DH SERIES

PRESSURE-SWING DESICCANT COMPRessed AIR DRYERS
### Hankison DH Series Desiccant Dryers

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<td>• Provide pressure dew points of -40°F, -100°F (-40°C, -73°C) and lower</td>
<td>A regenerative desiccant dryer consists of two (dual) towers filled with desiccant. The desiccant (e.g. activated alumina) attracts (adsorbs) water vapor onto its surface. Unlike deliquescent chemicals, which are used up in the process of drying, desiccants can be regenerated and reused. The two towers are switched on and off-stream, alternating between drying and regeneration so that dry desiccant is continuously exposed to the air stream. In pressure-swing (heatless) dryers, desiccant is regenerated by expanding a portion of the dried air (called purge air) to atmospheric pressure and passing it over the off-stream bed. This “swing in pressure” causes the expanded air to become very dry. The dry purge air pulls (desorbs) moisture from the desiccant and carries it out of the dryer.</td>
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<td>• Eliminate water from systems exposed to sub-freezing temperatures</td>
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<td>• Reduce moisture content in critical applications, outlet concentrations of 1 ppb @ 100 psig, (7 kgf/cm²) are possible</td>
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#### Pressure-swing dryers

- Have a lower initial cost than heated type dryers
- Are simple and reliable - no heaters or blowers to maintain
- Maintain a constant outlet dew point and temperature - no thermal or dew point spikes after tower switchover
- Offer long desiccant life
Operation:

1. Wet air enters the dryer, flows through inlet switching valve (A), Tower I where the air is dried, and a system of check valves to the dryer outlet.

2. A portion of the dried air is diverted through adjustable purge rate valve (C), purge orifice (D) where it is throttled to near atmospheric pressure, and Tower II.

3. This dry, low pressure air, called purge air, regenerates the desiccant in Tower II by carrying off the water collected during the drying stage. The purge air is then exhausted to atmosphere through purge/repressurization valve (E) and purge muffler (F).

4. After regeneration, purge/repressurization valve (E) closes and Tower II fully represurizes to line pressure.

5. Inlet switching valve (G) then opens, inlet switching valve (A) closes, and purge/repressurization valve (H) opens. Inlet air is now being dried in Tower II while Tower I is being regenerated.

The operation of the inlet switching and purge/repressurization valves is sequenced by either a fixed time controller (adjustable for either a 4 or 10 minute cycle) or the optional Sensatherm® purge saving system which automatically matches purge air use to the demand on the system.
Hankison DH Series dryers produce consistent outlet pressure dew points...with minimum purge air usage...and maximum service life

Consistent outlet pressure dew points
- Large desiccant beds [0.6 lbs (0.27 kg) of desiccant/tower/scfm]
  - Ensures 4.8 second contact time...enough to dry saturated air at the dryer inlet to the desired dew point
  - 30% extra desiccant provided to compensate for natural bed aging...ensures top performance over expected 3 to 5 year desiccant bed life
- Large flow diffusers ensure even flow distribution through bed...eliminates channeling

Minimum purge air use...13.7%, the lowest in the industry
- Tower design saves 98% of the heat of adsorption...stored heat maintains purge air temperature during regeneration...maximizing the purge air's ability to carry off moisture...minimizing the amount of purge air required
- Drying and purging in counter flow arrangement...energy not wasted when wet air travels through dry desiccant
- Ability to match purge air use to the demand on the dryer
  - Standard...Purge Economizer
  - Optional...Sensatherm® automatic purge saving system

Long desiccant life
- Towers sized so that air velocity through the bed won't fluidize desiccant...prevents movement and excessive desiccant dusting
- Slow and complete repressurization of off-stream tower prevents bed movement and desiccant abrasion...also eliminates downstream pressure fluctuations
- Upflow drying...allows water and heavy contaminants to drop out of the air stream as they enter a tower...protects bed from contamination...allows contaminants to be discharged when tower depressurizes
**DH Series Features**

**Optimally sized towers, offering:**

- **Performance** - large desiccant beds ensure sufficient contact time...produce consistent dew points...includes extra desiccant to compensate for initial desiccant aging
- **Efficiency** - sized to retain the heat of adsorption...maximizes purge air efficiency...minimizes amount of purge air required
- **Reliability** - sized to prevent bed fluidization and desiccant deterioration...maximizes desiccant and valve life

**Easy operation**

Standard instrumentation:

- Tower pressure gauges
- Moisture indicator - alerts operator of elevated dew point
- Purge flow indicator
- Control panel with:
  - On/off switch
  - Tower status lights
  - Cycle/mode indicator lights (shows selection of 4 or 10 minute cycle or test mode)
  - Switching failure alarm - indicates if a tower fails to pressurize or depressurize properly
  - Economizer setting indicator lights

All instruments and controls are front mounted for easy visibility and use.
**DH Series Features**

**Easy to maintain**
- Separate fill and drain ports for ease of desiccant replacement
- Cleanable stainless steel flow diffusers/support screens

**Reliable solid state controller**
- Can be field adjusted for: 10 minute cycle [produces -40°F (-40°C) dew point @ 100°F (38°C) inlet] or 4 minute cycle [produces -100°F (-73°C) dew point @ 100°F (38°C) inlet]
- Includes Purge Economizer Switch - allows purge air reduction when dryer operating at reduced loads
- Test Mode - Allows manual sequencing to verify valve operation
- Optional - Sensatherm® automatic purge saving system

**Accurate purge flow control**
- Adjustable, highly accurate control valve
- Flow always travels through valve in same direction to ensure consistent flow pattern
- Separate control valve and orifice allow indication of purge flow rate

**Safe**
- Pressure relief valves for each tower - mounted after flow diffuser to prevent clogging by desiccant beads
- Heavy duty mufflers for quiet operation - dryers shipped with extra set of inserts - if back pressure increases after start-up, replace inserts - allows start-up of dryers with mufflers in place (Relief valve in mufflers prevents excessive back pressure)
- ASME code constructed (models DH-115 and larger are stamped)
- NEMA 4,4X electrical construction standard

**Durable air control valves for maximum reliability**
- Inlet and purge/repressurization valves
  - Models DH-25 thru DH-260
    - Top-of-the line ASCO pilot operated solenoid valves
  - Models DH-370 and larger
    - Air operated butterfly valves offer high cycle life
      - Resilient elastomeric seats for leak free service
      - Low profile, nickel plated disks offer low pressure drop
      - Stem bushings ensure smooth operation
      - No field lubrication required
      - Repair kits available - can be serviced in field
Actuators

- Pneumatic actuators combine power and durability
  - Double acting rack and pinion uses air power to both open and close valve
  - Dual pistons offer large control area, high torque, rapid response
  - Position indicator shows if valve is open or closed
  - Valves may be operated manually

- Actuators isolated from air stream, can't be contaminated by incoming moisture
- Purge/repressurization valves include a spring assist to hold them closed prior to start-up and upon loss of pressure - protects desiccant bed from outside contamination and allows easy start-up

Opti ons

- Models for higher working pressures
- Models for severe environments, process industries, drilling rigs, etc.

Filtration:

- Prefilters - eliminate solid and liquid contaminants - prolong the life of the desiccant bed
- Afterfilters - remove desiccant dust (filters for 1 and 0.01 micron available)

- Factory mounting of filter packages

Electrics:

- Choice of 120V/1ph/60Hz, 110V/1ph/50Hz, 240V/1ph/60Hz, 220V/1ph/50Hz, 12 VDC, 24 VDC
- NEMA 7 optional (NEMA 4/4X standard)

Instrumentation:

- High dew point alarm
- Dew point monitor

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- Structural steel frame complete with floor stand
- Shipped with full charge of desiccant
- Lifting lugs for ease of transporting
- Optional factory mounting of pre and afterfilters

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Standard models are CSA (Canadian Standards Association) certified, attesting conformity to both CSA standard CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 236 and UL (Underwriters Laboratories) Standard UL 1995.
Sensatherm® automatic purge saving system

• Minimizes purge air usage when operating at reduced loads
• Automatically matches purge air use to the demand on the system

At full load, a tower contains five minutes of drying capacity. At less than full load, the amount of purge air used may be minimized by keeping a tower on line until its full drying capacity is utilized.

For example, at 50% of load a tower is able to stay on line for 10 minutes (instead of the usual 5), at 33% of load, it is able to stay on line for 15 minutes. By doing this, purge air use is matched to the demand on the system - at 50% of load, 50% of the normal purge air is used; at 33% of load, 33% of the normal purge air is used.

Hankison’s patented Sensatherm purge saving system matches purge air use to the demand on the dryer by monitoring the changes in temperature within the desiccant beds. These changes are the result of heat that is released during the drying stage (heat of adsorption) and readsorbed during the regeneration stage. The degree of temperature change is an indirect measure of the water vapor content in the compressed air system and is used to determine the time a tower stays on line during the drying stage.

Advantages:
1. Temperature transducers (thermistors) are used as sensing devices - they are simpler, more reliable, and more rugged than the humidity, pressure, and flow transducers used by others.
2. Sensors used on the Sensatherm® system require no calibration.
3. The system is based on saving the heat of adsorption - towers switch before heat is lost...maximizing purge air efficiency and minimizing the amount of purge air required.

Operation:
1. As Tower II goes off line and begins the regeneration stage, sensor B1 takes a temperature reading.
2. At the end of the regeneration stage, sensor B1 takes another reading.
3. The Sensatherm's microprocessor uses this temperature difference to calculate the temperature rise that will occur during the drying stage as the bed becomes fully loaded.
4. When Tower II returns to the drying stage, sensor B2 takes a reading and begins monitoring the temperature rise.
5. When the calculated temperature rise occurs, indicating that the bed is fully loaded, the processor signals the Tower to go off-line for regeneration.

Features:
• Choice of operating modes
• Two fixed cycle times - 10 minute cycle for -40°F (-40°C) outlet dew point or 4 minute cycle for -100°F (-73°C) outlet dew point
• Choice of -40°F, 0°F, or +40°F (-40°C, -17.8°C or + 4.4°C) outlet dew point in the demand mode
• Tower Status Lights
• Demand meter - indicates average demand on the dryer
• Alarms for switching or temperature probe failure
• Diagnostic mode - A complete maintenance tool - permits manual sequencing through dryer operation to verify condition of valves and temperature probes
Prefilter/Afterfilter packages

Hankison integrally mounted pre-filter/afterfilter packages include a high efficiency oil removal filter piped to the inlet of the dryer and a one micron particulate filter piped to the outlet of the dryer.

**Prefilter**

A Hankison coalescing type oil removal filter prefilter the inlet air and protects the desiccant bed from oil contamination.

- Removes particles to 0.01 micron for virtually oil free air
- Patented design maintains high oil removal efficiency for the life of the element
- Includes automatic condensate drain and differential pressure gauge

**Afterfilter**

Hankison one micron filter prevents desiccant dust (fines) from traveling downstream

- Removes 100% of all solid particles one micron and larger
- Two in-depth filter beds offer superior performance and extended element life
- Includes differential pressure gauge

Basic packages include:

- **Package 1** - Prefilter and afterfilter mounted to dryer with interconnecting piping
  - Basic package diagram

- **Package 2** - Prefilter and afterfilter mounted to dryer with interconnecting piping and three valve system block and by-pass
  - Package 2 diagram

- **Package 3** - Prefilter and afterfilter mounted to dryer with interconnecting piping, individual block and by-pass for each filter, and three valve system block and by-pass
  - Package 3 diagram
## Specifications

### Table 1

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*Available with NPT or BSP threads

Dimensions and weights are for reference only. Request certified drawings for construction purposes.

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Inlet, purge and outlet flows

Inlet flow

Inlet flows are established in accordance with CAGI (Compressed Air and Gas Institute) standard ADF-200: Dual Stage Regenerative Desiccant Compressed Air Dryers - Methods for Testing and Rating. Conditions for rating dryers are: inlet pressure - 100 psig (7 kgf/cm²); inlet temperature - saturated at 100°F (38°C).

To determine inlet flow at pressures other than 100 psig (7 kgf/cm²) - multiply inlet flow @ 100 psig (7 kgf/cm²) from Table 1 by the multiplier that corresponds to your operating pressure from Table 2.

Average purge flow rate

Average purge flow rate is the amount of purge air used during the regeneration portion of the purge cycle (purge/repressurization valve open) plus the volume of air used to repressurize the tower after the purge/repressurization valve closes averaged over the cycle time. At 100 psig (7 kgf/cm²), the average purge flow rate is: 14.4% (13.7% for regeneration + 0.7% for repressurization) of rated inlet flow for dryers operating on a 10 minute cycle; 15.5% (13.7% for regeneration + 1.8% for repressurization) for dryers operating on a 4 minute cycle.

Outlet flow

To determine flow of air available at outlet of dryer, subtract purge flow from inlet flow.

Electrics

Available voltages

120V/1ph/60Hz, 110V/1ph/50Hz
240V/1ph/60Hz, 220V/1ph/50Hz
12VDC, 24VDC

NEMA 4, 4X standard, NEMA 7 available

Maximum working pressure

150 psig (10.5 kgf/cm²) standard
250 psig (17.6 kgf/cm²) optional

Units for higher maximum working pressures are available; contact factory.

Minimum operating pressure

150 psig (10.5 kgf/cm²)
MWP models
60 psig (4.2 kgf/cm²) on a 10 min cycle
80 psig (5.6 kgf/cm²) on a 4 min cycle
250 psig (17.6 kgf/cm²) on a 10 min cycle
250 psig (17.6 kgf/cm²) on a 4 min cycle

For lower pressures contact factory.

Maximum inlet air or ambient air temperature: 120°F (49°C)

Pressure drop at rated flow: 3 psi (0.21 kgf/cm²)
Hankison® products are lowering operating costs, reducing downtime, and helping to ensure product quality by providing cool, clean, dry compressed air in thousands of installations throughout the world.

Hankison products can be found in large and small manufacturing plants, in a variety of installations such as steel and textile mills, automotive and appliance assembly plants, and food, chemical and petroleum processing facilities. They can also be found supplying clean, dry air in mines, hospitals and ships. Hankison small refrigerated dryers are the standard in the HVAC industry. Wherever compressed air is used, Hankison air treatment equipment can improve air system productivity.

Since 1948, Hankison has invested in new product development and modern manufacturing techniques and equipment. These efforts have resulted in innovative products and in the ability to manufacture to the highest standards.

Hankison International offers you not only products “designed for performance and built to last”...but technical assistance before the sale...ensuring that the right products are selected...and service support after the sale...allowing years of trouble-free operation.

Excellence in Design

Excellence in Manufacturing

Service Excellence

Production Facilities

• Washington, PA
• Newport, NC
• Dallas, TX
• Moers, Germany
• Seoul, Korea