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The VM2iQ internal VendingMiser has demonstrated to be an effective energy saving control for beverage vending machines. Adding the control resulted in savings of up to 26% on machines tested in our laboratory. Up to 19% savings were achieved on machines in locations with 12-hours of purchase activity per day.

The Coca-Cola Company accepts the VM2iQ internal VendingMiser as a viable add-on energy management control for all existing beverage vending machines.

The amount of energy saved is dependent on the age of the vending machine (efficiency of powered components), the environment where placed (indoor vs. outdoor), and the sales activity for the machine. There is less energy savings on newer machines, on machines placed in colder environments, and on machines that have more beverage sales.

The VM2iQ kept the beverages cold in the vending machines. The temperature of some product drifts up to 5°F warmer than preferred during the energy savings mode. However, the temperature recovers quickly when the VM2iQ powers-on the refrigeration system. Product temperatures are acceptable when there is a potential for sales (during normal sales activity).

The VM2iQ does not harm the vendor, and permits the machine and all of its peripheral components to operate normally. However, the control does cause a DEX (Vending Machine Controller Data Exchange) error to be falsely generated, giving the misleading indication of a refrigeration problem. Service Centers that use DEX information to dispatch a technician may have difficulty deciphering the difference between energy saving mode and an actual operating problem. Also, we have no evidence that any add-on device will extend the life of a vending machine, or that less maintenance will result. Over time service information will reveal the maintenance savings provided by a VM2iQ.

Our Bottlers are not obligated to install or maintain an internal VendingMiser should a customer account purchase the VM2iQ. That decision is made by the individual Bottler and his customer. Should a customer desire to cut energy with a vending machine at his location, the VM2iQ is control upgrade that will provide savings.

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