

# **NFE 415: FOOD STORAGE ENGINEERING**

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- Moist air flowing at 2 kg/s and a dry bulb temperature of 46°C and wet bulb temperature of 20°C mixes with another stream of moist air flowing at 3 kg/s at 25°C and relative humidity of 60%. Using a psychrometric chart, determine the (a) humidity ratio, (b) enthalpy, and (c) dry bulb temperature of the two streams mixed together.



# PSYCHROMETRIC CHART

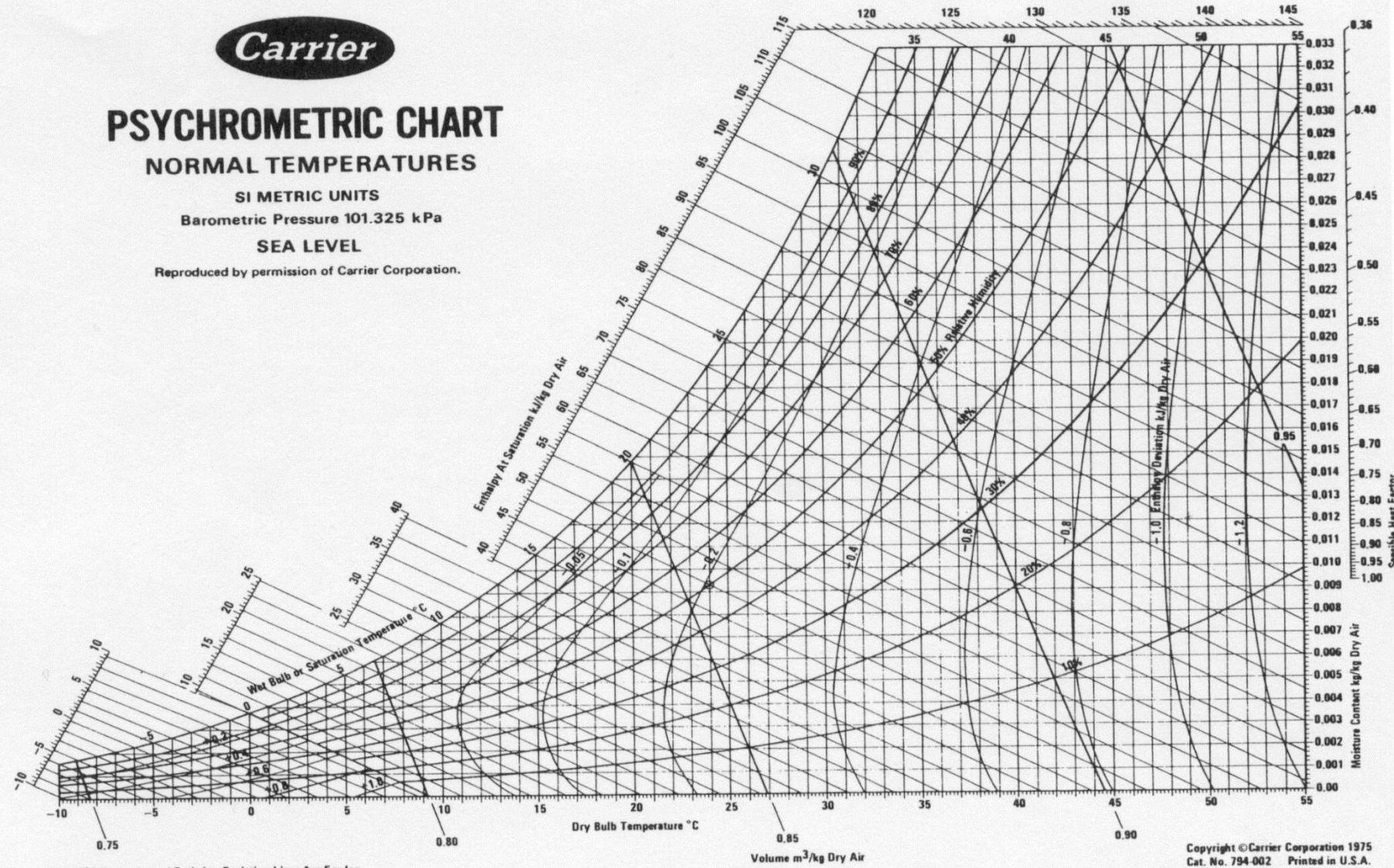
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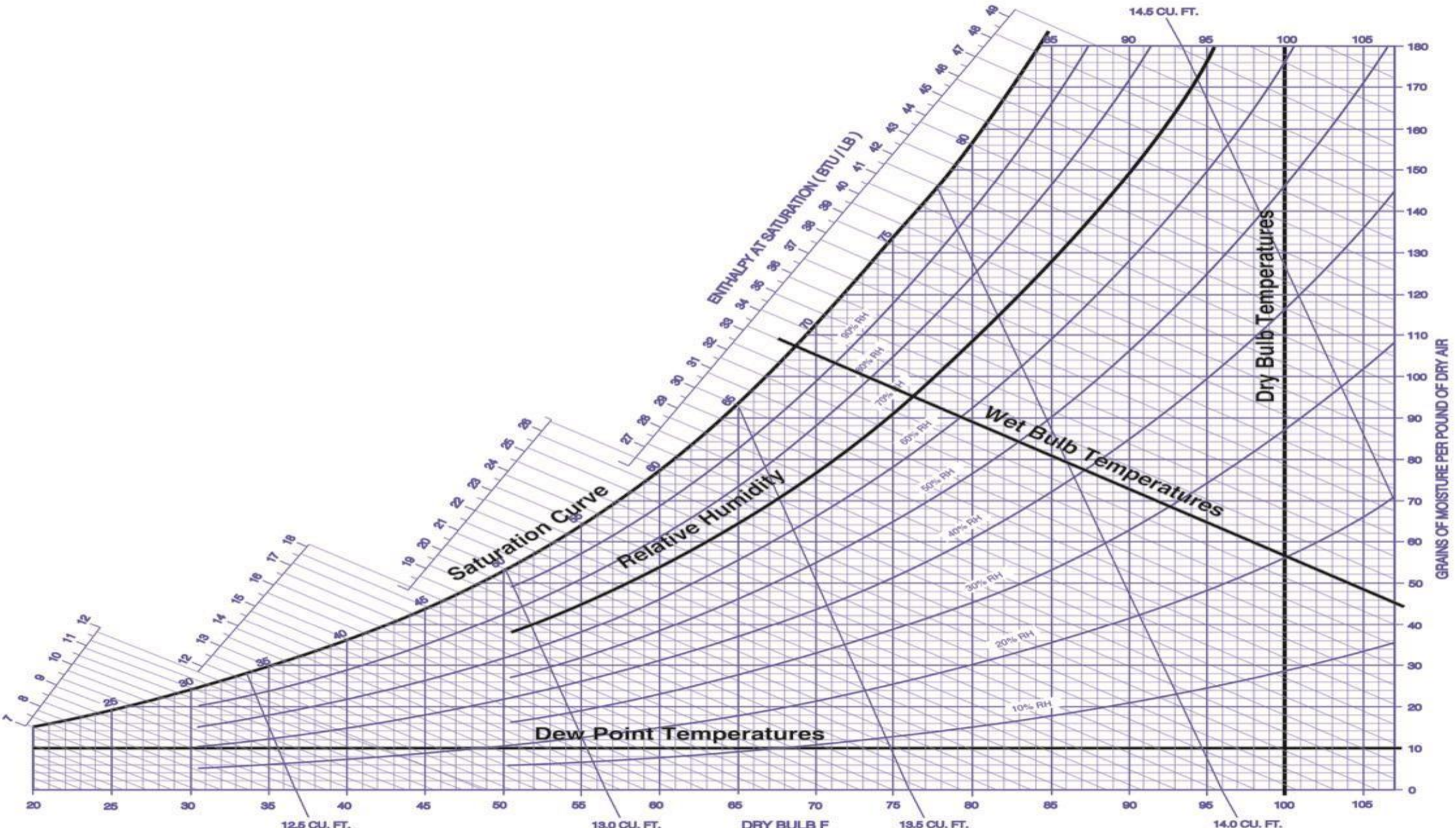
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## TOPICS: AIR PROPERTY/ HUMIDITY

- Concept of Humidity
- Humidity.
- Relative Humidity.
- Identification of different parts of the chart
- Détermine air properties

# CONCEPT OF HUMIDITY

- The water content in surrounding air is an important factor for the well-being of humans and animals.
- The level of comfort is determined by a combination of two factors: relative humidity and ambient temperature.
- Humidity is an important factor for **operating certain equipment** (e.g., high-impedance electronic circuits, electrostatic-sensitive components, high-voltage devices, fine mechanisms, etc.).
- Relative humidity near 50% at normal room temperature (20–25°C).
- This may vary from as low as **38% for the Class clean rooms** to **60% in hospital operating rooms**

# CONCEPT OF HUMIDITY

- **Humidity can be measured by instruments called hygrometers.**
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- The first hygrometer was invented by **Sir John Leslie** (1766–1832).
- To detect moisture contents, a **sensor** in a hygrometer must be selective to water, and its internal properties should be modulated by the water concentration.
- Generally, sensors for moisture, humidity, and dew temperature can be capacitive, conductive, oscillating, or optical.

## KEY THINGS:

- When designing an **air conditioning system**, the temperature and moisture content of the air to be conditioned, and the same properties of the air needed to produce the desired air conditioning effect.



## HUMIDITY:

- Humidity: the **amount of water vapor** in the air. The maximum quantity of moisture that can be held in the air depends on air temperature.

# RELATIVE HUMIDITY:

- The amount of water vapor in the air **compared** with the maximum amount of water vapor that the air can hold at a certain temperature.

## Formula :

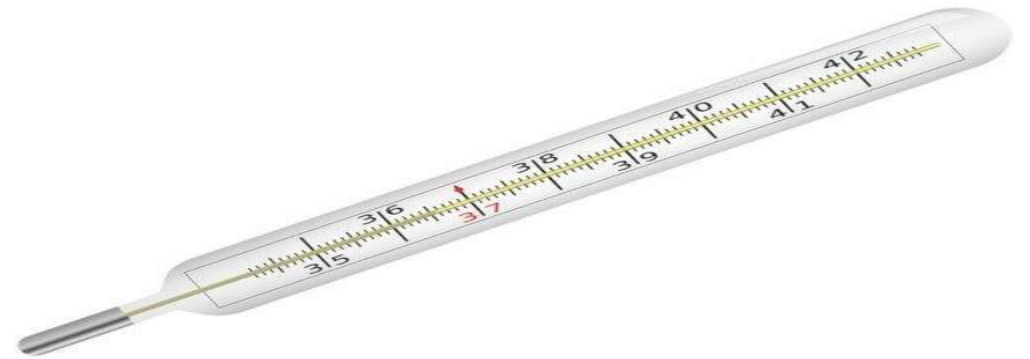
$$\text{Relative humidity} = \frac{\text{Partial pressure of water vapor}}{\text{Saturation vapor pressure}} \times 100$$

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- When air holds all of the water that it can at a given temperature, it is said to be saturated.
- **Saturated air** has a relative humidity of 100%

## DRY-BULB TEMPERATURE

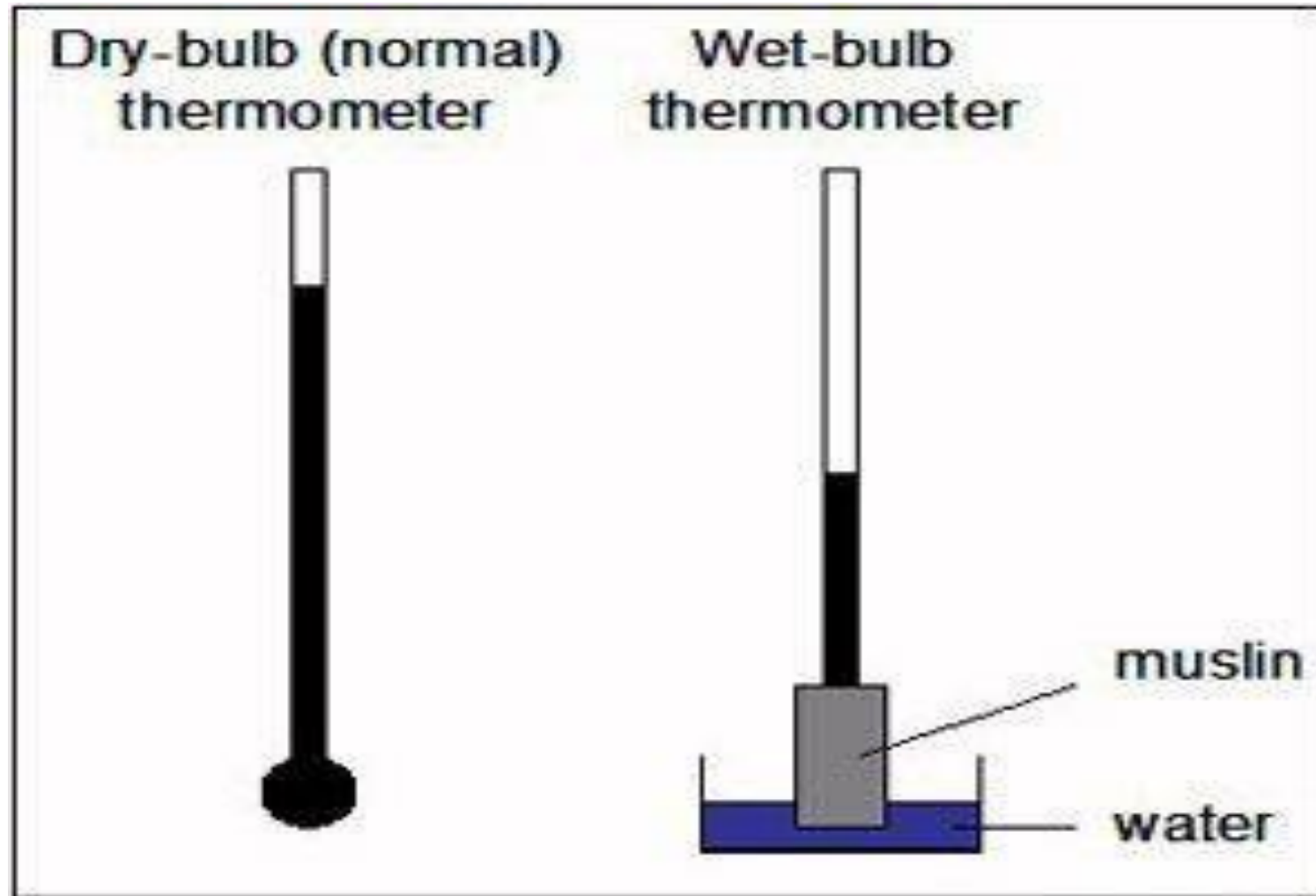
- The dry-bulb temperature is the temperature indicated by a **thermometer** exposed to the air in a place sheltered from direct solar radiation.
- The term dry-bulb is customarily added to temperature to distinguish it from wet-bulb and dew point temperature.



# WET BULB TEMPERATURE

- Wet bulb temperature is the temperature recorded by thermometer when the bulb is enveloped by cotton wick saturated with water.
- The **accuracy** of a simple wet-bulb thermometer depends on how fast air passes over the bulb and how well the thermometer is shielded from the radiant temperature of its surroundings.

# MEASUREMENT OF TEMPERATURE



# WHAT IS THE DEWPOINT TEMPERATURE?

- The dewpoint temperature is the temperature at which the air can no longer "hold" all of the water vapor which is mixed with it, and some of the water vapor must condense into liquid water.
- The dew point is always lower than (or equal to) the air temperature.
- At this point where the dew point temperature equals the air temperature, the relative humidity is 100%.





# PSYCHROMETRIC CHART

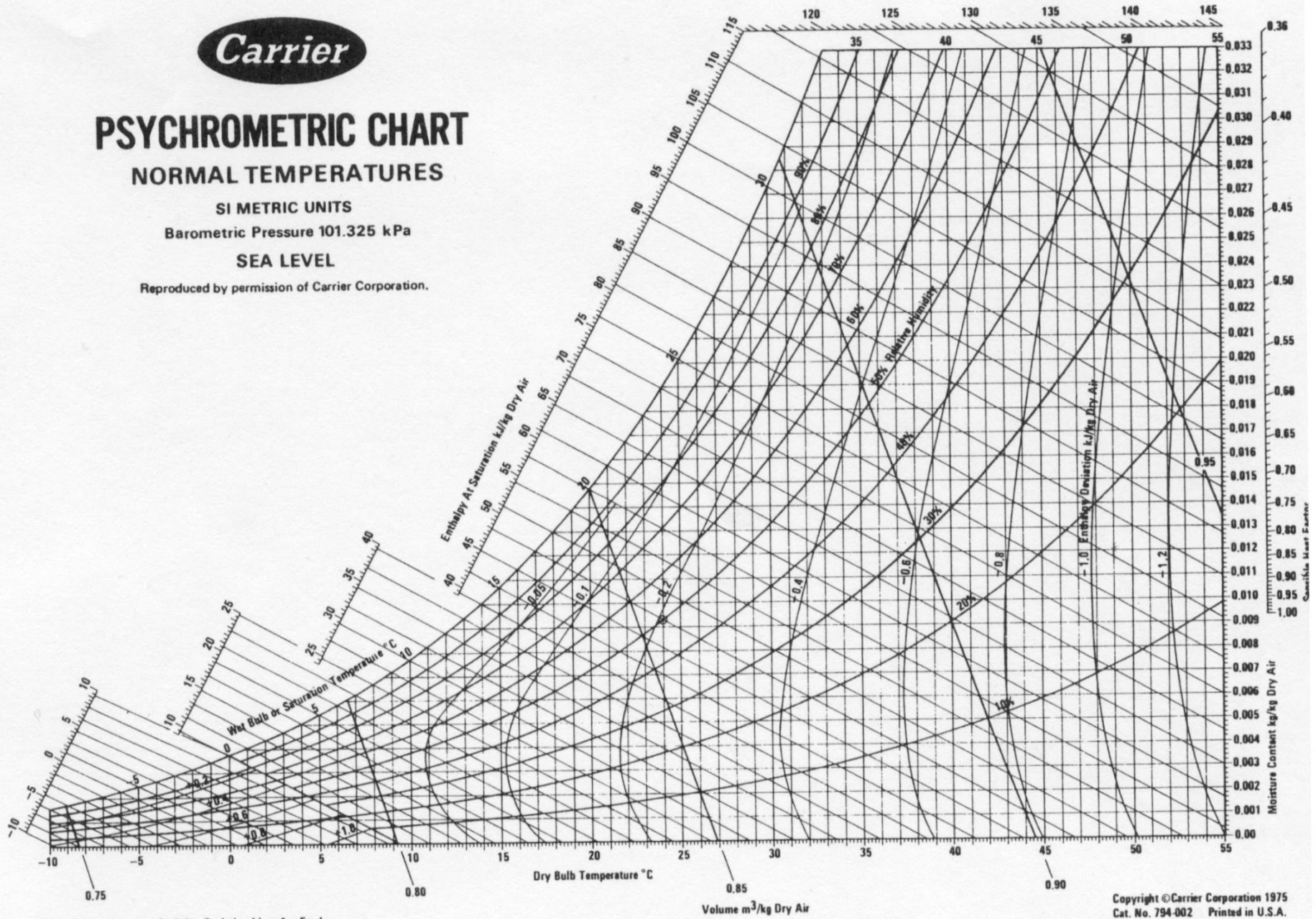
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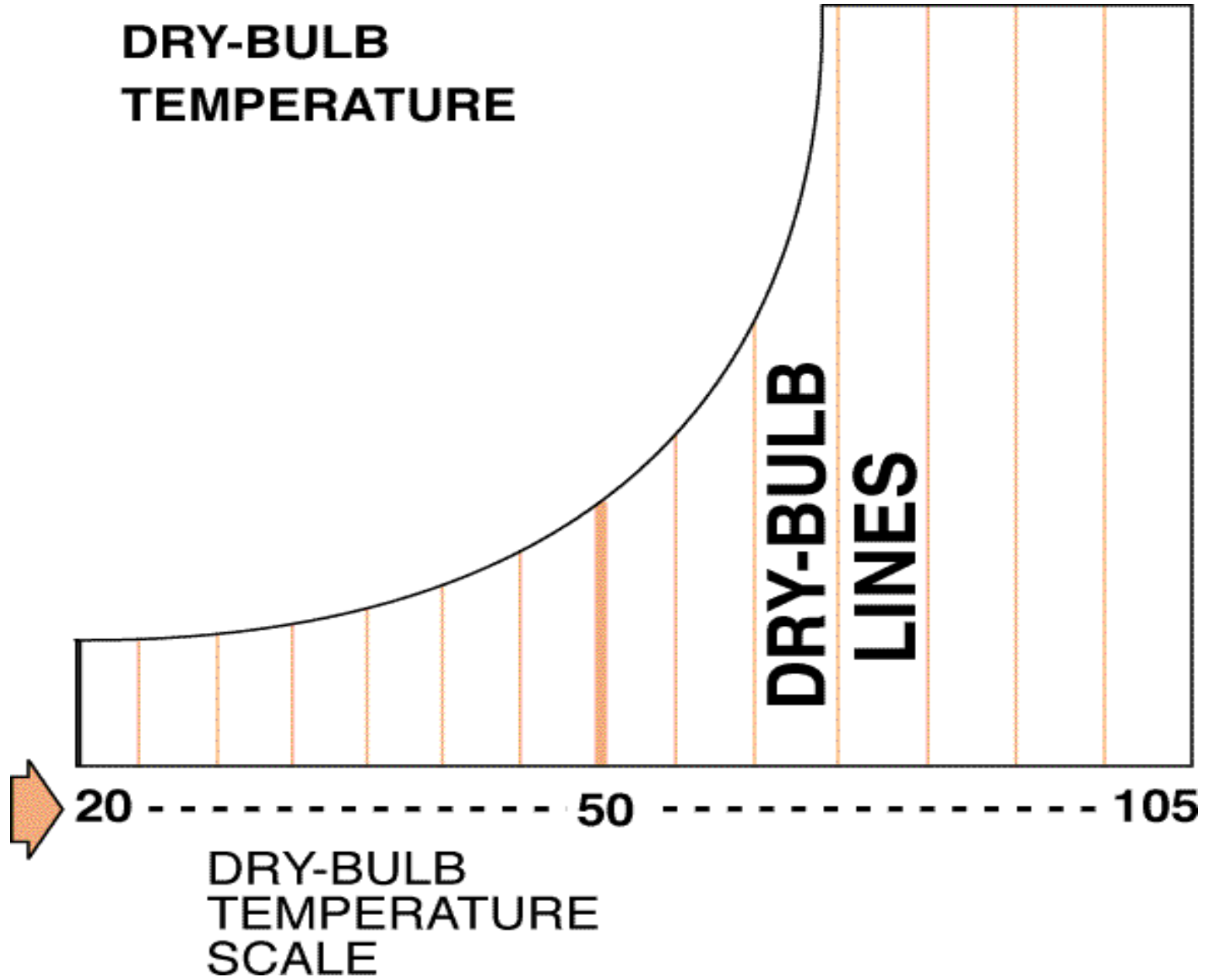
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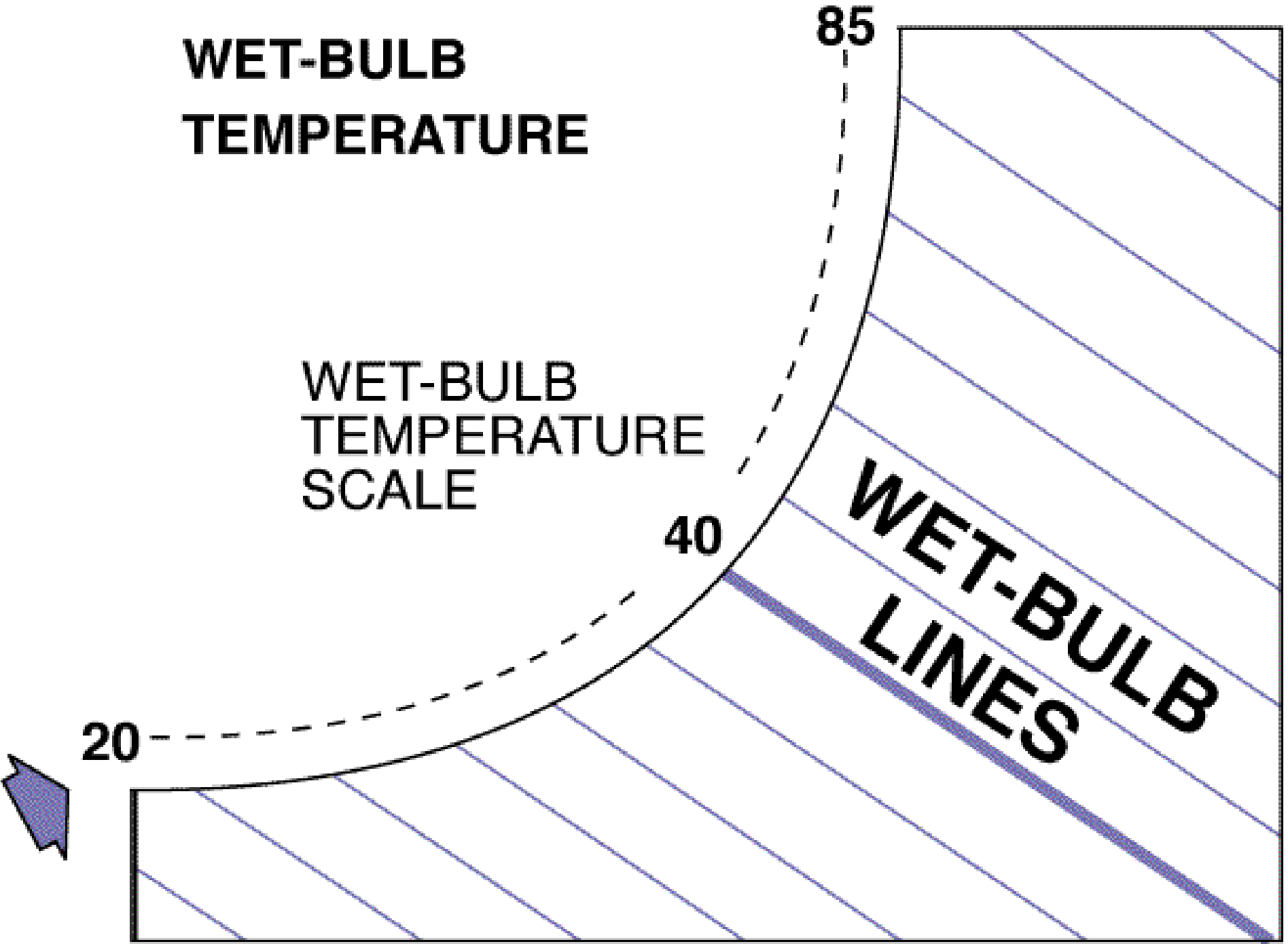
**DRY-BULB  
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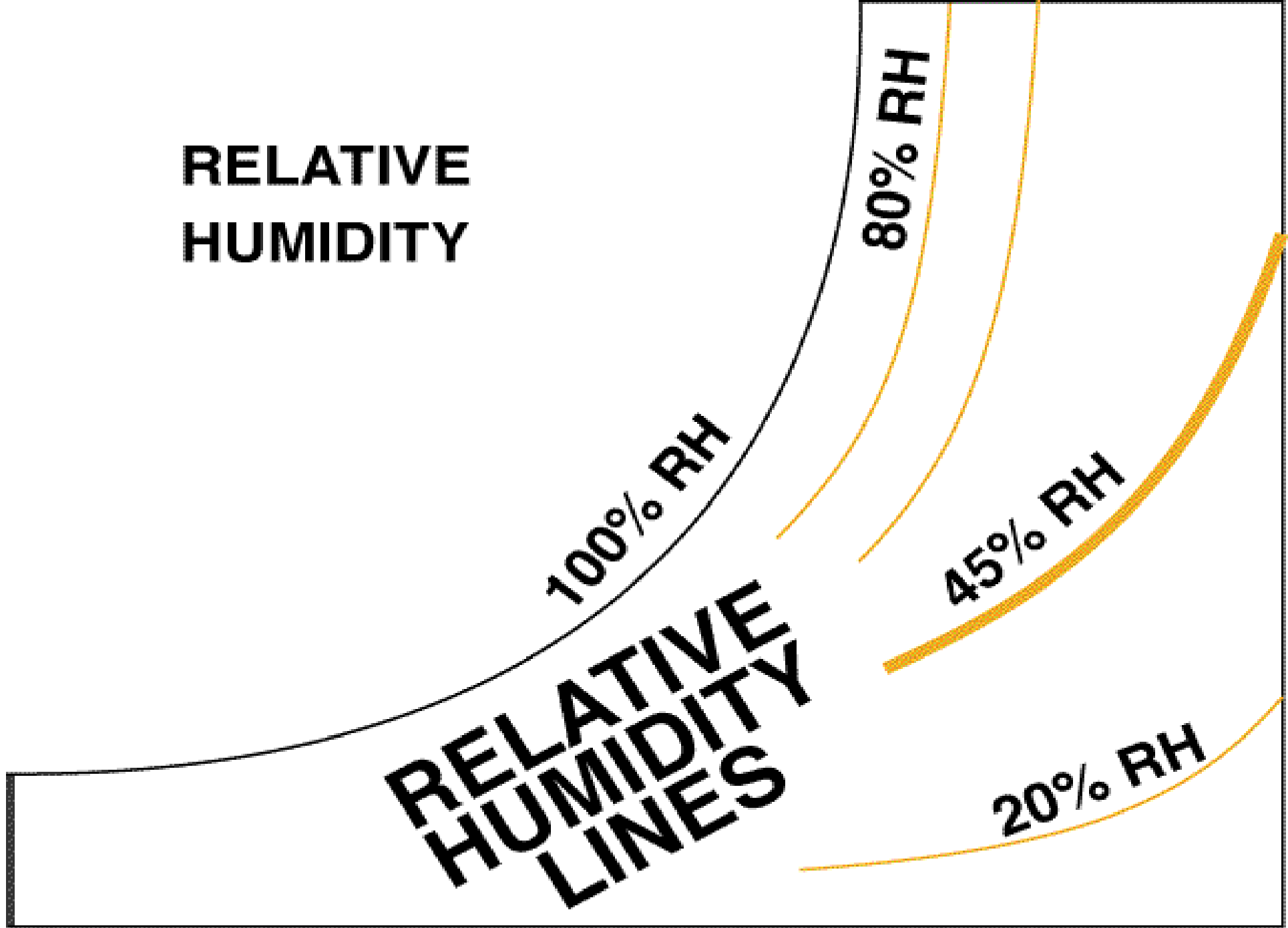


# WET-BULB TEMPERATURE

WET-BULB TEMPERATURE SCALE



**RELATIVE  
HUMIDITY**

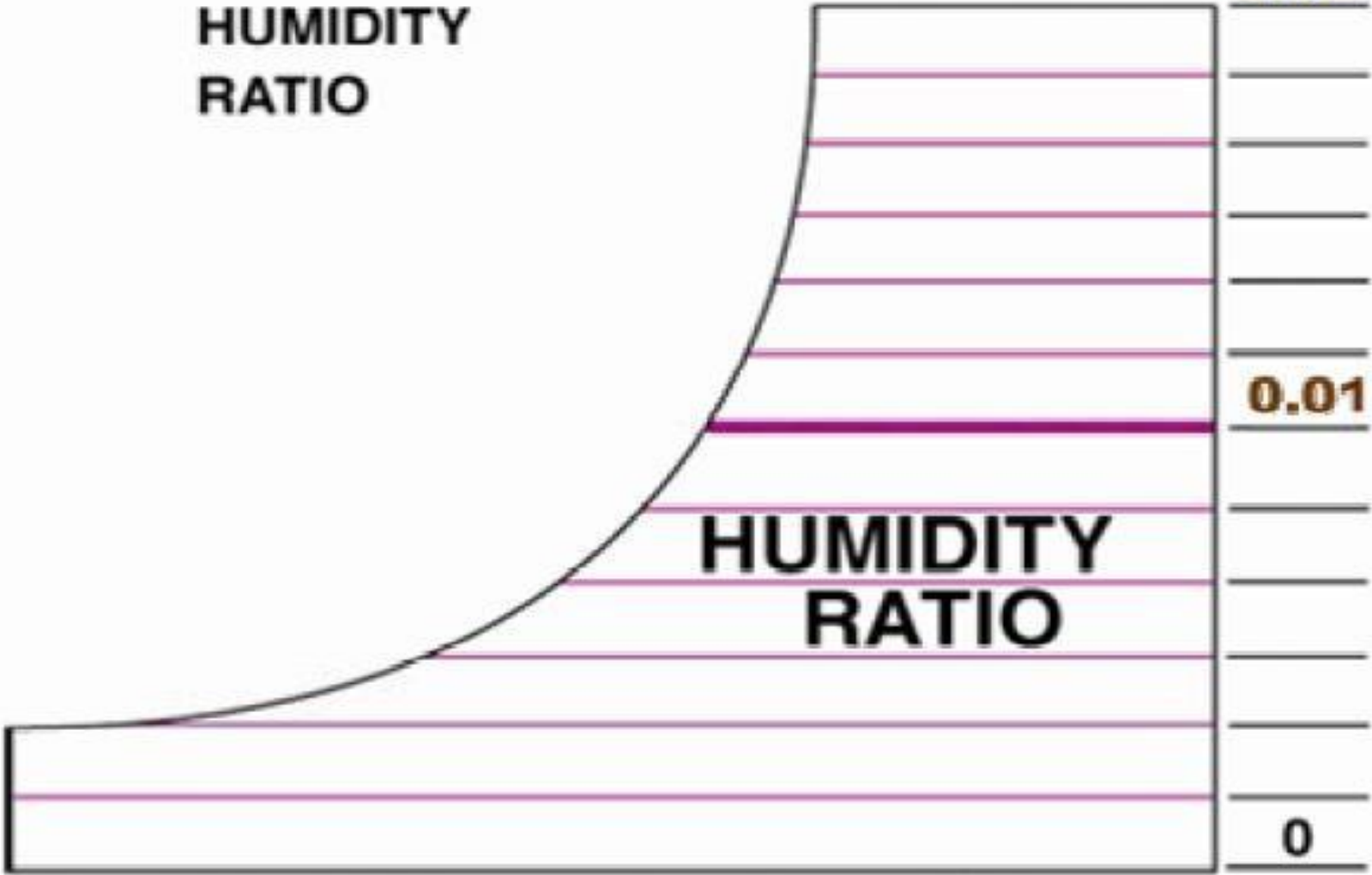


**Kg of moisture  
per kg of dry air**



**0.02**

**HUMIDITY  
RATIO**



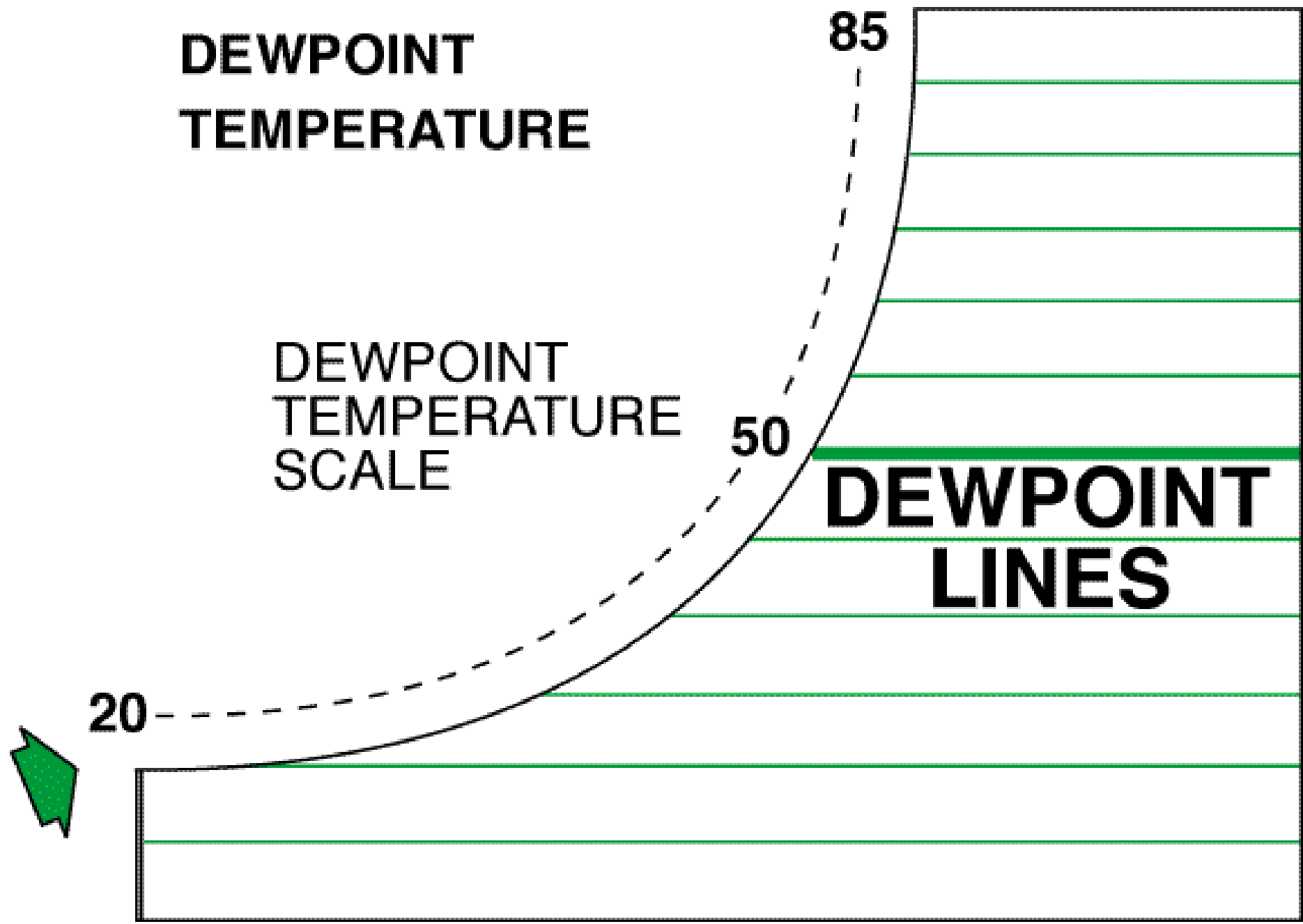
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**HUMIDITY  
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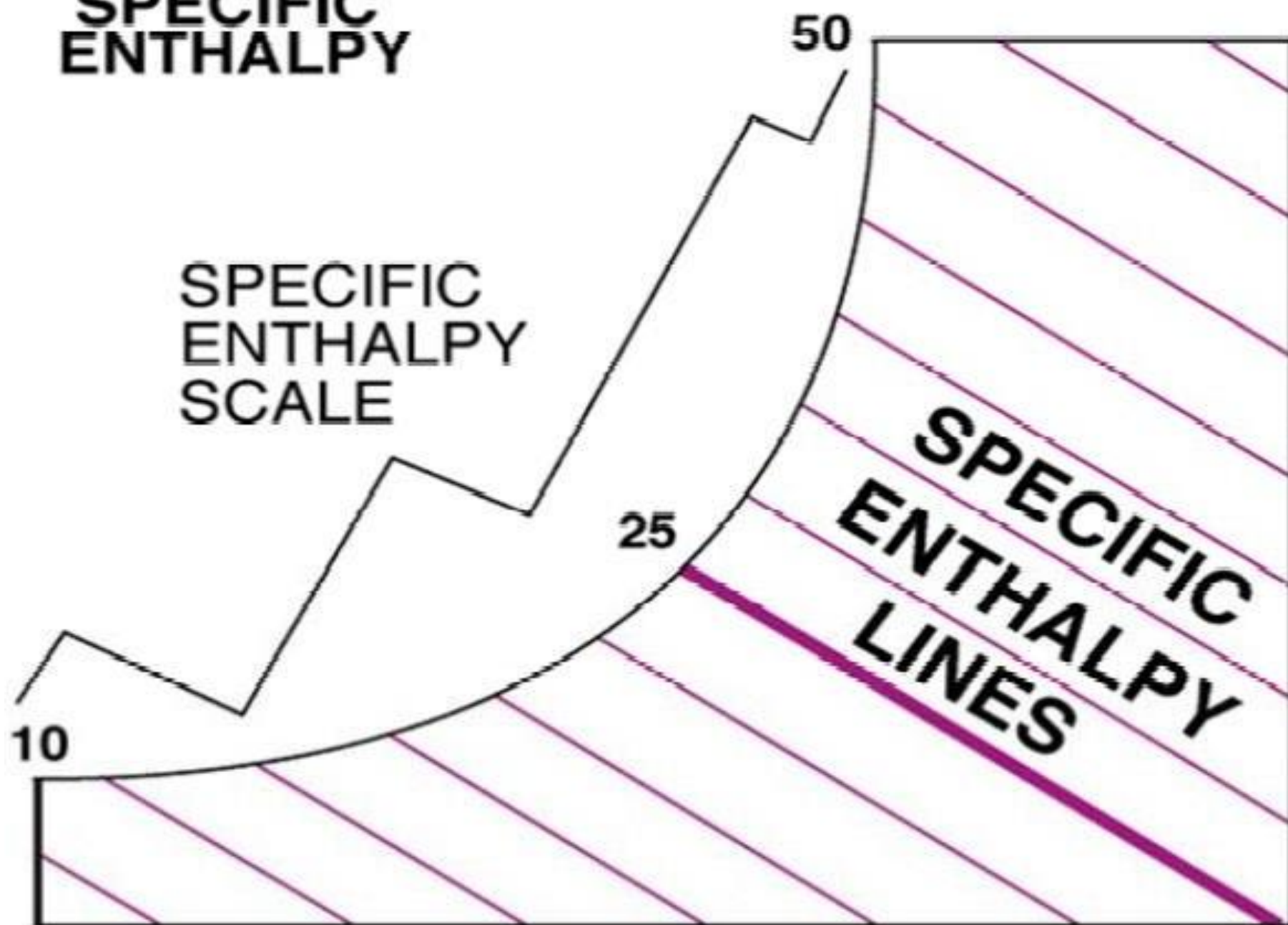
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DEWPOINT TEMPERATURE SCALE

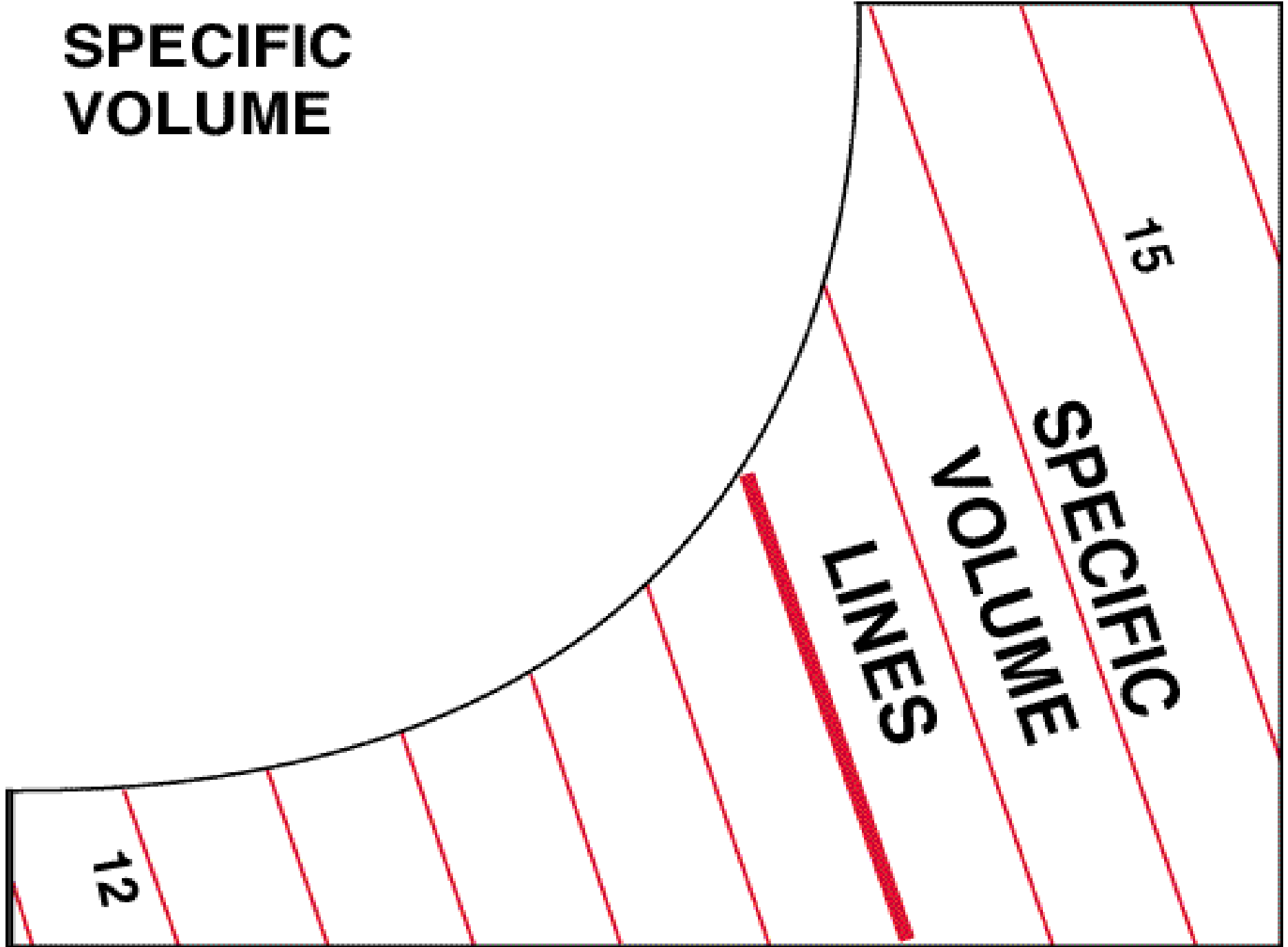


## DEWPOINT LINES

# SPECIFIC ENTHALPY



**SPECIFIC  
VOLUME**

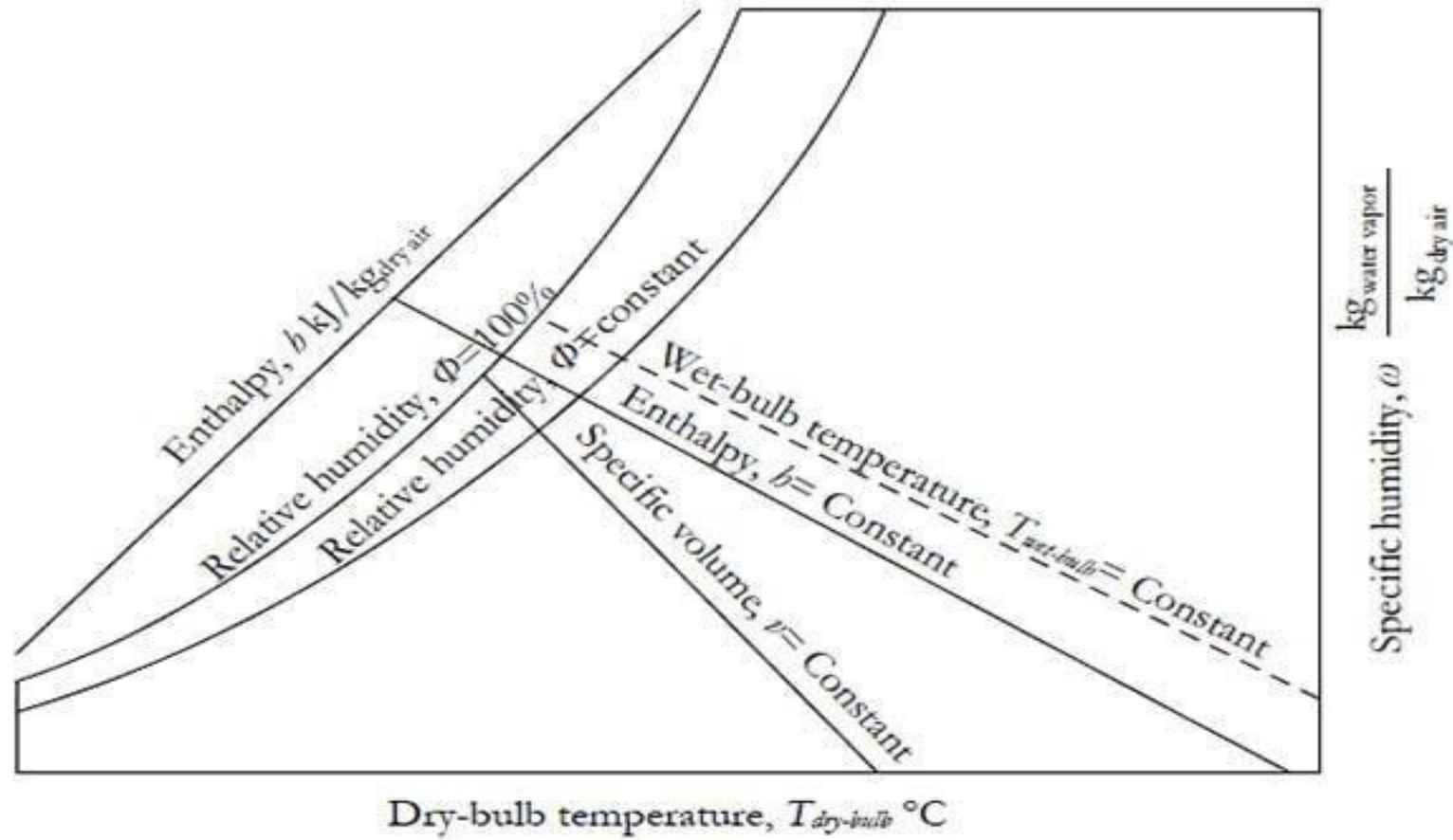


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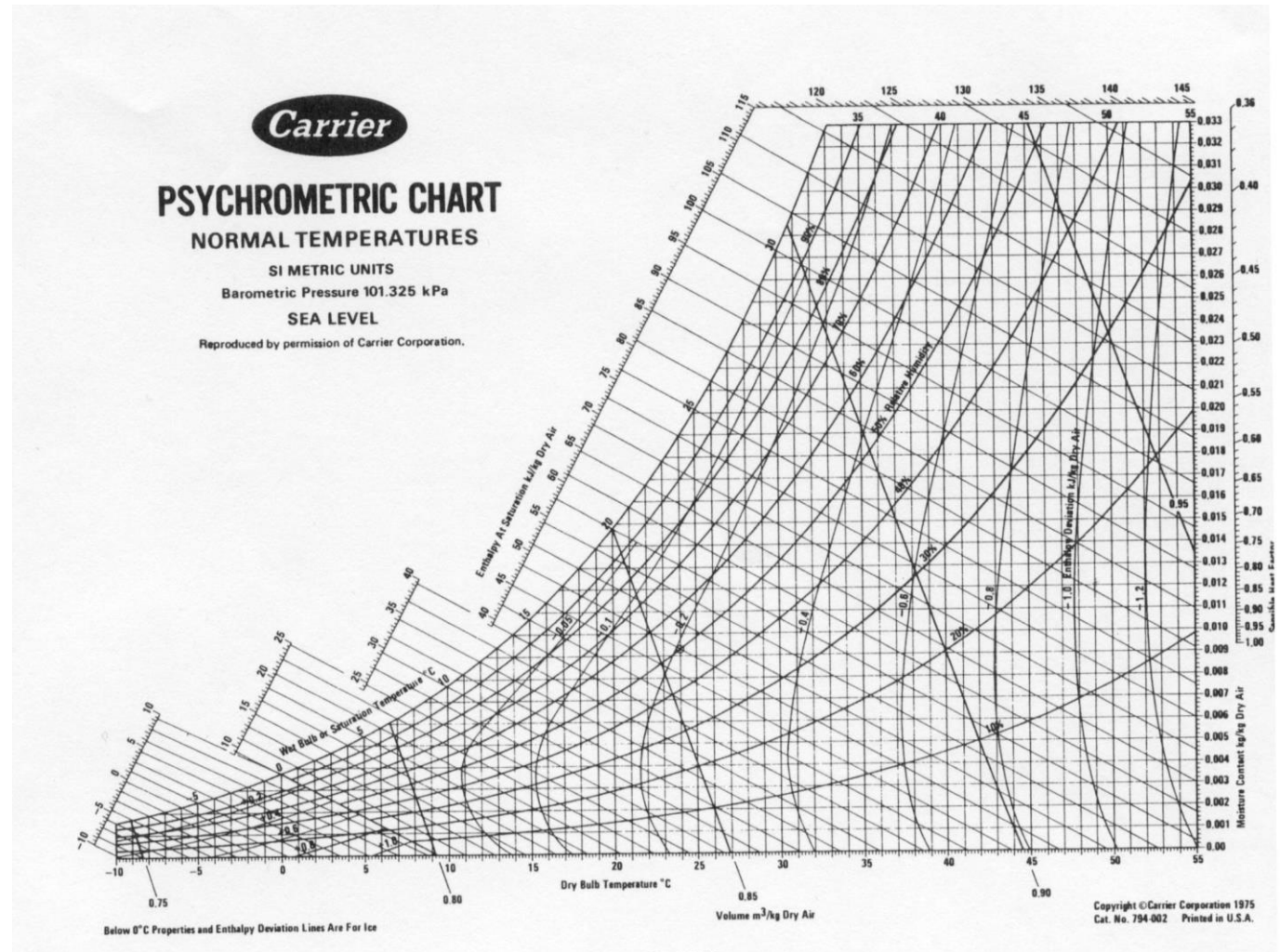
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# PUT ALL TOGETHER



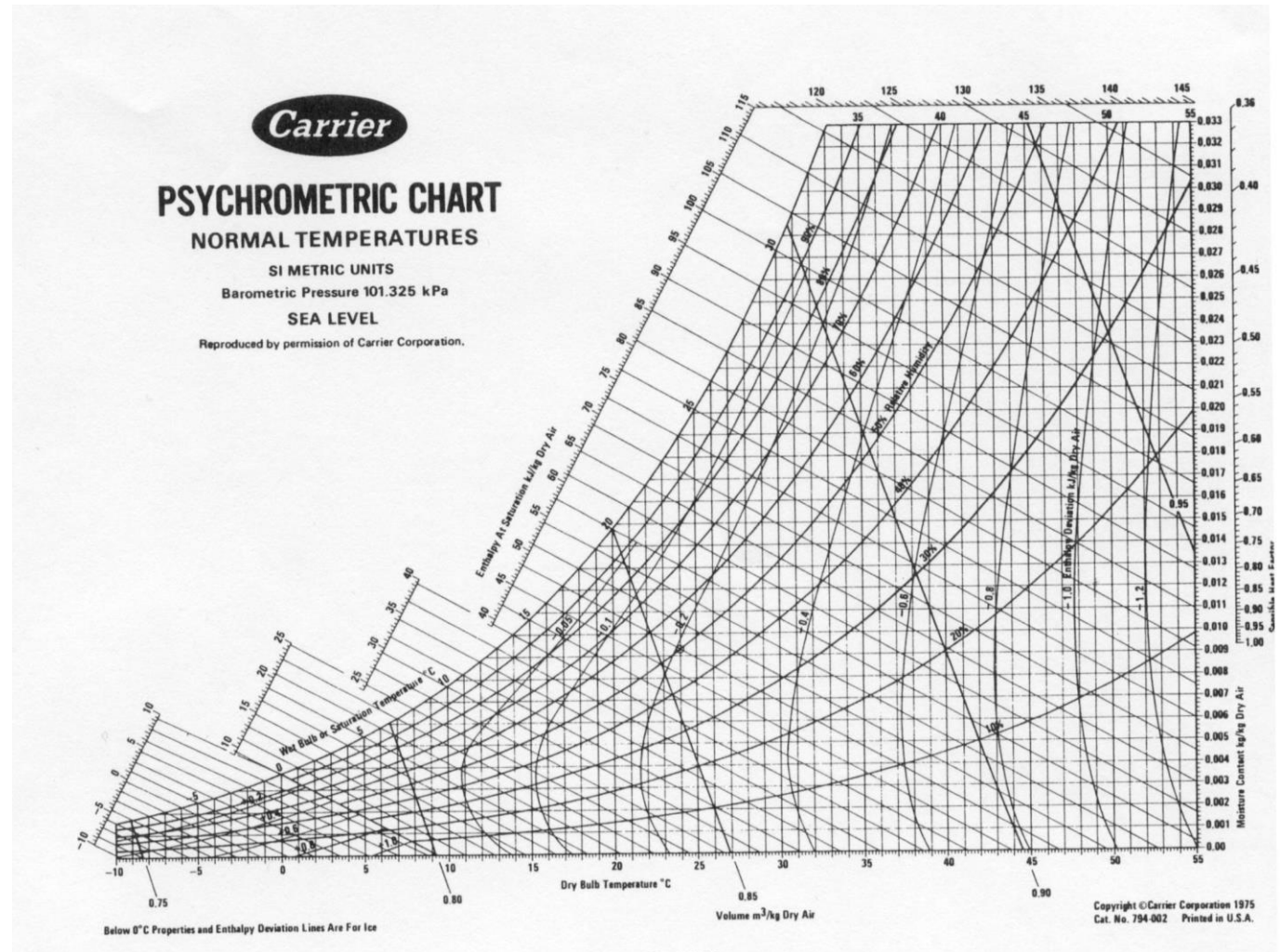
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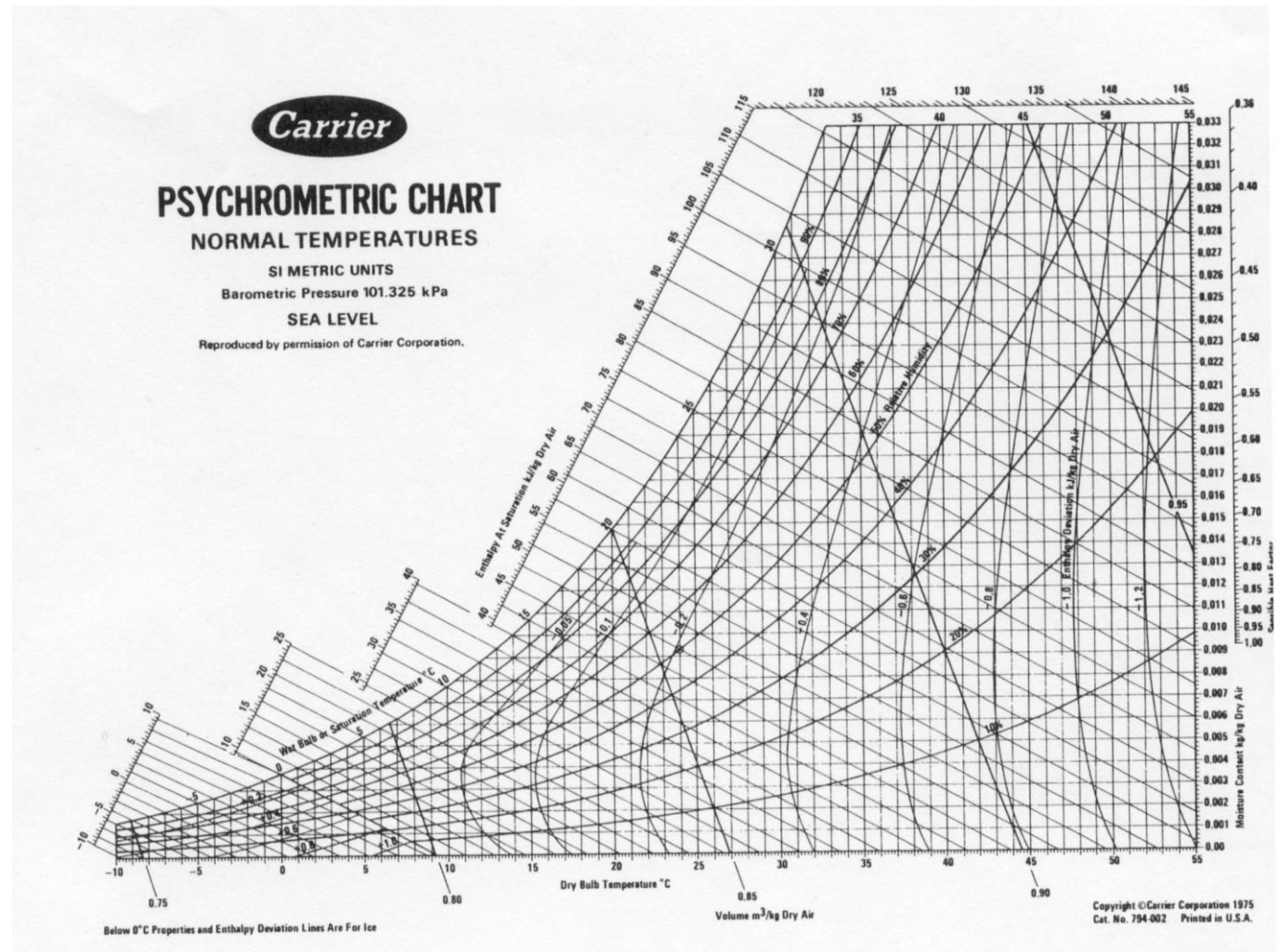




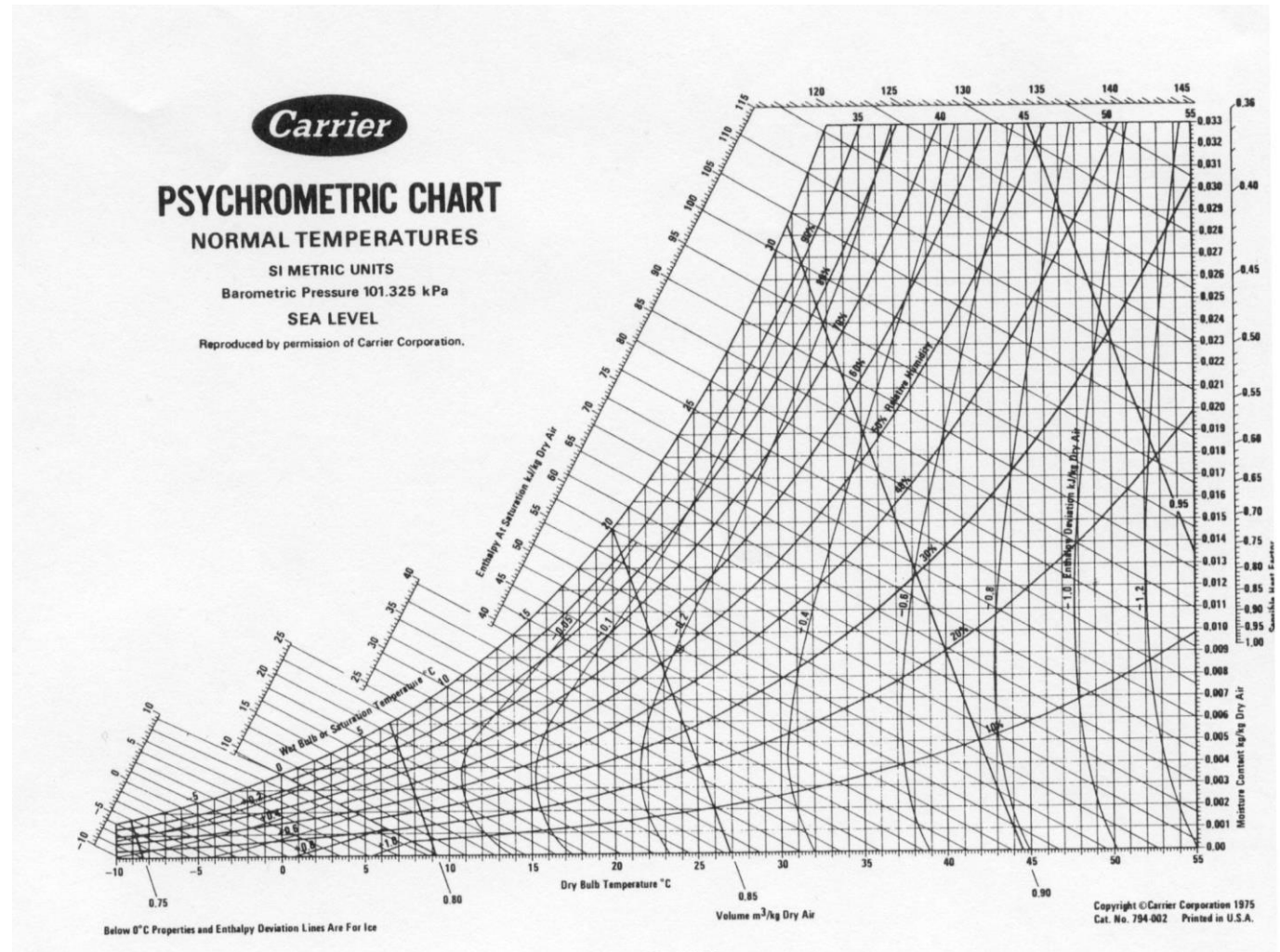
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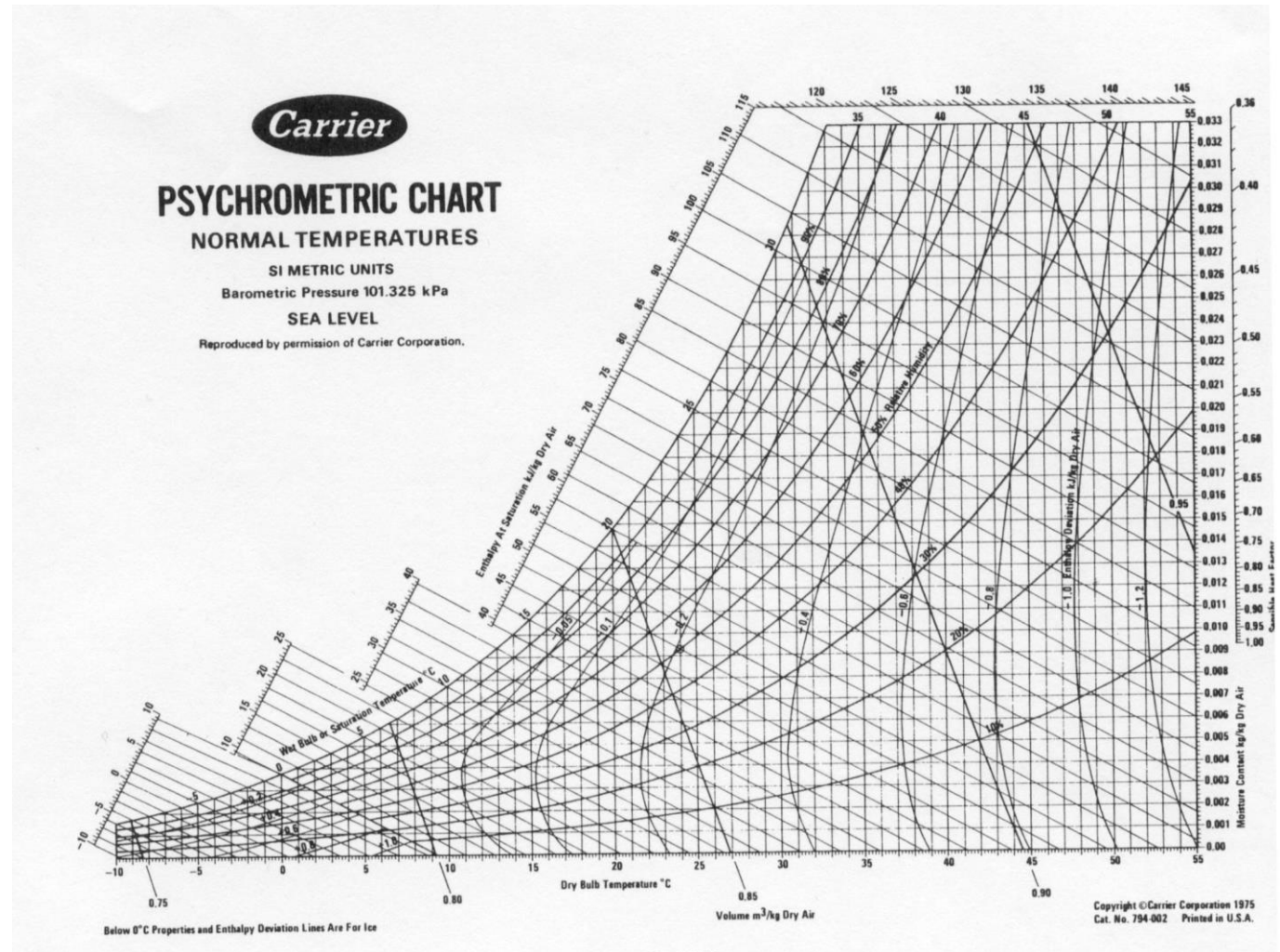
# AIR HUMIDIFICATION PROCESS



# AIR DEHUMIDIFICATION PROCESS



# ADIABATIC SATURATION PROCESS





# PROBLEM

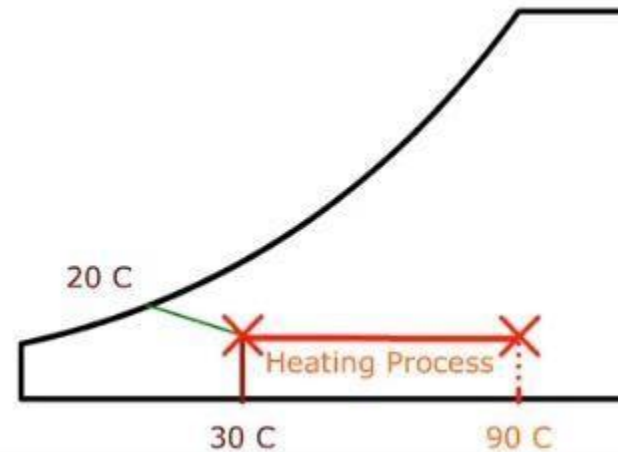
- Inlet air temperature is 30 C and wet bulb temperature is 20C. Air is heated to 90 C and what would be other parameter.

## Heating of air

Example:

Inlet air dbt = 30 C  
wbt = 20 C

Exit air dbt = 90 C



## PROBLEM 2:

- Inlet air temperature is 30 C and wet bulb temperature is 20C. Air is heated to 90 C and what would be other parameter.

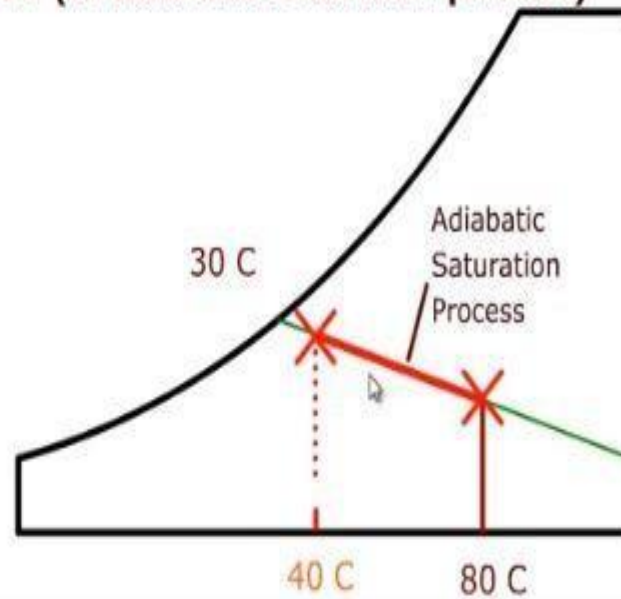
### Drying of food using air (or adiabatic saturation process)

Example:

Inlet air dbt = 80 C

wbt = 30 C

Exit air dbt = 40 C





## EXAMPLE

- Given:  $T = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $T_w = 20^{\circ}\text{C}$

- Required:

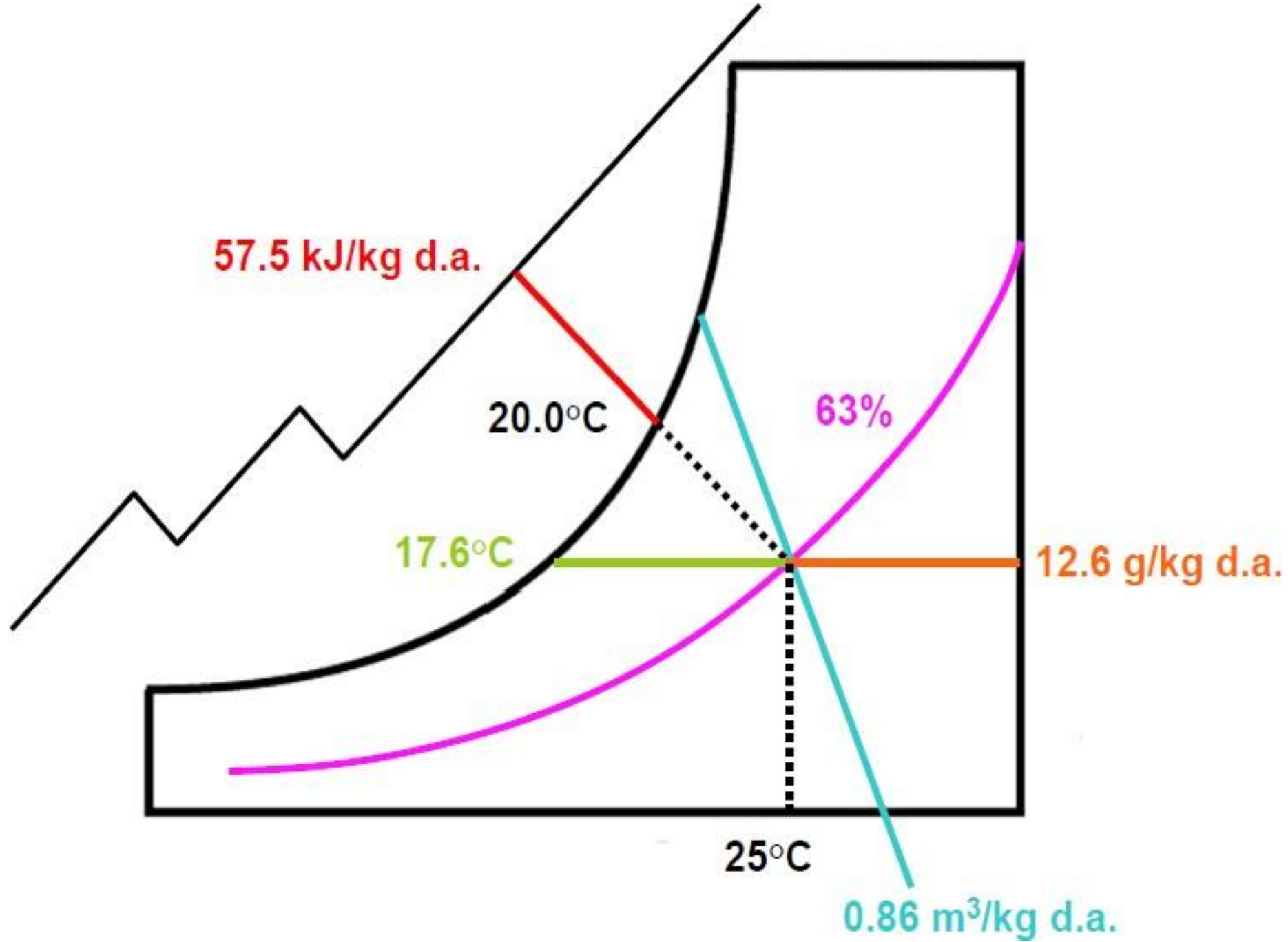
- (a) RH

- (b)  $T_{dp}$

- (c) HR

- (d)  $v$

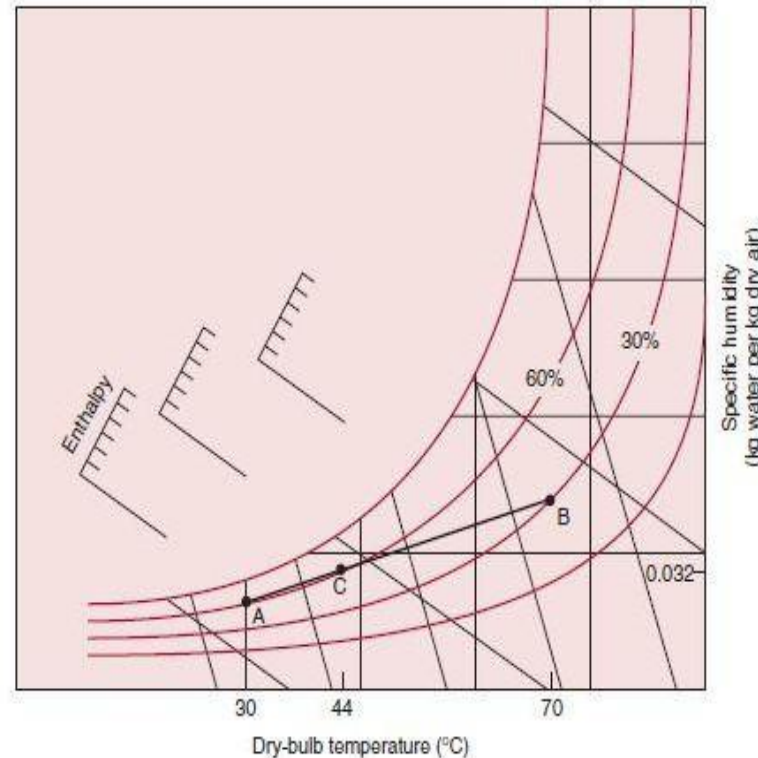
- (e)  $h$



**9.6: CALCULATE THE RATE OF THERMAL ENERGY REQUIRED TO HEAT 10 m<sup>3</sup>/s OF OUTSIDE AIR AT 30°C DRY BULB TEMPERATURE AND 80% RELATIVE HUMIDITY TO A DRY BULB TEMPERATURE OF 80°C.**

- *Using the psychrometric chart, we find at 30°C dry bulb temperature and 80% relative humidity,*
  - *the enthalpy  $H_1 = 85.2$  kJ/kg dry air,*
  - *humidity ratio  $W_1 = 0.0215$  kg water/kg dry air, and*
  - *specific volume  $V_1 = 0.89$  m<sup>3</sup>/kg dry air.*
- *At the end of the heating process,*
  - *the dry bulb temperature is = 80°C*
  - *a humidity ratio of = 0.0215 kg water/kg dry air. The remaining values are read from the chart as follows: enthalpy  $H_2 = 140$  kJ/kg dry air; relative humidity  $\phi_2 = 7\%$ .*
- **2. Using Equation (9.23),  $q = (\text{volume}/\text{sp. v}) \times (H_2 - H_1) = 615.7 \text{ kJ/s} = 615.7 \text{ kW}$**

**EXAMPLE 9.7 :** IN EFFORTS TO CONSERVE ENERGY, A FOOD DRYER IS BEING MODIFIED TO REUSE PART OF THE EXHAUST AIR ALONG WITH AMBIENT AIR. THE EXHAUST AIRFLOW OF 10 M<sup>3</sup>/S AT 70°C AND 30% RELATIVE HUMIDITY IS MIXED WITH 20 M<sup>3</sup>/S OF AMBIENT AIR AT 30°C AND 60% RELATIVE HUMIDITY. USING THE PSYCHROMETRIC CHART, DETERMINE THE DRY BULB TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY RATIO OF THE MIXED AIR.



**EXAMPLE 9.8:** HEATED AIR AT 50°C AND 10% RELATIVE HUMIDITY IS USED TO DRY RICE IN A BIN DRYER. THE AIR EXITS THE BIN UNDER SATURATED CONDITIONS. DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF WATER REMOVED PER KG OF DRY AIR.

- *Locate point A on the psychrometric chart,*
- *Read humidity ratio 0.0078 kg water/kg dry air.*
- *Follow the constant enthalpy line to the saturation curve.*
  - *At point B, read the humidity ratio 0.019 kg water/kg dry air.*
- *The amount of moisture removed from rice =  $0.019 - 0.0078 = 0.0112$  kg water/kg dry air.*



# PSYCHROMETRIC CHART

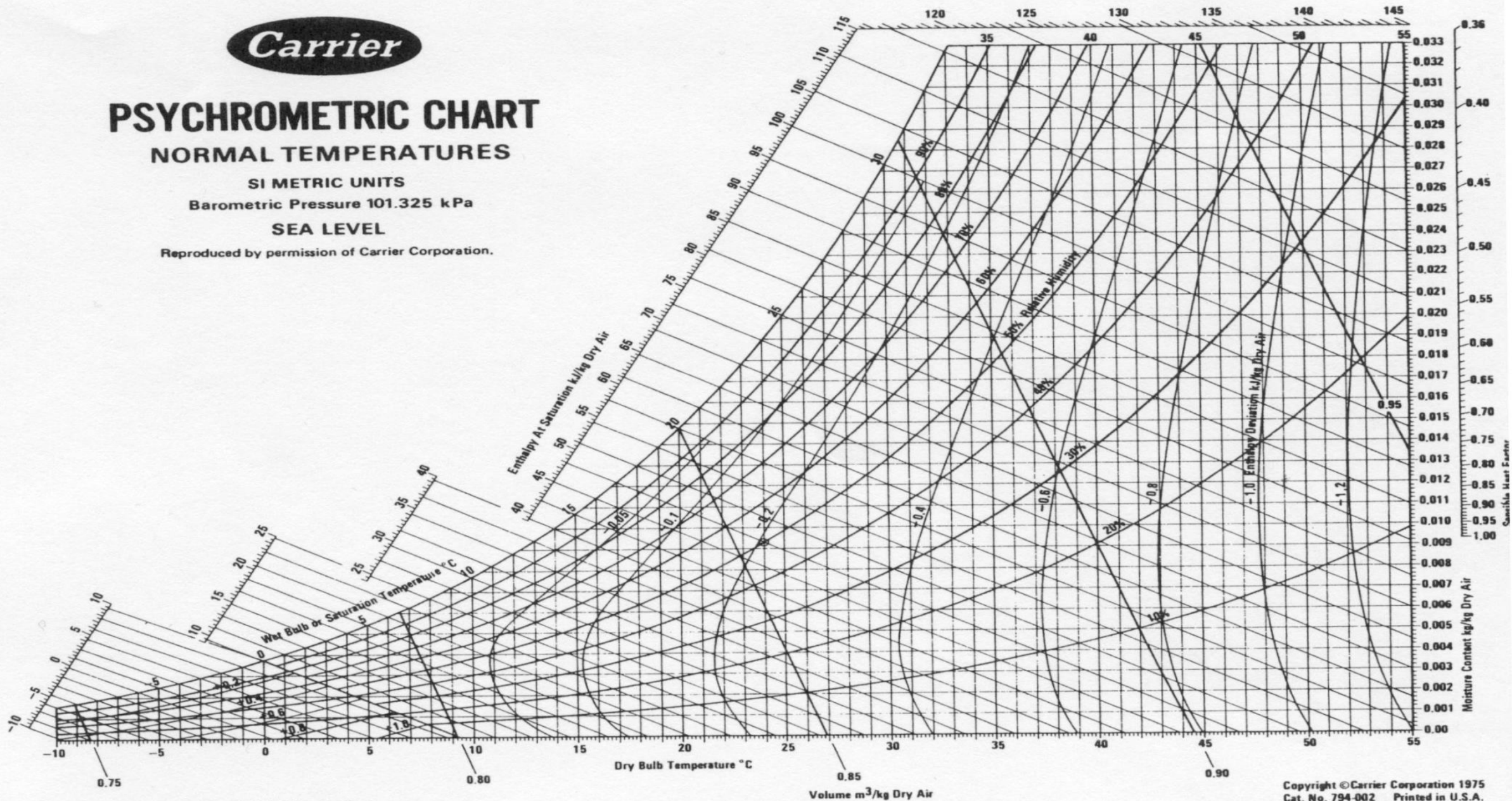
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