
**Methods of test and characterization
of performance for energy recovery
components**

*Méthode d'essai et caractérisation des performances des composants
récupérateurs d'énergie*

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1 Scope

This document specifies methods for testing and characterizing the performance of air-to-air heat/energy exchangers when used as devices to transfer heat or heat and water vapor between two airstreams used in ventilation systems. It also specifies methods to characterize the performance of exchangers for use in calculation of the energy performance of buildings. This document is applicable to:

- fixed-plate exchangers (also known as recuperators),
- rotary exchangers, including heat wheels and total energy wheels (also known as regenerators),
- heat pipe exchangers using a heat transfer medium, excluding those using mechanical pumping.

This document does not provide a method for measuring the response of exchangers to the formation of frost.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3966, *Measurement of fluid flow in closed conduits — Velocity area method using Pitot static tubes*

ISO 5167-1, *Measurement of fluid flow by means of pressure differential devices inserted in circular cross-section conduits running full — Part 1: General principles and requirements*

ISO 5801, *Fans — Performance testing using standardized airways*

ISO 13253, *Ducted air-conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps — Testing and rating for performance*

ISO/IEC 17025:2017, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

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effectiveness

actual energy transfer rate (sensible, latent, or total) divided by the maximum possible energy transfer rate

Note 1 to entry: The formula for effectiveness is given in 5.2.