Critical Design Review

The Mann 2 - Smart Vent Team

Project and Team

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Project

- Purpose of the Project
 - Reduce carbon emissions from the current HAVC of residential and commercial buildings.
 - Develop a standardized inline fan/damper system:
 - I. Accurately regulate temperature in each room;
 - II. Move air between rooms.





Customer's Requirements

	Standardize the internal mounting backets	
Fans	Standardize the external duct support	
	Maximize airflow through the duct when existing HVAC is in use	
Dampers	Maximize air flow when open	
	Standardize the internal mounting backets	
Communication System	Compatible with the Manhattan 2's BuildingBus system	
	No exposed wires in the duct	
Installation and Maintenance	Compatible with current HVAC systems	
	Easy access to location through vent opening	
	Long life cycle	
	Low vibration	



Engineering Specifications

	Target	Threshold
Air flow reduction through the fan system	2 %	10 %
Noise of the fan	25 dB	40 dB
The complete damper system shall not obstruct the air flow when fully open	10 %	20 %



Engineering Specifications

	Target	Threshold
System load requirements	15 lbs	20 lbs
The percent reduction of air flow through system shall be low.	5 %	20 %



Pivoting Fan



Pivoting fan progress at PDR



Current pivoting fan progress



Duct and Bracket



Custom Duct with Bump Out





Mounting Bracket



Mounting Options





Metal bracket (highlighted in blue)

2 x 4 bracing



Pivoting Mechanism





Locking Mechanism







Airflow through the Bump Out duct

Maximize the amount of airflow through the duct when fan is open

Target Value: 2% Reduction Threshold: 10% Reduction

Area of the Duct: 104.03 in^2 Area of the Fan: 6.01 in^2

Percent Reduction: 5.77%





Noise of the Fan

The location of the fan is determined from the ease of assembly and noise

Target Value: 25 dB Threshold: 40 dB

Current in-line fans operate between 33 dB and 40 dB

Noise should not be a significant factor in determine the location of the fan

Sound intensity level B = (dB)	Intensity I = (W/m2)	Example/effect
0	10 ⁻¹²	Threshold of hearing at 1000 Hz
10	10 ⁻¹¹	Rustle of leaves
20	10- ¹⁰	Whisper at 1-m distance
30	10 ⁻⁹	Quiet home
40	10 ⁻⁸	Average home
50	10 ⁻⁷	Average office, soft music
60	10 ⁻⁶	Normal conversation
70	10 ⁻⁵	Noisy office, busy traffic
80	10 ⁻⁴	Loud radio, classroom lecture
90	10 ⁻³	Inside a heavy truck; damage from prolonged exposure
100	10 ⁻²	Noisy factory, siren at 30 m; damage from 8 h per day exposure



Self-Enclosed Damper Changes



Damper progress at PDR



Current Damper Progress



Self-Enclosed Damper Mounting Bracket





Self-Enclosed Damper Frame



Front view of damper system



Damper Frame



Airflow Through The Damper

Maximize amount of airflow through the duct when damper is open

Target Value: 10% Reduction Threshold: 20% Reduction

Area of the Duct: 96.04 in² Area of the Damper: 13.23 in²

Percent Reduction: 13.78%





Design Overview of the System





System Air flow Requirements

Most common Residential/Commercial buildings have a SEER rating between 14-20.

Newer System can have a rating from 20-24

 $SEER = \frac{Cooling Output During Summer}{Energy Used During Summer}$

Target: 16 Threshold: 14 Actual: 15.4



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System Load Requirements



Stress Strain Curve of Steel 1045 and Aluminum 6061 in tension

Target: 15 lbs. Threshold : 30 lbs. Damper Assembly: 14.4 lbs. Fan Assembly: 14.91 lbs.



Budget

ltem No.	Part Name	Cost	Quantity	Total
1	Bearings	\$13.92	2	\$27.84
2	12 in. x 8 in. x 4 ft. Half Section Rectangular Duct	\$17.33	2	\$37.66
3	12 in. x 8 in. Ceiling/Sidewall Vent Register Cover	\$20.85	1	\$20.85
4	PLA	\$20.59	1	\$20.59
5	Misc Hardware(Screws, sheet metal, duct tape, etc.)	\$40	N/A	\$40
			Total	\$141.94











Schedule





Questions

