
ADSORPTION DEHUMIDIFIER A1

USER MANUAL



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User instructions A1

Area of use

The A1 adsorption dehumidifiers have been developed and designed for drying water damage and building moisture. A1 is a robust analogue machine with fewer functions than the sister machines in the ES range.

The unit also has a folding handle with a holder for the electrical cable, while its light weight means it is easy to carry and install. The durable but flexible feet protect the floor surfaces and make it possible to stack the machines. The dehumidifiers have a naturally robust construction that gives a long service life.

By using the adsorption principle, the dehumidifier does not have the same temperature dependence as a condensing dryer. It also works well below the freezing point. Furthermore, an adsorption dehumidifier can create dryer air, a greater difference between the water content of incoming and outgoing air, than a condensing dryer. It can be used for drying rooms and, using turbines, also for drying layered structures.

Properties:

• Energy efficient	• Service-friendly
• High capacity level	• MID-approved kWh meter
• Robust	• Very quiet

Delivery check

A1 is supplied with the following parts in the package:

Dehumidifier A1	1 x
Extra process air filter in addition to the one in the dehumidifier	2 x
Manual	1 x

Manufacture directive

The machines in the A1 range are CE approved.

Limitation of Liability

- Incorrect installation and/or incorrect use can cause property damage as well as injury.
- The manufacturer assumes no liability for property damage or injury incurred as a result of failing to follow these instructions, the machine being used for purposes other than those intended or failure to observe these warnings. Such damage, injury or liability is not covered by the product warranty.
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Safety information

This device is not intended for use by persons with reduced physical, mental or sensory impairments nor other persons lacking the necessary skills or experience, unless supervised or instructed by another person with responsibility for their safety.

Children may only use the device under the supervision of an adult to ensure that the device is not used as a toy.

Electrical installations carried out in connection with the dehumidifier installation must be performed by a professional in accordance with local and national regulations.

In addition, the following warnings and instructions must be read and followed:

1. The dehumidifier is only intended for indoor use.
2. The dehumidifier must not be powered on before installation is completed in accordance with this manual.
3. The dehumidifier must not be covered because this may lead to overheating and fire.
4. The dehumidifier must not be used as a worktable, trestle or stool.
5. The dehumidifier is not intended to be stood or climbed on.
6. Never operate the dehumidifier without installing the filter as this may damage the dehumidifier. Ensure that the filter is clean. If it is blocked, the machine may overheat.
7. Do not allow the dehumidifier to draw in alkaline chemicals or organic substances with a high boiling point, such as oil, grease, solvents, boracol or similar. These can damage the rotor.
8. The dehumidifier may not be used in areas where it can produce explosive gases.
9. Do not insert objects into the intake or exhaust as this could damage the dehumidifier and injure people.
10. Place the dehumidifier on a firm and flat surface so that it cannot overturn.
11. Keep children, animals and bystanders away from the workplace.
12. Contact the supplier if the dehumidifier is damaged or if the plug or the electrical cable are damaged. Do not make any repairs yourself if you have not undergone the supplier's training.
13. Do not damage the electrical cable. The cable must not run through water or over sharp edges.
14. Never carry or drag the dehumidifier by the cable.
15. Using electrical equipment in very damp or wet conditions can be dangerous. Do not operate the dehumidifier if it is standing in water.
16. The dehumidifier may only be connected to a grounded socket with voltage according to the rating plate.
17. It is recommended to use an earth-fault breaker to minimise the risk of electric shock.
18. Water must not encounter the dehumidifier's electrical components. If it does, ensure that they are dried thoroughly before the dehumidifier is used again.
19. Never open the dehumidifier for cleaning or service without first ensuring that the dehumidifier is disconnected from power.
20. Repairs and maintenance of the dehumidifier's electrical system must be performed by a qualified electrician.
21. Wet air hoses/pipes used and connected to the dehumidifier must be corrosion resistant and able to withstand heat of 80°C.
22. The dehumidifier must not be used with accessories other than those described in this manual or approved by Corroventa Avfuktning AB.

Contact the supplier of this dehumidifier for further advice on the safety and use of the product.

Relative humidity and its impact on materials

All air contains a greater or lesser degree of moisture. We can't see it with the naked eye until it appears in the form of small water drops against a cold metal or glass surface for example. However, before it is visible, moisture is already causing problems by affecting materials and manufacturing processes, causing corrosion and growth of micro-organisms.

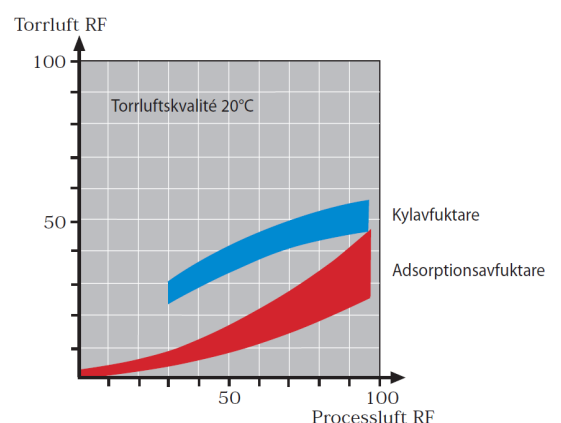
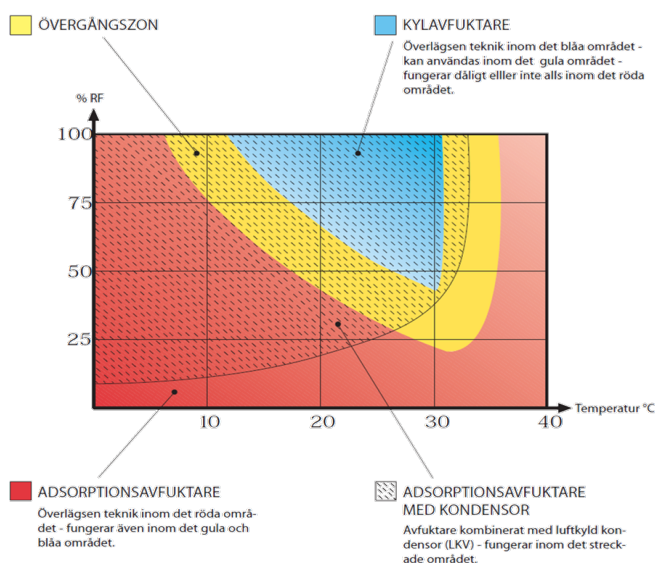
Air moisture is measured and usually given in relative humidity (% RH). It is a measurement of how much water vapour the air contains over how much it can hold in total at a given temperature and pressure. The higher the temperature, the more water the air can hold, but it is the relative humidity that is calculated and must be controlled to prevent corrosion or mould growth.

At 100% RH the air is saturated, and the moisture falls in the form of small water droplets. Steel corrodes at 60% RH and at 70% RH there is a risk of mould. A rule of thumb is that 50% RH is a good climate for most materials.

How to select dehumidification technology for a given situation

The adsorption principle has the advantage of not having the same temperature dependence as condensing dehumidification. Adsorption also works way below freezing, whilst condensing dryer capacity decreases sharply with decreasing temperature, which is illustrated in the graph below to the left.

As a general tip when choosing the technique for the relevant drying situation, it can be said that adsorption dehumidification is the primary choice for drying in unheated spaces or when material drying is required. The latter is justified by the adsorption dehumidifier producing dehumidifier air, i.e. provides a greater difference between the incoming and outgoing air's moisture content calculated in grams per cubic metre (ΔX), which can be seen using the graph to the right below and which is decisive for the rate of drying. Layered structures are dried by the machine being installed, with the turbine, for suction or pressure drying.



As the graph above shows, condensing dehumidifiers are used in hot and humid spaces if room drying is required.

This is how the dehumidifier works

The desiccant used in A1 is Silica gel, which can be regenerated an almost unlimited number of times. Silicate gel is a crystal with a lot of microscopic pores that make the total surface very large. A single gram has an active surface of 500 to 700 m². Silicate gel is very powerful and can absorb a volume of water of up to 40 % of its' own weight. It is not water soluble and therefore cannot be washed away or diverted to the passing air.

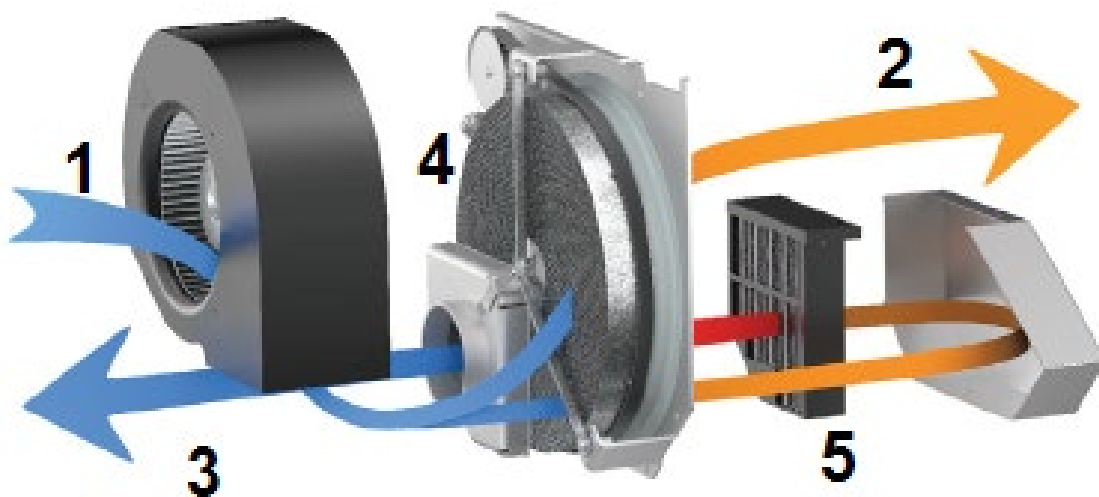
Dehumidification process

The desiccant is placed in a rotor (1). The air to be dried is sucked in through the inlet (2) by means of a process air fan (3).

The air passes a filter and then the drying rotor, after which the dehumidified air goes through the dry air outlet (4) to the area to be kept dry. The rotor has axially directed air ducts and consists of a highly active desiccant, silica gel, bonded in a ceramic structure. The axially directed air ducts in the rotor give laminar flow with minimal pressure drop.

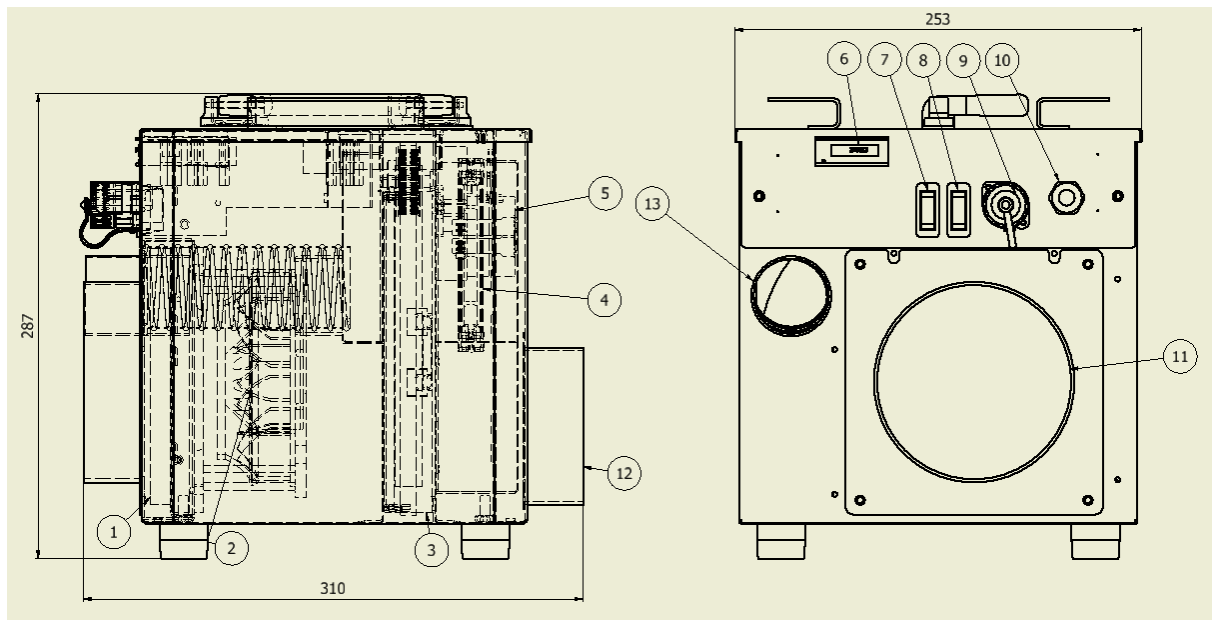
The rotor rotates by means of a drive motor (5) and a drive belt (6). The moisture that is adsorbed in the rotor is driven out by a small portion of the process air being heated by the heater (7) and then passing a smaller part of the rotor, which is thus regenerated and cleaned by the countercurrent principle.

The wet air is removed via the outlet (8) to the surroundings.



Overview, controls and connections

The images below show Corroventa A1 with its external and internal parts and controls.



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| 1. Process air filter | 7. Fan speed High/Low |
| 2. Process fan | 8. Operating mode Manual/hygrostat |
| 3. Rotor | 9. Hygrostat outlet |
| 4. PTC heater | 10. Electrical connection |
| 5. Rotor drive motor | 11. Process air hatch |
| 6. MID approved energy meter | 12. Dry air hose |
| | 13. Wet air connector |

A1 is a small energy efficient, powerful adsorption dehumidifier that is practical and easy to position, developed to be compact and ideal for the dehumidification of smaller localized water damage such as in bathrooms, under sinks etc. Also suitable for climate control in smaller spaces such as storage rooms, garages, summer cottages that are closed for the winter etc.



Drying methods

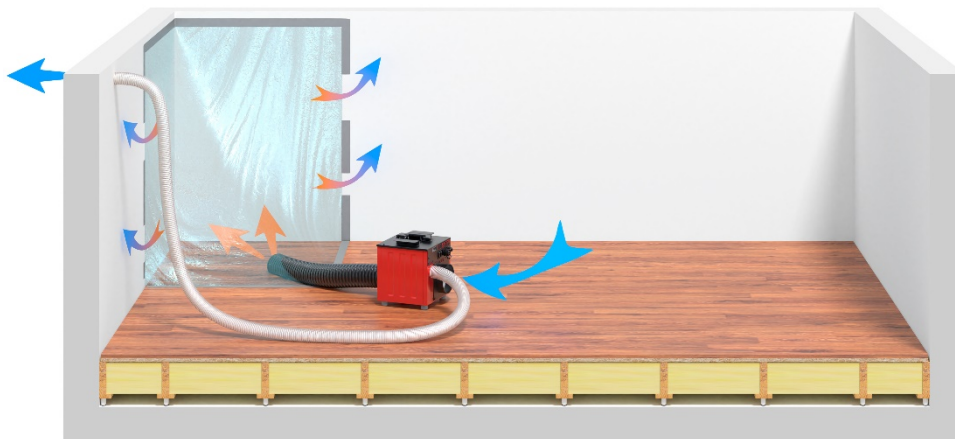
The following outlines the basics of different drying methods that can be applied to A1 and, in some cases, additional equipment from Corroventa's product range. The descriptions are only an overview, and in the event of any doubt about how any given situation should be handled please consult an experienced dehumidification technician.

General drying, room dehumidification

An adsorption dehumidifier like A1 produces such dry air that an air turnover of between one and two times per hour are enough, compared with condensing dryers where turnover should instead be between three and four times per hour. Approx. 140 m³/h is enough for a room with a 25 to 30m² area if the roof height is 2.5 meters.

As with all dehumidification, regardless of type or model, it is important to ensure that the area to be dehumidified is well sealed so that the process is performed as fast and as energy efficiently as possible. Windows and doors to the area must be closed, and if there are not any, plastic or other temporary partitions must be used.

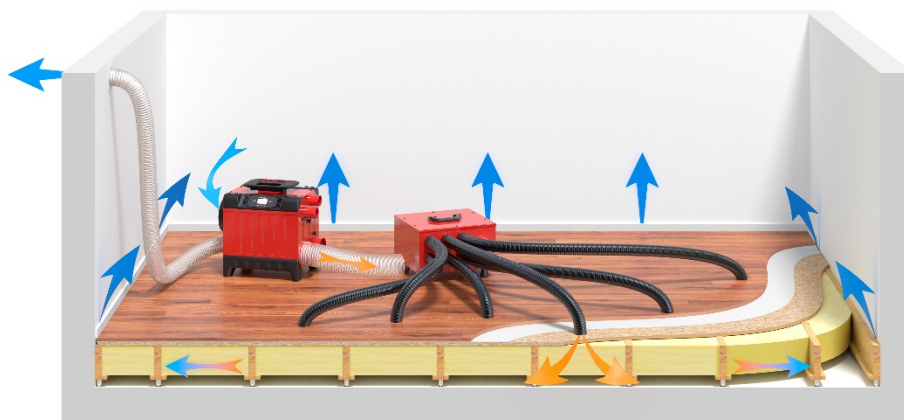
If the extent of the damage is limited, it is advisable to cover it with plastic and let the dry air flow in under the plastic via a hose. Leave openings at the edges where the air can exit. This makes the process faster and consumes less energy.



Cover local damage with plastic when drying to increase the drying rate and reduce energy consumption.

Drying framed flooring and beams

For framed flooring and beams with easy-to-dry insulation, for example, glass wool, A1 can be used with a high-pressure fan such as HP2000 according to the schematic diagram below. Remember that the capacity of this fan far exceeds that of the dehumidifier and therefore allow the fan to "draw the bad air". The diagram below shows this by the dry air hose from the dehumidifier to the right not being connected directly to the fan but placed next to it instead. In this way, the fan can draw enough air without drawing excess air through the dehumidifier affecting its function and efficiency.



Drying beams using a fan. Note that the dehumidifier to the right is not directly connected to the fan. The dry air hose is only placed close to the fan.

Suction drying

When suction drying layered structures, use A1 together with a turbine according to the schematic diagram below. Connect the turbine or turbines so that they draw air out of the layered structure via hose system, water separator and filter, and then evacuate the air via the hose out to the surroundings. Place the dehumidifier in the room and route its wet air hose out of the room normally. In this way, the turbine will draw in dry air into the layered structure and this is how the method got its name.

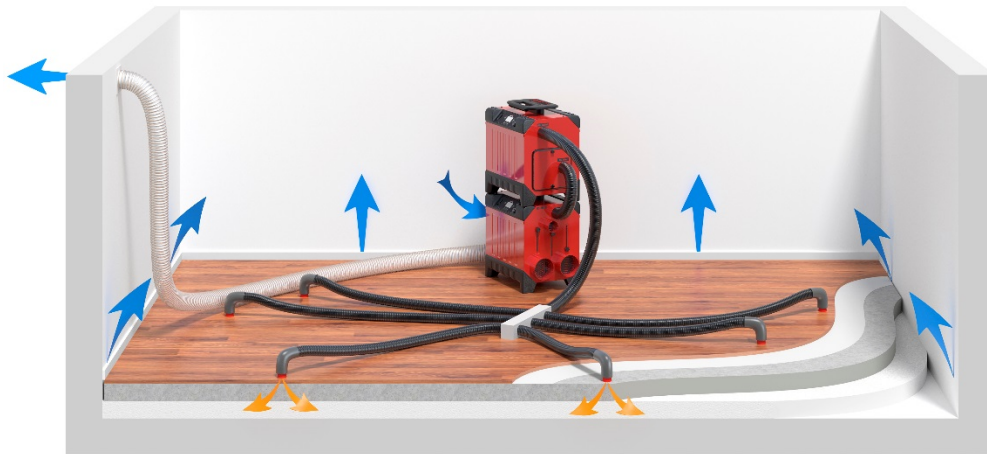
Use of a water separator is crucial to prevent water being sucked into the turbine and damaging the motor.



Suction drying. The dehumidifier dries the air in the space and the turbines draw air out of the layered structure, resulting in dry air being drawn down into it.

Pressure drying

When pressure drying, use A1 together with a turbine according to the schematic diagram below. Pressure drying is two to four times faster than suction drying and is therefore the primary choice for a layered structure if there are no obstructions.



Pressure drying. The turbine is fed with dry air from the dehumidifier and forces it into the layered structure.

During pressure drying, dry air is routed from A1 to a turbine and then forces this air into the layered structure. In this way, warm and dry is forced down into the structure, which achieves the material temperature and thus increases the rate of the drying process. Wet and cool air leaks into the room through the gaps between the floor and the wall or via drilled check holes and is then re-sucked into the dehumidifier as process air.

Before starting pressure drying, suction drying is required to evacuate all free-flowing water so that this is not forced into other parts of the structure. Furthermore, it is important to balance the turbine capacity with the dehumidifier's so that not too much air is drawn through the latter, which interferes with its function and performance.

Pressure drying may release fibers/particles from the layered structure into the indoor air and if this is a potential problem another method should be applied.

Installation

Place A1 on a flat and level surface, so that it cannot tip over causing damage to the machine or other property or injury to people.

Connect a hose to the wet air connector to lead the wet air out of the space to be dried. The wet air hose should have a smooth inside and should be as short as possible, no longer than 4 meters, for optimum function and highest capacity. If a longer wet air hose is necessary for the installation, the high static pressure that the machine has is capable of dealing with a hose of up to six meters but the dry air must then be restricted, in order to maintain the wet air flow which is crucial for the machine's dehumidification capacity.

1. In the event of problems with condensation in the wet air hose, if best solution of shortening the hose is not possible, this can be alleviated by restricting the dry air slightly, which leads to an increased volume of wet air. Performance is reduced slightly so this method must be evaluated from case to case. Another method is to make holes in the hose for the condensation and to use a container.



The wet air must always be evacuated via hose out from the space to be dried. The image shows room drying.

Installation in brief (also see page 7, Overview, controls, and connections):

1. Place the dehumidifier in a location where the wet air hose reaches the intended evacuation point. Ensure that it is on firm and level ground so that it cannot tip over.
2. Connect the cable to 1-phase, 230 V electrical socket fused to 10A or maximum 16A. As the machine is usually used in damp, wet areas, the use of an earth-fault breaker is strongly recommended.
3. Set the machine to Manual (Man) mode with the left button on the control panel. Check that the fan starts by the machine blowing air. Look into the wet air connector and check that the rotor rotates anti-clockwise. Hold your hand by the wet air connector and check that the wet air feels warm. Note that the machine needs to run a few minutes before this can be checked.
4. Connect the wet air hose and route it out through the intended evacuation point (hole in the wall, window, or whatever is relevant). Ensure that the hose not trapped or obstructed anywhere.
5. If using a hygrometer, connect it to the hygrometer connector on the control panel and set the desired setpoint value. The Man/Hyg button must also be in the Hyg. position.
6. Inspect the installation and if there are no faults and, if not already connected, reconnect the cable in the electrical socket so that the dehumidifier starts.

Maintenance and service

Filter replacement

The dehumidifier filter should be replaced regularly, preferably between each work assignment in order to maintain energy efficiency and to avoid overheating. If the air filter is extremely dirty it must be replaced more often.

1. Disconnect the power from the dehumidifier.
2. Replace filter through the connector on the process hatch. Pull out the dirty filter from the machine and insert the new one.
3. Reconnect the power to the dehumidifier.



Accessories and consumables

The following parts are available as accessories and consumables for A1:

Article number	Designation
9901100	Hygrostat, HR1-5
9901150	Hygrostat, HMH 1-10
1004503	Carry strap
9900799	Quick clamp PA66 black 97.7-102.1
9900795	Quick clamp PA66 black 48.5-53.8
1004493	Process air filter

Fault tracing

Fault symptom	Probable cause	Actions
Premises not dehumidified/low capacity.	Depending on the situation, the cause of the problem could be incorrect installation, e.g. because of obstructed wet air hose, clogged filter, incorrect settings on the machine or machine fault.	Perform fault tracing as follows until the problem has been identified: Check the installation - check that the wet air hose is not obstructed, that the dry air damper is in the correct position and that the hose used on the dry air side is not trapped or clogged. Ensure that the air flow is correct. If the air flow is weak, check the process air filter and replace if necessary.
The dehumidifier does not start.	The dehumidifier is set to Hyg. without the hygrostat connected.	Connect a hygrostat, or switch to Man. mode.
The rotor rotates anti-clockwise (seen through the dry air outlet) or not at all.	Fault with rotor motor or motor capacitor.	Contact the dealer for repair.
No air flow, low air flow	Fan error.	Contact the dealer for repair.

Technical data

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Dry air volume (m ³ /h) high/Low	140/100
Drying capacity at 20°C, 60 % RH (litres/day) high/Low	9/6
Ø dry air outlet (mm)	1 x 98
Ø wet air outlet (mm)	50
Ø Process connector (mm)	125
Sound level, normal operation dBA (3 m) high/Low	approx. 48/42 *
Voltage	230 VAC/50 Hz
Rated output (W)	600
Consumption (W) high/Low	550/400
Length x width x height (mm) incl. connectors	310 x 253 x 287
Weight, kg	8.5

*Sound level varies depending on the installation.



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