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CONTAINED COLD AISLE

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The Conteg Contained Cold Aisle solution physically separates cold and hot zones. One of the potential drawbacks of the no-containment Hot/Cold Aisle approach is the possibility of warm air recirculation due to insufficient static pressure within the raised floor or a lower than optimal ceiling clearance preventing adequate stratification of warm air. Of course, whether this actually occurs or not depends on many variables; however when facing this type of design challenge, it makes engineering and financial sense to form a physical barrier between cold and warm air streams.

With the Conteg Contained Cold Aisle (CCA) solution, a containment system is used to physically separate cold air from hot exhaust by forming a cold plenum space that prevents hot and cold air from mixing, thereby eliminating hot-spots. The cold air is supplied into the contained aisle through perforated tiles from the raised floor or produced locally by CoolTeg units, which are installed directly in the row of cabinets as an integral part of the aisle. The standard width of the CCA is 1.2 m (two perforated tiles) or 1.8 m (three perforated tiles). Other widths are available - 1.0 and 2.4 m. CCA can be deployed with standard swing doors or dual leaf sliding doors. Using the Contained Cold Aisle solution is highly recommended to maximize the cooling efficiency and minimize the energy consumption of the entire data center.

The system is designed to work with the RSF/RDF/RHF/RSB/ROF rack series, the basis of Conteg’s data center solutions. It supports racks that are 42U, 45U or 48U high.

**Roof**

The modular roof sections are bolted onto the top of the racks to prevent the mixing of cold air and warm exhaust air. The roof parts are 400, 600, 800, 900 and 1100 mm long. The roof panels are made of 6 mm thick clear polycarbonate panels that allow light to spill into the contained aisle. This material is non-flammable according to the local codes. Our solution allows an extinguishing system to be installed to the aisle.

**Door sections**

CCA entry is through one or two doors that are either 1200 mm or 1800 mm wide. The door is a very important component of this contained aisle solution. There are two solutions – a sliding or swing door. Both types consist of two doors (wings). A standard sliding door consists of a mechanical opening system (each door wing is independent) and can be equipped with a dual synchro system (both door wings move simultaneously) or with an automatic system with electric control. Sliding doors are made from aluminium.

As standard, the dual leaf swing door is mechanical and can be equipped with an Automatic door handle system. A blank panel could be used instead of a door to close one side of the contained aisle.

**CONTAINED AISLE - MODULAR SOLUTION**

The Modular Contained Aisle system is the ideal solution when rows of racks with different heights or even gaps (when some racks are missing) need to be contained. The system is based on self-supporting construction with clear polycarbonate panels on the top of the roof. Vertical side sections of the roof feature PVC foil strips. These strips can be easily cut to the required length. The Modular Contained Aisle can work with standard dual leaf swing doors or with PVC foil strips (see below) instead of standard doors. This solution can be used with cabinets that are 2300 mm or 2500 mm tall. Do not hesitate to contact us for more information.

By using the roof the cold air is “trapped” in the contained aisle. The roof also efficiently blocks the hot air from re-entering the aisle.

Sliding doors allow access to the contained aisle. They can be equipped by mechanical, dual synchro or automatic handling systems.
COOLING

In the Contained Cold Aisle design, cold air is produced by a central cooling system with perimeter-mounted CRAC/CRAH units. The raised floor is used as a cold air handling plenum and the cold air enters the aisle via perforated floor tiles. If for any reason the raised floor cannot be used, the cold air can be produced locally by in-row CoolTeg units that can be installed directly in the row of racks. This solution is currently very popular as it can address very high heat loads and is energy efficient.

RECOMMENDED RACK SERIES

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• Front vented door (83% perforation rate) with multipoint swivel handle lock (universal key)
• Rear vented door (83% perforation rate) with multipoint swivel handle lock (universal key)
• Removable sheet steel side panels with lock (universal key)
• Two pairs of 19” vertical sliding extrusions
• Top and bottom openings for cable entry
• Adjustable feet as standard; recommended plinth or plinth with filter (not included)

RELATED PRODUCTS

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BASIC COLD AIR CONTAINMENT DESIGN GUIDELINES

• 42U to 48U – 600 mm or 800 mm wide cabinets – 1000 mm or 1200 mm deep cabinets
• Air separation frames – 50 mm to 200 mm deep
• Air containment system – 1200 mm or 1800 mm standard; 1000 or 2400 mm wide upon request
• 83% vented front and rear door
• Double brush grommets for cable entries
• Blank panel for all vacant equipment mounting locations in cabinets
• Monitoring containment and environmental conditions in the cabinet

Protection rating, IP20, load rating ROF & RDF - 800/1100 kg, RSF – 1 500 kg, (for ROF racks 1 200 mm deep – 1 100 kg), RHF – 1 500 kg, color black RAL 9005 (optionally light gray RAL 7035). For detailed technical information on RSF, RDF, RHF and ROF racks please refer to pages 27 & 45.

Note: There are many variations of this configuration to include ones for non-raised floor facilities, hot or cold air containment, and configurations that utilize primary or supplemental CoolTeg cooling units.