

Application guide Daikin VRV Solutions for Hotels







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What is in this booklet?

The information in this booklet is the summary of DENV Consulting Sales team experience with discussing and developing hotel HVAC solutions for different customers.

Here you will find the some solutions used and accepted by hotel designers and owners in real life, explanation of their working principle and some features as well as the answers to most common questions posed from customers' side.

We hope you will find this information useful.

Sincerely yours,

Consulting Sales Daikin Europe





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01. Why use VRV for hotel?

Answers and explanations



01 WHY USE VRV FOR HOTEL?

VRV are highly versatile DX (direct expansion) systems, which can easily be the reply to all hotel HVAC needs at once.

Not only for air conditioning – cooling – but also for:

- Monovalent (single source) heating
- Fresh air treatment through air handling units
- Air curtains
- Warm water preparation for heating or sanitary purpose (DHW)

Can be easily integrated in various control configurations:

- Individual control of every indoor unit
- Centralized control and remote monitoring

...and yet easy to install:

- Outdoor units are light and compact can fit in an elevator and moved around with a manually operated lifting fork
- Small diameter of piping resulting in small installation space
- Plug & play solution: simple wiring and control set-up

Based on the study made by consultant Domoserve from Portugal, in many cases VRV has the lowest running costs compared to other solutions

Case 1.

Domoserve has completed energy audit of 2 hotels in Portugal in 2017

- Hotel 'Pestana Citadela (HPC, 5*)' using 2-pipe VRV for cooling and heating of guest rooms and common areas.
- Hotel 'Pestana Sintra Golfe Resort e Spa (HPSG, 4*)' using 4-pipe water based system.
- The hotels are on close distance to each other

	H	PC 5*	HPSG ^{4*}		
Total Floor Area	10.890		12.690		
Total Accommodation Area	5.599	51%	8.550	67%	
Total Climatized Area	7.497	69%	7.104	56%	
Area indicated by map "FEI" (from Hotel Company)	10.605	97%	8.940	70%	
Total Area considered in the Energy Certificate	10.156	93%	10.535	83%	

 Climatised area is +/- the same in both cases, so these hotels are comparable.





01 WHY USE VRV FOR A HOTEL?

Case 1 (continued)

Domoserve VRV vs water based system study

HVAC energy consumption in kgEP for the air conditioned area.

The results?



Case 2

Domoserve "VRV vs water based system" study (measurements in 14 hotels in different regions of Portugal).

1 kgEP = 11,63 kW*h

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The measurements show that "VRV-based" hotels have the lowest running costs per person and per area.



01 WHY USE VRV FOR HOTEL?

Domoserve "VRV vs water based system" studies summarized

Why these results?

 High load diversity factor in the hotels -> partial load is the most frequent case. VRV/VRF can deliver the capacity where needed instantly without additional effort, while water based system has to run pumps continuously to be able to do that.

For HPSG (4* hotel), the yearly pump consumption alone is estimated to be up to €6600/year

• Heating and cooling load are often present simultaneously in the hotel (e.g. cooling for guestrooms, heating for swimming pool or DHW). This requirement can be easily fulfilled with VRV/VRF, while a water based system has to use different devices/options for cooling and heating or to use multipurpose chillers, still rare and expensive.

Other considerations The results of Franklin Andrews running cost study on HVAC system. This study refers to building systems running costs in general.



VRV solutions show lower running costs compared to equivalents used for commercial HVAC applications.



01 WHY USE VRV FOR HOTEL?

Why then not all the hotels in the world are using VRV/VRF solutions? In 2 words: size and legislation

1. EN 378 regulation

According to EN378 (Refrigerating systems and heat pumps – safety and environmental requirements) hotels are classified as **Type A occupancy buildings** and hence require that maximum refrigerant concentration in case of leakage is kept under certain critical level determined by refrigerant type **at all times** and in **all of the rooms**. Alternatively refrigerant leak detection and alarm system has to be foreseen.



- Although this is rarely the case, for hotels with **small rooms served by big VRV/F systems**, EN378 can bring restrictions
- Refrigerant charge may vary a lot in case of different VRV/F manufacturers, so each case has to be estimated individually.

2. Applicability of VRV/F solution

- To provide air conditioning for big open spaces where big airflows/capacities are required, VRV/F is not the ideal solution.
- The capacity of VRV/F indoor units is limited, which sometimes makes the installation for common spaces complicated and expensive
- Common spaces can have sometimes specific requirements (e.g. humidity conditions) not easy to satisfy by VRV.
- Physical conditions:
 - Refrigerant piping length limitations are another factor to be considered when using VRV for large size buildings
 - Too low/too high ambient temperatures -> special versions of VRV can sometimes be a solution



Today it is more common to see the combination of different solutions (DX + applied+...) in the hotel projects.





02. System configuration

Understanding the principle Selecting components



Understanding the principle

Analogy to a common heating system...

Every radiator is individually controllable

More radiators can be connected by simply using a bigger boiler



VRV provides precise control of refrigerant flow in every zone=room for tight temperature control



Understanding the principle

Heat Pump

Types of VRV/F systems which can be encountered

(1)

- Cooling or heating
 - · Within 1 system all indoor units connected to it can either cool, or heat



Liquid refrigerant at high pressure and moderate temperature (~20°C); Depending on cooling / heating ratio, the refrigerant either flows from or to the outdoor unit

Suction pipe

Gas refrigerant at low pressure and low _ temperature (~10°C); Always flows towards the outdoor unit

Discharge pipe

Gas refrigerant at high pressure and high temperature (~75°C); Always flows from the outdoor unit



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Understanding the principle Types of VRV/F systems which can be encountered

2-pipe Heat Recovery

Only two pipes run from the outdoor unit to a central Branch Controller



Things to know about 2-pipe heat recovery VRF

- Usually promoted as 15-20% cheaper in installation than 3-pipe heat recovery systems, requiring less communications hence less labor;
- Use 20 50% more refrigerant charge compared to 3-pipe heat recovery systems -> potential problems with EN378-1 compliancy
- Branch controllers require a lot of space inside the building



Components and layout advices

1 A Heat pump VRV system

Standard layout , using refnet joints.

Easy to install, cost - effective.

Problem: distance from 1^{st} refnet joint to last indoor unit limitation (90 m max) \rightarrow NG for lengthy buildings.



Used components (controls are not in scope of this schematic and will be explained later):

- 1) Outdoor unit (1 or more modules, depends on capacity required);
- 2) Indoor units (see guest room suggestions chapter for the recommended types);
- 3) Refnet joints (selection done via selection software);
- 4) Connecting copper piping (sizing done via selection software);
- 5) Condensate drain piping



Components and layout advices

B Heat pump VRV system

Layout using refnet headers

Difficult to install, more expensive.

Has no problem with 1st refnet ↔ last IU distance limitation. Better suitable for lengthy buildings.



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- Refnet joints and headers (selection done via selection software);
- 4) Connecting copper piping (sizing done via selection software);
- 5) Condensate drain piping



A Components and layout advices Heat recovery VRV system (3-pipe system)

Single branch selector units (BS-boxes) layout.

Very flexible indoor units placement.

- distance from 1^{st} refnet joint to last indoor unit limitation (90 m max) \rightarrow NG for lengthy buildings.

- higher equipment and installation cost.
- + Good flexibility, does not require a lot of additional space



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- 4) Connecting copper piping (sizing done via selection software);
- 5) Condensate drain piping
- 6) Branch selector units (single-port)



2 B Components and layout advices Heat recovery VRV system (3-pipe system)

Multi-port branch selector units (BS-boxes) layout.

- Occupies more space compared to single box layout
- + Has no problem with 1^{st} refnet \leftrightarrow last IU distance limitation. Suitable for lengthy buildings.
- + Lower investment and installation cost



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- 5) Condensate drain piping
- Branch selector units BS-boxes (multi-port)



03. System configuration

Understanding the outdoor units





Understanding the main components

Outdoor units

Outdoor units determine the system type. It is necessary to understand when to use what.

	System type	Outdoor unit model name	When to use?			
	Heat Pump with continuous heating during defrost	RYYQ-U RYMQ-U	When HEATING is the predominant mode			
	Heat Pump without continuous heating RXYQ-U When COOLI during defrost		When COOLING is the predominant mode			
VRV IV	Heat Recovery	REYQ-U REMQ-U	When cooling and heating requirements can happen at the same time. When there is a potential of HEAT RECOVERY			
	Cold Region Heat Pump	RXYLQ-U	For heating in cold regions (design winter ambient temperature lower than -20 ⁰ C)			
VRV IV S-series	Mini VRV	RXYS(C)Q-T	For small projects (~100-400 m ²)			
VRV IV W-series	Water-cooled Heat Pump / Heat Recovery	RWEYQ-T	High-rise buildings or specific applications (low noise, geothermal,)			
VRV IV Q-series	Replacement VRV Heat Pump	RXYQQ-U	For refurbishment projects and			
	Replacement VRV Heat Recovery	RQCEQ-P	keeping the piping			



02 SYSTEM CONFIGURATION

Understanding the main components

Outdoor units Understanding heat recovery

From rooms that are being cooled, heat energy is transferred to rooms being heated – like a refrigerator transfers heat energy from its inside out



The outdoor unit exchanges heat energy with the outdoor air,



Heat recovery brings maximum benefit if the load profile is like this (example)



Any case of simultaneous cooling and heating load = heat recovery



Understanding the main components

Outdoor units Understanding heat recovery

Water cooled VRV and double heat recovery principle

- If several water-cooled VRVs work with the same water loop, it gives the opportunity to recover energy not just within one VRV system in heat recovery mode, but also in between several separate systems via the water loop
- In this case if the overall system is designed correctly then throughout most of the year the temperature in the water loop is kept on the necessary level without external cooling/heating devices.



Example of heat recovery utilization



DHW production



Understanding the main components Air cooled vs water cooled outdoor units



What is a water cooled VRV?

"Engineered" solution, suitable for non-standard conditions and applications.

Additional equipment is required to keep the temperature in the water loop within acceptable limits (normally 10-45°C).

Efficiency depends on application

- High-rise buildings
- Places with very strict noise requirements
- Very corrosive environments
- Protected buildings or when there is no space for outdoor units
- Extremely high ambient temperatures
- Refurbishment projects with existing water loop
- Where very high efficiency is needed

Understanding water cooling

Means to keep the temperature in the water loop within the operation range (10-45 deg.C)

Closed loop type

Cheaper to install, can use existing water loop of the building. There is no efficiency benefit VS air cooled in this case, but in some cases it is the only solution due to space and noise restrictions.



- Heat pump chillers
 - Boilers

Geothermal type

Can be very efficient, but expensive to install, expertise and special permissions are required



- Geothermal loops
- Loops to underground water
- Open loops to river, lake, sea, etc.



Understanding the main components

Outdoor units

Understanding water cooled units

Typical plant layout scheme (water side)

- Variable water flow scheme is recommended
- There are several possibilities of pump speed control in case of VRV-W-T9 lineup



Typical water loop temperature control schemes



1. Cooling tower + boiler

In summer:

• the bypass of the 3-way valve V1 will be opened when the cooling water temperature is below the preset temperature value of T1;

• the bypass of the 3-way valve V1 will close when the water temperature exceeds value T1 and more water will be send to the cooling tower to lower its temperature.

• the start/stop control of the fan and pump of the closed type cooling tower is following the command of V1.



Understanding the main components

Outdoor units Understanding water cooled units

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Typical water loop temperature control schemes

1. Cooling tower + boiler

In winter:

• if the water temperature drops below 15° C, V2 will allow the circulation of water through the boiler to keep the circulation water temperature above the preset value of T2

• when the water pump stops, V2 closes automatically the access of water to the boiler



2. Cooling tower + heat pump chiller

Cooling operation:

- 1. The dry cooler enters in operation
- 2. If not sufficient, the chiller helps

Heating operation: chiller in heating mode





Understanding the main components

Outdoor units Understanding water cooled units

Typical water loop temperature control schemes

3. Geothermal, open loop



4. Geothermal, closed loop







At a depth of approximately 10 meters the ground temperature remains fairly constant with an average temperature between 10-20° C year-round (Europe), depending on the region, terrain and soil type.

Open loop systems draw ground water directly into the building to heat or cool the heat pumps.





Horizontal loops run piping parallel and close to the surface (1-2 m). The undisturbed ground temperature naturally change with the seasons.

Vertical loops run perpendicular to the surface and the holes can be several hundred meters deep (80-200 m). At these depths, the undisturbed ground temperature does not change throughout the year.



04. System configuration

Understanding auxiliary components



Understanding the main components What is a refnet joint?

A Refnet joint is the Daikin term for refrigerant pipe branches.



A **Refnet header** is different kind of joint. Headers are useful when indoor units are located evenly around a central shaft with the main refrigerant piping





Understanding the main components

Branch selector units ("boxes") used in combination with VRV 3-pipe

These are the units responsible for cooling-heating mode switching of the connected indoor units operation.



IMPORTANT NOTES:

- At least 50% of the outdoor unit load must be connected via BS-boxes
- Do not place BS-boxes to the area with low background sound level. This is because of changeover noise, when changing
 from cooling to heating operation. This happens only for 1-2 seconds, but can create discomfort.
- Multi BS-boxes require condensate drain connection!

BS-boxes can produce noise, this is why their correct positioning in the building is important





05. The guestroom

Application advice





WHAT WE SUGGEST FOR THE GUESTROOM

Indoorunits to cool and heat theair

Ducted type (hidden installation)

This is most commonly used indoor unit type in hotel rooms.





WHAT WE SUGGEST FOR THE GUESTROOM

Ducted type units application advice





WHAT WE SUGGEST FOR THE GUESTROOM

Guestroom controls

Local hard wired remote controller + door/window and keycard adapter This is most common control solution at the user side



• No risk of evaporator freezing





Hot water production with 06. VRV

Understanding the possibilities, application hints





Hot water production using VRV with heat recovery

Understanding the hydrobox

High temperature hydrobox (HXHD-A)

· A device to heat water using VRV refrigerant circuit (only VRV with heat recovery) Only heating mode Leaving water temperature up to 80°C Based on cascade compression cycle Stacked installation with buffer tank is possible Stacked installation on top of each other is possible 2 models, nominal capacity 14 and 22,4 kW, same dimensions . What's inside? Refrigerant ~90°C 3 5 1 Refrigerant ~45°C 4 6 8 1. VRV outdoor unit 2. Hydrobox 4. Refrigerant to refrigerant heat exchanger 5. Refrigerant to water heat exchanger 6. Pump 8. Hot water tank 9. Compressor Water ~80°C Refrigerant ~20% Connection Hydrobox SHW Water circuit VRV refrigerant circuit refrigerant to VRV circuit Branch Branch circuit connector kit connector kit To outdoor unit / other indoor units Low pressure gas pipe To other indoor units Cap (to seal the 1 1 unused branch) Liquid pipe I 1 I High pressure gas pipe I Branch selector unit HT Hydrobox Low/high pressure gas pipe Liquid pipe To water circuit Water IN VRV indoor unit Water OUT



Hot water production

Hot water plant possible configuration (when significant quantity of hot water is required)

Example with Daikin buffer tanks used



For such hot water plant configuration you will need:

- 1) HT Hydrobox HXHD (quantity depends on the demand);
- 2) Buffer tanks (quantity depends on the demand);
- 3) Sequencing controller;
- 4) Connection gateways for hydroboxes;
- Water temperature sensors



Hot water production Understanding Daikin buffer tanks



Traditional storage tank Suitable for smaller application

200L – EKHTS200 **260L** – EKHTS260

- Stainless steel coil
- Can be stacked installed
- on the hydroboxCan be stacked installed
- one on one (up to 3)

Some examples of modular installation



Energy storage tank Suitable for modular installation and bigger applications

300L – EKHWP300 **500L** – EKHWP500

- Stainless steel coil
- Backup heater control possible
- Solar panels connection possible
- Optional pump station
- 500 l tank can also provide space heating







Understanding Daikin energy storage tanks



Fresh cold water from mains at < 20°C

Stainless steel **domestic hot water heat exchanger** with corrugated pipes to store fresh drinking water

Pressureless hot water inside tank: Energy storage – not used for drinking

Double stainless steel (Inox) **loading heat exchanger** for the DHW: connection to heat source

High efficiency blow moulded tank: thick PU foam insulation



Hot water production

Hot water plant possible configuration (when significant quantity of hot water is required)

Scheme with non-Daikin large buffer tank and optional space heating circuit



For such hot water plant configuration you will need:

- 1) HT Hydrobox HXHD (quantity depends on the demand);
- 2) Water tank(s) (quantity and volume depends on the demand);
- 3) Sequencing controller;
- 4) Connection gateways for hydroboxes;
- 5) Water temperature sensors
- 6) Back-up heaters (if required)
- 7) Space heating devices (if required)
- 8) Hydronic circuit devices (valves, pumps, etc.)



Centralized control 05. systems

Understanding, selecting





Daikin Control solutions overview What is available





Understanding Daikin VRV control system topology

Multiple VRV systems Centralized control



- Up to 64 Indoor Unit (groups) controlled from central system
- Up to 10 VRV outdoor systems
- Individual R/C not required → exceptions!
- · Up to total of 2000m of F1F2 control wiring
- Longest branch < 1000m



Centralized control solutions suitable/used in the hotels

BMS (BACNet based)



*Lonworks and Modbus - based BMS will use the same topology

Control system functions:

1) Interlocking of indoor units with key card and window contacts;

- 2) Individual control of indoor units by means of Daikin remote controller;
- 3) Control of indoor units from BMS system side;
- 4) Control of other engineering equipment from BMS system side See databooks and installation manuals for more details.



Centralized control solutions suitable/used in the hotels

BMS (KNX based)



Control system functions:

1) Interlocking of indoor units with key card and window contacts;

2) Individual control of indoor units by means of local control panels (using Daikin controllers is not common);

3) Control of indoor units from BMS system side;

4) Control of other engineering equipment from BMS system side See databooks and installation manuals for more details.



Centralized control solutions suitable/used in the hotels

Opera PMS integration

(Option 1 -> PMS server on dedicated Daikin PC)



Control system functions:

1) Interface between a Hotel Management System and the Daikin HVAC systems that allows to save energy, automate human actions, and improve the hotel customer experience.

2) Individual control of indoor units by means of Daikin remote controller or from the front desk;

3) Interlocking the guestroom indoor units operation with room occupation status; See databooks and installation manuals for more details.



Centralized control solutions suitable/used in the hotels

Opera PMS integration

(Option 2 -> Daikin PMS interface on PMS server, no dedicated PC required)



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07. Application examples Some examples of VRV Hotel application





NORDPORT PLAZA HAMBURG (NORDERSTEDT)

Facts and figures

- Consists of 2 buildings:
- "The Eye" guest rooms, 11 floors, 7897
 m²
- "The Brow" guest rooms, conference facilities, restaurant, 5 floors, 3345 m2.
- 188 guest rooms
- Fitness and spa
- Part of the "FOR F.R.E.E. Förderprojekt Regenerative Energie-Effizienz" (funded project for regenerative energy efficiency) programme

Customer requirements

- High energy efficiency
- Maximum use of renewable energy
- Reduction of CO2 emissions
- High user comfort
- BMS connection

Equipment installation – what and why

Customer requirements

- High energy efficiency
- Maximum use of renewable energy
- Reduction of CO2 emissions
- High user comfort
- BMS connection

BACNet gateway for BMS connection

 Interlocking with hotel booking system, guest room temperature protection -> improved guest comfort







 No cold/hot drafts due to supply temperature control -> improved guest comfort



NORDPORT PLAZA

System comparison following EnEV 2016 (Energy Saving Ordinance in Germany)

Estimation of running costs of different solutions was made

VRV Water Cooled solution proved to be the best both from running cost perspective and CO2 emissions point of view

Heiz- & Kühlkosten ohne Trinkwasser





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Equipment installation – additional information Equipment in the technical room of "The Brow" AHUs for fresh air supply of restaurant, guest and Water cooled condensers for conference rooms climatization of all the rooms of "The Brow" Geothermal circuit features 46 boreholes, each 130 m deep Heat sink capacity 435 kW Heat source capacity 261 kW All equipment is using Water cooled chiller for air geothermal loop (also processing in the AHUs the one installed in "The Eye" part) Equipment installation – additional information Typical guest room floor layout Water cooled condensers Multiport BS-boxes Guestroom installation (low noise slim ducted unit FXDQ)

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PUERTOTRIANASEVILLA

Facts and figures

- High-rise building, 180.5 m high.
- 5* hotel located on floors 25-37
- Business center located on floors 1-24
- Facility spaces on floors 0-2

Customer requirements

- High energy efficiency
- High guest comfort level
- Connection to monitoring system
- Connection to BMS system
- Minimal refrigerant impact







Equipment installation – what and why

Customer requirements

- High energy efficiency
- High guest comfort level
- Minimal refrigerant impact
- Monitoring and control integration

Daikin intelligent Touch Manager

- Mini-BMS system used to control Daikin and 3rd party equipment -> cost efficient solution for 1-point control of the whole installation
- Allows connection to Daikin remote monitoring system -> power consumption monitoring and preventive maintenance

Daikin BACNet gateway

DHW production)

and energy saving

units

cooled)

• For integration into building's management system

Daikin VRV Water cooled (for cooling, heating and

Variable Refrigerant Temperature technology -> guest comfort

Minimized refrigerant quantity due to shorter pipe runs (vs air

High energy efficiency due to double heat recovery High comfort level due to independent operation of indoor







PUERTOTRIANASEVILLA

Equipment installation – additional information







Facts and figures

- building surface 8.379 m² •
- 124 rooms •
- 5 floors + stacked storey •
- 2 meeting rooms •
- 2 restaurants + kitchen for guests
- amphitheatre •
- bar and lounge area •
- pool, sauna and spa area •



Equipment installation – what and why

- •
- consumption monitoring

Low noise ducted horizontal and vertical indoor units, cassette units with presence sensors in common areas, underfloor heating



Customer requirements

- **High energy efficiency**
- Using renewable energies
- Reduction of CO2 emissions
- Centralized control, intelligent energy consumption monitoring
- High user comfort

Air cooled VRV with heat recovery and hydroboxes **Customer requirements** High energy efficiency High energy efficiency Waste heat is utilized to heat water for underfloor heating Using renewable energies High comfort level due to independent operation of Centralized control, intelligent energy indoor units Variable Refrigerant Temperature technology -> guest comfort and energy saving High user comfort -÷ Intelligent Touch Manager + BMS Air handling units with heat recovery gateways + WAGO controls Utilizing waste heat of exhaust air ÷ ZEAS and CVP refrigeration units Waste heat from refrigeration is used to heat the water for underfloor heating and swimming pool



Equipment installation – additional information





Equipment installation – additional information



Guest rooms equipment installation

Low noise slim ducted units in classic rooms

- ducted units in the suspended ceiling in the hallway
- about 60 m³/h fresh air intake



Low noise slim ducted units in family rooms

- No suspended ceiling
- Floor standing unit invisible behind the wardrobe
- In the small rooms for the kids it was not possible to install VRV because of the refrigerant charge, therefore a split unit has been installed



User interface is "Madoka" remote controller Power switch (card switch) switches off the indoor unit Window contact switches off the indoor unit



Equipment installation – additional information

Control systems



Power Manager Server

For energy cosumption monitoring Nearly everything is measured:

- gas consumption
- water consumption
- power consumption
- operating hours of the hydroboxes
- heat meter for measuring the heat recovery amount etc



Notes