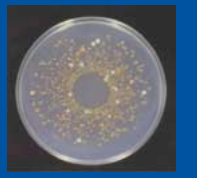
benefits

Indoor air quality is improved through higher ventilation and fresh air make-up rates. These systems also maintain lower humidity levels which help to:

deter dust mites

minimize bacteria



discourage fungus

eradicate mold damage

prevent corrosion

These IAQ features are only part of the broad benefits that help improve health and comfort, as well as reduce energy costs.

tours and workshops

Recognizing the wide range of attendees, the DHC Van offers:

- A 15-minute tour suitable for all visitors
- A 45-minute overview emphasizing the uses and benefits of advanced technologies for decision-makers
- One-hour to one-day workshops tailored to meet end users' needs.

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overview

Desiccant humidity control systems offer significant advantages in many current building applications. Incorporating these technologies into existing and future buildings can reduce energy costs and result in better health, greater comfort, and increased productivity for the building occupants.

The DHC Van has two primary purposes. The first one is to create an awareness of the features and potential benefits of desiccant technologies. By educating the attendee regarding conventional air conditioning history, technologies and limitations and then explaining how the desiccant systems operate, why they are beneficial and how they can be (and are!) of benefit, the attendee can learn a significant amount in a brief time frame.

The second purpose for the DHC Van is to provide an actual experience of the difference that a desiccant system can make to the quality of the air. The design of the structure is divided into two zones, the first using conventional air conditioning technologies and the second using desiccant-based dehumidification. (As the attendees move from Zone 1 to Zone 2, the difference in room temperatures and humidity levels is shown on a visual display for comparison purposes.)

featured stops

Zone 1 - "Over 100 Years of Progress" A brief history of air-conditioning. "Key Issues" Where air-conditioning is today and some of its inherent limitations.

Zone 2 - "Origins of Humidity Control" Where did desiccant based systems come from and why? "21st Century Indoor Air Quality" Why do we need desiccant based systems in our future?

the tour

- Tours range from 15 minutes to one hour
- Please begin the tour in Zone 1 at the history section
- A facilitator will guide your tour through the DHC Van
- Please feel free to ask questions at the end of your tour