Variable Refrigerant Flow: A Benefit to Your Facility

An introduction to VRF technology and exploration of its impact on energy, maintenance and operating costs





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VRF Technology Overview

What is VRF Technology?

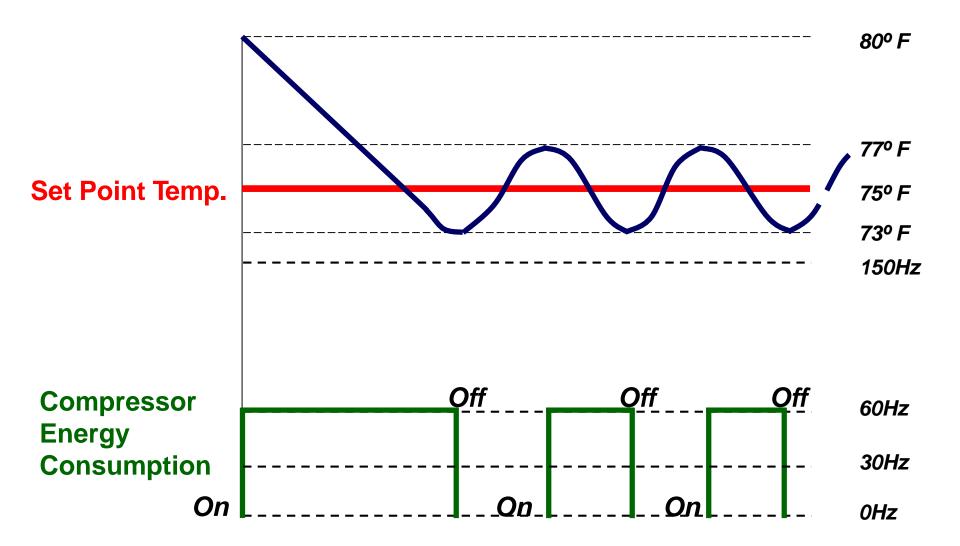


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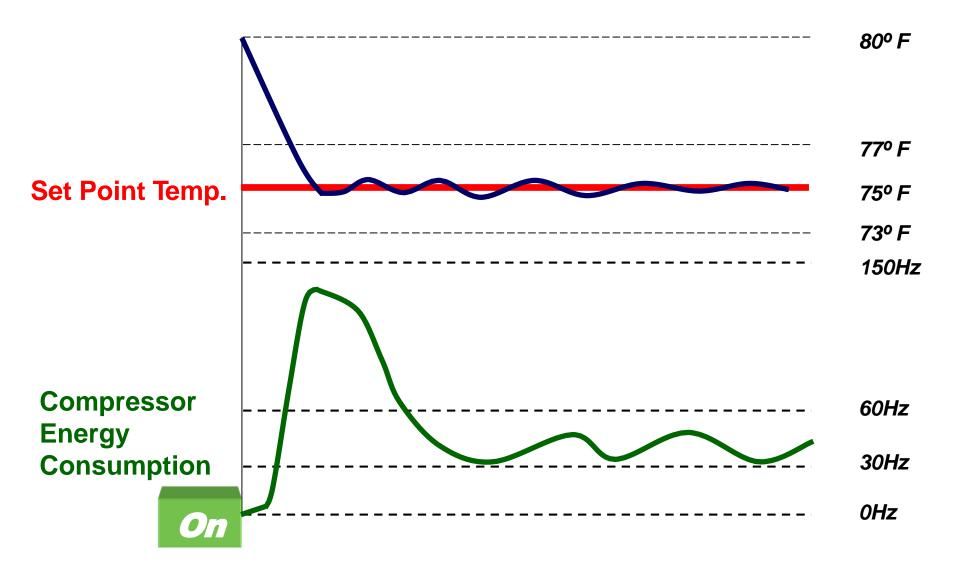
• Zoning - Moving refrigerant rather than air:

- Variable capacity outdoor unit connected to multiple variable capacity indoor units (of differing capacities & configurations)
- Up to 50 indoor units per system
- From 50 to 150% connected capacity
- Inverter-driven compressors:
 - Modulate to match building load down to 4% capacity)
- Heat pump technology:
 - Cooling and heating only to rooms that require it

Traditional Compressor



INVERTER-driven Compressor

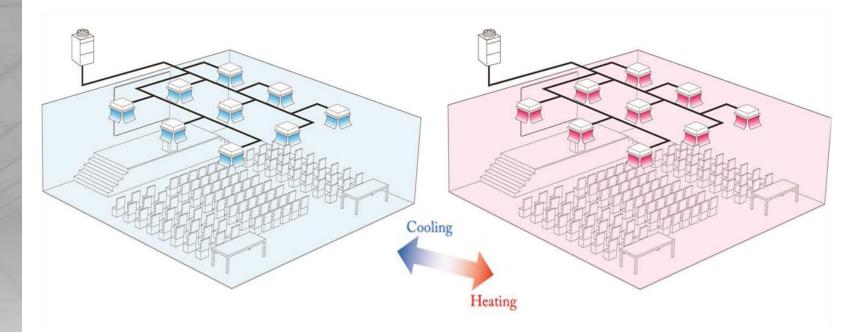


Inverter Compressor Advantage

Features	Benefits
Accelerated cooling, heating performance	-Temperature setpoint reached faster
Smooth, modulated frequency for temperature maintenance	-Comfortable indoor climate consistently maintained -Sizing flexibility
Low rotation speed at start-up keeps power current minimal	 -No inrush current typical of conventional HVAC -Eliminates power spikes that can affect appliances, cause energy spikes
Higher rotation speed during cold ambient conditions generates higher head pressure, discharge gas temperature	-Generates greater heating performance
No ON/OFF as in conventional systems	-Reduces compressor cycling -Longer run times - energy used more effectively, greater life expectancy

VRF System Components

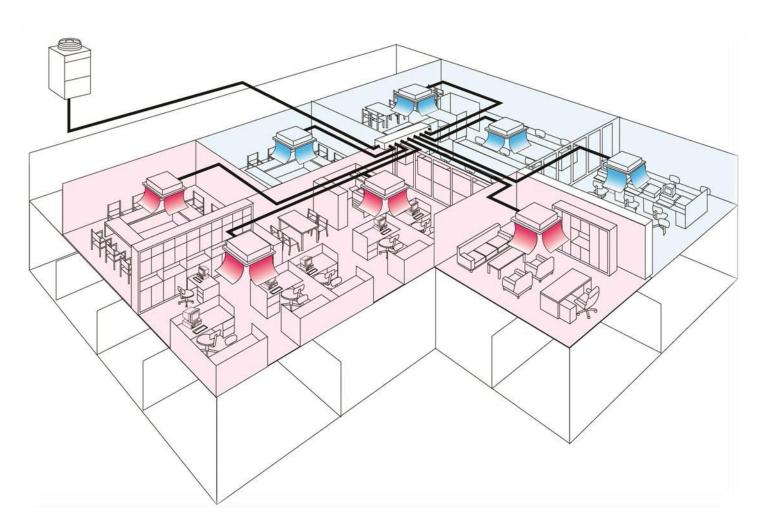
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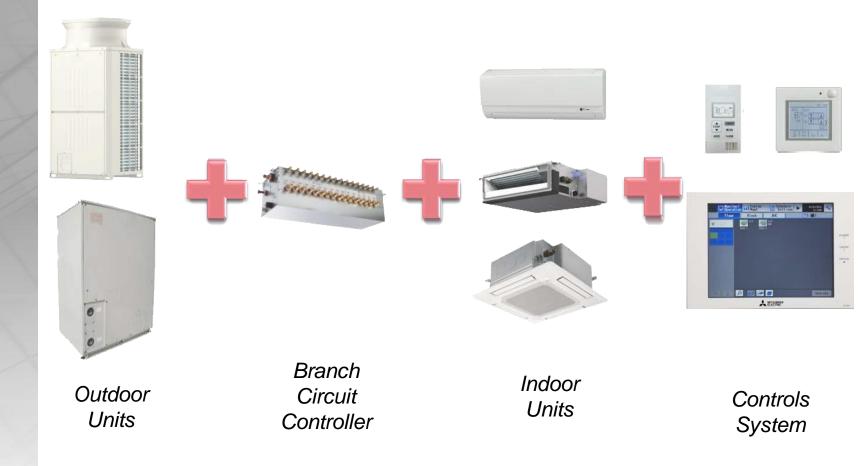


VRF Technology — Heat Recovery System



Simultaneous cooling and heating

Typical Heat Recovery System

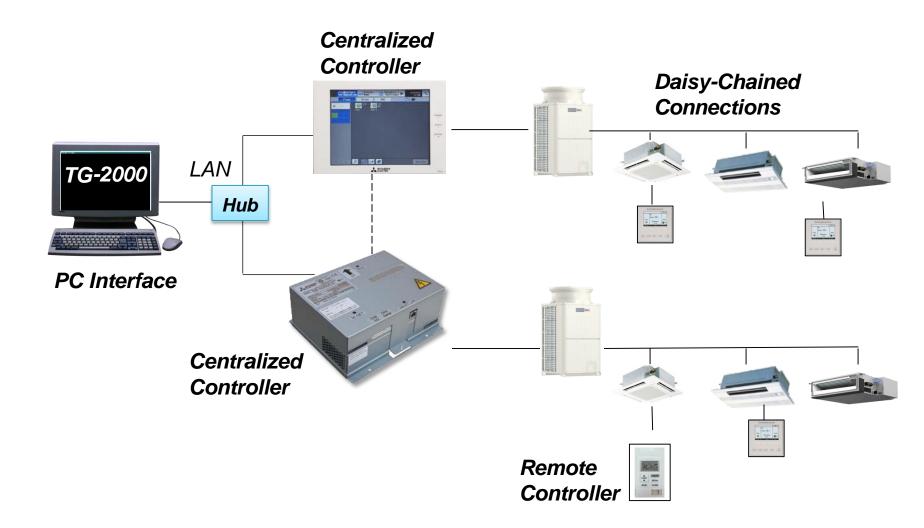


VRF Integrated Controls



- Manufactured by Mitsubishi
- Easy to install and operate
- 2-wire DDC (Direct Control) system
 - 16 ga. stranded and shielded, non-polar
 - Daisy-chain connection
- Customizable control scheme with web access
- Individual room controls
- Color touch screen centralized control
- Integration into building management system via BACnet[®] and Lonworks[®]
- Third-party equipment control
- Tenant billing capability
- Front end capability w/ full graphics

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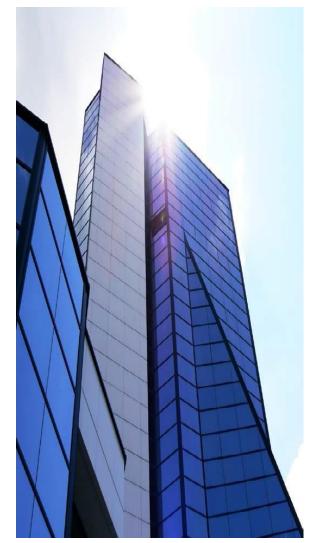
- Centralized Control of up to 50 Indoor Units
- Campus software controls up to 40 Centralized Controllers = 2,000 Indoor Units

VRF Design Considerations & System Advantages

Diversity

• Time of Day

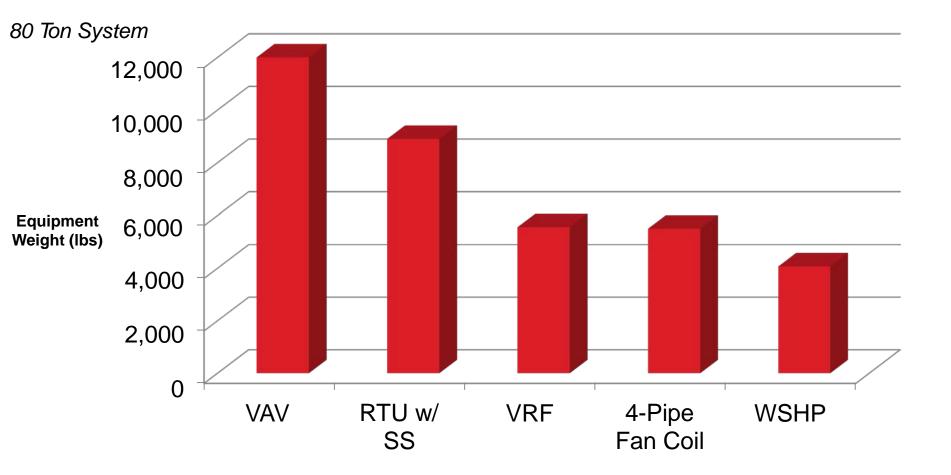
- VRF can distribute cooling and heating capacity to keep up with changing solar loads
- Occupancy
 - As people move throughout a building, VRF can always keep them comfortable
 - Adapts to various building uses
- Cooling and Heating
 - VRF can cool and heat simultaneously



Weight Reduction = Structural Reduction



Rooftop Equipment Weight



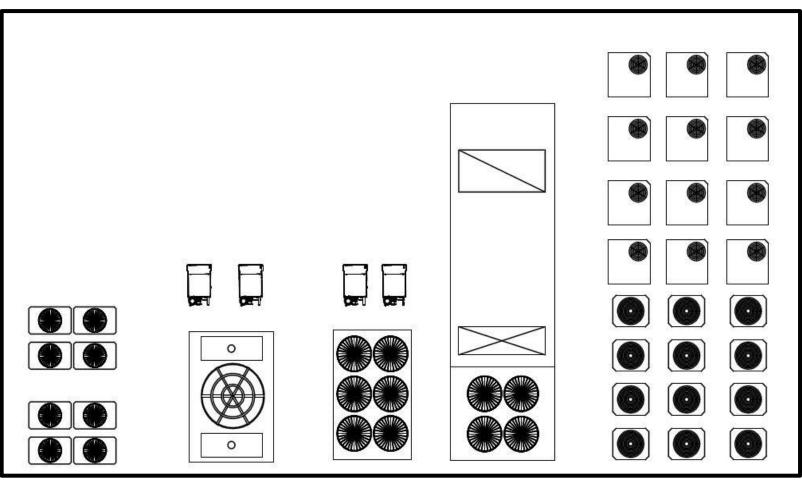
VRF Equipment Weight Savings

- Average equipment weight per ton for VRF is 70 lbs per ton (outdoor unit only)
- Average equipment weight per ton for water-cooled chiller is 101 lbs./ton

31% reduction in equipment weight

Reduced Roof Space

80 Ton System



VRF

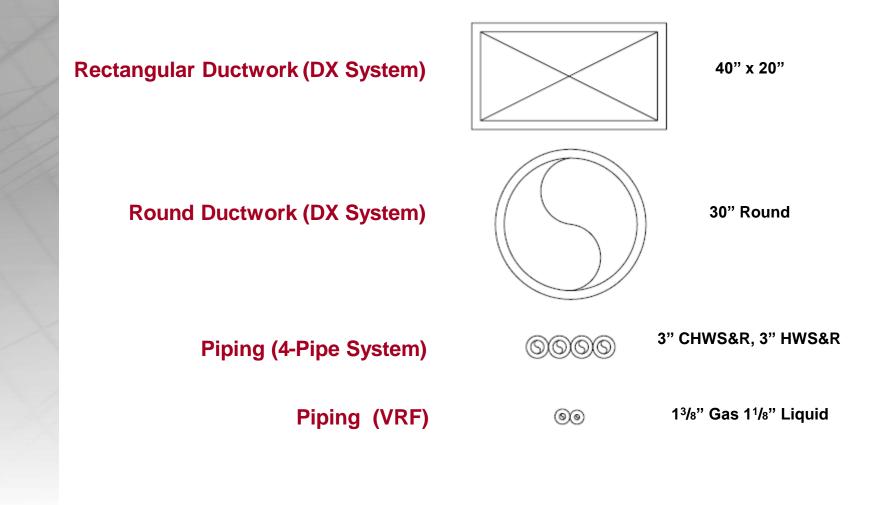
WSHP

4-Pipe/AC VAV RTU

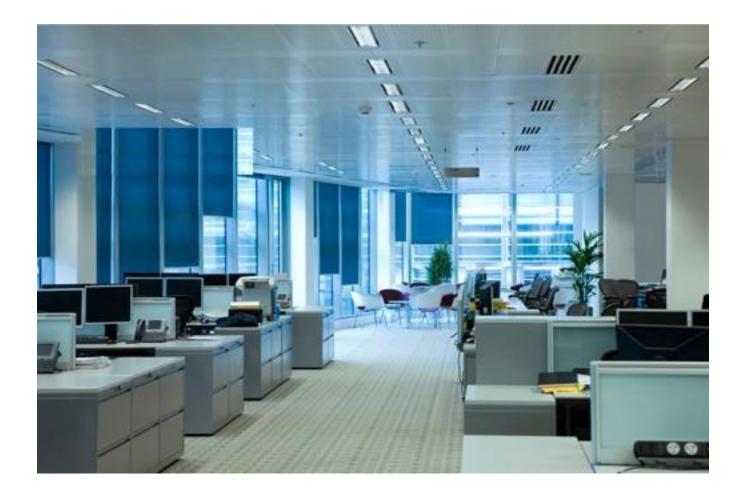
RTU's / SS's

Ceiling/Wall/Chase Space Savings

Space Required to Deliver 20 tons of Cooling



VRF Frees Up Plenum Space



Reduced Mechanical Space



- Traditional systems require space for pumps, boilers, chillers, ducts, piping, heat exchangers
- VRF offers efficiency without requiring the space

VRF Installation Flexibility



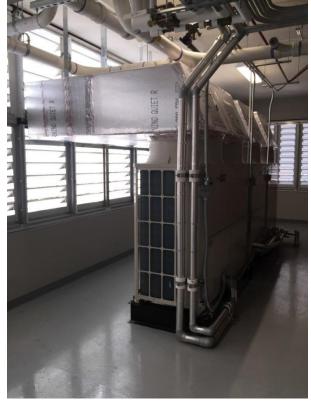
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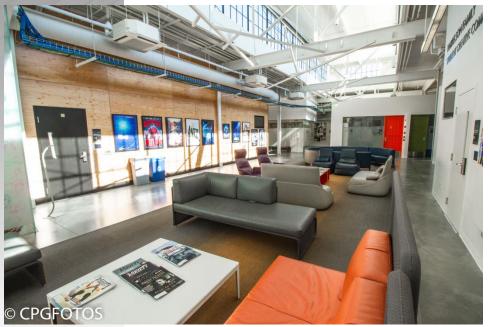






VRF Installation Flexibility









Efficiency

System Type	Roof Top Units	Air-Cooled Chiller	Mitsubishi Electric Air Source VRF	Mitsubishi Electric Water- Source VRF
IEER	12.4	-	27.4	25.7
EER	11.0	10.3	12.2	13.8
IPLV	-	14.2	-	-
SCHE	-	-	26.8	20

Indoor Comfort Flexibility













Ceiling-suspended Unit



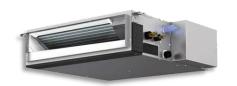
Floor-standing Unit

Indoor Comfort Flexibility









Medium Static Ducted Unit





Low Profile Ducted Unit



High Static Ducted Unit



Vertical Ducted Unit

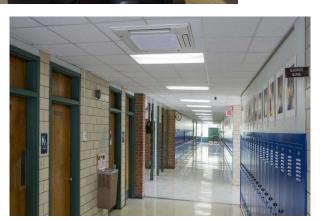
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1-way Cassette







4-way Small Cassette



4-way Large Cassette

Outside Air Considerations



PremiSys







Lossnay ERV

- Designed to handle 100% outdoor air with optional energy recovery
- Offer premium features ideal for handling ventilation air in variable refrigerant flow (VRF) applications.
- Models MP and MPE (with energy recovery) are pre-engineered to provide semi-custom flexibility while maintaining the quality, consistency, and value of a standardized product.
- MPF models offer a split system version of this rooftop ventilation product and are connected to CITY MULTI Y-Series outdoor units.

Ducted fan coil for 100% outside air applications

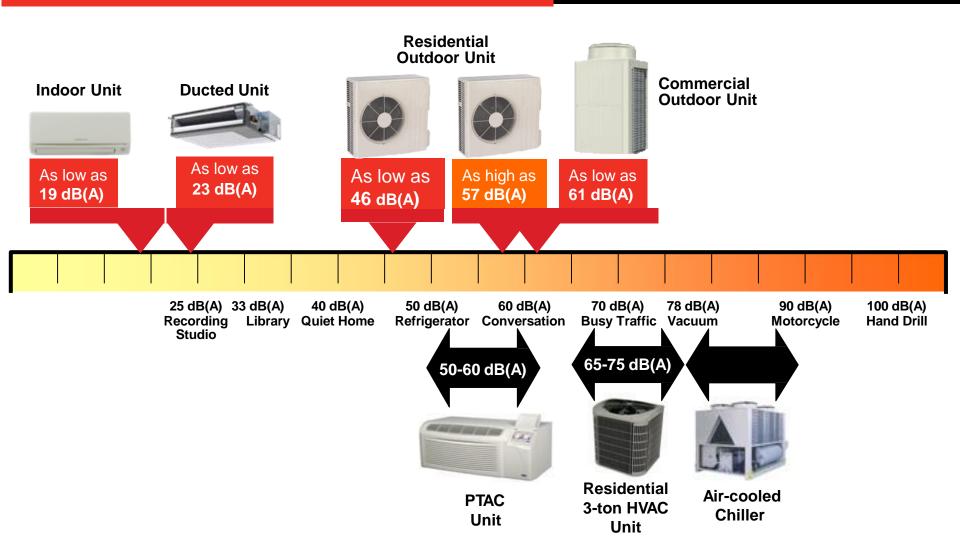
- Discharge air temperature control
- Compatibale with Y and R2-Series outdoor units
- Can be used in conjunction with standard indoor units
- Three modes of operation: cooling, heating, and fan only
- Three fan speed settings
- Dual set point functionality*
- Built-in condensate lift; lifts to 27-9/16" (700 mm)
- Lossnay[®] cross-flow energy recovery core
- Minimal cross contamination (<1% overall) between entering and leaving air streams
- Stand-alone control
- M-NET
- External input bypass damper control
- Stand alone or interlocks with all Mitsubishi product.

Coastal Considerations



What Does QUIET Sound Like?

How QUIET are VRF Systems?



Re-Cap: Benefits of VRF Systems

- Space Utilization
 - Installation flexibility to meet building space requirements
 - Minimal impact to existing building architecture and structure
 - Reduced ceiling, roof & equipment room space
 - Smaller electrical service
 - Ease of installation
 - Unitary equipment applied system
 - Integral controls
 - Factory contractor training
- Energy Savings

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- Inverter compressor Meets building load
- Minimal/no waste heat
- Occupant Comfort
 - Individual comfort control flexibility to meet the needs of any space
 - Quiet operation
- Factory Software
 - Reduces design time (sizes refrigerant lines, calculates needed refrigerant)
 - Detailed schematic aides in installation
 - Maintenance software ease of troubleshooting/reduces downtime
- Reduced Maintenance Time

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S-SERIES INSTALLATION ESSENTIALS			
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ADVANCED CITY MULTI SERVICE			

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INSTALLATION ESSENTIALS (DAY 1)	Ł	COURSE DESCRIPTION
SERVICE ESSENTIALS (DAY 2)	Ł	COURSE DESCRIPTION
INSTALLATION & SERVICE ESSENTIALS Includes Day 1 and Day 2		
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