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- With conventional air conditioning systems that do not use thermal storage, equipment is shut down completely during the night and the heat pump is activated during the day to supply hot and cool air. On the other hand, with thermal storage air conditioning, heat pumps are activated during the night when energy demand is low to store thermal energy in thermal storage tanks. Chilled water and ice are stored in the tanks for cooling purposes, and hot water for either heating or hot water supply. During daytime of the next day when demand is high, thermal energy is drawn from the thermal storage tank for cooling, heating or to supply hot water.

**Features**

- The thermal storage air conditioning system activates heat pumps during the night when energy demand is low, in addition to daytime hours when the building is supplied with conditioned air, to store thermal energy in the form of chilled water, ice and hot water so that they can be used during the day.
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**Basic Concept or Summary**

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- **Water thermal storage system**
  Underground spaces which are usually left unused (underground pit) are used as the thermal storage tank. The water in the thermal storage tank can be used for extinguishing fires or for domestic use during disasters or emergencies.

- **Ice thermal storage system**
  Ice is made in the thermal storage tank to store cold energy. The tank size can be kept smaller than with water thermal storage tanks.

The thermal storage air conditioning system responds to peaks in cooling loads during the day by combining cold energy stored during the night with that produced during daytime. Consequently, the size of the installation capacity can be kept to almost half of systems that do not utilize thermal storage.

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Effects or Remarks

- **Reduction in the daytime peak power demand (power load leveling)**
  The leveling of power load can be achieved as the system can transfer the power used during the peak hours in the daytime to the nighttime.
  Introduction of the heat pump/thermal storage system makes approx. 20% reduction in the daytime peak power demand by supplying half the cold thermal energy required for the air-conditioning during the daytime from the thermal storage system.

- **Energy conservation and environmental friendliness**
  The use of thermal storage tanks makes it possible to operate heat pumps efficiently at a constant rate without being affected by ever-changing air-conditioning load.
  The use of the cool outside air in the night for the generation of cold thermal energy when cooling is required leads to further improvement in the efficiency of the heat pumps.
  (The operational efficiency of the heat pump at 25 degrees is approx. 20% better than at 35 degrees.)

- **Cost saving**
  As this system allows the reduction in the capacity of the heat source unit, the contract demand can be reduced. The reduction in the contract demand means the reduction in the electricity charge.
  This system allows the use of lower-priced nighttime power.

- **As a measure of BCP (Business Continuity Plan)**
  The water in the thermal storage tanks can be used as domestic water or for firefighting at the time of emergency and disaster.
  There were cases where water in thermal storage tanks was used as domestic water in the relief effort after the Great East Japan Earthquake.

Installation in Practice or Schedule

**Domestic**
Number of installations: 33,629 (as of the end of FY 2018)
Peak shift effect in domestic power demand from thermal storage air conditioning system installation: 1.96 million kW (as of FY 2018)

- **Number of Heat Storage Air Conditioning Systems Installed**

![Graph of number of heat storage air conditioning systems installed](image)

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