

Refrigerated Compressed Air Dryers

FLEX SERIES - ENERGY SAVING SOLUTION





Sustainable Energy Saving Solutions

SPX FLOW is a place where innovation is constant, and the real world needs of our customers are understood. We transform market inspired ideas into actioned solutions enabling our global customers to meet their sustainability goals, and thrive in a complex, ever-changing marketplace.

Utilizing the latest advancements in heat transfer technology, FLEX Series refrigerated dryers offer an innovative approach to efficiently remove liquid contamination from compressed air.

The FLEX Advantage

FLEX Series dryers are designed with 3-in-1 heat exchangers (patent pending) and a phase change material (PCM) encapsulated between the refrigeration and compressed air circuits, serving as a highly effective reservoir for thermal storage.

The PCM possesses high latent heat properties which enables it to melt or freeze at a constant temperature. The phase change material will absorb heat from warm, moisture laden compressed air without a significant rise in temperature.

The phase change material stays colder for longer periods of time, cycling the refrigerant compressor less often than conventional energy saving designs.



Energy Saving Sustainability

The FLEX Series lowers air system power costs and improves productivity by matching power consumption to compressed air demand.

In a typical manufacturing facility, up to 30% of electricity consumed is for generating and treating compressed air. To reduce total cost of operation and qualify for utility company incentive programs, proper air treatment equipment selection and application is required.

LOAD MATCHING PERFORMANCE

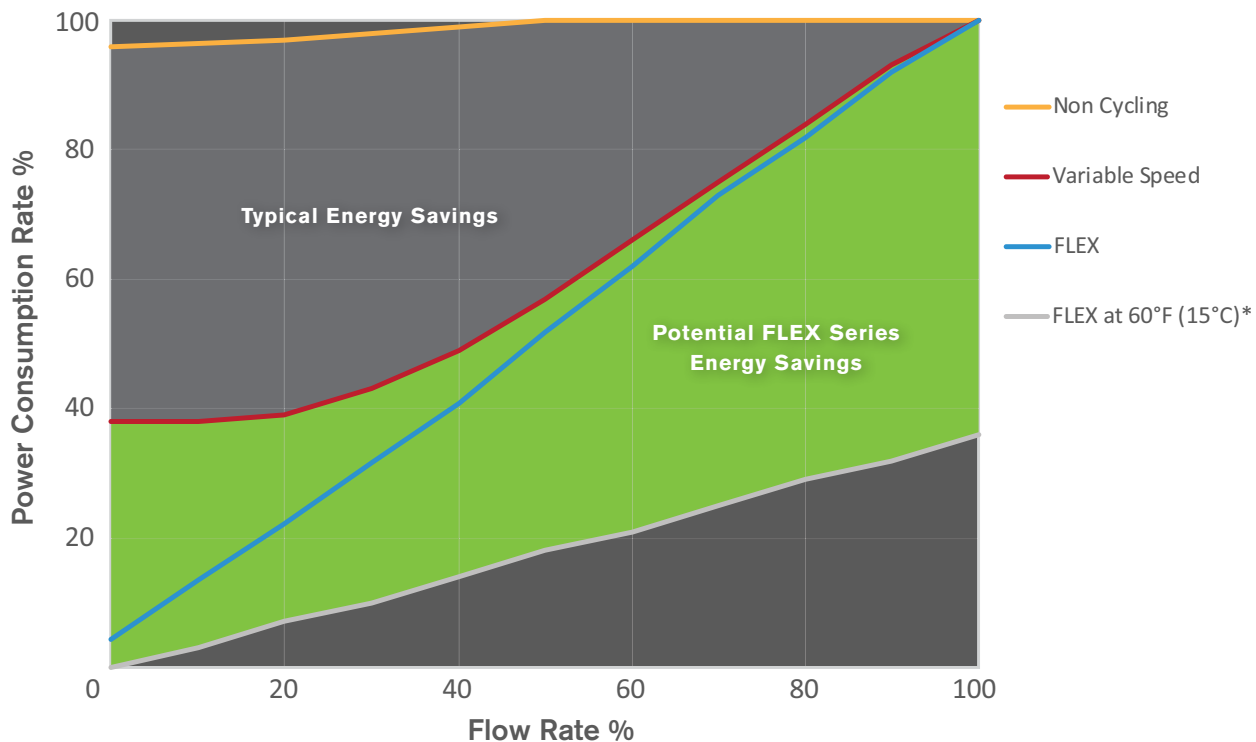
Compressed air load profiles in most manufacturing facilities fluctuate. The FLEX Series provides cost-effective energy savings by matching electrical power consumed in direct proportion to air demand. Linear load matching is achieved from 0% up to 100% demand.

Non-cycling dryers operate with the refrigeration compressor running continuously, regardless of inlet load conditions. Minimal energy savings are realized from 100% down to 0% inlet air load.

LINEAR ENERGY SAVINGS

FLEX Series dryers automatically cycle (on /off) the refrigeration compressor in response to inlet load conditions. As the inlet air load is reduced, the power requirement to dry the air is matched in proportion to the demand. For example, at 60% inlet air load, a non-cycling dryer consumes 96% of the full load power consumption, a 4% energy savings. By comparison, at 60% inlet air load, the FLEX Series consumes only 60 % of the full load power, a 40% energy savings.

ENERGY SAVINGS COMPARISON



Dryers are rated in accordance to ISO 7183 standard rating conditions A2. (38°C / 100°F ambient)

* FLEX Series also shown at an ambient temperature of 60°F (15°C)

Note: The power consumption data set forth above for non cycling dryers and variable speed dryers was obtained from an article titled "Cycling Refrigerated Dryers – Are Savings Significant?" published in Compressed Air Best Practices in November 2011. The power consumption data set forth above for the FLEX dryer is based on laboratory testing performed on a DFX 1.2 model dryer. We expect that power consumption data between non cycling, variable speed and the FLEX dryer would be consistent regardless of the size of the dryer.

Better by Design

FLEX SERIES 75 TO 550 SCFM

The FLEX Series is the ideal solution to reliably and economically dry compressed air. The innovative technology does not require a recirculating pump and associated piping. This results in a simpler, more energy efficient design.

① Stainless steel brazed plate 3-in-1 heat exchanger (patent pending), with phase change material reservoir

- The PCM thermal reservoir operates at a precise temperature to deliver a stable pressure dew point.
- Smooth, non-fouling stainless steel surfaces promote low resistance to flow, optimizing air system efficiency

② No-air-loss, demand drain efficiently removes condensate without loss of compressed air

- Condensate drain lines terminate at discharge connections conveniently located on the side of the dryer
- Failure to discharge alarm on the operator interface enhances system reliability

③ High efficiency, up-flow aluminum air-cooled condenser

- Pulls ambient air through the condenser and releases out the top of the dryer
- Provides cooler condensing air and greater efficiency

④ Reliable, semi-hermetic refrigerant compressors

- Environmentally friendly, globally accepted refrigerants
- Rugged design, for long-term operation



Controllers, with LCD display provide ease of monitoring and operating status

- ⑤ DFX 1.1 – DFX 1.2 – Energy saving (%), dryer operating time, refrigeration compressor operating time, active fault message and dew point status



- ⑥ DFX 1.5 – DFX 5.5 – Energy saving (%), dryer operating time, refrigeration compressor operating time, active fault message dew point status, and
- USB connection port to download operating data and upgrade firmware
 - Remote monitoring capability- RS485 communications port



International Air Quality Class Standards

ISO 8573-1 AIR QUALITY STANDARD

ISO 8573-1, the international standard for compressed air quality, defines the amount of contamination permissible in compressed air.

The ISO standard identifies three primary forms of contamination in compressed air systems – solid particles, water and oil. Contaminants are classified and assigned a quality class, ranging from Class 0, the highest purity level, to Class 6, the most relaxed.

As an extra measure of protection, Deltech will provide additional coverage beyond the standard 2-year warranty. **Purchase a dryer with Filtration Package and receive 3 years of protection, parts and labor. All major components are covered.**



FLEX Series refrigerated air dryers offer the perfect balance between technology and simplicity to dry compressed air systems to ISO 8573-1 Air Quality Class 4-5 pressure dew points.



OPTION PRE-FILTRATION

300 series – P3 grade filtration – removes solid and oil contaminants from the air stream before entering the dryer.

ISO Air Quality Class:

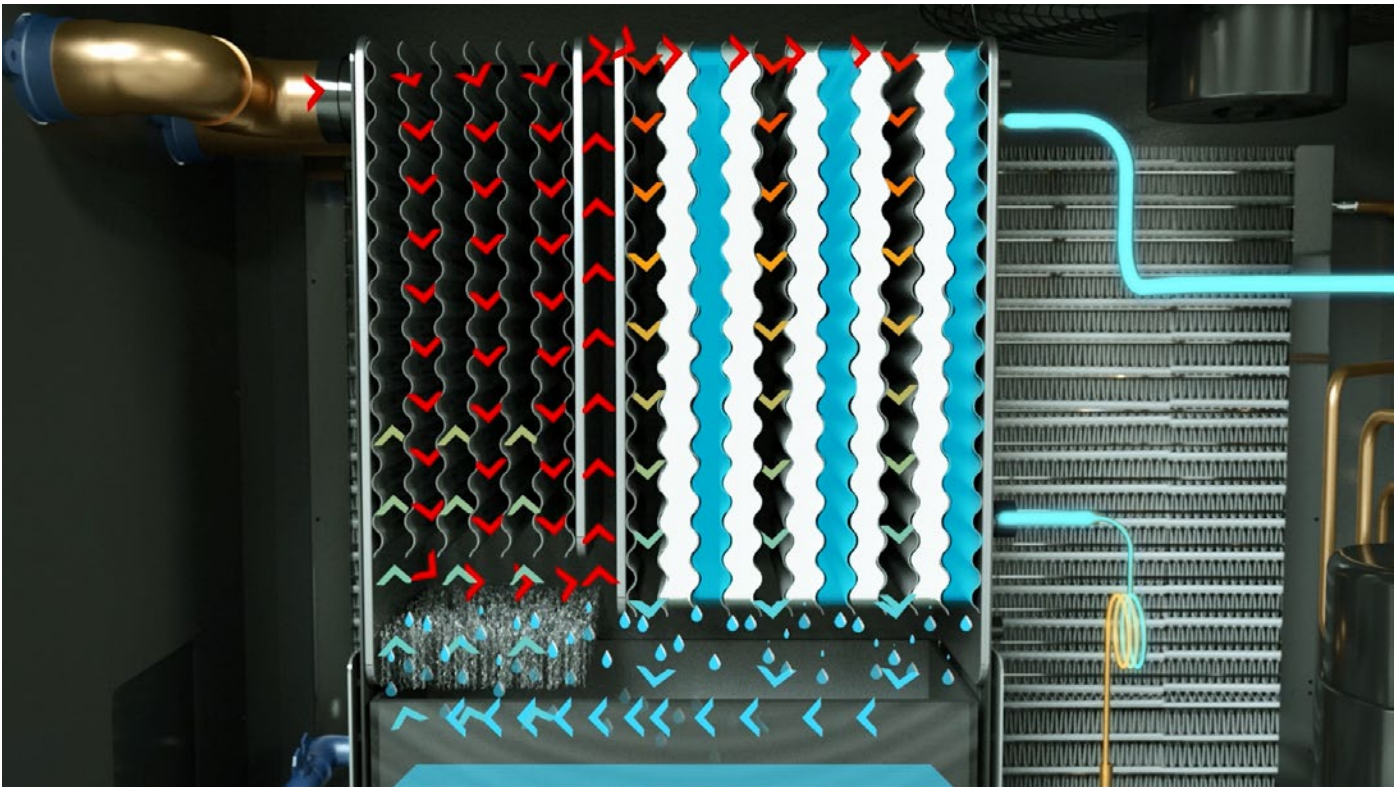
- Solids – Class 2
- Remaining Oil – Class 4
- Removes solids 1.0 micron and larger
- Remaining oil content 2.0. mg/m³

OPTION AFTER-FILTRATION

300 series – H3 grade filtration – provides high efficiency oil removal protecting downstream equipment.

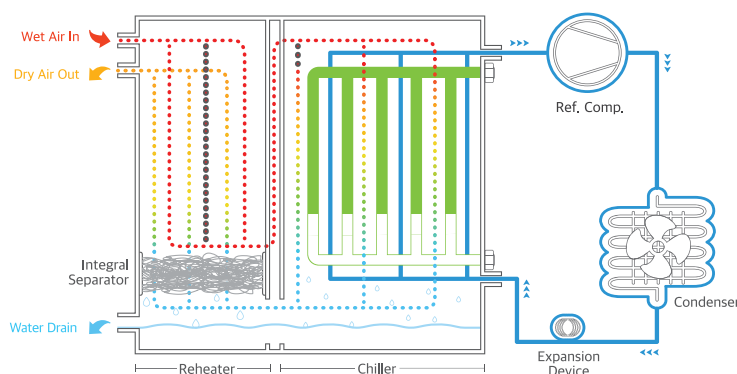
ISO Air Quality Class:

- Solids – Class 1
- Remaining Oil – Class 1
- Removes 99.999+% of solids ≥ 0.01 micron
- Remaining oil content < 0.01 mg/m³



How It Works

1. The FLEX Series utilizes a phase change (PCM) heat transfer medium between the refrigeration and compressed air circuits that serves as a reservoir for thermal storage.
2. The thermal reservoir is comprised of a 3-in-1 heat exchanger (patent pending) filled with a phase change material that efficiently transfers heat energy through a "change of state".
 - Phase Change: changing from liquid to solid back to liquid in a continuous cycle.
3. The refrigeration circuit operates to cool down the PCM until it forms into a solid at which time the refrigeration system cycles off.
4. As the compressed air enters the PCM to air section of the heat exchanger, the PCM media absorbs heat for the airstream and begins to melt the PCM media at a constant temperature.
5. When most of the PCM media has turned to liquid the refrigeration system cycles on to again cool down the PCM media turning it back into a solid.
6. This cycle repeats as required to meet the corresponding compressed air load on the FLEX dryer.



Product Specifications

DRYER MODEL	INLET FLOW		PRESSURE DROP PSI	VOLTAGES	INLET/OUTLET CONNECTIONS IN	OPERATING POWER KW	DIMENSIONS						APPROX WEIGHT	
	SCFM	NM³/H					H		W		D		LB	KG
	IN	MM	IN	MM	IN	MM								
DFX 1.1	75	127	2.9	115/1/60	NPT 1"	0.54	30	751	14	363	24	603	120	54.5
DFX 1.2	100	170	3.0	115/1/60	NPT 1"	0.62	28	711	14	363	31	781	147	66.5
DFX 1.5	150	255	3.6	230/1/60	NPT 2"	0.85	30	761	17	443	36	901	189	85.5
DFX 2.1	200	340	2.2	230/1/60	NPT 2"	1.32	30	761	18	443	38	961	217	98.5
DFX 3.1	300	509	3.6	460/3/60	NPT 2"	1.99	36	911	19	493	44	1111	324	147
DFX 4.1	400	680	2.5	230/1/60	NPT 2"	2.54	36	911	19	493	44	1111	335	152
DFX 4.5	450	765	3.0	460/3/60	NPT 2"	3.23	41	1032	20	494	49	1253	366	166
DFX 5.5	550	935	3.0	460/3/60	NPT 2"	3.42	41	1032	20	494	49	1253	396	180

Performance data presented in accordance with ISO 7183 (Option A2) conditions: 100°F inlet temperature, 100°F ambient temperature and 100 psig conditions.

Capacity Correction Factors

To adjust the dryer capacity for non-standard conditions, use the Capacity Correction Factors (multipliers) from Tables 1, 2 & 3.

Table 1 - Inlet Air Pressure

INLET AIR PRESSURE	75 PSIG 5.2 BAR	100 PSIG 6.9 BAR	120 PSIG 8.3 BAR	150 PSIG 10.3 BAR	225 PSIG 15.5 BAR
Multiplier	0.86	1.00	1.04	1.09	1.15

Table 2 - Inlet Air Temperature

INLET AIR TEMPERATURE	80°F/27°C	90°F/32°C	100°F/38°C	110°F/43°C	120°F/49°C
Multiplier	1.12	1.06	1.00	0.83	0.68

Table 3 - Ambient Air Temperature

AMBIENT AIR TEMPERATURE	80°F/27°C	90°F/32°C	100°F/38°C	110°F/43°C	120°F/49°C
Multiplier	1.46	1.23	1.00	0.82	0.68

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75 to 550 SCFM (127-935 M³/H)



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