DACUM Research Chart for HVAC/R Technician

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	Duties	<i>←</i>	Tasks		
4	Perform Safety/ OSHA Procedures	A-1 Maintain paper- work (e.g., lockout, tagout, update MSDS sheets, accident reports)	A-2 Identify personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g., fall protection)	A-3 Attend training/education sessions (e.g., lift cert, ORM)	A-4 Monitor confine space (e.g., gas free space)
B	Perform Service Call	B-1 Acquire work order – arrive at job site	B-2 Adhere to safety practices	B-3 Discuss problem with customer	B-4 Check operation of system *
5	Maintain the HVAC/R System	C-1 Acquire work order – arrive at job site	C-2 Adhere to safety practices	C-3 Communicate with customer (e.g., visual inspection)	C-4 Maintain the chiller
		C-12 Maintain furnace	C-13 Maintain control system (e.g., DDC, pneumatics)	C-14 Maintain geothermal unit	C-15 Maintain renewable energy system **
		C-23 Fill out paperwork (e.g. customer, inventory)			
•	Install HVAC/R System	D-1 Acquire work order – arrive at job site	D-2 Adhere to safety practices	D-3 Communicate with customer	D-4 Install duct system
_		D-12 Install make-up air units	D-13 Install heat pump	D-14 Install air handler	D-15 Install package units
		*	*	*	*
		D-23 Install geothermal unit	D-24 Perform air and water balancing (e.g., observe system	D-25 Install refrigeration unit	D-26 Install ice machine
		*	impact)	*	*
,	Perform Comprehensive Start-Up Procedure	E-1 Acquire work order – arrive at job site	E-2 Adhere to safety practices	E-3 Communicate with customer	E-4 Evacuate and pre-charge piping system
		E-12 Verify package unit operation	E-13 Verify furnace operation	E-14 Verify renewable energy system operation	E-15 Verify VAV systems operation

*Requires EPA Certification **May Require EPA Certification

A-5 Inspect	A-6 Oversee	A-7 Comply with EPA				
electrical tools/	hygienic	regulations (e.g., lead,				
equipment	processes	asbestos, chemical				
vehicle		treatment)				
B-5 Diagnose	B-6 Educate the	B-7 Repair the	B-8 Fill out			
and identify the	customer (e.g.,	problem	paper work			
problem	get		(e.g., customer			
*	authorization)	*	inventory			
C-5 Maintain	C-6 Maintain	C-7 Maintain	C-8 Maintain	C-9 Maintain	C-10	C-11Maintain
the boiler	the cooling	pumping package	the fan coil	package units	Maintain air	heat pump
	tower		unit *	*	handler	*
					4	
C-16 Employ air	C-17 Maintain	C-18 Maintain make-	C-19 Maintain	C-20 Maintain	C-21 Clean	C-22 Maintain
quality devices	ERV/HRV	up air unit	exhaust system	VAV systems	ice machine	refrigeration unit
(e.g., humidifier,	systems	*			(e.g., maintain) *	(e.g. gaskets,
UV lights)					maintain	heaters, hinges)
D-5 Install	D-6 Install	D-7 Install pumping	D-8 Install fan	D-9 Install the	D-10 Install	D-11 Install the
piping system	control wiring	package	coil	boiler	the chiller	cooling tower
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D-16 Install	D-17 Install	D-18 Install renewable	D-19 Install	D-20 Install	D-21 Install	D-22 Employ air
furnace	control system	energy system	VAV systems	exhaust system	ERV/HRV	quality devices
	(e.g., DDC,				systems	(e.g. humidifier,
	pneumatics)	**				UV lights, etc.)
D-27 Install	D-28 Fill out					
walk-in cooler/	paperwork (e.g.,					
freezer *	customer,					
	inventory)					
E-5 Cycle	E-6 Verify	E-7 Verify chiller	E-8 Verify	E-9 Verify	E-10 Verify	E-11 Verify air
system	boiler operation	operation	cooling tower	make-up air	heat pump	handler
components			operation	unit operation	operation	operation
E-16 Verify	E-17 Verify	E-18 Verify	E-19 Verify	E-20 Verify	E-21 Verify	E-22 Fill out
exhaust system	ERV/HRV	geothermal unit	refrigeration	ice machine	water and air	paper work
	system operation	operation	unit operation	operation	balancing	(e.g., start-up
						sheets, etc.)

Acronyms

- BAS Building Automation Systems CO2 – Carbon Dioxide CPR – Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation DDC – Direct Digital Controls EPA – Environmental Protection Agency ERV – Energy Recovery Ventilator HRV – Heat Recovery Ventilator HVAC/R – Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration IAQ – Indoor Air Quality
- MSDS Material System Data Sheet ORM – Operational Risk Management OSHA – Occupational Safety Health Administration PPE – Personal Protective Equipment PVC – Polyvinyl Chloride UV – Ultraviolet VAV – Variable Air Volume

General Knowledge and Skills

Ability to measure Ability to read plans Ability to read schematics Ability to use digital and analog multimeter Acute mechanical aptitude Analytical skills Brazing and welding skills Communication skills Computer skills Electrical knowledge First Aid/CPR Training General construction knowledge General safety knowledge General trade tool knowledge Good driving skills Knowledge of air distribution Knowledge of basic first aid Knowledge of CPR Knowledge of OSHA regulations Knowledge of psychrometrics Knowledge of using hand signals for crane operator Knowledge of using psychrometer Knowledge of water distribution Math skills Organizational skills Reading skills Time management Understand refrigeration cycle Writing skills

Worker Behaviors

Adaptable Confident Determination Empathy Flexible Good Communicator Good listener Handy Hard worker Has common sense Has stamina Honest Humble Humility Integrity Multitasker Patient Personable Physically able

Presentable Problem solver Productive Professional Proud Punctual Reliable Resourceful Safety conscious Self disciplined Self motivated Sense of humor Team player Technology literate Thick-skinned Thinker Trainable Willing to work Willingness to learn

Future Trends and Concerns

Ability to inspect for mold and moisture Advertising trends and shifts Air balancing BAS controls Better understanding of air flow Educating customers and the public Effect of R22 becoming obsolete Energy efficiency **EPA** certifications ERV/HRV systems Global economy effects on the industry Government regulation trends Inability to measure system capacity Journeyman's license Labor pool Low barrier of entry into the HVAC industry Multistage modulating equipment Negative air drying Negative effects of crawl space moisture New equipment and technology Online technical training Professional development Renewable energy Technical support Understanding of anti-microbial Understanding of indoor air quality Understanding the building envelope Variable flow refrigerant systems Water treatment World Health Organization

Certifications

Associated Air Balancing Council (AABC) EPA Refrigerant Recovery Type I Certification EPA Refrigerant Recovery Type II Certification EPA Refrigerant Recovery Type III Certification Industry Competency Exam (ICE) Journeyman's card Journeyman -- Master card National Air Duct Cleaners Association (NADCA) National Environmental Balancing Bureau (NEBB) North American Technical Exam (NATE)

Tools, Equipment, Supplies and Materials

Acid test kit Air compressor with nozzle Aluminized ducting tape Anemometer Anti-seize oil Belts **Booties** Business cards C02 cartridges Calibration equipment Capacitor tester Cell phone Circuit boards Circuit breakers Coil cleaner Combustion analyzer Contactors Copper pipe 3/8 - 7/8 Cordless drill Digital camera Digital thermometer Drill bits Drop cloth Drop light Duct sealant Duct tape Easy out Electric drill motor Electrical gloves Electrical meter Electrical tape Electrical tools Electrical wire Electrical mat Electronic calculator Extendable magnet Extension cords Face shield Filter dryers Filters Fire extinguisher

First aid kit Fish tape Flashlight Flow hood Flux Fuses Gas valve Gasket material Glue Ground fault interrupter Hand tools Headlight Hoses Hydrometer IAQ meter Infrared thermometer Inducer motors Kev stock Ladder Lap top computer with DDC software Leak detector Liquid leak detector Lock tight Manometer Megohmmeter Micrometer Mirror Moisture meter Motors Multimeter Nitrogen Nitrogen leak detector Nitrogen regulator Oxyacetylene torch Penetrating oil Personal protection equipment Pipe bender Pitot tube PPE Pressure gauge Propane torch

Psychrometer Pulley puller Pulleys PVC glue and primer PVC pipe Radio Reciprocating saw Recovery bottles Recovery equipment Refrigerant Refrigerant gauges Refrigerant scale Relays Safety cone Safety tape Sand paper Sequencer Sheet metal screws Shop vacuum Silicon Silver solder Soldering iron Spray bottle Stationary Tachometer Tape measure Thermometer Thermostat wire Thermostats Thread compound Thread tape Tool bags Tool boxes Transformers Vacuum pump Vacuum pump oil Van/Truck Vise Wire nuts Wire ties