

# SmartNotes

# QA

## Why are Peltier incubators with cooling and heating technology the ideal incubator for labs aiming to be environmentally focused compared to conventional compressor units?

Compressor-based technology is the standard mechanism used in conventional refrigerated incubators for cooling, complemented by electric heating elements for heating, as a result, both technologies consume significant amounts of energy to ensure stable conditions in the chamber.

### Compressor-based refrigerated incubator units:

- Utilize harmful refrigerants such as chlorofluorocarbon or hydrofluorocarbons
- Can cause sample disruption due to the compressor pump starting and stopping; creating unwanted chamber vibrations
- Require energy and time-consuming defrosting processes

Conversely, Peltier modules in refrigerated incubators can adjust from cooling to heating as needed, and operate at low energy consumption, especially at temperatures around ambient.

### In addition, Peltier technology cooling and heating modules:

- Cool and heat thermoelectrically, requiring no hazardous refrigerants or environmentally harsh substances and operate on low energy consumption
- Enable temperature uniformity and stability with minimal vibration disruption; the only movement in the unit is the fan to ensure even temperature distribution
- Do not develop ice in a refrigerated incubator, since temperatures stay above 0°C at all times, and defrosting processes are unnecessary

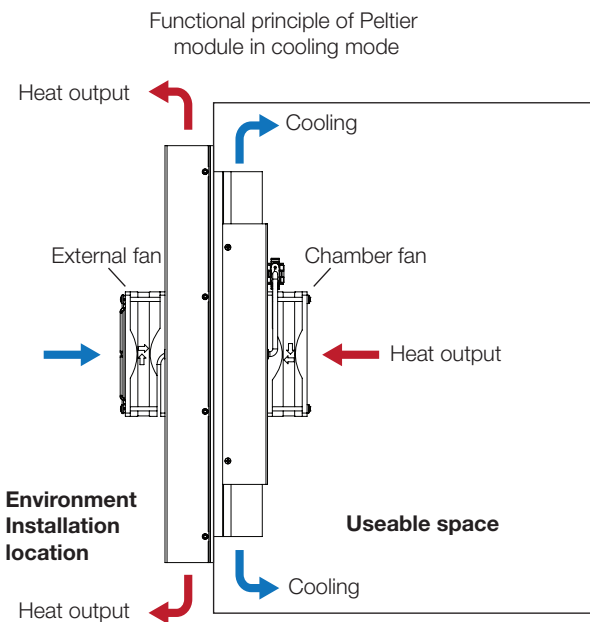


Find advancement and energy savings in incubation with Heratherm refrigerated incubators – using Peltier technology

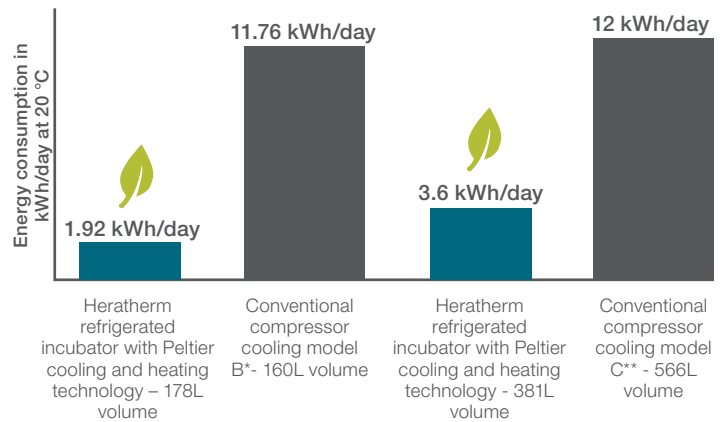
Heratherm refrigerated incubators use Peltier modules which cool and heat thermoelectrically - requiring no refrigerants or other hazardous substances - allowing for up to 84% energy savings compared to a compressor unit\*.

Heratherm refrigerated incubators have an intelligent and automatic control of the Peltier module. To ensure optimal, automatic adaptations based on set and actual temperatures the unit can:

- Switch to cooling or heating mode, based on set temperature and ambient temperature
- Increase the external fan speed automatically – faster for cooling and heating; slower to maintain stable temperatures



Experience up to 84% energy savings when using Heratherm refrigerated incubators with Peltier technology compared to traditional compressor units



\*Based on testing with compressor unit BK6160.

\*\*Based on testing with compressor unit Precision 815.

## Conclusion

For applications that demand precision and for labs searching for sustainability offerings, Heratherm refrigerated incubators offer an untapped potential in incubation by providing users with a unit free of hazardous refrigerants and free of the burdens brought by compressor-based units.

Thermo Scientific™ Heratherm™ refrigerated incubators are the incubator of choice for energy conscious labs looking to obtain precision in an environmentally friendly way.

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