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### Measurements & sizes / Dimensions

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Execution dimensions, especially length from complementary modules, are defined on project phase. DS 5 central section is delivered in two parts. Add-on modules are also delivered separately to be mounted on site.

The DESSICA DS units are composed of a central block and upstream or downstream complementary modules (air to be treated and/or dry air).

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**Envelope (Classified according to EN1886)**
- Mechanical resistance: class 2A
- Thermal performance:
  - Thermal transmission: class T2
  - Thermal bridging: class TB2
  - Filter drift leak: class F9
  - Airtightness casing: class B

**Applications**

DESSICA DS systems supplies dry air to drying processes, production processes or again packaging and storage environments. They are designed to treat air or be installed in air conditions between 5 F and 105 F (-15 °C and 40 °C).

Mastering hygrometry makes it possible to control specific products or systems:
- the production capacity of drying systems (ovens, towers, fluidized beds, etc.)
- clogging and bulking of pulverized products
- corrosion
- condensation
- the quality of hygroscopic materials
- the development of bacteria and the spread of micro-organisms
- icing
- the humidity level of buildings
- mold

Some industries such as pharmaceutical, food processing, energy, metallurgy and electronics requires a precise and high dry air quality, this is what DESSICA DS systems provide.
The DS system uses two independent air flows. The main air flow will be dried, the secondary air flow of lesser volume will be used to evacuate the moisture retained by the desiccant rotor. Two fans move two distinct air streams through the desiccant rotor. The main air stream or air to be treated passes through the slowly rotating silica gel rotor. Silica gel is a high-performance hygroscopic material able to retain the moisture content from ambient air. By floating through the rotor, the humid air loses its moisture captured by the silica gel material. The dry air is then totally usable.

The secondary air flow, called reactivation air, serves to evacuate the moisture retained by the rotor silica gel component. A part of the air volume passes through the rotor by the heat recovery sector, cooling down the dehydrating material by simultaneously raising the air temperature. The remaining flow by-passing the rotor is mixed with the purge flow.

The preheated air is then brought to a final temperature of approximately 210°F to 270°F (100°C to 130°C) by additional heating provided by electric, steam or direct gas coil. It will then pass through the rotor by counter current from process air flow to dry off the silica gel from its moisture. The moisten air (wet air) leaves the dryer to be evacuated outside the premises or building.

### Configuration

In addition to adsorption air-drying system, DESSICA DS units can integrate the following equipment and functions:

- **Reactivation/Heater:**
  - Steam heat exchanger
  - Water heat exchanger
  - Direct gas burner
  - Electrical heater
- **Filtration:**
  - Pre-Filtration G4 to F8 (one or two rows)
  - Final filtration F8 to H14
- **Post-heating or post-cooling:**
  - Chilled water heat exchanger
  - Hot water or steam heat exchanger
  - Electrical coil
  - Direct evaporative cooler
- **Humidification:**
  - Steam humidifier
  - Trickle humidifier

Each system can be supplied with an electrical cabinet grouping power and control elements including:

- LED (voltage presence / start / defaults alarm)
- Emergency stop function
- PLC with a monitor
- Buttons (Clearance / ON / OFF)

The standard information or orders are as follows:

- Remote operation order
- Default warning
- Return to operation
- Emergency stop remote

The following items are available on screen:

- Operating mode
- Defaults
- Setpoint settings and control parameters (if present).

The automated control panel supports the following functions:

- Start and stop sequence
- Machine safety
- Defaults & warning

Available options:

- MODBUS communication
- Humidity control
- Temperature control
- Air flow control
- Graphic control screen
- Historical data
- Wheel rotation control
- Filling filters control
- GSM communication module (incompatible with MODBUS)

### DESSICA DS system selection

DS system size depends mainly of the front air velocity towards the various internal components, therefore the process air flow. Each component must be selected according to its own selection criteria. Usually, the desiccant rotor, the filtration systems, the chilled and hot water heat exchangers selection is crucial to define the casing sections from a DS unit. Other parameters may limit the airflow, such as the level of humidity or filtration to be achieved on outlet air or as well the fan's dimensions.

The quick selection tables below are based on the sole criteria from desiccant rotor.

### Operating principle of the desiccant rotor with an integrated heat recovery

The DS units installed are Indoor (examples)

The DS units installed are Outdoor (examples)