

Using the return humidity ratio and the return dry bulb temperature, use the psychrometric chart again to determine the return relative humidity:

$$\phi_r = 38\% < 60\%$$

Since the return relative humidity is less than the allowable maximum of 60%, the initial assumption that the sensible load would drive the CFM was correct.

**Answer C**

**41.15** 1000cfm of air at 76°F and 60% relative humidity is removed from a room. 300cfm is cooled to 54°F dry bulb and 52°F wet bulb. The remaining volume bypasses the cooling coil and is mixed with the conditioned air. What is the relative humidity of the discharge air after mixing?

- A. 58%
- B. 63%
- C. 65%
- D. 68%

Let the leaving coil air condition be considered state 1 and the room/return/bypass air condition be state 2. Both states are fully defined. Use the **psychrometric chart** to look up the humidity ratio at both states.

$$T_{1,db} = 76^\circ F$$

$$\phi_1 = 60\%$$

$$\omega_1 = .01154 \frac{lb_w}{lb_{da}}$$

$$T_{2,db} = 54^\circ F$$

$$T_{2,wb} = 52^\circ F$$

$$\omega_2 = .0078 \frac{lb_w}{lb_{da}}$$

Since only 300cfm goes over the cooling coil, the remaining 700cfm is bypassed and mixed with the conditioned air downstream of the cooling coil. For a 1,000cfm fan coil unit, this implies that 30% of the air is cooled and 70% gets bypassed. Perform separate mixing calculations to determine the temperature and humidity ratio of the mixed air being supplied to the room:

$$T_m = (.7)(76^\circ F) + (.3)(54^\circ F) = 69.4^\circ F$$

$$\omega_m = (.7) \left( .01154 \frac{lb_w}{lb_{da}} \right) + (.3) \left( .0078 \frac{lb_w}{lb_{da}} \right) = .0104 \frac{lb_w}{lb_{da}}$$

Use the psychrometric chart once more to find the relative humidity for the mixed air condition which is now fully defined.

$$\phi_m = 68\%$$

**Answer D**

**41.16 At what temperature will moisture begin to condense out of atmospheric air being cooled from 200°F and 10% relative humidity?**

- A. 101°F
- B. 107°F
- C. 109°F
- D. 117°F

The temperature at which moisture will begin to condense out of air is called the Dew Point Temperature. See **dew-point temperature** in the reference handbook. Use the **high temperature psychrometric chart**. The condition is fully defined. Locate the state point, then follow horizontally to the left until reaching the saturation curve to read the dew point temperature.

$$T_{dp} \approx 107^\circ F$$

**Answer B**

**41.17 The combustion products from an industrial process are passed through a heat exchanger for energy recovery at 30psia. The humidity ratio is  $800 \frac{\text{grains } H_2O}{lb_{da}}$ . What is the dew point of the exhaust stream?**

- A. 130°F
- B. 140°F
- C. 150°F
- D. 160°F

Calculate the humidity ratio of the combustion products. Assume the products are similar to moist air i.e. the mixture is comprised of dry air and water vapor. There are 7,000 **grains of moisture** per pound of water.

$$\omega = \frac{800 \text{ grains}}{lb_{da}} \left( \frac{1 lb_w}{7000 \text{ grains}} \right) = .1143 \frac{lb_w}{lb_{da}}$$