

Energy Efficiency Tips for Large Commercial and Industrial Facilities





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Reducing Energy & Energy Costs

- There are 4 basic steps to maximizing energy and cost savings:
 - -Identify your goal
 - -Identify your acceptable rate of return
 - -Understand your utility rate structures
 - Identify your greatest areas for savings
 - Largest energy users
 - Largest areas of waste or inefficiencies
 - Areas that require little capital costs



Identify Your Goal

- What are you really trying to accomplish?
 - Saving money
 - Saving energy
 - Saving the environment
- How you answer this question will help determine what projects to evaluate.



Identify Your Acceptable Rate of Return on Projects

How you answer this question will help determine what projects to actually commit budget dollars to.

- Payback
- IRR
- NPV



Understand Your Utility Rates

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Month	Meter Billing		Total	Peak	Electric
	Read	Davs kWh	kWh	ĸw	Service
				Demand	Iotal
July '05	07/28/05	30	230,560	427	\$14,548
August '05	08/30/05	33	252,800	410	\$15,044
September '05	09/29/05	30	225,440	389	\$14,054
October '05	10/28/05	29	189,600	363	\$12,828
November '05	11/30/05	33	162,400	310	\$11,898
December '05	12/30/05	30	127,200	277	\$10,603
January '06	01/27/06	28	154,720	394	\$11,616
February '06	02/28/06	32	189,920	394	\$12,840
March '06	03/30/06	30	187,840	413	\$12,769
April '06	05/01/06	32	250,880	461	\$14,917
May '06	05/30/06	29	237,280	485	\$14,460
June '06	06/28/06	29	279,200	512	\$17,504
Total		365	2,487,840		\$163,081
Peak		33	279,200	512	\$17,504

Average cost per kWh – 7.13. ¢ (accounts for recent fuel increases) Incremental cost per kWh - 4.01¢ Incremental cost per peak kW - \$13.23/mo. Or \$158.76/year Incremental cost reflects the "actual" impact on your bill from reducing peak kW, or kWh e orgia Power's Energy Seminar



Average ¢/kWh Calculation vs. Incremental ¢/kWh

Example: Installation of Occupancy Sensors

Original Peak Ltg. kW - 10 Original Annual Ltg. kWh - 60,000 New Peak Ltg. kW - 10 New Annual Ltg. kWh - 48,000 kWh Savings - 12,000 Avg. ¢/kWh Savings - 7.13¢/kWh x 12000 = \$855.60/yr. Increm. c/kWh Savings – 4.01c/kWh x 12000 = \$481.20/yr. Georgia Power's Energy Seminar



Average ¢/kWh Calculation vs. Incremental ¢/kWh

Example: Lighting Retrofit Original Peak Ltg. kW - 10 Original Annual Ltg. kWh - 60,000 New Peak Ltg. kW – 7 New Annual Ltg. kWh - 42,000 kW Savings - 3 kWh Savings - 18,000 Avg. ¢/kWh Savings – 7.13¢/kWh x 18,000 = \$1283.40/yr. Increm. \$/peak kW Savings - \$158.76 x 3 kW = \$476.28/yr. Increm. ¢/kWh Savings - 4.01¢/kWh x 18,000 = \$/721.80yr. Total Increm. Savings - \$1198.08 (7% less than avg.) Georgia Power's Energy Seminar



Identify Your Greatest Areas for Savings



Lights
Hot Water
Ventilation
Cooling
Heating
Misc.
Office Equip.
Cooking

Typical Office



Lighting Retrofits



4-Foot Fluorescent Fixture Retrofits



Existing: 4 – T12, 34W, with high effic. magnetic ballasts (148 watts) **Retrofit:** 4 – T8, 28W, with electronic ballast (96 watts) Wattage Savings: 52 watts/Fixture **Retrofit Cost: \$59/Fixture Annual Savings @ \$.713/kWh and 4000 Hours = \$14.83** PB = 3.9**Annual Savings @ \$.713/kWh and 6000 Hours = \$22.24** PB = 2.7Annual Savings @ \$.713/kWh and 8000 Hours = \$29.66 PB = 2.0eorgia Power's Energy Seminar G



8-Foot Fluorescent Fixture Retrofits



Existing: 2 – T12, 60W, with high effic. magnetic ballasts (133 watts) **Retrofit:** 4 – T8, 28W, with electronic ballast (96 watts) Wattage Savings: 37 watts/Fixture **Retrofit Cost:** \$60/Fixture Annual Savings @ \$.0713/kWh and 4000 Hours = \$10.55 PB = 5.7PB = 3.8**Annual Savings @ \$.0713/kWh and 6000 Hours = \$15.83** Annual Savings @ \$.0713/kWh and 8000 Hours = \$21.10 PB = 2.8eorgia Power's Energy Seminar G

GE Screw-In Compact Fluorescent



Compared to Incandescent:

8-13X More life Up to 13% more light

7-20X More life Up to 35% more light

5-8X More life Up to 150% more light

3-13X More life Up to 129% more light

Compact Fluorescent now come as dimmable, daylight, and decorative options



65R30/FL

FLE15/R30







Watts: 65 MOL: 5.37 in. Lumens: 725 Life: 2000 Savings (6000hrs, \$.0713/kwh) Cost Payback 15 5.5 in. 720 6000/10000 \$21.39/Yr

\$15 .7 Yr



PB = 1.1

Retro-fit Incandescent EXIT Signs to LED EXIT Signs



Existing: 2 – 20W incandescent lamps (40 watts) Retrofit: LED lamps (3 watts) Wattage Savings: 37 watts/Fixture Retrofit Cost: \$25/Fixture Average Fixture & Lamp Life 25 years Annual Savings @ \$.0713/kWh and 8760 Hours = \$23.11



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High Bay Lighting Retro-fits for 400W HPS or 400W MH

	Orion InteLite				320 Watt Pulse Start
	6 lamp, 32W, T8	4 lamp, 54W, T5	400 Watt HPS	400 Watt MH	w/Electronic Ballast
Annual Operating Hours	6000	6000	6000	6000	6000
Cost per kWh (\$/kWh)	0.0713	0.0713	0.0713	0.0713	0.0713
Cost per Fixture (not including install.)	190	195	0	0	145
Watts/Fix	221	234	465	458	345
Initial Lamp Lumen Output	20358	20000	36000	36000	34000
Avg. % lumen output over life (CU * LLF)	88%	86%	52%	52%	54.00%
Avg. Lumen Output/Fixture	17822	17126	18720	18720	18360
Lumens/Watt	81	73	40	41	53
Life (hours)	20000	20000	24000	20000	20000
Annual Recycling Cost	\$0.45	\$0.30	\$3.90	\$4.68	\$4.68
Annual Lamp Replacement Cost	\$3.60	\$4.80	\$3.75	\$4.50	\$7.50
Annual Lamp Replacement Labor Cost	\$21.60	\$14.40	\$6.25	\$7.50	\$7.50
Annual Energy Cost	\$94.54	\$100.11	\$198.93	\$195.93	\$147.59
Total Annual Costs	\$120.19	\$119.61	\$212.83	\$212.61	\$167.27
NPV w/o taxes (10%, 10 years)	-\$928.53	-\$929.91	-\$1,307.72	-\$1,306.40	-\$1,172.80







320 watt CMH234 watt 4L, T5222 watt 6L, T8GeorgiaPower'sEnergySeminar

Planning to Convert HID to T5 or T8



Instant Start or Program Start?





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IS:

Layouts and Application Are Generally Unchanged
No Occupancy Sensor/Dimming Controls typically Used



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•Occupancy Sensor/Dimming Controls will be used to maximize energy savings by managing light output

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Note: New Retrofit Guidelines May Require Use of Controls

Planning to Convert HID to T5 or T8



Consider Glare/#Restarts?





2005 Energy Policy Act

Under the interim 2005 Energy Policy Act businesses may be eligible for a lighting retrofit tax deduction.



2005 Energy Policy Act

To qualify the following conditions must be met:
The retrofit must be completed prior to 12/31/08.
The retrofit must reduce the watts/sq. ft. by 25% to begin getting credit and by 40% to get the full credit of \$.60/sq. ft. (warehouses must have a 50% reduction).

The retrofit must include bi-level switching per ASHRAE 90.1 (2001).



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Qualifying Lighting Reductions

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Space Type	Watts/sq. ft. required for partial & full deduction			
Warehouse	.6 (100%)			
Manufacturing	1.65 (50%) - 1.32 (100%)			
Office	.98 (50%)78 (100%)			

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2005 Energy Policy Act

100,000 sq. ft. Manufacturing Example

Lighting level after retrofit - 1 watts/sq. ft. (1.32 required for 100%)

% of deduction credit - 100% or \$.60/sq. ft.

Federal Tax Rate - 38%

Tax Savings = .38 x \$.60/sq. ft. x 100,000 sq. ft. = \$22,800



HVAC Opportunities



Chiller Plant Optimization



Energy In The Chiller Plant

- One of the highest energy users in most facilities

- High potential for inefficiency
- High potential for efficiency improvements

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Chiller Plant Optimization

Phase I - Get it running right – back to design conditions

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Common Condenser Inefficiencies

- Non-Condensable gases
- Fouled Condenser Tubes
- High Condenser Water Temp
- Low Condenser Water temp
- Low Condenser Water Flow
- High Condenser Water Flow



Common Evaporator Inefficiencies

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- High Leaving Water Temp
- Low Evap. Temp.
- Low Evap. Press.
- Low Evaporator Water Flow
- High Evaporator Water Flow
- Contaminated Refrigerant
- Low on Charge

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Efficiency Loss Versus Oil Content

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An Example...



System Design Conditions

- Evap. 45 °F Sup, 55 °F Rtn

– Cond. 85 °F LCWT, 95 °F ECWT

Chiller Specifications

- 1000 Ton Chiller
- 20 Years Old
- 0.65 kW/Ton

Utility Cost

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- \$ 0.0401 / kWh
- \$ 158.76 /kW-yr

Performance Impact

– 1.5 % Efficiency Loss for 1 °F Increase in Lift

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Actual 44 °F Sup, 54 °F Rtn Actual 86 °F LCWT, 97 °F ECWT

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Let's Add It Up!

- Condenser water 1 °F High
- Cond. approach 2 °F High
- Evap. setpoint 1 °F Low
- Evap. approach 1 °F High
- Cond. pressure 2 psi High
- Total losses

1.5 %1.5 %3.0 %1.5 %1.5 %6.0 %

15 %

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What's It Worth ?



- Using Equivalent Full Load Calculations: (Tons X kW/Ton) X (\$/kW + \$kWh X EQFL) = Annual Energy Cost
 Optimal Conditions: 1000 X 0.65 X (\$158.60 + \$.0401 X 2500) = \$168,253
- Our Conditions:

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1000 X (0.65 X 1.15) X (\$158.60 + \$.0401 X 2500) = \$193,491

The Excess Operating Expense = \$25,238

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Chiller Plant Optimization

Phase II Get it running better

- design improvements

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Chiller Efficiency Progress

373	Efficiency	Efficiency kW/Ton			
'ear	Average	Good			
977	.84	.75			
980	.72	.68			
990	.65	.62			
991	.64	.61			
992	.63	.59			
993	.63	.55			
995	.61	.52			
997	.60	<.49			

1977 -1997 ... over 50% improvement.

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Chiller Plant Annual Energy Consumption 1995 - Current





Chiller Plant Optimization

Chilled Water Reset Condenser Water Reset Tower Fan Optimization Chiller Load Matching Condensing Pump Optimization Chilled Water Pump Optimization Free Cooling

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Chilled Water Reset

Typical Operation: Leaving water temperature is maintained at a constant 42 deg F

Strategy: Reset leaving water temperature based on space load and relative humidity – 48 degrees during cooler periods of year.

Savings: Each degree that the chilled water temperature is raised saves 1.5%

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Condenser Water Reset

Typical Operation: Condenser water temperature is maintained at a constant 85 deg F

Strategy: Reset condenser water temperature based on outdoor wet bulb and system load – optimum is 80 deg F

Savings: Lowering the condenser water return temperature by 1 degree saves 1.5%.

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Chiller Tower Control What is Optimal ?







Install VSD's on Cooling Tower Fans

Typical Operation: Fans cycle to maintain desired setpoint

Strategy: Apply variable speed drives to more closely match tower capacity to system load and take advantage of the fact that:

HP≈CFM^{3,}

A 20% CFM reduction results in a 50% HP reduction

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Variable Frequency Drive Energy Savings

VARIABLE SPEED DRIVE KW USAGE





VFD Savings 1 Shift

Fan HP	20
Motor Efficiency	0.94
\$kWh	0.08
# Shifts	1 shift
Hours of Operation (Clg. Twr.)	3120
1 Speed Fan EFLH	859.1
2 Speed Fan EFLH	390.8
VSD EFLH	160.5

Cooling Tower VSD Retrofit Cost Summary				
			Annual	Payback for
	Annual kWh	Annual Cost	VSD Savings	Changing to VSD
Single Speed Fan	13,636	\$1,091	\$881	4.5
Two Speed Fan	6,203	\$496	\$286	14.0
VSD Fan	2,625	\$210	NA	NA



VFD Savings 2 Shifts

Fan HP	20
Motor Efficiency	0.94
\$kWh	0.08
# Shifts	2 shift
Hours of Operation (Clg. Twr.)	6570
1 Speed Fan EFLH	1706.9
2 Speed Fan EFLH	678.3
VSD EFLH	304.4

Cooling Tower VSD Retrofit Cost Summary				
			Annual	Payback for
	Annual kWh	Annual Cost	VSD Savings	Changing to VSD
Single Speed Fan	27,092	\$2,167	\$1,769	2.3
Two Speed Fan	10,766	\$861	\$463	8.6
VSD Fan	4,976	\$398	NA	NA



Optimizing Chiller Loading

Typical Operation: Chillers are turned on to maintain a desired leaving chilled water temperature.

Strategy: Optimize operation by:

using VSD's

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base loading high efficiency machines

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matching chillers to load

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VSD Drives for Chillers





Base Load Most Efficient Chiller

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Impact of Load Matching



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Install VSD's on Condensing Water Pumps

Typical Operation: Pumps run at full flow when chillers are operational

Strategy: Install variable speed drives controlled from chiller refrigerant side differential pressure

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Condenser Water Pump VFD's 1 @ 75 HP

INSTALLED COST:

\$ 12,000

SAVINGS:

PAYBACK:

\$ 4,000

3 Years

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Consider Winter Free Cooling

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Optimize Air Handlers



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Install VFD's on Central Air Handlers

Installing VFDs can reduce air handler kWh consumption between 20%-40%/yr.

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HP	20	
Motor Efficiency	0.94	
kW	15.87	
Annual Operating Hours	2500	
\$/kWh	0.0401	
Zone Type	Mixed	
Existing Fan Control	Constant Speed	
Proposed Fan Control	VSD	
Annual kWh Savings	26,139	
Annual Cost Savings	\$1,048	
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Payback	3.8	
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Install VFD's on Central Air Handlers

Installing VFDs can reduce air handler kWh consumption between 20%-40%/yr.

HP	20
Motor Efficiency	0.94
kW	15.87
Annual Operating Hours	4000
\$/kWh	0.0401
Zone Type	Mixed
Existing Fan Control	Constant Speed
Proposed Fan Control	VSD
Annual kWh Savings	41,822
Annual Cost Savings	\$1,677
Payback	2.4



Reclaim Waste Heat From Exhaust Air

If large amounts of outside air are required and only a few exhaust points exist, consider installing air – air heat exchangers they can reclaim 70%-80% of the energy being exhausted.



Optimize HVAC Controls



Energy Management Strategies

Use EMCS to control HVAC equipment in ways that maximize comfort while minimizing energy consumption.



Free Cooling or Economiser Mode

– Open outside air dampers when OAT < 60°

 Fan remains on to blow comfortable outdoor air throughout building

 Compressors can be turned off or run at reduced capacity

Reduces annual cooling kWh by 20%



Reset Chilled Water System Values

- Each 1° F rise in chilled water temperature reduces chiller power consumption by 1.5%
 - During cooler periods can raise temp. to 48 $^\circ\,$ F 50 $^\circ\,$ F
- Each 1° F rise in condenser water return temperature reduces chiller power consumption by 1.5%
 - Optimum condenser water temperature during cooler months is 80° F



Ventilation Control

- Conditioning outside air requires high energy consumption
- Save energy by bringing in outside air as required by true occupancy rather than maximum theoretical occupancy by using CO₂ sensors
- Good applications: Theatres, Churches



Control Schedules

Schedule equipment use based on occupancy

- Schedule set-up/set-back temperatures during unoccupied periods
- Reduces HVAC kWh by 10%-20% vs. no control







Optimum Start/Stop

- Let EMCS determine when to start equipment
- System uses many variables to determine optimum start time:
 - Space temperature
 - Outdoor air temperature
 - Programmed space comfort conditions
 - Occupancy times
 - Heat loss/gain characteristics
- Maximizes energy savings without impacting comfort
- Can save an additional 5% 10% kWh on top scheduling equipment on/off



Impact of Optimum Start/Stop





Increase Zero Energy Band

- Prevent simultaneous heating and cooling
- Establish dead band comfort range
- Reduces run time of equipment



Zero Energy Band Program





Demand Limiting

- Prioritize loads to shed

- Water heating
- Decorative fountain pumps
- Adjust space temperature set-points



Monitoring

Monitoring energy use is key to controlling Costs

- Trending
- Alarming
- Reporting





Optimize Gas Boiler Efficiency



Causes of Efficiency Loss





Minimize Partial Loading



Excess O₂ Losses



COMBUSTION HEAT LOSSES



If a boiler is perfectly tuned and O2 trim controls are added, a minimum of 2% in annual gas consumption could be saved.

In reality most boilers could save between 4% - 10%.

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Purchase an OXYGEN TRIMMING SYSTEM



Installed Cost \$9,000

Payback = 1.5 years

(150 bhp boiler operating 1.5 shifts for 5.5 days/week @ \$.80/therm)







Repair Steam Traps

Steam Traps



- A steam system that has not been maintained in 3 to 5 years can have between 15% to 30% of its installed steam traps leaking or failed. This equates to about 7.5% of the total steam produced.
- These failed traps are allowing live steam to escape into the condensate return system.
- A maintained steam system should have less than a 5% failed trap population or 1.7% loss of the steam produced.
- -On average a single faulty trap will lose 12 lb/hr of steam or \$1,156/yr.


Optimize Motors & Drives



Replace V Belts with Cog Belts

- Cog Belts can reduce energy costs by 2%
- Evaluate each application before applying. Not all applications will benefit.



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Buy Premium Efficiency Motors

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Upon failure, replace standard or high efficiency motors with premium efficiency motors (1%-2% energy reduction, payback < 2 years.

Table 1. Annual Savings from Specifying NEMA Premium Motors							
	Full-load Moto	or Efficiency (%)	Annual Savings from Use of a NEMA Premium Motor				
Horsepower	Energy Efficient Motor	NEMA Premium Efficiency Motor	um Annual Energy Dollar tor Savings, kWh \$/	Dollar Savings \$/year			
10	89.5	91.7	1,200	\$60			
25	92.4	93.6	1,553	78			
50	93.0	94.5	3,820	191			
100	94.5	95.4	4,470	223			
200	95.0	96.2	11,755	588			

Note: Based on purchase of a 1,800 rpm totally enclosed fan-cooled motor with 8,000 hours per year of operation, 75% load, and an electrical rate of \$0.05/kWh.

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Optimize Environmental Controls



Reduce Water Flow to Exhibits Where the Animals are Less Active at Night Using VSD's:

- -Fresh & Salt Water Otters
- -Sea Lions
- -Belugas
- -Penguins

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Pump Energy Saving Measures & Approx. Savings

	Est. Savings
Action	Potential
Valve throttling	5 - 20%
Impeller trim	5 - 30%
Reduce speed for fixed load	5 - 40%
Install parallel system for highly variable loads	10 - 30%
Replace throttling valves with speed controls	10 - 60%
Replace motor or pump with more efficient model	1 - 3%
Coatings inside pump	0.5 - 2%

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Install VSD's on Larger Pumps

- -Filters generally need to be cleaned every 3 days
- The first two days the filters are clean and the pressure drop across them are 10 feet
- -The 3rd day the drop might be 35 feet.

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Impact of Dirty Filters on Energy

Example: 1000 gpm pump, Pump efficiency = .8Motor efficiency = .95System Head Loss = 35 feet (not including filters) A Clean filter with 10' of head requires 15.0 kW of pumping A Dirty filter with 35' of head requires 23.3 kW of pumping The Dirty Filter requires 35% more energy! orgia Power's Energy Semina G e



Optimize Compressed Air System

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According to a Study by the DOE Only 50% of the Compressed Air Produced is Appropriately Utilized



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50%



Cost Reduction Opportunities

 Typically, only 25%-35% of the savings opportunity is on the Supply side or in the compressor room

- Most opportunities are out in the plant - 65%-75%

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Energy is only part of the story. Total operating costs include:

- Cooling costs, water, sewer, chemical treatment
- Maintenance, parts, inside labor, outside contractors.
- Major repairs and rebuilds
- Rentals costs as required
- Operating labor and supervision
- Depreciation and capital costs
- These costs are typically 30% of total costs; energy is 70%.
- Total annual operating costs represented = energy costs / .7 = \$

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When Trying to Reduce Costs Go For the Low Hanging Fruit First



Artificial Demand 10-15%





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1, 2, 3 are on the demand side
-3 alone is on the supply side
50%
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Demand-Side Opportunities

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Fix the Leaks!



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COMPRESSED AIR LEAK RATE

STANDARD CUBIC FEET PER MINUTE

Standard Conditions = 14.7 PSIA / 70 °F / 0% RH, 7.13¢/kWh, 8760 hours/yr.

		Size of Leak (in)									
Air Pressure	1/64	1/32	1/16	1/8	1/4	3/8	1/2	5/8	3/4	7/8	1
PSIG						Leak rate in	SCFM				
70	\$37	\$150	\$598	\$2,398	\$9,581	\$21,611	\$38,350	\$59,836	\$86,193	\$117,298	\$153,274
80	\$42	\$167	\$670	\$2,673	\$10,705	\$24,109	\$42,847	\$66,956	\$96,311	\$131,163	\$171,262
90	\$46	\$185	\$740	\$2,961	\$11,842	\$26,607	\$47,344	\$73,951	\$106,555	\$145,029	\$189,375
100	\$51	\$202	\$811	\$3,248	\$12,991	\$29,231	\$51,841	\$81,072	\$116,673	\$158,895	\$207,488
110	\$55	\$220	\$881	\$3,523	\$14,116	\$31,729	\$56,463	\$88,067	\$126,916	\$172,761	\$225,601
120	\$59	\$239	\$952	\$3,810	\$15,240	\$34,227	\$60,960	\$95,187	\$137,035	\$186,627	\$243,714
125	\$62	\$247	\$987	\$3,947	\$15,740	\$35,477	\$63,208	\$98,685	\$142,156	\$193,497	\$252,708
150	\$73	\$296	\$1,180	\$4,684	\$18,738	\$42,222	\$74,951	\$113,675	\$164,267	\$223,478	\$292,057

Eliminate Improper Uses of Compressed Air



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Any application that can be done more effectively or more efficiently by a method other than compressed air

Utilize blowers at 25 scfm/hp for :

- Open Blowing drying, cooling,
- Sparging
- Personnel Cooling
- Atomizing
- Padding

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- Vacuum Generation
 - **Utilize Proper Equipment for :**
- Mixing or Agitation
- Cabinet Cooling

Utilize Storage to Eliminate Peak Demands for :

- Dilute Phase Transport
- Dense Phase Transport
 - Open hand held blowguns or lances
 - Diaphragm Pumps



Use Low Pressure Blowers When Possible

- Compressors deliver 4 cfm / hp
- Blowers deliver 15-25 cfm / hp but they must be properly applied





Use Vacuum Pumps Instead of Venturi Vacuums

Dedicated vacuum systems use 1/10th as much energy as venturi vacuum systems.

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Use Electric Motors Whenever Possible

- In general, it takes 7-8 hp of electrical power to deliver 1 hp of compressed air to the plant floor.
- Electric drive tools/motors use 1/7th 1/8th as much energy as compressed air tools/motors.

Use High Efficiency Nozzles



-Reduce consumption by 30%-70%

-The supply air must be filtered to protect clearances





Reduce Artificial System Pressure

- The input power increases 1% for every 2 psi increase in compressor discharge pressure
- Unregulated consumption (leaks) increase ~ 1% for every psi increase in system pressure at 100 psig
- Net result is >1.5% 2.0 % increase in operating costs for every 1 psi increase in pressure; and this does not include the cost of additional compressors



Causes of Excessive System Pressure

- Excessive pressure drops due to improperly sized system components:
 - Piping
 - Filters
 - Dryers
 - Regulators
- Lack of proper storage not enough storage is available to buffer high intermittent loads.
- Not understanding critical pressure applications.

Compressed Air System Pressure Profile







Provide Adequate Central Plant Storage

- Plant storage <u>must be after</u> the filters and dryers to provide air on demand to the system without surging the cleanup equipment.
- Plant storage should be at a higher pressure than that required by the plant for it to be of any benefit.
- Compressor room storage must be sized based on the following considerations:
 - 1. To support larger demand events when practical in order to minimize compressor power in the system.
 - 2. To support the demand in the system during a compressor failure and backup compressor start. This must allow for the permissive time of the backup compressor(s) and must be calculated from the minimum control storage pressure which will normally be allowed.
 - 3. To minimize cycling on the largest anticipated trim compressor. Cycles should be less than 20 per hour but preferably closer to 15 per hour.



Provide Adequate Local Storage

- Providing adequate local storage can reduce large pressure fluctuations throughout the compressed air system.
 - Local storage requirements are often very small.

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Local Storage Example

Typical Baghouse or Dust Collector







Proper Installation of Dedicated Storage for Baghouse or Dust Collector



Inadequate storage at the point of use The Positive Impact of Metered Recovery on the System



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Identifying Critical Pressure Applications

- Ask the following types of questions of the compressor operator and the production staff but take all answers with a very large grain of salt.
- Who calls? What specific piece of equipment is affected?
- Did it produce rejects or slow down at this pressure or is the alarm point and the actual requirement is lower?
- Does this loss of pressure occur on a regular basis? When was the last time pressure dropped to this level and what occurred?
- Where is the pressure level referenced; regulator gauge, header gauge, alarm?
- Are there more of this type of production equipment? Do they incur the same problem? When the pressure last dropped, did the same thing happen at all these production machines?
- What is the next production process affected if the pressure continues to drop?



Supply Side Opportunities

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Compressor Equipment Efficiencies

Compressor types @ 100 psig <u>c</u>	fm / bhp	<u>% efficiency</u>
-Non-lubricated rotary screw	4.1	-11%
-Single stage lubricated rotary screw	v 4.5	0 %
-Two stage lubricated rotary screw	4.8	6 %
-Multi stage centrifugal	4.8	6-8 %
-Two stage reciprocating	5.2	16 %

Practical energy savings based upon compressor type is only 6-8%



The Impact of Controls on Efficiency

COMPRESSOR CONTROLS CREATE >90% OF THE SUPPLY SIDE OPPORTUNITY IN COMPRESSED AIR

- Part loaded compressors can be the result of control conflicts, or they may be intentional:
- Part loaded compressors allow higher pressures
- Part loaded compressors provide on line power for peaks
- Part loaded compressors provide backup for failures
- PART LOADED COMPRESSORS ARE VERY INEFFICIENT

Comparison of Rotary Screw Compressor Capacity Controls







Automation Case History

Plastic Bottle Blowing





Compressed Air Savings Example



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Case Study, 400,000 sq. ft., Plastic Extrustion Facility

8 – 350 hp screw compressors

Measure	Cost to	Annual Savings	Payback	NPV	IRR
	Implement		5		
Repair air leaks	\$18,900	\$89,370	0.21	\$317,616	294%
Reactivate dryer	\$0	\$10,446	NA	\$39,216	NA
heaters & controls for					
dryers 1-3	9		2		
Install dew-point	\$5,250	\$13,590	0.38	\$47,400	167%
controls on dryers 1-3	2				
Reduce system	?	\$39,769	?	?	?
pressure from 116 psig					127
to 96 psig					
Install modulating	\$17,000	\$14,203	1.2	\$37,224	54%
valve & demand					
controller					
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