

Air supply distance in the cold aisle of the computer room



AI Overview

The recommended air supply distance in a cold aisle typically ranges from 1 to 1.5 meters (3 to 5 feet) from CRAC/CRAH units to the IT racks, with careful alignment of perforated floor tiles to ensure efficient airflow.

Cold Aisle Airflow Principles

In a cold aisle configuration, chilled air is delivered from perforated floor tiles directly in front of server racks, while hot exhaust air is returned to the CRAC units through the hot aisle. This separation of supply and return air improves cooling efficiency and prevents hot spots in the data center. Proper containment ensures that the cold air reaches the rack inlets without mixing with hot air, maintaining inlet temperatures within manufacturer specifications.

Recommended Distances

CRAC/CRAH to IT Racks: Maintain a minimum distance of 1 to 1.5 meters (3 to 5 feet) to allow effective air distribution and prevent turbulence.

Between CRAC/CRAH Units: Keep 2.5 to 3 meters (8 to 10 feet) spacing to avoid recirculation of warm air and ensure even airflow.

From Walls or Structural Barriers: At least 1 meter (3 feet) clearance is recommended for maintenance and unobstructed airflow.

Raised Floor Clearance: A minimum of 30 to 45 cm (12 to 18 inches) under the raised floor is suggested to optimize airflow through perforated tiles.

Perforated Floor Tile Placement

Floor tiles should be aligned with the cold aisle and positioned directly in front of the rack inlets. Typical flow rates range from 100 to 300 cfm per tile, with high-percentage open tiles capable of delivering up to 700–800 cfm if needed. All non-essential openings in the raised floor should be sealed to maximize static pressure and prevent short-circuiting of cold air.

Containment and Air Management

Cold aisle containment systems further improve efficiency by enclosing the cold aisle, ensuring that all supplied air is directed to the rack inlets. Proper containment reduces temperature variation across...

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Correct separation raises return-air temperatures, making CRAC units more efficient. According to EnergyStar, this can cut cooling costs by up to 43%. Hot Aisle Containment (HAC):

Chapter 4 Cold Aisle Containment

Cold Aisle Containment One of the objectives of an effective air flow management scheme is to minimize hot and cold air mixing. Appropriate arrangement of racks, such as hot-aisle-cold-aisle (HACA)

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The cold aisle containment advantage

The test results show that fully isolating the hot and cold air streams with a Cold Aisle Containment (CAC) system enables support of higher density loads, provides a more consistent inlet air supply,

Designing a Data Center Cooling System

If we need a better control, we can install a motorized damper in each cold aisle and modulate it based on that aisle's capacity. If the above 3 measures are respected, we will have no

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Explore hot and cold aisle containment for your data center

Hot and cold aisle containment can help you maintain the best air flow, temperature and humidity in the data center to keep servers running efficiently.

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By isolating the cold aisle, containment reduces unintended mixing of cold supply air with hot exhaust air, maintaining uniform, predictable temperatures across all racks.

Data Center Containment 101

The cold aisle containment system separates the cold supply and hot exhaust air from each other, often with simple modifications to the room. The down side is that employees must work in the open warm

Data Center Hot Aisle/Cold Aisle Layout Design

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Server Room Layout for Optimal Airflow | Step-by-Step Guide

Run input cables and power whips into the rack from the cold aisle side. This keeps rear exhausts clear and prevents airflow blockages. Align racks front-to-front for cold aisles and back-to

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Hot aisle and cold aisle containment are foundational concepts in data center design. When implemented correctly, they improve efficiency, reduce energy consumption, extend

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How aisle containment works Aisle containment is a physical means of separating hot (exhaust) and cold (supply) air. It can be accomplished via thoughtful room design, cabinet layout,

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Cold Aisle Containment isolates the cooled supply air from the cooling units within direct proximity of the air intake of critical equipment. An enormous amount of energy is used every day to maintain an

Data Center Aisle Containment

In cold aisle configurations the supply air is contained and the hot discharge air allowed to return to the CRAC unit. Because the supply and return air are kept separate, the room temperature can be

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Data Centre Cooling: Hot Aisle and Cold Aisle Design

Aisle width should ideally be around 1.2 metres (4 feet) or wider to facilitate unobstructed airflow. Rack design involves selecting the right type of racks and configuring them to optimise airflow.

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