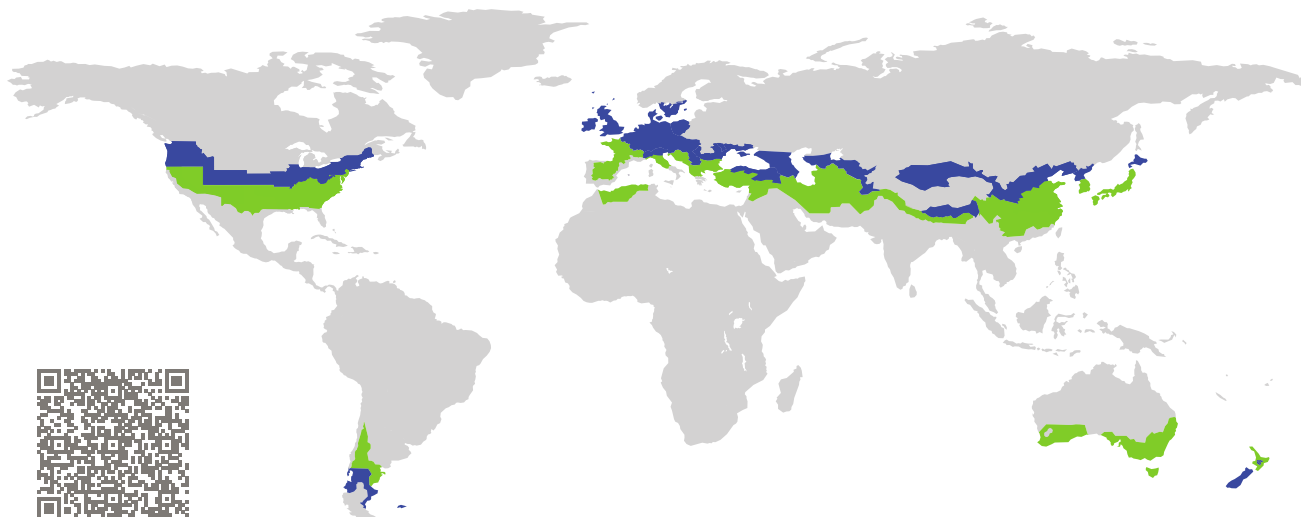


# CERTIFICATE

Certified Passive House Component

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Category: **Air handling unit with heat recovery**

Manufacturer: **Vaillant GmbH  
Germany**

Product name: **recoVAIR 260/4 E**

Specification: Airflow rate < 600 m<sup>3</sup>/h

Heat exchanger: Recuperative

**This certificate was awarded based on the product meeting the following main criteria**

Heat recovery rate  $\eta_{HR} \geq 75\%$

Specific electric power  $P_{el,spec} \leq 0.45 \text{ Wh/m}^3$

Leakage < 3%

Comfort Supply air temperature  $\geq 16.5^\circ\text{C}$  at outdoor air temperature of  $-10^\circ\text{C}$

Airflow range

71–200 m<sup>3</sup>/h

Heat recovery rate

$\eta_{HR} = 85\%$

Specific electric power

$P_{el,spec} = 0.31 \text{ Wh/m}^3$

Humidity recovery

$\eta_x = 77\%$

cool, temperate climate



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## Humidity recovery

Indoor air humidity can be increased by using a system with moisture recovery in a cool, temperate climate, especially during the winter. These higher humidity levels will reduce evaporation from building elements and furniture during the heating period and thus have a positive effect on the building's heating demand. In order to account for this effect, the heat recovery efficiency is increased by a certain percentage, depending on the achieved level of moisture recovery.

### Humidity recovery

$$\eta_x = 77 \%$$

In case the unit's moisture recovery rate is larger than 60 % its airflow rate must be controlled based on the indoor air humidity, in order to prevent temporarily elevated humidity levels.

- As default, this unit provides a function of air flow volume control according to the extract air humidity.

Application of humidity recovery:

- In cool temperate climates, heat exchangers with moisture recovery should generally only be used if the moisture load inside the building is comparatively low (e.g. in a residential building with an occupancy rate significantly below the average).
- If moisture recovery > 60 % is to be used in a building with an average occupancy rate and typical use, the energy balance of the building is to be calculated with an increased airflow rate.

## Passive House comfort criterion

A minimum supply air temperature of 16.5 °C is maintained at an outdoor air temperature of -10 °C. This criterion was fulfilled by using of an internal preheater.

## Efficiency criterion (heat recovery rate)

The effective heat recovery rate is measured at a test facility using balanced mass flows of the outdoor and exhaust air. The boundary conditions for the measurement are documented in the testing procedure.

$$\eta_{HR} = \frac{(\theta_{ETA} - \theta_{EHA}) + \frac{P_{el}}{\dot{m} \cdot c_p}}{(\theta_{ETA} - \theta_{ODA})} + 0.08 \cdot \eta_x$$

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$\eta_{HR}$	Heat recovery rate in %
$\theta_{ETA}$	Extract air temperature in °C
$\theta_{EHA}$	Exhaust air temperature in °C
$\theta_{ODA}$	Outdoor air temperature in °C
$P_{el}$	Electric power in W
$\dot{m}$	Mass flow in kg/h
$c_p$	Specific heat capacity in W h/(kg K)
$\eta_x$	Humidity recovery in %
for $\eta_x \geq 60\%$ , the heat recovery increase $(0.08 \cdot \eta_x)$ is limited to a maximum of 4.80 %	

#### Heat recovery rate

$$\eta_{HR} = 85\%$$

### Efficiency criterion (electric power)

The overall electrical power consumption of the device is measured at the test facility at an external pressure of 100 Pa (50 Pa, respectively, for the intake and outlet). This includes the general electrical power consumption for operation and control but not for frost protection.

#### Specific electric power

$$P_{el,spec} = 0.31 \text{ Wh/m}^3$$

### Efficiency ratio

The efficiency ratio provides information about the overall energy performance of the respective ventilation unit. It specifies the achieved reduction in ventilation heat losses by using a ventilation unit with heat recovery rather than without.

#### Efficiency ratio

$$\epsilon_L = 0.71$$

### Leakage

The leakage airflow must not exceed 3 % of the average airflow of the unit's operating range.

#### Internal leakage

2.10 %

#### External leakage

1.16 %

### Settings and airflow balance

It must be possible to adjust the balance of airflows at the unit itself (either between the exhaust and the outdoor airflows or between the supply and the extract airflows, if the unit is respectively placed inside or outside of the insulated thermal envelope of the building).

- This unit is certified for airflow rates of 71–200 m<sup>3</sup>/h.
- Balancing the airflow rates of the unit is possible.
- The user should have at least all the following setting options:

- ✓ Switching the system on and off.
- ✓ Synchronized adjustment of the supply and extract airflows to basic ventilation (70–80 %), standard ventilation (100 %) and increased ventilation (130 %) with a clear indication of the current setting.
- The device being tested can't be switched off or does not provide a standby modus. The device must be equipped with an external switch to disconnect it from the electric power supply if required.
- After a power failure, the device will automatically resume operation.

## Acoustical testing

The required limit for the sound power level of the device is 35 dB(A) in order to limit the sound pressure level in the installation room. The sound level target value of less than 25 dB(A) in living spaces and less than 30 dB(A) in functional spaces must be ensured by installing commercial silencers. The following sound power levels are met at an airflow rate of 200 m<sup>3</sup>/h:

Device	Duct			
	Outdoor	Supply air	Extract air	Exhaust air
48.4 dB(A)	37.6 dB(A)	58.1 dB(A)	35.7 dB(A)	57.2 dB(A)

- The unit does not fulfil the requirements for the sound power level. The unit must therefore be installed acoustically separated from living areas.
- One example of suitable silencers for supply and extract air ducts is mentioned in the detailed test report or can be obtained from the manufacturer. It is recommended to identify suitable silencers for each individual project.

## Indoor air quality

This unit is to be equipped with the following filter qualities:

Outdoor air filter	Extract air filter
ISO ePM1 50%	ISO Coarse 60%

On the outdoor air side, the filter efficiency of ISO ePM1 50% (F7 according to EN 779) or better is recommended. For the extract air side, a filter efficiency of at least ISO Coarse 60% (G4 according to EN 779) is recommended. If not in standard configuration, the recommended filter is available as an accessory part.

## Frost protection

Appropriate measures should be taken to prevent the heat exchanger and optional downstream hydraulic heater coil from getting damaged by frost during extreme winter temperatures (–15 °C). It must be ensured that the unit's ventilation performance is not affected during frost protection cycles.

- Frost protection of the heat exchanger:
  - ✓ As default, the unit is equipped with an internal preheater with a heating power of 1500 W, which maintains the outdoor air temperature downstream of the preheater at -3 °C. If the heating power of the heater coil is insufficient, an additional frost protection strategy is activated. The supply air fan is then switched off in case the temperature of exhaust air drops below 5 °C and turned on again when the exhaust air temperature reaches 8 °C.

- Frost protection of downstream hydraulic heater coils:
  - ✓ This unit provides a frost protection of the downstream hydraulic heater coils. In the case the hydraulic post-heating coil is used, the unit is automatically switched off when the supply air temperatures goes down under 5 °C.