



Commercial Air Filtration

Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) Property and 3M achieve energy savings, New York City

Situation

The HVAC system in this building was originally installed in 1958. Many modifications of the system were implemented over the years, including attempts to improve the original high pressure, high velocity dual duct systems, but the main air handling units (AHU) were old and had casing leaks, resulting in the loss of air delivered to the building occupants. In addition, dirt in the system was creating airflow resistance. The owners were seeking ways to improve energy efficiency in this facility.

Solution

After conducting a preliminary audit of the building, 3M proposed that the owner conduct a comparison of their current filter with the new Filtrete™ Commercial High Performance HVAC Filter to determine the impact on airflow resistance for a single air handling unit (AHU). Further, in consultation with 3M, a contractor cleaned the AHU coils, repaired several leaks in the AHU, monitored multiple system parameters including CFM delivered, airflow resistance, and power consumption, analyzed performance parameters and reported on key findings.

Results

Application of this solution, including installation of Filtrete filters in the one AHU resulted in a 0.75" water gauge improvement in system static pressure during this trial period.

Benefits

Based on the results of this study, the savings over the 25-day trial period for the AHU, were \$525. This represented a fan energy cost reduction of 23.4%. If this analysis was applied to the entire building over 12 months, the potential savings could be much greater.

Project Summary

Trial Duration: 25 days

Trial Period: January – February 2005

Zone Area: 50,000 sq. ft.

Building Area: 590,000 sq. ft.

Product: Filtrete Commercial High Performance HVAC Filter

Services: Coil and fan cleaning AHU Leak repair System monitoring Performance analysis & reporting

Fan energy cost reduction: 23.4%

Case Study

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