

DESICCANT AIR DRYERS FOR SIMPLE RELIABILITY



Atlas Copco

CD / AD / BD series (360-1600 l/s, 763-3392 cfm)



A large industrial desiccant dryer, model BD 1260 by Atlas Copco, is shown in a factory setting. The unit is a tall, grey, cylindrical tank with a white control panel on the right side. The panel features a small digital display showing a blue screen with some text and a red emergency stop button. The unit is connected to a network of stainless steel pipes and valves. The background is a light-colored brick wall.

THE RIGHT DESICCANT DRYER FOR YOUR APPLICATION

A dry compressed air system is essential to maintain the reliability of production processes and the quality of your end products. Untreated air can cause corrosion in pipe work, premature failure of pneumatic equipment, and product spoilage. Atlas Copco's desiccant dryers produce dry compressed air in a reliable and energy-efficient way while protecting your systems and processes.



High reliability

Compressed air entering the air net is always 100% saturated. When it cools, the moisture will condense, causing damage to your air system and finished products. Removing moisture from compressed air with a pressure dewpoint as low as $-40^{\circ}\text{C}/-40^{\circ}\text{F}$, Atlas Copco desiccant dryers eliminate system failures, production downtime and costly repairs.

Competitive performance

A dewpoint down to $-40^{\circ}\text{C}/-40^{\circ}\text{F}$ together with simple and easy controls guarantee the dryer operates in the best way possible.

Good efficiency

Properly sized pipes and valves ensure a limited pressure drop. Several options are available to increase the efficiency and to reduce the energy consumption.

Limited maintenance

Atlas Copco dryers have a small footprint thanks to the all-in-one design. Delivered ready for use, installation is straightforward, minimizing costly production downtime. All internal components are easily accessible to facilitate maintenance. The use of high-grade desiccant and high-quality valves results in three-year maintenance intervals.

Assuring your peace of mind

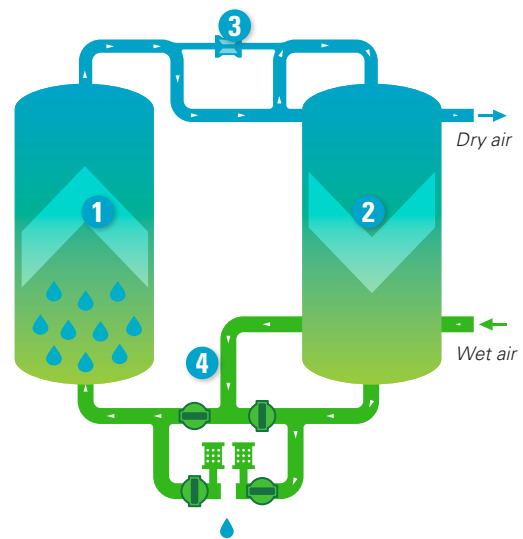
Through continuous investment in our competent, committed and efficient service organization, Atlas Copco ensures superior customer value by maximizing productivity. With a presence in over 170 countries, we offer professional and timely service through interaction and involvement. Uptime is guaranteed by dedicated technicians and 24/7 availability.

HOW DOES A DESICCANT DRYER WORK?

Wet air passes directly through the desiccant medium which adsorbs the moisture. The desiccant medium has a finite capacity for adsorbing moisture before it must be dried out, or regenerated. To do this, the tower containing saturated desiccant medium is depressurized and the accumulated water is driven off. How this happens depends on the type of desiccant dryer:

- Heatless dryers use only compressed air as a purge.
- Blower purge dryers use a combination of air from an external blower, heat and minimal compressed air.

CD HEATLESS DESICCANT DRYERS



The drying process

- 1 Wet compressed air flows upward through the desiccant which adsorbs the moisture, from bottom to top.

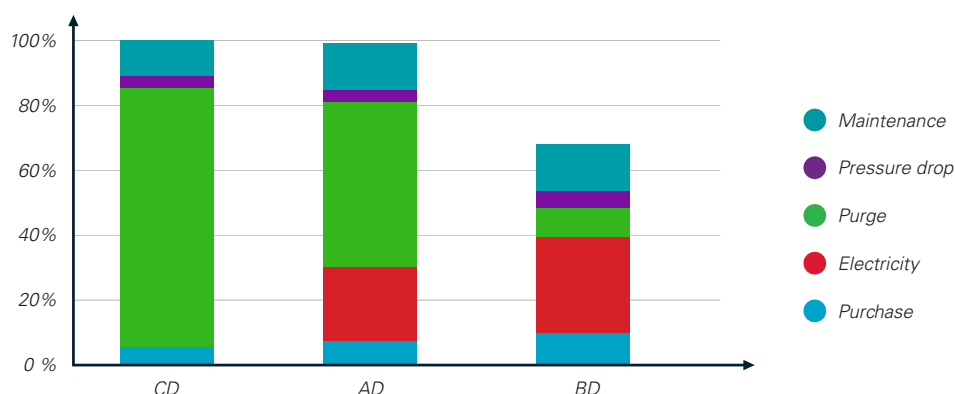
The regeneration process

- 2 Dry air from the outlet of the drying tower is expanded to atmospheric pressure and sent through the saturated desiccant, forcing the adsorbed moisture out.
- 3 After desorption, the blow-off valve is closed and the vessel is re-pressurized.

Switching

- 4 After regeneration, the functions of both towers are switched.

Relative life cycle cost of the dryers over a 10-year period



AD

HEATED PURGE DESICCANT DRYERS

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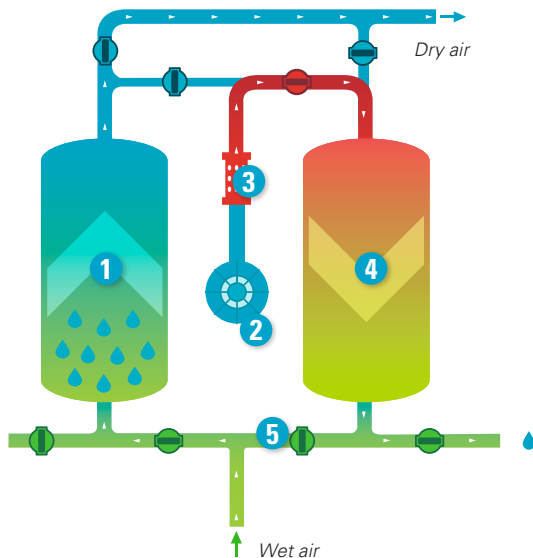
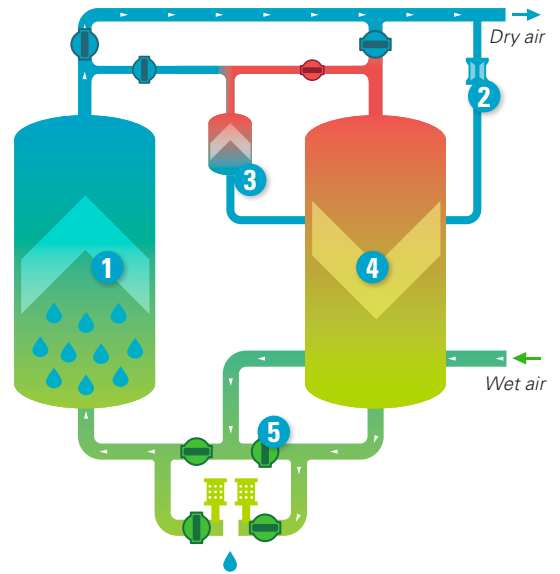
- 2 Dry air from the outlet of the drying tower is expanded to atmospheric pressure
- 3 and sent over the heater.
- 4 The heated air is then sent through the saturated desiccant forcing the adsorbed moisture out, from top to bottom.

Cooling

After the heating process, the hot tower desiccant is cooled. Cooling is done by expanding dry compressed air from the outlet over the hot reactivated tower, from top to bottom.

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The drying process

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The regeneration process

- 2 The blower takes ambient air
- 3 and blows it over the external heater.
- 4 The heated air is then sent through the saturated desiccant, forcing the adsorbed moisture out, from top to bottom.

BD

HEATED BLOWER PURGE DESICCANT DRYERS

Cooling

Purge: After the heating, the hot tower desiccant is cooled. Cooling is done by expanding dry compressed air from the outlet of the adsorbing vessel over the hot reactivated tower, from top to bottom.

Switching

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CD

Simple reliability

1

Check valve

- Nickel-plated.
- Wafer type.
- With integrated fixed nozzle.

2

Cubicle

- IP 54 protected.
- Electronic control board.
- Time-based steering.
- Load/unload freeze contact.

3

Galvanized piping with flanged connections

- Flanged piping simplifies maintenance and minimizes the chance of leakages.
- Properly sized piping.

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Butterfly valves

High-performance butterfly valves with actuators ensure long lifetime.

Robust and compact design

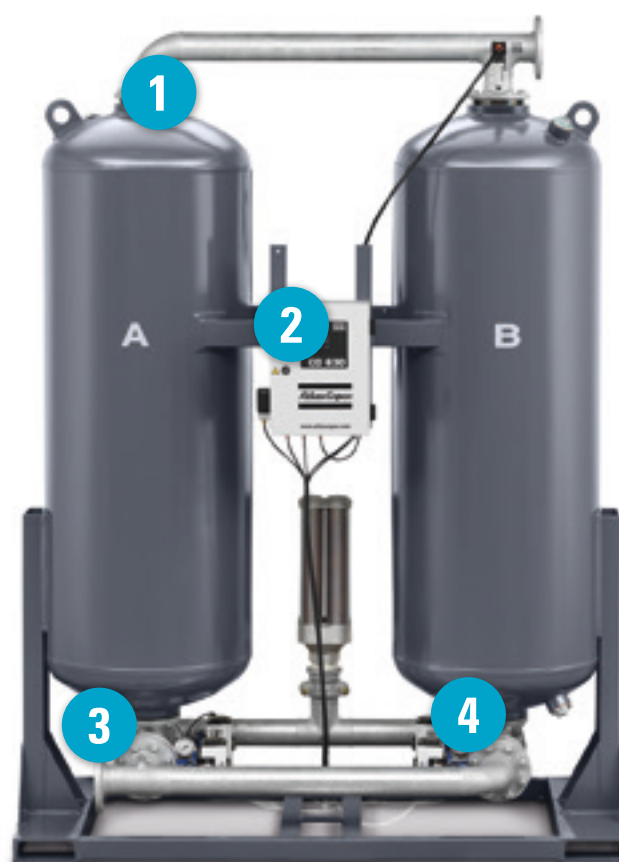
- Standard frame, including forklift slots and lifting eyes for easy handling.
- Vessel connecting flanges are integrated into the top and bottom shells, lowering the total unit height.

Filters (optional)

- Pre-filter(s) protect desiccant against oil contamination, increasing the lifetime of the desiccant.
- After-filter protects the network against desiccant dust, avoiding network contamination.
- Mounted directly on the inlet and outlet of the dryer, for easy assembly.

High-quality desiccant

- Reliable high adsorption capacity desiccant for maximum performance.
- Pressure dewpoint of -40°C/-40°F.



AD

High reliability and reduced energy costs



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- Nickel-plated heater pipe protects against corrosion.
- Heater is installed in an insulated heater pipe to assure the most energy-efficient setup.

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- Fitted inside a real IP54 cubicle for easy cabling and safety.
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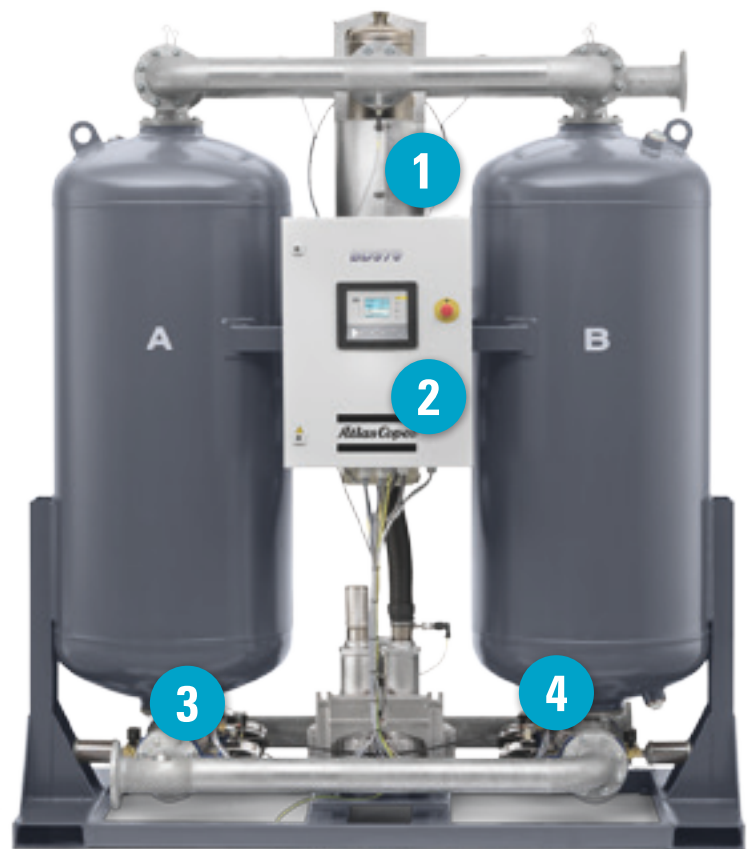
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ADVANCED CONTROL AND MONITORING

Atlas Copco's Elektronikon® control and monitoring system takes continuous care of your AD or BD desiccant dryer to ensure optimal productivity and efficiency at your site.



User-friendly interface

Available in 32 languages, this graphical 3.5-inch high-definition color display with pictograms and LED indicators for key events is easy to use. The keyboard is durable to resist tough treatment in demanding environments.

Comprehensive maintenance display

Valuable items of information displayed include the ServicePlan indicator and preventive maintenance warnings.

Internet-based visualization

The Elektronikon® system monitors and displays key parameters such as dewpoint, vessel pressure and inlet temperature, and includes an energy-savings indicator. Internet-based visualization of your dryer is possible by using a simple Ethernet connection.



SMARTLINK*

- Remote monitoring system that helps you optimize your compressed air system and save energy and costs.
- Provides a complete insight in your compressed air network.
- Anticipates on potential problems by warning you up-front.

* Please contact your local sales representative for more information.



OPTIMIZE YOUR SYSTEM

Scope of supply

Air circuit	Inlet air flange
	Exhaust silencer
	Outlet air flange
Connections	DIN-flanges
	ANSI-flanges
Electrical components	Pre-mounted electrical cubicle
	Elektronikon® control and monitoring system (only on BD & AD)
	IP54 protected
	Voltage free contacts for remote alarm and warning signals (only on BD & AD)
Framework	Base frame with forklift slots
	Lifting holes
Mechanical approval	PED approval
	ASME approval
	CRN approval
	ML approval

Additional features & options

	CD 360-1600	AD 360-1600	BD 360-1600
Maximum working pressure 14.5 bar(e)/210 psig	•	-	•
PDP control	-	•	•
Pre- and after-filter package for GA oil-injected compressor	•	•	•
Pre- and after-filter package for Z oil-free compressor	•	•	•
Pressure relief valves	•	•	•
Sonic nozzle	•	•	•
High inlet temperature variant	•	•	•
High ambient temperature variant	-	-	•
Dryer tower insulation	-	•	•
Blower inlet filter	-	-	•
External pilot air connection for low pressure inlet	-	-	•
Pneumatic control	•	-	-

• : Optional - : Not available



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Heatless desiccant dryers

DRYER TYPE	Inlet flow FAD 7 bar(e)/100 psig			Pressure drop (excluding filters)		Inlet/outlet connections	Filter sizes (recommended)			Dimensions						Weight	
							Pre-filters		After-filter	mm			in				
	l/s	m³/hr	cfm	bar	psi	50 Hz: G/PN16 60 Hz: NPT/DN	1 µm 0.1 ppm	0.01 µm 0.01 ppm	1 µm	L	W	H	L	W	H	kg	lbs
CD 360	360	1296	763	0.19	2.76	80	DD310*	PD310*	DDp310*	1173	1116	1854	46	44	73	650	1443
CD 480	480	1728	1018	0.14	2.03	80	DD425*	PD425*	DDp425*	1776	988	2549	70	39	100	970	2154
CD 630	630	2268	1336	0.14	2.03	80	DD630	PD630	DDp630	1884	843	2604	74	33	103	1240	2753
CD 970	970	3492	2056	0.12	1.74	100	DD970	PD970	DDp970	2359	1039	2643	93	41	104	2010	4463
CD 1260	1260	4536	2671	0.12	1.74	100	DD1260	PD1260	DDp1260	2472	1039	2636	97	41	104	2470	5484
CD 1600	1600	5760	3392	0.11	1.60	150	DD1600	PD1600	DDp1600	2693	1428	2576	106	56	101	3560	7904

Heated purge desiccant dryers

DRYER TYPE	Inlet flow FAD 7 bar(e)/ 100 psig			Average power consumption		Pressure drop (excluding filters)		Inlet/outlet connections	Filter sizes (recommended)			Dimensions						Weight	
									Pre-filters		After-filter	mm			in				
	l/s	m³/hr	cfm	kW	hp	bar	psi	50 Hz: G/PN16 60 Hz: NPT/DN	1 µm 0.1 ppm	0.01 µm 0.01 ppm	1 µm	L	W	H	L	W	H	kg	lbs
AD 360	360	1296	763	5.9	8.0	0.27	3.92	80	DD310*	PD310*	DDp310*	1200	1075	1829	47	42	72	820	1821
AD 480	480	1728	1018	7.9	10.7	0.17	2.47	80	DD425*	PD425*	DDp425*	1764	930	2558	69	37	101	1130	2509
AD 630	630	2268	1336	10.8	14.6	0.17	2.47	80	DD630	PD630	DDp630	1884	930	2612	74	37	103	1410	3131
AD 970	970	3492	2056	16.8	22.7	0.17	2.47	100	DD970	PD970	DDp970	2359	1085	2702	93	43	106	2280	5062
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AD 1600	1600	5760	3392	27.5	37.1	0.11	1.60	150	DD1600	PD1600	DDp1600	2708	1342	2603	107	53	102	3560	7904

Heated blower purge desiccant dryers

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									Pre-filters		After-filter	mm			in				
	l/s	m³/hr	cfm	kW	hp	bar	psi	50 Hz: G/PN16 60 Hz: NPT/DN	1 µm 0.1 ppm	0.01 µm 0.01 ppm	1 µm	L	W	H	L	W	H	kg	lbs
BD 360	360	1296	763	8.4	11.3	0.16	2.32	80	DD310*	PD310*	DDp310*	1100	1028	1829	43	40	72	1160	2576
BD 480	480	1728	1018	10.4	14.0	0.16	2.32	80	DD425*	PD425*	DDp425*	1764	1024	2558	69	40	101	1275	2831
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BD 1260	1260	4536	2671	27.7	37.4	0.16	2.32	100	DD1260	PD1260	DDp1260	2472	1175	2681	97	46	106	3035	6739
BD 1600	1600	5760	3392	35.3	47.7	0.11	1.60	150	DD1600	PD1600	DDp1600	2720	2199	2548	107	87	100	4100	9103

Reference conditions:
Compressed air inlet temperature: 35°C/100°F
Inlet relative humidity: 100%.
Dryer inlet pressure for 11 bar variants, after inlet filtration.

COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTIVITY

We stand by our responsibilities towards our customers, towards the environment and the people around us. We make performance stand the test of time. This is what we call – Sustainable Productivity.



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