

CASE STUDY: INDUSTRIAL HVAC SYSTEM

Efficiency and Optimization

Automotive-Related Manufacturing Plant Realizes \$796,000/year in Energy Cost Savings

Automotive-related manufacturing facility utilizes a central plant to provide chilled and hot water to the various air handlers for space conditioning in the plant, offices, laboratories, and product testing areas.

System Description

- Three Chillers, two 1,250 ton and one 1,500 ton centrifugal chiller.
- Primary/Secondary pumping configuration.
- Two cooling towers with a common header.
- 63 air supply houses.
- Existing Building Management Control System.

Opportunities/Issues

- Improve and optimize operation of air supply houses.
- Improve and optimize operation of control system.
- Change ASH fans to Variable Air Volume operation.
- Control air flow into and out of facility better.

Project Description

- Clean and re-commission Air Supply House operation.
- Optimize Air Supply House operation and use of modified control strategy.
- Install and optimize new control system.
- Install Variable Air Volume control on Air Supply House fans.
- Install controls on exhaust fans and other supply fans.
- Install power monitoring to allow tracking of facility energy use.

Project Benefits

- Restored and optimized proper operation of Air Supply Houses for better overall operation of system.
- Controlled and reduced unnecessary outside air intake and exhaust.
- Installed new building controls equipment and strategies.
- Reduced energy usage.
- Brought equipment up to date on O&M issues.
- Improved overall operation of the HVAC system.

Key Results

Total Turnkey Installed Cost \$ 1,585,000

Annual Cost Savings of \$ 796,000.

Annual CO₂ Emissions Reduced by 3,252 Tonnes.

Average Project IRR 40%

2.0 Year Simple Payback.

Key Benefits

Cost Savings	Total annual savings of \$ 796,000.
Carbon Reductions	Annual Reduction of 3,252 Tonnes CO ₂
Fuel Type	Electricity
Payback	2.0 Year Simple Payback





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