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Soln

Let y represent fresh air

Rate of Accumulator = rate of inflow - rate of outflow

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 600 - 0.03y$$

$$\text{Rate of outflow} = \frac{600}{20000} \times y = 0.03y$$

$$\text{Rate of Inflow} = 100 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -0.03(y - 20000)$$

$$\frac{dy}{(y - 20000)} = -0.03 dt$$

$$\ln(y - 20000) = -0.03t + C$$

$$y - 20000 = e^{-0.03t} + C$$

$$y = 20000 + y_0 e^{-0.03t}$$

If the room contained no fresh air $y = 0$, $t = 0$

$$0 = 20000 + y_0$$

$$y_0 = -20000$$

$$y = 20000 - 20000 e^{-0.03t}$$

$$y = 20000 (1 - e^{-0.03t})$$

This is the model for the amount of air at any time t

b) Room contains 20000 ft^3 of air 90% of 20000
 $= 18000 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$

From the model

$$y = 20000 (1 - e^{-0.03t})$$

$$18000 = 20000 (1 - e^{-0.03t})$$

$$e^{-0.03t} = 0.1$$

$$-0.03t = \ln(0.1)$$

$$-0.03t = -2.303$$

$$t = \frac{2.303}{0.03}$$

$$= 76.77 \text{ min}$$

d From the dynamic response plotted the steady-state value of the amount of fresh air in the room is $20,000 \text{ ft}^3$ of air

e It was noticed that the value of amount of fresh air steadily increases until it got to $20,000 \text{ ft}^3$ of air. Therefore despite the increase in time the amount of fresh air remained $20,000 \text{ ft}^3$ giving the steady-state value in conclusion, $20,000 \text{ ft}^3$ of air is the maximum air for the room