

# **Maintenance Tips For Roof Top Units**

To ensure a rooftop unit's peak performance, full capacity, energy efficiency and delivery of proper indoor air quality, facility managers and HVAC service contractors and technicians must develop and follow maintenance schedules every cooling and heating season.

Unlike many types of HVAC equipment tucked away in an indoor mechanical room, packaged units typically are located on building rooftops or at ground level on concrete slabs. Because of their outdoor exposure, many rooftop units endure harsh conditions. Although designed for these conditions, their outside location should alert owners that routine maintenance is a necessity.

A routine maintenance schedule should be developed and performed only by trained, qualified service personnel. The service schedule should be based on hours of operation, operating conditions and should include a service log. Service logs provide valuable information regarding a unit's history troubleshooting and tracking of scheduled maintenance.

When a maintenance plan is put in place, one task that should be on the list is to check the condensate drain. It's important at the beginning of the cooling season to check and clean the condensate drain. Keep the drain dry and protected in the winter to prevent freezing, and check to be sure it is connected properly during the inspection, as it may have fallen off during the winter months. If this is not checked and cleaned out properly, it could cause a lot of water damage in the space below, due to the condensate pan overflowing.



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