

## Drying | EVERDRY® FRL

# Closed-loop cooling: the Heat Regenerating Adsorption Dryer EVERDRY® FRL

Standardized system concepts with a wide range of possible variations: To solve complex tasks in compressed air drying with large volume flow rates economically!  
In-house engineering for individual system solutions!

**The classic concept: Innovatively implemented via the latest system technology**

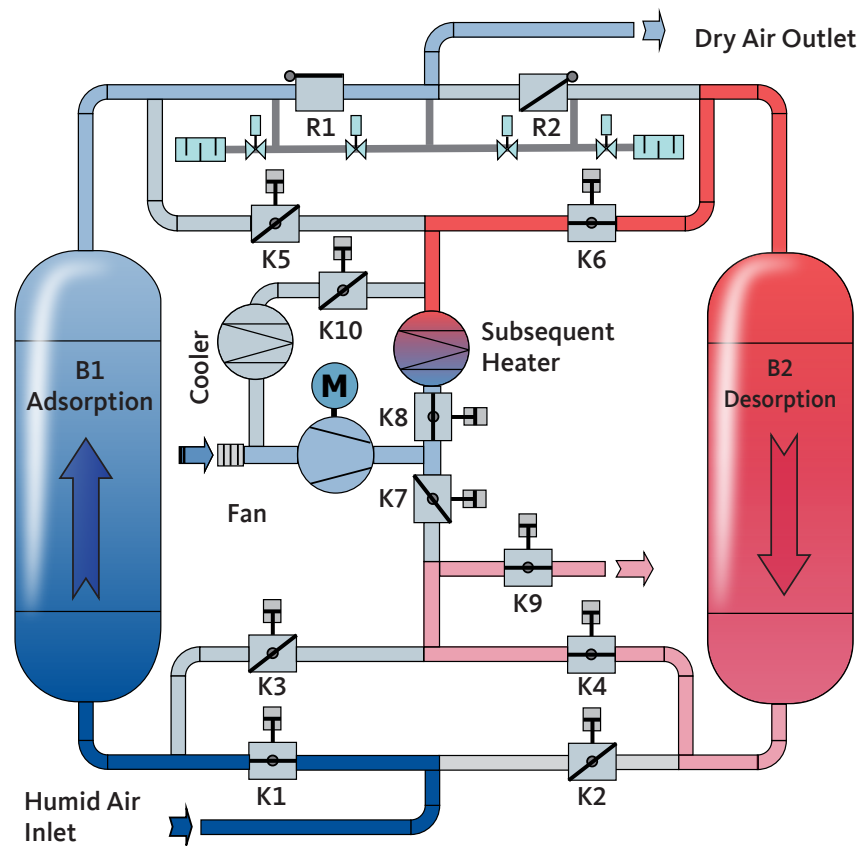
Tried and tested process engineering, paired with the latest control technology, yields a line of highly efficient dryers ideal for all climate zones. The standard series is broken down into 23 performance levels from 350 to 12,000 SCFM. Higher volume flow rates can also be achieved at the customer's request.

EVERDRY® FRL regenerates the desiccant bed in a counter-flow direction to drying via heated ambient air supplied by a blower, and subsequently cools the desiccant bed in the drying direction (downward flow) via a closed-loop circuit in which the blower recirculates cooling air through a water-cooled heat exchanger. The cooling phase is independent of ambient conditions, thus FRL is suitable use in for all climate zones. Furthermore, since compressed air not required for cooling (true Zero Purge), this technology ensures reliable performance and ideal operating efficiency.

- › **Application-oriented Solutions**
  - › Added value by utilizing comprehensive competence
  - › Optimized design via total system approach
  - › Informative and user-friendly touch panel control system
  - › Easy to maintain
- › **Reliable Process Management**
  - › Safe function monitoring with sensor technology
  - › High-quality galvanized piping
  - › Tried and tested, maintenance-friendly design and components
- › **Energy-optimized Design**
  - › Low pressure drop across dryer (flow optimized piping and process valves)
  - › Energy-efficient dew point control system

Model:	FRL
Pressure dew point	-40 °F -94 °F option
Quality Class	-.2.- -.1.- option





## How it Works: EVERDRY® FRL

### Adsorption Stage

Saturated compressed air flow enters the system through open valve **K1** and into the adsorption tower **B1**. The flow distributor ensures an even distribution of the moist compressed air. The water vapor will be adsorbed by the desiccant as it flows upward through tower. Dried air passes through the outlet check valve **R1**, exiting to the air distribution system. The adsorption stage ends based on either the time or outlet pressure dew point (option).

### Regeneration Stage

While the compressed air is being dried in tower **B1**, offline tower **B2** is regenerated. Before the start of regeneration, the pressure in tower **B2** is gently relieved to atmospheric pressure. Regeneration is achieved when the blower forces ambient air through open valve **K8**, across the in-line process heater, through open valve **K6** and downward through the regenerating tower **B2**. The heated, dry regeneration air, extracts water that was adsorbed by the desiccant and the now moisture-laden air exits the bottom of the tower through open valves **K4** and **K9** and is vented to atmosphere.

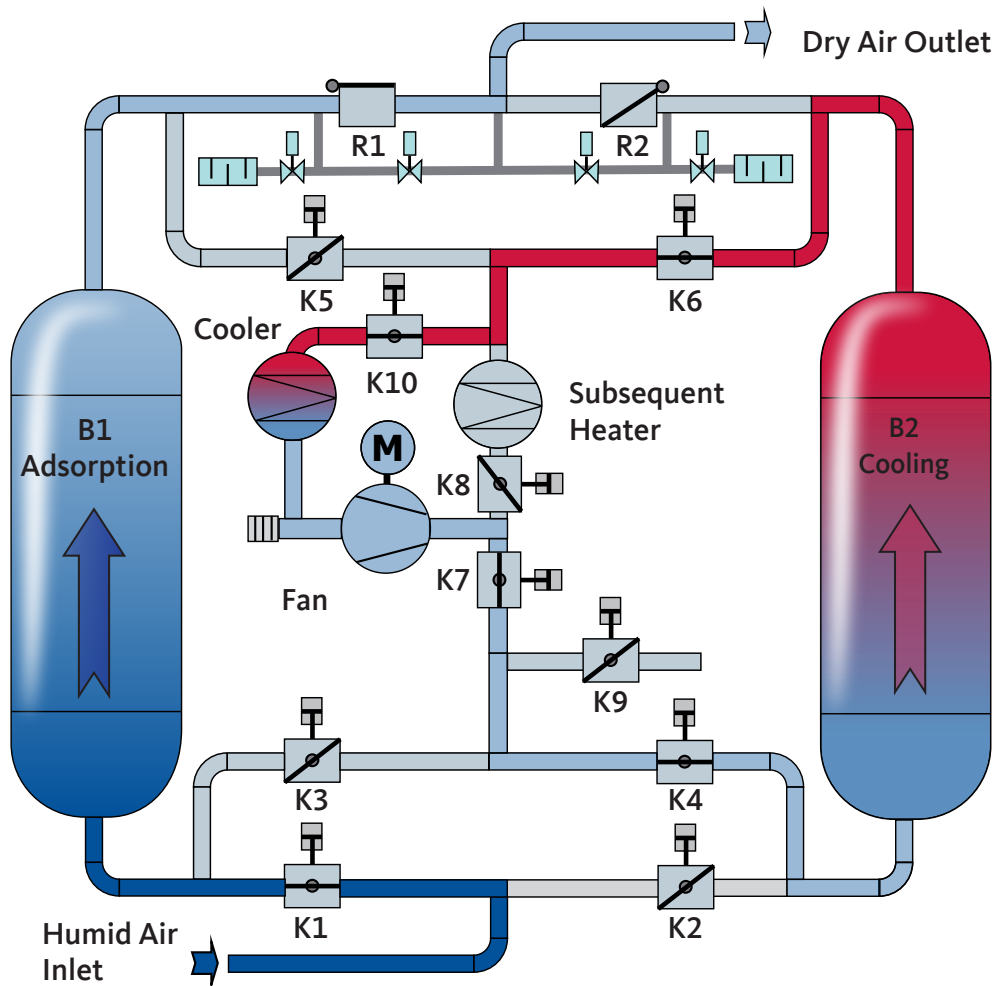
The desiccant is most saturated at the bottom of the tower, so regeneration in counter-flow direction to drying (top-down) optimizes efficiency since the water to be removed follows the shortest path to reach the atmosphere.

Because evaporation has a net cooling effect, the hot regeneration air is cooled as it flows down through tower **B2**; therefore, the exhaust temperature of the regeneration air is typically in the range of 100-140°F. As the moisture level in the desiccant bed drops during regeneration, the exhaust outlet temperature will slowly increase (less evaporation = less cooling effect). The regeneration stage is complete once the target process temperature is reached.

## Cooling Stage

To prevent temperature and dew point spikes after tower switch over, the desiccant bed must be adequately cooled to remove heat built up during regeneration phase. FRL uses a closed-loop cooling process in which the blower recirculates air across a water-cooled heat exchanger. Cooling takes place in the same direction as drying – from the bottom to the top. This is this ideal method of cooling the desiccant bed, as it prevents preloading of the freshly regenerated desiccant with moisture from the ambient air. Furthermore, the closed-loop cooling phase is independent of ambient conditions.

Prior to cooling stage, regeneration exhaust valve **K9** is closed. The cooling cycle begins when heater inlet valve **K8** is closed, while simultaneously opening valves **K7** and **K10**. The cooling phase ends when the target process temperature is reached. At the end of the cooling stage, regeneration valves **K4** and **K6** closed and the now fully regenerated and cooled tower **B2** gradually builds up to line pressure. The integrated pressure transmitters continuously monitor the tower pressure. The next phase (standby) only begins when both vessels have reached the same operating pressure.



### **Standby stage**

In the standby stage, the freshly regenerated vessel with the closed inlet valve (**in this case K2**) is under operating pressure. During this stage, the standby vessel is kept pressurized via the open pressure build-up valve. If the adsorption stage is monitored via a dew point dependent control system (option) and is then completed, then the duration of the standby stage is dependent on the loading status of the adsorption vessel

(**in this case B1**). The switch over process will be only be initiated when the drying agent break-down capacity has been reached (increase in the pressure condensation point). If the system is operated in the “time-dependent switch over” mode, then the initiation of the switching over process will be executed when the set cycle time has expired.

### **Parallel Stage**

Before the switching over process is executed for the adsorption vessel (**in this case from B1 to B2**), this will be switched into parallel function by opening the inlet valve (**in this case K2**) accordingly. The pressurized air flows over both adsorption vessels for approx. 5 – 15 minutes (can be set individually).

### **Switching Over Procedure**

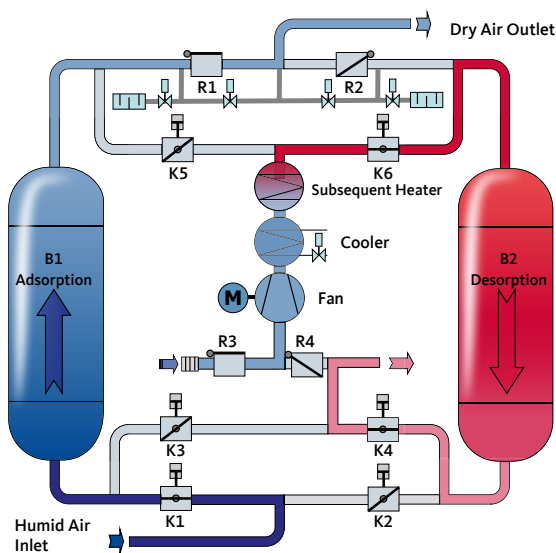
At the end of parallel stage, the system switches over to the regenerated adsorption vessel (**in this case B2**) in the following steps:

- › **The inlet valve (in this case K1) on the saturated adsorption vessel (in this case B1) is closed**
- › **The pressure build-up valve is closed**
- › **Open the pressure relief valve for the adsorption vessel to be regenerated (in this case B1)**
- › **Open the regeneration valves (in this case K3, K5, K8)**
- › **Switch on the fan and heater**

The moisture-laden tower **B1** is now in the offline regeneration phase and tower **B2** takes over drying the compressed air.

# How it Works: EVERDRY® FRL-V

An alternative design, FRL-V is available for small models (350-2000 SCFM). While the basic operating principle is unchanged from the standard FRL, FRL-V employs a different means of achieving the same end. Unlike FRL, which uses only control valves to manage regeneration and cooling stages, FRL-V uses a unique reversible blower capable of bi-directional flow. This configuration allows for simplified piping with the heater and cooler placed in series. The change in flow direction from regeneration phase (downward) to cooling phase (upward) is achieved by reversing the blower direction of operation.



## Adsorption stage

Drying is exactly the same as the standard FRL: saturated compressed air flow enters the system through open valve **K1** and into the adsorption tower **B1**. As the moisture-laden air flows upward through the tower, the desiccant adsorbs the water vapor. Dried air passes through the outlet check valve **R1**, exiting to the air distribution system. The adsorption phase ends based on either the elapsed time or outlet pressure dew point (option).

## Regeneration stage

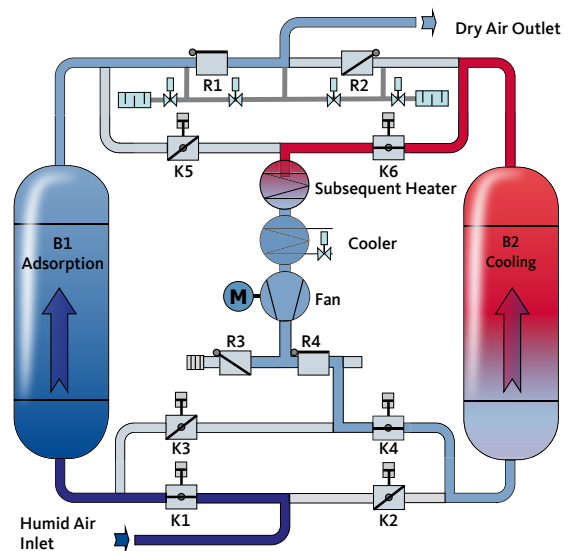
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## Cooling stage

As with standard FRL, FRL-V cools the desiccant bed to remove heat built up during the regeneration stage via a closed-loop cooling process in which the blower recirculates air across a water-cooled heat exchanger.

During cooling, the blower reverses direction such that the flow direction is now upward through tower **B2** (flow direction now the same as during the drying stage). The heater is turned off and the cooling water valve to the heat exchanger is opened. The cooling air continuously recirculates, passing across the now-open check valve **R4** and through open valves **K4** and **K6**. The cooling phase ends when the target process temperature is reached.

At the end of the cooling stage, regeneration valves **K4** and **K6** close and the now fully regenerated and cooled tower **B2** gradually builds up to line pressure. The integrated pressure transmitters monitor the correct build-up of pressure. The next stage (standby) only begins when both vessels have reached the same operating pressure.



## Standby & Parallel Stages

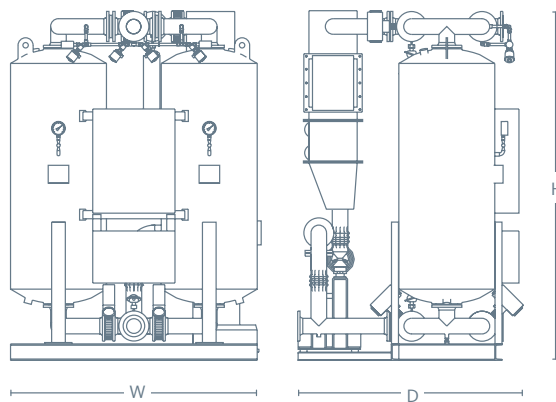
These stages are the same for FRL-V as the standard FRL.

## Switching Over Procedure

Following the parallel stage, the system switches over to drying via the regenerated adsorption vessel (in this case **B2**), similar to the standard FRL. Inlet valve **K1** closes while regeneration valves **K3** and **K5** open and the above stages repeat to regenerate the offline tower **B1**.

# EVERDRY® FRL 350 – FRL 2000

- › Fully automated for continuous operation
- › Heated blower regeneration in counter-flow to drying direction
- › Closed-loop cooling via blower and water-cooled heat exchanger
- › True zero-purge
- › Designed for indoor installation
- › Design optimized for minimal pressure loss



**LOOP**

EVERDRY® FRL	FRL 350	FRL 430	FRL 520	FRL 650	FRL 850	FRL 1000
Volume Flow Rate (SCFM)	350	430	520	650	850	1000
Connection 150lb. flange (in.)	2" Flange	2" Flange	2" Flange	3" Flange	3" Flange	3" Flange

#### Dimensions and Weight

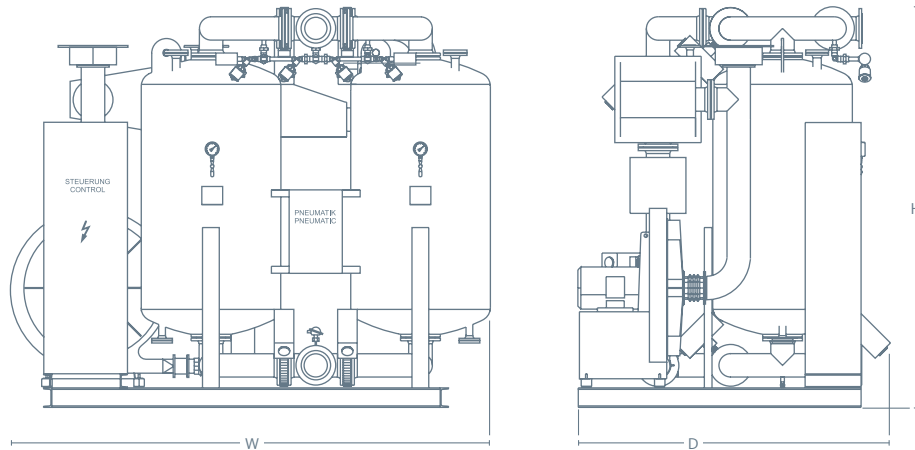
H x W x D (inches)	62 x 92 x 51	64 x 92 x 51	65 x 95 x 52	67 x 96 x 55	67 x 97 x 56	71 x 99 x 58
Weight (lbs)	2,750	2,970	3,190	3,740	4,400	4,950

EVERDRY® FRL	FRL 1200	FRL 1350	FRL 1550	FRL 1700	FRL 2000
Flow Rate (scfm)	1200	1350	1550	1700	2000
Connection 150lb. flange (in.)	4" Flange	4" Flange	4" Flange	4" Flange	4" Flange

#### Dimensions and Weight

H x W x D (inches)	72 x 101 x 65	73 x 103 x 65	77 x 103 x 73	79 x 104 x 76	88 x 111 x 82
Weight (lbs)	4,950	6,270	6,820	7,260	8,580

# EVERDRY® FRL 2500 – FRL 12000



**LOOP**

EVERDRY®	FRL 2500	FRL 3000	FRL 3600	FRL 4200	FRL 4900	FRL 5500
Volume flow rate (SCFM)	2500	3000	3600	4200	4900	5500
Connection 150# Flange (in)	6	6	6	6	6	8
Connected load (kW)	52.5	69.5	78.5	92	105.5	123
<b>Dimensions</b>						
H x W x D (inches)	133 x 114 x 89	137 x 116 x 89	148 x 118 x 98	1520 x 120 x 100	171 x 126 x 103	168 x 129 x 110
Weight (lb)	11,800	13,420	15,400	17,160	20,900	23,430

EVERDRY®	FRL 6500	FRL 7100	FRL 8000	FRL 9000	FRL 10000	FRL 12000
Volume flow rate (SCFM)	6500	7100	8000	9000	10000	12000
Connection 150# Flange (in)	8	8	8	8	10	10
Connected load (kW)	141	159	177	198.5	220	247
<b>Dimensions</b>						
H x W x D (inches)	197 x 134 x 114	213 x 134 x 118	221 x 138 x 122	232 x 138 x 126	221 x 144 x 126	260 x 146 x 138
Weight (lb)	30,800	33,440	37,400	42,900	47,300	53,900

Operating conditions*	
Medium	Compressed air
Operating pressure	100 PSIG
Inlet temperature	100 °F
Inlet humidity	saturated
Pressure dew point	-40 °F

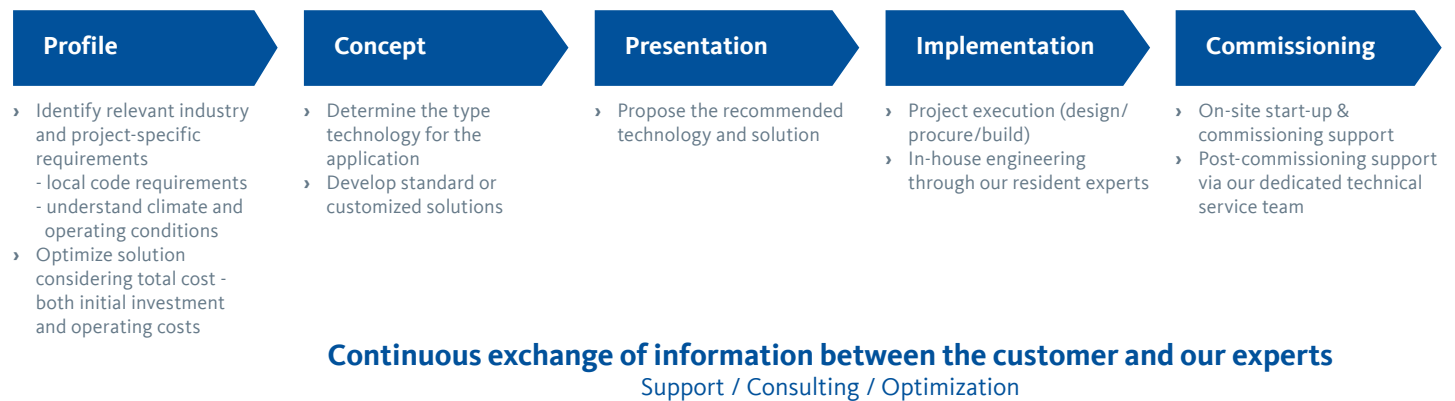
Electrical connection*	
Power supply	3 Ph.   460 V   60 Hz
Protection class	NEMA 4 indoor (no explosion protection)
Version	UL
Permissible voltage deviation	+/- 10 %

\* Different conditions on request

Limits of use*	
Operating pressure	70-150 PSIG
Inlet temperature	40-110 °F
Ambient temperature	40-104 °F
Max. fan aspiration	95 °F / 85 % RH 104°F / 70 % RH

Reference conditions for volume flow (SCFM)	
Medium	Compressed air
Pressure	14.5 PSIA
Temperature	68 °F
Relative humidity	0%

# Heat Regenerating Adsorption Dryer: In-house Engineering for Individual System Solutions



## Do **you** have questions about the best way of processing your compressed air?

We have the answers! We offer efficient solutions for any type of processing chain. Please contact us with your queries. We would be delighted to tell you more about our condensate

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