To maintain a competitive edge, supermarkets must continually strive to maintain and expand its customer base. AcornVac vacuum plumbing systems allow unlimited flexibility in the arrangement and presentation of merchandise (products) at a significant cost savings compared to traditional remodeling strategies. Cost reductions are realized in both reduced material and construction costs as well as reduced downtime for the affected floor space.

What is an AcornVac Wastewater Collection System?

It is an engineered plumbing system that uses vacuum and air to transport condensate or wastewater through a network of overhead piping to a central collection location, which is then discharged into the sewer main. The AcornVac Condensate Collection System gives owners an alternative to conventional under-slab piping systems. It reduces the cost of remodeling, installs quickly and provides store layout flexibility.

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<td>2. Eliminates the cost of under-slab wastewater piping. Piping system is installed overhead. Does not require venting.</td>
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<td>3. Installation costs are reduced using smaller diameter plastic pipe and fittings. Floor Drains are eliminated.</td>
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Below is a typical supermarket design showing the flexibility of using an overhead vacuum piping system. This design can include flows from case washdown, multiple defrost cycles and from other gray-water producing areas. Using the AcornVac vacuum plumbing system, substantial savings can be realized in material and labor costs.

ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVE TO GRAVITY

- Saves time and money in new construction and remodeling costs
- Eliminates under-slab drain piping
- Provides unlimited flexibility in case arrangement

Vacuum can be used with any supermarket case.

Dairy Cases  Meat Cases  Frozen Food Cases
Pipe Riser

Rubber air tubing

Extraction Valve (3)

Controller (2)

Pipe Riser

Accumulator (1)

Condensate flow from cases
How does it work?

- Each refrigerated or freezer case generates condensate which flows into an 'ACCUMULATOR' (1) or collection box located behind or below the case.
- When the condensate reaches a pre-determined level in the Accumulator, a "CONTROLLER" (2) triggers the:
  - "EXTRACTION VALVE" (X-VALVE) (3) allowing vacuum to evacuate the collected condensate into the vacuum main and then into the "VACUUM COLLECTION CENTER" (VAC CENTER).
AcornVac™ Condensate Collection System

Sample Specification

General Information

The AcornVac Condensate Collection System shall include the following:
1. Vacuum Collection Center (Vac Center)
2. Vacuum Piping network and components

Licensing contractors shall install the system in accordance with local plumbing and electrical codes.

Refer to contract documents for individual components supplied by the manufacturer and those supplied by the installing contractors.

Vacuum Collection Center (Vac Center)

The Vacuum Collection Center (Vac Center) shall consist of a pre-packaged unit, which includes collection tanks, vacuum pumps, sensors, valves, piping and an electrical control panel.

Sizing of the Vacuum Collection Center (Vac Center) will be subject to manufacturer’s recommendation.

The Vacuum Collection Center (Vac Center) will be

Make: __________________________

Electrical requirements are as follows:
- Volts: ___________
- Phase: ___________
- Hz: ___________

The electrical control panel shall meet all National and Local electrical codes and must include a UL508 label.

The electrical control panel must include a vacuum transmitter to measure the actual system pressure for use in valve and pump sequencing.

The control panel shall be programmed to allow equal operation of all vacuum pumps.

Vacuum Piping Network

The piping network shall be separate from the sanitary drainage system. The piping network shall be installed and connected to refrigerated display cases and other fixtures as indicated on the contract documents.

The vacuum piping network shall utilize plastic or copper pipe and fittings where specified.

The manufacturer shall provide installation layout and instructions.

The vacuum piping network shall include the following components:
1. Vertical Pipe Risers - multiple vertical risers connected to the overhead vacuum main which transport the condensate or wastewater to the Vacuum Collection Center (Vac Center). Quantity as identified on contract documents.
2. Accumulator - placed below or behind the refrigerated case and attaches to a vertical pipe riser that connects to a vacuum main. Quantity as identified on contract documents.
3. Extraction Valve - includes a controller, Extraction Valve, rubber tubing, mounting bracket. When the condensate or wastewater reaches a pre-determined level in the Accumulator, the controller shall open the Extraction Valve, allowing vacuum to transport the condensate or wastewater to the Vacuum Collection Center.

Factory Authorized Start-up and Inspection

The manufacturer will inspect the installation of the vacuum piping network and connection to the Vacuum Collection Center (Vac Center) and will provide an initial start-up upon completion.
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