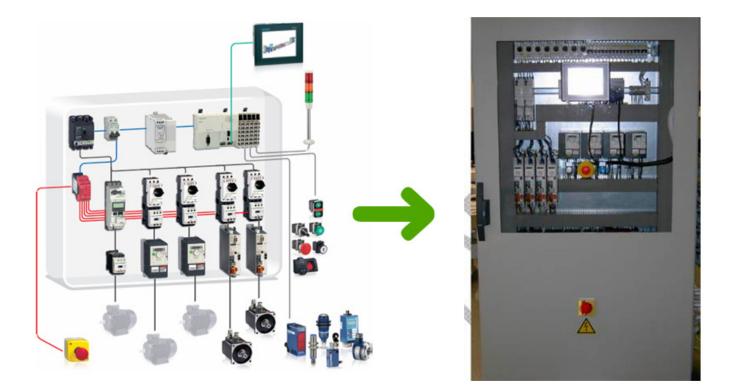
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## Panel Builders

Every day... more and more sensitive equipment are installed



... and the right protection is needed

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#### Clean environments

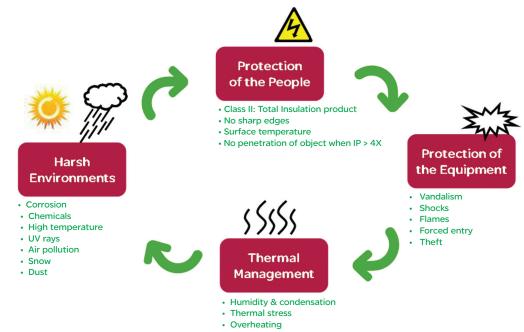
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#### **Most Common Constraints**



#### Plastic or metal?





#### **Universal Enclosures Offer**

SPACIAL RANGE

THALASSA RANGE

OTHER



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#### What is Thermal Management?

Most important factors that make thermal management increasingly more necessary

- > Technological evolution of electrical and electronic equipment
- > Miniaturisation of components
- New products based on power electronics
  Trend towards the optimisation of space in enclosures
- > More extreme/severe climatic environments where the most advanced technology is installed

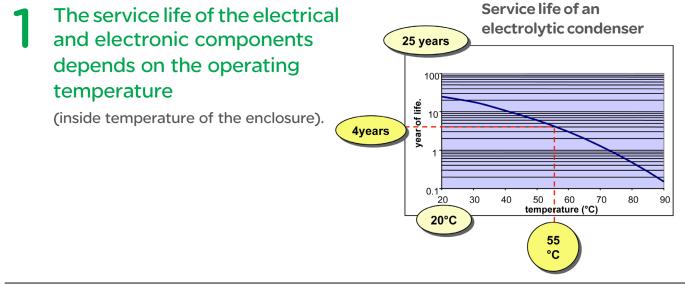
They oblige us to talk about THERMAL PROTECTION in electrical enclosures.

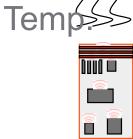
# Why is it necessary to control the temperature/humidity?

In enclosures where no thermal management system has been applied:

- > The temperature inside the enclosure is always higher than the outside.
- > The inside temperature (Ti) of the enclosure is not even. The top areas will always be hotter than the bottom ones.
- > The walls and roof of the enclosure will always be at an intermediate temperature between the inside temperature and the outside temperature (Te).
- > The roof of the enclosure will be at a higher temperature than that of the vertical walls.

### **Risks linked to lack of Thermal Management**







Te < T1 < T2 < T3





## 2 The most sensitive equipment in the enclosure are those related to electronics.

Maximum temperatures recommended for industrial control components:

35°C Speed adjusters > 35°C Programmable automata > > 45°C **Contactors** Magnetothermal switches 45°C > > 50°C **Fuses** > 35°C Power supply sources > **Electronic charts** 30° > Electrical batteries (storage) 20°C-25°C > **Telecommunications equipment** 40-50°C > **PFC Condensers** 50°C



Те

Ti2

- > Circuit breakers if temp > 50°C we must declassify
- > Power electronics: high heat dissipation

Ideal temp. inside the enclosure

most critical component

#### **Thermal offer**



#### > ClimaSys offer comprising of 5 different functions:

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- Airing
- Ventilation
- Heating
- Control
- Cooling

Ti1 > Ti2

P1 < P2

Te = Te

power

P: dissipated

### Natural dissipation

- > Uses the **enclosure** as an exchanger
- > Increases the size of the enclosure to **reduce** the inside temperature

### Moving the air

 Generates constant, strong turbulence inside the enclosure





. Ti1

Ti2~Ti1

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Ti1 > Ti2

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### Airing

> Uses natural convection

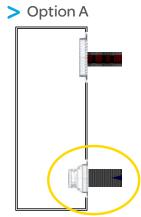


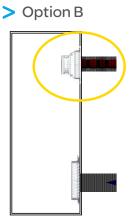
### **Ventilation: Filterfans**

- Renews the air inside the enclosure with cold air from outside, with the right flow rate to guarantee a correct DT (Ti-Te 5°C)
- > Maintains the necessary IP in each case.



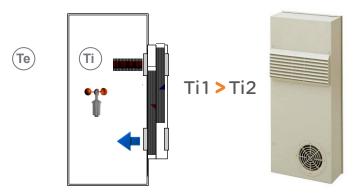
### What Ventilating system would you choose? A or B?





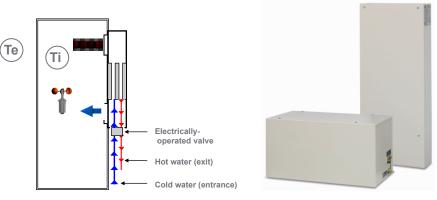
### **Dissipation: Air/air exchangers**

> They allow heat to be exchanged between separate atmospheres through an aluminium exchange battery.



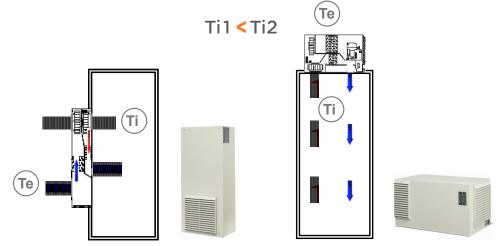
### **Cooling: Air/water exchangers**

- > This is the only system that does not use external air for cooling
- > It offers the best guarantee of IP resistance



### Cooling/Heating: Air-conditioning units

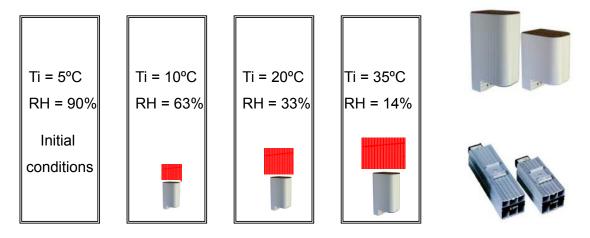
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#### **Solutions** External cold NO — Te > Ti Oversize the enclosure? water circuit? Ti > Te YES NO YES Weak power dissipation Strong power dissipation Natural Moving Airing Ventilation Dissipation Cooling Cold/Heat dissipation the air Non-separate atmospheres Separate atmospheres (not polluted) (polluted)

### Humidity: heating



### **Thermal Guidelines**

- > Ti Vs To
  - Ti<To  $\rightarrow$  We cannot use the air from outside
    - Want board (95-100°F) Outside 115°F
    - C/U, A/W exchangers
  - Ti >To  $\rightarrow$  We can use the air outside
    - Fans, C/U, Exchangers...

#### > Air pollution

- Air is clean → We can use the air outside
  Any
- Air is dirty (oil, saw dust, etc...) → We <u>cannot</u> use the air outside
   C/U, Exchangers, oversize

#### > Condensation

- Heaters
- Cooling Units

#### Thermal study: determine the thermal solution

#### > Variables to be taken into account

- The enclosure
  - Type of material
  - Degree of IP
  - Dimensions
  - Physical location of the enclosure
  - Position of the equipment in the enclosure
- Environmental conditions
  - Temp., humidity and at. pressure
  - Pollution, chemical contamination, extreme conditions
- Power dissipated by each component
- Temp. required in the enclosure
  - They are necessary variables for producing a good thermal calculation!!!

#### Thermal calculation: PROCLIMA V5.0 Software

#### **AIRING: The use of natural convection**

- Specially recommended for installations in which:
  - Weak power dissipation is needed
  - The ambient temperature is lower than
  - the desired temperature inside the enclosure
  - The surrounding environment is relatively
    - clean, allowing air to enter the enclosure.



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- > UL Certified

#### NATURAL VENTILATION

The use of natural ventilation has advantages as no energy consumption.

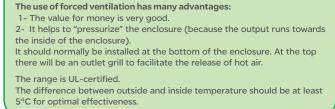
The airing function uses natural ventilation as the source for energy exchange. It is very important for the air to have low or very low dust content. In this case, it is advisable to remove the outlet filter from the outlet grill to allow a greater flow through it. The hot air will exit the cabinet naturally by the top, but this solution is only valid for weak power dissipation.

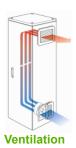
#### > Specially recommended for installations in which:

- The ambient temperature is lower than the desired temperature inside the enclosure.
- A high protection rating is required: IP54 or IP55.
- The surrounding environment is relatively clean, allowing air to enter the enclosure.
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Cut-out dimensions	Air-flow (M³)	Voltage	Reference
125 × 125	85 m³/ h	230V 115V	NSYCVF85M230PF NSYCVF85M115PF
223 × 223	165 m³/h	230V 115V	NSYCVF165M230PF NSYCVF165M115PF
	302 m³/h	230V 115V	NSYCVF300M230PF NSYCVF300M115PF
291 × 291	562 m³/h	230V 115V	NSYCVF560M230PF NSYCVF560M115PF
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#### FORCED VENTILATION







### HEATING: Resistors / Heaters

To prevent condensation inside the enclosure.

- > Aluminum resistances without forced ventilation
  - Aluminum profile changes Same heat dissipation with a different design Same fast connections by clip
- Powers P (W): Selected powers of 20W, 55W & 100W
- > Voltages: 110-250 AC
- > References:

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NSYCR20WU2 Resist.heaterAlum 20W, 110-250V NSYCR55WU2 Resist.heaterAlum 55W, 110-250V NSYCR100WU2 Resist.heaterAlum 100W 110-250V

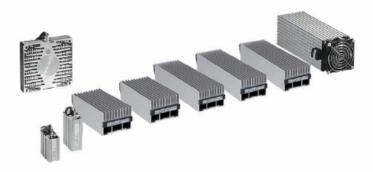
#### AVOID CONDENSATION

One way to reduce the humidity inside the cabinet is to install heating elements inside it.

A similar application, by way of an example, is the anti-fog heating system used in car windscreens. When the temperature inside the watertight enclosure is modified (IP54 or more), the relative humidity is modified and the amount of water vapour in suspension is maintained.

When temperature decreases we have the risk to reach the "Dew point" and have condensation. By increasing temperature with a heater we decrease the RH ratio preventing the humidity in the air to turn into a liquid state and cause problems in our equipment.





#### **CONTROL:** Thermostats

> Adjustable thermostats

#### > UL Certification

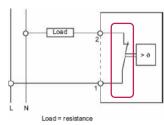
#### **Bimetal Thermostat with NC contact**

Controls the **stopping of a resistance** heater

when temperature exceeds

the displayed maximum value.

- Temperature adjustment range: 0... +60°C
- Operating temperature: -20... +80°C
- IP20
- Ref: NSYCCOTHC





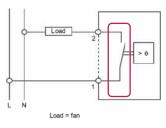
Thermostat for Heater (Closed Circuit)

#### Controls the starting up of a fan

when temperature exceeds the displayed maximum value.

- Temperature adjustment range: 0... +60°C
- Operating temperature: -20... +80°C
- IP20

#### - Ref: NSYCCOTHO





Thermostat for Fans (Open Circuit)



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