

Influence of a biofilter on the indoor air quality



1 Target of investigation

Measurement setup

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The target of the measurement series is to evaluate if the usage of the AIRY System L leads to significant differences regarding the indoor air quality, especially the relative humidity.

The test room is part of a conventional office building built in 2004 out of reinforced concrete, plasterboard walls and a floor covering out of vinyl (laid 2018). The test room is equipped with two PCs (2) and a printer (5). Depending on the measurement series 6 Airy systems L with plants of the type Spathiphyllum (1) are located inside the test room. The room has a floor area of 30,5 m² and a room volume of 90 m³.

- Measurement every 5 minutes with measurement equipment (3):
 - PCE-PQC 35 EU: relative humidity, temperature und gas composition
 - o PCE-172-ICA: light intensity
- Measurement conditions in test room:
 - \circ $\,$ No active air exchange with the environment & no employees in the test room
 - Standard conditions in the test room:
 - Treated air conditions for dry air scenario: 36 % rH (Room air treatment with air dehumidifier: Trotek TTK 40 E).

45 - 55 % rH



3 Measurement results

- Averaging of repeated measurements show an increase of the relative humidity up to 10 % rH with the usage of Airy system L (see Figure 1).
- Utilizing the Airy system L in dry starting conditions, the relative humidity can be increased by up to 10 % rH during the first 24 hours (see Figure 2).
- The primary increase of the relative humidity with Airy system L is achieved at daytime with a high light intensity.



Figure 1: Averaging of repeated measurements of the relative humidity without treated air condition with and without Airy system L



Figure 2: Measurement of the relative humidity with treated air condition (temperature and relative humidity) with and without Airy system L

Disclaimer:

The described measurements have been carried out with maximum care and with calibrated measurement devices. The results depend on the chosen measurement- and environmental conditions and thus cannot be generalized or considered independent from these conditions.