

# APR Control

- Continuously Matches AC System Capacity to Changing Loads
- Eliminates Problems of Excess Capacity



# The APR Control Solves



The APR Control provides more consistent temperature and humidity control.

These graphs show actual temperature and humidity readings from two rooms with identical load characteristics at the Sheraton World Resort, Orlando, FL. Both rooms had identical GE 9,000 BTU/hour DX PTAC units. One unit was fitted with an APR Control; the other was not.

## AC Systems Have Overcapacity by Design

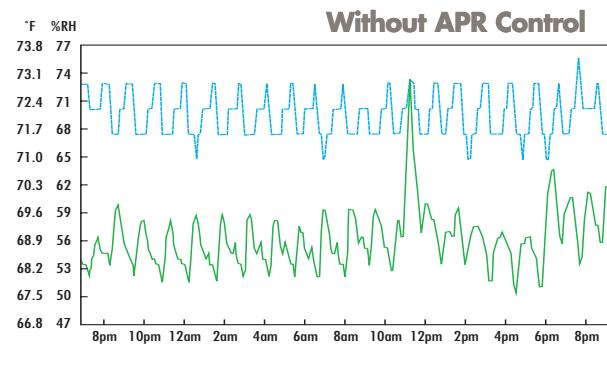
AC systems are typically designed using a "design day," a set of maximum load assumptions. These assumptions — a sunny, 95°F day with high relative humidity and maximum building occupancy — are, in most cases, more extreme than actual conditions. As a result, most AC systems have excess capacity for more than 50 weeks a year.

## Most AC Systems Offer Only ON/OFF Control

Most direct expansion air conditioning systems offer very little in terms of capacity control; they are either running at full capacity or they're off. Unfortunately, for most days of the year this lack of subtlety leads to excessive compressor cycling and other nagging problems.

## Poor Capacity Control Leads to Humidity, Compressor Cycling, and Service Problems

For roughly 50 weeks each year, an AC system runs at full capacity until the space reaches the desired thermostat temperature and then shuts off. While it's off, humidity levels in the building increase, causing occupants to feel uncomfortable even though temperatures are within the desired range. This problem is exacerbated on cloudy - muggy days with moderate temperatures when frequent ON/OFF cycling causes excessive wear-and-tear on the system's compressor and increased downtime and service. And, because the temperature of the air crossing the evaporator coils is too low, they often ice up, leading to liquid slugging and other system failures.



# Most Common AC System Problems

## The APR Control Automatically Matches System Capacity to Changing Loads

Installing an APR Control is like giving your AC system a brain. It continuously modulates system capacity, automatically matching it to reduced or changing loads. The APR Control responds quickly to changing load conditions by monitoring the heat content of return air and adjusting refrigerant flow. As a result, it maintains the AC in dehumidifying mode while providing close temperature control.

*With reduced humidity levels, the space feels more comfortable to occupants, allowing higher thermostat settings and lower energy costs.*

## Improves System Performance, Reduces Service Costs

The APR Control:

- Improves humidity control, reducing humidity levels without overcooling the space
- Reduces compressor cycling, thereby reducing wear-and-tear on the compressor, energy costs, and repair costs
- Prevents coil icing or liquid slugging, even if a filter is clogged or a belt is malfunctioning
- Reduces system maintenance and repair costs, and eliminates repeated service calls for the same problem
- Outperforms hot-gas bypass
- Automatically compensates for inaccurate design data/assumptions or changes in load

## Outperforms End-Type Controls

Because the APR control responds instantly to the heat content of return air, it outperforms end-type controls such as thermostats and humidistats.

## Simplifies System Renovations

The APR Control has been successfully used to improve comfort and system performance in a wide range of renovation applications involving oversized RTUs, undersized ductwork, system expansions, and building layout/use changes that resulted in dramatic load shifts or widely varying loads.

## Compensates for Efficiency Differences in Old and New Equipment

The APR Control effectively compensates for reduced suction pressures that result when new high efficiency systems (with oversized condenser units) are used with older lower efficiency evaporators.

## Reduces Variability of Make-Up Air

In high-percentage make-up air systems (25% ~100%), cooling/dehumidifying loads can vary widely. By keeping the system online longer, the APR Control reduces the cycling caused by wide variations in the temperature and humidity of make-up air. In addition, by reducing the variation in make-up air, the APR Control improves compliance with ASHRAE ventilation standard 62-1989.

## Reduces or Eliminates Reheat

The APR Control can also significantly reduce or, in some cases, eliminate reheat. Since reheat typically accounts for 30% ~ 50% of the operating cost of AC systems, the APR pays for itself in months.

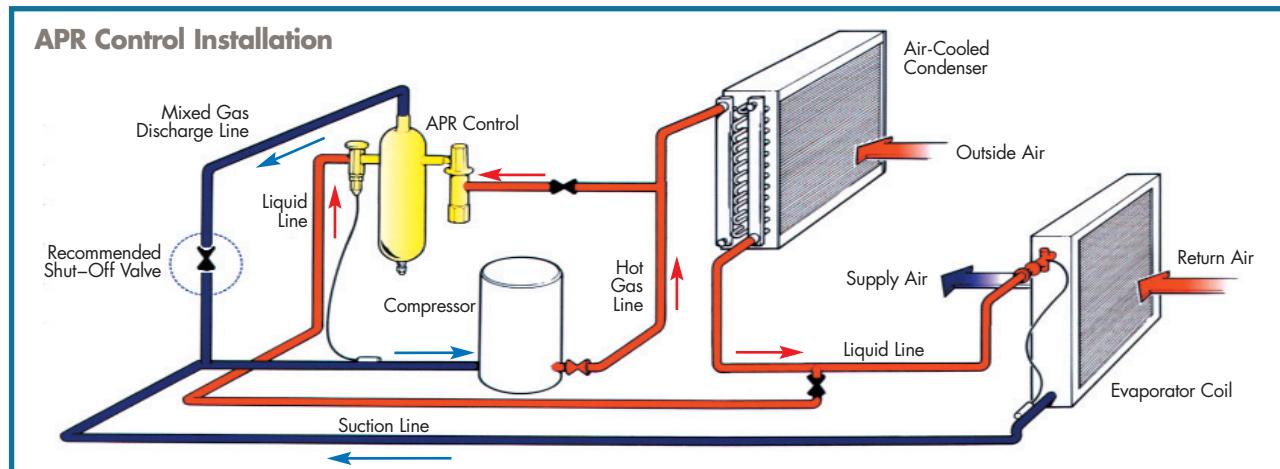
## Reduces the Cost of Piping and Ductwork in Multiple Evaporator Zone Systems

By permitting the control of individual fan coil evaporators using simple thermostatically-activated solenoid valves, the APR Control reduces ductwork and system installation costs. It provides superior performance even for zones that are remotely located, oddly shaped, or have widely varying load conditions. No complicated piping, control wiring, or expensive air-side controls are required.

When sizing pipe for this type of installation, ASHRAE refrigerant piping protocol must be observed. Contact Rawal Devices for technical assistance.

## Approved for Use with New Environmentally Friendly Refrigerants

The new APR Control has been tested and approved for use with new R410-A environmentally friendly refrigerants such as Dupont Puron®.



## Thousands of Satisfied Users

### Facilities

Bayer Pharmaceuticals  
Caterpillar  
Cincinnati Zoo  
Dell Computer  
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Forrest Labs  
GTE  
Hampton Inn  
Jack-in-the-Box  
Kodak  
Langley Air Force Base  
PPG Industries  
St. Louis Public Schools  
Sheraton World Resort  
University of Georgia  
White Castle  
Yale University

*"We have a 35-ton rooftop AC unit on our county library that was grossly oversized and therefore would not dehumidify sufficiently. Books were molding, the space was very uncomfortable, and electric reheat was required. The APR Control we installed has performed wonderfully, maintaining both humidity and temperature without the need for reheat. We are very pleased with the results."*

Keith Chandler, HVAC Department Manager  
WestPoint Stevens Inc.  
Valley, AL

### Engineers

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Consulting Engineering Associates  
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*"After speaking with Rawal Devices technical support a few years ago, I had a number of uses in mind for the APR Control. Since then, I have installed over 100 APRs in a wide range of applications, and I've seen it used in many more. It solves a long list of design and service problems."*

Bob Reichenbach, HVAC Service Manager  
The Warko Group  
Reading, PA

### Contractors

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*"After 2½ years and almost 400 APR Control installations, I have yet to have a single problem. Rawal Devices applications support is top-notch. Both the product and the company are a pleasure to work with."*

Chuck Ruedebusch  
Rollie Johnson, Inc.  
Chesterfield, MO

