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End-to-End Cooling Solutions from the Closet to the Data Center







Customer Challenges

- Growing pains make it difficult for customers to add on to their cooling needs
- Future proofing....
- Achieving efficiencies while cooling high density heat loads to ensure 7x24 Data Center availability

Key Considerations

- Ability to adapt to increasing and unpredictable power densities
- Elimination of hot spots within the room and the rack
- Minimize Total Cost of Ownership
- Ensure stable inlet temperatures to IT equipment at all levels of the rack
- Flexibility to easily add cooling as demand increases

Why is APC the right choice?

- Proven Reliability. Install base in the millions
- Global provider of air distribution, portable cooling, row based cooling and perimeter air conditioning for all IT equipment cooling needs
- Scalable solutions range from 1 to 30 kW per rack
- Improved efficiency and reduced operating costs through the use of variable speed fans, intelligent controls, and capacity modulation
- Intelligent monitoring and dynamic controls system to adjust to fluctuating IT heat loads and airflow requirements
- Ease of use with integrated management for multiple platforms

Target Applications & Environments

The Wiring Closet and Server Room are the fastest growing and rapidly changing environments. New applications and virtual platforms continually challenge IT managers to match their infrastructure to their growing business needs.

The Data Center, which is on a constant path towards gaining efficiencies, continues to be a focus for better suited cooling.



Room Cooling

Portable to perimeter cooling and air distribution for flexible room level control

One of the challenges in IT infrastructure design is planning for all of the unknown variables that will happen through the life of the IT environment. Because things change so quickly, variables like power density, energy costs, and equipment footprint can impact the effectiveness and life of the IT infrastructure. Having the ability to deliver cooling at the room level provides flexibility by ensuring that cooling is available anywhere. To solve this problem, APC offers a complete line of Room Cooling which includes perimeter, portable, and air distribution products.

Room Cooling products offer flexible cooling solutions perfect for lower density racked and non-racked IT loads. For the closet / server room environment, Room Air Distribution products can be used as a cost effective solution to provide ventilation and easily address lower density heat problems. When dedicated cooling is required, portable self contained units offer quick deployment to address those areas where cooling wasn't initially anticipated. For small to large data center environments, air, water, glycol, multi-cool, and economizer direct expansions units are available to address virtually any size IT environment. The InRoom[™] Chilled Water and Direct Expansion products are assemble to order solutions that offer a choice of five cabinet sizes and capacities, utilize variable fan technology, as well as intelligent control for the best performance. This suite of products is easily serviced, offers the smallest footprint with the highest capacities, while running 10% more efficiently than traditional, belt-driven perimeter units, thereby reducing the overall total cost of ownership. APC offers all types of remote heat exchangers to meet the requirements of any data center configuration.

Room Cooling Products					
InRoom [™] Chilled Water Perimeter, chilled water cooling for medium to large data centers.	InRoom [™] Direct Expansion Perimeter and portable cooling for wiring closets, server rooms, and data centers			Room Air Distribution Air ventilation for wiring closets	
InRoom CW	InRoom DX	NetworkAIR PA		Wiring Closet Ventilation Unit	
Up to 150kW	Up to 86kW	3kW 1.5kW Up		Up to 3kW of heat removal	
Chilled water	Air-cooled, water- cooled, glycol, multicool, and economizer	Self-contained			
Network Manageable			On/off Scheduling	Dry Contact Outputs	
Intelligent Controls		Automatic Restart		On/Off Control	
EC Direct Drive Fans		Ease of Mobility (Casters)		Fault-tolerant Fans	
Humidity Control		Ducted Intake/Exhaust		Multiple Mounting Methods	



Rack Cooling

Dedicated cooling and air distribution for single racks or hot spots

A rack-oriented design allows cooling capacity (and redundancy) to be targeted to the actual needs of a specific rack. APC offers a complete line of air distribution products as well as a series of completely contained, rack integrated cooling products.

Rack mounted air distribution products solve inadequate air distribution problems within a rack enclosure. These fan products work with existing cooling products to either provide cool air to or remove heat from the rack enclosure. These hot spot problem solvers ensure uniform inlet temperatures to the IT equipment.

The InRow SC Systems combine InRow Cooling and Rack Air Containment to offer a flexible, easily deployable solution for almost any environment. Available in three configurations, these fully contained systems offer intelligence that enables network manageability, as well as self-monitoring components that enable the highest level of availability. Combining the row-based cooling architecture with containment of airflow, further increases the predictability, efficiency, and capacity of the system. With InRow SC Systems, airflow paths are completely defined and totally immune to any installation variation or room constraints.

Rack Cooling Products				
Rack Air Distribution Air distribution for power dense enclosures and low pressure areas			InRack Direct Expansion Rack integrated cooling system for environmentally controlled spaces	
Rack Air Distribution Unit	Rack Side Air Distribution Unit	Rack Air Removal Unit	InRow SC System	
Up to 1.5kW of air distribution	Up to 1.5kW of air distribution	Up to 16.5 kW of heat removal	Up to 7kW of cooling	
Fault-tolerant Fan System			Active Response Controls	
Fan Cont	rol Switch Variable Speed Fan:		peed Fans	
Raised Floor Duct	Turning Vane	Network Manageable		
Dual A-B Power Inputs			Hot Swappable Fans	
Zero White Space Solution		Zero U Design Real-time Capacity Monit		
		Ducted Exhaust		



Row Cooling

Energy efficient cooling from low to high density racks and zones

APC's InRow[®] cooling products were designed to be closely coupled with the IT heat load in order to prevent hot air recirculation, and improve efficiency and cooling predictability. Data center operators looking to improve efficiency or deploy high density will benefit from the modular design of the row-based products enabling both new and existing facilities to pay as they grow. The intelligent controls in these units actively adjust fan speed and cooling capacity to match the IT heat load to maximize efficiency and address the dynamic demands caused by virtualization in today's IT environments. These products offer a 30% increase in efficiency over traditional cooling architectures.

To further improve efficiency InRow products can be combined with our Thermal Containment solutions. Thermal Containment maximizes the effectiveness of InRow cooling solutions from low to high density racked IT loads. Available in rack or aisle configurations, these products were designed to completely separate the supply and return air paths of the IT equipment. This air separation ensures the warmest possible air is being returned to the InRow cooling units, which increases the efficiency and capacity of the cooling system.

Row Cooling Products						
InRow [®] Chilled Close-coupled, chilled medium to large data	d Water water cooling for centers	Dr	InRow [®] Direct Expansion Close-coupled, air-, water, and glycol cooling for server rooms, and data centers		g for closets,	
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InRow RC		InRow RP	InRow SC	InRow RD)	InRow RP
300mm	(600mm		300 mm	60	0mm
Up to 30kW	Up	to 60kW	Up to 5kW	Up to 10kW	Up to	o 36kW
(Chilled water		Self-contained	Air-cooled/fluid-cooled	Air-0	cooled
Hot Swappable Fans		Humidity Control	Hot S	wappable Fans		Humidity Control
Active Response Controls						
Network Manageable						
Real-time Capacity Monitoring						
Variable Speed Fans						



Row Cooling

Increasing efficiency, predictability, and capacity with thermal containment

Improved cooling techniques are essential to extend the life of existing data center facilities. The use of containment ensures that equipment temperatures can be better managed. The addition of containment with InRow cooling units, further increases the energy saving by an additional 20%.

Thermal Containment products maximize cooling effectiveness for low to high density racked IT loads. Available in rack or aisle level configurations, these products are designed to completely separate the supply and return air paths of the IT equipment. Ideal for any IT environment, the air separation ensures the warmest possible air is being returned to the InRow cooling units, which further increases the efficiency, capacity, and predictability of the cooling system. Thermal containment is available for 300mm, 600mm, 750mm wide NetShelter Racks, UPS/PDU, and InRow Cooling products. Front containment can also be added to the rack configuration for additional isolation and noise dampening.





Features and Benefits

- Warmer intake temperatures increases cooling unit capacity
- Removal of heat ensures that the supply temp has little to no mixing resulting in a predictable cooling design
- Allows for mixed density racks to exist in the same environment without overcooling
- Reduction or elimination of moisture removal
- Redundancy achieved with less equipment
- Shared cooling capacity



Cooling Distribution and Piping

Centralized distribution for rapid deployment of Row Cooling

While chilled water cooling has remained as one of the most popular and efficient cooling mediums, high density heat loads has prompted the need to bring the cooling closer to the IT equipment. This combination has driven the need for a highly reliable distribution and piping system.

Chilled Water Distribution products provide centralized chilled water balancing and distribution to InRow cooling units within the IT environment. Available in a single 750mm rack footprint, these products are designed to provide a centralized location for the balancing and isolation of InRow RC 300mm Chilled Water cooling units. Optionally, APC offers Pex-AI-Pex piping to deploy a seamless and flexible piping solution that connects the chilled water distribution product to the InRow cooling units. Pex-AI-Pex dramatically reduces the risk of leaks with a multi-layered composite tubing consisting of an aluminum tubing sandwiched between inner and outer layers of cross-linked polyethylene. Chilled Water Distribution products allow for quick deployment and enable a flexible infrastructure to grow and change with minimal labor and installation costs.

Cooling Distribution and Piping Products		
Chilled Water Distribution Flexible chilled water and glycol distribution systems for InRow cooling units		
Cooling Distribution Unit	PEX-AL-PEX	
Works with up to 12 InRow RC (300mm) units	Available in 100 and 300 feet lengths	
Flexible Piping		
Seamless Piping		
Coolant Isolation		



Heat Rejection

Outdoor heat removal to support Room and Row Cooling

With the exception of the self-contained product offerings, there is an essential component to the cooling system outside the IT environment. The function of this component is to transfer heat to the outside atmosphere. Cooling equipment in an IT environment can be deployed using three remote methods of heat rejection. The selection of the appropriate configuration for a particular installation is affected by the existing facility infrastructure, the total power level of the installation, the geographical location, as well as the physical constraints of the building.

Heat Rejection			
Chillers Water chilling plants for row and room cooling products	Fluid Coolers Heat removal designed to use water or glycol for row and room cooling products	Condensers Specifically engineered heat rejection for row and room cooling products	
50-220kW	10-86kW	10-86kW	
Works with Multiple Cooling Units		One to One Unit Configuration	
Microprocessor Controller			
Direct Drive Motors			
Variable Speed Fans	Fixed or Variable Speed Fans		
Scroll Compressor		Flooded Head Pressure Controls	
Optional Storage Tank			
Dual Power Input for Pumps			



A Hybrid Approach

Cooling the data center using Room, Row, and Rack Cooling

All data centers are designed for a common purpose of providing a secure and reliable structure for housing IT equipment. While these data centers are united in a common design goal at a very high level, they are very diverse in nearly every other way. Each data center has unique demands that are driven by individual business needs. Even into the operational phase, the uniqueness of the data center continues to change with the rate of expansion, density, and layout, to name a few.

The design will take into consideration parameters for operation like density, peak vs. average load, and other criteria for day to day operation. It is, however, very difficult to predict exactly how the data center will look over time. With a design life of 10-15 years for the data center and IT managers refreshing their equipment every 2-4 years, it is likely that the data center will change significantly over the years.

With all the uncertainty of the data center, choosing a single cooling solution that will meet the data center needs today and in the future is a difficult task. For this reason, most data centers will require a hybrid of multiple cooling solutions to address their unique requirements.

To make this task easier, APC cooling solutions are available in multiple architectures with modular options for easy expansion. Room, Row, and Rack Cooling solutions provide a variety of options to cool large areas or target cooling where it is needed. Starting at the room level, perimeter units are available to provide cooling to low density racks, lighting, people and other non-racked loads such as storage equipment and single enclosure server systems. Room cooling also serves to provide moisture control for the entire space.

Since the data center is likely to change over time with IT refreshes, a room cooling architecture that adequately cooled the data center in the beginning, may not handle the diverse heat loads in later years of operation. To increase the effectiveness of the installed system without an architecture change, rackbased solutions can be deployed with the changing topology of the IT gear to enable greater density and efficiency as needed.

The best choice for rack based IT loads is a row cooling approach due to its energy efficient advantage. This close-coupled cooling[™] method allows the heat removal to be matched to the heat generation for energy savings at any density. Removing the heat at the source and eliminating mixing of hot and cold air streams allows the system to predictably control IT inlet temperatures.

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