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Standard Heat Exchangers

HX-800 Air-to-Air Heat Pipe Core
HXI-1500 Air-to-Air Folded Fin Core
HX5360 Liquid-to-Air Core

SOLUTIONS FOR PRACTICALLY ANY APPLICATION

We know how to support your design ideas by solving the toughest thermal challenges. We also offer the engineering skill and experience to partner with you and extend your capabilities to meet the most exacting requirements.

Markets Served
- Telecommunications
- Food & Beverage
- Industrial
- Military & Aerospace
- Computer
- Transportation
- Medical

Common Applications
- Cabinets, Enclosures & Shelters (Indoor & Outdoor)
- Automation & Process Control Cabinets
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Your Cooling Options Are Covered

Whether your project requires air-to-air, liquid-to-air, direct-air-cooling or conductive technologies, Aavid Thermacore can provide a solution that handles the temperature ranges of practically any application.

Enclosure Cooling-Effects of Temperature Variation

- At High Temperatures
  - I/C Device Behavioral Changes (Erratic Output)
  - Silicone Material Properties Begin to Change
- At Low Temperatures
  - I/C Device Behavioral Changes (Erratic Output)
  - Cooling Below the Dew Point Leads to Condensation (Corrosion & Electrical Shorts)
  - Shorter Battery Life
- Negative Results
  - Catastrophic Failures
  - Degradation of Material Properties
  - Decrease in Mean Time Between Failure (MTBF)

Heat exchangers can be extremely effective, more energy-efficient, low-cost and easily adaptable thermal solutions for enclosure cooling.

System Characteristics

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<td>Cool air environment with moderate heat load</td>
<td>Indoor or outdoor Telecommunications Light-duty mil Spec</td>
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<td>Close coupled liquid cooling.</td>
<td>Highest</td>
<td>Very hot environments with high heat load Extremely dirty/dusty air locations</td>
<td>Extreme conditions where air conditioners would be subject to failure Automotive mil Machined tool packaging Paper mill</td>
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<td>Filter, Fans, Blowers, Impellers or Direct Air Cooling Systems (DACS)</td>
<td>Forced, fresh air open loop.</td>
<td>Low to moderate</td>
<td>Cool clean air environment</td>
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<td>Conductive (No Cooling Unit)</td>
<td>Passive heat radiates through enclosure walls.</td>
<td>Very low</td>
<td>Cool air environment (&lt;78°F/25°C)</td>
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When you need reliable and efficient cooling for high-heat loads in enclosed electronic equipment or demanding outdoor applications, the Aavid Thermacore HX™ Series air-to-air heat exchanger delivers. HX™ Series heat exchangers use two-phase heat pipe technology to create an efficient and cost-effective heat transfer system. This maintenance-free cooling solution is also designed to ensure your enclosures remain contaminant free, and maintain NEMA 4 and NEMA 12 (IP66 and IP55) integrity.

You can also take advantage of the capillary action of heat pipes to design systems that work in any orientation, including against gravity, or systems for extremely space-constrained applications. HX™ Series heat pipes can be manufactured to function in freeze-thaw conditions. Design flexibility and application versatility are integral to the HX™ concept. Multiple packaging options are available for various applications, and product design can easily be scaled to fit any thermal capacity.

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<td>32.0 W/˚C</td>
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### SPECIAL CONFIGURATIONS HX™ FLUSH-MOUNT

Heat pipe heat exchangers are an easily adaptable technology for custom applications. Whether mounted externally, partially recessed or captured within duct work, the heat pipe heat exchanger is a reliable and highly efficient heat transfer mechanism that can maintain NEMA 4 and NEMA 12 enclosure integrity.

Designed to provide a thermal performance of 12W/˚C, this unit uses the flexibility of heat pipe heat exchanger technology to accommodate different mounting configurations.

The product design can easily be scaled to larger or smaller capacity configurations and can be equipped with either AC or DC fans.

* The heat exchanger is custom designed for a specific application and all data is for reference only.

### HX™ Flush-Mount Dimensions*  

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<td>B</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>6.25” (158.75)</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>22.50” (571.50)</td>
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* ( ) = millimeters  

Total Heat Dissipation (Watts)  

![HX™ Air-to-Air Heat Exchanger Performance Data](image-url)  

* Inlet-to-inlet: Inlet air temperature to the heat exchanger on the inside of the enclosure minus the inlet air temperature on the outside of the enclosure.

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**HXi™ SERIES LOW-PROFILE AIR-TO-AIR HEAT EXCHANGERS**

For high-heat transfer performance with indoor and outdoor electronic enclosures, rely on Aavid Thermacore’s HXi™ Series. These versatile heat exchangers give you compact size and significantly improved heat transfer performance, even at high-heat loads, through double-sided impingement cooling technology. The HXi™ Series heat exchanger can dissipate twice the heat load of most conventional heat exchanger technologies of similar size, so you can have both higher performance and lower fabrication costs. Standard units are available with 2, 4 or 6 fans, and custom optional features such as alarms and temperature controls are also available. The HXi™ Series is UL recognized and meets Bellcore GR-487-CORE, NEMA 4 and NEMA 12 (IP66 and IP55) requirements.

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**5300 SERIES LIQUID-TO-AIR HEAT EXCHANGERS**

When heat dissipation requirements are too great for natural or forced-air convection systems, Aavid Thermacore’s 5300 Series high-pressure liquid-to-air heat exchanger is the solution for you. Liquid-to-air heat exchangers give you effective closed-loop cooling in high-performance thermal management applications. The 5300 Series is available in seven sizes (three with double fans for redundancy) and greater performance with heat rejection capabilities ranging from 1.5 kW to 15 kW, and these design features make installation simpler as well as improve your design flexibility. The 5300 Series is also ideal for applications where heat must be dispersed at a distance from the components being cooled.

**Thermal Performance**

Thermal performance is expressed in terms of capacity as in the following relation:

\[
C = \frac{Q}{(T_{h,o, av} - T_{air, in})^*}
\]

* = N.T.D. (nominal temperature difference)

Where:

- \( T_{h,o, av} \) = Average between inlet and outlet temperature of coolant to the heat exchanger core.
- \( T_{air, in} \) = Temperature of air before the heat exchanger.

**Water Pressure Drop (P.S.I.)** vs. **Water Flow (G.P.M.)**

**Capacity — Watts/˚C (N.T.D.)** vs. **Flow — G.P.M. of Water**
**5300 Series**

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CUSTOM DESIGNS AND ENGINEERING

Partner with Aavid Thermacore and create great custom designs.

Turn your thermal challenge into an opportunity to create an exciting new generation of electronic devices by collaborating with a dedicated, specialized Aavid Thermacore engineering team. When our standard heat exchangers don’t meet your needs, our team of engineers will collaborate with you and your team to develop a custom design to cool your project.

Sign up for the Aavid Thermacore Design Center and start making your next great idea even better—with the help of our thermal design calculators as well as a host of technical papers and data sheets at www.thermacore.com/design.

Thermal Modeling

Aavid Thermacore can provide a computer-generated model of how your heat exchanger will operate in your application. We can utilize CFD (computational fluid dynamics) such as FloTHERM® and CD-adapco STAR-CCM+ to model the performance of your heat exchanger.

Custom Heat Pipe Core Only Designs

Heat pipe core units can be a flexible thermal management system used to interface with duct work and other customized heat exchanger applications. Fin stacks can be tailored to accommodate different air velocities in the ambient and internal loops. All heat pipe core units can provide a NEMA 4 and/or NEMA 12 compliant seal to separate the two air streams. Aavid Thermacore engineering can design the appropriate heat pipe core for each customer’s application.

Custom Solutions

Custom heat exchangers are an important part of our product mix. As a heat transfer specialist, Aavid Thermacore will design a custom heat exchanger system to meet your special requirements. We are dedicated to designing and delivering the custom thermal solutions that OEM customers need.
Many industries, such as food-and-beverage and pharmaceutical, have chosen stainless steel as the standard material choice for their applications. With its corrosion-resistant properties, stainless steel can be steam cleaned, providing a hygienic, antibacterial surface which gives it a modern and attractive appearance. Because of these attributes, stainless steel is often the best value option when considering the total life of your application.

Aavid Thermacore Stainless Steel Heat Exchangers

Product Offering
- For NEMA 4X environments including corrosion-resistant applications
- Type 304 or 316 stainless steel housings
- Surface mount on outside of enclosure
- VAC or VDC fan configurations

EMI/RFI GASKETS AND FILTERS

A neoprene gasket that maintains the NEMA rating of the enclosure is supplied with each standard heat exchanger. EMI/RFI gaskets and filters are available for custom designs only when requested. Aavid Thermacore can also conduct testing to confirm performance.

FAN FAILURE ALARMS

Fan failure alarms are available on select heat exchanger models. These units monitor fan speed and trigger an alarm if there is a fan speed reduction or motor failure.

HEATERS

Enclosure heaters are designed for freeze prevention and condensation protection. They are available for custom designs only.

ASSURANCE AND OPTIONS

VARIABLE SPEED CONTROLLERS

Intelligent Fan Controllers
Strategically placed thermocouples monitor internal thermal conditions (heat generated by electronics and sun). Set the fan speed to provide “just enough” cooling at the lowest possible noise levels — and save energy in the process.

An intelligent fan controller provides the ability to manually set and change fan speeds as the system is tested and tuned. This allows the manufacturer to accurately validate how the system performs and simulate the conditions to collect and report on the data needed by site planners.

Energy and Noise Control
- Fan speed throttle
- Measures cabinet temperature
- Accepts supply voltage of 10 VDC to 75 VDC or AC
- UL, CSA and CE Compliant/Recognized

WARRANTIES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Warranty: Aavid Thermacore warrants that all heat exchangers are to be free of defects in material and workmanship for a period of one year from the date of delivery. (Warranty is subject to certain conditions and exclusions.)

UL: UL Listed, cUL & CE

NEMA: Heat exchangers are available in NEMA 12, NEMA 4, 4X and Stainless Steel

Quality Accreditation and Industry Standards: Aavid Thermacore, Inc., is committed to providing customers with advanced thermal solutions that are of the highest quality, delivered in a timely manner and produced in a continuous improvement environment. This is accomplished by innovative design, development and manufacture of products that meet or exceed customer expectations for product quality, delivery and value. Advanced process controls are used with tools and techniques that allow continual improvement of our systems.

Related Certifications:
Q. Do you provide customer drawings or CAD models to help integrate heat exchangers into the design?
Customer prints and “dummy” models, in STEP or IGES format, are available to help you allot space inside the enclosure and/or define the mounting requirements.

Q. What is the fan life in a heat exchanger?
With the variety of operating conditions available, it is impossible to predict fan lifespan for all applications. Fan supplier life data is available upon request. Thermostat and/or fan speed controllers can reduce runtime and/or RPMs to extend fan life.

Q. Are gasket and/or mounting hardware included?
A gasket that maintains the NEMA rating of the enclosure to prevent external access to the mounting hardware. However, installation from outside the enclosure is sometimes required to simplify maintenance.

Q. Where are heat exchangers typically mounted in an enclosure?
They can be mounted vertically or horizontally on the inside or outside of the enclosure. Mounting toward the top of the enclosure is typical, because that is often where the hottest air accumulates. HXi™ Series heat exchangers should not be mounted on top of the enclosure unless it is covered. Otherwise, the core of the HXi™ can fill with rain water, which would block external air flow and prevent heat exchange.

Q. How are they installed?
Installing the heat exchanger onto studs is recommended. Nuts and bolts can also be used, but sealing washers should be used externally for NEMA 4 applications to eliminate the possibility of water intrusion into the enclosure. Install units at least 6” from any obstructions that may impede airflow. For security reasons, install the heat exchanger from inside the enclosure to prevent external access to the mounting hardware. However, installation from outside the enclosure is sometimes required to simplify maintenance.

Q. Can gasket and/or mounting hardware be included?
A gasket that maintains the NEMA rating of the enclosure is supplied with each standard heat exchanger. Follow the mounting methods recommended above. Installation on studs is preferred. Because Aavid Thermacore does not know the specific mounting method to be used, mounting hardware is not provided.

Q. Can the HX™ Series air-to-air heat exchangers be mounted in an upside down position?
No, the hot side of the heat pipe heat exchanger must be level with or below the cold side. The heat pipe core is designed to work with gravity for greater heat removal efficiency. For this reason, heat pipe heat exchangers cannot be mounted to the bottom of the enclosure.

Q. Can liquid-to-air heat exchangers be mounted at the top of an enclosure?
No, it is not recommended. Should a leak develop, water could drip on sensitive electronics. Also, if the liquid temperature is below the dew point of the air inside the enclosure, condensation can collect and drip from the heat exchanger onto the electronics.

Q. What about outdoor use of liquid-to-air heat exchangers?
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Yes, the higher the elevation, the lower the air density, which will reduce performance.

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Maintenance depends on heat exchanger type and mounting location. The HXi™ style of heat exchangers requires very little maintenance except for fan replacement (as previously discussed). An annual check for cobwebs, insect nests and other types of blockages can maximize heat exchanger performance. HX-style heat exchangers have smaller gaps between fins, requiring more frequent checks for blockages when used outdoors or in dirty environments. With the heat exchanger turned off, foreign matter can be cleared from fins with compressed air or a hose with water. Keep air or water flow parallel to the relatively thin fins and pressure low enough to prevent damage and deformation.

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Q. What is the maximum temperature difference to be maintained between the cabinet and the maximum ambient environment? (DT)
°C = (°F-32)/1.8

Q. What operating voltage will be required to run the fan system?
VAC: Core Only:

Q. Are there any alarms, heaters or controls required?
Yes

Q. Do you provide customer drawings or CAD models to help integrate heat exchangers into the design?
Customer prints and “dummy” models, in STEP or IGES format, are available to help you allot space inside the enclosure and/or define the mounting requirements.

Q. What is the fan life in a heat exchanger?
With the variety of operating conditions available, it is impossible to predict fan lifespan for all applications. Fan supplier life data is available upon request. Thermostat and/or fan speed controllers can reduce runtime and/or RPMs to extend fan life.

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Q. Where are heat exchangers typically mounted in an enclosure?
They can be mounted vertically or horizontally on the inside or outside of the enclosure. Mounting toward the top of the enclosure is typical, because that is often where the hottest air accumulates. HXi™ Series heat exchangers should not be mounted on top of the enclosure unless it is covered. Otherwise, the core of the HXi™ can fill with rain water, which would block external air flow and prevent heat exchange.

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