



300kw generator room air intake and exhaust requirements

Does a generator intake need cool air?

It is important to note that cooling air is needed for more than just the engine; the generator intake also requires cool clean air. The most effective way to do this is to provide a ventilation air source low to the ground at the rear of the package.

Where should exhaust air be sourced for a generator?

For generators with remote radiators, it is recommended that the exhaust air should be sourced as high as possible and directly above the generator sets. Significant bypass of ventilation airflow directly into the discharge airflow will lead to reduction in cooling effectiveness and elevated temperatures within the room.

Why should a generator room be ventilated?

Proper ventilation of the generator room is necessary to support the engine combustion process, reject the parasitic heat generated during operation (engine heat, alternator heat, etc.), and purge odors and fumes.

What are the NFPA requirements for a generator?

Its requirements limit the spacing of the generator from a structure or wall. The unit must be located where it's readily accessible for maintenance, repair, and first responders. Minimum clearance requirements are for adequate airflow, maintenance, and safety. For a complete and updated list, see the NFPA 37 web page.

What temperature should a generator exhaust be recirculated?

Under fully loaded conditions, the temperature of flue exhaust from generator sets can be in excess of 900 F and the radiator (engine-driven or remote) discharge air temperature can be in excess of 160 F. Any recirculation of these high-temperature airstreams can cause the ventilation air temperature to exceed the ambient temperature.

What makes a good engine room ventilation system?

The primary aspects of a properly designed engine room ventilation system are cooling air and combustion air. Cooling air refers to the flow of air that removes radiant heat from the engine, generator, other driven equipment and other engine room components. Combustion air describes the air the engine requires to burn fuel.

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