

# **Inverter Technology: Unlocking the Full Potential of Heat Pumps to Decarbonize the Northeast**

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2. Inverter and Mechanical System Basics
3. Inverter Impact on Operation
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# Daikin Overview

95+ Years of History

**Founded  
in 1924**

Annual Sales of

**\$21**  
BILLION

More than

**100**

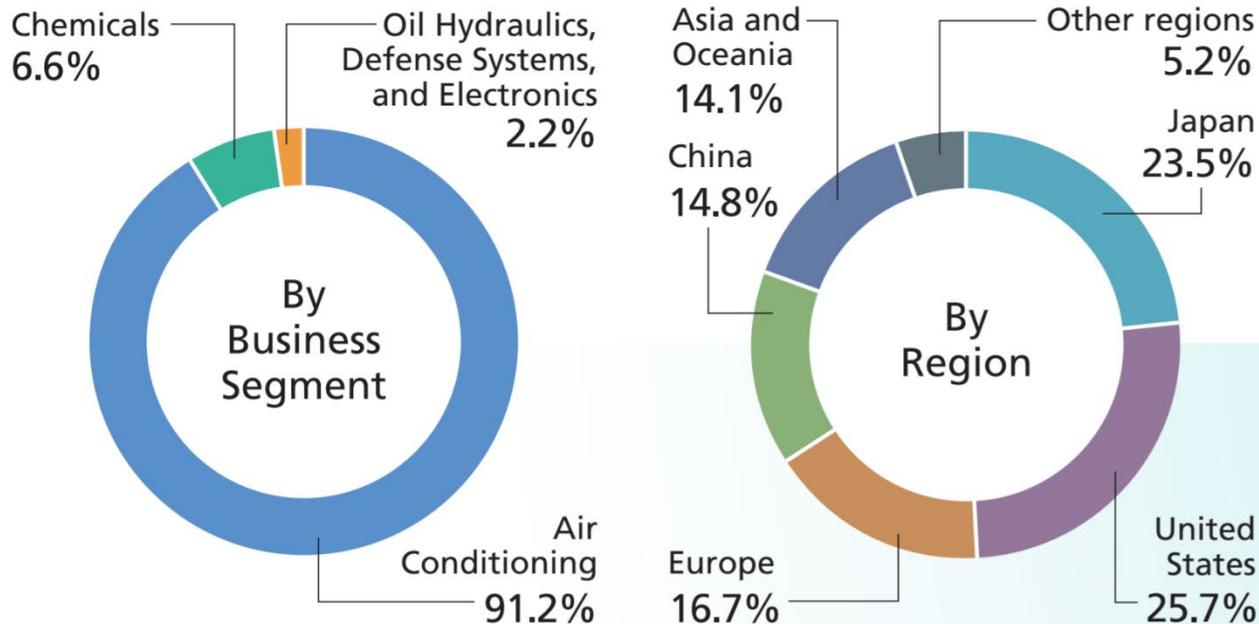
global production bases  
for localized production

Business development in more than

**160**

countries

## Ratio of Sales (Consolidated/Fiscal 2020)



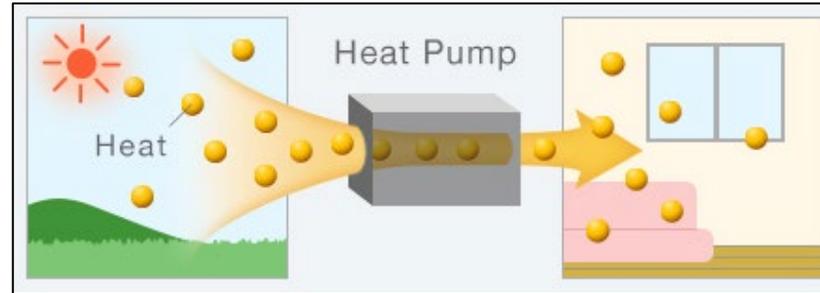
- Company: Daikin Industries, Ltd.
- Head Office : Osaka, Japan
- Founded in 1924
- Chairman of the Board : Noriyuki Inoue
- President and CEO : Masanori Togawa
- Employees : 84,870
- Group Companies : 315

As of March 31, 2021

# Daikin's Core Competencies

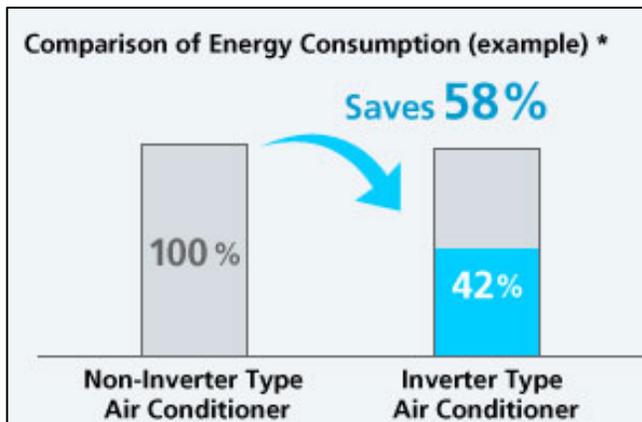
## ① HEAT PUMP

Heat pump is energy saving technology that conveys heat without the need to generate heat



## ② INVERTER

Inverter is energy saving technology that eliminates wasted operation in air conditioners by efficiently controlling motor speed.

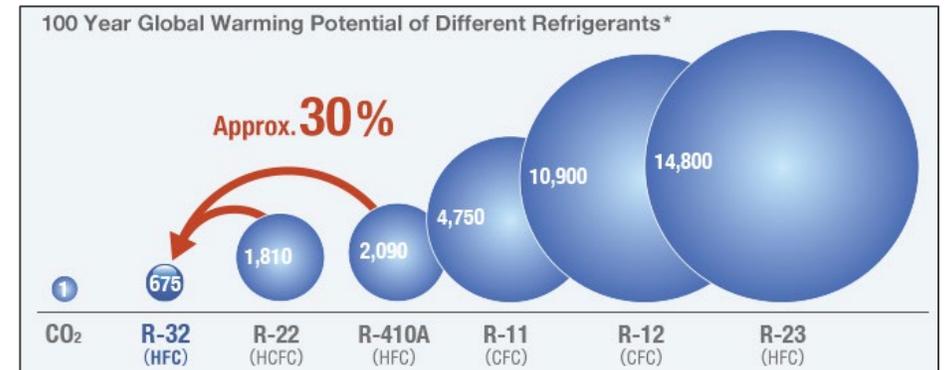


\* Energy consumption is calculated complying with JIS B8616:2015 for model SSRC140BA (inverter) and equivalent non-inverter type air conditioners.

## ③ REFRIGERANT

R-32 is a next generation refrigerant that efficiently carries heat and has lower environmental impact

Approximately  
**10%**  
Reduction  
in Electricity  
Consumption



\*Source: Values for 100 year global warming potential (GWP) from IPCC Fourth Assessment Report. Comparative 100 year GWP: HFC410A, 2,090; HFC32, 675

# Daikin Group Companies and Products

Daikin Group Brands in North America:



Daikin carries lineup meeting all types of needs including those for energy-savings, the environment, comfort, peace-of-mind, safety, and health



Residential

Commercial

Industrial

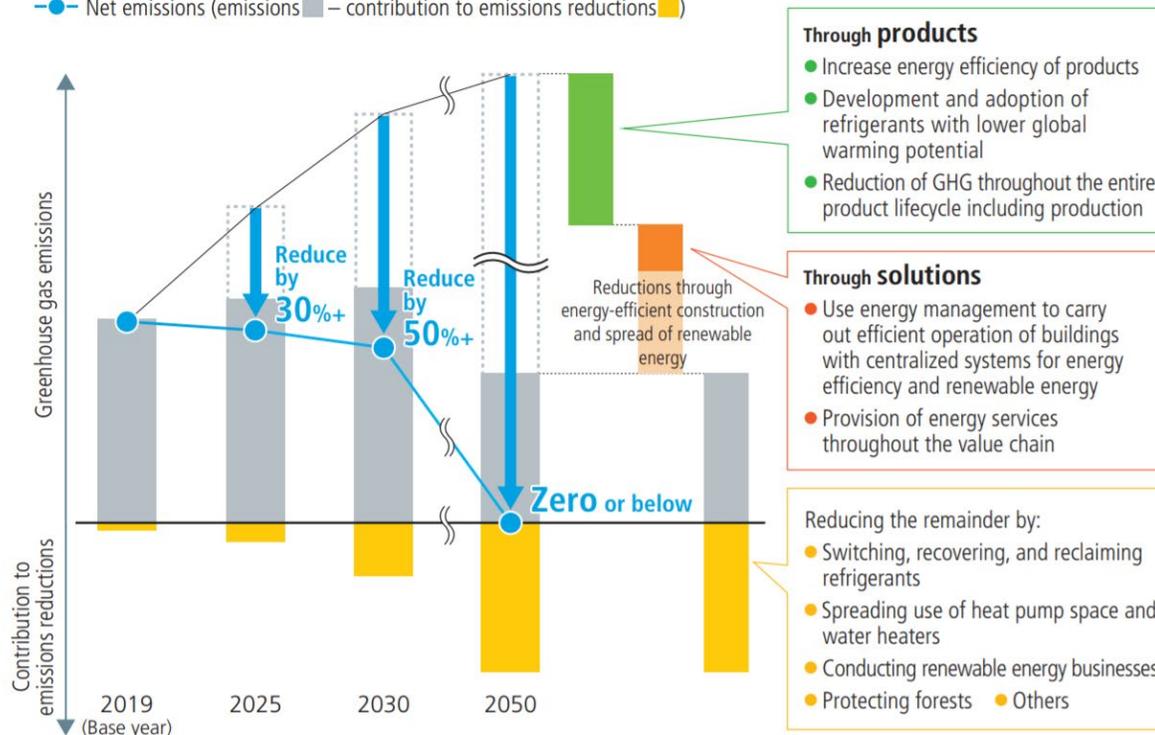


Through products Through solutions

### Target for reducing greenhouse gas emissions to net zero

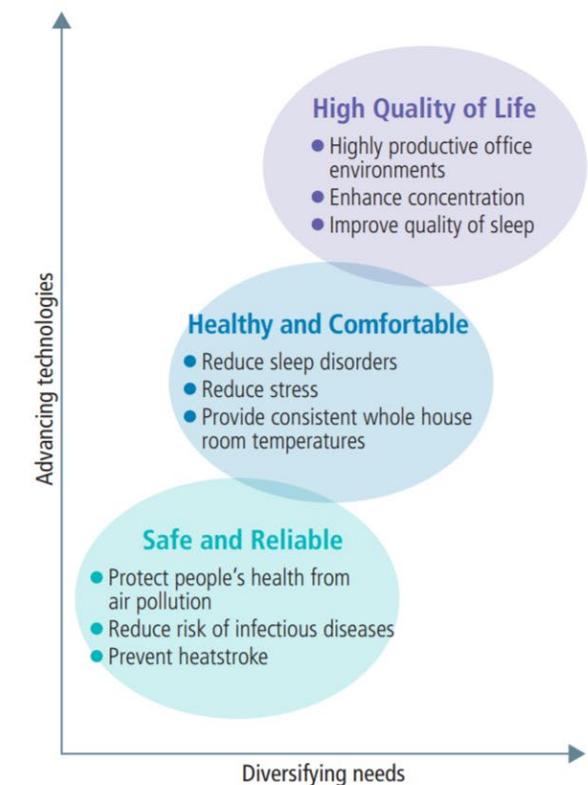
■ Emissions ■ + ■ BAU

● Net emissions (emissions ■ - contribution to emissions reductions ■)



Through the power of air

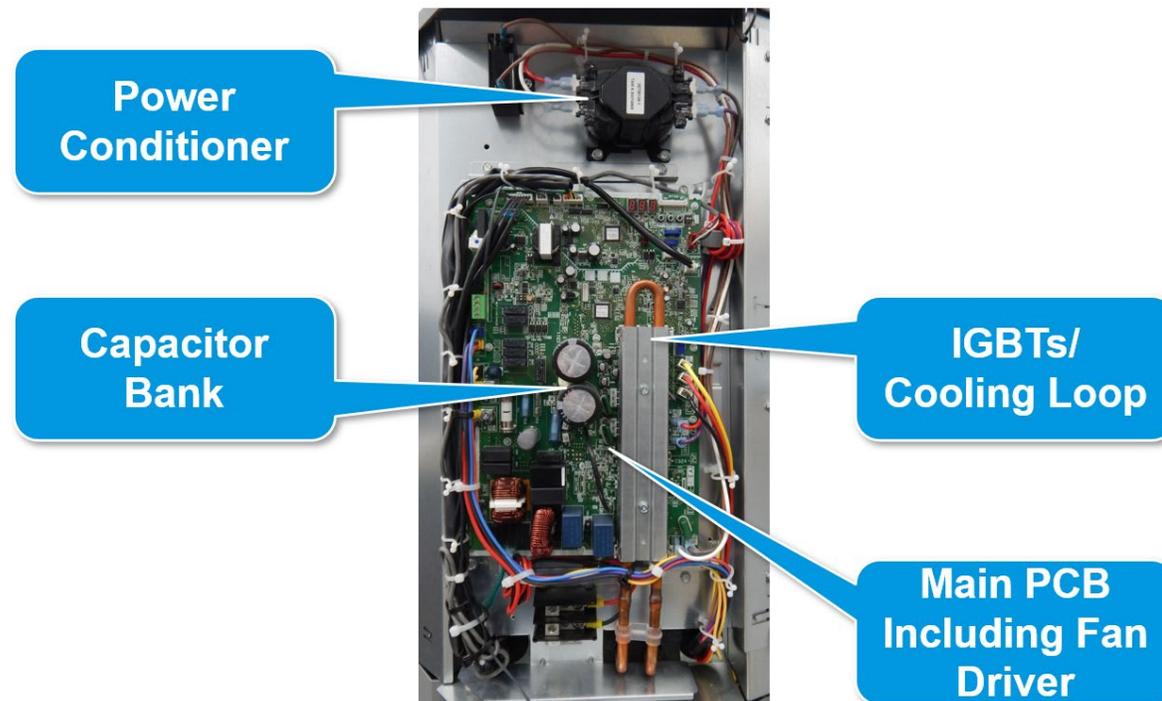
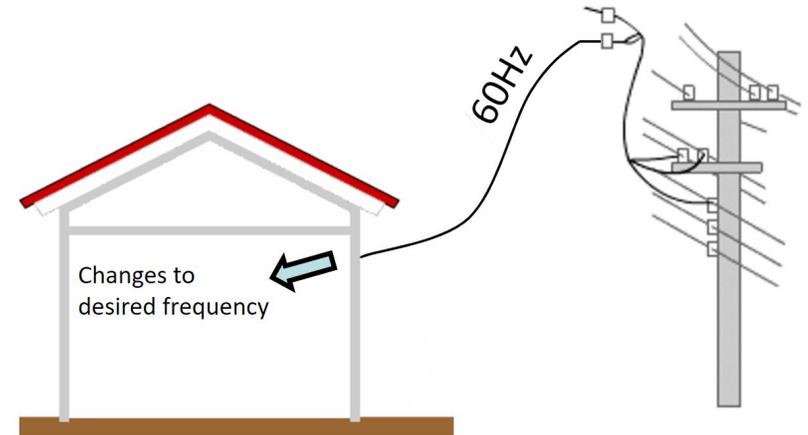
### Image: The power of air



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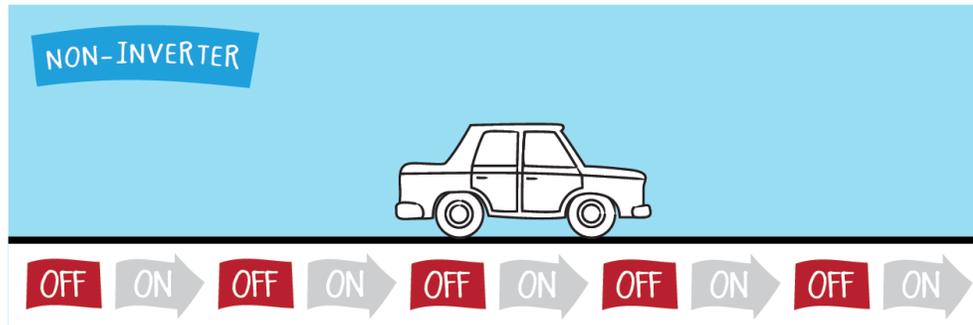
# What is an Inverter?

- An Inverter is a technology that changes the power supply frequency provided by power companies into a desired frequency (Hertz)
- In heat pump and air conditioning equipment, inverters are applied to the compressor as that is the main energy consuming component
- When inverters are used in HVAC equipment, it can be referred to by many names:
  - Variable Capacity
  - Variable Speed
  - Inverter driven
  - Extended capacity
  - Extra performance
  - Extreme climate
  - Cold-Climate



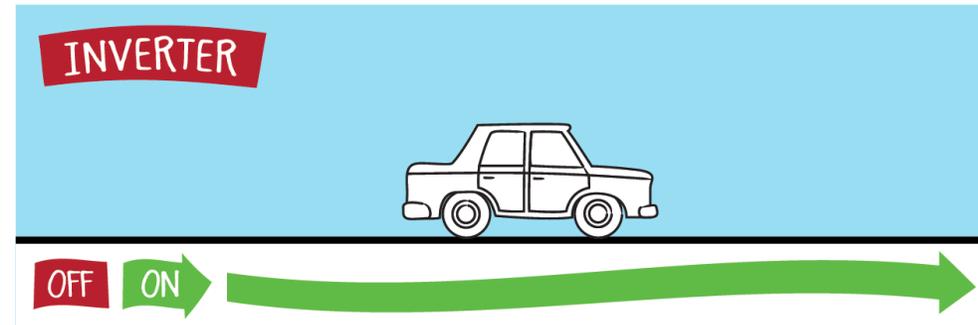
# Inverter is Like a Gas Pedal in a Car

Non-Inverter (single and two-stage) HVAC systems function like your car does in the city:  
Stop. Go. Stop. Go.



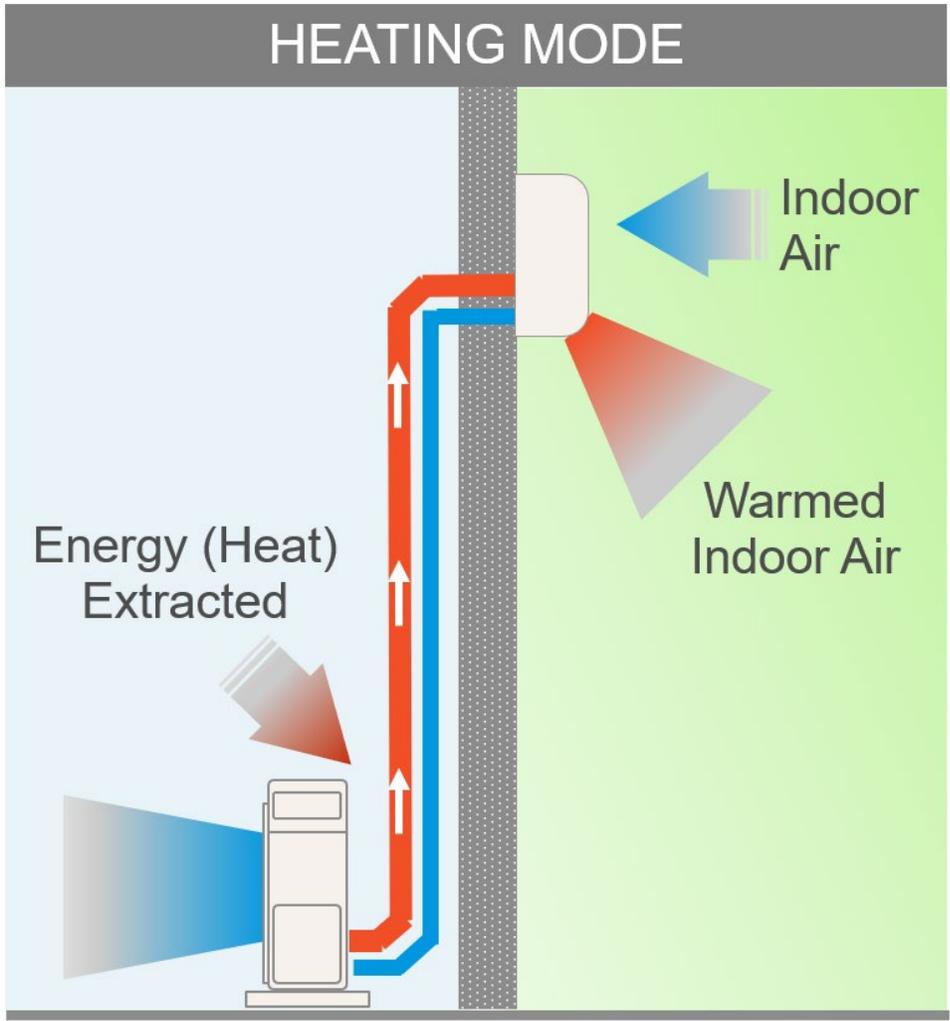
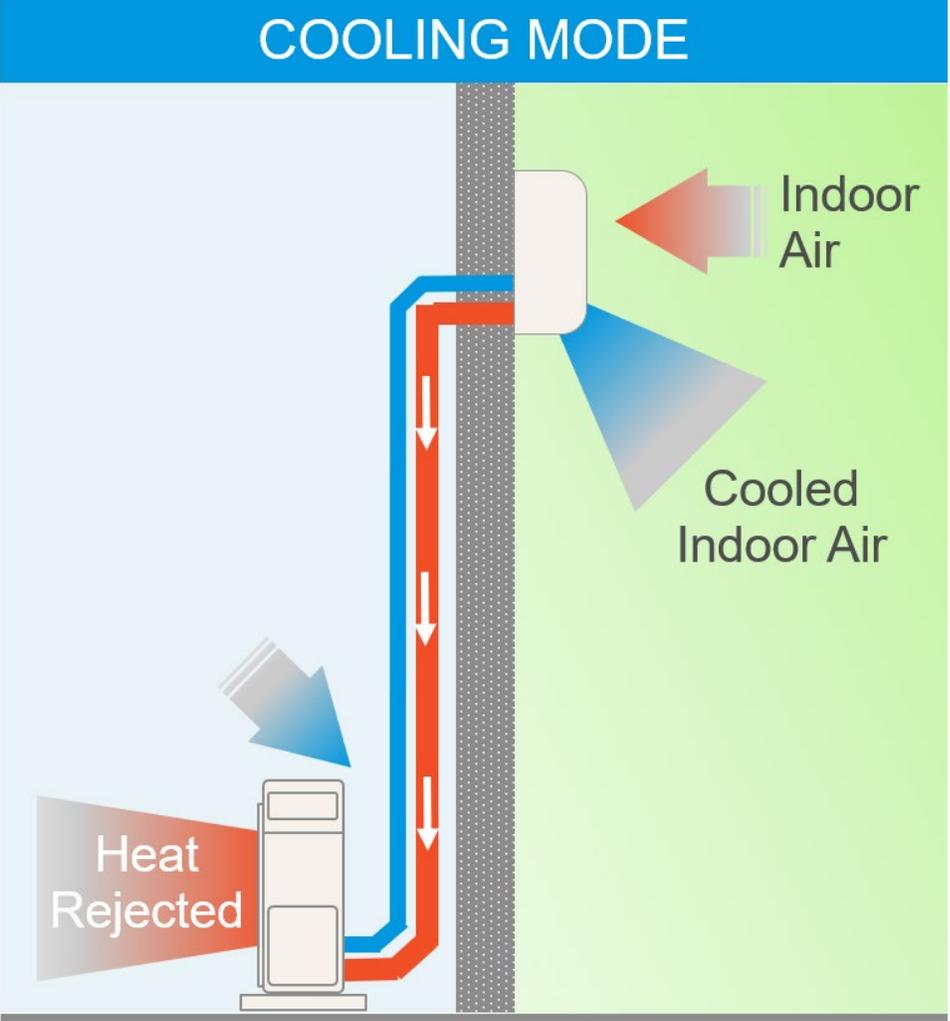
This causes your vehicle to work harder and use more resources to run, decreasing your overall MPG.

Inverter (variable-speed) HVAC systems function like your car does on the highway:  
You set the cruise control and go!



Cruise control allows you to match speed to road condition, boosting your overall MPG.

# Heat Pump System Basic Operation



# Heat Pump System Main Components

## 1. Compressor

The “heart” that pumps the refrigerant

Found in the Outdoor unit

## 2. Reversing Valve

Found in systems that provide both heating & cooling

## 3. Indoor Unit

Also known as the evaporator or fan coil

(acts like a condenser during heating cycle)

## 4. Expansion Valve

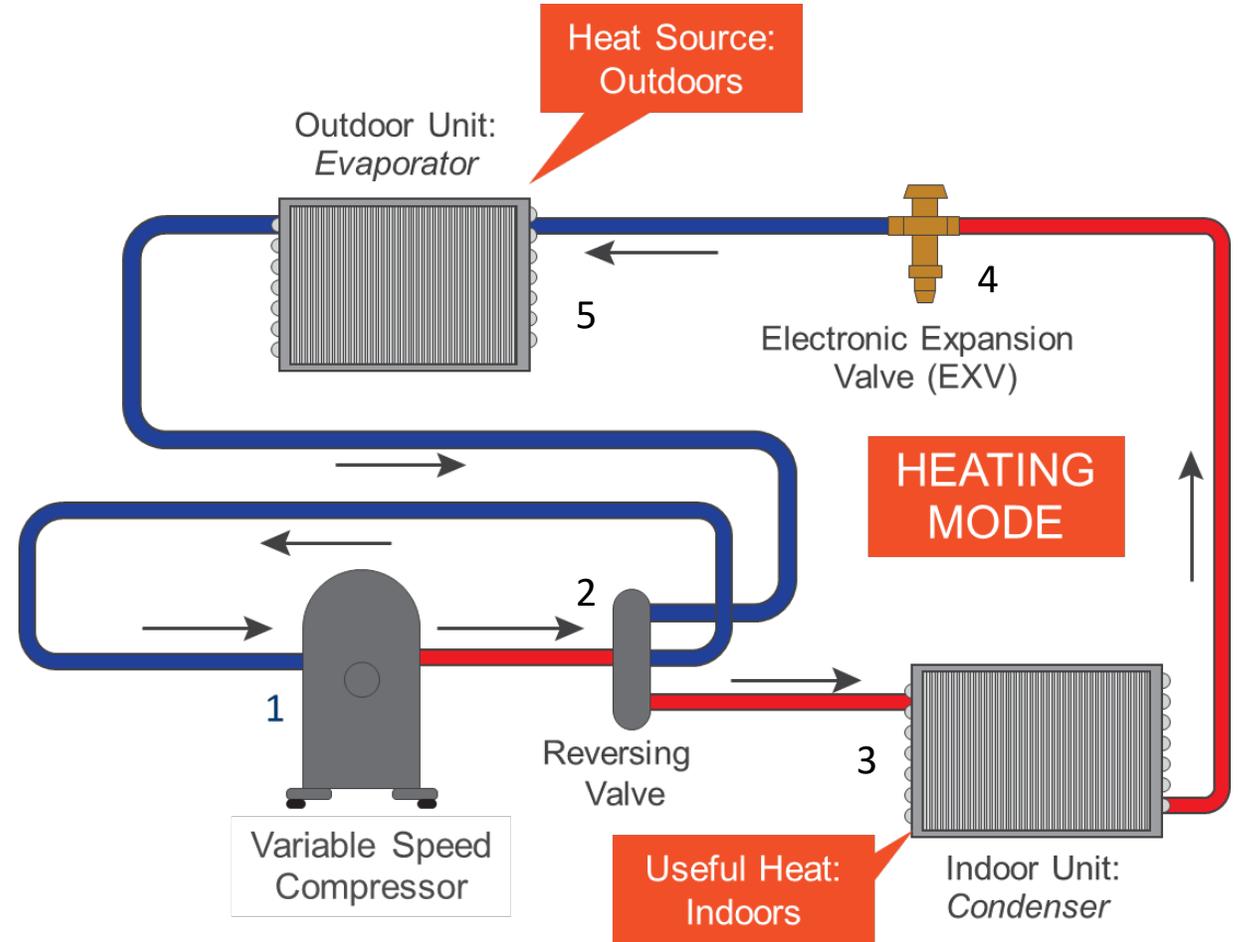
Regulates the flow of refrigerant

Found in either IDU or ODU

## 5. Outdoor Unit

Also known as the Condensing unit

(acts like an evaporator during heating cycle)



# Heat Pumps are Not New

Circa 1978

**THE AMAZING WEATHERTRON HEAT PUMP FROM GENERAL ELECTRIC. IT HEATS. IT COOLS. AND IT CAN SAVE YOU MONEY.**

**IT HEATS.** Amazingly, there's enough heat energy in even the coldest winter air to supply much of your home's heat. The Weathertron heat pump pulls that energy out of the air like magic.

**IT COOLS.** In the summer, the Weathertron heat pump works like a central air conditioner. It cools, filters and dehumidifies the muggy summer air.

**IT'S ECONOMICAL.** Compared to electric resistance heat, the Weathertron can save you from 30-60% on heating bills (depending on where you live). Now that's a great tick!

**IT DOESN'T USE OIL OR GAS.** Since the Weathertron uses electricity, you won't have to worry so much about the rising cost and scarcity of oil or gas.

The Weathertron is now available for an amazing performance in your home. See your GE dealer.

**THE WEATHERTRON. AMERICA'S #1 SELLING HEAT PUMP.**  
**GENERAL ELECTRIC**

Circa 1972

perfected by General Electric for those homeowners whose way of living demands the ultimate in comfort and convenience

**WEATHERTRON**  
The General Electric All-Electric Heat Pump

*single unit uses only air and electricity to heat your home in Winter, cool it in Summer*

- all-automatic**... set the thermostat for the temperature range you like in your home. Weathertron will keep it that way day-in, day-out—all year long, if you wish. And Weathertron does this automatically.
- all-in-one**... with a single unit providing heating and cooling you are free of seasonal start-ups and shut-downs. No deterioration of idle equipment. Weathertron is always on the job, heating or cooling, as the season demands.
- no flame—no soot**... the G-E Weathertron burns no fuel, so you have no flame to worry about—no soot to dirty your home. Weathertron is safe, clean. Weathertron needs no fuel pipes, valves, controls or tanks.
- uses no water**... no water towers mar the exterior beauty of your home. No wells or pumps are necessary... no pipes buried in the ground. Weathertron uses only electricity and the free outside air to keep your home at a comfortable temperature.
- for all-electric living**... thousands of families are now enjoying the benefits of all-electric living, with Weathertron. Join these families! You discover a more comfortable, convenient way of life... you make a wise investment in the maintenance of property value, over the years.

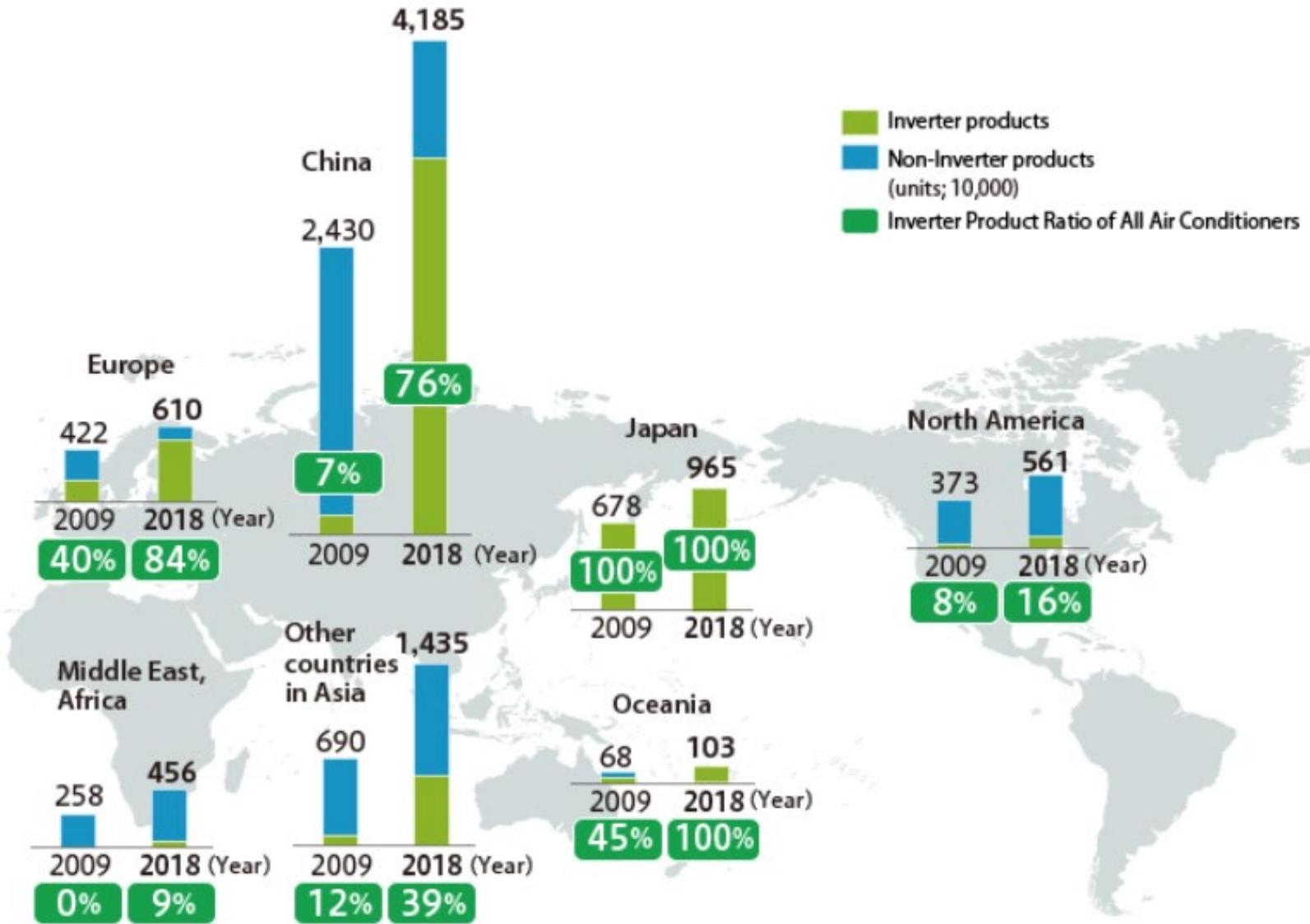
WEATHERTRON DEPARTMENT, FIVE LAWRENCE STREET, BLOOMFIELD, NEW JERSEY

*Progress Is Our Most Important Product*  
**GENERAL ELECTRIC**

**But Inverters in Residential Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps Is Relatively New in the US**



# Lots of Opportunity for Inverter Adoption in the US



Note: Residential air conditioners: Ductless air conditioners other than window and portable type products. Only in North America does the category include ducted air conditioners for residential use.

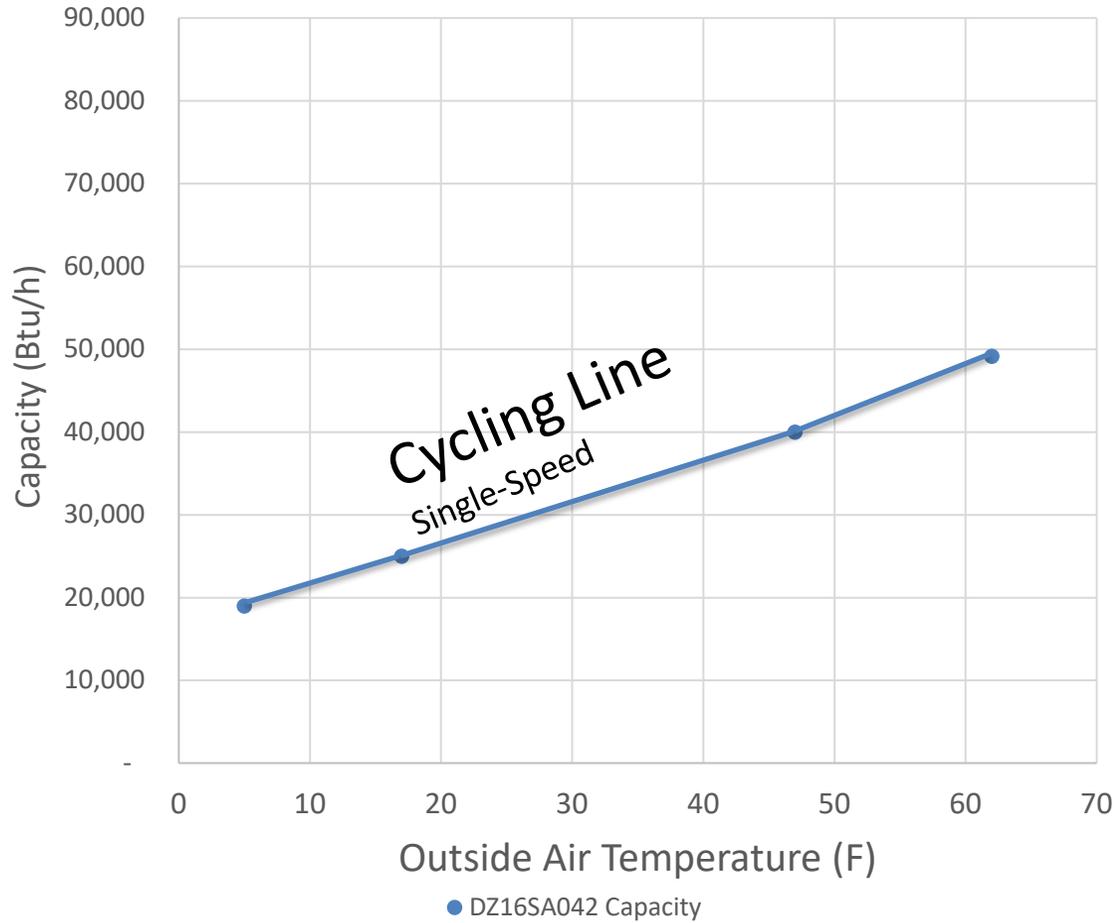
Source: Compiled by Daikin based on data from the Japan Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Industries Association



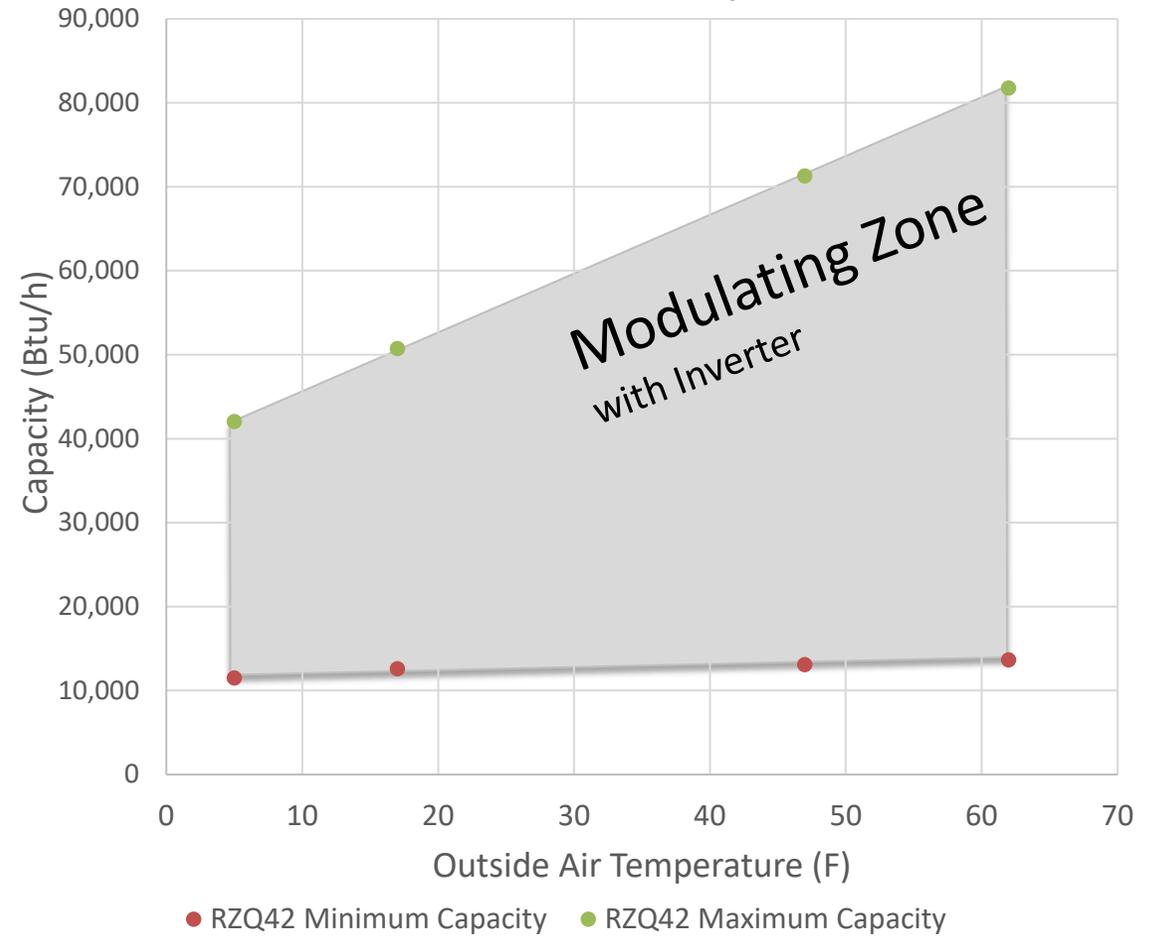
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# Load Line to Modulating Zone

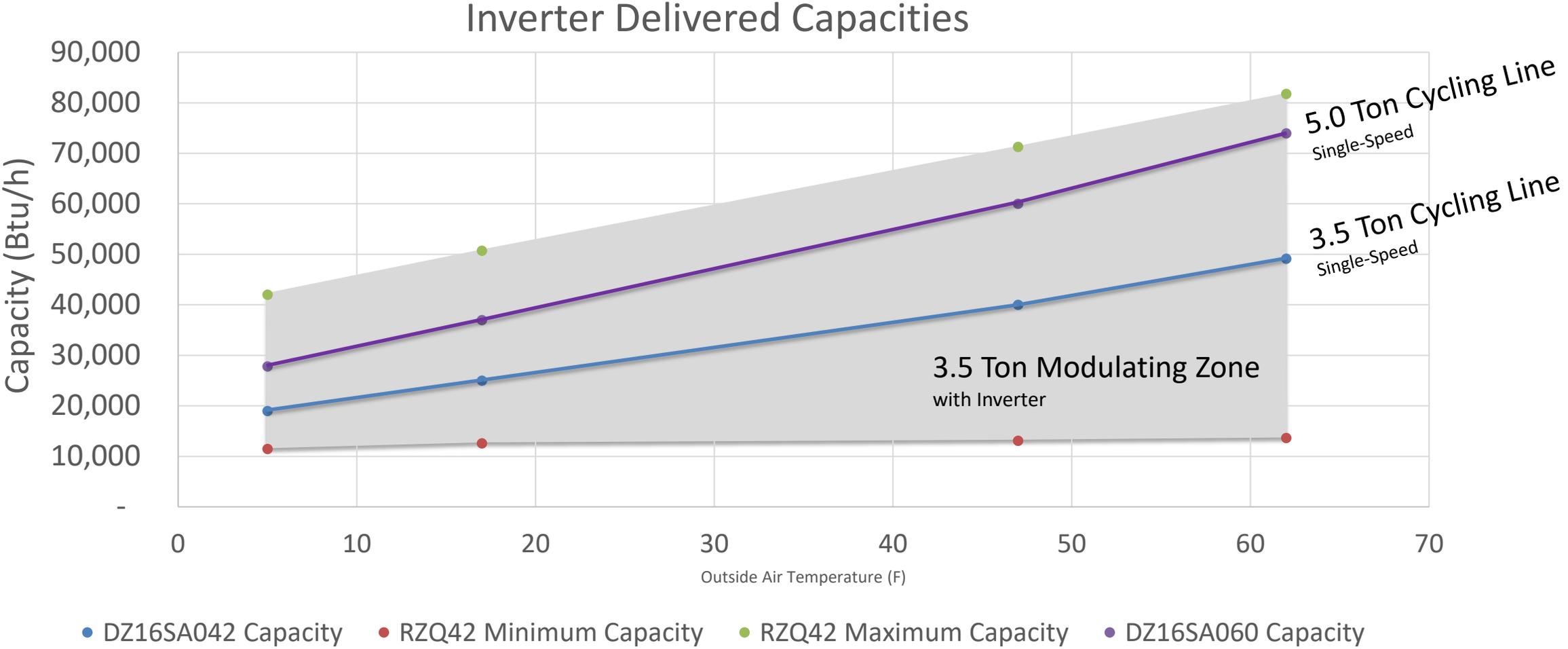
## Single-Speed Delivered Capacities

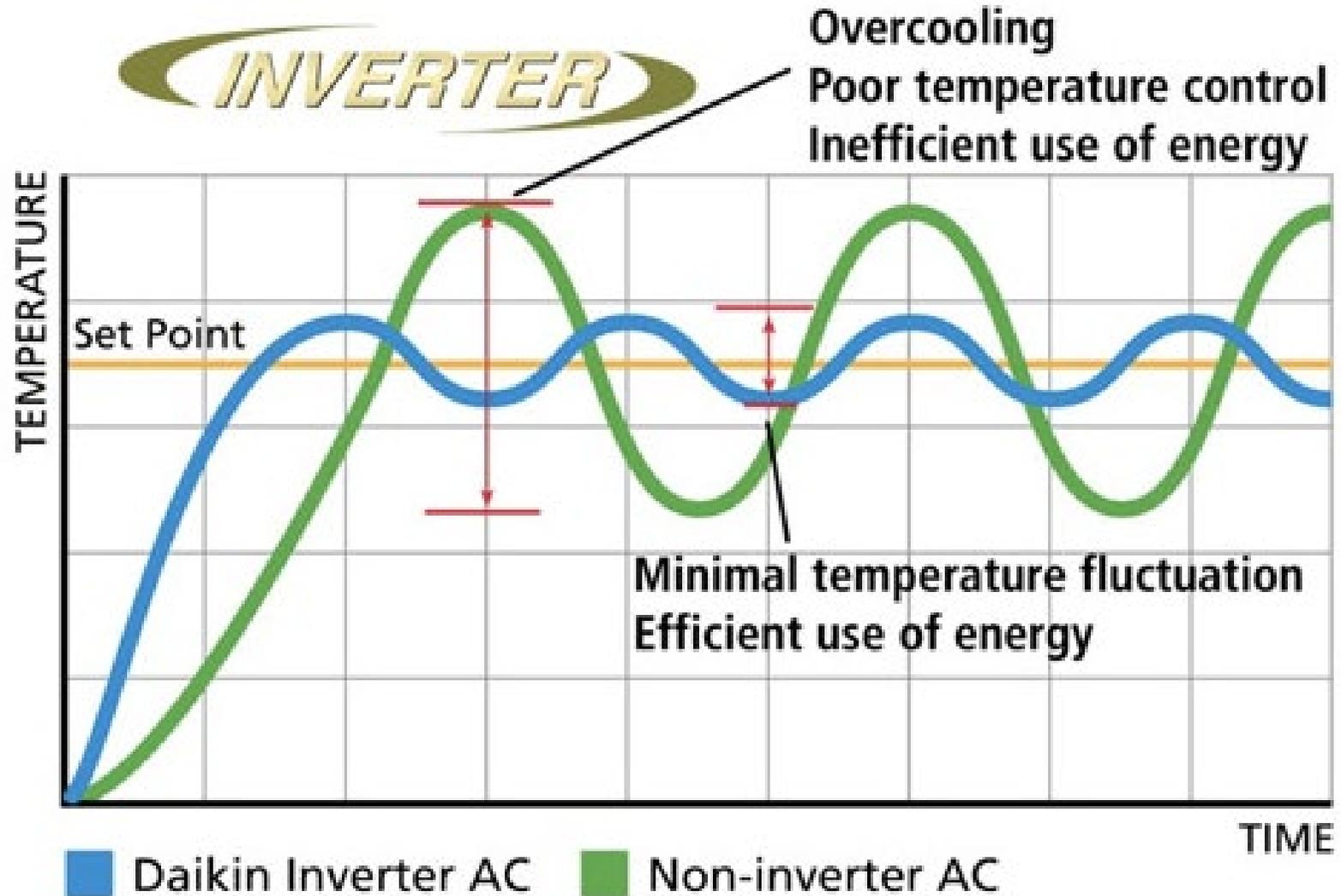


## Inverter Delivered Capacities



# More Heating Capacity Delivered with Inverter

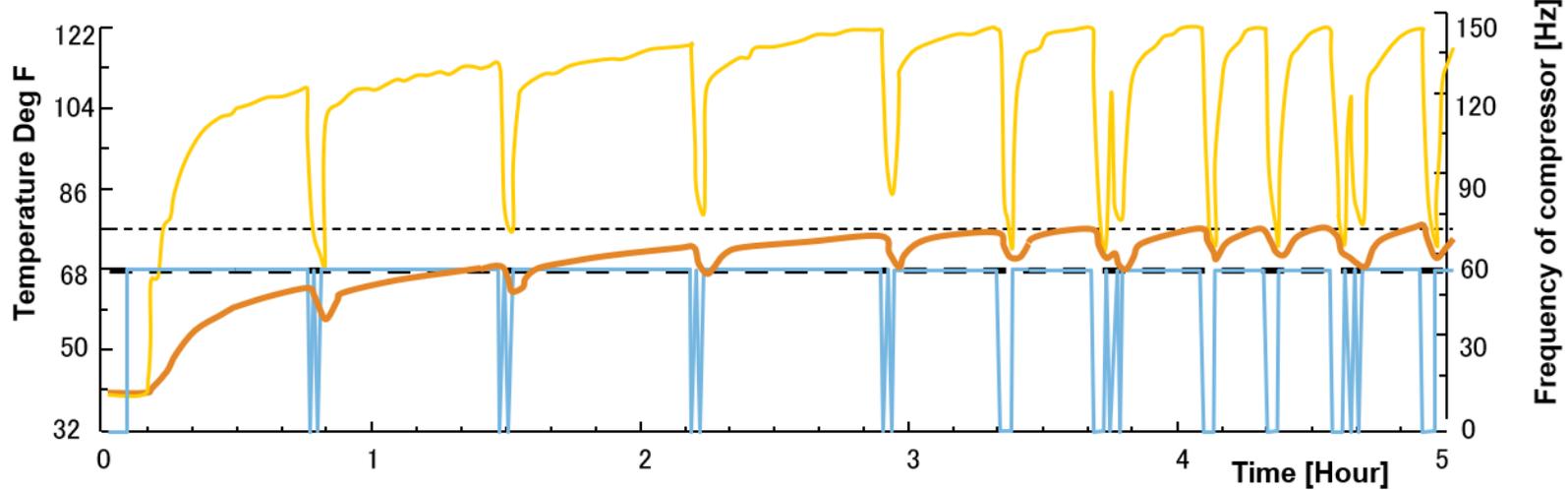




# Cycling to Modulating: Trend Data

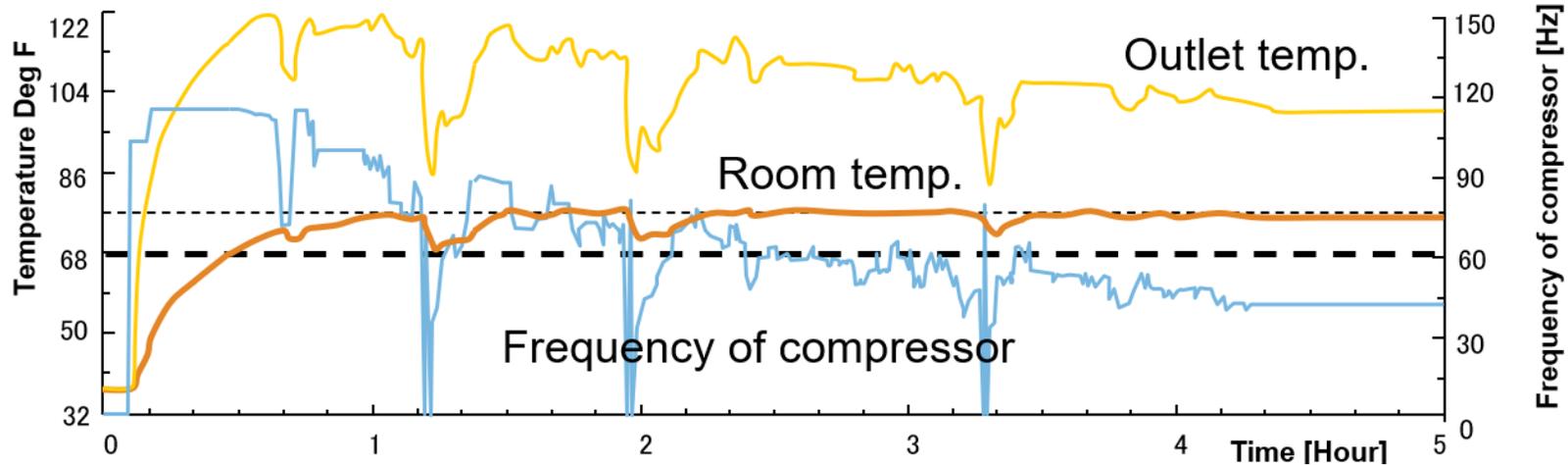
Outdoor temp: 32F Set Temp: 73F

## Non-Inverter Unit



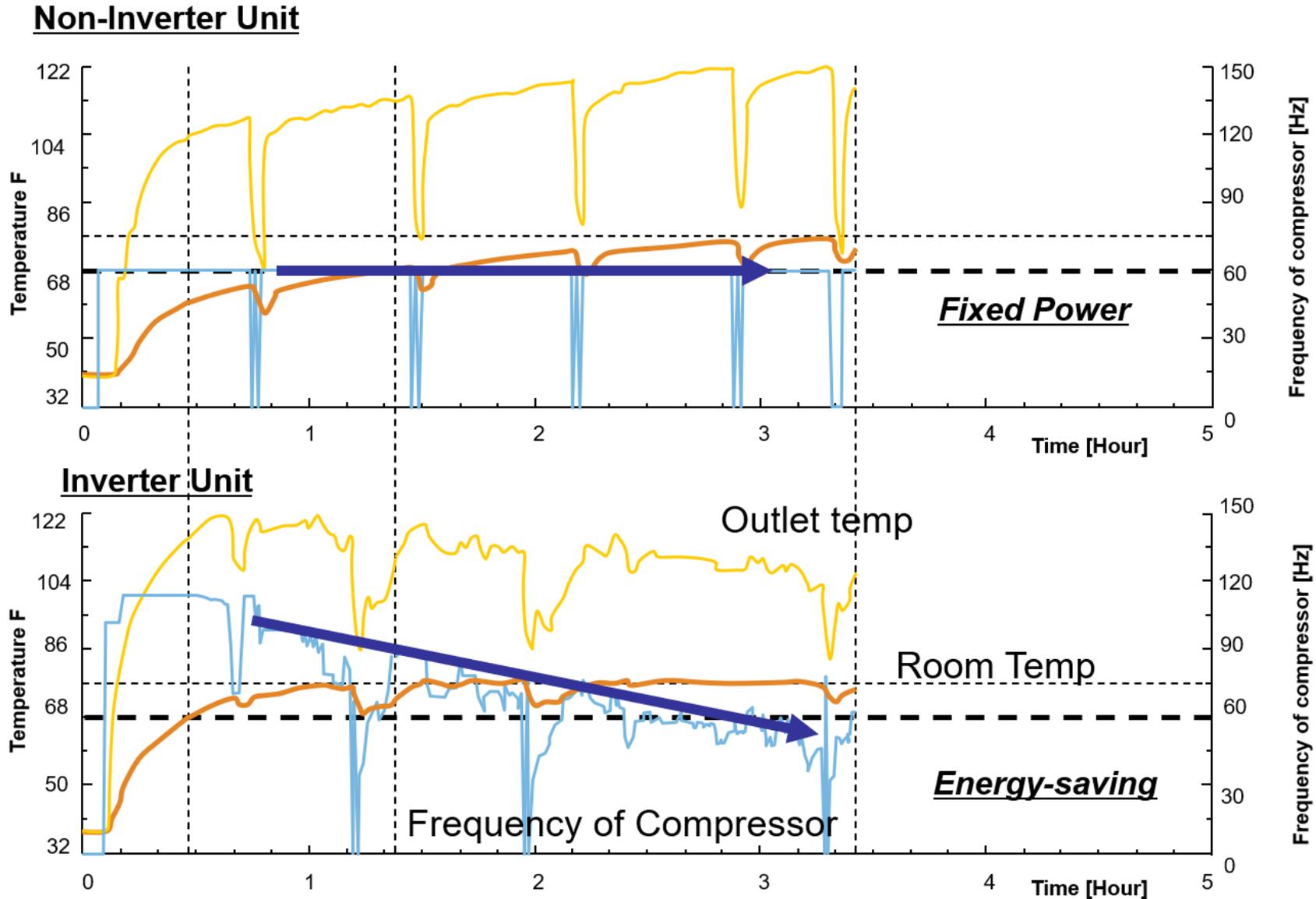
19  
Compressor  
Starts

## Inverter Unit



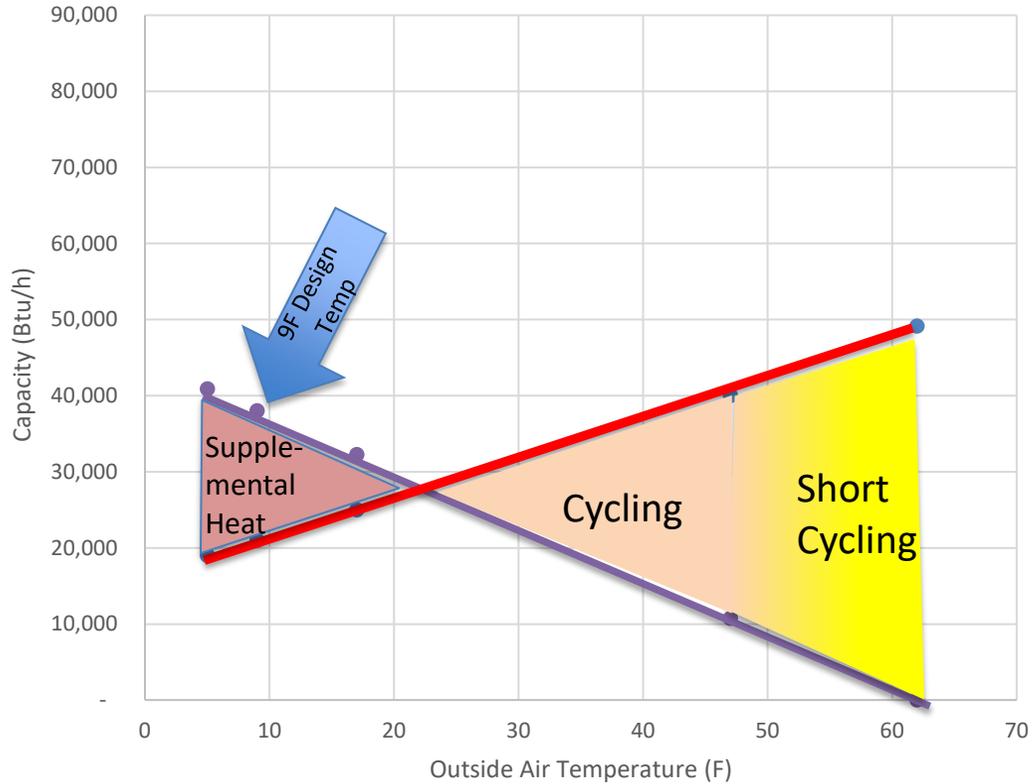
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Compressor  
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# Lower Frequency over Time Yield Energy Savings



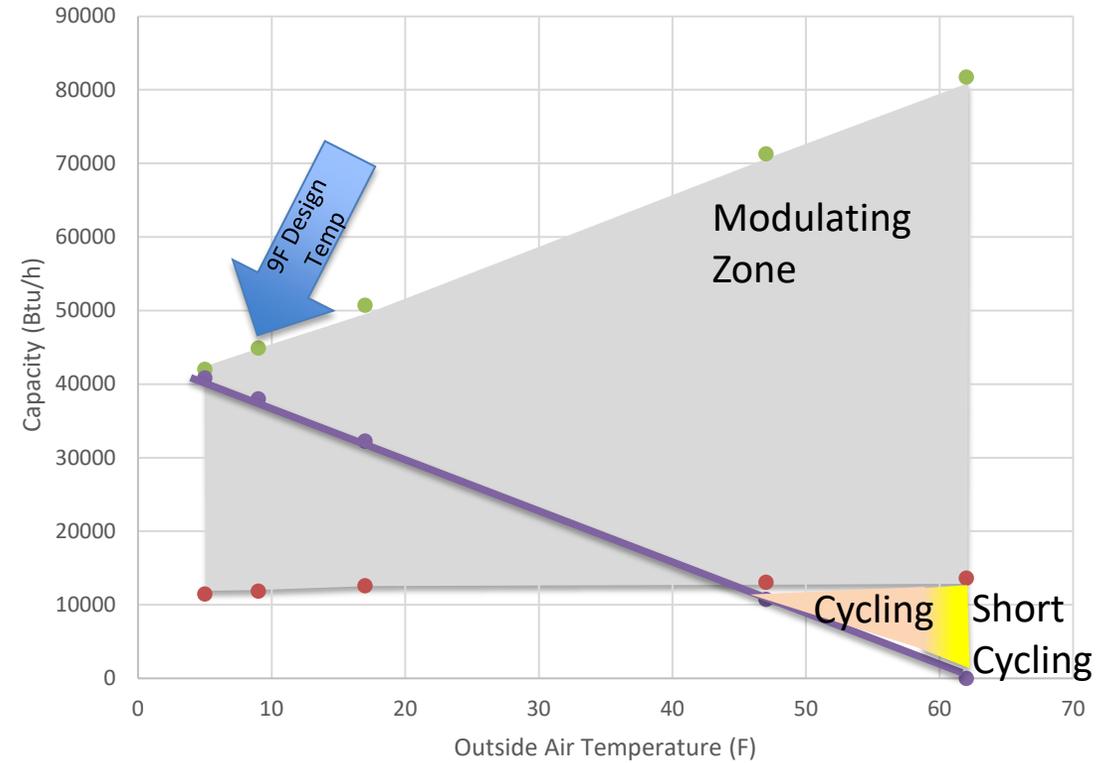
# Inverter Impact in Westchester County

## Single-Speed Compressor Design Example



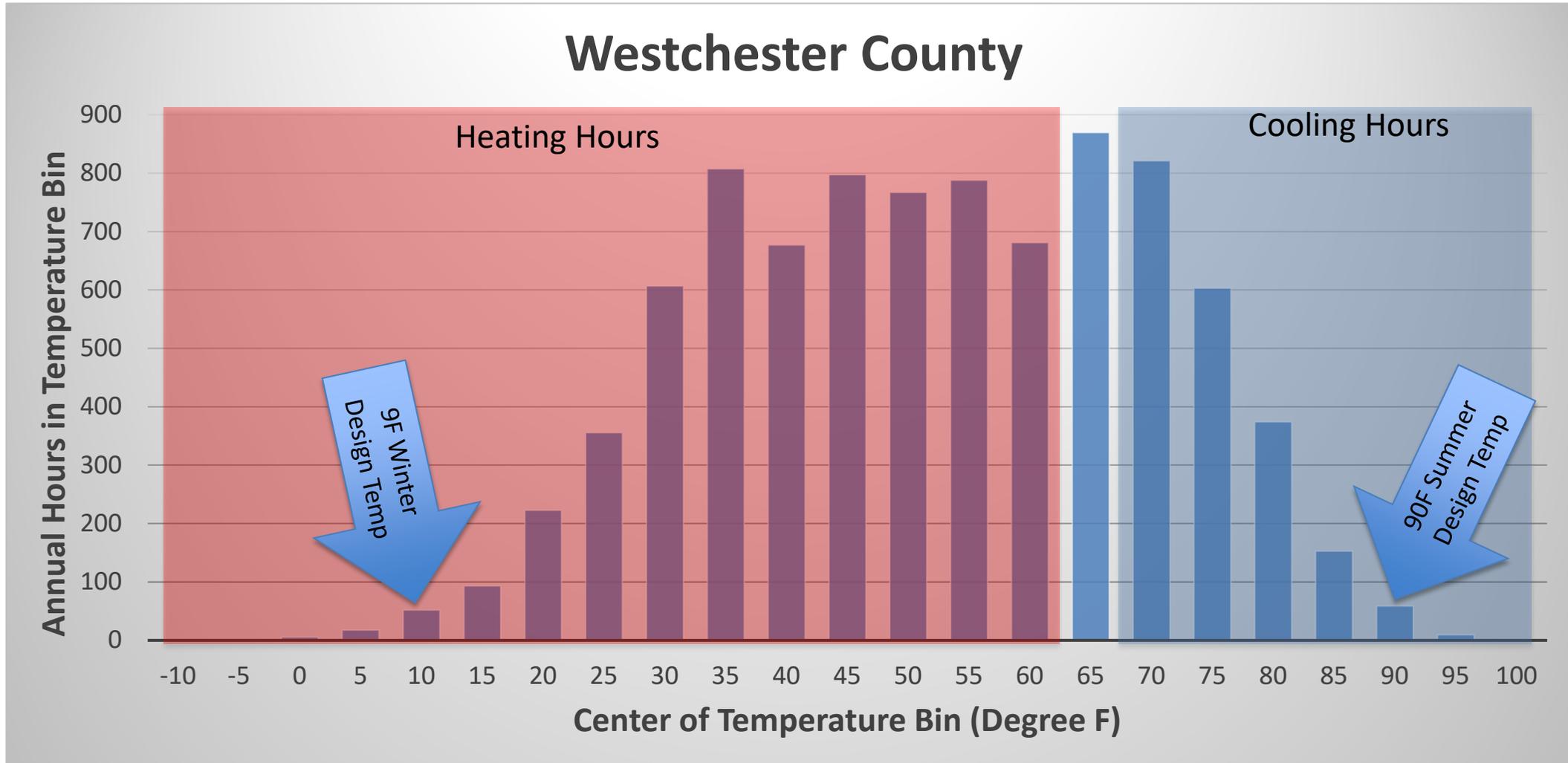
● DZ16SA042 Capacity ● Westchester, NY Heating Load Line

## Inverter Compressor Design Example

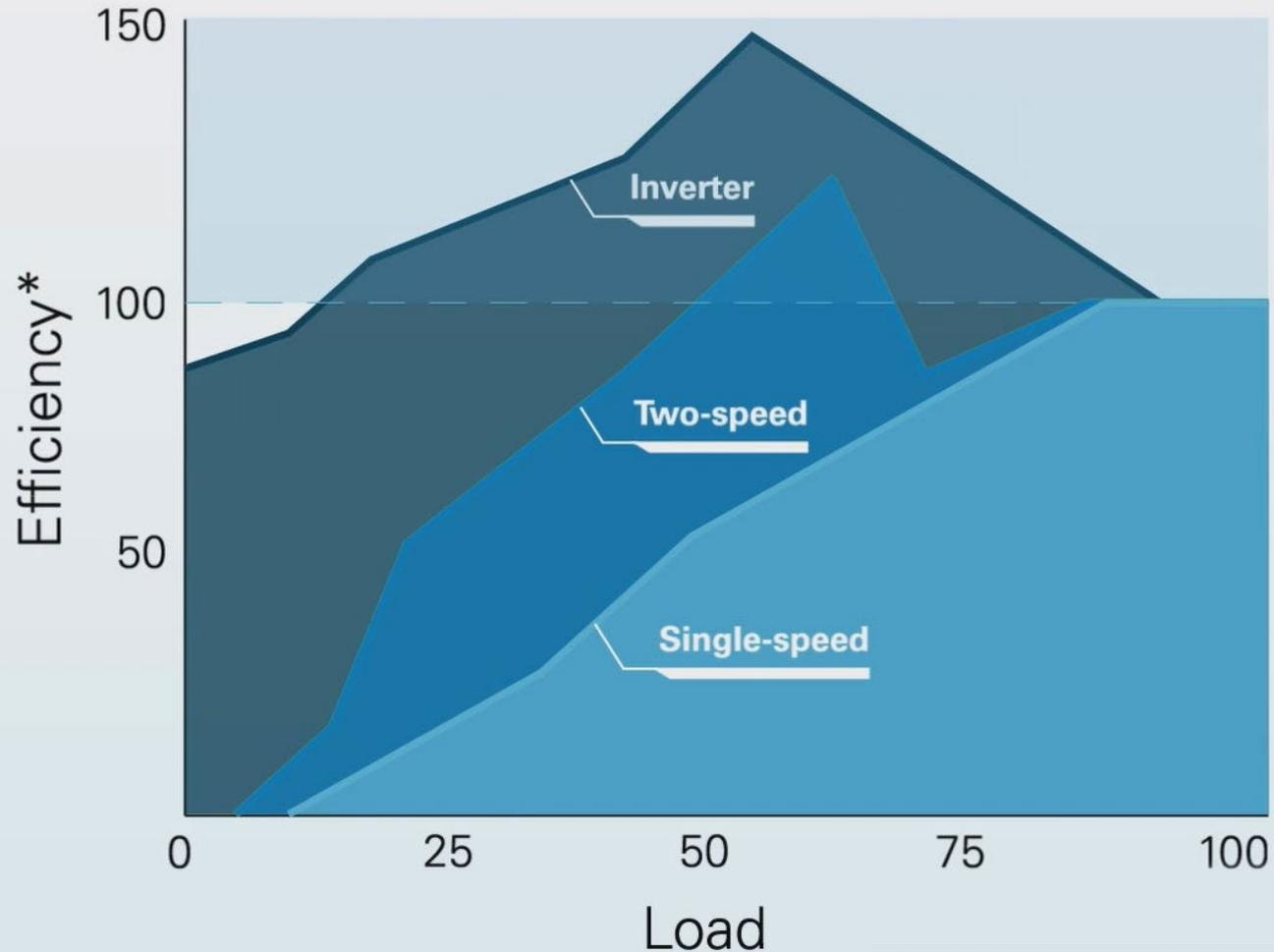


● RZQ42 Minimum Capacity ● RZQ42 Maximum Capacity  
● Westchester, NY Heating Load Line

# Design Temp Extremes vs. Abundant Mild Temperatures



# Improved Seasonal Energy Performance



\*as a percentage of efficiency at 100% load

## EER

- A peak cooling load metric, evaluates efficiency at 95F (35C) at nominal speed.
- EER is a valuable metric for utilities as it reduces electric system peak demand
- Accord to the Electric Power Research Institute, *“the link or EER and building performance is not straightforward”*

## SEER

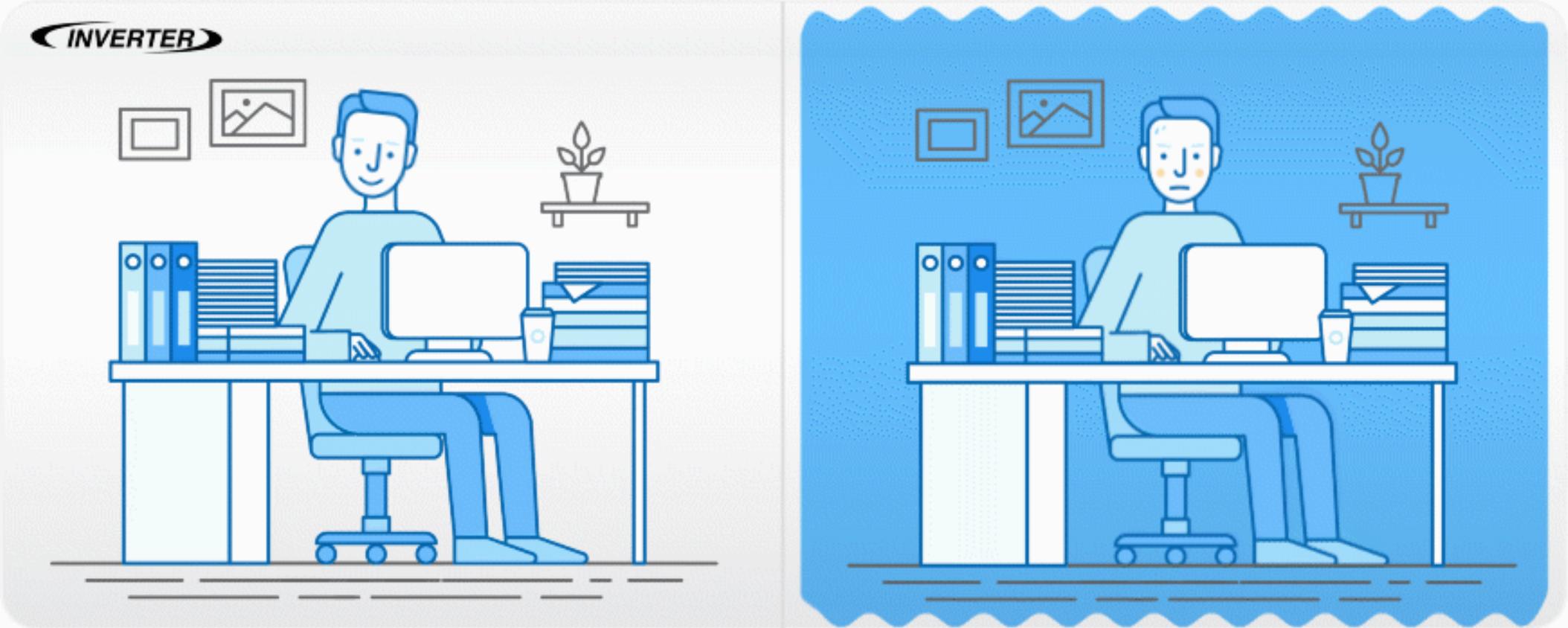
- A seasonal cooling metric, that estimates efficiency over an entire cooling season.
- SEER is a valuable metric for consumers, as it relates to their energy consumption and costs.
- SEER considers that the efficiency of the equipment varies based on outdoor temperature.
- SEER is based on a lab testing and applies weather bin data to estimate energy-use over a cooling season.

## More Inverter Benefits

- High Efficiency in Part-Load conditions.
- As room temperature nears set point, the capacity is automatically ‘throttled down’
- Better dehumidification, and fewer start/ stop cycles.
- Power factor of near Unity
- Minimal locked rotor amps means less stress on windings
- No “light flicker” or “loud thud” when equipment is energized. It soft starts and stops.
- Better lubrication of compressor.
- System pressures increase gradually, reducing noise and stress on piping.
- Better dehumidification, and fewer start/ stop cycles.
- As room temperature nears set point, the capacity is automatically ‘throttled down’
- Huge decrease in compressor energy consumption

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# Comfort Without Compromise

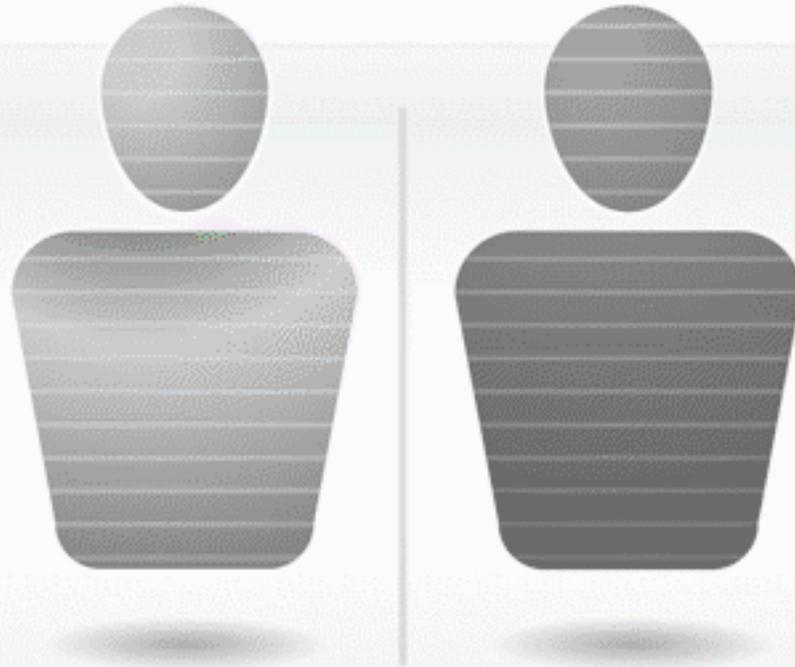


**UNCOMFORTABLE**

Room Temperature 77°

**80%**

**86°F**



Your Thermal Body Temperature

**COMFORTABLE**

Room Temperature 77°

**50%**

**104°F**



# Hear the Difference

Without Inverter

73dB(a)\*\*

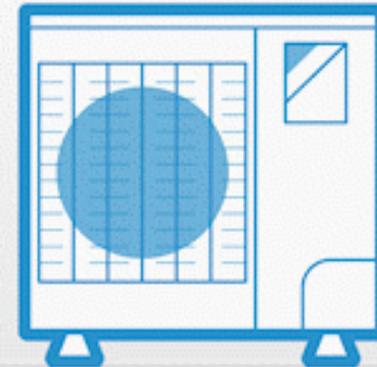
\*\*Daikin DZ14SA



With Inverter

\*Comparison of VRV LIFE™ outdoor unit  
to Daikin DZ14SA outdoor unit.

57dB(a)



# Efficient Electrified Heat Pumps in Cold Climates

*AURORA: 2, 3, 4 zone multi-split*

Up to 100% rated heating capacity at 5°F continuous operation to -13°F

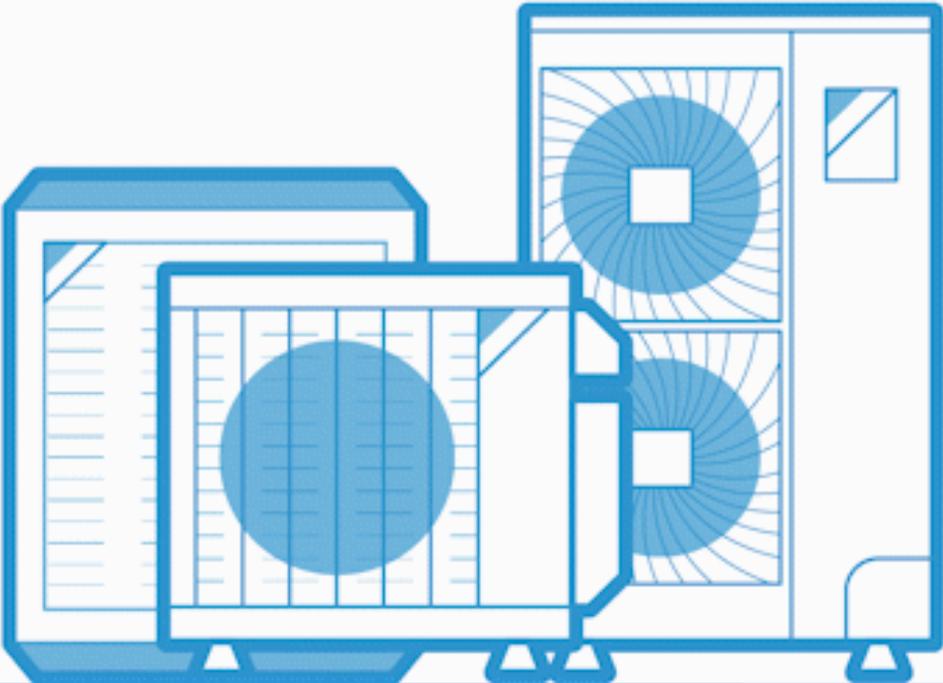


*“Sky-Air” Large capacity single split*

Continuous operation to -4°F



Invest in Tomorrow, Today!



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# Questions?

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