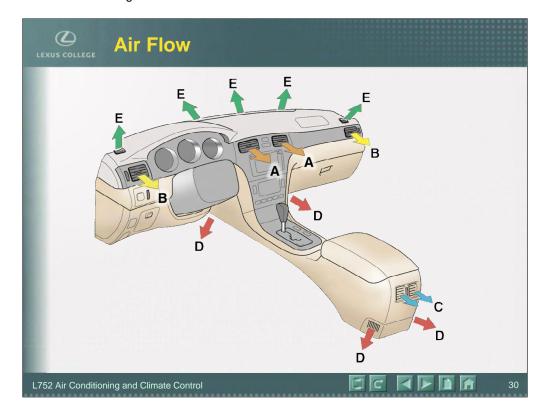


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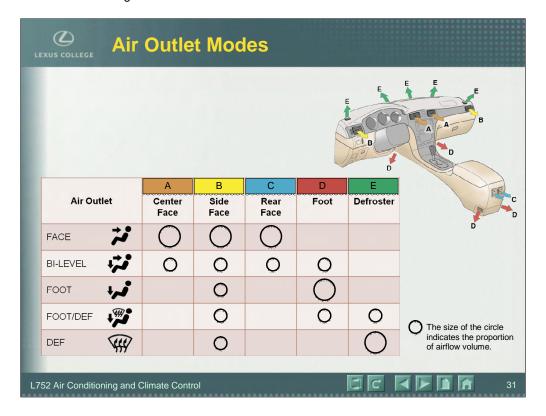
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# Air Flow and Outlet Modes

The way conditioned air is distributed inside the vehicle has a great effect on the passengers' perception of comfort. For this reason, a network of ducts and vents distribute air in the cabin according to driver and passenger selections.

The term "outlet modes" refers to the various combinations of vents the driver or occupant can select for delivering conditioned air.



## Air Outlet Modes

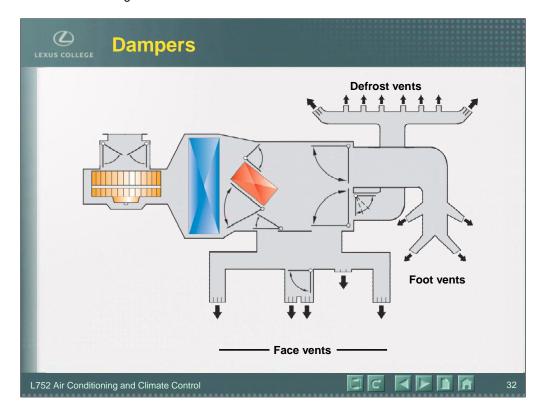
Air outlet modes enable occupants to direct air flow to the vents or combination of vents that will provide the greatest comfort. The following air outlets are standard in automotive A/C systems:

- Face Dashboard ducts with adjustable directional vanes that can direct air toward the face or body
- Foot Ducts exiting below the dash and directed toward the floor
- Defrost Ducts on top of the dash directed toward the interior windshield

In addition, two selectable modes that provide air flow to a specific combination of vents are also fairly standard:

- Bi-Level Directs air through both the face and foot vents
- Foot/Defrost Directs air through the defrost and foot vents

Notice in the chart above that the Foot and Foot/Def modes automatically direct air through ducts other than the ones specifically selected.



**Air Inlet Damper** In FRESH mode, the air inlet damper allows fresh air into the system.

In RECIRC mode, it pulls air from inside the cabin. The A/C can switch between FRESH and RECIRC as needed to keep the cabin air

clean.

**Blower Motor** 

Air Mix Temp.

MAX Cool Damper

**Outlet Mode** 

A multispeed blower motor moves the incoming air through the

evaporator.

**Control** The air mix blend doors combine cold air from the evaporator with hot

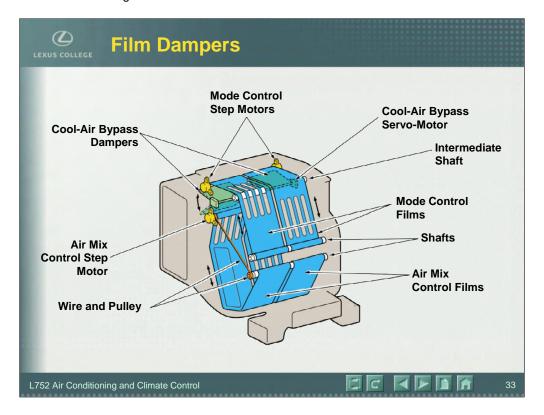
air from the heater core to achieve the selected temperature.

MAX Cool opens an additional air flow passage that increases air volume through the evaporator. It may also set the air inlet door position to RECIRC to take advantage of the pre-cooled and dehumidified interior air, and close the heater control valve to

improve cooling.

**Dampers** The outlet mode dampers adjust airflow to the vents to select between DEFROST, FACE, BI-LEVEL and FOOT modes.

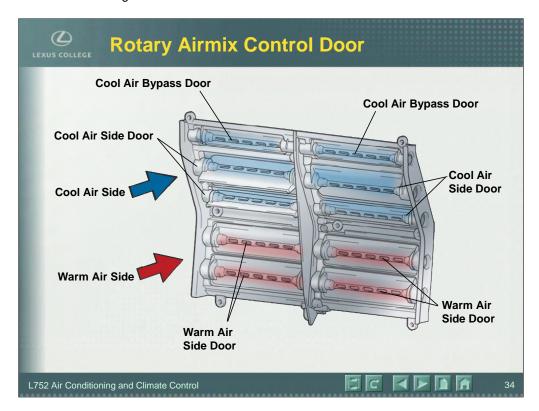
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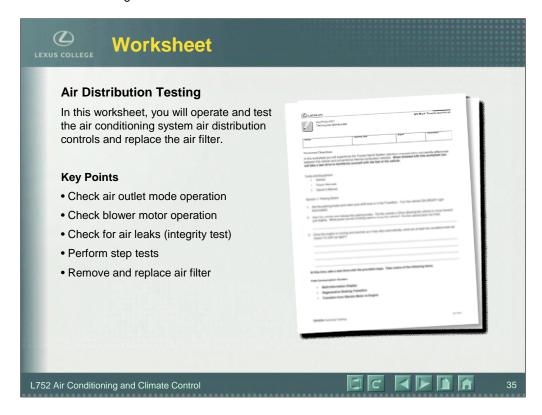
### **Film Dampers**

Instead of using swinging damper doors to direct airflow through the ducts, some Lexus vehicles use a film damper mechanism. This mechanism contains a thin film material with openings in it similar to a camera shutter or player piano. Servomotors roll and unroll the sheet into position so the correct openings align with the various ducts to provide the desired airflow.

Some vehicles use two film dampers: one that mixes fresh and recirculated air to regulate the air temperature, and the other to control the air distribution modes (Face, Foot, Defrost, etc.).



**Rotary Airmix** Some A/C systems use a compact, light-weight rotary airmix control door.



Use this space to write down any questions you may have for your instructor.

### **NOTES:**