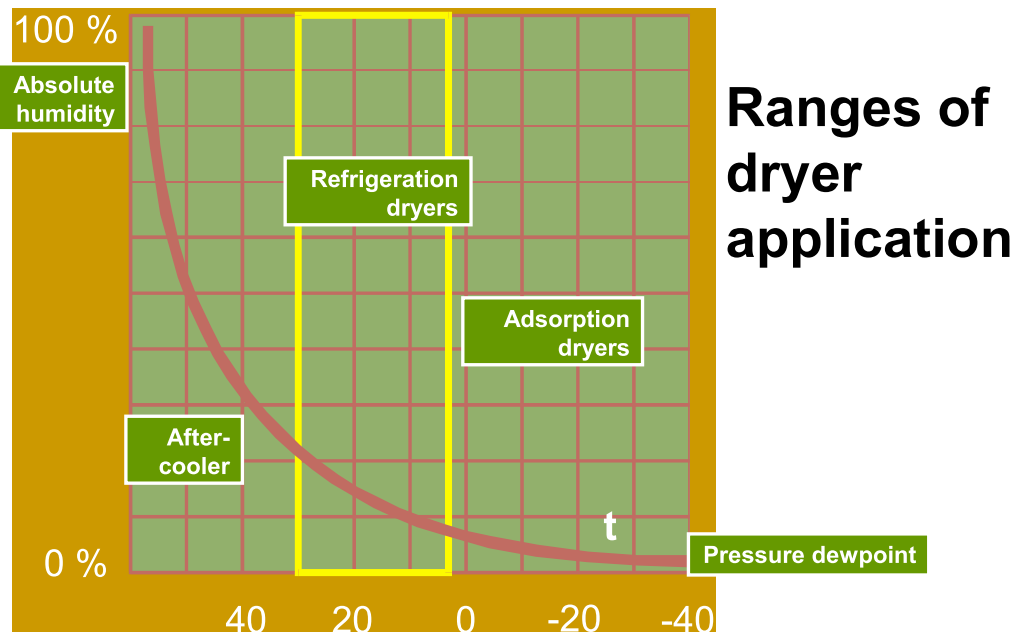
## Pressure dewpoint - atmospheric dewpoint

**Example:**  
 Pressure dewpoint: 2-3 °C.  
 Working pressure: 7 bar  
 Atmospheric dewpoint: - 25 °C.



## Compressed Air Drying





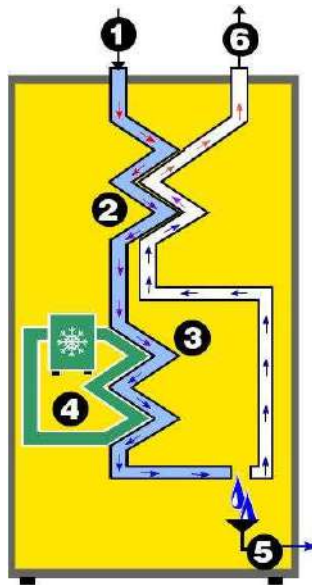
## Additional Cost of Treatment

| Pressure dewpoint, C | Dryer type             | Filtration      | Additional cost |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| +3                   | Refrigerant            | General purpose | 3%              |
| -20                  | Waste heat regenerated | None            | <1%             |
| -40                  | Air regenerated        | Pre & After     | 10-15%          |
| -40                  | Heat regenerated       | Pre & After     | 5-12%           |
| -70                  | Air regenerated        | Pre & After     | 15-21%          |

Incorrect sizing can significantly increase costs

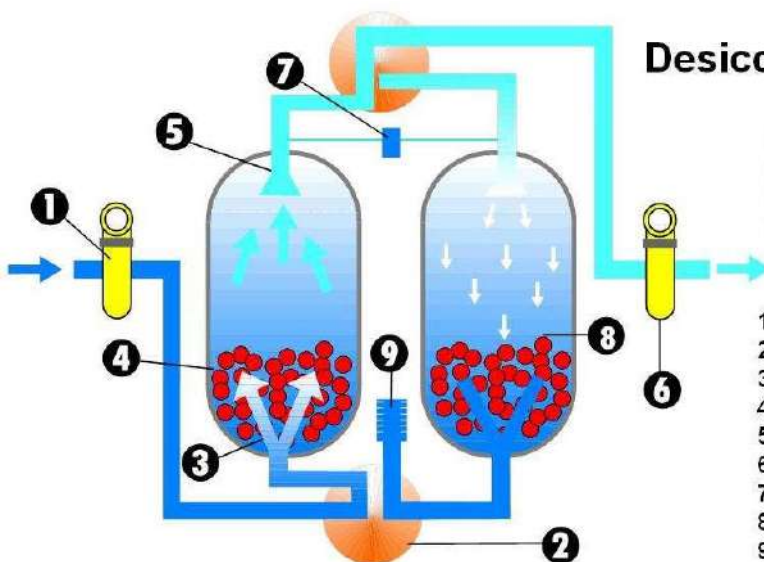
# Refrigeration drying

1. Air inlet
2. Air to air heat exchanger
3. Refrigerant to air heat exchanger
4. Refrigerant compressor
5. Condensate separation, automatic condensate drain
6. Compressed air outlet



# Desiccant dryers

## Desiccant drying - heatless

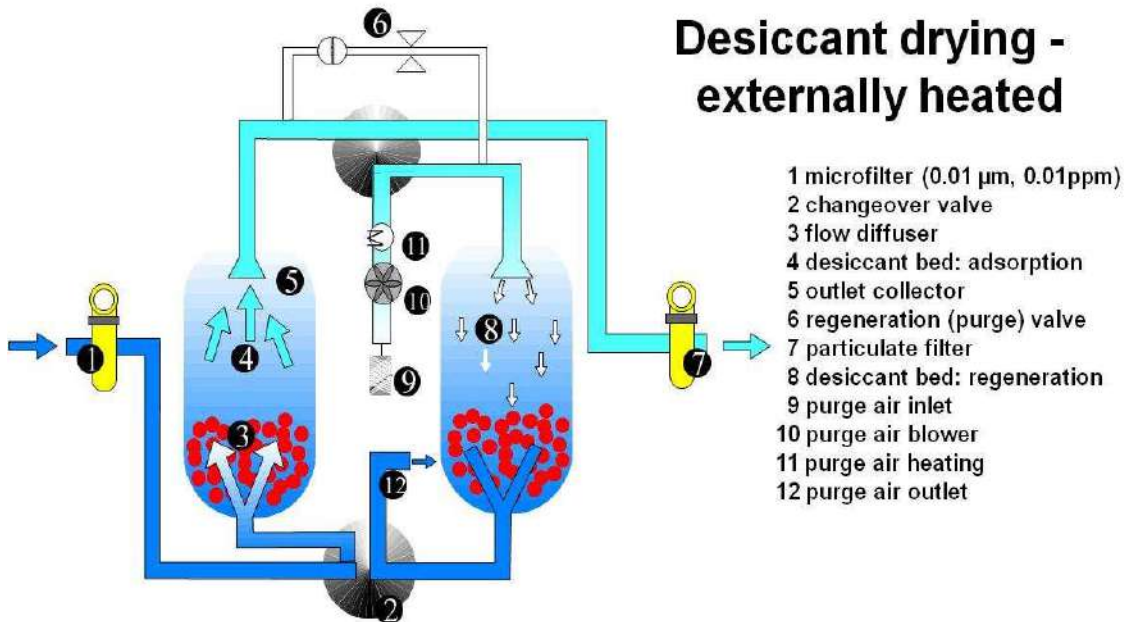


### Application:

Systems subjected to freezing.  
 High ambient temperatures.  
 Extreme requirements of air quality.

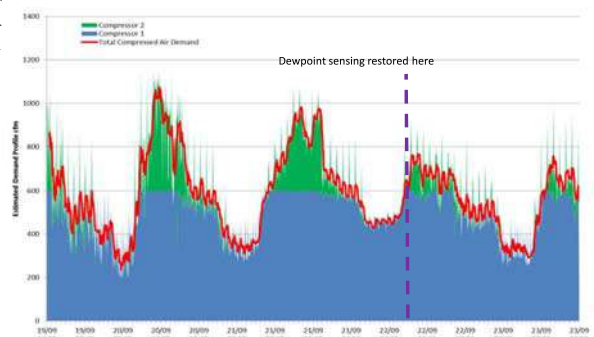
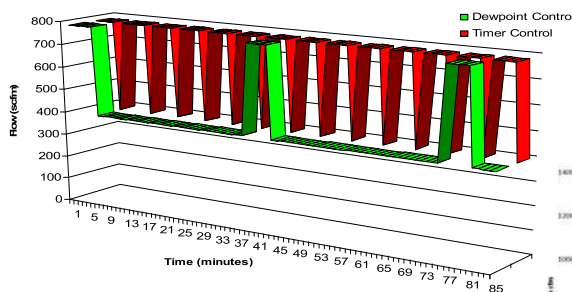
- 1 microfilter (0.01  $\mu\text{m}$ , 0.01 ppm)
- 2 changeover valve
- 3 flow diffuser
- 4 desiccant bed: moisture adsorption
- 5 outlet collector
- 6 particulate filter 1  $\mu\text{m}$
- 7 purge (regeneration) air valve
- 8 desiccant bed: regeneration
- 9 purge air exhaust silencer

# Compressed Air Systems



## Air dryers with dewpoint sensing control

Graph showing air savings by switching from timer to dewpoint control



- Savings up to 70%
- Systems can often be retrofitted to existing dryers



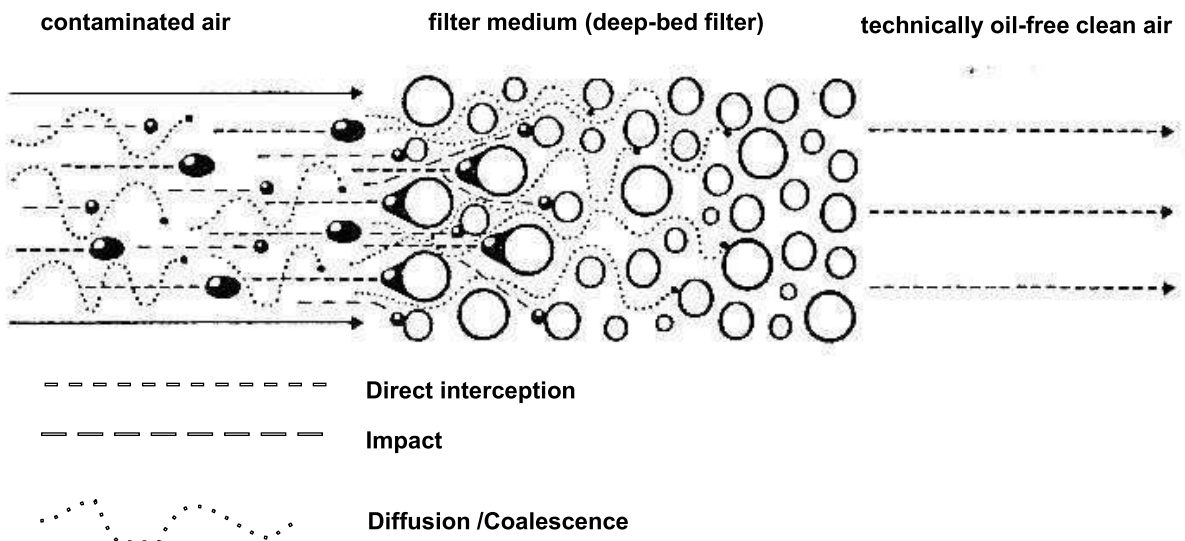
# Compressed Air Filters



## Applying Filters

- Sized for demand side air quality and air flow
- Under-sized filters:
  - 1) High pressure drop
  - 2) Reduced air quality
  - 3) Possible filter damage
- Grossly over-sized: May reduced air quality

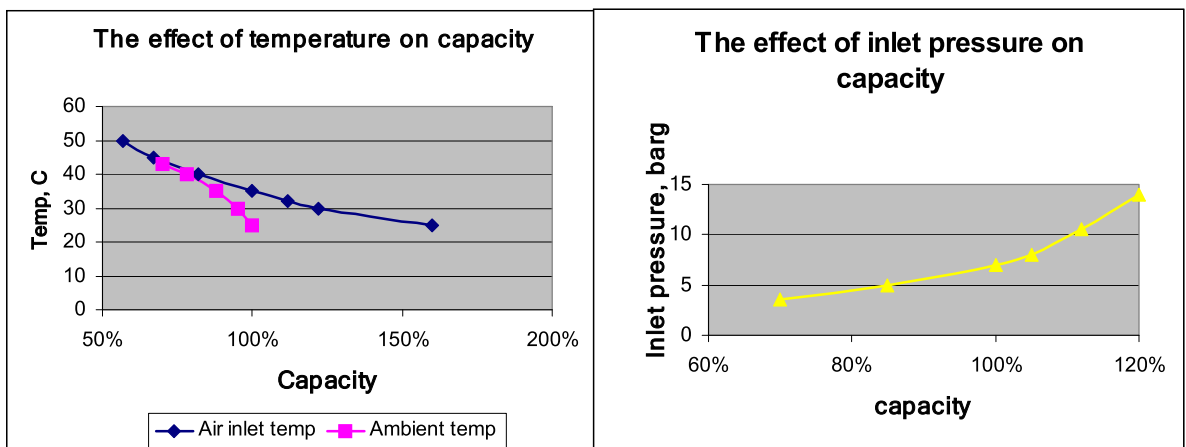
## How does the microfilter work?



## The effect of operating conditions

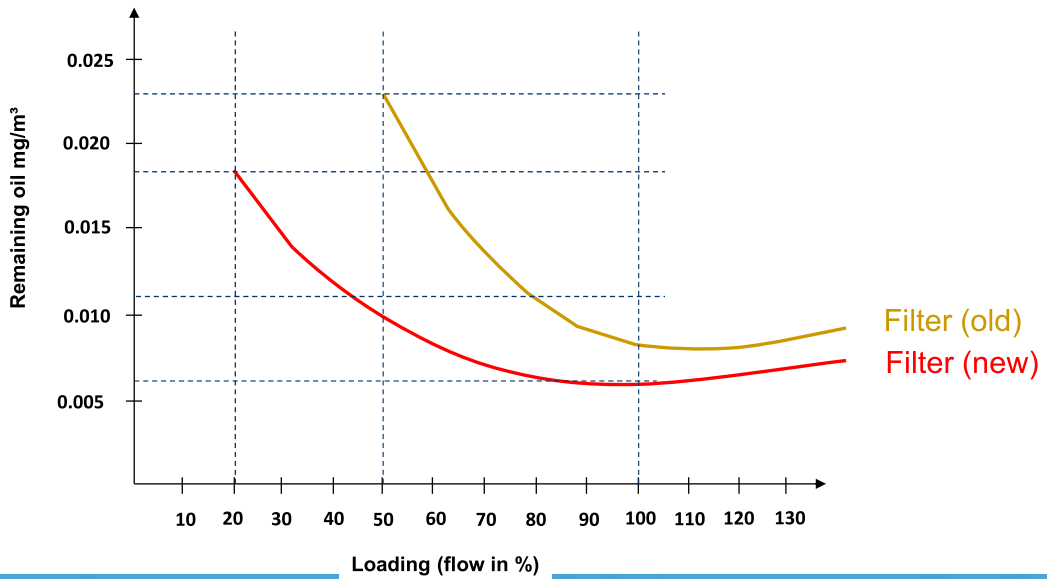
- Dryer capacities normally based on 7 barg 35C inlet temperature
- Low pressure or high temperature reduces capacity and can affect performance
- Filters are tested at specified inlet conditions (7 barg 20C inlet, 20C ambient)
- Manufacturers claims for ISO classification are based on specified conditions
- Change in conditions/performance may affect performance and ISO classification

## The effect of conditions on capacity

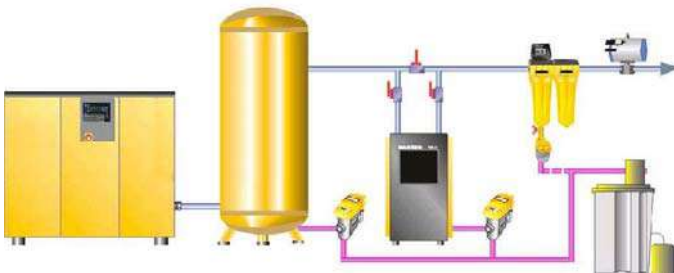


- **Multiply factors where several conditions vary**
- **Eg 100 cfm dryer at 7 barg, 35C, 25C ambient = 70 cfm at 6 barg, 40C inlet, 30C ambient**

## Coalescing filter behaviour in the partial load range



## Condensate drainage



**Reliable drainage must be ensured at all condensate collecting points of the air main**

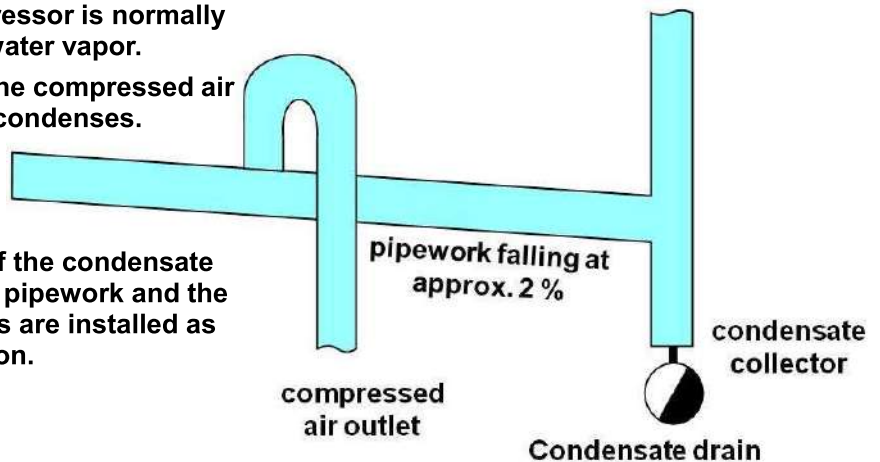


## Condensate separation

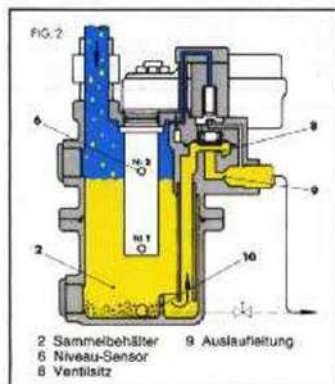
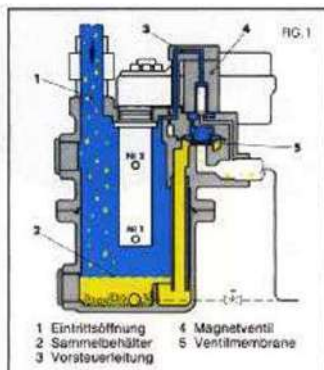
The compressed air discharged from the aftercooler of a compressor is normally 100% saturated with water vapor.

If the temperature of the compressed air falls, the water vapor condenses.

A coarse separation of the condensate can be achieved if the pipework and the compressed air outlets are installed as shown in the illustration.

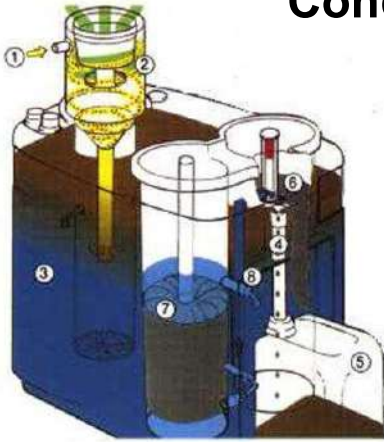


## Condensate drains: Electronic level-sensing type



Capacitive level sensing  
 Automatic pressure matching  
 Self-monitoring  
 Volt-free alarm contact

## Condensate: Oil-Water separator



- 1 condensate inlet
- 2 expansion chamber
- 3 separating tank: gravitational separation
- 4 oil overflow drain
- 5 oil collector tank
- 6 prefilter: retention of solids
- 7 adsorption filter: retention of oil particles
- 8 water drain (clean water)

Used to separate condensate components

## Compressed air installations

# Receivers

## Purposes:

- Reduce compressor cycling
- Store air for periods of high demand
- Facilitate air/liquid separation
- Prevent oil and water migration downstream
- Dampen pulsations from piston compressors

## Locations:

- After compressor and before dryer (“wet tank”)
- After all air treatment (“dry tank”)
- At points of use with high volume intermittent demand
- Not in the path of cooler exhaust



## Air Storage Controlled and Uncontrolled

### ✓ Controlled Storage

- pressure / flow controls separate the demand side of the system from the supply side.
- pressure in the distribution system is maintained at a low pressure in order to minimize artificial demand
- provide a stable pressure regardless of air use or compressor control response.

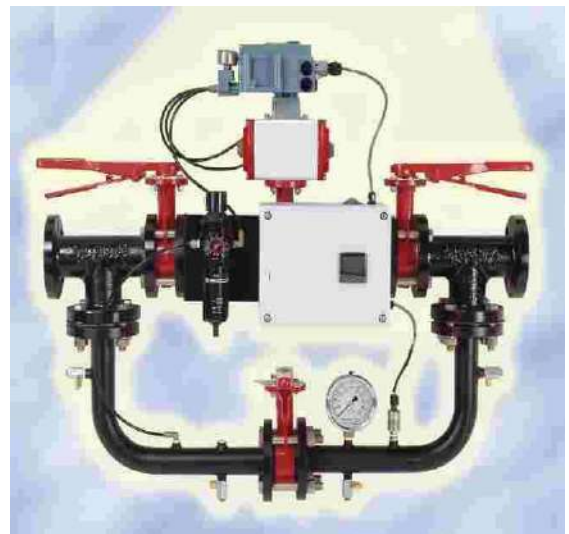
# Air Storage Controlled and Uncontrolled

## ✓ Uncontrolled Storage

- pressure throughout the plant rises and falls over the full control range of the compressors.
- plant air pressure can fall significantly below the lowest desired pressure because the compressor controls cannot react to changes in demand as quickly as they occur.
- artificial demand is introduced whenever the demand side pressure is above the lowest optimum pressure for the system.

## Flow controllers

- Used to separate supply from demand
- Allows system pressure to be maintained at a very steady level – set to minimum
- Reduces/removes artificial demand



## Air Storage & System Energy Balance – Key Points

1. Consistent, Stable, & Efficient Operation – Balance Supply & Demand.
2. System dynamics determine the nature of the compressed air demand profile.
3. Average air demand (compressors) – Peaks & valleys in demand (system).
4. Sources of supply – rotating capacity – rotating reserve – energy storage & stand-by compressors.
5. Rotating online capacity must be greater than average air demand.
6. Peak demand from storage – don't forget that refill of storage is an air demand.

## Air Storage & System Energy Balance – Key Points

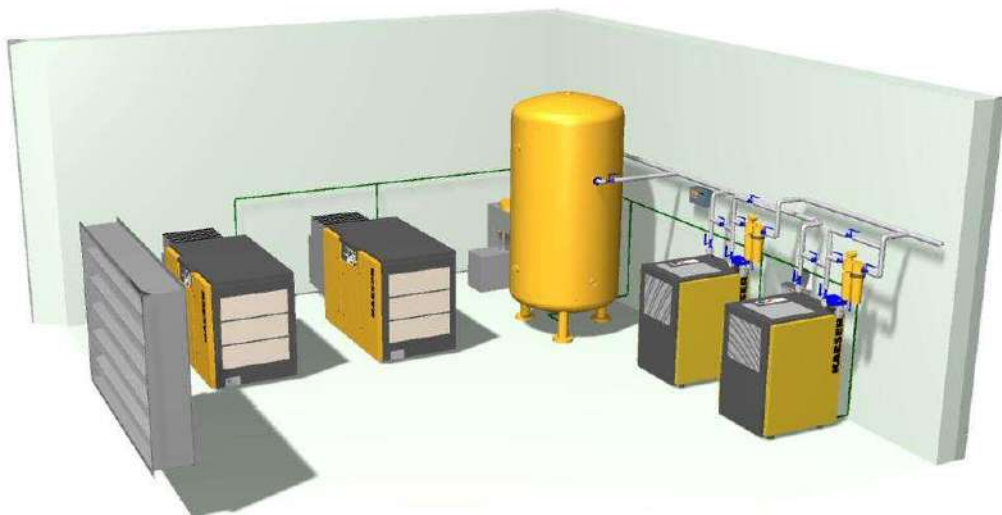
7. Control Strategy – turn off unneeded compressors – run compressors at full load
8. Pick one machine for trim capacity (efficient at part load operating point).
9. Engineer storage to system applications avoid using rules of thumb.
10. Energy available from storage depends on volume and available pressure differential.
11. The unanticipated shutdown of an operating air compressor is often the largest event that will occur in a system.

# Compressor Installation

- Compressor location affects performance
- Air quality and compressor reliability are directly impacted by the environment
- Avoid high dirt/dust areas
- Avoid areas with fumes that may react with or degrade compressor fluid or filters
- Allow space around the compressor for service access
- Maintain adequate lighting for service



# Ventilation Example





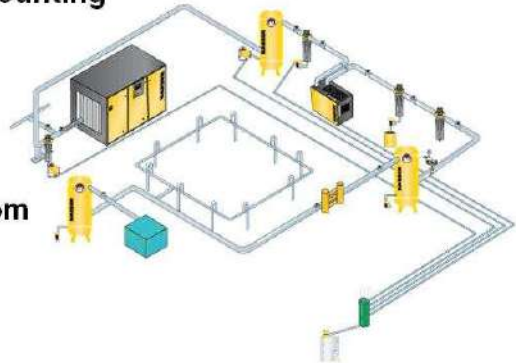
# Compressed Air Distribution

## Rule of thumb:

A well designed piping system will have less than a 0.15 bar pressure drop in the entire system, not counting clean air treatment equipment.

Compressed air velocity should be kept to:

- 5 meters per second in the compressor room
- 6 meters per second in the main header
- 15 meters per second in the air drops



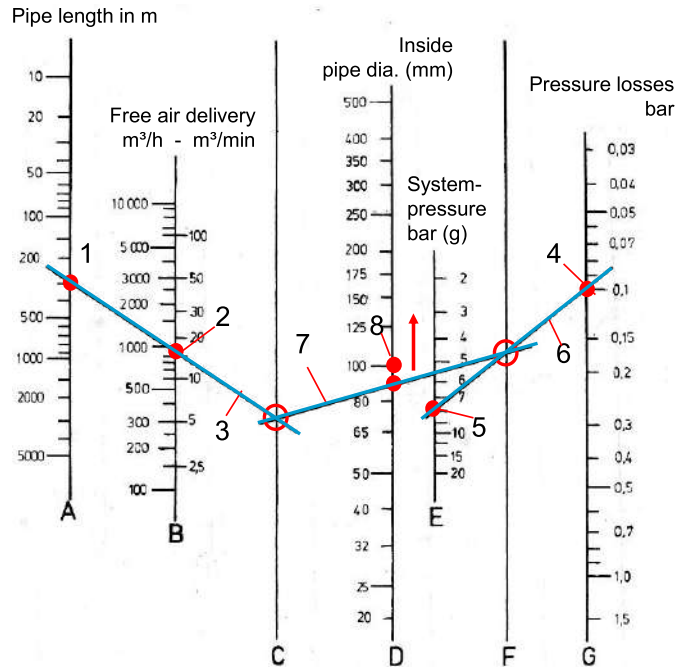
# Compressed Air Distribution

## Minimum diameters of pipes

| FAD<br>m <sup>3</sup> /min | working pressure 7.5 bar (g) |                                   |             |                         |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
|                            | up to 50 m                   | length of pipeline<br>up to 100 m | up to 200 m | over 200 m              |
| up to 12.5                 | 2 1/2"                       | 2 1/2"                            | 3"          | see straight-line graph |
| up to 15,0                 | 2 1/2"                       | 2 1/2"                            | 3"          |                         |
| up to 17.5                 | 2 1/2"                       | 3"                                | DN100       |                         |
| up to 20.0                 | 3"                           | 3"                                | DN100       |                         |
| up to 25.0                 | 3"                           | DN100                             | DN100       |                         |
| up to 30.0                 | 3"                           | DN100                             | DN100       |                         |
| up to 40.0                 | DN100                        | DN100                             | DN 125      |                         |

## Straight-line graph

for determining inside pipe diameter (steps 1 to 8)



# Compressed Air Distribution

## Applying Piping

### Piping Key Points

#### Choice of Material

- Ambient conditions
- Compressed air quality requirement
- Electrostatic charge
- Applicable regulations
- Costs
- Anticipated operational life





## Optimisation opportunities

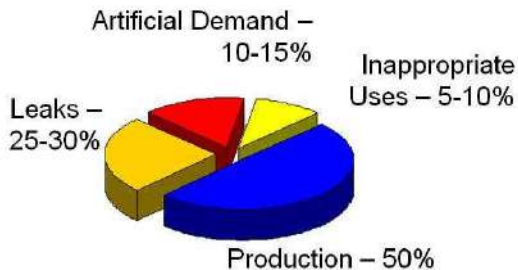
*Optimizing compressed air systems includes:*



- Evaluating energy requirements in factory.
- Matching system supply to these requirements
- Eliminating or reconfiguring inefficient uses and practices (sparging, open blowing, etc)
- Changing out or supplementing existing equipment to better match work requirements and increase operating efficiency

# Optimisation and Waste Minimisation

- Typically 10% of industrial electricity is used to produce compressed air
- Average saving = 30%
- 75% of lifetime cost of a compressor is energy usage
- Leaks, artificial demand and inappropriate uses can use as much as 50% of the air supply.
- Compressed air driven equipment costs around 10 times more to run than electric drive.



**75% Energy Cost**

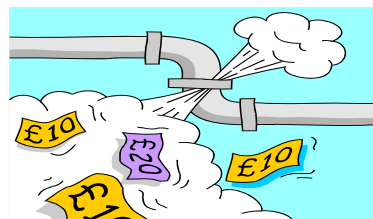
**10% Maintenance**  
**15% Capital**



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## Main causes of waste

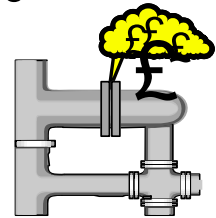
- ✓ Inefficient Generation & Treatment
  - Poor compressor control
  - Poor efficiency
  - Incorrect sizing
- ✓ Pressure drops in treatment and distribution systems
- ✓ Leaks
- ✓ Misuse of air - cooling, product ejection & ventilation
- ✓ Waste heat not recovered



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# Compressed air leaks

- Carry out a no load leak test
- Should not be more than 10% of the mean production demand in a normal factory
- Can be up to 20% for large sites, over 80% measured on occasion
- Leaks come back but seldom in the same place
- Regular ongoing leakage campaigns must be conducted



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## Measuring leakage losses

by exhausting an air receiver

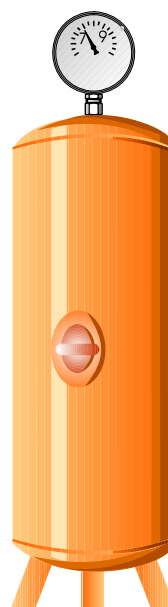
$$V_L = \frac{V_R \times (p_i - p_F)}{T}$$

$V_L$  = Leakage volume  
 $V_R$  = Receiver volume  
 $p_i$  = Initial receiver pressure  
 $p_F$  = Final receiver pressure  
 $T$  = Measuring period

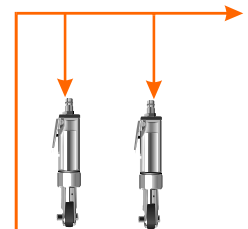


Example:  
 $V_R$  = 500 l  
 $p_i$  = 9 bar (g)  
 $p_F$  = 7 bar (g)  
 $T$  = 3 min

$$V_L = \frac{500 \text{ l} \times (9 - 7)}{3 \text{ min}} = 333 \text{ l/min}$$



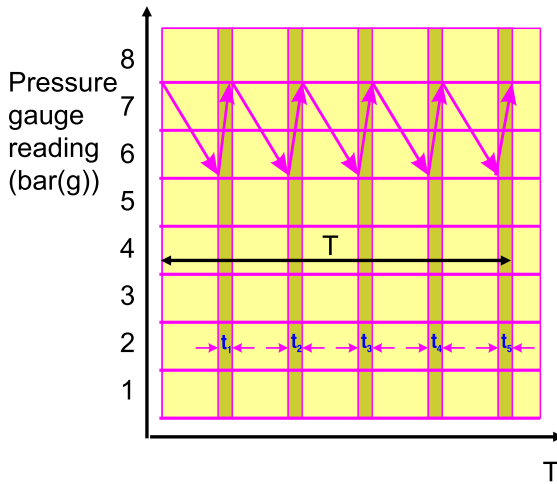
Leakage volume (tools not in use!)



Leakage losses in the compressed air system: 333 l/min

## Measuring leak losses

by measuring loaded time of the compressor with end users shut off



$\dot{V}_L$  = Leakage volume in m<sup>3</sup>/min  
 $V_C$  = Compressor volumetric flow rate in m<sup>3</sup>/min  
 $t$  = Time units during which the compressor ran on load  
 $T$  = Total time of the measurement procedure

Example:

Volumetric compressor flow rate  $\dot{V}_C = 3$  m<sup>3</sup>/min  
 Compressor time on load  $t = t_1 + t_2 + t_3 + t_4 + t_5 = 120$  sec  
 Total measurement time  $T = 600$  sec

$$\dot{V}_L = \frac{\dot{V}_C \times t}{T} = \frac{3 \times 120}{600} = 0.6 \text{ m}^3/\text{min} = 20\%$$

## Leakage losses

| Hole diameter | Air consumption at 6 bar (g) m <sup>3</sup> /min | Loss kW |
|---------------|--|---------|
| 1 mm          | 0.065  | 0.3     |
| 2 mm          | 0.240  | 1.7     |
| 4 mm          | 0.980  | 6.5     |
| 6 mm          | 2.120  | 12.0    |

At VND3000/kWh,  
 a 4mm leak costs  
 over  
**VND170,820,000/y**  
 ear in power plus  
 additional service  
 on the  
 compressed air  
 equipment.

# Leak Detection

Many leaks can be heard, felt or seen.

Other techniques:

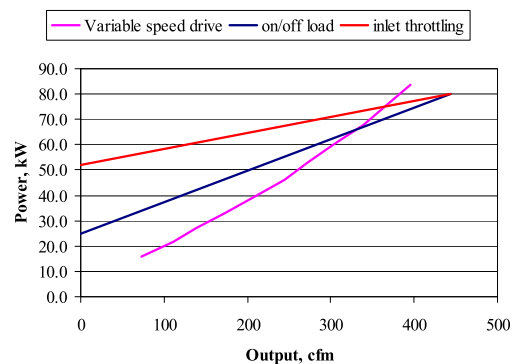
- ✓ Using soapy water:
  - Tried and trusted, time consuming but sometimes the only way
  - Only suitable for small leaks
- ✓ Ultrasound
  - Very effective even in high background noise areas



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# Control of compressors

- ✓ Only minimum required compressors should be on line
- ✓ How do your compressors control? – on/off, modulate, blow off
- ✓ Understand how they will interact with each other
- ✓ Consider a group control system
  - Minimise pressure band
- ✓ Auto shut down should be working to minimise long periods of no load running
- ✓ Can a variable speed drive machine be used?



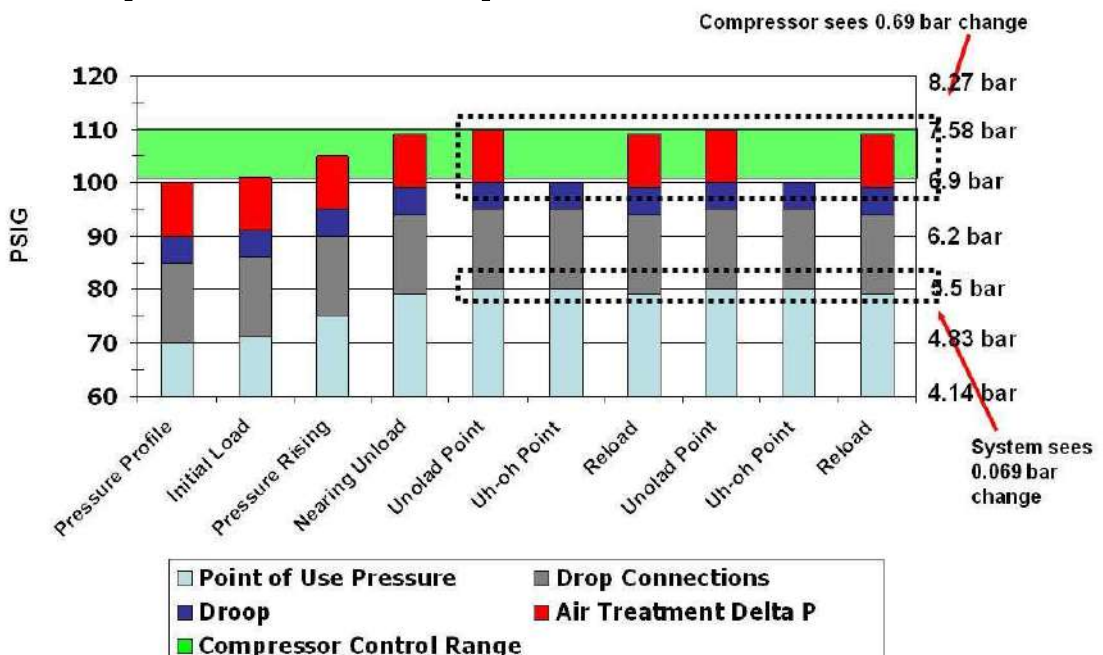
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# Pressure Profile

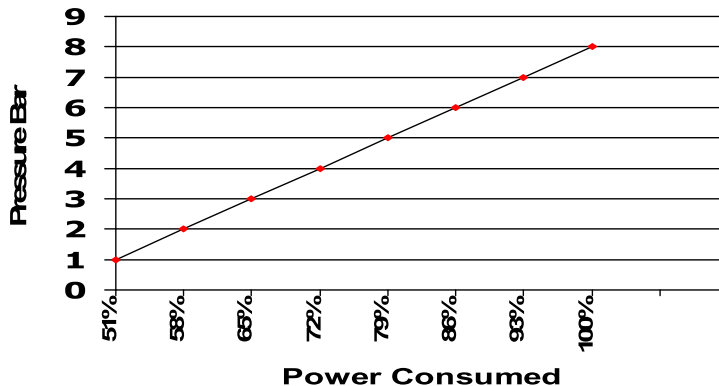
## Key Point – Control Signals

1. Air compressor capacity controls react to pressure sensed by its control system.
2. As pressure decreases compressor air delivery will increase until its maximum output is being produced (VSD compressor).
3. As pressure increases compressor air delivery is reduced (VSD compressor).
4. Restrictions in the system such as air dryers and filters can impact compressor control.
5. Remote sensing or external sequencing of compressor controls can improve control response.
6. Over pressure protection should sense pressure within the compressor package.

## Compressed Air Systems



## Reducing pressure - Reducing cost

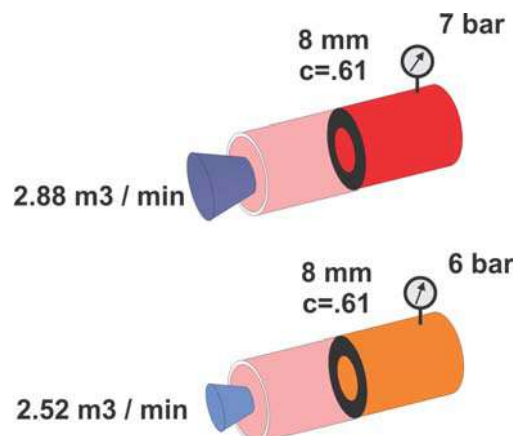


1 bar = reduction of 6-7% of full load power

1 bar = reduction of around 15% in artificial demand and other unregulated usage

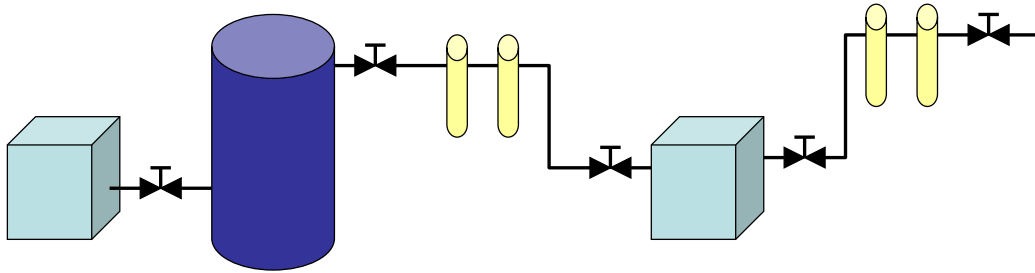
## Artificial demand

- ✓ Increasing pressure applied to a hole in the air system, increases the airflow through the air system.
- ✓ Leaks and unregulated air demands all have a potential component of artificial demand.
- ✓ Leak repair without pressure control is not fully effective.





## Pressure Drops in a Compressor House

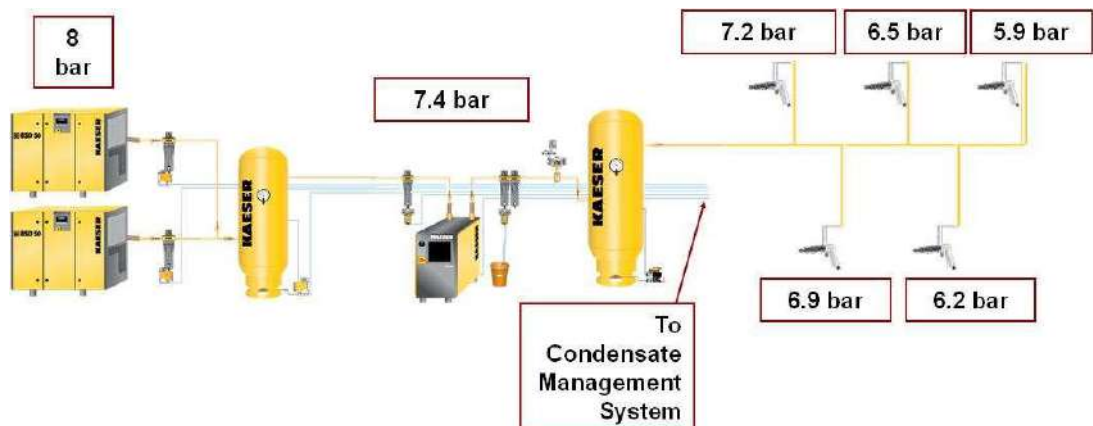


Undersized pipework  
 Restrictive valves  
 Dryer

Water separator  
 Prefilter  
 Afterfilters

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## Pressure Drop in a Dead-End System

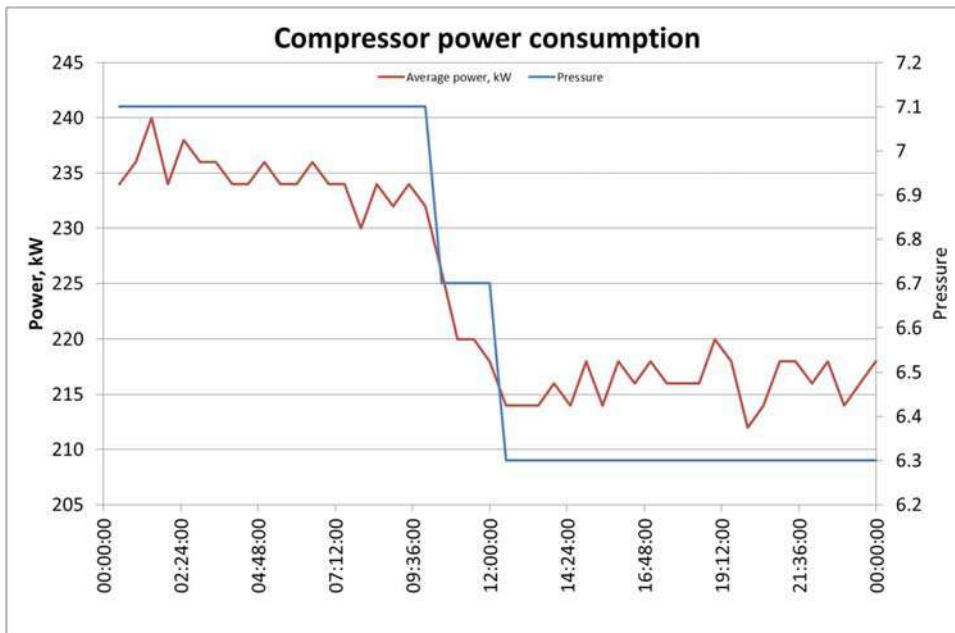


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## Reducing pressure



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## Misuses of compressed air

- ✓ Cleaning
- ✓ Component ejection
- ✓ Ventilation - cooling of people & products
- ✓ Agitation of paint or cleaning baths
- ✓ Moving product around bends or on conveyors
- ✓ Keeping product in line
- ✓ Using air at higher pressures than necessary
- ✓ Vacuum generation on large scale

## Blowing

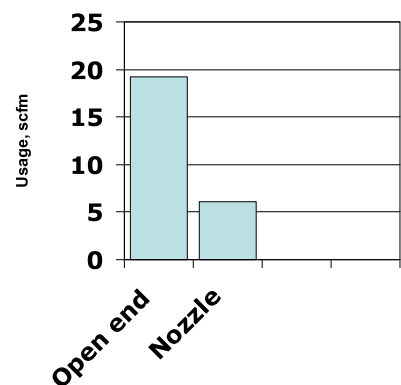
- Use air intensifying jets can save around 40% of the air at lower pressure
  - Quieter can overcome area noise issues
- Use air knives at reduced pressure
- Use fans
- Use low pressure blow guns
  - Safer and quieter



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## Air efficient nozzles

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Copper pipe          | 19.2 scfm       |
| Air efficient nozzle | <u>6.1 scfm</u> |
| Reduction            | 13.1 scfm       |



Specific energy = 0.122 kW/cfm

Energy saved = 1.6 kW/nozzle

**Saving/nozzle = VND9,600,000per year**  
(based on 2000 hours/year)

Cost VND350,000-700,000 per nozzle

Payback < 2 months

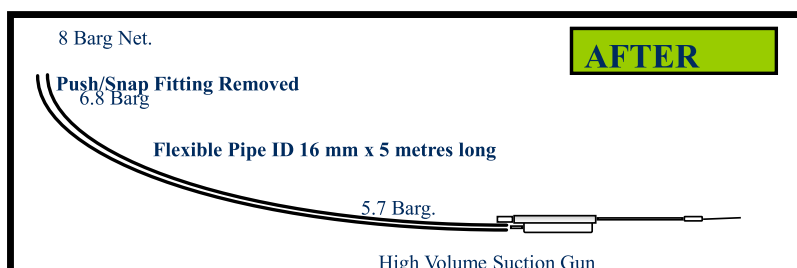
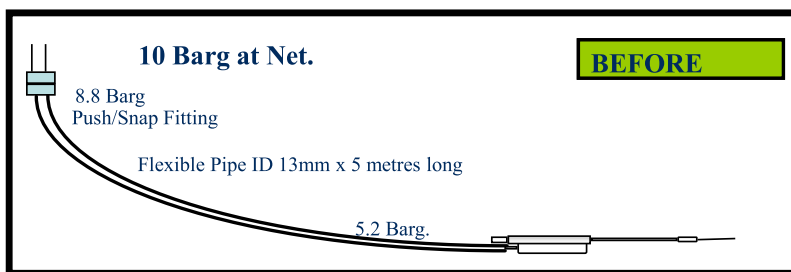


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## Vacuum generation

- ✓ Use of air to create vacuum for processes:
  - Rule of thumb this should not exceed 10% of the mean air demand
  - Create local vacuum systems a vacuum pump typically uses 8% of a compressor motor input power
- ✓ Use efficient vacuum ejectors and shut off when not required
  - Multi stage
  - Check valves

## Pressure reduction at the end user



## Machine isolation

A machine operates 8 hours a day with the air on 24 hours for users elsewhere on site

Air consumption in use: 20 scfm

Air consumption when stopped: 8 scfm

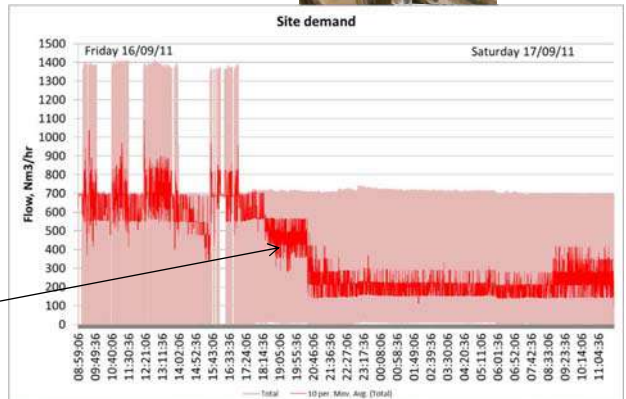
Power consumed when stopped: 0.976 kW



**Annual cost =  $0.976 \times 16 \times 3000 \times 365$**   
**= VND17,099,520 per year**

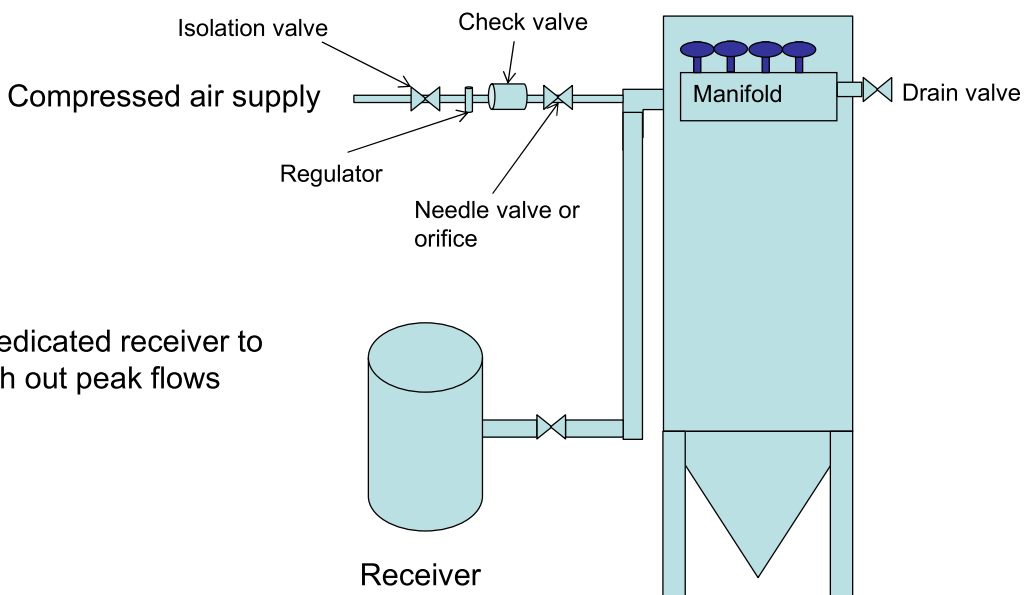
Typical cost of 1/2" solenoid valve  
d1,700,000

Area 1 stops production and  
is isolated



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## Dust Extraction plants



Use dedicated receiver to  
smooth out peak flows

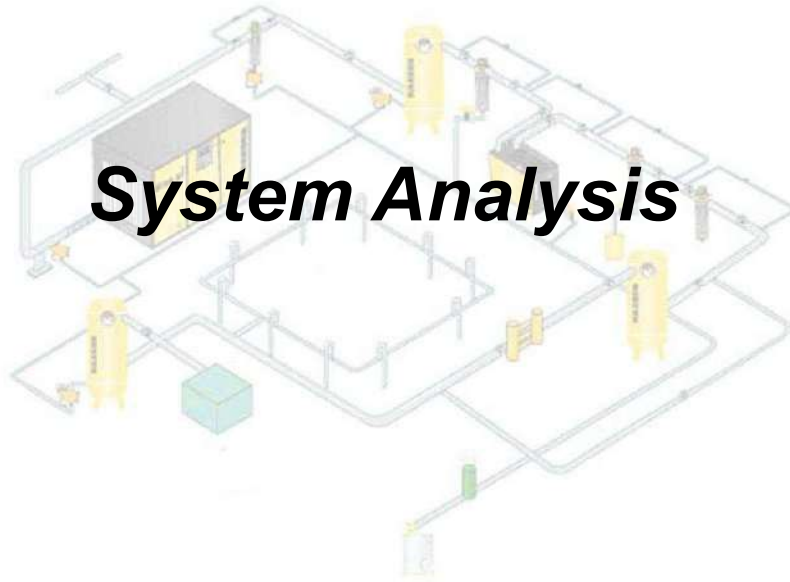
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## Review of compressed air basics

- ✓ Understanding compressed air
- ✓ Compressors
- ✓ Treatment & condensate
- ✓ Compressed air installations
  - Compressor houses
  - Receivers
  - Distribution
- ✓ Optimisation opportunities

NEXT SESSION – CARRYING OUT SURVEYS

# Compressed Air Systems



## Session 2

- The systems approach
- Calculating running costs
- Carrying out a survey
- Pressure profiling
- Demand profiling
- Assessing results
- Reporting and reviewing vendor bids

## 8. Compressed Air System Assessment

- The Systems Approach
  - A comprehensive system assessment examines the entire compressed air system, including:
    - Generation
    - Treatment
    - Storage
    - Distribution
    - Use and waste of compressed air

## 8. Compressed Air System Assessment

- The systems approach evaluates overall system performance rather than individual component efficiency.
- The system boundary includes energy input to the compressed air supply and treatment through the production equipment and work performed as a result of the energy input.



## 8. Compressed Air System Assessment

- The information gathered should allow the assessment team to:
  - Understand point of use applications
  - Correct poor performing applications and those that upset system operation
  - Eliminate wasteful practices
  - Create and maintain an energy balance
  - Optimize storage and compressor controls

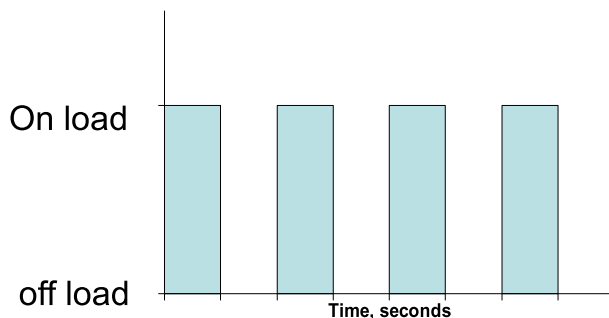
## 8. Compressed Air System Assessment

- Common goals in all compressed air system assessments:
  - Baseline airflow and energy use
  - Capture system pressure trends during baseline period
  - Establish pressure profile through system to key applications
  - Characterize system performance and operation of poor performing end use applications that cause productions issues
  - Identify waste and inappropriate use and evaluate alternatives
  - Understand system dynamics and measures to create balance between supply and demand
  - Implement control strategy to maintain balance.

## No meters – How do you analyse a system?

- Use what you have
  - Hours run meters
  - Stopwatch
  - Installed gauges
  - Manufacturers data

## No meters? - Calculating the demand

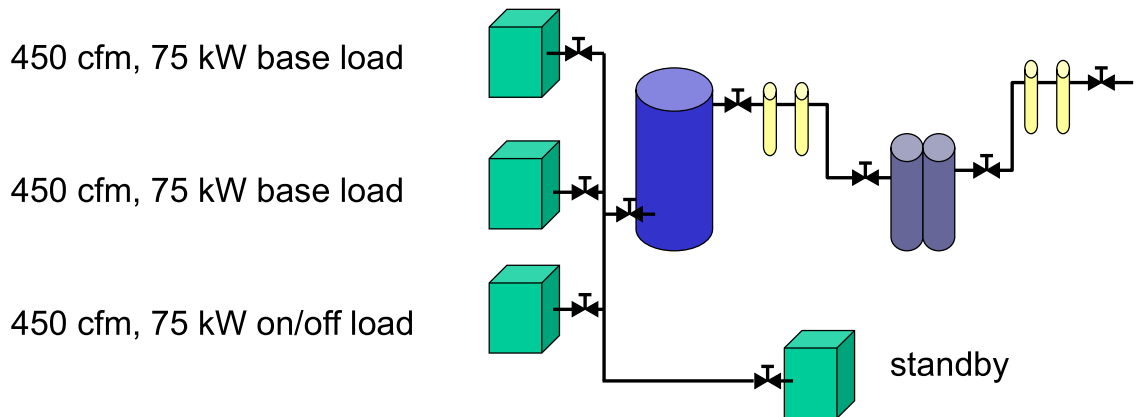


$$\text{Average load} = \frac{\text{Time on load}}{\text{Total cycle time}}$$

Repeat during non production time to estimate leakage  
Isolate areas to split up base demand

**May not allow you to size a new compressor but will help you understand the system**

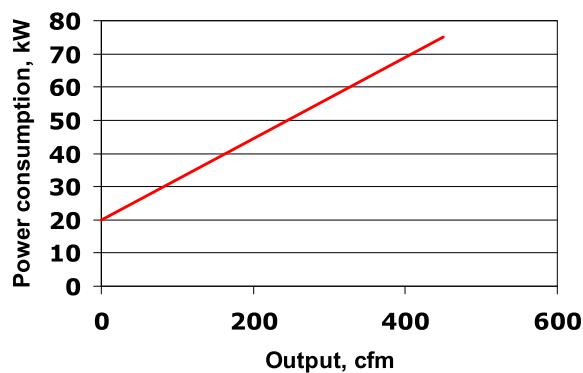
## Calculating the demand



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## Calculating running costs

Typical screw  
compressor  
control  
characteristic



Full load = 75 kW, 450 cfm

No load = 20 kW = 26.66% of  
full load but 0 cfm

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## Timing calculation

Average time on load = 30 seconds

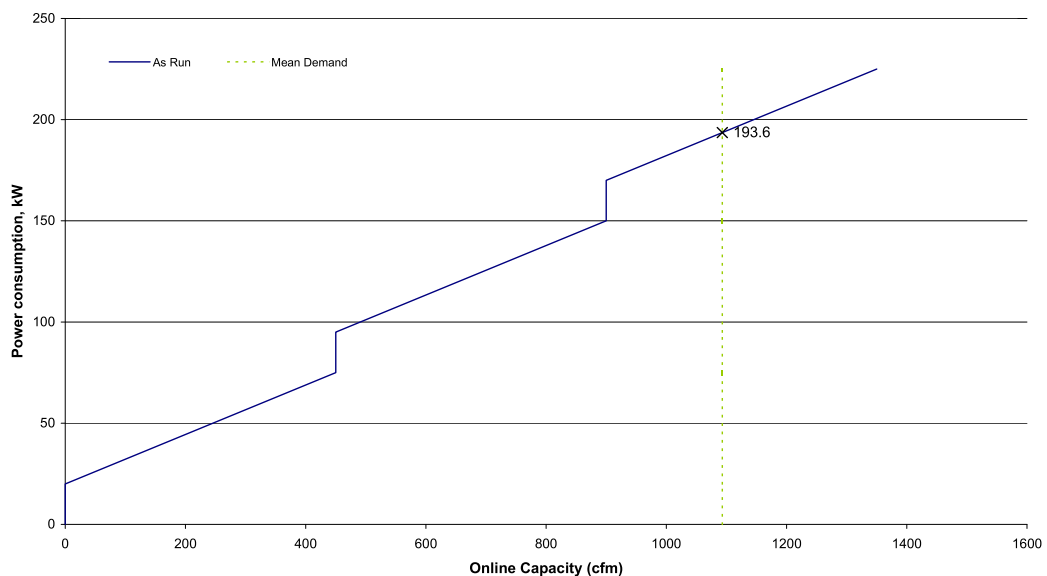
Average time off load = 40 seconds

Average loading =  $30/70 = 43\%$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Demand} &= 450 + 450 + (450 \times 43\%) \\ &= 1094 \text{ cfm} \end{aligned}$$

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## Calculating generating costs



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## Demand Vs power consumption

3 off 75kW compressors

2 base load = 900 cfm, 150 kW  
1 on/off load = 193 cfm, 43.6 kW

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Output          | 450 cfm |
| Full load Power | 75 kW   |
| No load power   | 20 kW   |

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Power} &= \text{full load power} + \text{no load power} \\
 &= 75 \times 0.43 + 20 \times 0.57 \\
 &= 32.1 + 11.4 \\
 &= \mathbf{43.6 \text{ kW}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Total power consumption 193.6 kW

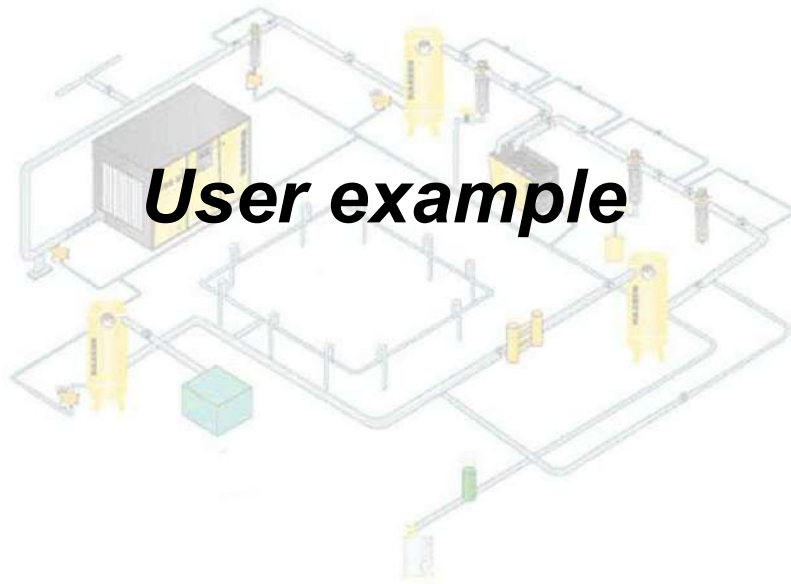
## Total annual running cost

Production hours = 80 hours/week, 52 weeks/year

@ VND3000/kWh

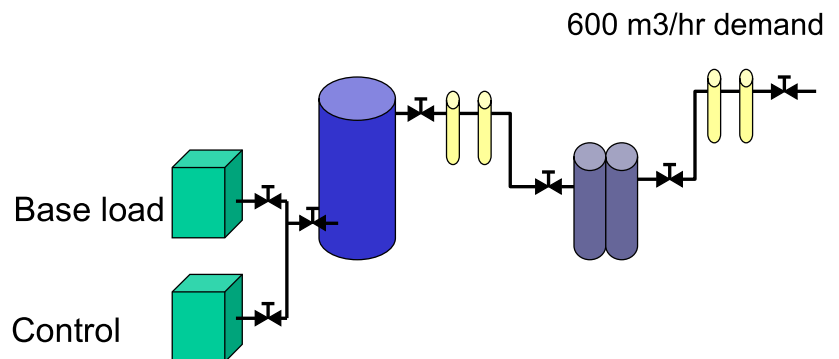
Production cost =  $193.6 \times 80 \times 52 \times 3000 = \text{VND}2,416,128,000$

# Compressed Air Systems



## Calculating the demand

Compressors:  
 400 m<sup>3</sup>/hr  
 50 kW on load  
 20% no load power



16 hours a day  
 5 days a week  
 50 weeks a year  
 Electricity cost – 3000d/kWh

What is the annual operating cost?

## Total annual running cost

Hours = 16 x 5 x 50 = 4000 hours/year

Base load = 400m<sup>3</sup>/hr so, 50 kW x 4000hrs = 200,000kWh  
 = 200,000kWh x 3000 = **VND600,000,000**

Control = (600-400)/400 = 50% load, 50% no load

Full load = 50kW x 4000hrs x 50% = 100,000kWh

No load = 10kW x 4000hrs x 50% = 20,000kWh

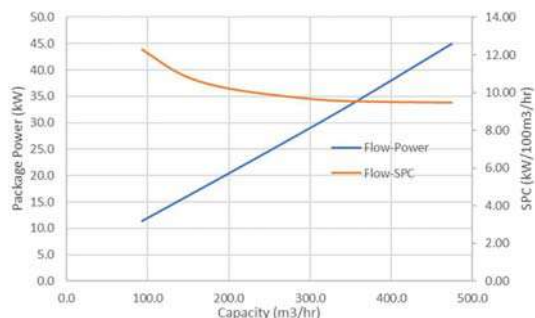
Total control = (100,000 x 3000) + (20,000 x 3000)  
 300,000,000 + 600,000 = **VND360,000,000**

Total compressor house = 600,000,000+ 360,000,000 = **VND960,000,000**

## What about VSD Machines?

You need the Performance Data – See CAGI datasheets

| MODEL DATA - FOR COMPRESSED AIR |  |                                |   |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|
| 1                               | Manufacturer:  | Atlas Copco                    |   |
| 2                               | Model Number:  | GAXTUSV                        | Date: 11/30/2020                          |
|                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-cooled <input type="checkbox"/> Water-cooled | Type:                          | Screw                                     |
|                                 |  | # of Stages:                   | 1   |
| 3                               | Full Load Operating Pressure <sup>a</sup>  | 102                            | psig <sup>b</sup>                         |
| 4                               | Drive Motor Nominal Rating   | 50                             | hp  |
| 5                               | Drive Motor Nominal Efficiency   | 96                             | percent                                   |
| 6                               | Fan Motor Nominal Rating (if applicable)   | 1.1                            | hp  |
| 7                               | Fan Motor Nominal Efficiency   | 73                             | percent                                   |
| 8*                              | Input Power (kW)   | Capacity (acfm) <sup>c,d</sup> | Specific Power (kW/100 acfm) <sup>e</sup> |
|                                 | 45.0   | Max. 279.5                     | 16.1                                      |
|                                 | 34.9   | 215.4                          | 16.2                                      |
|                                 | 29.3   | 178.4                          | 16.4                                      |
|                                 | 28.9   | 128.9                          | 17.3                                      |
|                                 | 15.7   | 84.7                           | 18.5                                      |
|                                 | 11.4   | Min. 54.7                      | 28.8                                      |
| 9*                              | Total Package Input Power at Zero Flow <sup>c,d</sup>                                | 1.1                            | kW  |
| 10                              | Isentropic Efficiency  | 81.27                          | %   |



Can select power manually from data or use linear interpolation in excel (can provide template for modification)

## What about VSD Machines?

Demand is 600m<sup>3</sup>/hr using 2 equally sized machines

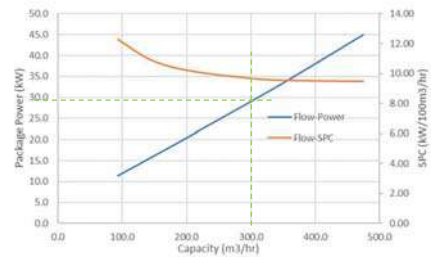
Each machine delivers  $600/2 = 300\text{m}^3/\text{hr}$

Power required at 300m<sup>3</sup>/hr = ~29kW

Total Power =  $2 \times 29\text{kW} = 58\text{kW}$

$58\text{kW} \times 4,000\text{hrs} = 232,000\text{kWh}$

$276,000\text{kWh} \times 3,000\text{VND} = \mathbf{696,000,000\text{VND}}$



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## Compressed Air Systems

### Where do you start?

- Ask questions
- Take notes
- Walk around
- Take notes
- Take pictures



# Compressed air audits – Initial Questions

- How many hours each week is the system pressurised?
- What is the minimum pressure allowed in the plant?
- What air quality is needed?
- What is the base demand?

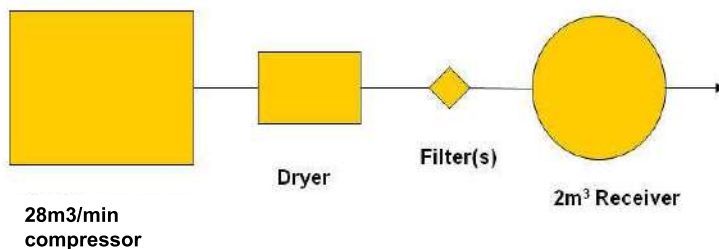
## What to look out for in the compressor room

- Type, make, capacity, hours run and control of each compressor
- Type make and configuration of treatment package
- Room ventilation, inlets in or outside
- Is waste heat recovered?
- Generation pressure & pressure drop over treatment system
- Is there a group controller?
- What is running and estimated demand?
- Are the feeding mains OK are there any other bottlenecks?
- Are there electronic zero loss condensate traps?

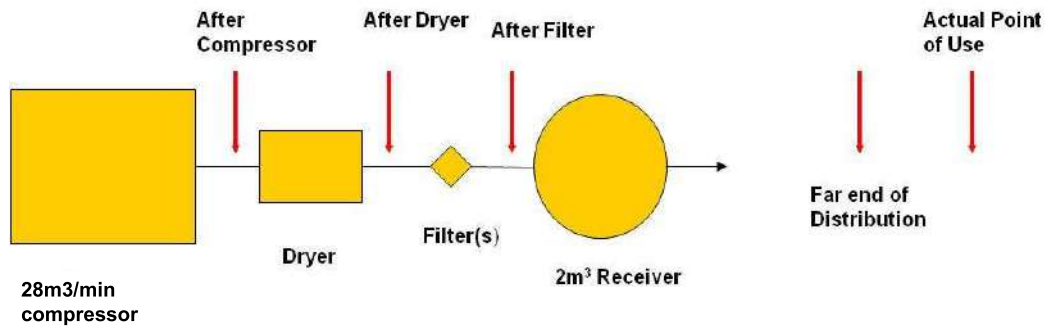
## What to look out for in the factory

- Air leaks
- Main uses of air such as tools, painting, instrumentation or process
- Misuses such as open ended lances, full pressure blow guns, product ejection and vacuum venturis
- End of line pressure
- Ring or spur mains?

## Start with a block diagram



## Identify possible measurement points



## Compressed Air Systems



Remote pressure monitor.

Pipe rope instead of pipe dope.



**If you see something unusual, ask about it.**

# Compressed Air Systems

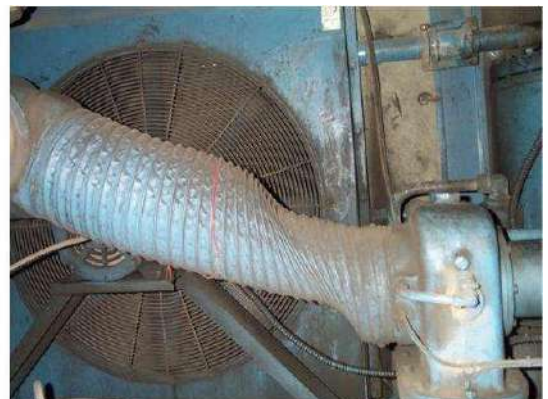


**Note bad connection practices. Take pictures.**

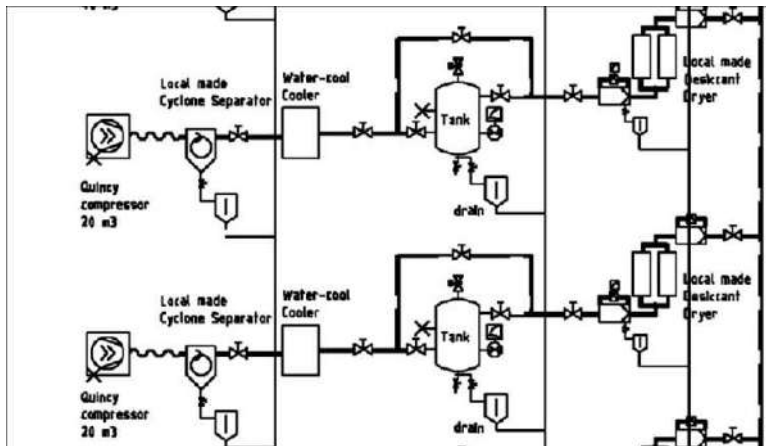


# Compressed Air Systems

**If a gauge reading does not look right, find out why. Instead of inlet valve modulation, you may find inlet hose modulation.**



## Use drawings to check installation



- 1) Compressor
- 2) Liquid separator
- 3) Trim cooler
- 4) Receiver w/drain
- 5) Pre-filter w/drain
- 6) Desiccant dryer
- 7) Post-filter

- The walk-through is complete.
- Interviews have been conducted.
- Notes taken.
- Pictures taken.
- Drawings corrected.
- What next?

- **Sit down and think!**
- **Work from the point of use back to the compressor.**
- **Determine the true demand requirements.**
- **Develop information goals needed to analyze the system.**
- **Develop a measurement plan required to acquire that information.**

## 9. Data Collection & Analysis

- Collect demand data to establish the dynamics of the system.
- Identify events and their impact on the system.
- Identify cycle times and duration of these events.
- Identify periods of system draw-down.



## 9. Data Collection & Analysis

- What is worse than having no information about system performance?
- **Having bad information about system performance.**
- Many factors impact the accuracy of measured performance data.
  - Sample Rate
  - Data Interval
  - Accuracy
  - Repeatability
  - Electrical signals
  - Interference and errors
  - Equipment set –up
  - Scaling of engineering units

## 9. Data Collection & Analysis

Hourly Trend Data – Hourly trend data can be used to develop the profile of compressor power, or flow data to calculate operating cost. Trend data will not, however, define dynamic performance.

|                           | Method #1                | Method #2                  |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Sample Rate</b>        | T = 5 minutes            | T = 1 second               |
| <b>Samples to Average</b> | n = 12 samples           | n = 3600 samples           |
| <b>Data Interval</b>      | 60 minutes<br>( 1 hour ) | 3600 seconds<br>( 1 hour ) |



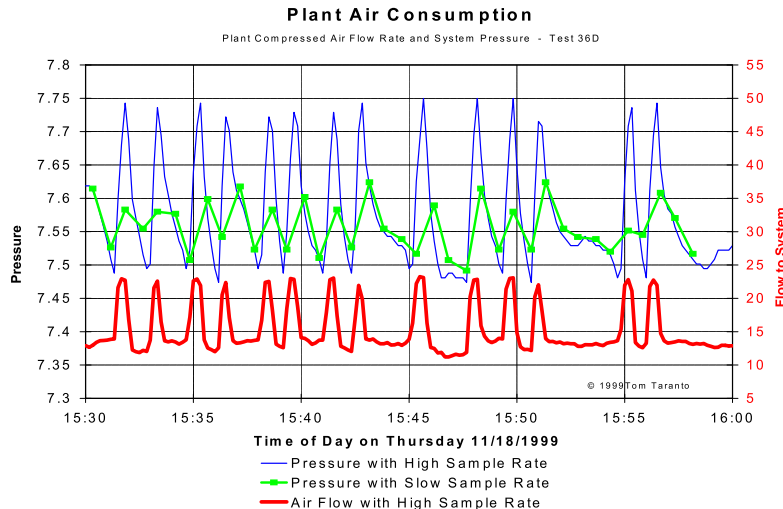
# 9. Data Collection & Analysis

Dynamic Response – When system events are of short duration, the data interval must decrease to properly characterize performance.

|                | High Rate             | Slow Rate              |
|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Sample Rate    | 1 sample per 1 second | 1 sample per 3 seconds |
| Data Averaging | 10 samples            | 15 samples             |
| Data Interval  | 10 seconds            | 45 seconds             |

# 9. Data Collection & Analysis

Data shown for the high sample rate is reading pressure once per second and averaging 10 samples. The low sample rate is reading pressure every 3 seconds and averaging 15 samples.



## 9. Data Collection & Analysis

- Key Points
  - Measurement system accuracy depends on human factors; connections to the system, transducers; wiring, cables, electrical connections; data acquisition hardware and software; along with measurement techniques.
  - Sample rate, data averaging, and data intervals depend on system characteristics.
  - Use appropriate sensors, transducers, and measurement system accuracy.
  - Transducers output various signals in proportion to the physical parameter being measured.
  - Signals must be properly scaled to correctly record the measurement.

## 8. Compressed Air System Assessment

- Analysis of Data –
  - Is it reasonable and correct?
  - Consistent with established assessment goals?
  - Create various profiles
  - Estimate energy savings
  - Suggest multiple measures to improve reliability and produce sustainable savings

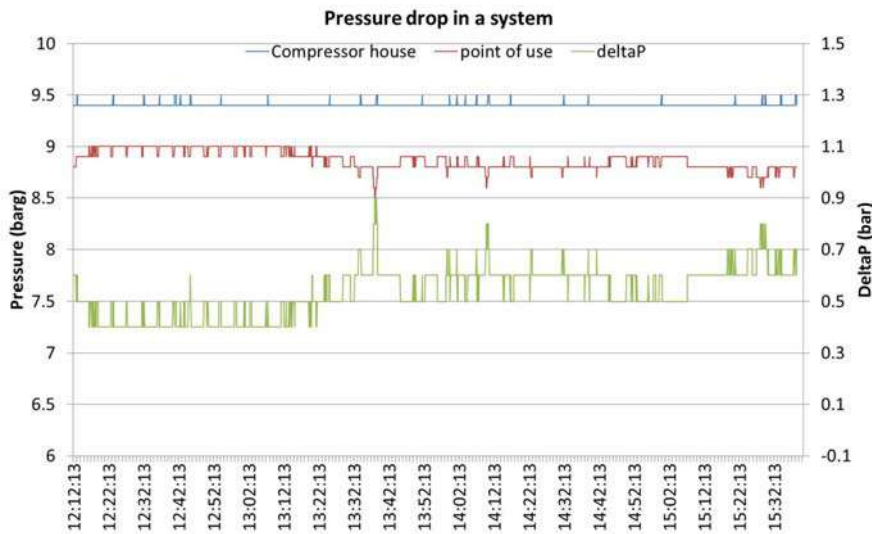
# Compressed Air Systems

- **Pressure profile**
- **Demand profile**
- **High volume intermittent demand events**
- **Perceived high pressure demands**
- **Power consumption**
- **Production levels**

## Typical pressure measurement locations

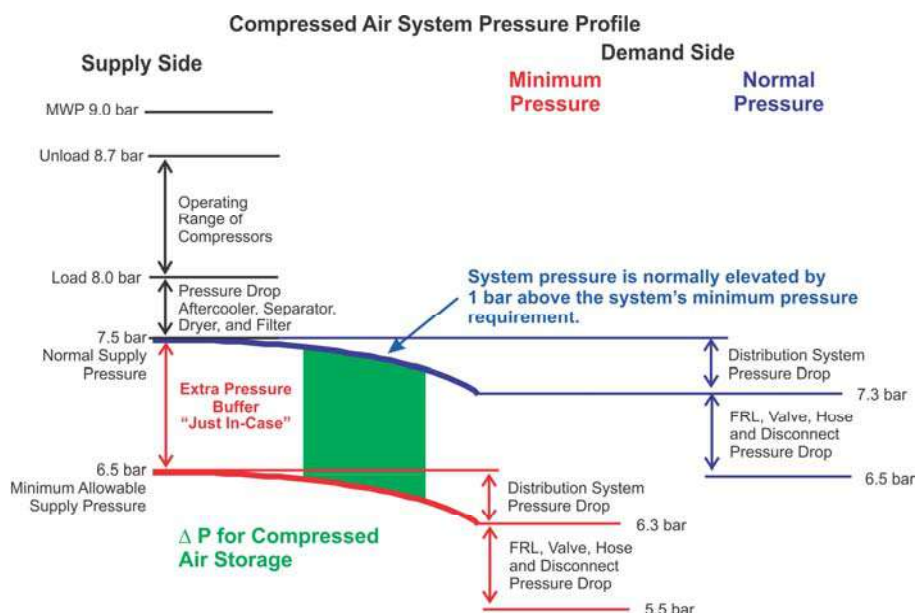
- Compressor maximum working pressure (MWP)
- Compressor control range
- Treatment equipment pressure drop
- Pressure differential reserved for primary storage
- Supply header pressure to the system
- Distribution header pressure in one or more demand side locations
- Point of use connection pressure
- End use pressure

# System pressure drop



- High differential pressure
- Undersized mains

## System Pressure Profile



# Compressed Air Systems

- Pressure profile
- Demand profile
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- Production levels

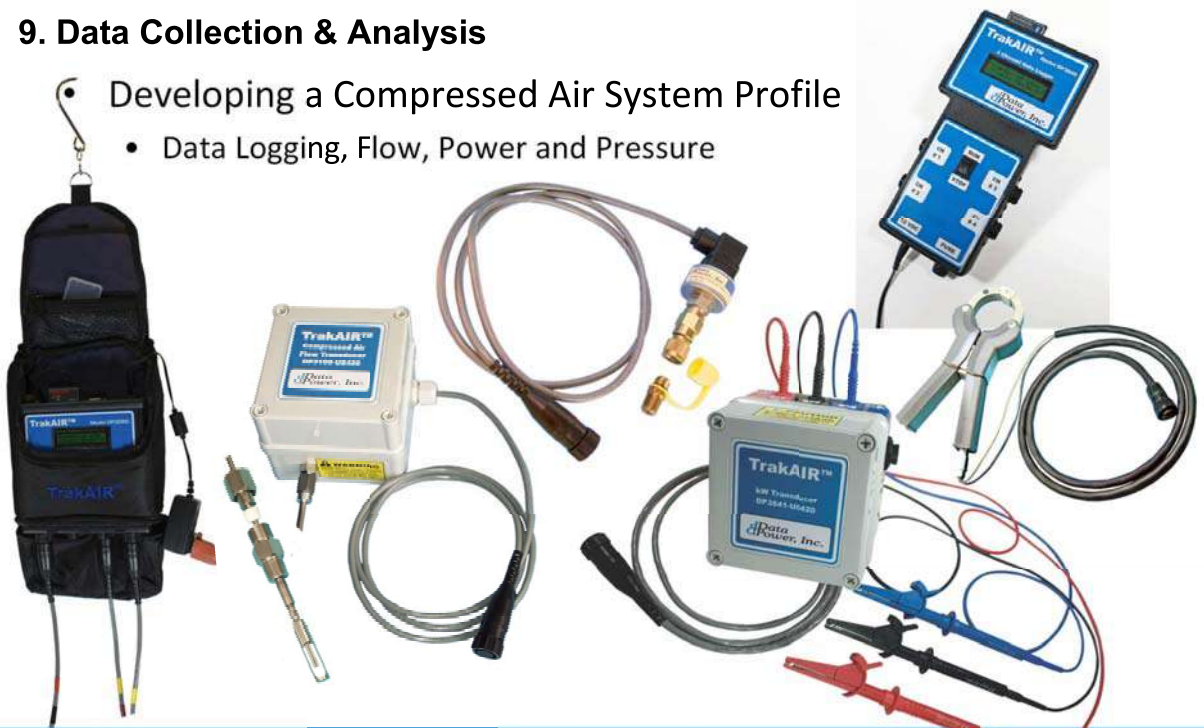
# Compressed Air Systems

What do you measure to determine a demand profile?

- Flow in the pipe
- Inlet vacuum on modulating machines
- Load cycles on load/unload machines
- Air end speed on variable speed machines
- Inlet air flow
- Power

## 9. Data Collection & Analysis

- Developing a Compressed Air System Profile
  - Data Logging, Flow, Power and Pressure



# Compressed Air Systems

## What do you measure to determine a demand profile?

- **Flow in the pipe**

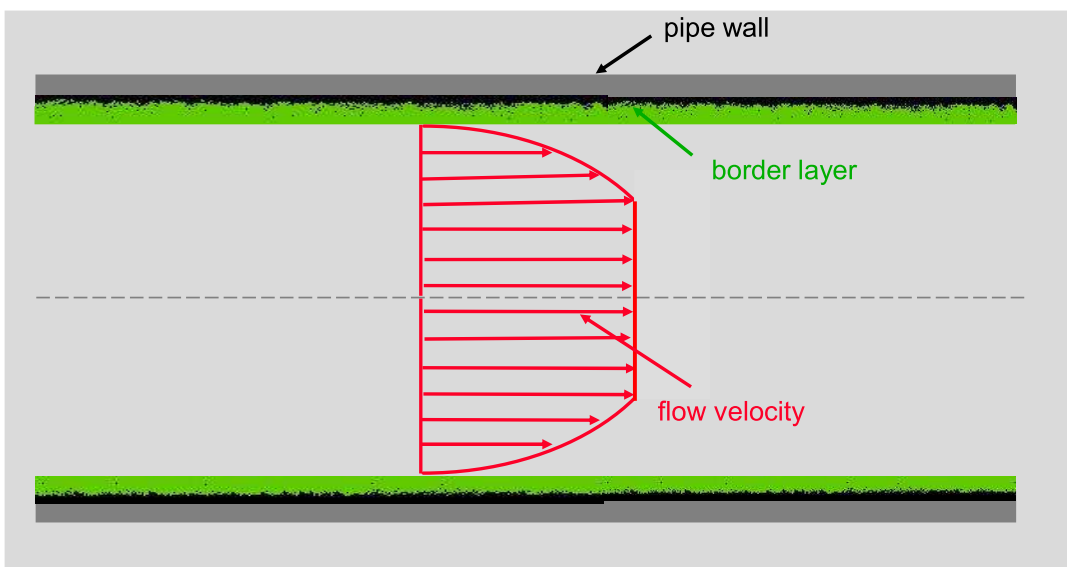


## Flowmetering

- Important to measure pressure
- Demand or flow?
- Flowmeters don't always give a correct compressor capacity

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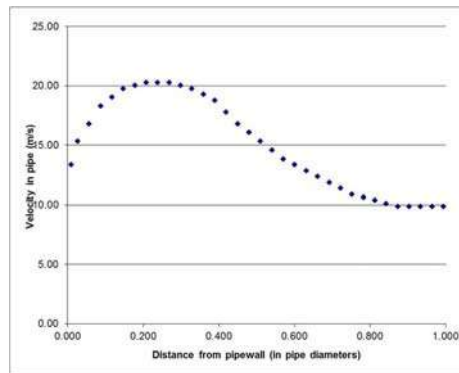
### Flow profile





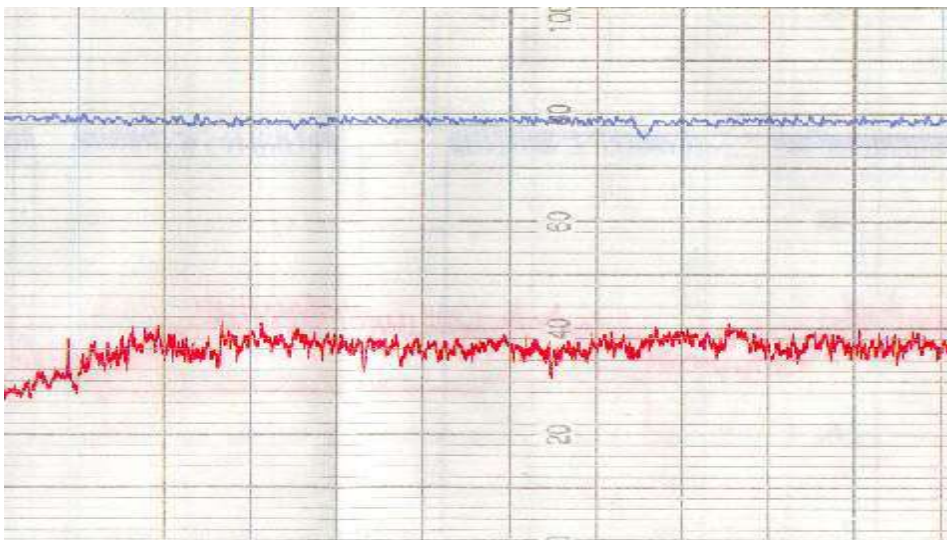
## Flowmetering

- ✓ Installation dependent
- ✓ Flow profile variations affect accuracy
- ✓ Poor position = poor accuracy



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## Flowmetering – demand or flow?



Pressure

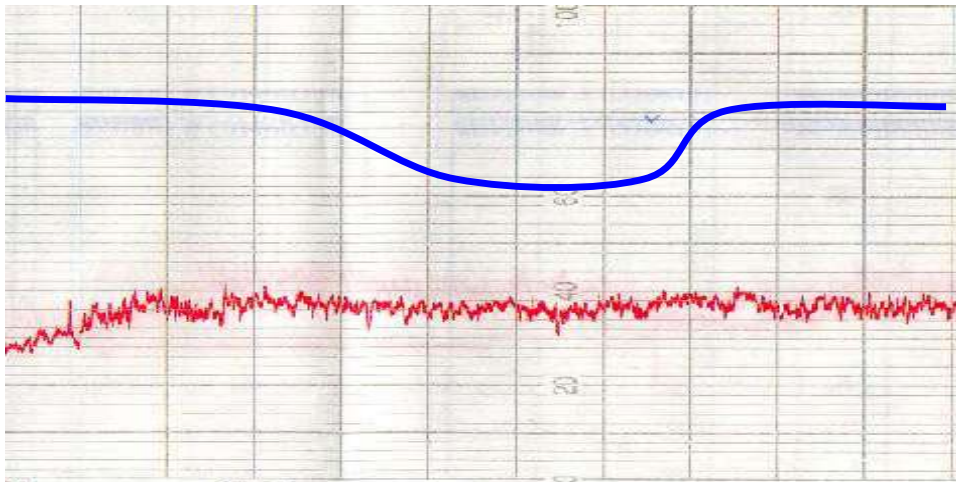
Flow

Pressure held well therefore measured flow = demand

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## Flowmetering – demand or flow?



Pressure

Flow

Pressure drops

Flow stays steady – compressors running flat out

Measured flow is less than site demand

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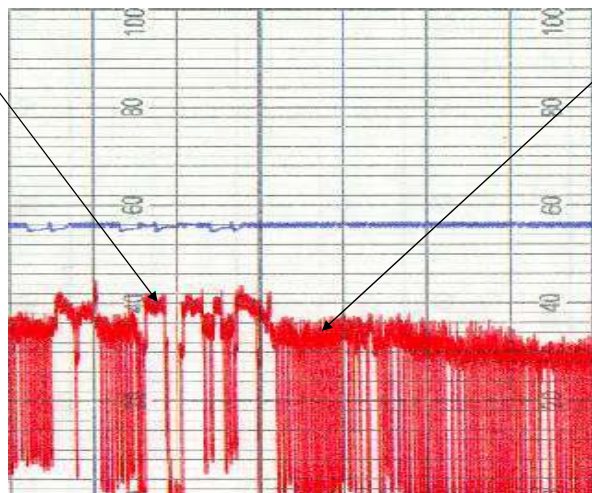
## Flowmetering – compressor capacity

Compressor fully loaded for longer periods flowmeter reads over 40

Compressor cycling on and off load flowmeter reads up to 36

Pressure

Flow



Receiver damping flow changes

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## Metering – inlet conditions & flowreadings

- Flow meter readings normally given at set conditions eg scfm, Nm<sup>3</sup>/hr:
  - Standard – 1013 mbarA, 15C, 0%RH
  - Normal – 1013 mbarA, 0C, 0%RH
- Compressor outputs usually free air delivered at 1000 mbarA, 20C, 0%RH for screw compressors, different for centrifugal
- Corrections required between the two sets of data (can be over 15% difference)

## The effect of inlet conditions

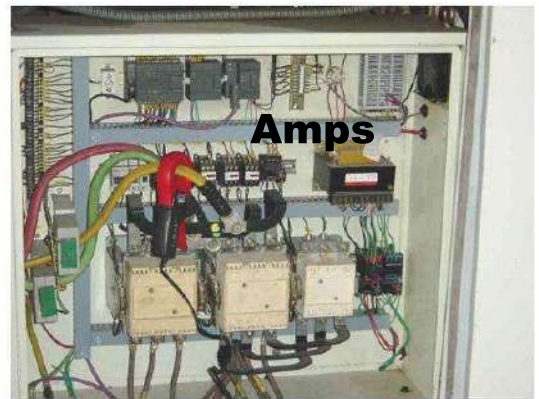
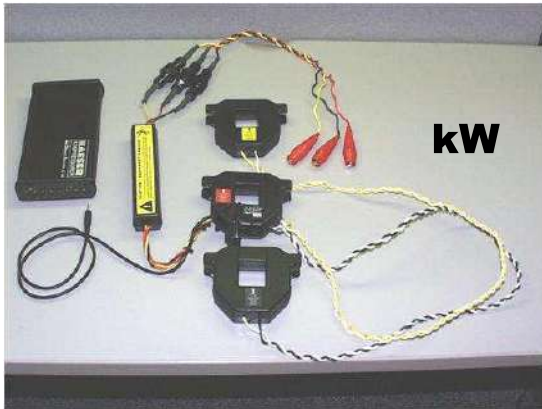
| Inlet conditions       | FAD                                       | Nm <sup>3</sup> /hr                            | Scfm              | Comments     |
|------------------------|---|--|-------------------|--------------|
| 1000 mbarA, 20C, 60%RH | 1000 m <sup>3</sup> /hr<br>589 cfm        | 915 Nm <sup>3</sup> /hr<br>91.5%               | 568 scfm<br>96.4% | Cool Vietnam |
| 980 mbarA, 35C, 70%RH  | <b>1000</b> m <sup>3</sup> /hr<br>589 cfm | <b>845</b> Nm <sup>3</sup> /hr<br><b>84.5%</b> | 525 scfm<br>89.1% | Warm Vietnam |
| 780 mbarA, 35C, 80%RH  | 1000 m <sup>3</sup> /hr<br>589 cfm        | 670 Nm <sup>3</sup> /hr<br>67%                 | 416 scfm<br>70.6% | Mexico City  |

A 1000 m<sup>3</sup>/hr compressor will only deliver 845 Nm<sup>3</sup>/hr at certain conditions

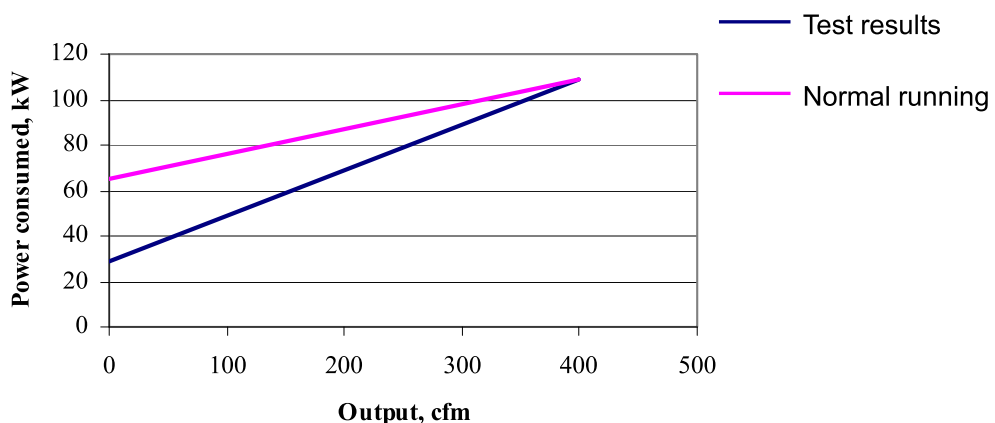
You need to know the inlet conditions to know if the compressor is performing correctly

# Power metering

- kW is the preferred measurement for power
- Amps can provide valuable information but power factor can be very low when off load (0.3-0.5)



## Rapid cycling – The effect on power metering

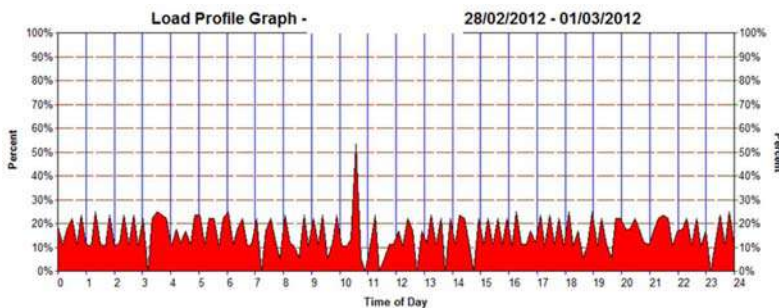


- 80 kW = 255 cfm - high base demand?
- 80 kW = 140 cfm – low base demand
- Power monitoring results can be inaccurate for flowmetering

# Compressed Air Systems

What do you measure to determine a demand profile?

- Load cycles on load/unload machines



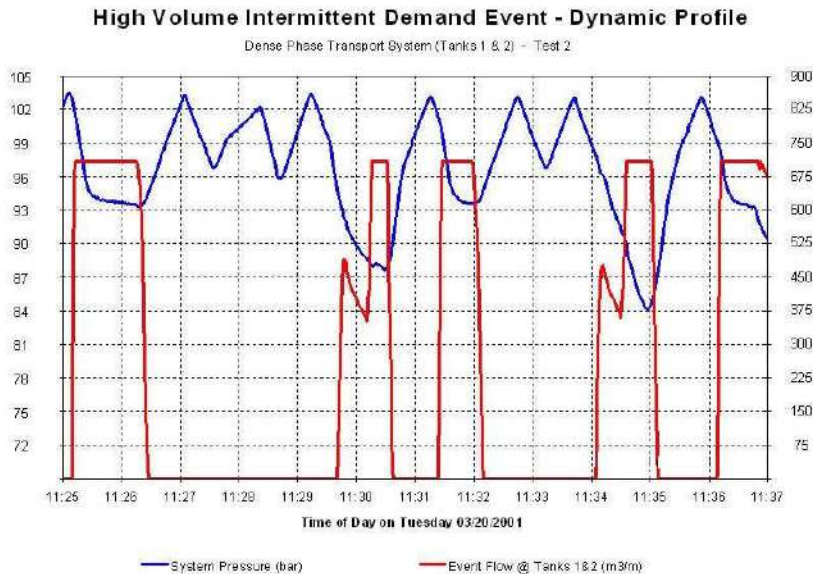
# Compressed Air Systems

High Volume Intermittent Demand Events:

- Define short-lived peak airflow rate, valley pressure, and rate of system pressure decay. Gather information necessary to calculate compressed air storage solutions.
- Measure the duration of demand events and total air consumed.
- Measure the delay time between demand events and the ability to refill storage during the available delay time.
- Evaluate compressor control response and determine if compressors are running unnecessarily.
- Consider that excessive system pressure may currently be an operational solution to inadequate air storage.



# Compressed Air Systems



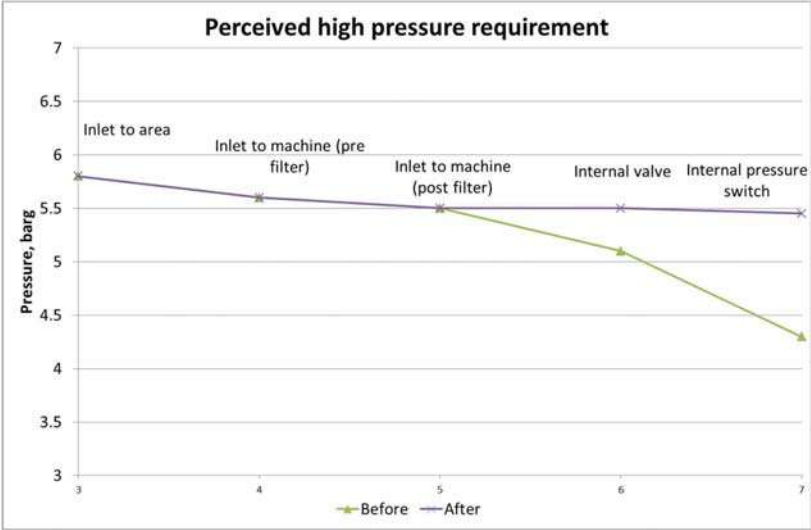
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**Are poor point of use connection practices causing the system to run at higher than required pressures?**

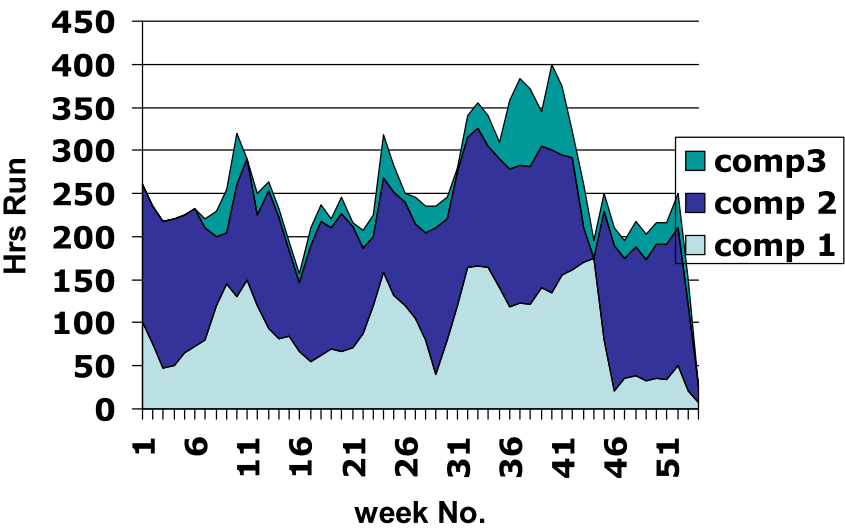


# Perceived high pressure demands

Upgrading internal lines prevented pressure increase across the site



## Analysis of hours run



Even the most basic data can give useful results

# Productivity monitoring

- Calculate air used per unit of product
  - Cfm per tonne
  - Cfm per car
  - Cfm per daily rate of production
- Set limits and rectify
- Compressor stations
  - Use total power input versus air demand - ideal for an energy management system
  - Put in acceptable limits for base use and normal production
  - Rectify when limits exceeded

# Benchmarking

- Compare your air consumption per unit of production with:
  - Other group plants
    - Eg: an aluminium products plant in UK taking twice the air per tonne as a sister plant in France
  - Other similar plants
    - Eg: European car plants taking three times the air per unit as Japanese plants

## Analysing air saving projects

- Determine the demand or pressure reduction
- Recalculate running costs based on new data
- Consider the effect of projects together
  - Two projects may each save d150,000,000 per year alone but the two together will not save d300,000,000
- Are there any other benefits eg increased production, reduced maintenance?
- A small demand reduction can make big savings if it means a compressor can be shut down.

## 8. Compressed Air System Assessment

- Reporting and documentation
  - Executive summary
  - Detailed report
  - Appendices
  - Attachments
  - Data files



## 8. Compressed Air System Assessment

- Common Assessment Mistakes
  - An air compressor power study is not an air system assessment
  - An air system assessment designed to prove a point usually will
  - Controlling leaks is not controlling the system
  - Drawing the distribution piping does not define performance.

## Analysing Vendors Proposals for new compressors and plant

- Check each proposal conforms to specification
  - Do the proposals offer sufficient capacity to meet peak demands?
  - Are the air quality and pressure requirements met?
  - Are all items included?
  - Is all the requested information included?
  - Is installation quoted as per spec?
  - Etc
- If not request more information from vendor

## Making comparisons – initial impressions

Actual example:

3 Vendors - 3 compressors plus dryers, filters etc:

Capital cost:

- 1 VND4,158,509,991
- 2 VND4,828,180,599
- 3 VND4,305,850,966

Maintenance:

- 1 VND285,609,642 pa
- 2 VND337,019,378 pa
- 3 VND346,091,684 pa

Initial impressions:

- No.1 VND670,000,000 less than No.2, No.1 same ball park as No.3
- No.1 maintenance VND50,400,000 pa less than others
- No.1 definite top contender

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## Making comparisons – life cycle costs

Annual running cost:

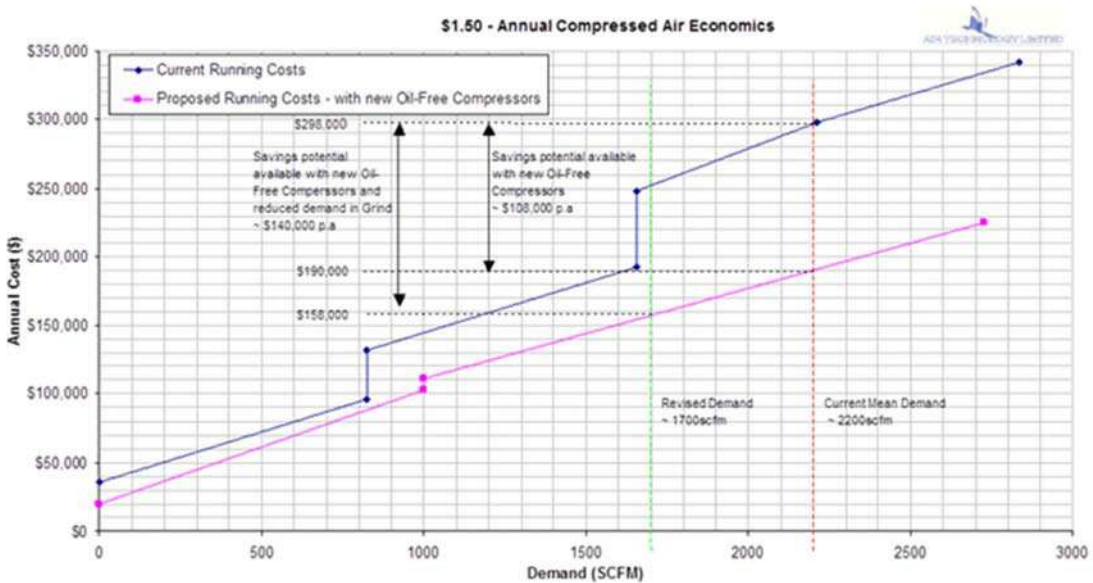
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| 1                | 2                | 3                |
| VND1,763,723,543 | VND1,525,155,489 | VND1,682,812,012 |

| Life cycle costs  | 1              | 2              | 3              |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>3yr cost</b>   | 6,147,999,555  | 5,586,524,601  | 6,086,711,088  |
| <b>5 yr cost</b>  | 10,246,665,925 | 9,310,874,335  | 10,144,518,480 |
| <b>10 yr cost</b> | 20,493,331,850 | 18,621,748,670 | 20,289,036,960 |

Over lifetime:

- No.2 VND561,474,954 cheaper than No.1 over 3 years
- No.2 VND1,871,583,180 cheaper than No.1 over 10 years
- No.2 VND1,667,288,290 cheaper than No.3 over 10 years
- Over 5-10 years No.2 is the definite winner

# New compressor analysis



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## Session 2 - review

- The systems approach
- Calculating running costs
- Carrying out a survey
- Pressure profiling
- Demand profiling
- Assessing results
- Reporting and reviewing vendor bids

## Next sessions

- Example survey case study
- Use of spreadsheets
- Useful calculations
- Carry out a survey on site
- Review of data and report writing



## Spreadsheets and Tools

- ✓ Some useful calculation tools
- ✓ Understand them before using
- ✓ Check results make sense
- ✓ Use at your own risk

## Generating costs

- ✓ Calculate running costs at different demands and pressures
- ✓ Check costs with different compressors
- ✓ Use to build up annual profile using different demands
- ✓ Use to calculate savings



## Leak detection

- ✓ Reporting tool for leaks surveys
- ✓ Use to assess leakage rates
- ✓ Identify leaks by area
- ✓ Rank leaks according to size
- ✓ Combine with photos for full leak report



## Air Density & Inlet Condition Conversion

- ✓ Estimate Air density at inlet conditions
- ✓ Estimate condensate created
- ✓ Convert between different inlet conditions



## CO<sub>2</sub> conversion

- ✓ Use to convert from cost to kWh and CO<sub>2</sub>
- ✓ Useful for building summary tables



## Receiver and line pressure drop

- ✓ Use to calculate and check pressure drop in a line
  - Based on steel lines
- ✓ Use to calculate receiver sizing





## Linear Interpolation in Excel

- ✓ Very useful to find intermediate values from curves
- ✓ Can be used in modelling very effectively



## Pipeline pressure drop

$$\Delta P = 450 \times \frac{Q_c^{1.85} \times l}{d^5 \times p}$$

|            |   |                                  |
|------------|---|----------------------------------|
| $\Delta p$ | = | Pressure drop (bar)              |
| $Q_c$      | = | Air flow (litres/sec)            |
| $d$        | = | Internal pipe diameter(mm)       |
| $l$        | = | Length of pipe (m)               |
| $p$        | = | Compressor inlet pressure (bara) |

## Receiver sizing to stop rapid cycling

$$V = \frac{0.25 \times Q_c \times P_1 \times T_0}{F_{\max} \times (P_u - P_L) \times T_1}$$

|                  |   |  |
|------------------|---|--|
| V                | = | Total volume of storage system (litres)                |
| Q <sub>c</sub>   | = | Compressor FAD (litres/sec)                            |
| P <sub>1</sub>   | = | Compressor inlet pressure (bara)                       |
| T <sub>0</sub>   | = | Air temperature in receiver (K)                        |
| T <sub>1</sub>   | = | Compressor inlet temperature (K)                       |
| P <sub>u</sub>   | = | Compressor unload pressure (barg)                      |
| P <sub>L</sub>   | = | Compressor loading pressure (barg)                     |
| F <sub>max</sub> | = | Maximum loading frequency (1/minimum cycle time(secs)) |

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## Receiver sizing to cope with peak events

$$V_s = \frac{T \times C \times P_{amb}}{P_{\max} - P_{\min}}$$

Where:

|                  |   |   |
|------------------|---|---|
| T                | = | Time duration of the event (minutes)                                  |
| C                | = | Air demand of the event(litres/min)                                   |
| V <sub>s</sub>   | = | Total volume of storage system (litres)                               |
| P <sub>max</sub> | = | Maximum storage or receiver pressure (cut-out pressure)(bara)         |
| P <sub>min</sub> | = | Minimum storage or receiver pressure required (cut-in pressure)(barg) |
| P <sub>amb</sub> | = | Absolute ambient air pressure(barg)                                   |

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## Current- cfm conversion

- ✓ Use to convert current data to flow and power
  - On/off load spreadsheet
  - VSD spreadsheet
- ✓ Assume or measure voltage and power factor

### Measured Volts - Amps calculation for annual energy cost.

Where:

*volts = average line to line 3 phase voltage*  
*amps = full load amperage of the motor*  
*1.732 = square root of 3 for phase to neutral voltage from line to line voltage*  
*pf = power factor of the motor (0.80 to 0.85 typical)*  
*hours = annual running hours*  
*energy cost = \$ / kWh*  
*mtr eff = full load motor efficiency*

## Other useful sources of tools and information

- ✓ Experts training manual
- ✓ Compressed air challenge
- ✓ ATL Spreadsheets
- ✓ WebPlotDigitizer
- ✓ Engineering Toolbox
- ✓ Equipment manufacturers websites
  - CAGI data sheets
- ✓ Almig Calculation Tools

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