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# 1 INTRODUCTION

This report details work to determine airflow rates and noise on an XB55 heat recovery unit constructed by Nuaire and installed in the factory training room at Caerphilly, Wales. The work was requested by Nuaire and was conducted on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012.

# 2 OBJECTIVE

The objectives of the test were to measure airflow rates at various fan speeds and determine the noise generated by the heat recovery unit at those fan speeds and compare with the acoustic and airflow requirements of Building Bulletin 101 Ventilation of school buildings (Clause 1.5 ventilation provision) and Building Bulletin 93 (Table 1.1 Performance standards for indoor ambient noise levels) for a classroom or general teaching area.

# **3 ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR TEST**

The item submitted for test was a mechanical heat and ventilation recovery unit, with a generic designation XB55.\*\*\*, the asterisk denoting various options available. Close coupled attenuator sections were fitted to the unit designated XB55-SIL-AT (Atmospheric side) and XB55-SIL-RM (Room side). It was installed in the Nuaire training room. The duct work consisted of a main extract and supply, each of nominal diameter 400mm. There was a two branch supply duct from the unit to the room, each branch having two circular air outlet terminals, without diffusers. The branch duct and terminals were nominal 315mm diameter. The extract from the room was a grille in the end of the unit.

# Figure 1 Training room



Appendix B shows the product details.

# 4 INSTRUMENTATION

Description	Identifier	Calibration due
1m pitot static tube	20151	03/10/12
TSI 8705 Micromanometer	682	05/01/13
TSI 8371Balometer	200115	23/10/13
Kino 100mm anemometer	1080	13/05/13
Barometer	334	29/10/13
Nor 140 Precision Sound Analyser	S.N. 1402789	07/07/13
Nor 1251 Acoustic Calibrator	S.N. 30754	31/07/13

# 5 TEST METHOD

The test method consisted of two distinct parts:

# 5.1 AIRFLOW MEASUREMENTS

Airflow was measured using three different techniques, to cross reference the air volumes obtained. In theory the sum of the branch traverses should match the main traverse, as should the sum of the terminal airflow rates.

These were:

- A classic duct traverse on the main extract duct and two supply branches, using a pitot static tube and digital manometer.
- A hand held balometer used to measure each terminal airflow
- An anemometer used to measure each terminal air velocity

The duct traverse used existing holes in the ductwork by Nuaire. These allowed a traverse on three diameters using the log linear rule for a circular duct, with six readings for each diameter (BS 1042:section 2.1: 1983), giving eighteen readings per traverse. This was conducted on the main and branch ducts at fan speed settings 10, 8, 6 and 4. The duct configuration limited the amount of straight length available to approximately 5 duct diameters.

A 1m ellipsoidal nose pitot static tube and digital micro manometer was used giving a direct reading of velocity in m/s. The instrument did not apply a density correction to the measured value.

In addition static pressure at three points on the heat recovery unit (main extract, main supply and branch tee) was measured using the same instrumentation.

The balometer consisted of an annular ring with radiused entry containing a circular modified Wilson grid arrangement that used differential pressure samples at multiple points to determine air volume. To this was attached a standard 610mm square hood. This was modified by BSRIA with a 25mm thick piece of foil faced insulation fixed across the top of the hood, with a 315mm diameter hole cut in the centre to give a close fit over a terminal outlet.

The balometer gave a direct readout in litres/second. The instrument did not apply a density correction to the measured values.

Measurements were conducted on all terminals at fan speeds- 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2.

The anemometer was a 100mm diameter van type, used to conduct velocity measurements on each terminal at fan speeds 9, 7, 5, 4, 3 and 2. This was initially placed in the centre of each outlet and then moved across the outlet diameter. Again, the instrument did not apply a density correction to the measured values. It had the facility to also measure temperature, which was used in determining air density.



# Figure 2 Airflow measurements

# 5.2 NOISE MEASUREMENTS

Noise measurements were carried out in order to determine the emission sound pressure level of the unit in general accordance with BS EN ISO 11202:2009 "Acoustics – Noise emitted by machinery and equipment – Measurement of emission sound pressure levels at a work station and at other specified positions – Survey method in situ".

Noise levels are denoted by the decibel (dB) unit, where a sound pressure level of 0 dB is the threshold of human hearing and a sound pressure level of 120 dB is the threshold of pain. The human ear is frequency dependant, being more or less sensitive at certain frequencies. The A-weighted noise level is an approximation to how the human ear perceives the noise and the unit is dB(A).

The unit under test was installed in the training room at the Nuaire Ltd factory in Caerphilly, as shown in Figure 1 and Appendix A. The unit was installed and commissioned by Nuaire Ltd. The fan speed of the unit was adjusted from setting 2 to 10 using a controller located on the wall of the training room. Only the Test Engineer was present inside the room during the noise measurements. All doors and windows were shut.

The unit is intended to be installed in a school classroom so eighteen discrete microphone positions were selected to represent a range of room user positions around the room. The height of the microphone positions was 1.2m, the distance between the microphone positions was 1.5m, and the

microphone positions were at least 1m from the walls of the room. The microphone positions are shown in Figure 3.

A Nor140 Precision Sound Analyser was utilised to measure the sound pressure levels and background noise levels in one-third octave band centre frequencies between 63 Hz and 10 kHz. The microphone was calibrated before and after the noise measurements to ensure in remained within  $\pm 0.5$  dB. A measurement period of 15 seconds at each measurement position was utilised and due to the relatively steady state of the noise from the unit this was acceptable in order to fully quantify the noise produced by the unit under test.

The unit under test was very quiet at the lowest fan speeds. It was therefore necessary to carry out noise measurements when the influence of background noise levels were minimised. Noise sources when the unit was not operational consisted of individual car movements on the surrounding roads and plant noise from other parts of the Nuaire Ltd factory. At the lowest fan speeds, noise measurements were carried out when there were no car movements.

For each fan speed the emission sound pressure levels were calculated for each of the positions around the room. The emission sound pressure levels were calculated in accordance with BS EN ISO 11202:2009 using the background noise correction  $K_1$  and the local environmental correction  $K_3$ . In accordance with BS EN ISO 11202:2009 the mean acoustical absorption coefficient of the test room was estimated from Table A.1 in Annex A of ISO 3746:2010. BS EN ISO 11202:2009 states that the overall A-weighted emission sound pressure level should be calculated. For additional information the one-third octave band centre frequency emission sound pressure levels from 63 Hz to 10 kHz have also been calculated.

The average A-weighted emission sound pressure level across all positions is compared against the criteria of Building Bulletin 93 (BB93). BB93 states that the upper limit for the indoor ambient noise level ( $L_{Aeq,30min}$ , dB) for a school classroom is 35 dB(A).

# Figure 3 Microphone positions



Not to scale

# 6 **RESULTS**

The results are shown split into those fan speeds for which a series of pitot traverse were measured and those for which measurements of the supply terminals were taken with the balometer. Density corrections were applied to the measured readings to give airflow at standard temperature and pressure of 20°C and 1013mbar.

The data obtained from the anemometer readings was highly variable across the terminal diameter. At lower fan speeds it ranged between zero and 0.6 m/s depending on position. Local terminal velocities have not therefore been reported.

# 6.1 AIRFLOW MEASUREMENT RESULTS-TRAVERSE

# Table 1 Traverse

Fan speed	Location	Duct size	Duct	Traverse						Vol	Vol		
·			area			m	/s			Average	measured	STP	
		mm	m2	1	2	3	4	5	6	m/s	l/s	l/s	
4	1	400	0.1257	2.17	2.34	2.29	1.94	2.00	1.98	2.27	285.4	292.8	Extract
4	2	400	0.1257	2.23	2.43	2.58	1.98	2.16	2.30				
4	3	400	0.1257	2.51	2.56	2.51	2.20	2.36	2.34				
4	4	400				4.6							
4	5	400	Static	pressures	; (Pa)	-20.4							
4	6	400			1 - 7	1.5							
4	7	315	0 0779	2 00	2 03	1.65	1 61	1 65	1 73	173	134.8		
4	8	315	0.0779	1.61	1.63	1.63	1 70	2 01	1.94		10110		
4	9	315	0.0779	1.58	1.00	1.00	1.65	1.90	1.01				
4	10	315	0.0779	1.60	1.56	1.10	1.00	1.80	1.39	1 71	133.6		
4	11	315	0.0779	1.00	1.00	1.68	1.07	1.86	1.88		100.0		
4	12	315	0.0779	1.57	1.60	1.86	1.01	1.00	1.00	Sum	268.5	275.3	Supply
	12	515	0.0115	1.57	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.54	1.50	Variation (	200.5	213.3 5.0%	Сарріу
6	1	400	0 1257	2.26	2 22	2 20	2 1 2	2.40	2.40	2 25	121 1	421.0	Extract
0	1	400	0.1257	3.20	3.3Z	3.39	2.02	2.01	3.40	3.35	421.1	431.9	Exilaci
6	2	400	0.1257	3.20	3.45	3.72	2.90	3.01	3.03				
6	3	400	0.1257	3.87	3.76	3.15	3.11	3.35	3.71				
6	4	400	01-11-		(D-)	9.8							
6	5	400	Static	e pressures	s (Pa)	-46.5							
6	6	400				4.0	0.05		0.00	0.54	105.5		
6	1	315	0.0779	3.04	3.10	2.75	2.35	2.34	2.22	2.51	195.5		
6	8	315	0.0779	2.23	2.44	2.35	2.51	2.76	2.61				
6	9	315	0.0779	2.10	2.12	2.11	2.49	3.08	2.56				
6	10	315	0.0779	2.07	2.31	2.60	2.82	2.61	2.08	2.51	195.5		
6	11	315	0.0779	2.05	1.98	2.56	2.77	2.91	2.67	-			-
6	12	315	0.0779	2.37	2.47	2.67	2.90	2.80	2.52	Sum	391.1	401.1	Supply
										Variation (	rom extract)	7.1%	<u>د</u>
8	1	400	0.1257	3.64	4.02	4.36	3.99	3.98	3.15	4.18	524.9	538.4	Extract
8	2	400	0.1257	4.54	4.61	4.69	3.31	3.39	3.45				
8	3	400	0.1257	5.38	5.40	4.85	4.16	4.08	4.18				
8	4	400				19.7							
8	5	400	Static	pressures	: (Pa)	-75.6							
8	6	400				5.9							
8	7	315	0.0779	3.98	3.90	3.51	3.02	3.06	3.22	3.27	255.1		
8	8	315	0.0779	3.03	2.98	3.15	3.32	3.81	3.35				
8	9	315	0.0779	2.57	2.58	2.47	3.30	3.99	3.67				
8	10	315	0.0779	2.35	2.96	3.31	3.64	3.55	2.87	3.21	250.2		
8	11	315	0.0779	2.74	2.83	3.19	3.89	3.75	3.15				
8	12	315	0.0779	2.84	3.34	3.47	3.30	3.51	3.10	Sum	505.3	518.3	Supply
										Variation (	from extract)	3.7%	>
10	1	400	0.1257	4.33	4.78	4.58	4.02	4.77	4.95	4.64	583.4	598.3	Extract
10	2	400	0.1257	4.71	4.76	5.12	4.24	4.67	3.78				
10	3	400	0.1257	5.50	5.70	5.08	4.28	4.29	3.99				
10	4	400				29.9							
10	5	400	Static	pressures	: (Pa)	-87.0							
10	6	400				8.2							
10	7	315	0 0779	4 13	4 31	3 75	3 16	3 84	3 39	3.64	283.6		
10	8	315	0.0779	3.29	3,30	3,43	3,80	4,32	3,65				1
10	9	315	0.0779	3,16	2,53	3,16	3,92	4,60	3,76				1
10	10	315	0.0779	2.91	3.02	3,73	4.24	4.00	3,50	3.61	281.2		
10	11	315	0.0779	2.99	3.09	3.28	4.15	4,23	3,82				
10	12	315	0.0779	3.77	3.75	4.04	4.06	3.74	2.63	Sum	564.9	579.3	Supply
		0.0	5.00	0	00			0	2.00	Variation (	from extract)	3.2%	

The duct velocities were considered too low to obtain reliable readings below speed 4.

# 6.2 AIRFLOW MEASUREMENT RESULTS-TERMINALS

# Table 2 Terminals

Fan speed	Terminal	Duct size	Duct	Volume	Volume	Variation	Proportion
			area	measured	STP	from extract	of total terminal
		mm	m2	l/s	l/s	%	%
2	T1	315	0.0779	49.0			
2	T2	315	0.0779	26.5			
2	T3	315	0.0779	28.5			
2	T4	315	0.0779	48.0			
			Sum	152.0	155.9	N/A	26.2%
3	T1	315	0.0779	70.5			
3	T2	315	0.0779	34.5			
3	Т3	315	0.0779	36.5			
3	T4	315	0.0779	69.5			
			Sum	211.0	216.4	N/A	36.4%
4	T1	315	0.0779	96.5			
4	T2	315	0.0779	44.5			
4	T3	315	0.0779	49.0			
4	T4	315	0.0779	97.0			
			Sum	287.0	294.4	-0.5%	49.5%
5	T1	315	0.0779	120.0			
5	T2	315	0.0779	53.5			
5	Т3	315	0.0779	57.5			
5	T4	315	0.0779	117.0			
			Sum	348.0	356.9	N/A	60.0%
6	T1	315	0.0779	148.0			
6	T2	315	0.0779	65.5			
6	Т3	315	0.0779	70.0			
6	T4	315	0.0779	137.0			
			Sum	420.5	431.3	0.1%	72.5%
7	T1	315	0.0779	164.0			
7	T2	315	0.0779	71.0			
7	Т3	315	0.0779	78.5			
7	T4	315	0.0779	160.0			
			Sum	473.5	485.6	N/A	81.6%
8	T1	315	0.0779	184.0			
8	T2	315	0.0779	78.5			
8	Т3	315	0.0779	91.5			
8	T4	315	0.0779	185.0			
			Sum	539.0	552.8	-2.7%	92.9%
9	T1	315	0.0779	198.0			
9	T2	315	0.0779	85.5			
9	T3	315	0.0779	98.0			
9	T4	315	0.0779	202.0			
			Sum	583.5	598.5	N/A	100.6%
10	T1	315	0.0779	195.0			
10	T2	315	0.0779	87.5			
10	T3	315	0.0779	98.5			
10	T4	315	0.0779	199.0			
			Sum	580.0	594.9	0.6%	100%

The supply terminal volumes determined by the balometer gave a close correlation with the main extract duct and are considered to be a reliable indicator of the total supply air volume within  $\pm 5\%$ .

This value was used to assess the unit performance against the requirements of BB101 for mechanical ventilation.

# 6.3 NOISE MEASUREMENT RESULTS

The calculated A-weighted emission sound pressure levels are given in Table 3 and Figure 4 below. At the lowest fan speeds the operational unit noise was barely audible over the background noise levels. BS EN ISO 11202:2009 states that if the difference between the noise levels when the unit is operational and not operational is less than 3 dB then the measurement is invalid. Where some of the microphone positions result in an invalid measurement the average emission sound pressure level is calculated from the valid measurements only.

Missonhono	A-weighted Emission Sound Pressure Level, dB(A) re 20µPa												
Desition		Fan Speed											
Position	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
1	25.4	Invalid	34.3	37.1	42.7	44.3	48.4	49.7	49.6				
2	Invalid	31.8	35.7	39.6	43.3	46.6	49.1	53.9	53.1				
3	Invalid	28.5	36.3	37.6	42.8	46.8	50.8	54.6	54.3				
4	Invalid	27.8	36.2	37.5	42.2	46.1	48.4	50.5	50.7				
5	Invalid	27.4	33.5	36.5	41.0	45.3	48.0	51.1	50.8				
6	Invalid	27.0	33.6	35.1	41.0	44.0	49.0	49.7	49.5				
7	25.9	27.0	36.2	38.5	41.8	45.9	47.4	51.2	51.6				
8	26.8	30.9	36.2	39.5	42.8	46.2	49.7	53.2	52.9				
9	Invalid	29.5	36.2	39.1	42.7	47.6	50.5	51.3	51.3				
10	24.4	28.0	35.0	37.7	44.1	46.1	48.8	52.9	53.1				
11	25.4	28.9	36.1	37.5	42.2	47.0	47.5	51.7	51.8				
12	23.5	25.6	34.6	35.4	41.5	47.8	46.4	48.5	48.2				
13	Invalid	26.7	34.7	38.2	41.5	45.2	47.9	49.3	51.6				
14	25.7	27.4	34.7	37.6	43.1	45.3	48.8	51.7	51.7				
15	23.4	28.2	34.2	37.6	42.5	46.0	48.9	52.5	52.7				
16	23.4	28.2	36.9	37.3	42.8	47.8	48.0	52.3	52.1				
17	Invalid	28.7	35.1	36.2	43.0	44.0	47.6	51.0	51.7				
18	Invalid	Invalid	32.9	36.2	41.4	44.3	47.2	48.8	48.8				
Average	25.0 <sup>1</sup>	<b>28.5</b> <sup>1</sup>	35.3	37.6	42.4	46.1	48.6	51.6	51.7				

Table 3 A-weighted emission sound pressure levels at all microphone position	re levels at all microphone positions
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Note 1: Calculated from valid emission sound pressure levels only



Figure 4 Average A-weighted emission sound pressure levels

The average A-weighted emission sound pressure levels for fan speeds 2 and 3 are calculated from the valid emission sound pressure levels only.

In order to provide additional information to Nuaire Ltd about the noise produced by the unit one-third octave band centre frequency emission sound pressure levels were calculated between 63 Hz and 10 kHz. The position averaged emission sound pressure levels are given in Table 4. BS EN ISO 11202:2009 states that if the difference between the noise levels when the unit is operational and not operational is less than 3 dB then the measurement is invalid. Where four or less of the microphone positions resulted in an invalid measurement the average emission sound pressure level is calculated from the valid measurements only. Fan speed 2 and 3 contained too many invalid measurements to warrant inclusion.

One-third Octave	Emission Sound Pressure Level, dB re 20µPa									
Band Centre				Fan Speed						
Frequency, Hz	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
63	41.8 <sup>1</sup>	43.4 <sup>1</sup>	47.0	49.6	51.4	52.9	53.0			
80	39.0 <sup>1</sup>	41.4	43.1	45.1	47.4	48.1	48.3			
100	40.9	38.5	40.7	42.7	44.4	45.7	45.6			
125	42.6	47.1	44.2	45.9	47.6	49.1	48.8			
160	33.3	42.3	49.6	48.1	46.3	47.2	47.0			
200	33.3	38.2	44.8	54.3	55.8	55.9	55.9			
250	32.0	35.6	39.6	44.0	49.4	56.0	56.1			
315	25.6	29.0	32.8	35.8	38.6	41.2	41.1			
400	22.7	26.8	31.0	34.6	38.0	39.5	39.3			
500	21.5 <sup>1</sup>	25.9	30.7	33.5	36.4	39.0	38.9			
630	20.2	23.7	28.4	31.6	34.4	36.4	36.4			
800	21.5	26.7	29.6	32.6	35.2	37.2	37.1			
1000	31.0	23.1	35.2	31.5	33.4	35.4	35.4			
1250	21.1	23.8	26.9	30.1	33.3	40.6	40.7			
1600	18.2	20.3	25.4	28.5	30.9	34.2	34.2			
2000	18.3	21.2	25.4	29.1	31.6	33.7	33.7			
2500	16.8	20.7	25.2	28.5	31.4	33.5	33.5			
3150	14.5	17.7	23.5	26.8	29.5	31.6	31.6			
4000	16.1	19.0	24.1	28.2	31.4	33.6	33.4			
5000	Invalid	11.9	16.6	20.5	24.1	26.8	26.7			
6300	Invalid	Invalid	11.4	15.8	19.4	22.2	22.1			
8000	Invalid	Invalid	7.8 <sup>1</sup>	12.1	16.4	19.1	19.1			
10000	Invalid	Invalid	Invalid	7.7	12.0	15.1	15.4			

# Table 4 Emission sound pressure levels for one-third octave band centre frequencies

Note 1: Noise measurements contained four or less invalid measurements.

# 7 COMMENTS/ANALYSIS

Analysis of and comments on the test data is given below for airflow and noise test separately.

# 7.1 AIRFLOW

The airflow results for pitot traverse were not conducted below speed 4, where the average extract velocity was 2.3 m/s. As a general rule once velocity falls below 3 m/s methods other than pitot tube are preferred for air flow measurement.

The balometer, although mainly designed as a balancing aid, uses a variation on a Wilson flow grid which gives a magnified signal compared to a pitot tube for the same air volume. It also gives a single reading, equivalent to a multipoint traverse. The disadvantage is that flows can only be measured at an open branch point, such that total airflow requires a summation of the branch measurements, with associated uncertainty for each branch measurement.

In this instance, while velocity was low, the readings obtained by traverse and balometer methods were stable and where readings using both methods were conducted at the same fan speed, correlation was close (within a 4% spread).

It is therefore considered that the balometer readings can be used over the fan speeds and airflow range tested to determine total airflow with an uncertainty of  $\pm 5\%$ .

Other points to note are that the static pressure in the supply branch was low and combination with the low velocities and duct layout gave an unusual effect of the air volumes in the two terminals nearest the heat recovery unit being approximately half that of the two terminals at the ends of the branches.

The total air volumes for speeds 9 and 10 showed no significant difference (within 5%).

# 7.2 NOISE

The compliance of the calculated A-weighted emission sound pressure levels with the indoor ambient noise level criteria of BB93 for a classroom is given in Table 5. The 35 dB(A) criteria is met for fan speeds 2 to 4 and not met for fan speeds 5 to 10.

Due to the survey grade accuracy of the measurement standard, assumptions made about the absorption of the training room, background noise corrections, and differences between the calculated emission sound pressure levels in the training room with measured ambient noise levels for the specific classroom installation and design, the noise levels measured in the training room may differ from the noise levels once the unit is installed and operational at the school. It may therefore be beneficial to carry out additional noise measurements once the unit is installed at the school to fully guarantee it's compliance with the BB93 noise criteria.

	Fan Speed									
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
A-weighted Emission										
Sound Pressure Level,	25.0	28.5	35.3	37.6	42.4	46.1	48.6	51.6	51.7	
dB(A) re 20µPa										
Compliance with BB93				~	~	~	~	~	~	
noise criteria	v	v	v	<b>^</b>	^	^	^	^	^	

# Table 5 Compliance of emission noise levels with BB93

# 8 CONCLUSIONS

It is concluded from the tests that, using BB101 Clause 1.5.2 which states that an 8 l/s/per person capability be provided at all occupied times if a mechanical ventilation system is specified and BB93 Table 1.1, which states the upper limit for the indoor ambient noise level ( $L_{Aeq,30min}$ , dB) for a school classroom is 35 dB(A).

The heat recovery unit XXB55, as tested in the Nuaire training room, demonstrated it was capable of meeting the BB101 ventilation rates/ per person and BB93 noise criteria for a non-specialist classroom at the following conditions:

Fan speed	Airflow l/s	Occupants at 8/1/s/person	A-weighted emission sound pressure level,	
_			dB re 20µPa	
2	156	19	25.0	
3	216	27	28.5	
4	294	36	35.3	

# APPENDIX: A TRAINING ROOM



# APPENDIX: B XB55 SPECIFICATION



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#### IMPORTANT

- Safety first! –before commencing any work ensure:
- That all appropriate risk assesments have been carried
- out, and the required safety measures have been taken
- That you understand the work required
- That you are trained and competent to carry it out

#### I.O Delivery of Equipment I.I Receipt of equipment

All equipment is inspected prior to despatch and leaves the factory in good condition. Upon receipt of the equipment an inspection should be made and any damage indicated on the delivery note. Particulars of damage and/or incomplete delivery should be endorsed by the driver delivering the goods before offloading by the purchaser.

No responsibility will be accepted for damage sustained during the offloading from the vehicle or on the site thereafter.

All claims for damage and/or incomplete delivery must be reported to Nuaire within two days of receipt of the equipment.

# I.2 Offloading and Handling from the delivery Vehicle

The weight of the unit modules and palletised items is displayed on the unit rating plate or on the packaging. Some of the modules have an uneven weight distribution, and this will be indicated by labelling where appropriate. Ensure that lifting and handling equipment is adequately rated.

Offloading and positioning of the equipment is the responsibility of the purchaser.

Spreaders should be used when lifting with slings to avoid damage to the casings. Care must be taken to ensure that slings are correctly positioned to avoid crushing and twisting of the unit castings.

Where channels and/or support frames are bolted to the underside of the unit casing, slings or fork-lift arms should be positioned to locate in the apertures in the channels. If Lifting Eyes have been supplied / fitted it is recommended that they are used.

Figure 2: Lifting.



Slings via spreaders fitted to unit with base frame.

XBOXER 55 unit sections will be delivered to site in the number of sections shown below.

Unit N	lo. of sections
Atmosphere Side Silencer and Mixing B	ox I
XBOXER 55 Central Ventilation Unit	1
Room Side Silencer	1

Each Section will be labelled with the direction of air flow. The direction convention must be observed during assembly. The units may only be operated in their intended horizontal installation plane.

The 3 units are supplied with ceiling mounting brackets attached to the top of each unit and 28 cap head fixing bolts. (see figure 7). Units are also supplied with 4 matching external extrusion connection joints and screws with which the sections are bolted together after installation on the ceiling.

Unit and Silencer weights Weight

	(kg)	Weight (kg)
XBOXER 55 Atmosphere Side Silencer	153	240
With Mixing Box	165	252
XBOXER 55	4	267
Roomside Silencer		
XBOXER 55	3 <del>9</del> 1	516
Ventilation Unit		

#### 1.3 Storage

The equipment must be stored in a dry, internal location. Ductwork connection apertures shall be sealed against the ingress of dust, water and vermin. Note that units that are intended for internal locational use only.

If the storage period is to exceed two months, contact Nuaire for guidance on the appropriate "mothballing" procedures. Do not stack units, modules or components.

#### 2.0 Crection and Assembly

Units must be installed in accordance with good industry practice, horizontal and level on a prepared ceiling utilising the fixing brackets supplied.

Heat recovery modules and modules that incorporate cooling coils may produce condensation during use. An insulated drip tray and drain connection is provided, and should be connected to a suitable drainage point.

Provision may be required, and if so, should be made, for the fitting of a correctly sized cleanable trap to each drain connection. Please see figure IO. for condensate connections and sizes.

Figure 3: Drainage point.



H (mm) = (Static Pressure (Pa) / 10 + 12 Pipe Connection size

(Low Pressure/Cooling Condensate Run) XBOXER 55 = I5mm Coils are tested during manufacture to I6 Bar (using dry

compressed air). Operation of standard equipment is rated at PNG, if the intended system requires higher operating pressures; please contact the Nuaire Technical department for advice.

Electrical connections to the unit shall be made in accordance with the appropriate product (see below), and installation wiring diagrams, and shall use appropriately sized and rated cables. The unit rating label shows the maximum electrical load of the equipment. Connections to the unit may include single phase supply

connections, and a variety of control circuits. Control circuit connections must be segregated (i.e. routed

separately) from power connections. Only the prepared apertures in the unit casing may be used for

cable entry. Do not drill or cut the unit casing for this purpose. The equipment must be earthed and earth-bonded. Means of local isolation for maintenance purposes are generally required.

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Isolation - Before commencing work make sure that the unit and Nuaire control are electrically isolated from the mains supply.

## 3.0 Installation of the Units

Installation of the three XBOXER 55 units, including all external services and controls should be installed in accordance with the appropriate authority and MUST conform to all governing regulations e.g. CDM, CIBSE, IEE, and in strict accordance with the applicable Building Regulations.

Having decided on the correct installation position for the units, appropriate external wall grilles must be installed located to combine with the spigots on the out facing side of the Mixing Box. The three supplied units must be installed on the ceiling in the following order:

I. The Mixing Box/Side Silencer must be installed first, positioned against the outside wall.

2. The Central Fan Unit is the second unit for installation.

3. The third unit to be installed is the Room Side Silencer.

Installation begins by removing the 28 Cap Head fixing bolts and 3 ceiling mounting brackets (one for unit see figure 4).

The final assembled position of the units on the ceiling, must allow for sufficient free space to be available adjacent to the units for future inspection, maintenance, repair and replacement.

Mark positions for mounting the ceiling brackets for each of the three units ensuring that the fixed brackets on the units unill fit into the same ceiling brackets they were first removed from. (see figure 5 and 5a).

As previously mentioned the Mixing Box/Side Silencer must be installed first, positioned against the outside wall.

Ensure that the fixed ceiling brackets will allow for the weight of the XBOXER 55 units to be suspended from them. The first unit the Mixing Box/Side Silencer may be lifted up to be aligned and installed using the Cap Head bolts (see figure 6).





Figure 5: Mark positions for mounting the ceiling brackets () for each unit). External pitch (A) is ISOOmm apart with a tolerance of +O/-3mm. Flatness tolerance +/4mm.



Figure 5a: The 3 ceiling bracket sets must be joined together using the 4 joining brackets and bolts supplied.



Figure 6: Position Cap Head Bolts through fixed unit bracket and ceiling mounting brackets using the central one of the three bolt holes in the "V" shape to align the outside two bolt holes.



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# Installation of the Units cont. IMPORTANT The Central Fan Unit is the second unit for installation (see figure When installing ceiling brackets ensure each one matches the specific units they were first removed from. 7). and when this unit is secured the third and final unit the Room Side Silencer should be installed using the same method. Figure 7: Lifting the units with appropriate equipment. Three Ceiling mounted brackets (One for each unit). XBOXER 55 Central Fan Unit. Figure 7a: Apply sealing tape (supplied) round four edges of both spigots for additional air tight installation. Mixing Box/Side Silencer. Lifting device.

It is important that the units fit tightly together so that maximum performance is achieved. On completing the installation of the three units onto the ceiling mounted brackets the units should be joined together using the supplied extrusion joining strips and screws. (see figure 8).

Figure 8: Join units together using the four supplied extrusion joining strips and screws.





Figure 9: Three units mounted together on the ceiling.

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Figure IO: Coil and condensate connections to left hand unit.



#### 4.0 Commissioning & Setting to work

(Note – not all of the components listed here are necessarily included with the equipment supplied).

#### 4.I Filters

Remove filter access panels (observe and note airflow direction labels), inspect filters for contamination with construction debris, replace as necessary. Replace access panels.

Filter pressure drops will depend on actual flow rate and condition. Observe and record filter pressure drops after performance commissioning.

Typically, filter "dirty" condition occurs when the initial filter "clean" readings have been increased by I25Pa.

If filter manometers, pressure switches or indicators have been fitted, they should be set or adjusted to reflect the commissioned system operation.

#### 4.2 Heating & Cooling Coils Water

Water coils should be connected to ensure that full counter flow exists i.e. - the entering airflow meets the return connection. All water coils should be connected with the flow at the bottom and the return at the top unless otherwise advised. Drain and bleed valves are located on the coil, others may be required in the system pipe-work depending on the installation.

Ideally, where the system is at risk of frost damage, the addition of a proprietary anti-freeze solution to the water is recommended. Pipe-work connections should be made to the unit using appropriate

Pipe-work connections should be made to the unit using appropriate techniques, and must be independently supported. The connections should be pressure tested.

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Direct expansion coils must be fitted with a correctly sized thermostatic expansion valve with an external equalising connection. The expansion valve phial must be fitted between the suction header connection and the equalising line.

The recommendations of the TE valve manufacturer should be referred to when locating the phial and adjusting the superheat. In all cases, settings should be in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer of the refrigeration equipment.

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## 4.3 Fan Sections

Access to the fan section is via lift off panels. (see figures II & I2). For non-Ecosmart units, wiring to the fan motor / unit terminal box should be mechanically protected and in made in accordance with the details on the motor name plate and diagram attached to the unit.

With the unit electrically isolated, rotate the fan impeller / drive manually, checking that it spins freely. Check all fixings are secure.

# 4.4 Access to fan unit

Access to the fan sections on the non control side and controls side of the unit is shown in figures II and I2. Access to the Dampers and actuators is shown in figures I3. in section 4.5. Units must not be operated without all access panels in place – damage to equipment or injury to personnel may result. Units must not be operated unless control interlocks are in place – damage to equipment may result.

Test run motor for condition and correct rotation. Check that the correct current overloads are fitted and that the current being drawn does not exceed the motor nameplate value. Excessive current normally indicates that the ductwork system resistance is different to design.

#### IMPORTANT

Isolation - Before commencing work make sure that the unit, switched live and Nuaire control are electrically isolated from the mains supply.

Figure II: Non control side (Right hand unit) access of unit to condensate pumps, heat exchanger bypass actuator,



Figure IIa, I2b and I2c. Remove non control centre side access panel by removing the four bolts (2 x 2) on rear of panel and disconnect condensate pipe.



Figure IIb.



Figure IIc.





Figure IId: Extract fan.



Figure IIf: Condensate intake position where fitted.



Figure IIg: Condensate pumps and bypass actuator where fitted.

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Figure I2: Control side (Right hand unit) access of unit to filter, supply fan, controls and coils.



Figure I2a: Remove panel for access to filter and supply fan. Figure I2b: Removable fanplate for supply fan removal.

Figure I2c. Access to coils.

4.5 Access to Dampers and Actuators in the Atmospheric Silencer and Mixing Box Figure B: (Right hand unit) access of Atmospheric Silencer and Mixing Box. Remove access panel, pod and frame by sliding out to reveal terminal box for Mixing Box actuators.



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## 5.0 Wiring (Units with Ecosmart Control)

The electrical wiring must be carried out by competent persons, in accordance with good industry practice and should conform to all governing and statutory bodies i.e. IEE, CIBSE, COHSE etc.

# Connections

# a) Control Connections

Net - the 4 IDC plug-in connectors are provided for the connection of compatible sensors, manual controls and for linking the fans together under a common control. If more than 4 connections are required, the junction box (product code ES-JB) should be used (see data cable installation).

Switch Live (SL) terminal - A signal of IOO-23OV a.c. will activate the fan (required at each control).

Note that a signal from an isolating transformer will produce an unpredictable result and is not recommended.

#### b) Damper Connections

OP - 230V 50Hz IA max supply to open the damper

CL -230V 50Hz IA max supply to close the damper

N -Neutral supply to damper

RET - 230V ac return signal from the damper limit switch indicates the damper has reached its operating position. If the return signal is not present, the fan will wait for I minute before starting.

Note: If a damper is not fitted, connect a link wire from OP to RET. This will cancel the delay.

#### c) Volt Free Relay Contacts

Note that the volt free contacts are not fused. If these are used to power any external equipment, the installer must provide adequate fusing or other protections.

These contacts are rated at 5A resistive, 0.5A inductive. Run connections - These contacts are closed when the fan is running.

Fault connections - No fault = the contacts are closed

Fault - the contacts are opened. Heat demand - contacts closed when heating is selected.

#### d) Data Cable Installation

A 4-core SELV data cable is used to connect devices. Do not run data cable in the same conduit as the mains cables and ensure there is a 50mm separation between the data cable and other cables. The maximum cable run between any two devices is 300m when it is installed in accordance with the instructions.

Please note that the total data cable length used in any system must be less than 1000m. Keep the number of cable joints to a minimum to ensure the best data transmission efficiency between devices.

#### e) Maximum Number of Devices

The maximum number of devices (including fans) that can be connected together via the cable is 32, irrespective of their functions.

#### f) Other Low Voltage Cables

Follow the basic principle (as d). Keep the cable run as short as possible, less than 50 metres. Use screened cable if cable length is more than 2m

#### **Electrical Details**

Fans without Electric Heater		Fans wit	h	
		Electric H	leater	
Unit	fic	Unit	flc	
Code	(amps)	Code	(amps)	
X855-*N/L	2 X 3.5	XB55-*€	18.7	

## Wiring diagrams for units with Ecosmart Control

Wiring with Ecosmart fan only control. Figure 14.



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## Wiring diagrams for units with Ecosmart Control cont.

Wiring with Ecosmart control and electric heater. Figure 15.



Wiring with Ecosmart fan and LPHW coil control. Figure I6.



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## 6.0 Setting to Work Using the Test Button

The test button allows the individual blowers within the unit to be checked for its operation. If the fan is running already, press the button once to stop the fan, press again to switch on the fan. Note that the fan will return to normal operation after 30 seconds.

#### IMPORTANT

Note: this unit contains two fan units and two controls. Generally, it is recommended that the two fans are operated together (factory default arrangement), but the fans are capable of independent operation if required.

#### **LED** Indication

PWR	GREEN: Power on & OK,		
Standby	LED on when fan is not running.		
Fan I	GREEN: Fan I is running, RED: Fan I faulty.		
Fan 2	GREEN: Fan 2 is running, RED: Fan 2 faulty.		
Heating*	GREEN: Heating selected RED: Heating faultu.		
Cooling*	Not applicable. See note.		
Fault	LED on when a fault is present on unit.		
Frost*	Not applicable. See note.		
тх	LED on when the controller is transmitting data.		
RX	LED on when the controller is receiving data.		

\* Note that the control panel is common to all the Ecosmart products and will have indicators for functions that are not available in this particular fan. However these indicators will not be illuminated.

#### **BMS Input Signals**

The system's response to a 0-IOV dc BMS signal is given in the following table.

Note the BMS signal will override any sensors and user control connected in the system. The voltage tolerance is +/\_ I25mV and is measured at the fans terminal.

	Ventilation mode	Cooling mode*	Heating mode*
Local control	0.00	=	(177)
OFF / trickle	0.25	100	3776
Speed I	0.50	0.75	1.00
Speed 2	150	1.75	2.00
Speed 3	2.50	2.75	3.00
Speed 4	3.50	3.75	4.00
Speed 5	4.50	4.75	5.00
Speed 6	5.50	5.75	6.00
Speed 7	6.50	6.75	7.00
Speed 8	7.50	7.75	8.00
Speed 9	8.50	8.75	9.00
Speed IO	9.50	9.75	10.00

\* Only available on relevant unit

## Settings

#### Setting the maximum air flow

ii) Ensure the power supply is switched off and that a link wire is connected from the supply L to the SL terminal. Unplug all items connected to the 'Net' connectors.

ii) Switch on the power supply.

iii) Wait for the fan to complete its self-test operation.

Measure the airflow using standard commissioning instruments at a suitable point in the ductwork. If adjustment is required, rotate the pot marked 'MAX' to obtain the desired airflow.

#### Setting the minimum trickle airflow (nominal 40%)

i) Repeat the same procedure as for maximum airflow above but without the link wire between supply L and SL terminal. Ensure the trickle switch is in the 'ON' position. Adjustment must be made on the pot marked 'Min'.

ii) Note that the minimum setting (nominally 40%) must be below the maximum setting, otherwise minimum setting will be automatically set to be the same as the maximum.

#### Setting the overrun time

A switched live of IOO-23OV at terminal SL will activate the fan. When the switched live signal is removed the fan will overrun for period set by the dial 'SL run on' – adjust the desired overrun time by rotating clockwise.

#### Setting the trickle ventilation facility

Slide the 'trickle' switch O = Off, I = On. With 'trickle' on and power to unit the fan will run at minimum speed until the switch live signal activates it to boost.

#### Setting the 'air off' temperature

The adjustment knob is located in the control pack and must be set to the desired 'air off' temperature.

Figure I7.



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# 7.0 Wiring diagrams for units supplied without Ecosmart Control

The wiring illustrations below are for the fans, bypass damper and electric heater for units without control. All wiring is terminated in junction boxes fitted to the specified side of the unit.

It is the installer's responsibility to select and fit the appropriate control equipment to produce the desired output.

Note that any heating/cooling colls fitted are supplied without control valve and actuator.

Electrical Details					
Fans with	nout	Fa	ans with		
	flc	6	ECUIC REALER	fle	
Code	(amps)	(amps)	(watts)	(amps)	
X855	2 X 3.5	2 X 3.5	4.5	18.7	

Wiring for electric heater, bypass damper and electric heater. Figure 18.



#### Wiring for fan only or with LPHW coil bypass damper. Figure 19.



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# 8.0 Wiring diagrams for Mixing Box (control by others)

The mixing box incorporates a supply, extract and mixing damper: The connection of these dampers is to an externally mounted termination box, situated on the access side of the mixing box. The mixing box is supplied with three actuator options: 240VAC, 24VAC/DC or 24VAC/DC with O-IOVDC modulation control.

Note: The operational control for these dampers is by others and not a function of the Ecosmart control if fitted.





Wiring for 24V AC/DC Actuator. Figure 2I.



Wiring for 24V AC/DC with O-IOV DC Modulating Control Actuator: Figure 22.



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#### 9.0 Maintenance

It is recommended that  $\mathsf{PPE}$  is always used during the maintenance of Air Handling Equipment – gloves, eye shields and respiratory mask

#### IMPORTANT

Isolation - Before commencing work make sure that the unit and Nuaire control are electrically isolated from the mains supply.

In some Ecosmart units and in some third party controls, variable speed drives (inverters) are used to provide fan speed control. After the fan is isolated, allow at least 5 minutes for the capacitors in the inverter to discharge before commencing any work on the unit.

## 9.1 Dampers

At regular intervals check that the blades move freely.

#### 9.2 Filters

Disposable filters should be changed when an appropriate pressure drop is achieved.

## 9.3 Heating and Cooling Coils

Coils should have their finned surface examined for accumulation of dirt, lint and biological contaminants or similar. If necessary, wash down affected areas with a mild detergent solution and a soft brush. Care should be taken not to damage the finned surface, and any cleaning fluids should be rinsed away with water. A compressed air line may be used to blow out any solids between fins. Do not probe the coil fin block with metal objects as damage may cause leaks.

Drain lines should be checked to ensure that they are unobstructed and free draining. Traps should be checked that they are fully primed and functioning.

Drain pans should be flushed out periodically to remove con tamination

Note: The unit application may require particular attention to this item – Check with Building Management personnel for details.

# 9.4 Recuperator/Plate Heat

## Exchanger

The recuperator block is normally protected from dust and contamination by upstream pre-filters. It is possible to clean the unit with compressed air in the case of dust deposits or by spraying with a mild detergent solution for grease deposits. Solvents, strong alkaline, acidic or any products that may be aggressive to aluminium should not be used. Do not use cleaning water over 50 deg C

Drain lines should be checked to ensure that they are unobstructed and free draining. Traps should be checked that they are fully primed and functioning.

Drain pans should be flushed out periodically to remove contamination, and chemical treatments may be used to provide protection between service visits.

Note: The unit application may require particular attention to this item - Check with Building Management personnel for details.

## 9.5 Fans and Motors

Fan bearings should be manually checked at regular intervals for condition. Standard fan bearings are supplied as 'sealed for life' and have an anticipated life of 40,000 hours.

Motors have an enclosed bearing housing and are pre-greased for lif∈

Check all fixings are secure.

## 9.6 General

Inspect all internal and external surfaces to check for corrosion or peeling of painted surfaces

Thoroughlu clean affected areas with a wire brush, applu a coat of zinc rich primer or similar, and re-touch with suitable finishing paint. Ensure tightness of all nuts, bolts, and fixings. Check all components for general condition.

#### **10.0 Service**

Service schedule (typical - will depend on site conditions)

	6 MONTHS	I2 MONTHS
FILTERS	🗸 or	~
DAMPERS		~
DAMPER ACTUATORS		~
VENT WATER COILS		~
COIL FINNED SURFACES		V
CHECK DRAIN LINES + DRIP TRAY	~	~
CLEAN & FLUSH DRAIN PANS	Building Schedule ?	~
NUTS, BOLTS, FIXINGS SECURE		~
FAN BEARINGS		~
ELECTRIC HEATERS	~	
ELECTRICAL WIRING		~
FAN IMPELLER		~
GENERAL		~

# II.O Warranty

XBOXER 55 units fitted with Ecosmart control carry a 5 year warranty. Units without controls carry a 2 year warranty. The warranty starts from the day of delivery and includes parts and labour for the first year. The remaining period covers replacement parts only.

This warranty is void if the equipment is modified without

authorisation, is incorrectly applied, misused or not installed commissioned and maintained in accordance with the details contained in this manual and general good practice.

#### 12.0 Spares

Spare parts and replacement components, and general advice are available from the Nuaire Ltd Service department

Telephone 029 2085 8585
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#### INFORMATION FOR SAFE INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF NUAIRE VENTILATION EQUIPMENT

To comply with EC Council Directives 98/37/EC Machinery Directive and 2004/108/EC (EMC).

#### To be read in conjunction with the relevant Product Documentation (see 2.1) 1.0 GENERAL

The equipment referred to in this **Declaration of Incorporation** is supplied by Nuaire to be assembled into a ventilation system which may or may not include additional components. 1.1

aduition components. The entire system must be considered for safety purposes and it is the responsibility of the installer to ensure that all of the equipment is installed in compliance with the manufacturers recommendations and with due regard to current legislation and codes of practice.

- INFORMATION SUPPLIED WITH THE EQUIPMENT
- 21 Each item of equipment is supplied with a set of documentation which provides the information required for the safe installation and maintenance of the quipment. This may be in the form of a Data sheet and/or Installation and Maintenance instruction.
- Cach unit has a rating plate attached to its outer casing. The rating plate provides essential data relating to the equipment such as serial number, unit code and electrical data. Any further data that may be required unit be found in the documentation. If any item is unclear or more information is required, 2.2 contact Nuaire.
- 2.3 Where warning labels or notices are attached to the unit the instructions given must be adhered to.

#### TRANSPORTATION, HANDLING AND STORAGE 3.O

- Care must be taken at all times to prevent damage to the equipment. Note that shock to the unit may result in the balance of the impeller being affected. 31
- Shock to the unit may result in the parameter of the imperer being anected. When handling the equipment, care should be taken with corners and edges and that the weight distribution within the unit is considered. Utting gear such as slings or ropes must be arranged so as not to bear on the casing. 3.2
- 3.3 Equipment stored on site prior to installation should be protected from the weather and steps taken to prevent ingress of contaminants

#### 4.0 OPERATIONAL LIMITS

- It is important that the specified operational limits for the equipment are 41 adhered to e.g. operational air temperature, air borne contaminants and unit
- Where installation accessories are supplied with the specified equipment eg. wall mounting brackets. They are to be used to support the equipment only. Other system components must have separate provision for support. 4.2
- Flanges and connection spigots are provided for the purpose of joining to duct work systems. They must not be used to support the ductwork. 4.3

#### 5.0 INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

- In addition to the particular requirements given for the individual product, the following general requirements should be noted.
- Where access to any part of equipment which **moves**, or can become **electrically live** are not prevented by the equipment panels or by fixed installation detail (eg ducting), then guarding to the appropriate standard must be fitted. 5.1
- The electrical installation of the equipment must comply with the requirements of the relevant local electrical safety regulations. 5.2
- 5.3 For EMC all control and sensor cables should not be placed within 50mm or on the same metal cable tray as 230V switched live, lighting or power cables and any cables not intended for use with this product.

#### 6.0 COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS

- General pre-commissioning checks relevant to safe operation consist of the following: 6.1 Ensure that no foreign bodies are present within the fan or casing. Check electrical safety. e.g. Insulation and earthing Check guarding of system. Check operation of Isolators/Controls Check fastenings for security.
- 6.2 Other commissioning requirements are given in the relevant product documentation. OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS 7.0
- 7.1
- Equipment access panels must be in place at all times during operation of the unit, and must be secured with the original fastenings. If failure of the equipment occurs or is suspected then it should be taken out of service until a competent person can effect repair or examination. (Note that 7.2 certain ranges of equipment are designed to detect and compensate for fan failure).

#### 8.0 MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 8.1 Specific maintenance requirements are given in the relevant product documentation
- It is important that the correct tools are used for the various tasks required. 8.3 If the access panels are to be removed for any reason the electrical supply to the
- unit must be isolated. A minium period of two minutes should be allowed after electrical disconnection before access panels are removed. This will allow the impeller to come to rest. NB: Care should still be taken however since airflow generated at some other point in the system can cause the impeller to "windmill" even when power is not present.
- 8.5 Care should be taken when removing and storing access panels in windy conditions

Technical or commercial considerations may, from time to time, make it necessary to alter the design, performance and dimensions of equipment and the right is reserved to make such changes without prior notice.

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