

Installation Guide and Checklist

Continuous Mechanical Extract Ventilation

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The Electric Heating and Ventilation Association have developed this guidance and checklist document in partnership with the Residential Ventilation Association (a HEVAC association), BRE and EST.

NOTE: This guide and checklist has been superseded for dwellings assessed under 'The Building Regulations 2010', specifically SAP 2009 and Approved Documents L and F. Completion of this document is therefore only required for dwellings assessed by SAP 2005.

Customer Details
Customer Name:
Address:
Telephone Number:
Date of Installation:
Name of Lead Contractor:
Design Project Number:

It should be noted that this guidance is not intended to replace product manufacturer installation instructions; it is a generic addition which defines good practice. Installers are advised to complete this form for each installation and keep a copy to provide to Building Control Officers in case requested.

Introduction

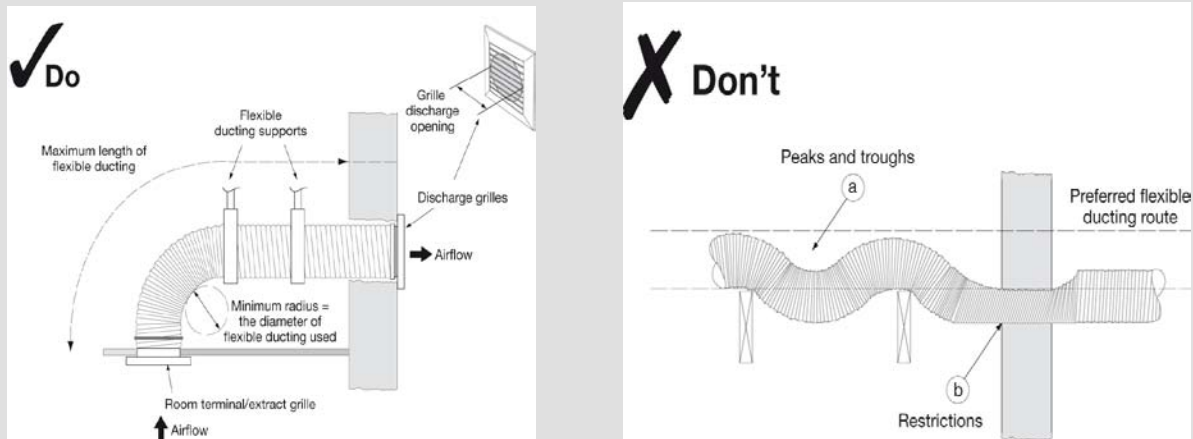
This document is to be used in support of the SAP Appendix Q scheme which provides tested performance values for MVHR products.

Note that all checklist items must be answered YES in order for the SAP Appendix Q test figures to be used in 'As built' SAP calculations. If any checklist items are answered NO then SAP default figures must be used. Systems must be designed by a manufacturer designer and sized correctly to qualify for SAP Appendix Q figures.

SECTION 1: INSTALLATION GUIDANCE

1. Ductwork Installation	Decision Yes, No or N/A
<p>Have the ducts been installed with as little air resistance and leakages as possible (flexible ducts should be avoided)?</p> <p>Note: Refer to HVCA DW/143 document 'A Practical Guide to Ductwork Leakage Testing' for detailed guidance on air tightness. Rigid plastic ducting is recommended and flexible duct should only be used in very short lengths and mainly just to connect the ductwork to the units/diffusers or to overcome particular obstructions.</p>	
<p>If flexible ducting has been used, has it been pulled taut to minimise system resistance?</p>	
<p>Has the number of duct bends been minimised to ensure adequate air flow and least resistance? Bends should have a minimum radius at least the same as the diameter of the ducting used?</p> <p>Refer to Figure 1 if using flexible ducting</p>	
<p>Have the fans and ducting placed in unheated voids been insulated to reduce the possibility of condensation forming (see notes below)?</p> <p>Note: Ducts should be insulated with the equivalent of at least 25mm of insulating material with a thermal conductivity of 0.04W/mK. Where a duct rises vertically it may be necessary to fit a condensation trap in order to prevent backflow of any moisture in the product. Insulation should be applied to both warm and cold air ducts. Cold air ducts should be wrapped additionally with a vapour barrier outside the insulation. Ducts with cold air running in warm environments will condense on the outside of the duct.</p>	
<p>Have recommended duct jointing collars and components been used to ensure appropriate duct performance (duct runs should be as air tight as possible)?</p> <p>Note: All the joints should be sealed correctly either using duct tape or silicon.</p>	

Figure 1 Ductwork Visual Guide



Source: Approved Document F (England & Wales) 2006

2. Unit Fixing	Decision Yes, No or N/A
Has the MEV unit been fixed to a stable element of the building fabric (e.g. wall or floor) using manufacturer recommended/supplied fixing brackets?	
Has the condensation drain been fitted and the pipe insulated (if applicable)?	
Have approved acoustic/anti-vibration mountings been used? Note: Special attention is needed to avoid transmission and stress to duct joints	
Has the unit been installed in a position that will permit access for maintenance purposes?	
Have all grilles or ductwork that penetrate the building's air barrier, as identified in the construction drawings, been sealed to ensure continuity of the air barrier?	

Figure 2 Sample Mounting Position



3. Electrical Connection	Decision Yes, No or N/A
Has the rating label been verified to establish suitability for the installation strategy and whether an earth is required (e.g. voltage, class I or II product status)?	
Has a local isolator been provided to enable the unit to be isolated for maintenance purposes?	
Has the unit been fused in accordance with its power rating?	

SECTION 2: COMMISSIONING GUIDANCE

1. System Balancing & Calibration	Decision Yes, No or N/A
<p>Has the air flow been checked using a proprietary device such as an anemometer (recommended)?</p> <p>Note: the need for background ventilators will depend on the air permeability of the dwelling, and this is not normally known at the design stage. Therefore, as a precaution, it is recommended that controllable background ventilators having a minimum equivalent area of 2,500mm² are fitted in each room, except wet rooms from which air is extracted. Where this approach causes difficulties (e.g. on a noisy site) seek expert advice</p>	
<p>Have the controls been set following a defined process?</p> <p>Refer to figure 3 flow diagram</p>	
<p>Have all distribution grilles been locked where possible to minimise unapproved occupant adjustment?</p>	

Figure 3

Step 1

Ensure all external and internal windows and doors are closed

Step 2

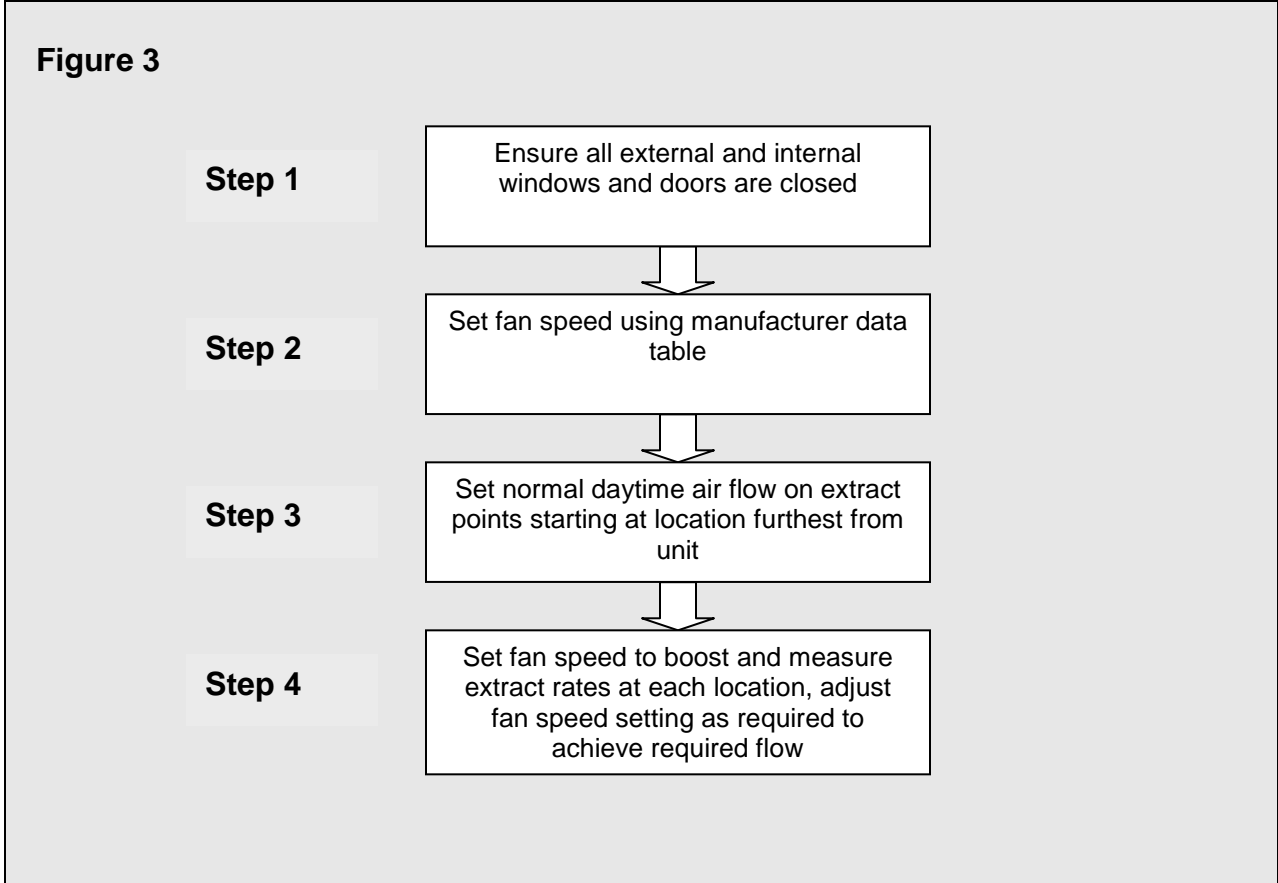
Set fan speed using manufacturer data table

Step 3

Set normal daytime air flow on extract points starting at location furthest from unit

Step 4

Set fan speed to boost and measure extract rates at each location, adjust fan speed setting as required to achieve required flow



2. Handover and Control/Maintenance Advice	Decision Yes, No or N/A
Has the customer been supplied with suitable documentation detailing maintenance and operational requirements?	
Has the customer been advised not to seal natural air flows from room to room (e.g. avoid door seals and thick pile carpets)	
Has the customer been advised not to alter settings post-commissioning?	