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# **Performance Rating of Air-to-Air Exchangers for Energy Recovery Ventilation Equipment**



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### Intent

This standard is intended for the guidance of the industry, including manufacturers, engineers, installers, contractors, and users.

### Review and Amendment

This standard is subject to review and amendment as technology advances.

### 2023 Edition

This edition of AHRI Standard 1061 (SI), *Performance Rating of Air-to-Air Exchangers for Energy Recovery Ventilation Equipment*, was prepared by the Air-to-Air Energy Recovery Ventilation (ERV) Standards Technical Committee. The standard was approved by the Applied Standards Subcommittee on 8 November 2023.

### Origin and Development of AHRI Standard 1061 (SI)

The initial publication was AHRI Standard 1061 (SI)-2011, *Performance Rating of Air-to-Air Heat Exchangers for Energy Recovery Ventilation Equipment*.

Subsequent revisions were:

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ANSI/AHRI Standard 1061 (SI)-2014, *Performance Rating of Air-to-Air Heat Exchangers for Energy Recovery Ventilation Equipment*

AHRI Standard 1061-2018 (SI), *Performance Rating of Air-to-Air Heat Exchangers for Energy Recovery Ventilation Equipment*

### Summary of Changes

AHRI Standard 1061-2023 (SI) contains the following updates to the previous edition:

- Revised range of standard *rating conditions* for supply flow ratio and *pressure differential*.
- Updated requirements for *published ratings*.
- Pressure drop correction moved to [Section 4](#) and clarified method to determine density and viscosity.
- Increased allowances for sensible *effectiveness* and latent *effectiveness*.
- Testing tolerances moved to [Table 2](#) and revised.
- Added calculation of standard airflow.
- Added *sensible energy recovery ratio*.
- Corrected units in [Appendix C](#).
- Increased maximum temperature for laboratory ambient conditions.

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The purpose of the SWG – AHRI 1060 & 1061 is to complete the project to revise AHRI Standard 1060-2018 (I-P) and AHRI Standard 1061-2018 (SI).

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The Air-to-Air Energy Recovery Ventilation (ERV) Standards Technical Committee is responsible for the development and maintenance of AHRI standards and guidelines pertaining to Performance Rating of *Air-to-Air Exchangers* for Energy Recovery Ventilation Equipment, Calculating the Efficiency of Energy Recovery Ventilation and its Effects on Efficiency and Size of Building HVAC Systems, and Selecting, Sizing and Specifying Packaged *air-to-air energy recovery ventilation equipment*.

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# PERFORMANCE RATING OF AIR-TO-AIR EXCHANGERS FOR ENERGY RECOVERY VENTILATION EQUIPMENT

## Section 1. Purpose

This standard establishes definitions, test requirements, rating requirements, minimum data requirements for *published ratings*, marking and nameplate data, and conformance conditions for *air-to-air exchangers* intended for use in *air-to-air energy recovery ventilation equipment (AAERVE)*.

## Section 2. Scope

### 2.1 Scope

This standard applies to factory-made *air-to-air exchangers* for use in *AAERVE* as defined in [Section 3](#).

### 2.2 Exclusions

This standard does not apply to the rating and testing of heat exchangers joined by circulated heat transfer medium (run-around loop). A run-around loop employs liquid-containing coils connected in a closed loop and placed in each of two or more airstreams.

## Section 3. Definitions

All terms in this document shall follow the standard industry definitions in the ASHRAE Terminology website unless otherwise defined in this section.

### 3.1 Expression of Provisions

Terms that provide clear distinctions between requirements, recommendations, permissions, options, and capabilities.

#### 3.1.1 “Can” or “cannot”

Express an option or capability.

#### 3.1.2 “May”

Signifies a permission expressed by the document.

#### 3.1.3 “Must”

Indication of unavoidable situations and does not mean that an external constraint referred to is a requirement of the document.

#### 3.1.4 “Shall” or “shall not”

Indication of mandatory requirements to strictly conform to the standard and where deviation is not permitted.

#### 3.1.5 “Should” or “should not”

Indication of recommendations rather than requirements. In the negative form, a recommendation is the expression of potential choices or courses of action that is not preferred but not prohibited.

### 3.2 Standard Specific Definitions

#### 3.2.1 Air-to-Air Energy Recovery Ventilation Equipment (AAERVE)

Energy recovery components and packaged energy recovery ventilation units that employ *air-to-air exchangers* to recover energy from exhaust air for the purpose of pre-conditioning outdoor air prior to supplying the conditioned air to the space, either directly or as part of an air-conditioning (to include air heating, air cooling, air circulating, air cleaning, humidifying and dehumidifying) system.