

# Driving Safety Through Efficient Lab Design

**Open Laboratory** 

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# Features & Benefits

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# Energy Savings

- VAV control reduces airflow
- Low-pressure drop dampers, as recommended by US EPA, reduce fan energy

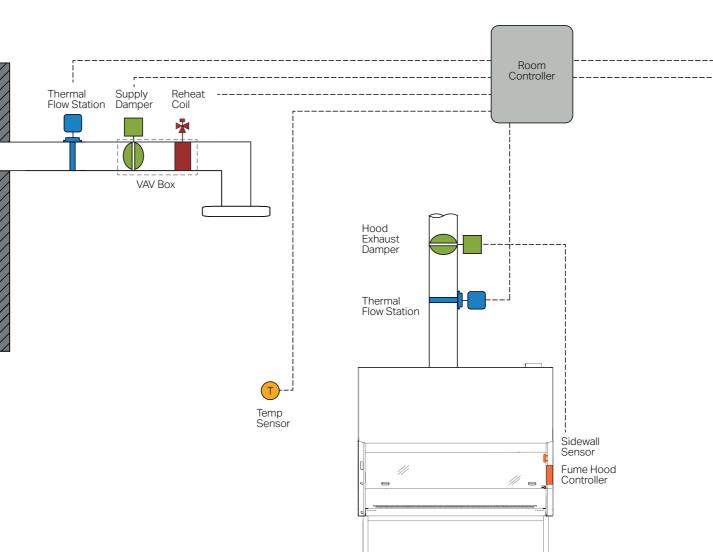
# Increased Safety

- Flow measurements with best-in-class
  +/- 3% accuracy
- Closed Loop Control of fume hood face velocity and room air flows
- Sidewall sensor actually measures fume hood face velocity for user safety
- Thermal flowstations actually
- measure room air flows for user safety



## Initial Cost Savings

- Lower capital cost
- Decreased installation costs
  Reduced system pressure drop allows down-sizing of fans, air handlers and other HVAC equipment



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- Lab is open to surrounding areas
- VAV reduces airflow to save energy
- Fume hoods, snorkels, and biosafety cabinets provide primary containment
- Negative air balance provides secondary containment
- General exhaust required to maintain minimum ventilation (ACH)
- Space temperature maintained for occupant comfort and experiment integrity

# General Sequence of Operation

The room controller simultaneously controls room balance, ventilation and temperature in the laboratory.

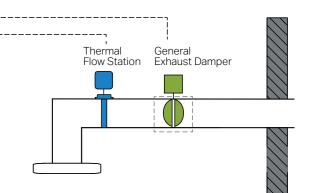
#### Room Balance Control Sequence of Operation

The room controller continuously measures supply and exhaust volumes in order to maintain a constant flow offset. If the offset becomes too large, indicating that the room balance is too negative, the room controller closes the general exhaust and then opens the supply to its maximum setpoint. If the offset becomes too small, indicating that the room balance is not negative enough or positive, the room controller closes the supply to its minimum ventilation or cooling flow and then opens the general exhaust.

## Ventilation Control Sequence of Operation

The room controller continuously measures and maintains the supply air volume at or above its minimum setpoint.





#### Temperature Control Sequence of Operation

The room controller continuously measures the room temperature. If the room temperature rises above setpoint, the room controller closes the reheat valve and then opens the supply air damper until either the room temperature reaches setpoint or the supply air volume reaches its cooling maximum setpoint. If the room temperature falls below setpoint, the room controller reduces the supply air volume to its minimum ventilation or room balance flow and then opens the reheat valve until room temperature achieves setpoint.

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#### Fume Hood Controller Sequence of Operation

The fume hood controller continuously measures average fume hood face velocity using a sidewall sensor. If average face velocity rises above setpoint, the fume hood controller will reduce the exhaust volume until face velocity setpoint is achieved. If average face velocity drops below setpoint, the fume hood controller will increase exhaust volume until face velocity setpoint is achieved. During unoccupied mode, the fume hood controller will maintain face velocity at setback setpoint.

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