



5 Things to Control Before an Overnight HVAC Retrofit Starts

Speed matters. Control keeps the system ready.

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Why the Night Window Matters

The Work Window Is Short

Overnight access is finite. Every hour must be planned.

Access Is Often Limited

Corridors, freight elevators, and doors constrain movement.

Systems Must Return by Morning

Especially in hospitals and critical facilities.



1. Access

- **Can equipment reach the AHU?**
- **Check doors, elevators, and mechanical rooms**
- **Existing utilities shape the route**

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2. Fit-Up

Will equipment fit existing conditions?

Older AHUs have fixed footprints

Fit-up affects service and maintenance

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3. Modular Sequence

Can sections move in order?

Each module must enter and install without blocking the next.

Sequence reduces rework and delay

Wrong order forces costly removal and repositioning.

Planning starts before the night window

Sequence is defined during pre-installation review, not on-site.

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4. Electrical + Controls



Mechanical install is not the finish line

Power and controls must be ready.



BMS has to align

Fan speed, alarms, and control logic must respond.



No controls, no readiness

Installed equipment still has to operate.

5. Startup readiness

The system has to return to service

Installation is not the finish line.

Check response before turnover

Fans, controls, airflow, alarms, restart.

Ready by morning

The system must support building operations.

FIELD PROOF

NYC Hospital Return Fan Retrofit Completed Live in 7 Hours



Project condition: Critical hospital environment | Limited onsite window.

12,000 CFM

Return airflow restored

**7-hour onsite
window**

Completed under active
hospital operations

What had to align:

- Access + fit-up
- Duct adaptation
- Electrical coordination
- Startup verification

Short-window retrofit work depends on sequence, not speed alone.

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Need the System Back by Morning?

Overnight HVAC Retrofit

Single-night retrofit window

Emergency Fan Replacement

Rapid response for critical failures

Fan Array / AHU Retrofit

Modular planning for complex sites

Request an Engineering Site Assessment

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