

Standard Operating Procedure
Fan Testing

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8.004

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- 1 Purpose
 - 1.1 To establish a standard procedure for testing the ability of the fan system to comply with the design requirements.
- 2 Scope
 - 2.1 This procedure applies to the supply air, return air, or exhaust air fans.
- 3 Reference
 - 3.1 NEBB Testing Adjusting Balancing Manual for Technicians, First Edition, 1986.
- 4 Definition
 - 4.1 CFM Cubic Feet per Minute
 - 4.2 RPM Revolutions Per Minute
- 5 Responsibility
 - 5.1 TAB technicians shall record all test readings on Form FN 8.004.1 (Fan Test Report Form).
 - 5.2 All test reports shall be saved in files, located in the TAB department of Therma.
 - 5.3 All test equipment utilized shall be in calibration in accordance with NEBB Standards and traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).
- 6 Materials Requirement
 - 6.1 None

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7 Test Equipment

- 7.1 Differential Pressure Meter (Air)
- 7.2 Pitot Tube
- 7.3 Volt-Ammeter
- 7.4 Tachometer
- 7.5 Tape Measure

8 General Procedures

- 8.1 Ensure that the fan system is safely disconnected from the electrical power source.
- 8.2 Record all data from the nameplates of the unit, fan and motor on the Form FN 8.004.1 (Fan Test Report Form).

Drive Data

- 8.3 Measure and record the quantity and size or part numbers of belts and sheaves.

Fan Data

- 8.4 Energize the fan system.
- 8.5 Balance duct systems to design conditions.
- 8.6 Measure and record air volumes in CFM with the system at design conditions.
- 8.7 Measure the fan's RPM using a tachometer.
- 8.8 Measure the discharge static pressure, inlet static pressure and filter pressure drop using a differential pressure meter (air).
- 8.9 Calculate the total static pressure from the difference of the discharge and inlet static pressures.

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Motor Data

- 8.10 Measure the motor's RPM using the tachometer.
- 8.11 Measure the voltage and amperes using a voltmeter and an ammeter.
- 8.12 Calculate the brake horsepower (BHP) of the motor using the following equation:

$$\text{BHP} = \frac{\text{NPHP} \times \text{MA} \times \text{MVolt}}{\text{NPA} \times \text{NPVolt}}$$

Where:

NPHP = Nameplate Horsepower
 NPA = Nameplate Amperes
 NPVolt = Nameplate Voltage
 MA = Measured Amperes
 MVolt = Measured Voltage


- 8.13 Record all data on the Form FN 8.004.1 (Fan Test Report Form).

9 Review and Approval


- 9.1 Return the Form FN 8.004.1 (Fan Test Report Form) to the TAB Department for review.

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