

# CHAPTER 1 [CE]

## SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION

### PART 1—SCOPE AND APPLICATION

#### SECTION C101

##### SCOPE AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

###### C101.1 Title.

~~This code shall be known as the International Energy Conservation Code of [NAME OF JURISDICTION], and shall be cited as such. It is referred to herein as “this code.”~~ This code shall be known as the North Carolina Energy Conservation Code as adopted by the North Carolina Building Code Council on xxxxxx, to be effective January 1, 2019. References to the International Codes shall mean the North Carolina Codes. The NCECC is referred to herein as “this code.”

###### C101.2 Scope.

This code applies to *commercial buildings* and the buildings’ sites and associated systems and equipment.

**Exception:** Energy expended in support of *process energy* applications does not invoke energy conservation code requirements or building thermal envelope requirements unless otherwise required in specific sections of this code.

###### C101.3 Intent.

This code shall regulate the design and construction of buildings for the effective use and conservation of energy over the useful life of each building. This code is intended to provide flexibility to permit the use of innovative approaches and techniques to achieve this objective. This code is not intended to abridge safety, health or environmental requirements contained in other applicable codes or ordinances.

###### C101.4 Applicability.

Where, in any specific case, different sections of this code specify different materials, methods of construction or other requirements, the most restrictive shall govern. Where there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement, the specific requirement shall govern.

###### C101.4.1 Mixed occupancy.

Where a building includes both *residential* and *commercial* occupancies, each occupancy shall be separately considered and meet the applicable provisions of IECC—Commercial Provisions or IECC—Residential Provisions.

###### C101.5 Compliance.

*Residential buildings* shall meet the provisions of IECC—Residential Provisions. *Commercial buildings* shall meet the provisions of IECC—Commercial Provisions.

#### **C101.5.1 Compliance materials.**

The *code official* shall be permitted to approve specific computer software, worksheets, compliance manuals and other similar materials that meet the intent of this code.

**C101.5.2 Requirements of other State Agencies, occupational licensing boards, or commissions.** The North Carolina State Building Codes do not include all additional requirements for buildings and structures that may be imposed by other State agencies, occupational licensing boards, and commissions. It shall be the responsibility of a permit holder, design professional, contractor, or occupational license holder to determine whether any additional requirements exist.

### **SECTION C102 ALTERNATE MATERIALS—METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN OR INSULATING SYSTEMS**

#### **C102.1 General.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~This code is not intended to prevent the use of any material, method of construction, design or insulating system not specifically prescribed herein, provided that such construction, design or insulating system has been approved by the code official as meeting the intent of this code.~~

#### **C102.1.1 Above code programs.**

Deleted. ~~The code official or other authority having jurisdiction shall be permitted to deem a national, state or local energy efficiency program to exceed the energy efficiency required by this code. Buildings approved in writing by such an energy efficiency program shall be considered in compliance with this code. The requirements identified as “mandatory” in Chapter 4 shall be met.~~

## **PART 2—ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

### **SECTION C103 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS**

#### **C103.1 General.**

Construction documents and other supporting data shall be submitted in one or more sets with each application for a permit. The construction documents shall be prepared by a registered design professional where required by the statutes of the jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed. ~~Where special conditions exist, the code official is authorized to require necessary construction documents to be prepared by a registered design professional.~~

**Exception:** The *code official* is authorized to waive the requirements for construction documents or other supporting data if the *code official* determines they are not necessary to confirm compliance with this code.

#### **C103.2 Information on construction documents.**

Construction documents shall be drawn to scale ~~upon suitable material~~. Electronic media

documents are permitted to be submitted where *approved* by the *code official*. Construction documents shall be of sufficient clarity to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed, and show in sufficient detail pertinent data and features of the building, systems and equipment as herein governed. Details shall include, but are not limited to, the following as applicable:

1. Insulation materials and their *R*-values.
2. Fenestration *U*-factors and solar heat gain coefficients (SHGCs).
3. Area-weighted *U*-factor and solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) calculations.
4. Mechanical system design criteria.
5. Mechanical and service water heating system and equipment types, sizes and efficiencies.
6. Economizer description.
7. Equipment and system controls.
8. Fan motor horsepower (hp) and controls.
9. Duct sealing, duct and pipe insulation and location.
10. Lighting fixture schedule with wattage and control narrative.
11. ~~Deleted. Location of daylight zones on floor plans.~~
12. Air sealing details.

#### **C103.2.1 Building thermal envelope depiction.**

The *building's thermal envelope* shall be identified ~~represented~~ on the construction drawings.

#### **C103.3 Examination of documents.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. The code official shall examine or cause to be examined the accompanying construction documents and shall ascertain whether the construction indicated and described is in accordance with the requirements of this code and other pertinent laws or ordinances. The code official is authorized to utilize a registered design professional, or other approved entity not affiliated with the building design or construction, in conducting the review of the plans and specifications for compliance with the code.~~

#### **C103.3.1 Approval of construction documents.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. When the code official issues a permit where construction documents are required, the construction documents shall be endorsed in writing and stamped "Reviewed for Code Compliance." Such approved~~

~~construction documents shall not be changed, modified or altered without authorization from the code official. Work shall be done in accordance with the approved construction documents.~~

~~One set of construction documents so reviewed shall be retained by the code official. The other set shall be returned to the applicant, kept at the site of work and shall be open to inspection by the code official or a duly authorized representative.~~

#### **C103.3.2 Previous approvals.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. This code shall not require changes in the construction documents, construction or designated occupancy of a structure for which a lawful permit has been heretofore issued or otherwise lawfully authorized, and the construction of which has been pursued in good faith within 180 days after the effective date of this code and has not been abandoned.~~

#### **C103.3.3 Phased approval.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. The code official shall have the authority to issue a permit for the construction of part of an energy conservation system before the construction documents for the entire system have been submitted or approved, provided adequate information and detailed statements have been filed complying with all pertinent requirements of this code. The holders of such permit shall proceed at their own risk without assurance that the permit for the entire energy conservation system will be granted.~~

#### **C103.4 Amended construction documents.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. Changes made during construction that are not in compliance with the approved construction documents shall be resubmitted for approval as an amended set of construction documents.~~

#### **C103.5 Retention of construction documents.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. One set of approved construction documents shall be retained by the code official for a period of not less than 180 days from date of completion of the permitted work, or as required by state or local laws.~~

## **SECTION C104 INSPECTIONS**

#### **C104.1 General.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. Construction or work for which a permit is required shall be subject to inspection by the code official or his or her designated agent, and such construction or work shall remain accessible and exposed for inspection purposes until approved. It shall be the duty of the permit applicant to cause the work to remain accessible and exposed for inspection purposes. Neither the code official nor the jurisdiction shall be liable for expense entailed in the removal or replacement of any material, product, system or building component required to allow inspection to validate compliance with this code.~~

#### **C104.2 Required inspections.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. The code official or his or her designated agent, upon notification, shall make the inspections set forth in Sections C104.2.1 through C104.2.6.~~

#### **C104.2.1 Footing and foundation inspection.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~Inspections associated with footings and foundations shall verify compliance with the code as to *R*-value, location, thickness, depth of burial and protection of insulation as required by the code and approved plans and specifications.~~

#### **C104.2.2 Framing and rough-in inspection.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~Inspections at framing and rough-in shall be made before application of interior finish and shall verify compliance with the code as to types of insulation and corresponding *R*-values and their correct location and proper installation; fenestration properties (*U*-factor, SHGC and VT) and proper installation; and air leakage controls as required by the code and approved plans and specifications.~~

#### **C104.2.3 Plumbing rough-in inspection.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~Inspections at plumbing rough-in shall verify compliance as required by the code and approved plans and specifications as to types of insulation and corresponding *R*-values and protection; required controls; and required heat traps.~~

#### **C104.2.4 Mechanical rough-in inspection.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~Inspections at mechanical rough-in shall verify compliance as required by the code and approved plans and specifications as to installed HVAC equipment type and size; required controls, system insulation and corresponding *R*-value; system and damper air leakage; and required energy recovery and economizers.~~

#### **C104.2.5 Electrical rough-in inspection.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~Inspections at electrical rough-in shall verify compliance as required by the code and approved plans and specifications as to installed lighting systems, components and controls; and installation of an electric meter for each dwelling unit.~~

#### **C104.2.6 Final inspection.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~The building shall have a final inspection and shall not be occupied until approved. The final inspection shall include verification of the installation and proper operation of all required building controls, and documentation verifying activities associated with required building commissioning have been conducted and findings of noncompliance corrected. Buildings, or portions thereof, shall not be considered for a final inspection until the code official has received a letter of transmittal from the building owner acknowledging that the building owner has received the Preliminary Commissioning Report as required in Section C408.2.4.~~

#### **C104.3 Reinspection.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~A building shall be reinspected when determined necessary by the code official.~~

#### **C104.4 Approved inspection agencies.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~The code official is authorized to accept reports of third-party inspection agencies not affiliated with the building design or construction,~~

~~provided such agencies are approved as to qualifications and reliability relevant to the building components and systems they are inspecting.~~

#### **C104.5 Inspection requests.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. It shall be the duty of the holder of the permit or their duly authorized agent to notify the code official when work is ready for inspection. It shall be the duty of the permit holder to provide access to and means for inspections of such work that are required by this code.~~

#### **C104.6 Reinspection and testing.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. Where any work or installation does not pass an initial test or inspection, the necessary corrections shall be made to achieve compliance with this code. The work or installation shall then be resubmitted to the code official for inspection and testing.~~

#### **C104.7 Approval.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. After the prescribed tests and inspections indicate that the work complies in all respects with this code, a notice of approval shall be issued by the code official.~~

##### **C104.7.1 Revocation.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. The code official is authorized to, in writing, suspend or revoke a notice of approval issued under the provisions of this code wherever the certificate is issued in error, or on the basis of incorrect information supplied, or where it is determined that the building or structure, premise, or portion thereof is in violation of any ordinance or regulation or any of the provisions of this code.~~

### **SECTION C105 VALIDITY**

#### **C105.1 General.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. If a portion of this code is held to be illegal or void, such a decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this code.~~

### **SECTION C106 REFERENCED STANDARDS**

#### **C106.1 Referenced codes and standards.**

The codes and standards referenced in this code shall be those listed in Chapter 6, and such codes and standards shall be considered as part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference and as further regulated in Sections C106.1.1 and C106.1.2.

##### **C106.1.1 Conflicts.**

Where conflicts occur between provisions of this code and referenced codes and standards, the provisions of this code shall apply.

##### **C106.1.2 Provisions in referenced codes and standards.**

Where the extent of the reference to a referenced code or standard includes subject matter

that is within the scope of this code, the provisions of this code, as applicable, shall take precedence over the provisions in the referenced code or standard.

### **C106.2 Application of references.**

References to chapter or section numbers, or to provisions not specifically identified by number, shall be construed to refer to such chapter, section or provision of this code.

### **C106.3 Other laws.**

The provisions of this code shall not be deemed to nullify any provisions of local, state or federal law.

## **SECTION C107 FEES**

### **C107.1 Fees.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~A permit shall not be issued until the fees prescribed in Section C107.2 have been paid, nor shall an amendment to a permit be released until the additional fee, if any, has been paid.~~

### **C107.2 Schedule of permit fees.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~A fee for each permit shall be paid as required, in accordance with the schedule as established by the applicable governing authority.~~

### **C107.3 Work commencing before permit issuance.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~Any person who commences any work before obtaining the necessary permits shall be subject to an additional fee established by the code official that shall be in addition to the required permit fees.~~

### **C107.4 Related fees.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~The payment of the fee for the construction, alteration, removal or demolition of work done in connection to or concurrently with the work or activity authorized by a permit shall not relieve the applicant or holder of the permit from the payment of other fees that are prescribed by law.~~

### **C107.5 Refunds.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~The code official is authorized to establish a refund policy.~~

## **SECTION C108 STOP WORK ORDER**

### **C108.1 Authority.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~Where the code official finds any work regulated by this code being performed in a manner either contrary to the provisions of this code or dangerous or unsafe, the code official is authorized to issue a stop work order.~~

### **C108.2 Issuance.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~The stop work order shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property involved, the owner's authorized agent, or to the~~



~~person doing the work. Upon issuance of a stop work order, the cited work shall immediately cease. The stop work order shall state the reason for the order and the conditions under which the cited work will be permitted to resume.~~

### **C108.3 Emergencies.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. Where an emergency exists, the code official shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work.~~

### **C108.4 Failure to comply.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine as set by the applicable governing authority.~~

## **SECTION C109 BOARD OF APPEALS**

### **C109.1 General.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. In order to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the code official relative to the application and interpretation of this code, there shall be and is hereby created a board of appeals. The code official shall be an ex-officio member of said board but shall not have a vote on any matter before the board. The board of appeals shall be appointed by the governing body and shall hold office at its pleasure. The board shall adopt rules of procedure for conducting its business, and shall render all decisions and findings in writing to the appellant with a duplicate copy to the code official.~~

### **C109.2 Limitations on authority.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply or an equally good or better form of construction is proposed. The board shall not have authority to waive requirements of this code.~~

### **C109.3 Qualifications.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. The board of appeals shall consist of members who are qualified by experience and training and are not employees of the jurisdiction.~~



## CHAPTER 2 [CE] DEFINITIONS

### SECTION C201 GENERAL

#### **C201.1 Scope.**

Unless stated otherwise, the following words and terms in this code shall have the meanings indicated in this chapter.

#### **C201.2 Interchangeability.**

Words used in the present tense include the future; words in the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter; the singular number includes the plural and the plural includes the singular.

#### **C201.3 Terms defined in other codes.**

Terms that are not defined in this code but are defined in the *International Building Code*, *International Fire Code*, *International Fuel Gas Code*, *International Mechanical Code*, *International Plumbing Code* or the *International Residential Code* shall have the meanings ascribed to them in those codes.

#### **C201.4 Terms not defined.**

Terms not defined by this chapter shall have ordinarily accepted meanings such as the context implies.

### SECTION C202 GENERAL DEFINITIONS

**ABOVE-GRADE WALL.** See “Wall, above-grade.”

**ACCESSIBLE.** Admitting close approach as a result of not being guarded by locked doors, elevation or other effective means (see “Readily *accessible*”).

**ACH75.** Air Changes per Hour of measured air flow in relation to the building volume while the building is maintained at a pressure difference of 75 pascals (0.30 in wg).

**ADDITION.** An extension or increase in the *conditioned space* floor area or height of a building or structure.

**AIR BARRIER.** Materials assembled and joined together to provide a barrier to air leakage through the building envelope. An air barrier may be a single material or a combination of materials.

**AIR CURTAIN.** A device, installed at the building entrance, that generates and discharges a laminar air stream intended to prevent the infiltration of external, unconditioned air into the conditioned spaces, or the loss of interior, conditioned air to the outside.

**ALTERATION.** Any construction, retrofit or renovation to an existing structure other than repair or addition that requires a permit. Also, a change in a building, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system that involves an extension, addition or change to the arrangement, type or purpose of the original installation that requires a permit.

**APPROVED.** ~~Approval by the code official as a result of investigation and tests conducted by him or her, or by reason of accepted principles or tests by nationally recognized organizations.~~ Acceptable to the code official for compliance with the provisions of the applicable Code or reference standard.

**APPROVED AGENCY.** An established and recognized agency regularly engaged in conducting tests or furnishing inspection services when such agency has been approved by the code official.

**AUTOMATIC.** Self-acting, operating by its own mechanism when actuated by some impersonal influence, as, for example, a change in current strength, pressure, temperature or mechanical configuration (see “Manual”).

**BELOW-GRADE WALL.** See “Wall, below-grade.”

**BOILER, MODULATING.** A boiler that is capable of more than a single firing rate in response to a varying temperature or heating load.

**BOILER SYSTEM.** One or more boilers, their piping and controls that work together to supply steam or hot water to heat output devices remote from the boiler.

**BUBBLE POINT.** ~~The refrigerant liquid saturation temperature at a specified pressure.~~

**BUILDING.** Any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy, ~~including any mechanical systems, service water heating systems and electric power and lighting systems located on the building site and supporting the building.~~

**BUILDING COMMISSIONING.** A process that verifies and documents that the selected building systems have been designed, installed, and function according to the owner’s project requirements and construction documents, and to minimum code requirements.

**BUILDING ENTRANCE.** Any door, set of doors, doorway, or other form of portal that is used to gain access to the building from the outside by the public.

**BUILDING SITE.** A contiguous area of land that is under the ownership or control of one entity.

**BUILDING THERMAL ENVELOPE.** The “walls, below-grade”, ~~basement walls,~~ exterior walls, floor, roof and any other building elements that enclose *conditioned space* or provide a boundary between *conditioned space* and exempt or *unconditioned space*.

**C-FACTOR (THERMAL CONDUCTANCE).** The coefficient of heat transmission (surface to surface) through a building component or assembly, equal to the time rate of heat flow per unit area and the unit temperature difference between the warm side and cold side surfaces (Btu/h · ft<sup>2</sup> · °F) [W/(m<sup>2</sup> · K)].

**CIRCULATING HOT WATER SYSTEM.** A specifically designed water distribution system where one or more pumps are operated in the service hot water piping to circulate heated water from the water-heating equipment to the fixture supply and back to the water-heating equipment.

**CLIMATE ZONE.** A geographical region based on climatic criteria as specified in this code.

**CODE OFFICIAL.** The officer or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of this code, or a duly authorized representative.

**COEFFICIENT OF PERFORMANCE (COP) – COOLING.** The ratio of the rate of heat input, in consistent units, for a complete refrigerating system or some specific portion of that system under designated operating conditions.

**COEFFICIENT OF PERFORMANCE (COP) – HEATING.** The ratio of the rate of heat delivered to the rate of energy input, in consistent units, for a complete heat pump system, including the compressor and, if applicable, auxiliary heat, under designated operating conditions.

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING.** For this code, all buildings that are not included in the definition of “Residential building.”

**COMPUTER ROOM.** A room whose primary function is to house equipment for the processing and storage of electronic data and that has a design electronic data equipment power density exceeding 20 watts per square foot of conditioned floor area.

**CONDENSING UNIT.** A factory-made assembly of refrigeration components designed to compress and liquefy a specific refrigerant. The unit consists of one or more refrigerant compressors, refrigerant condensers (air-cooled, evaporatively cooled, or water-cooled), condenser fans and motors (where used) and factory-supplied accessories.

**CONDITIONED FLOOR AREA.** The horizontal projection of the floors associated with the *conditioned space*.

**CONDITIONED SPACE.** ~~An area, room or space that is enclosed within the building thermal envelope and is directly or indirectly heated or cooled. Spaces are indirectly heated or cooled where they communicate through openings with conditioned spaces, where they are separated from conditioned spaces by uninsulated walls, floors or ceilings, or where they contain uninsulated ducts, piping or other sources of heating or cooling.~~

A space within a building that is provided with heating or cooling equipment or systems capable of maintaining, through design or heat loss/gain, 50°F (10°C) during the heating season or 85°F (29°C) during the cooling season, or communicates directly with a conditioned space. Spaces within the building thermal envelope are considered conditioned space.

**CONTINUOUS AIR BARRIER.** A combination of materials and assemblies that restrict or prevent the passage of air through the building thermal envelope.

**CONTINUOUS INSULATION (ci).** Insulating material that is continuous across all structural members without thermal bridges other than fasteners and service openings. It is installed on the interior or exterior or is integral to any opaque surface of the building envelope.

~~**CRAWL SPACE WALL.** The opaque portion of a wall that encloses a crawl space and is partially or totally below grade.~~

**CURTAIN WALL.** Fenestration products used to create an external nonload-bearing wall that is designed to separate the exterior and interior environments.

**DAYLIGHT RESPONSIVE CONTROL.** A device or system that provides automatic control of electric light levels based on the amount of daylight in a space.

**DAYLIGHT ZONE.** That portion of a building's interior floor area that is illuminated by natural light.

**DEMAND CONTROL VENTILATION (DCV).** A ventilation system capability that provides for the automatic reduction of outdoor air intake below design rates when the actual occupancy of spaces served by the system is less than design occupancy.

~~**DEMAND RECIRCULATION WATER SYSTEM.** A water distribution system where pumps prime the service hot water piping with heated water upon demand for hot water.~~

**DUCT.** A tube or conduit utilized for conveying air. The air passages of self-contained systems are not to be construed as air ducts.

**DUCT SYSTEM.** A continuous passageway for the transmission of air that, in addition to ducts, includes duct fittings, dampers, plenums, fans and accessory air-handling equipment and appliances.

**[B] DWELLING UNIT.** A single unit providing complete independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.

**DYNAMIC GLAZING.** Any fenestration product that has the fully reversible ability to change its performance properties, including *U*-factor, solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC), or visible transmittance (VT).

**ECONOMIZER, AIR.** A duct and damper arrangement and automatic control system that allows a cooling system to supply outside air to reduce or eliminate the need for mechanical cooling during mild or cold weather.

**ECONOMIZER, WATER.** A system where the supply air of a cooling system is cooled indirectly with water that is itself cooled by heat or mass transfer to the environment without the use of mechanical cooling.

**ENCLOSED SPACE.** A volume surrounded by solid surfaces such as walls, floors, roofs, and openable devices such as doors and operable windows.

**ENERGY ANALYSIS.** A method for estimating the annual energy use of the *proposed design* and *standard reference design* based on estimates of energy use.

**ENERGY COST.** The total estimated annual cost for purchased energy for the building functions regulated by this code, including applicable demand charges.

**[M] ENERGY RECOVERY VENTILATION SYSTEM.** Systems that employ air-to-air heat exchangers to recover energy from exhaust air for the purpose of preheating, precooling, humidifying or dehumidifying outdoor ventilation air prior to supplying the air to a space, either directly or as part of an HVAC system.

**ENERGY SIMULATION TOOL.** An *approved* software program or calculation-based methodology that projects the annual energy use of a building.

**ENTRANCE DOOR.** Fenestration products used for ingress, egress and access in nonresidential buildings, including, but not limited to, exterior entrances that utilize latching hardware and automatic closers and contain over 50-percent glass specifically designed to withstand heavy use and possibly abuse.

**EQUIPMENT ROOM.** A space that contains either electrical equipment, mechanical equipment, machinery, water pumps or hydraulic pumps that are a function of the building's services.

**EXTERIOR WALL.** Walls including both above-grade walls and ~~basement walls~~ "walls, below-grade".

**FAN BRAKE HORSEPOWER (BHP).** The horsepower delivered to the fan's shaft. Brake horsepower does not include the mechanical drive losses (belts, gears, etc.).

~~**FAN EFFICIENCY GRADE (FEG).** A numerical rating identifying the fan's aerodynamic ability to convert shaft power, or impeller power in the case of a direct-driven fan, to air power.~~

**FAN SYSTEM BHP.** The sum of the fan brake horsepower of all fans that are required to operate at fan system design conditions to supply air from the heating or cooling source to the *conditioned spaces* and return it to the source or exhaust it to the outdoors.

**FAN SYSTEM DESIGN CONDITIONS.** Operating conditions that can be expected to occur during normal system operation that result in the highest supply fan airflow rate to conditioned spaces served by the system.

**FAN SYSTEM MOTOR NAMEPLATE HP.** The sum of the motor nameplate horsepower of all fans that are required to operate at design conditions to supply air from the heating or cooling source to the *conditioned spaces* and return it to the source or exhaust it to the outdoors.

**FENESTRATION.** Products classified as either vertical fenestration or skylights.

**Skylight.** Glass or other transparent or translucent glazing material installed at a slope of less than 60 degrees (1.05 rad) from horizontal.

**Vertical fenestration.** Windows (fixed or moveable), opaque doors, glazed doors, glazed block and combination opaque/glazed doors composed of glass or other transparent or translucent glazing materials and installed at a slope of at least 60 degrees (1.05 rad) from horizontal.

**FENESTRATION PRODUCT, FIELD-FABRICATED.** A fenestration product whose frame is made at the construction site of standard dimensional lumber or other materials that were not previously cut, or otherwise formed with the specific intention of being used to fabricate a fenestration product or exterior door. Field fabricated does not include site-built fenestration.

**FENESTRATION PRODUCT, SITE-BUILT.** A fenestration designed to be made up of field-glazed or field-assembled units using specific factory cut or otherwise factory-formed framing and glazing units. Examples of site-built fenestration include storefront systems, curtain walls, and atrium roof systems.

**F-FACTOR.** The perimeter heat loss factor for slab-on-grade floors (Btu/h ft °F) [W/(m K)].

**FLOOR AREA, NET.** The actual occupied area not including unoccupied accessory areas such as corridors, stairways, toilet rooms, mechanical rooms and closets.

**GENERAL LIGHTING.** Lighting that provides a substantially uniform level of illumination throughout an area. General lighting shall not include decorative lighting or lighting that provides a dissimilar level of illumination to serve a specialized application or feature within such area.

**GENERAL PURPOSE ELECTRIC MOTOR (SUBTYPE I).** A motor that is designed in standard ratings with either of the following:

1. Standard operating characteristics and standard mechanical construction for use under usual service conditions, such as those specified in NEMA MG1, paragraph 14.02, "Usual Service Conditions," and without restriction to a particular application or type of application.
2. Standard operating characteristics or standard mechanical construction for use under unusual service conditions, such as those specified in NEMA MG1, paragraph 14.03, "Unusual Service Conditions," or for a particular type of application, and that can be used in most general purpose applications.

General purpose electric motors (Subtype I) are constructed in NEMA T-frame sizes or IEC metric equivalent, starting at 143T.

**GENERAL PURPOSE ELECTRIC MOTOR (SUBTYPE II).** A motor incorporating the design elements of a general purpose electric motor (Subtype I) that is configured as one of the following:

1. A U-frame motor.
2. A Design C motor.
3. A close-coupled pump motor.

4. A footless motor.
5. A vertical, solid-shaft, normal-thrust motor (as tested in a horizontal configuration).
6. An 8-pole motor (900 rpm).
7. A polyphase motor with voltage of not more than 600 volts (other than 230 or 460 volts).

**GREENHOUSE.** A structure or a thermally isolated area of a building that maintains a specialized sunlit environment exclusively used for, and essential to, the cultivation, protection or maintenance of plants.

**HEAT TRAP.** An arrangement of piping and fittings, such as elbows, or a commercially available heat trap that prevents thermosyphoning of hot water during standby periods.

**HEATED SLAB.** Slab-on-grade construction in which the heating elements, hydronic tubing, or hot air distribution system is in contact with, or placed within or under, the slab.

**HIGH SPEED DOOR.** A nonswinging door used primarily to facilitate vehicular access or material transportation, with a minimum opening rate of 32 inches (813 mm) per second, a minimum closing rate of 24 inches (610 mm) per second and that includes an automatic-closing device.

**HISTORIC BUILDING.** Any building or structure that is one or more of the following:

1. Listed, or certified as eligible for listing by the State Historic Preservation Officer or the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places, in the National Register of Historic Places.
2. Designated as historic under an applicable state or local law.
3. Certified as a contributing resource within a National Register-listed, state-designated or locally designated historic district.

**HUMIDISTAT.** A regulatory device, actuated by changes in humidity, used for automatic control of relative humidity.

**INFILTRATION.** The uncontrolled inward air leakage into a building caused by the pressure effects of wind or the effect of differences in the indoor and outdoor air density or both.

**INTEGRATED PART LOAD VALUE (IPLV).** A single-number figure of merit based on part-load EER, COP or kW/ton expressing part-load efficiency for air-conditioning and heat pump equipment on the basis of weighted operation at various load capacities for equipment.

**LABELED.** Appliances, eEquipment, materials or products to which have been affixed a label, seal, symbol or other identifying mark of a nationally recognized testing laboratory, inspection agency or other organization concerned with product evaluation that maintains periodic inspection of the production of the above-labeled items and whose labeling indicates either that the equipment, material or product meets identified standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.



**LAMP.** The device in a lighting fixture that provides illumination, typically a bulb, fluorescent tube, or light emitting diode (LED).

**LINER SYSTEM (Ls).** A system that includes the following:

1. A continuous vapor barrier liner membrane that is installed below the purlins and that is uninterrupted by framing members.
2. An uncompressed, unfaced insulation resting on top of the liner membrane and located between the purlins.

For multilayer installations, the last rated *R-value* of insulation is for unfaced insulation draped over purlins and then compressed when the metal roof panels are attached.

**LISTED.** Appliances, ~~e~~Equipment, materials, products or services included in a list published by an organization acceptable to the *code official* and concerned with evaluation of products or services that maintains periodic inspection of production of *listed* equipment or materials or periodic evaluation of services and whose listing states either that the equipment, material, product or service meets identified standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

**LOW-SLOPED ROOF.** A roof having a slope less than 2 units vertical in 12 units horizontal.

**LOW-VOLTAGE DRY-TYPE DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMER.** A transformer that is air-cooled, does not use oil as a coolant, has an input voltage less than or equal to 600 volts and is rated for operation at a frequency of 60 hertz.

**LOW-VOLTAGE LIGHTING.** Lighting equipment powered through a transformer such as a cable conductor, a rail conductor and track lighting.

**MANUAL.** Capable of being operated by personal intervention (see “Automatic”).

**NAMEPLATE HORSEPOWER.** The nominal motor horsepower rating stamped on the motor nameplate.

**NONSTANDARD PART LOAD VALUE (NPLV).** A single-number part-load efficiency figure of merit calculated and referenced to conditions other than IPLV conditions, for units that are not designed to operate at AHRI standard rating conditions.

**OCCUPANT SENSOR CONTROL.** An automatic control device or system that detects the presence or absence of people within an area and causes lighting, equipment or appliances to be regulated accordingly.

**ON-SITE RENEWABLE ENERGY.** ~~Energy derived from solar radiation, wind, waves, tides, landfill gas, biomass or the internal heat of the earth. The energy system providing on-site renewable energy shall be located on the project site.~~ Includes solar photovoltaic; active solar thermal that employs collection panels, heat transfer mechanical components; wind; small hydro; tidal; wave energy; geothermal (core earth); biomass energy systems; landfill gas and bio-fuel based electrical production. Onsite energy shall be generated on or adjacent to the project site and shall not be delivered to the project through the utility service.

**OPAQUE DOOR.** A door that is not less than 50-percent opaque in surface area.

**POWERED ROOF/WALL VENTILATORS.** A fan consisting of a centrifugal or axial impeller with an integral driver in a weather-resistant housing and with a base designed to fit, usually by means of a curb, over a wall or roof opening.

**PROCESS ENERGY.** Energy consumed in support of manufacturing, industrial, or commercial process other than conditioning spaces and maintaining comfort and amenities for the occupants of a building.

**PROPOSED DESIGN.** A description of the proposed building used to estimate annual energy use for determining compliance based on total building performance.

**RADIANT HEATING SYSTEM.** A heating system that transfers heat to objects and surfaces within a conditioned space, primarily by infrared radiation.

**READILY ACCESSIBLE.** Capable of being reached quickly for operation, renewal or inspection without requiring those to whom ready access is requisite to climb over or remove obstacles or to resort to portable ladders or access equipment (see “Accessible”).

~~**REFRIGERANT DEW POINT.** The refrigerant vapor saturation temperature at a specified pressure.~~

~~**REFRIGERATED WAREHOUSE COOLER.** An enclosed storage space capable of being refrigerated to temperatures above 32°F (0°C), that can be walked into and has a total chilled storage area of not less than 3,000 square feet (279 m<sup>2</sup>).~~

~~**REFRIGERATED WAREHOUSE FREEZER.** An enclosed storage space capable of being refrigerated to temperatures at or below 32°F (0°C), that can be walked into and has a total chilled storage area of not less than 3,000 square feet (279 m<sup>2</sup>).~~

~~**REFRIGERATION SYSTEM, LOW TEMPERATURE.** Systems for maintaining food product in a frozen state in refrigeration applications.~~

~~**REFRIGERATION SYSTEM, MEDIUM TEMPERATURE.** Systems for maintaining food product above freezing in refrigeration applications.~~

~~**REGISTERED LICENSED DESIGN PROFESSIONAL.** An individual who is registered or licensed to practice their respective design profession as defined by the statutory requirements of the professional registration laws of the state or jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed.~~ An individual who is licensed to practice his respective design profession as defined by the statutory requirements of the professional registration laws of the state or jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed. Design by a Licensed Design Professional is not required where exempt under the registration or licensure laws.

**REPAIR.** The reconstruction or renewal of any part of an existing building for the purpose of its maintenance or to correct damage.

**REROOFING.** The process of recovering or replacing an existing roof covering. See “Roof recover” and “Roof replacement.”

**RESIDENTIAL BUILDING.** For this code, includes detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) as well as Group R-2, R-3 and R-4 buildings three stories or less in height above grade plane.

**ROOF ASSEMBLY.** A system designed to provide weather protection and resistance to design loads. The system consists of a roof covering and roof deck or a single component serving as both the roof covering and the roof deck. A roof assembly includes the roof covering, underlayment, roof deck, insulation, vapor retarder and interior finish.

**ROOF RECOVER.** The process of installing an additional roof covering over an existing roof covering without removing the existing roof covering.

**ROOF REPAIR.** Reconstruction or renewal of any part of an existing roof for the purpose of its maintenance.

**ROOF REPLACEMENT.** The process of removing the existing roof covering, repairing any damaged substrate and installing a new roof covering.

**ROOFTOP MONITOR.** A raised section of a roof containing vertical fenestration along one or more sides.

**R-VALUE (THERMAL RESISTANCE).** The inverse of the time rate of heat flow through a body from one of its bounding surfaces to the other surface for a unit temperature difference between the two surfaces, under steady state conditions, per unit area ( $h \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}/\text{Btu}$ ) [ $\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K}/\text{W}$ ].

~~**SATURATED CONDENSING TEMPERATURE.** The saturation temperature corresponding to the measured refrigerant pressure at the condenser inlet for single component and azeotropic refrigerants, and the arithmetic average of the dew point and bubble point temperatures corresponding to the refrigerant pressure at the condenser entrance for zeotropic refrigerants.~~

**SCREW LAMP HOLDERS.** A lamp base that requires a screw-in-type lamp, such as a compact-fluorescent, incandescent or tungsten-halogen bulb.

**SERVICE WATER HEATING.** Supply of hot water for purposes other than comfort heating.

**SHADING COEFFICIENT** The amount of the sun's heat transmitted through a given window compared with that of a standard 1/8- inch-thick single pane of glass under the same conditions.

**SITE-RECOVERED ENERGY.** Waste energy recovered at the building site that is used to off-set consumption of purchased fuel or electrical energy supplies.

**[B] SLEEPING UNIT.** A room or space in which people sleep, which can also include permanent provisions for living, eating, and either sanitation or kitchen facilities but not both. Such rooms and spaces that are also part of a dwelling unit are not *sleeping units*.

**SMALL ELECTRIC MOTOR.** A general purpose, alternating current, single speed induction motor.

**SOLAR ENERGY SOURCE.** Source of thermal, chemical, or electrical energy derived from direct conversion of incident solar radiation at the building site.

**SOLAR HEAT GAIN COEFFICIENT (SHGC).** The ratio of the solar heat gain entering the space through the fenestration assembly to the incident solar radiation. Solar heat gain includes directly transmitted solar heat and absorbed solar radiation which is then reradiated, conducted or convected into the space.

**STANDARD REFERENCE DESIGN.** A version of the *proposed design* that meets the minimum requirements of this code and is used to determine the maximum annual energy use requirement for compliance based on total building performance.

**STOREFRONT.** A nonresidential system of doors and windows mulled as a composite fenestration structure that has been designed to resist heavy use. *Storefront* systems include, but are not limited to, exterior fenestration systems that span from the floor level or above to the ceiling of the same story on commercial buildings, with or without mulled windows and doors.

**THERMOSTAT.** An automatic control device used to maintain temperature at a fixed or adjustable set point.

**TIME SWITCH CONTROL.** An automatic control device or system that controls lighting or other loads, including switching off, based on time schedules.

**U-FACTOR (THERMAL TRANSMITTANCE).** The coefficient of heat transmission (air to air) through a building component or assembly, equal to the time rate of heat flow per unit area and unit temperature difference between the warm side and cold side air films (Btu/h · ft<sup>2</sup> · °F) [W/(m<sup>2</sup> · K)].

**UNCONDITIONED SPACE.** A space within the building but not within the building thermal envelope.

**VARIABLE REFRIGERANT FLOW SYSTEM.** An engineered direct-expansion (DX) refrigerant system that incorporates a common condensing unit, at least one variable-capacity compressor, a distributed refrigerant piping network to multiple indoor fan heating and cooling units each capable of individual zone temperature control, through integral zone temperature control devices and a common communications network. Variable refrigerant flow utilizes three or more steps of control on common interconnecting piping.

**VAPOR RETARDER CLASS 1.** A measure of the ability of a material or assembly to limit the amount of moisture that passes through that material or assembly. Vapor retarder class 1 is defined as 0.1 perm or less when using the desiccant method with Procedure A of ASTM 96.

**[M] VENTILATION.** The natural or mechanical process of supplying conditioned or unconditioned air to, or removing such air from, any space.

**[M] VENTILATION AIR.** That portion of supply air that comes from outside (outdoors) plus any recirculated air that has been treated to maintain the desired quality of air within a designated space.

**VISIBLE TRANSMITTANCE [VT].** The ratio of visible light entering the space through the fenestration product assembly to the incident visible light. Visible transmittance includes the effects of glazing material and frame and is expressed as a number between 0 and 1.

**WALK-IN COOLER.** An enclosed storage space capable of being refrigerated to temperatures above 32°F (0°C) and less than 55°F (12.8°C) that can be walked into, has a ceiling height of not less than 7 feet (2134 mm) and has a total chilled storage area of less than 3,000 square feet (279 m<sup>2</sup>).

**WALK-IN FREEZER.** An enclosed storage space capable of being refrigerated to temperatures at or below 32°F (0°C) that can be walked into, has a ceiling height of not less than 7 feet (2134 mm) and has a total chilled storage area of less than 3,000 square feet (279 m<sup>2</sup>).

**WALL, ABOVE-GRADE.** A wall associated with the *building thermal envelope* that is more than 15 percent above grade and is on the exterior of the building or any wall that is associated with the *building thermal envelope* that is not on the exterior of the building.

**WALL, BELOW-GRADE.** A wall associated with the basement or first story of the building that is part of the *building thermal envelope*, is not less than 85 percent below grade and is on the exterior of the building.

**WATER HEATER.** Any heating appliance or equipment that heats potable water and supplies such water to the potable hot water distribution system.

**ZONE.** A space or group of spaces within a building with heating or cooling requirements that are sufficiently similar so that desired conditions can be maintained throughout using a single controlling device.

# CHAPTER 3 [CE] GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

## SECTION C301 CLIMATE ZONES

### C301.1 General.

Climate zones from Figure C301.1 or Table C301.1 shall be used in determining the applicable requirements from Chapter 4. ~~Locations not in Table C301.1 (outside the United States) shall be assigned a climate zone based on Section C301.3.~~

### C301.2 Warm humid counties.

Warm humid counties are identified in Table C301.1 by an asterisk.

### C301.3 International climate zones.

~~Deleted. Note: Table C301.3(1) and Table C301.3(2) contain no NC requirements but are retained for information only. The climate zone for any location outside the United States shall be determined by applying Table C301.3(1) and then Table C301.3(2).~~

### C301.4 Tropical climate zone.

~~Deleted. The tropical climate zone shall be defined as:~~

- ~~1. Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands; and~~
- ~~2. Islands in the area between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.~~

**TABLE C301.1**  
**NORTH CAROLINA CLIMATE ZONES, MOISTURE REGIMES, AND WARM-HUMID**  
**DESIGNATIONS**  
**BY COUNTY**

**Key: A – Moist, B – Dry, C – Marine. Absence of moisture designation indicates moisture regime is irrelevant.**

**Asterisk (\*) indicates a warm-humid location.**

**NORTH**  
**CAROLINA**  
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4A Alexander  
5A Alleghany  
3A Anson  
5A Ashe  
5A Avery  
3A Beaufort

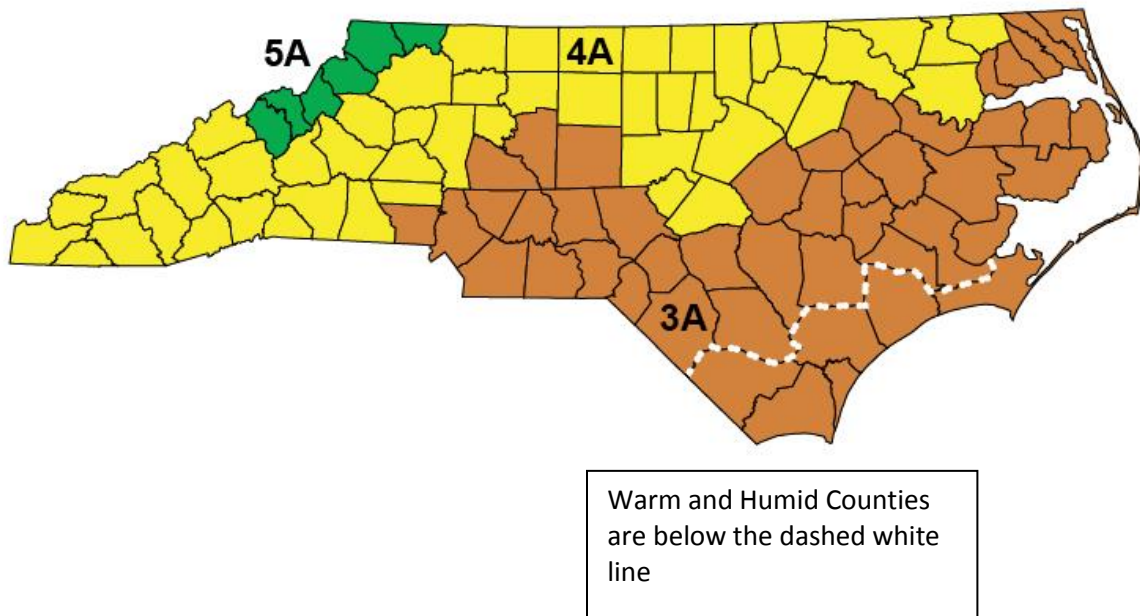
4A Bertie  
3A Bladen  
3A Brunswick\*  
4A Buncombe  
4A Burke  
3A Cabarrus  
4A Caldwell  
3A Camden  
3A Carteret\*

4A Caswell  
4A Catawba  
4A Chatham  
4A Cherokee  
3A Chowan  
4A Clay  
4A Cleveland  
3A Columbus\*  
3A Craven

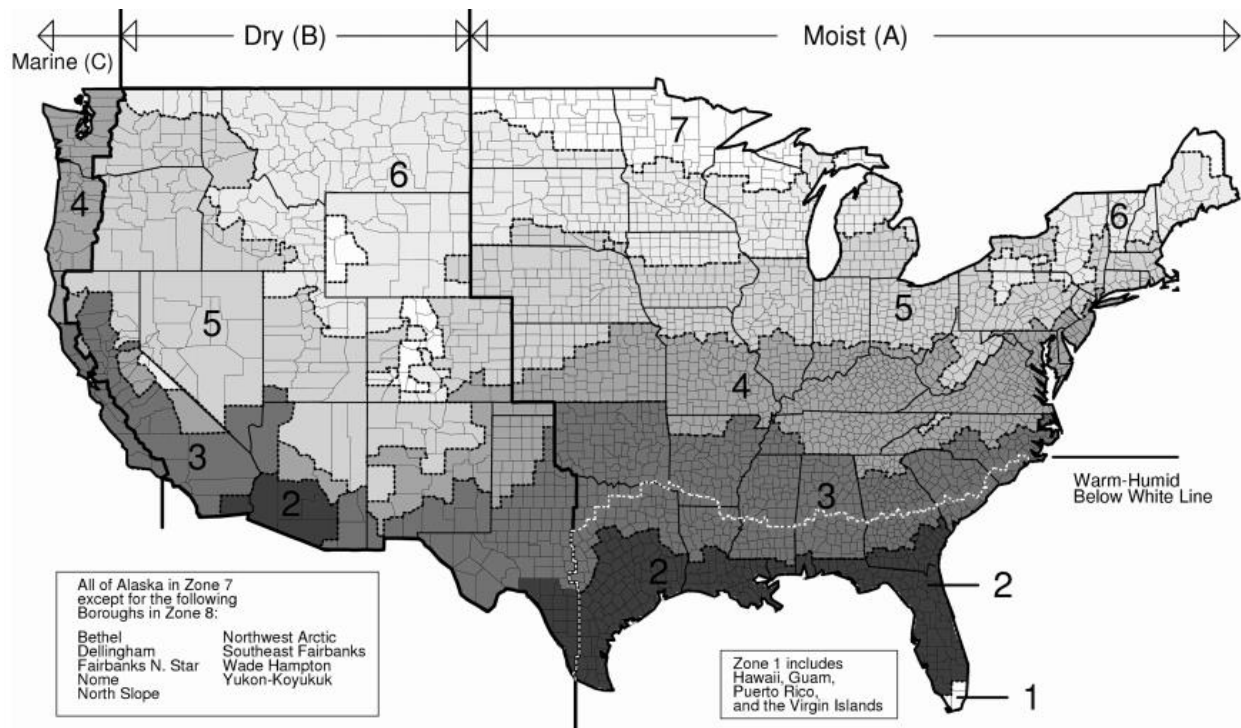
3A Cumberland  
3A Currituck  
3A Dare  
3A Davidson  
4A Davie  
3A Duplin  
4A Durham  
3A Edgecombe  
4A Forsyth  
4A Franklin  
3A Gaston  
4A Gates  
4A Graham  
4A Granville  
3A Greene  
4A Guilford  
4A Halifax  
4A Harnett  
4A Haywood  
4A Henderson  
4A Hertford  
3A Hoke  
3A Hyde  
4A Iredell  
4A Jackson  
3A Johnston  
3A Jones  
4A Lee  
3A Lenoir  
4A Lincoln  
4A Macon  
4A Madison  
3A Martin  
4A McDowell  
3A Mecklenburg  
5A Mitchell  
3A Montgomery  
3A Moore  
4A Nash  
3A New Hanover\*  
4A Northampton  
3A Onslow\*  
4A Orange  
3A Pamlico  
3A Pasquotank  
3A Pender\*  
3A Perquimans  
4A Person  
3A Pitt  
4A Polk  
3A Randolph

3A Richmond  
3A Robeson  
4A Rockingham  
3A Rowan  
4A Rutherford  
3A Sampson  
3A Scotland  
3A Stanly  
4A Stokes  
4A Surry  
4A Swain  
4A Transylvania  
3A Tyrrell  
3A Union  
4A Vance  
4A Wake  
4A Warren  
3A Washington  
5A Watauga  
3A Wayne  
4A Wilkes  
3A Wilson  
4A Yadkin  
5A Yancey





**Figure C301.1 North Carolina Climate Zones**



**FIGURE C301.24**  
**CLIMATE ZONES**

**TABLE C301.1**  
**CLIMATE ZONES, MOISTURE REGIMES, AND WARM-HUMID DESIGNATIONS BY STATE, COUNTY AND TERRITORY**

**Key: A — Moist, B — Dry, C — Marine. Absence of moisture designation indicates moisture-regime is irrelevant. Asterisk (\*) indicates a warm-humid location.**

**US STATES**

**ALABAMA**

3A Autauga\*  
 2A Baldwin\*  
 3A Barbour\*  
 3A Bibb  
 3A Blount  
 3A Bullock\*  
 3A Butler\*  
 3A Calhoun  
 3A Chambers  
 3A Cherokee  
 3A Chilton  
 3A Choctaw\*  
 3A Clarke\*  
 3A Clay  
 3A Cleburne  
 3A Coffee\*  
 3A Lee  
 3A Limestone  
 3A Lowndes\*  
 3A Macon\*  
 3A Madison  
 3A Marengo\*  
 3A Marion  
 3A Marshall  
 2A Mobile\*  
 3A Monroe\*  
 3A Montgomery\*  
 3A Morgan  
 3A Perry\*  
 3A Pickens  
 3A Pike\*  
 3A Randolph  
 3A Russell\*

7 Kodiak Island  
 7 Lake and Peninsula  
 7 Matanuska-Susitna  
 8 Nome  
 8 North Slope  
 8 Northwest Arctic  
 7 Prince of Wales  
 Outer Ketchikan  
 7 Sitka  
 7 Skagway-Hoonah  
 Angoon  
 8 Southeast Fairbanks  
 7 Valdez-Gordova  
 8 Wade Hampton  
 7 Wrangell-Petersburg  
 7 Yakutat  
 8 Yukon-Koyukuk

3A Calhoun  
 4A Carroll  
 3A Chicot  
 3A Clark  
 3A Clay  
 3A Cleburne  
 3A Cleveland  
 3A Columbia\*  
 3A Conway  
 3A Craighead  
 3A Crawford  
 3A Crittenden  
 3A Cross  
 3A Dallas  
 3A Desha  
 3A Drew  
 3A Faulkner

3A Monroe  
 3A Montgomery  
 3A Nevada  
 4A Newton  
 3A Ouachita  
 3A Perry  
 3A Phillips  
 3A Pike  
 3A Poinsett  
 3A Polk  
 3A Pope  
 3A Prairie  
 3A Pulaski  
 3A Randolph  
 3A Saline  
 3A Scott  
 4A Searey

3A Colbert	3A Shelby	<b>ARIZONA</b>	3A Franklin	3A Sebastian
3A Conecuh*	3A St. Clair	5B Apache	4A Fulton	3A Sevier*
3A Coosa	3A Sumter	3B Cochise	3A Garland	3A Sharp
3A Covington*	3A Talladega	5B Coconino	3A Grant	3A St. Francis
3A Crenshaw*	3A Tallapoosa	4B Gila	3A Greene	4A Stone
3A Cullman	3A Tuscaloosa	3B Graham	3A Hempstead*	3A Union*
3A Dale*	3A Walker	3B Greenlee	3A Hot Spring	3A Van Buren
3A Dallas*	3A Washington*	2B La Paz	3A Howard	4A Washington
3A DeKalb	3A Wilcox*	2B Maricopa	3A Independence	3A White
3A Elmore*	3A Winston	3B Mohave	4A Izard	3A Woodruff
3A Escambia*	<b>ALASKA</b>	5B Navajo	3A Jackson	3A Yell
3A Etowah	7 Aleutians East	2B Pima	3A Jefferson	<b>CALIFORNIA</b>
3A Fayette	7 Aleutians West	2B Pinal	3A Johnson	3C Alameda
3A Franklin	7 Anchorage	3B Santa Cruz	3A Lafayette*	6B Alpine
3A Geneva*	8 Bethel	4B Yavapai	3A Lawrence	4B Amador
3A Greene	7 Bristol Bay	2B Yuma	3A Lee	3B Butte
3A Hale	7 Denali	<b>ARKANSAS</b>	3A Lincoln	4B Calaveras
3A Henry*	8 Dillingham	3A Arkansas	3A Little River*	3B Colusa
3A Houston*	8 Fairbanks North Star	3A Ashley	3A Logan	3B Contra Costa
3A Jackson	7 Haines	4A Baxter	3A Loneke	4C Del Norte
3A Jefferson	7 Juneau	4A Benton	4A Madison	4B El Dorado
3A Lamar	7 Kenai Peninsula	4A Boone	4A Marion	3B Fresno
3A Lauderdale	7 Ketchikan Gateway	3A Bradley	3A Miller*	3B Glenn
3A Lawrence			3A Mississippi	

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**TABLE C301.1—continued**  
**CLIMATE ZONES, MOISTURE REGIMES, AND WARM-HUMID**  
**DESIGNATIONS BY STATE, COUNTY AND TERRITORY**

4C Humboldt	3B Yuba	5B Montrose	2A Escambia*	2A Taylor*
2B Imperial	<b>COLORADO</b>	5B Morgan	2A Flagler*	2A Union*
4B Inyo	5B Adams	4B Otero	2A Franklin*	2A Volusia*
3B Kern	6B Alamosa	6B Ouray	2A Gadsden*	2A Wakulla*
3B Kings	5B Arapahoe	7 Park	2A Gilchrist*	2A Walton*
4B Lake	6B Archuleta	5B Phillips	2A Glades*	2A Washington*
5B Lassen	4B Baca	7 Pitkin	2A Gulf*	<b>GEORGIA</b>
3B Los Angeles	5B Bent	5B Prowers	2A Hamilton*	2A Appling*
3B Madera	5B Boulder	5B Pueblo	2A Hardee*	2A Atkinson*
3C Marin	5B Broomfield	6B Rio Blanco	2A Hendry*	2A Bacon*
4B Mariposa	6B Chaffee	7 Rio Grande	2A Hernando*	2A Baker*
3C Mendocino	5B Cheyenne	7 Routt	2A Highlands*	3A Baldwin
3B Merced	7 Clear Creek	6B Saguache	2A Hillsborough*	4A Banks
5B Modoc	6B Conejos	7 San Juan	2A Holmes*	3A Barrow
6B Mono	6B Costilla	6B San Miguel	2A Indian River*	3A Bartow
3C Monterey	5B Crowley	5B Sedgwick	2A Jackson*	3A Ben Hill*
3C Napa	6B Custer	7 Summit	2A Jefferson*	2A Berrien*
5B Nevada	5B Delta	5B Teller	2A Lafayette*	3A Bibb
3B Orange	5B Denver	5B Washington	2A Lake*	3A Bleckley*
3B Placer	6B Dolores	5B Weld	2A Lee*	2A Brantley*
5B Plumas	5B Douglas	5B Yuma	2A Leon*	2A Brooks*
3B Riverside	6B Eagle	<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	2A Levy*	2A Bryan*
3B Sacramento	5B Elbert	5A (all)	2A Liberty*	3A Bulloch*
3C San Benito	5B El Paso	<b>DELAWARE</b>	2A Madison*	3A Burke

3B-San Bernardino	5B-Fremont	4A-(all)	2A-Manatee*	3A Butts
3B-San Diego	5B-Garfield	<b>DISTRICT OF</b>	2A-Marion*	3A Calhoun*
3C-San Francisco	5B-Gilpin	<b>COLUMBIA</b>	2A-Martin*	2A Camden*
3B-San Joaquin	7-Grand	4A-(all)	1A-Miami-Dade*	3A Candler*
3C-San Luis Obispo	7-Gunnison	<b>FLORIDA</b>	1A-Monroe*	3A Carroll
3C-San Mateo	7-Hinsdale	2A-Alachua*	2A-Nassau*	4A Catoosa
3C-Santa Barbara	5B-Huorano	2A-Baker*	2A-Okaloosa*	2A-Charlton*
3C-Santa Clara	7-Jackson	2A-Bay*	2A-Okeechobee*	2A-Chatham*
3C-Santa Cruz	5B-Jefferson	2A-Bradford*	2A-Orange*	3A-Chattahoochee*
3B-Shasta	5B-Kiowa	2A-Brevard*	2A-Osceola*	4A Chattooga
5B-Sierra	5B-Kit Carson	1A-Broward*	2A-Palm-Beach*	3A Cherokee
5B-Siskiyou	7-Lake	2A-Calhoun*	2A-Pasco*	3A Clarke
3B-Solano	5B-La Plata	2A-Charlotte*	2A-Pinellas*	3A Clay*
3C-Sonoma	5B-Larimer	2A-Citrus*	2A-Polk*	3A Clayton
3B-Stanislaus	4B-Las Animas	2A-Clay*	2A-Putnam*	2A Clinch*
3B-Sutter	5B-Lincoln	2A-Collier*	2A-Santa Rosa*	3A Cobb
3B-Tehama	5B-Logan	2A-Columbia*	2A-Sarasota*	3A Coffee*
4B-Trinity	5B-Mesa	2A-DeSoto*	2A-Seminole*	2A-Colquitt*
3B-Tulare	7-Mineral	2A-Dixie*	2A-St. Johns*	3A Columbia
4B-Tuolumne	6B-Moffat	2A-Duval*	2A-St. Lucie*	2A Cook*
3C-Ventura	5B-Montezuma		2A-Sumter*	3A Coweta
3B-Yolo			2A-Suwannee*	

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**TABLE C301.1—continued**  
**CLIMATE ZONES, MOISTURE REGIMES, AND WARM-HUMID**  
**DESIGNATIONS BY STATE, COUNTY AND TERRITORY**

3A-Crawford	2A-Lanier*	3A-Taylor*	5B-Cassia	4A-Crawford
3A-Crisp*	3A-Laurens*	3A-Telfair*	6B-Clark	5A-Cumberland
4A-Dade	3A-Lee*	3A-Terrell*	5B-Clearwater	5A-DeKalb
4A-Dawson	2A-Liberty*	2A-Thomas*	6B-Custer	5A-De Witt
2A-Decatur*	3A-Lincoln	3A-Tift*	5B-Elmore	5A-Douglas
3A-DeKalb	2A-Long*	2A-Toombs*	6B-Franklin	5A-DuPage
3A-Dodge*	2A-Lowndes*	4A-Towns	6B-Fremont	5A-Edgar
3A-Dooley*	4A-Lumpkin	3A-Treutlen*	5B-Gem	4A-Edwards
3A-Dougherty*	3A-Macon*	3A-Troup	5B-Gooding	4A-Effingham
3A-Douglas	3A-Madison	3A-Turner*	5B-Idaho	4A-Fayette
3A-Early*	3A-Marion*	3A-Twiggs*	6B-Jefferson	5A-Ford
2A-Echols*	3A-McDuffie	4A-Union	5B-Jerome	4A-Franklin
2A-Effingham*	2A-McIntosh*	3A-Upson	5B-Kootenai	5A-Fulton
3A-Elbert	3A-Meriwether	4A-Walker	5B-Latah	4A-Gallatin
3A-Emanuel*	2A-Miller*	3A-Walton	6B-Lemhi	5A-Greene
2A-Evans*	2A-Mitchell*	2A-Ware*	5B-Lewis	5A-Grundy
4A-Fannin	3A-Monroe	3A-Warren	5B-Lincoln	4A-Hamilton
3A-Fayette	3A-Montgomery*	3A-Washington	6B-Madison	5A-Hancock
4A-Floyd	3A-Morgan	2A-Wayne*	5B-Minidoka	4A-Hardin
3A-Forsyth	4A-Murray	3A-Webster*	5B-Nez-Perce	5A-Henderson
4A-Franklin	3A-Muscogee	3A-Wheeler*	6B-Oneida	5A-Henry
3A-Fulton	3A-Newton	4A-White	5B-Owyhee	5A-Iroquois
4A-Gilmer	3A-Oconee	4A-Whitfield	5B-Payette	4A-Jackson
3A-Glascock	3A-Oglethorpe	3A-Wilcox*	5B-Power	4A-Jasper
2A-Glynn*	3A-Paulding	3A-Wilkes	5B-Shoshone	4A-Jefferson
4A-Gordon	3A-Peach*	3A-Wilkinson	6B-Teton	5A-Jersey

2A Grady*	4A Pickens	3A Worth*	5B Twin Falls	5A Jo Daviess
3A Greene	2A Pierce*	<b>HAWAII</b>	6B Valley	4A Johnson
3A Gwinnett	3A Pike	1A (all)*	5B Washington	5A Kane
4A Habersham	3A Polk	<b>IDAHO</b>	ILLINOIS	5A Kankakee
4A Hall	3A Pulaski*	5B Ada	5A Adams	5A Kendall
3A Hancock	3A Putnam	6B Adams	4A Alexander	5A Knox
3A Haralson	3A Quitman*	6B Bannock	4A Bond	5A Lake
3A Harris	4A Rabun	6B Bear Lake	5A Boone	5A La Salle
3A Hart	3A Randolph*	5B Benewah	5A Brown	4A Lawrence
3A Heard	3A Richmond	6B Bingham	5A Bureau	5A Lee
3A Henry	3A Rockdale	6B Blaine	5A Calhoun	5A Livingston
3A Houston*	3A Schley*	6B Boise	5A Carroll	5A Logan
3A Irwin*	3A Screven*	6B Bonner	5A Cass	5A Macon
3A Jackson	2A Seminole*	6B Bonneville	5A Champaign	4A Macoupin
3A Jasper	3A Spalding	6B Boundary	4A Christian	4A Madison
2A Jeff Davis*	4A Stephens	6B Butte	5A Clark	4A Marion
3A Jefferson	3A Stewart*	6B Camas	4A Clay	5A Marshall
3A Jenkins*	3A Sumter*	5B Canyon	4A Clinton	5A Mason
3A Johnson*	3A Talbot	6B Caribou	5A Coles	4A Massac
3A Jones	3A Taliaferro		5A Cook	5A McDonough
3A Lamar	2A Tattnall*			5A McHenry

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5A McLean	5A Boone	5A Miami	5A Appanoose	5A Jasper
5A Menard	4A Brown	4A Monroe	5A Audubon	5A Jefferson
5A Mercer	5A Carroll	5A Montgomery	5A Benton	5A Johnson
4A Monroe	5A Cass	5A Morgan	6A Black Hawk	5A Jones
4A Montgomery	4A Clark	5A Newton	5A Boone	5A Keokuk
5A Morgan	5A Clay	5A Noble	6A Bremer	6A Kossuth
5A Moultrie	5A Clinton	4A Ohio	6A Buchanan	5A Lee
5A Ogle	4A Crawford	4A Orange	6A Buena Vista	5A Linn
5A Peoria	4A Daviess	5A Owen	6A Butler	5A Louisa
4A Perry	4A Dearborn	5A Parke	6A Calhoun	5A Lucas
5A Piatt	5A Decatur	4A Perry	5A Carroll	6A Lyon
5A Pike	5A De Kalb	4A Pike	5A Cass	5A Madison
4A Pope	5A Delaware	5A Porter	5A Cedar	5A Mahaska
4A Pulaski	4A Dubois	4A Posey	6A Cerro Gordo	5A Marion
5A Putnam	5A Elkhart	5A Pulaski	6A Cherokee	5A Marshall
4A Randolph	5A Fayette	5A Putnam	6A Chickasaw	5A Mills
4A Richland	4A Floyd	5A Randolph	5A Clarke	6A Mitchell
5A Rock Island	5A Fountain	4A Ripley	6A Clay	5A Monona
4A Saline	5A Franklin	5A Rush	6A Clayton	5A Monroe
5A Sangamon	5A Fulton	4A Scott	5A Clinton	5A Montgomery
5A Schuyler	4A Gibson	5A Shelby	5A Crawford	5A Muscatine
5A Scott	5A Grant	4A Spencer	5A Dallas	6A O'Brien
4A Shelby	4A Greene	5A Starke	5A Davis	6A Osceola
5A Stark	5A Hamilton	5A Steuben	5A Decatur	5A Page
4A St. Clair	5A Hancock	5A St. Joseph	6A Delaware	6A Palo Alto
5A Stephenson	4A Harrison	4A Sullivan	5A Des Moines	6A Plymouth
5A Tazewell	5A Hendricks	4A Switzerland	6A Dickinson	6A Pechahontas



4A Union	5A Henry	5A Tippecanoe	5A Dubuque	5A Polk
5A Vermilion	5A Howard	5A Tipton	6A Emmet	5A Pottawattamie
4A Wabash	5A Huntington	5A Union	6A Fayette	5A Poweshiek
5A Warren	4A Jackson	4A Vanderburgh	6A Floyd	5A Ringgold
4A Washington	5A Jasper	5A Vermillion	6A Franklin	6A Sac
4A Wayne	5A Jay	5A Vigo	5A Fremont	5A Scott
4A White	4A Jefferson	5A Wabash	5A Greene	5A Shelby
5A Whiteside	4A Jennings	5A Warren	6A Grundy	6A Sioux
5A Will	5A Johnson	4A Warrick	5A Guthrie	5A Story
4A Williamson	4A Knox	4A Washington	6A Hamilton	5A Tama
5A Winnebago	5A Kosciusko	5A Wayne	6A Hancock	5A Taylor
5A Woodford	5A LaGrange	5A Wells	6A Hardin	5A Union
<b>INDIANA</b>	5A Lake	5A White	5A Harrison	5A Van Buren
5A Adams	5A LaPorte	5A Whitley	5A Henry	5A Wapello
5A Allen	4A Lawrence	<b>IOWA</b>	6A Howard	5A Warren
5A Bartholomew	5A Madison	5A Adair	6A Humboldt	5A Washington
5A Benton	5A Marion	5A Adams	6A Ida	5A Wayne
5A Blackford	5A Marshall	6A Allamakee	5A Iowa	6A Webster
	4A Martin		5A Jackson	6A Winnebago

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6A Winneshiek	4A Haskell	4A Sedgwick	2A Iberville*	6A Cumberland
5A Woodbury	4A Hodgeman	4A Seward	3A Jackson*	6A Franklin
6A Worth	4A Jackson	4A Shawnee	2A Jefferson*	6A Hancock
6A Wright	4A Jefferson	5A Sheridan	2A Jefferson-Davis*	6A Kennebec
<b>KANSAS</b>	5A Jewell	5A Sherman	2A Lafayette*	6A Knox
4A Allen	4A Johnson	5A Smith	2A Lafourche*	6A Lincoln
4A Anderson	4A Kearny	4A Stafford	3A La Salle*	6A Oxford
4A Atchison	4A Kingman	4A Stanton	3A Lincoln*	6A Penobscot
4A Barber	4A Kiowa	4A Stevens	2A Livingston*	6A Piscataquis
4A Barton	4A Labette	4A Sumner	3A Madison*	6A Sagadahoe
4A Bourbon	5A Lane	5A Thomas	3A Morehouse	6A Somerset
4A Brown	4A Leavenworth	5A Trego	3A Natchitoches*	6A Waldo
4A Butler	4A Lincoln	4A Wabaunsee	2A Orleans*	6A Washington
4A Chase	4A Linn	5A Wallace	3A Ouachita*	6A York
4A Chautauqua	5A Logan	4A Washington	2A Plaquemines*	<b>MARYLAND</b>
4A Cherokee	4A Lyon	5A Wichita	2A Pointe-Coupee*	4A Allegany
5A Cheyenne	4A Marion	4A Wilson	2A Rapides*	4A Anne Arundel
4A Clark	4A Marshall	4A Woodson	3A Red River*	4A Baltimore
4A Clay	4A McPherson	4A Wyandotte	3A Richland*	4A Baltimore (city)
5A Cloud	4A Meade	<b>KENTUCKY</b>	3A Sabine*	4A Calvert
4A Coffey	4A Miami	4A (all)	2A St. Bernard*	4A Caroline
4A Comanche	5A Mitchell	<b>LOUISIANA</b>	2A St. Charles*	4A Carroll
4A Cowley	4A Montgomery	2A Acadia*	2A St. Helena*	4A Cecil
4A Crawford	4A Morris	2A Allen*	2A St. James*	4A Charles
5A Decatur	4A Morton	2A Ascension*	2A St. John the Baptist*	4A Dorchester
4A Dickinson	4A Nemaha	2A Assumption*	2A St. Landry*	4A Frederick
4A Doniphan	4A Neosho	2A Aveyelles*		5A Garrett

4A Douglas	5A Ness	2A Beauregard*	2A St. Martin*	4A Harford
4A Edwards	5A Norton	3A Bienville*	2A St. Mary*	4A Howard
4A Elk	4A Osage	3A Bossier*	2A St. Tammany*	4A Kent
5A Ellis	5A Osborne	3A Cadde*	2A Tangipahoa*	4A Montgomery
4A Ellsworth	4A Ottawa	2A Calcasieu*	3A Tensas*	4A Prince George's
4A Finney	4A Pawnee	3A Caldwell*	2A Terrebonne*	4A Queen Anne's
4A Ford	5A Phillips	2A Cameron*	3A Union*	4A Somerset
4A Franklin	4A Pottawatomie	3A Catahoula*	2A Vermilion*	4A St. Mary's
4A Geary	4A Pratt	3A Claiborne*	3A Vernon*	4A Talbot
5A Gove	5A Rawlins	3A Concordia*	2A Washington*	4A Washington
5A Graham	4A Reno	3A De Soto*	3A Webster*	4A Wicomico
4A Grant	5A Republic	2A East Baton Rouge*	2A West Baton Rouge*	4A Worcester
4A Gray	4A Rice	3A East Carroll	Rouge*	<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>
5A Greeley	4A Riley	2A East Feliciana*	3A West Carroll	5A (all)
4A Greenwood	5A Rooks	2A Evangeline*	2A West Feliciana*	<b>MICHIGAN</b>
5A Hamilton	4A Rush	3A Franklin*	3A Winn*	6A Alcona
4A Harper	4A Russell	3A Grant*	<b>MAINE</b>	6A Alger
4A Harvey	4A Saline	2A Iberia*	6A Androscoggin	
	5A Scott		7 Areostook	

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5A Allegan	7 Mackinac	6A Carver	7 Otter Tail	3A Clarke
6A Alpena	5A Macomb	7 Cass	7 Pennington	3A Clay
6A Antrim	6A Manistee	6A Chippewa	7 Pine	3A Coahoma
6A Arenac	6A Marquette	6A Chisago	6A Pipestone	3A Copiah*
7 Baraga	6A Mason	7 Clay	7 Polk	3A Covington*
5A Barry	6A Mecosta	7 Clearwater	6A Pope	3A DeSoto
5A Bay	6A Menominee	7 Cook	6A Ramsey	3A Forrest*
6A Benzie	5A Midland	6A Cottonwood	7 Red Lake	3A Franklin*
5A Berrien	6A Missaukee	7 Crow Wing	6A Redwood	3A George*
5A Branch	5A Monroe	6A Dakota	6A Renville	3A Greene*
5A Calhoun	5A Montcalm	6A Dodge	6A Rice	3A Grenada
5A Cass	6A Montmorency	6A Douglas	6A Rock	2A Hancock*
6A Charlevoix	5A Muskegon	6A Faribault	7 Roseau	2A Harrison*
6A Cheboygan	6A Newaygo	6A Fillmore	6A Scott	3A Hinds*
7 Chippewa	5A Oakland	6A Freeborn	6A Sherburne	3A Holmes
6A Clare	6A Oceana	6A Goodhue	6A Sibley	3A Humphreys
5A Clinton	6A Ogemaw	7 Grant	6A Stearns	3A Issaquena
6A Crawford	7 Ontonagon	6A Hennepin	6A Steele	3A Itawamba
6A Delta	6A Osceola	6A Houston	6A Stevens	2A Jackson*
6A Dickinson	6A Oscoda	7 Hubbard	7 St. Louis	3A Jasper
5A Eaton	6A Otsego	6A Isanti	6A Swift	3A Jefferson*
6A Emmet	5A Ottawa	7 Itasca	6A Todd	3A Jefferson Davis*
5A Genesee	6A Presque Isle	6A Jackson	6A Traverse	3A Jones*
6A Gladwin	6A Roscommon	7 Kanabec	6A Wabasha	3A Kemper
7 Gegebic	5A Saginaw	6A Kandiyohi	7 Wadena	3A Lafayette
6A Grand- Traverse	6A Sanilac	7 Kittson	6A Waseca	3A Lamar*



5A Gratiot	7 Schoolcraft	7 Koochiching	6A Washington	3A Lauderdale
5A Hillsdale	5A Shiawassee	6A Lac qui Parle	6A Watonwan	3A Lawrence*
7 Houghton	5A St. Clair	7 Lake	7 Wilkin	3A Leake
6A Huron	5A St. Joseph	7 Lake of the Woods	6A Winona	3A Lee
5A Ingham	5A Tuscola	6A Le Sueur	6A Wright	3A Leflore
5A Ionia	5A Van Buren	6A Lincoln	6A Yellow	3A Lincoln*
6A Iosco	5A Washtenaw	6A Lyon	Medicine	3A Lowndes
7 Iron	5A Wayne	7 Mahanomen	<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	3A Madison
6A Isabella	6A Wexford	7 Marshall	3A Adams*	3A Marion*
5A Jackson	<b>MINNESOTA</b>	6A Martin	3A Alcorn	3A Marshall
5A Kalamazoo	7 Aitkin	6A McLeod	3A Amite*	3A Monroe
6A Kalkaska	6A Anoka	6A Meeker	3A Attala	3A Montgomery
5A Kent	7 Becker	7 Mille Lacs	3A Benton	3A Neshoba
7 Keweenaw	7 Beltrami	6A Morrison	3A Bolivar	3A Newton
6A Lake	6A Benton	6A Mower	3A Calhoun	3A Noxubee
5A Lapeer	6A Big Stone	6A Murray	3A Carroll	3A Oktibbeha
6A Leelanau	6A Blue Earth	6A Nicolle	3A Chickasaw	3A Panola
5A Lenawee	6A Brown	6A Nobles	3A Choctaw	2A Pearl River*
5A Livingston	7 Carlton	7 Norman	3A Claiborne*	3A Perry*
7 Luce		6A Olmsted		3A Pike*

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3A Pontotoc	5A Chariton	4A Mississippi	4A Webster	4A Cumberland
3A Prentiss	4A Christian	4A Moniteau	5A Worth	4A Essex
3A Quitman	5A Clark	4A Monroe	4A Wright	4A Gloucester
3A Rankin*	4A Clay	4A Montgomery	<b>MONTANA</b>	4A Hudson
3A Scott	5A Clinton	4A Morgan	6B (all)	5A Hunterdon
3A Sharkey	4A Cole	4A New Madrid	<b>NEBRASKA</b>	5A Mercer
3A Simpson*	4A Cooper	4A Newton	5A (all)	4A Middlesex
3A Smith*	4A Crawford	5A Nodaway	<b>NEVADA</b>	4A Monmouth
2A Stone*	4A Dade	4A Oregon	5B Carson City (city)	5A Morris
3A Sunflower	4A Dallas	4A Osage	5B Churchill	4A Ocean
3A Tallahatchie	5A Daviess	4A Ozark	3B Clark	5A Passaic
3A Tate	5A DeKalb	4A Pemiscot	5B Douglas	4A Salem
3A Tippah	4A Dent	4A Perry	5B Elko	5A Somerset
3A Tishomingo	4A Douglas	4A Pettis	5B Esmeralda	5A Sussex
3A Tunica	4A Dunklin	4A Phelps	5B Eureka	4A Union
3A Union	4A Franklin	5A Pike	5B Humboldt	5A Warren
3A Walthall*	4A Gasconade	4A Platte	5B Lander	<b>NEW MEXICO</b>
3A Warren*	5A Gentry	4A Polk	5B Lincoln	4B Bernalillo
3A Washington	4A Greene	4A Pulaski	5B Lyon	5B Catron
3A Wayne*	5A Grundy	5A Putnam	5B Mineral	3B Chaves
3A Webster	5A Harrison	5A Ralls	5B Nye	4B Cibola
3A Wilkinson*	4A Henry	4A Randolph	5B Pershing	5B Colfax
3A Winston	4A Hickory	4A Ray	5B Storey	4B Curry
3A Yalobusha	5A Holt	4A Reynolds	5B Washoe	4B DeBaca
3A Yazoo	4A Howard	4A Ripley	5B White Pine	3B Doña Ana
<b>MISSOURI</b>	4A Howell	4A Saline	<b>NEW</b>	3B Eddy
5A Adair	4A Iron	5A Schuyler	<b>HAMPSHIRE</b>	4B Grant
5A Andrew	4A Jackson	5A Scotland	6A Belknap	4B Guadalupe

5A Atchison	4A Jasper	4A Scott	6A Carroll	5B Harding
4A Audrain	4A Jefferson	4A Shannon	5A Cheshire	3B Hidalgo
4A Barry	4A Johnson	5A Shelby	6A Coos	3B Lea
4A Barton	5A Knox	4A St. Charles	6A Grafton	4B Lincoln
4A Bates	4A Laclede	4A St. Clair	5A Hillsborough	5B Los Alamos
4A Benton	4A Lafayette	4A St. Francois	6A Merrimack	3B Luna
4A Bollinger	4A Lawrence	4A St. Louis	5A Rockingham	5B McKinley
4A Boone	5A Lewis	4A St. Louis (city)	5A Strafford	5B Mora
5A Buchanan	4A Lincoln	4A Ste. Genevieve	6A Sullivan	3B Otero
4A Butler	5A Linn	4A Stoddard	<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	4B Quay
5A Caldwell	5A Livingston	4A Stone	4A Atlantic	5B Rio Arriba
4A Callaway	5A Macon	5A Sullivan	5A Bergen	4B Roosevelt
4A Camden	4A Madison	4A Taney	4A Burlington	5B Sandoval
4A Cape Girardeau	4A Maries	4A Texas	4A Camden	5B San Juan
4A Carroll	5A Marion	4A Vernon	4A Cape May	5B San Miguel
4A Carter	4A McDonald	4A Warren		5B Santa Fe
4A Cass	5A Mercer	4A Washington		4B Sierra
4A Cedar	4A Miller	4A Wayne		4B Socorro

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5B Taos	4A Queens	4A Clay	4A Orange	7 Divide
5B Torrance	5A Rensselaer	4A Cleveland	3A Pamlico	6A Dunn
4B Union	4A Richmond	3A Columbus*	3A Pasquotank	7 Eddy
4B Valencia	5A Rockland	3A Craven	3A Pender*	6A Emmons
<b>NEW YORK</b>	5A Saratoga	3A Cumberland	3A Perquimans	7 Foster
5A Albany	5A Schenectady	3A Currituck	4A Person	6A Golden Valley
6A Allegany	6A Schoharie	3A Dare	3A Pitt	7 Grand Forks
4A Bronx	6A Schuyler	3A Davidson	4A Polk	6A Grant
6A Broome	5A Seneca	4A Davie	3A Randolph	7 Griggs
6A Cattaraugus	6A Steuben	3A Duplin	3A Richmond	6A Hettinger
5A Cayuga	6A St. Lawrence	4A Durham	3A Robeson	7 Kidder
5A Chautauqua	4A Suffolk	3A Edgecombe	4A Rockingham	6A LaMoore
5A Chemung	6A Sullivan	4A Forsyth	3A Rowan	6A Logan
6A Chenango	5A Tioga	4A Franklin	4A Rutherford	7 McHenry
6A Clinton	6A Tompkins	3A Gaston	3A Sampson	6A McIntosh
5A Columbia	6A Ulster	4A Gates	3A Scotland	6A McKenzie
5A Cortland	6A Warren	4A Graham	3A Stanly	7 McLean
6A Delaware	5A Washington	4A Granville	4A Stokes	6A Mercer
5A Dutchess	5A Wayne	3A Greene	4A Surry	6A Morton
5A Erie	4A Westchester	4A Guilford	4A Swain	7 Mountrail
6A Essex	6A Wyoming	4A Halifax	4A Transylvania	7 Nelson
6A Franklin	5A Yates	4A Harnett	3A Tyrrell	6A Oliver
6A Fulton	<b>NORTH</b>	4A Haywood	3A Union	7 Pembina
5A Genesee	<b>CAROLINA</b>	4A Henderson	4A Vance	7 Pierce
5A Greene	4A Alamance	4A Hertford	4A Wake	7 Ramsey
6A Hamilton	4A Alexander	3A Hoke	4A Warren	6A Ransom
6A Herkimer	5A Alleghany	3A Hyde	3A Washington	7 Renville
6A Jefferson	3A Anson	4A Iredell	5A Watauga	6A Richland
4A Kings	5A Ashe	4A Jackson	3A Wayne	7 Rolette
6A Lewis	5A Avery	3A Johnston	4A Wilkes	6A Sargent

5A-Livingston	3A-Beaufort	3A-Jones	3A-Wilson	7-Sheridan
6A-Madison	4A-Bertie	4A-Lee	4A-Yadkin	6A-Sioux
5A-Monroe	3A-Bladen	3A-Lenoir	5A-Yancey	6A-Slope
6A-Montgomery	3A-Brunswick*	4A-Lincoln	<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	6A-Stark
4A-Nassau	4A-Buncombe	4A-Macon	6A-Adams	7-Steele
4A-New York	4A-Burke	4A-Madison	7-Barnes	7-Stutsman
5A-Niagara	3A-Cabarrus	3A-Martin	7-Benson	7-Towner
6A-Oneida	4A-Caldwell	4A-McDowell	6A-Billings	7-Traill
5A-Onondaga	3A-Camden	3A-Mecklenburg	7-Bottineau	7-Walsh
5A-Ontario	3A-Carteret*	5A-Mitchell	6A-Bowman	7-Ward
5A-Orange	4A-Caswell	3A-Montgomery	7-Burke	7-Wells
5A-Orleans	4A-Catawba	3A-Moore	6A-Burleigh	7-Williams
5A-Oswego	4A-Chatham	4A-Nash	7-Cass	<b>OHIO</b>
6A-Otsego	4A-Cherokee	3A-New Hanover*	7-Cavalier	4A-Adams
5A-Putnam	3A-Chowan	4A-Northampton	6A-Dickey	5A-Allen
		3A-Onslow*		

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5A-Ashland	5A-Mahoning	3A-Bryan	3A-Okfuskee	4C-Linn
5A-Ashtabula	5A-Marion	3A-Caddo	3A-Oklahoma	5B-Malheur
5A-Athens	5A-Medina	3A-Canadian	3A-Okmulgee	4C-Marion
5A-Auglaize	5A-Meigs	3A-Carter	3A-Osage	5B-Morrow
5A-Belmont	5A-Mercer	3A-Cherokee	3A-Ottawa	4C-Multnomah
4A-Brown	5A-Miami	3A-Choctaw	3A-Pawnee	4C-Polk
5A-Butler	5A-Monroe	4B-Cimarron	3A-Payne	5B-Sherman
5A-Carroll	5A-Montgomery	3A-Cleveland	3A-Pittsburg	4C-Tillamook
5A-Champaign	5A-Morgan	3A-Coal	3A-Pontotoc	5B-Umatilla
5A-Clark	5A-Morrow	3A-Comanche	3A-Pottawatomie	5B-Union
4A-Clermont	5A-Muskingum	3A-Cotton	3A-Pushmataha	5B-Wallowa
5A-Clinton	5A-Noble	3A-Craig	3A-Roger Mills	5B-Wasco
5A-Columbiana	5A-Ottawa	3A-Creek	3A-Rogers	4C-Washington
5A-Coshocton	5A-Paulding	3A-Custer	3A-Seminole	5B-Wheeler
5A-Crawford	5A-Perry	3A-Delaware	3A-Sequoyah	6C-Yamhill
5A-Cuyahoga	5A-Pickaway	3A-Dewey	3A-Stephens	<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>
5A-Darke	4A-Pike	3A-Ellis	4B-Texas	5A-Adams
5A-Defiance	5A-Portage	3A-Garfield	3A-Tillman	5A-Allegheny
5A-Delaware	5A-Preble	3A-Garvin	3A-Tulsa	5A-Armstrong
5A-Erie	5A-Putnam	3A-Grady	3A-Wagoner	5A-Beaver
5A-Fairfield	5A-Richland	3A-Grant	3A-Washington	5A-Bedford
5A-Fayette	5A-Ross	3A-Greer	3A-Washita	5A-Berks
5A-Franklin	5A-Sandusky	3A-Harmon	3A-Woods	5A-Blair
5A-Fulton	4A-Scioto	3A-Harper	3A-Woodward	5A-Bradford
4A-Gallia	5A-Seneca	3A-Haskell	<b>OREGON</b>	4A-Bucks
5A-Geauga	5A-Shelby	3A-Hughes	5B-Baker	5A-Butler
5A-Greene	5A-Stark	3A-Jackson	4C-Benton	5A-Cambria
5A-Guernsey	5A-Summit	3A-Jefferson	4C-Clackamas	6A-Cameron
4A-Hamilton	5A-Trumbull	3A-Johnston	4C-Clatsop	5A-Carbon
5A-Hancock	5A-Tuscarawas	3A-Kay	4C-Columbia	5A-Centre
5A-Hardin	5A-Union	3A-Kingfisher	4C-Coos	4A-Chester
5A-Harrison	5A-Van Wert	3A-Kiowa	5B-Crook	5A-Clarion

5A Henry	5A Vinton	3A Latimer	4C Curry	6A Clearfield
5A Highland	5A Warren	3A Le Flore	5B Deschutes	5A Clinton
5A Hocking	4A Washington	3A Lincoln	4C Douglas	5A Columbia
5A Holmes	5A Wayne	3A Logan	5B Gilliam	5A Crawford
5A Huron	5A Williams	3A Love	5B Grant	5A Cumberland
5A Jackson	5A Wood	3A Major	5B Harney	5A Dauphin
5A Jefferson	5A Wyandot	3A Marshall	5B Hood River	4A Delaware
5A Knox	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	3A Mayes	4C Jackson	6A Elk
5A Lake	3A Adair	3A McClain	5B Jefferson	5A Erie
4A Lawrence	3A Alfalfa	3A McCurtain	4C Josephine	5A Fayette
5A Licking	3A Atoka	3A McIntosh	5B Klamath	5A Forest
5A Logan	4B Beaver	3A Murray	5B Lake	5A Franklin
5A Lorain	3A Beckham	3A Muskogee	4C Lane	5A Fulton
5A Lucas	3A Blaine	3A Noble	4C Lincoln	5A Greene
5A Madison		3A Nowata		

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**TABLE C301.1—continued**  
**CLIMATE ZONES, MOISTURE REGIMES, AND WARM-HUMID**  
**DESIGNATIONS BY STATE, COUNTY AND TERRITORY**

5A Huntingdon	3A Bamberg*	5A Bennett	6A Minnehaha	4A Gibson
5A Indiana	3A Barnwell*	5A Bon Homme	6A Moody	4A Giles
5A Jefferson	3A Beaufort*	6A Brookings	6A Pennington	4A Grainger
5A Juniata	3A Berkeley*	6A Brown	6A Perkins	4A Greene
5A Lackawanna	3A Calhoun	6A Brule	6A Potter	4A Grundy
5A Lancaster	3A Charleston*	6A Buffalo	6A Roberts	4A Hamblen
5A Lawrence	3A Cherokee	6A Butte	6A Sanborn	4A Hamilton
5A Lebanon	3A Chester	6A Campbell	6A Shannon	4A Hancock
5A Lehigh	3A Chesterfield	5A Charles Mix	6A Spink	3A Hardeman
5A Luzerne	3A Clarendon	6A Clark	6A Stanley	3A Hardin
5A Lycoming	3A Colleton*	5A Clay	6A Sully	4A Hawkins
6A McKean	3A Darlington	6A Codrington	5A Todd	3A Haywood
5A Mercer	3A Dillon	6A Corson	5A Tripp	3A Henderson
5A Mifflin	3A Dorchester*	6A Custer	6A Turner	4A Henry
5A Monroe	3A Edgefield	6A Davison	5A Union	4A Hickman
4A Montgomery	3A Fairfield	6A Day	6A Walworth	4A Houston
5A Montour	3A Florence	6A Deuel	5A Yankton	4A Humphreys
5A Northampton	3A Georgetown*	6A Dewey	6A Ziebach	4A Jackson
5A Northumberland	3A Greenville	5A Douglas	<b>TENNESSEE</b>	4A Jefferson
5A Perry	3A Greenwood	6A Edmunds	4A Anderson	4A Johnson
4A Philadelphia	3A Hampton*	6A Fall River	4A Bedford	4A Knox
5A Pike	3A Horry*	6A Faulk	4A Benton	3A Lake
6A Potter	3A Jasper*	6A Grant	4A Bledsoe	3A Lauderdale
5A Schuylkill	3A Kershaw	5A Gregory	4A Blount	4A Lawrence
5A Snyder	3A Lancaster	6A Haakon	4A Bradley	4A Lewis
5A Somerset	3A Laurens	6A Hamlin	4A Campbell	4A Lincoln
5A Sullivan	3A Lee	6A Hand	4A Cannon	4A Loudon
6A Susquehanna	3A Lexington	6A Hanson	4A Carroll	4A Macon
6A Tioga	3A Marion	6A Harding	4A Carter	3A Madison
5A Union	3A Marlboro	6A Hughes	4A Cheatham	4A Marion
5A Venango	3A McCormick	5A Hutchinson	3A Chester	4A Marshall
5A Warren	3A Newberry	6A Hyde	4A Claiborne	4A Maury
5A Washington	3A Oconee	5A Jackson	4A Clay	4A McMinn

6A Wayne	3A Orangeburg	6A Jerauld	4A Cocke	3A McNairy
5A Westmoreland	3A Pickens	6A Jones	4A Coffee	4A Meigs
5A Wyoming	3A Richland	6A Kingsbury	3A Crockett	4A Monroe
4A York	3A Saluda	6A Lake	4A Cumberland	4A Montgomery
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	3A Spartanburg	6A Lawrence	4A Davidson	4A Moore
5A (all)	3A Sumter	6A Lincoln	4A Decatur	4A Morgan
<b>SOUTH</b>	3A Union	6A Lyman	4A DeKalb	4A Obion
<b>CAROLINA</b>	3A Williamsburg	6A Marshall	4A Dickson	4A Overton
3A Abbeville	3A York	6A McCook	3A Dyer	4A Perry
3A Aiken	<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	6A McPherson	3A Fayette	4A Pickett
3A Allendale*	6A Aurora	6A Meade	4A Fentress	4A Polk
3A Anderson	6A Beadle	5A Mellette	4A Franklin	4A Putnam
		6A Miner		4A Rhea

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**TABLE C301.1—continued**  
**CLIMATE ZONES, MOISTURE REGIMES, AND WARM-HUMID**  
**DESIGNATIONS BY STATE, COUNTY AND TERRITORY**

4A Roane	3B Brewster	3B Ector	3B Howard	3B McCulloch
4A Robertson	4B Briscoe	2B Edwards	3B Hudspeth	2A McLennan*
4A Rutherford	2A Brooks*	3A Ellis*	3A Hunt*	2A McMullen*
4A Scott	3A Brown*	3B El Paso	4B Hutchinson	2B Medina
4A Sequatchie	2A Burleson*	3A Erath*	3B Irion	3B Menard
4A Sevier	3A Burnet*	2A Falls*	3A Jack	3B Midland
3A Shelby	2A Caldwell*	3A Fannin	2A Jackson*	2A Milam*
4A Smith	2A Calhoun*	2A Fayette*	2A Jasper*	3A Mills*
4A Stewart	3B Callahan	3B Fisher	3B Jeff Davis	3B Mitchell
4A Sullivan	2A Cameron*	4B Floyd	2A Jefferson*	3A Montague
4A Sumner	3A Camp*	3B Foard	2A Jim Hogg*	2A Montgomery*
3A Tipton	4B Carson	2A Fort Bend*	2A Jim Wells*	4B Moore
4A Troupdale	3A Cass*	3A Franklin*	3A Johnson*	3A Morris*
4A Unicoi	4B Castro	2A Freestone*	3B Jones	3B Motley
4A Union	2A Chambers*	2B Frio	2A Karnes*	3A Nacogdoches*
4A Van Buren	2A Cherokee*	3B Gaines	3A Kaufman*	3A Navarro*
4A Warren	3B Childress	2A Galveston*	3A Kendall*	2A Newton*
4A Washington	3A Clay	3B Garza	2A Kenedy*	3B Nolan
4A Wayne	4B Cochran	3A Gillespie*	3B Kent	2A Nueces*
4A Weakley	3B Coke	3B Glasscock	3B Kerr	4B Ochiltree
4A White	3B Coleman	2A Goliad*	3B Kimble	4B Oldham
4A Williamson	3A Collin*	2A Gonzales*	3B King	2A Orange*
4A Wilson	3B Collingsworth	4B Gray	2B Kinney	3A Palo Pinto*
<b>TEXAS</b>	2A Colorado*	3A Grayson	2A Kleberg*	3A Panola*
2A Anderson*	2A Comal*	3A Gregg*	3B Knox	3A Parker*
3B Andrews	3A Comanche*	2A Grimes*	3A Lamar*	4B Parmer
2A Angelina*	3B Concho	2A Guadalupe*	4B Lamb	3B Pecos
2A Aransas*	3A Cooke	4B Hale	3A Lampasas*	2A Polk*
3A Archer	2A Coryell*	3B Hall	2B La Salle	4B Potter
4B Armstrong	3B Cottle	3A Hamilton*	2A Lavaca*	3B Presidio
2A Atascosa*	3B Crane	4B Hansford	2A Lee*	3A Rains*
2A Austin*	3B Crockett	3B Hardeman	2A Leon*	4B Randall
4B Bailey	3B Crosby	2A Hardin*	2A Liberty*	3B Reagan
2B Bandera	3B Culberson	2A Harris*	2A Limestone*	2B Real
2A Bastrop*	4B Dallam	3A Harrison*	4B Lipscomb	3A Red River*

3B-Baylor	3A-Dallas*	4B-Hartley	2A-Live-Oak*	3B-Reeves
2A-Bee*	3B-Dawson	3B-Haskell	3A-Llano*	2A-Refugio*
2A-Bell*	4B-Deaf-Smith	2A-Hays*	3B-Loving	4B-Roberts
2A-Bexar*	3A-Delta	3B-Hemphill	3B-Lubbock	2A-Robertson*
3A-Blanco*	3A-Denton*	3A-Henderson*	3B-Lynn	3A-Rockwall*
3B-Borden	2A-DeWitt*	2A-Hidalgo*	2A-Madison*	3B-Runnels
2A-Bosque*	3B-Dickens	2A-Hill*	3A-Marion*	3A-Rusk*
3A-Bowie*	2B-Dimmit	4B-Hockley	3B-Martin	3A-Sabine*
2A-Brazoria*	4B-Donley	3A-Hood*	3B-Mason	3A-San-Augustine*
2A-Brazos*	2A-Duval*	3A-Hopkins*	2A-Matagorda*	2A-San-Jacinto*
	3A-Eastland	2A-Houston*	2B-Maverick	2A-San-Patricio*

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**TABLE C301.1—continued**  
**CLIMATE ZONES, MOISTURE REGIMES, AND WARM-HUMID**  
**DESIGNATIONS BY STATE, COUNTY AND TERRITORY**

3A-San-Saba*	3A-Young	4C-Clark	4A-Gilmer	<b>WISCONSIN</b>
3B-Schleicher	2B-Zapata	5B-Columbia	5A-Grant	6A-Adams
3B-Scurry	2B-Zavala	4C-Cowlitz	5A-Greenbrier	7-Ashland
3B-Shackelford	<b>UTAH</b>	5B-Douglas	5A-Hampshire	6A-Barron
3A-Shelby*	5B-Beaver	6B-Ferry	5A-Hancock	7-Bayfield
4B-Sherman	6B-Box-Elder	5B-Franklin	5A-Hardy	6A-Brown
3A-Smith*	6B-Cache	5B-Garfield	5A-Harrison	6A-Buffalo
3A-Somervell*	6B-Carbon	5B-Grant	4A-Jackson	7-Burnett
2A-Starr*	6B-Daggett	4C-Grays-Harbor	4A-Jefferson	6A-Calumet
3A-Stephens	5B-Davis	4C-Island	4A-Kanawha	6A-Chippewa
3B-Sterling	6B-Duchesne	4C-Jefferson	5A-Lewis	6A-Clark
3B-Stonewall	5B-Emery	4C-King	4A-Lincoln	6A-Columbia
3B-Sutton	5B-Garfield	4C-Kitsap	4A-Logan	6A-Crawford
4B-Swisher	5B-Grand	5B-Kittitas	5A-Marion	6A-Dane
3A-Tarrant*	5B-Iron	5B-Klickitat	5A-Marshall	6A-Dodge
3B-Taylor	5B-Juab	4C-Lewis	4A-Mason	6A-Door
3B-Terrell	5B-Kane	5B-Lincoln	4A-McDowell	7-Douglas
3B-Terry	5B-Millard	4C-Mason	4A-Mercer	6A-Dunn
3B-Throckmorton	6B-Morgan	6B-Okanogan	5A-Mineral	6A-Eau-Claire
3A-Titus*	5B-Piute	4C-Pacific	4A-Minge	7-Florence
3B-Tom-Green	6B-Rich	6B-Pend-Oreille	5A-Monongalia	6A-Fond-du-Lac
2A-Travis*	5B-Salt-Lake	4C-Pierce	4A-Monroe	7-Forest
2A-Trinity*	5B-San-Juan	4C-San-Juan	4A-Morgan	6A-Grant
2A-Tyler*	5B-Sanpete	4C-Skagit	5A-Nicholas	6A-Green
3A-Upshur*	5B-Sevier	5B-Skamania	5A-Ohio	6A-Green-Lake
3B-Upton	6B-Summit	4C-Snohomish	5A-Pendleton	6A-Iowa
2B-Uvalde	5B-Tooele	5B-Spokane	4A-Pleasants	7-Iron
2B-Val-Verde	6B-Uintah	6B-Stevens	5A-Pocahontas	6A-Jackson
3A-Van-Zandt*	5B-Utah	4C-Thurston	5A-Preston	6A-Jefferson
2A-Victoria*	6B-Wasatch	4C-Wahkiakum	4A-Putnam	6A-Juneau
2A-Walker*	3B-Washington	5B-Walla-Walla	5A-Raleigh	6A-Kenosha
2A-Waller*	5B-Wayne	4C-Whatcom	5A-Randolph	6A-Kewaunee
3B-Ward	5B-Weber	5B-Whitman	4A-Ritchie	6A-La-Crosse
2A-Washington*	<b>VERMONT</b>	5B-Yakima	4A-Roane	6A-Lafayette
2B-Webb	6A-(all)	<b>WEST-VIRGINIA</b>	5A-Summers	7-Langlade
2A-Wharton*	<b>VIRGINIA</b>	5A-Barbour	5A-Taylor	7-Lincoln
3B-Wheeler	4A-(all)	4A-Berkeley	5A-Tucker	6A-Manitowoc



3A Wichita	<b>WASHINGTON</b>	4A Boone	4A Tyler	6A Marathon
3B Wilbarger	5B Adams	4A Braxton	5A Upshur	6A Marinette
2A Willacy*	5B Asotin	5A Brooke	4A Wayne	6A Marquette
2A Williamson*	5B Benton	4A Cabell	5A Webster	6A Menominee
2A Wilson*	5B Chelan	4A Calhoun	5A Wetzel	6A Milwaukee
3B Winkler	4C Clallam	4A Clay	4A Wirt	6A Monroe
3A Wise		5A Doddridge	4A Wood	6A Oconto
3A Wood*		5A Fayette	4A Wyoming	7 Oneida
4B Yoakum				6A Outagamie

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**TABLE C301.1—continued**  
**CLIMATE ZONES, MOISTURE REGIMES, AND WARM-HUMID**  
**DESIGNATIONS BY STATE, COUNTY AND TERRITORY**

6A Ozaukee	7 Taylor	6B Big Horn	6B Sheridan	<b>NORTHERN</b>
6A Pepin	6A Trempealeau	6B Campbell	7 Sublette	<b>MARIANA</b>
6A Pierce	6A Vernon	6B Carbon	6B Sweetwater	<b>ISLANDS</b>
6A Polk	7 Vilas	6B Converse	7 Teton	1A (all)*
6A Portage	6A Walworth	6B Crook	6B Uinta	<b>PUERTO RICO</b>
7 Price	7 Washburn	6B Fremont	6B Washakie	1A (all)*
6A Racine	6A Washington	5B Goshen	6B Weston	<b>VIRGIN ISLANDS</b>
6A Richland	6A Waukesha	6B Hot Springs	<b>US TERRITORIES</b>	1A (all)*
6A Rock	6A Waupaca	6B Johnson	<b>AMERICAN</b>	
6A Rusk	6A Waushara	6B Laramie	<b>SAMOA</b>	
6A Sauk	6A Winnebago	7 Lincoln	1A (all)*	
7 Sawyer	6A Wood	6B Natrona	<b>GUAM</b>	
6A Shawano	<b>WYOMING</b>	6B Niobrara	1A (all)*	
6A Sheboygan	6B Albany	6B Park		
6A St. Croix		5B Platte		

**TABLE C301.3(1)**  
**INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE ZONE DEFINITIONS**

<b>MAJOR CLIMATE TYPE DEFINITIONS</b>
<p>Marine (C) Definition—Locations meeting all four criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mean temperature of coldest month between -3°C (27°F) and 18°C (65°F).</li> <li>2. Warmest month mean &lt; 22°C (72°F).</li> <li>3. At least four months with mean temperatures over 10°C (50°F).</li> <li>4. Dry season in summer. The month with the heaviest precipitation in the cold season has at least three times as much precipitation as the month with the least precipitation in the rest of the year. The cold season is October through March in the Northern Hemisphere and April through September in the Southern Hemisphere.</li> </ol>
<p>Dry (B) Definition—Locations meeting the following criteria:</p> <p>Not marine and <math>P_{in} &lt; 0.44 \times (TF - 19.5)</math> [<math>P_{cm} &lt; 2.0 \times (TC + 7)</math> in SI units]</p> <p>where:</p> <p><math>P_{in}</math> = Annual precipitation in inches (cm)</p> <p><math>T</math> = Annual mean temperature in °F (°C)</p>



Moist (A) Definition—Locations that are not marine and not dry.
Warm-humid Definition—Moist (A) locations where either of the following wet-bulb temperature conditions shall occur during the warmest six consecutive months of the year:
1. 67°F (19.4°C) or higher for 3,000 or more hours; or
2. 73°F (22.8°C) or higher for 1,500 or more hours.

For SI: °C = [(°F)-32]/1.8, 1 inch = 2.54 cm.

**TABLE C301.3(2)**  
**INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE ZONE DEFINITIONS**

ZONE NUMBER	THERMAL CRITERIA	
	IP Units	SI Units
1	9000 < CDD50°F	5000 < CDD10°C
2	6300 < CDD50°F ≤ 9000	3500 < CDD10°C ≤ 5000
3A and 3B	4500 < CDD50°F ≤ 6300 AND HDD65°F ≤ 5400	2500 < CDD10°C ≤ 3500 AND HDD18°C ≤ 3000
4A and 4B	CDD50°F ≤ 4500 AND HDD65°F ≤ 5400	CDD10°C ≤ 2500 AND HDD18°C ≤ 3000
3C	HDD65°F ≤ 3600	HDD18°C ≤ 2000
4C	3600 < HDD65°F ≤ 5400	2000 < HDD18°C ≤ 3000
5	5400 < HDD65°F ≤ 7200	3000 < HDD18°C ≤ 4000
6	7200 < HDD65°F ≤ 9000	4000 < HDD18°C ≤ 5000
7	9000 < HDD65°F ≤ 12600	5000 < HDD18°C ≤ 7000
8	12600 < HDD65°F	7000 < HDD18°C

For SI: °C = [(°F)-32]/1.8.

## **SECTION C302**

### **DESIGN CONDITIONS**

#### **C302.1 Interior design conditions.**

The interior design temperatures used for heating and cooling load calculations shall be a maximum of 72°F (22°C) for heating and minimum of 75°F (24°C) for cooling.

## **SECTION C303**

### **MATERIALS, SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT**

#### **C303.1 Identification.**

Materials, systems and equipment shall be identified in a manner that will allow a determination of compliance with the applicable provisions of this code.

##### **C303.1.1 Building thermal envelope insulation.**

An *R*-value identification mark shall be applied by the manufacturer to each piece of *building thermal envelope* insulation 12 inches (305 mm) or greater in width. Alternately, the insulation installers shall provide a certification listing the type, manufacturer and *R*-value of insulation installed in each element of the *building thermal envelope*. For blown or sprayed insulation (fiberglass and cellulose), the initial installed thickness, settled thickness, settled *R*-value, installed density, coverage area and number of bags installed shall be *listed* on the certification. For sprayed polyurethane foam (SPF) insulation, the installed thickness of the areas covered and *R*-value of installed thickness shall be *listed* on the certification. For

insulated siding, the *R*-value shall be labeled on the product's package and shall be *listed* on the certification. The insulation installer shall sign, date and post the certification in a conspicuous location on the job site.

#### **C303.1.1.1 Blown or sprayed roof/ceiling insulation.**

The thickness of blown-in or sprayed roof/ceiling insulation (fiberglass or cellulose) shall be written in inches (mm) on markers that are installed at least one for every 300 square feet (28 m<sup>2</sup>) throughout the attic space. The markers shall be affixed to the trusses or joists and marked with the minimum initial installed thickness with numbers not less than 1 inch (25 mm) in height. Each marker shall face the attic access opening. Spray polyurethane foam thickness and installed *R*-value shall be *listed* on certification provided by the insulation installer.

#### **C303.1.2 Insulation mark installation.**

Insulating materials shall be installed such that the manufacturer's *R*-value mark is readily observable upon inspection.

#### **C303.1.3 Fenestration product rating.**

~~*U*-factors of fenestration products (windows, doors and skylights) shall be determined in accordance with NFRC 100.~~

~~**Exception:** Where required, garage door *U*-factors shall be determined in accordance with either NFRC 100 or ANSI/DASMA 105.~~

~~*U*-factors shall be determined by an accredited, independent laboratory, and labeled and certified by the manufacturer.~~

~~Products lacking such a labeled *U*-factor shall be assigned a default *U*-factor from Table C303.1.3(1) or C303.1.3(2). The solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) and visible transmittance (VT) of glazed fenestration products (windows, glazed doors and skylights) shall be determined in accordance with NFRC 200 by an accredited, independent laboratory, and labeled and certified by the manufacturer. Products lacking such a labeled SHGC or VT shall be assigned a default SHGC or VT from Table C303.1.3(3).~~

#### **C303.1.3 Fenestration product rating.**

*U*-factors of fenestration products (windows, doors and skylights) shall be determined in accordance with NFRC 100. *U*-factors shall be determined by an accredited, independent laboratory, and labeled and certified by the manufacturer. Products lacking such a labeled *U*-factor shall be assigned a default *U*-factor from Table R303.1.3(1) or R303.1.3(2). The solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) and visible transmittance (VT) of glazed fenestration products (windows, glazed doors and skylights) shall be determined in accordance with NFRC 200 by an accredited, independent laboratory, and labeled and certified by the manufacturer. Products lacking such a labeled SHGC or VT shall be assigned a default SHGC or VT from Table R303.1.3(3).

**Exception:** When a garage door is a part of the building thermal envelope ~~Where required~~, garage door *U*-factors shall be determined in accordance with either NFRC 100 or ANSI/DASMA 105.

**TABLE C303.1.3(1)**  
**DEFAULT GLAZED FENESTRATION U-FACTORS**

FRAME TYPE	SINGLE PANE	DOUBLE PANE	SKYLIGHT	
			Single	Double
Metal	1.20	0.80	2.00	1.30
Metal with Thermal Break	1.10	0.65	1.90	1.10
Nonmetal or Metal Clad	0.95	0.55	1.75	1.05
Glazed Block	0.60			

**TABLE C303.1.3(2)**  
**DEFAULT DOOR U-FACTORS**

DOOR TYPE	U-FACTOR
Uninsulated Metal	1.20
Insulated Metal	0.60
Wood	0.50
Insulated, nonmetal edge, max 45% glazing, any glazing double pane	0.35

**TABLE C303.1.3(3)**  
**DEFAULT GLAZED FENESTRATION SHGC AND VT**

	SINGLE GLAZED		DOUBLE GLAZED		GLAZED BLOCK
	Clear	Tinted	Clear	Tinted	
SHGC	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
VT	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.6

**C303.1.4 Insulation product rating.**

The thermal resistance (*R*-value) of insulation shall be determined in accordance with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission *R*-value rule (CFR Title 16, Part 460) in units of  $\text{h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}/\text{Btu}$  at a mean temperature of 75°F (24°C).

**C303.1.4.1 Insulated siding.**

The thermal resistance (*R*-value) of insulated siding shall be determined in accordance with ASTM C1363. Installation for testing shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**C303.2 Installation.**

Materials, systems and equipment shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the *International Building Code*.

**C303.2.1 Protection of exposed foundation insulation.**

Insulation applied to the exterior of basement walls, crawlspace walls and the perimeter of slab-on-grade floors shall have an ~~an rigid~~, opaque and weather-resistant protective covering to prevent the degradation of the insulation's thermal performance. The protective covering shall cover the exposed exterior insulation and extend not less than 6 inches (153 mm) below grade.

**C303.3 Maintenance information.**

Maintenance instructions shall be furnished for equipment and systems that require preventive maintenance. ~~Required regular maintenance actions shall be clearly stated and incorporated on a readily accessible label. The label shall include the title or publication number for the operation and maintenance manual for that particular model and type of product.~~

# CHAPTER 4 [CE]

## COMMERCIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY

### SECTION C401 GENERAL

#### C401.1 Scope.

The provisions in this chapter are applicable to commercial *buildings* and their *building sites*.

#### C401.2 Application.

Commercial buildings shall comply with one of the following:

1. The requirements of ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1-2013.
2. The requirements of Sections C402 through C405. In addition, commercial buildings shall comply with Section C406 and tenant spaces shall comply with Section C406.1.1.
3. The requirements of Sections C402.5, C403.2, C404, C405.2, C405.3, C405.5, C405.6 and C407. The building energy cost shall be equal to or less than 85 percent of the standard reference design building.

North Carolina specific COMcheck or ASHRAE 90.1-2013 COMcheck shall be permitted to demonstrate compliance with this code.

#### ~~C401.2.1 Application to replacement fenestration products.~~

~~Where some or all of an existing fenestration unit is replaced with a new fenestration product, including sash and glazing, the replacement fenestration unit shall meet the applicable requirements for U-factor and SHGC in Table C402.4.~~

~~**Exception:** An area-weighted average of the U-factor of replacement fenestration products being installed in the building for each fenestration product category listed in Table C402.4 shall be permitted to satisfy the U-factor requirements for each fenestration product category listed in Table C402.4. Individual fenestration products from different product categories listed in Table C402.4 shall not be combined in calculating the area-weighted average U-factor.~~

### SECTION C402 BUILDING ENVELOPE REQUIREMENTS

#### C402.1 General (Prescriptive).

Building thermal envelope assemblies for buildings that are intended to comply with the code on

a prescriptive basis, in accordance with the compliance path described in Item 2 of Section C401.2, shall comply with the following:

1. The opaque portions of the building thermal envelope shall comply with the specific insulation requirements of Section C402.2 and the thermal requirements of either the *R*-value-based method of Section C402.1.3; the *U*-, *C*- and *F*-factor-based method of Section C402.1.4; or the component performance alternative of Section C402.1.5.
2. Roof solar reflectance and thermal emittance shall comply with Section C402.3.
3. Fenestration in building envelope assemblies shall comply with Section C402.4.
4. Air leakage of building envelope assemblies shall comply with Section C402.5.

Alternatively, where buildings have a vertical fenestration area or skylight area exceeding that allowed in Section C402.4, the building and building thermal envelope shall comply with Section C401.2, Item 1 or Section C401.2, Item 3.

~~Walk-in coolers, walk-in freezers, refrigerated warehouse coolers and refrigerated warehouse freezers shall comply with Section C403.2.15 or C403.2.16.~~

#### **C402.1.1 Low-energy buildings.**

The following low-energy buildings, or portions thereof separated from the remainder of the building by *building thermal envelope* assemblies complying with this section, shall be exempt from the *building thermal envelope* provisions of Section C402.

1. Those with a peak design rate of energy usage less than  $3.4 \text{ Btu/h} \cdot \text{ft}^2$  ( $10.7 \text{ W/m}^2$ ) or  $1.0 \text{ watt per square foot}$  ( $10.7 \text{ W/m}^2$ ) of floor area for space conditioning purposes.
2. Those that do not contain *conditioned* space.
3. Greenhouses.

#### **C402.1.2 Equipment buildings.**

~~Deleted. Buildings that comply with the following shall be exempt from the *building thermal envelope* provisions of this code:~~

- ~~1. Are separate buildings with floor area not more than 500 square feet ( $50 \text{ m}^2$ ).~~
- ~~2. Are intended to house electronic equipment with installed equipment power totaling not less than 7 watts per square foot ( $75 \text{ W/m}^2$ ) and not intended for human occupancy.~~
- ~~3. Have a heating system capacity not greater than (17,000 Btu/hr) (5 kW) and a heating thermostat set point that is restricted to not more than 50°F (10°C).~~
- ~~4. Have an average wall and roof *U*-factor less than 0.200 in *Climate Zones* 3 through 5 and less than 0.120 in *Climate Zones* 6 through 8.~~

~~5. Comply with the roof solar reflectance and thermal emittance provisions for Climate Zone 1.~~

**C402.1.3 Insulation component R-value-based method.**

*Building thermal envelope* opaque assemblies shall meet the requirements of Sections C402.2 and C402.4 based on the *climate zone* specified in Chapter 3. For opaque portions of the *building thermal envelope* intended to comply on an insulation component *R-value* basis, the *R-values* for insulation in framing cavities, where required, and for continuous insulation, where required, shall be not less than that specified in Table C402.1.3, based on the *climate zone* specified in Chapter 3. Commercial buildings or portions of commercial buildings enclosing Group R occupancies shall use the *R-values* from the “Group R” column of Table C402.1.3. Commercial buildings or portions of commercial buildings enclosing occupancies other than Group R shall use the *R-values* from the “All other” column of Table C402.1.3. The thermal resistance or *R-value* of the insulating material installed continuously within or on the below-grade exterior walls of the building envelope required in accordance with Table C402.1.3 shall extend to a depth of not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) below the outside finished ground level, or to the level of the lowest floor of the conditioned space enclosed by the below grade wall, whichever is less. Opaque swinging doors ~~shall comply with Table C402.1.4~~ and opaque nonswinging doors shall comply with Table C402.1.3.

~~**TABLE C402.1.3**  
**OPAQUE THERMAL ENVELOPE INSULATION COMPONENT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS,**  
**R-VALUE METHOD<sup>a</sup>**~~



CLIMATE-ZONE	1		2		3		4 EXCEPT MARINE		5 AND MARINE 4		6		7		8	
	All- other	Group R	All- other	Group R	All- other	Group R	All- other	Group R	All- other	Group R	All- other	Group R	All- other	Group R	All- other	Group R
<b>Roofs</b>																
Insulation entirely above roof-deck	R-20ci	R-25ci	R-25ci	R-25ci	R-25ci	R-25ci	R-30ci	R-30ci	R-30ci	R-30ci	R-30ci	R-30ci	R-35ci	R-35ci	R-35ci	R-35ci
Metal buildings <sup>b</sup>	R-19+ R-11LS	R-19+ R-11LS	R-19+ R-11LS	R-19+ R-11LS	R-19+ R-11LS	R-19+ R-11LS	R-19+ R-11LS	R-19+ R-11LS	R-19+ R-11LS	R-19+ R-11LS	R-25+ R-11LS	R-25+ R-11LS	R-30+ R-11LS	R-30+ R-11LS	R-30+ R-11LS	R-30+ R-11LS
Attic and other	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-49	R-49	R-49	R-49	R-49	R-49	R-49
<b>Walls, above grade</b>																
Mass <sup>e</sup>	R-5.7ci	R-5.7ci	R-5.7ci	R-7.6ci	R-7.6ci	R-9.5ci	R-9.5ci	R-11.4ci	R-11.4ci	R-13.3ci	R-13.3ci	R-15.2ci	R-15.2ci	R-15.2ci	R-25ci	R-25ci
Metal building	R-13+ R-6.5ci	R-13+ R-6.5ci	R-13+ R-6.5ci	R-13+ R-13ci	R-13+ R-6.5ci	R-13+ R-13ci	R-13+ R-13ci	R-13+ R-13ci	R-13+ R-13ci	R-13+ R-13ci	R-13+ R-13ci	R-13+ R-13ci	R-13+ R-13ci	R-13+ R-19.5ci	R-13+ R-13ci	R-13+ R-19.5ci
Metal-framed	R-13+ R-5ci	R-13+ R-5ci	R-13+ R-5ci	R-13+ R-7.5ci	R-13+ R-7.5ci	R-13+ R-7.5ci	R-13+ R-7.5ci	R-13+ R-7.5ci	R-13+ R-7.5ci	R-13+ R-7.5ci	R-13+ R-7.5ci	R-13+ R-7.5ci	R-13+ R-7.5ci	R-13+ R-15.6ci	R-13+ R-7.5ci	R-13+ R-17.5ci
Wood-framed and other	R-13+ R-3.8ci or R-20	R-13+ R-3.8ci or R-20	R-13+ R-3.8ci or R-20	R-13+ R-3.8ci or R-20	R-13+ R-3.8ci or R-20	R-13+ R-3.8ci or R-20	R-13+ R-3.8ci or R-20	R-13+ R-3.8ci or R-20	R-13+ R-3.8ci or R-20	R-13+ R-7.5ci or R-20 or R-3.8ci	R-13+ R-7.5ci or R-20 or R-3.8ci	R-13+ R-7.5ci or R-20 or R-3.8ci	R-13+ R-7.5ci or R-20 or R-3.8ci	R-13+ R-7.5ci or R-20 or R-3.8ci	R-13+ R-15.6ci or R-20 or R-10ci	R-13+ R-15.6ci or R-20 or R-10ci
<b>Walls, below grade</b>																
Below-grade wall <sup>d</sup>	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	R-7.5ci	R-7.5ci	R-7.5ci	R-7.5ci	R-7.5ci	R-7.5ci	R-10ci	R-10ci	R-10ci	R-12.5ci
<b>Floors</b>																
Mass <sup>e</sup>	NR	NR	R-6.3ci	R-8.3ci	R-10ci	R-10ci	R-10ci	R-10.4ci	R-10ci	R-12.5ci	R-12.5ci	R-12.5ci	R-15ci	R-16.7ci	R-15ci	R-16.7ci
Joist/raming	NR	NR	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30 <sup>f</sup>	R-30 <sup>f</sup>	R-30 <sup>f</sup>	R-30 <sup>f</sup>	R-30 <sup>f</sup>
<b>Slab-on-grade floors</b>																
Unheated slabs	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	R-10 for 24" below	R-10 for 24" below	R-10 for 24" below	R-10 for 24" below	R-10 for 24" below	R-15 for 24" below	R-15 for 24" below	R-15 for 24" below	R-15 for 24" below	R-20 for 24" below
Heated slabs	R-7.5 for 12" below	R-7.5 for 12" below	R-7.5 for 12" below	R-7.5 for 12" below	R-10 for 24" below	R-10 for 24" below	R-15 for 24" below	R-15 for 24" below	R-15 for 36" below	R-15 for 36" below	R-15 for 36" below	R-20 for 48" below	R-20 for 24" below	R-20 for 48" below	R-20 for 48" below	R-20 for 48" below
<b>Opaque doors</b>																
Nonswinging	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 pound per square foot = 4.88 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, 1 pound per cubic foot = 16 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

ci = Continuous insulation, NR = No requirement, LS = Liner system.

a. Assembly descriptions can be found in ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Appendix A.

b. Where using *R*-value compliance method, a thermal spacer block shall be provided, otherwise use the *U*-factor compliance method in Table C402.1.4.

c. R-5.7ci is allowed to be substituted with concrete block walls complying with ASTM C 90, ungrouted or partially-grouted at 32 inches or less on center vertically and 48 inches or less on center horizontally, with ungrouted cores filled with materials having a maximum thermal conductivity of 0.44 Btu-in/h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F.

d. Where heated slabs are below grade, below-grade walls shall comply with the exterior insulation requirements for heated slabs.

e. "Mass floors" shall include floors weighing not less than:

1. 35 pounds per square foot of floor surface area; or

2. 25 pounds per square foot of floor surface area where the material weight is not more than 120 pounds per cubic foot.

f. Steel floor joist systems shall be insulated to R-38.

**TABLE C402.1.3**

**OPAQUE THERMAL ENVELOPE INSULATION COMPONENT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS,  
R-VALUE METHOD<sup>f</sup>**

<u>Climate Zone</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>4</u>		<u>5</u>	
	<u>All Other</u>	<u>Group R</u>	<u>All Other</u>	<u>Group R</u>	<u>All Other</u>	<u>Group R</u>
<b><u>Roofs</u></b>						
<u>Insulation entirely above deck</u>	<u>R - 25 ci</u>	<u>R-25 ci</u>	<u>R - 30 ci</u>	<u>R-30 ci</u>	<u>R - 30 ci</u>	<u>R-30 ci</u>
<u>Metal buildings<sup>a,b</sup></u>	<u>R-10 + R-19 FC</u>	<u>R-10 + R-19 FC</u>	<u>R-19 + R-11 Ls; R-25 + R-8 Ls</u>	<u>R-19 + R-11 Ls; R-25 + R-8 Ls</u>	<u>R-19 + R-11 Ls; R-25 + R-8 Ls</u>	<u>R-19 + R-11 Ls; R-25 + R-8 Ls</u>
<u>Attic and other - wood framing<sup>e</sup></u>	<u>R-38</u>	<u>R-38</u>	<u>R-42</u>	<u>R-42</u>	<u>R-42</u>	<u>R-42</u>
<u>Attic and other - steel framing<sup>e</sup></u>	<u>R-38</u>	<u>R-38</u>	<u>R-49</u>	<u>R-49</u>	<u>R-49</u>	<u>R-49</u>
<b><u>Walls, Above Grade</u></b>						
<u>Mass</u>	<u>R-7.6 ci</u>	<u>R-9.5 ci</u>	<u>R-9.5 ci</u>	<u>R-11.4 ci</u>	<u>R-11.4 ci</u>	<u>R-15 ci</u>
<u>Metal building<sup>b</sup></u>	<u>R-0+R-9.8 ci</u>	<u>R-0 + R-13 ci</u>	<u>R-0 + R-15.8 ci</u>	<u>R-0 + R-19 ci</u>	<u>R-0 + R-19 ci</u>	<u>R-0 + R-19 ci</u>
<u>Metal framed</u>	<u>R-13 + 7.5 ci</u>	<u>R- 13 + R-7.5 ci</u>	<u>R-13 + R7.5 ci</u>	<u>R-13+R-7.5ci</u>	<u>R-13+R-7.5ci</u>	<u>R-13+R-10ci</u>
<u>Wood framed and other</u>	<u>R-13 + R-3.8ci or R-20</u>	<u>R-13+ R-3.8ci or R-20</u>	<u>R-13+ R-3.8ci or R-20</u>	<u>R-13+ R-3.8ci or R-20</u>	<u>R-13+ R-3.8ci or R-20</u>	<u>R-13+ R-7.5ci or R-20+R- 3.8ci</u>
<b><u>Walls, Below Grade</u></b>						
<u>Below-grade wall<sup>c</sup></u>	<u>R-7.5 ci</u>	<u>R-7.5 ci</u>	<u>R-7.5 ci</u>	<u>R-10 ci</u>	<u>R-7.5 ci</u>	<u>R-10 ci</u>
<b><u>Floors</u></b>						
<u>Mass</u>	<u>R-12.5 ci</u>	<u>R-12.5 ci</u>	<u>R-14.6 ci</u>	<u>R-16.7 ci</u>	<u>R-14.6 ci</u>	<u>R-16.7 ci</u>
<u>Joist / Framing</u>	<u>R-30<sup>d</sup></u>	<u>R-30<sup>d</sup></u>	<u>R-38</u>	<u>R-38</u>	<u>R-38</u>	<u>R-38</u>
<b><u>Slab-on-Grade Floors<sup>c</sup></u></b>						
<u>Unheated slabs</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>R-10 for 24 in.</u>	<u>R-15 for 24 in.</u>	<u>R-15 for 24 in.</u>	<u>R-15 for 24 in.</u>	<u>R-20 for 24 in.</u>
<u>Heated slabs</u>	<u>R-15 for 24 in.</u>	<u>R-15 for 24 in.</u>	<u>R-20 for 24 in.</u>	<u>R-20 for 48 in.</u>	<u>R-20 for 48 in.</u>	<u>R-20 for 48 in.</u>
<b><u>Opaque Doors</u></b>						
<u>Swinging</u>	<u>U – 0.70</u>	<u>U – 0.50</u>	<u>U – 0.50</u>	<u>U – 0.50</u>	<u>U – 0.50</u>	<u>U – 0.50</u>
<u>Non-swinging</u>	<u>U - 0.50</u>	<u>U - 0.50</u>	<u>U - 0.50</u>	<u>U - 0.50</u>	<u>U - 0.50</u>	<u>U - 0.50</u>

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

CI = Continuous insulation. FC = Filled Cavity. LS = Liner System. NR = No requirement.

LS = Liner system-Liner systems shall have a minimum R-3 thermal spacer block between the purlins and the metal roof panels as required, unless compliance is shown by overall assembly U-factor.

FC = Filled cavity – Filled cavity assemblies shall have a minimum R-5 thermal spacer block between the purlins and the metal roof panels as required, unless compliance is shown by the overall assembly U-factor.

<sup>a</sup>. When using R-value compliance method, a thermal spacer block is required, otherwise use the U-factor compliance method. [See Table C402.1.3(1).]

<sup>b</sup>. Assembly descriptions can be found in Table C402.1.3(1).

- c. For monolithic slabs, insulation shall be applied from the inspection gap downward to the bottom of the footing. For floating slabs, insulation shall extend to the bottom of the foundation wall or 24 inches, whichever is less.
- d. Steel floor joist systems shall to be R-38.
- e. R-30 shall be deemed to satisfy the requirement for R-38 wherever the full height of uncompressed R-30 insulation extends over the wall top plate at the eaves. Similarly, R-38 shall be deemed to satisfy the requirement for R-42 or R-49 wherever the full height of uncompressed R-38 insulation extends over the wall top plate at the eaves.
- f. Assembly descriptions can be found in ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Appendix A.

**TABLE C402.1.3(1)**

**BUILDING ENVELOPE REQUIREMENTS—OPAQUE ASSEMBLIES**

<b><u>ROOFS</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>
<u>R-10 + R-19FC</u>	<u>Filled cavity fiberglass insulation.</u>  <u>The first rated R-value of insulation represents faced or unfaced insulation installed between the purlins. The second rated R-value of insulation represents unfaced insulation installed above the first layer, perpendicular to the purlins and compressed when the metal roof panels are attached. A supporting structure retains the bottom of the first layer at the prescribed depth required for the full thickness of the insulation. A minimum R-5 thermal spacer block between the purlins and the metal roof panels is required, unless compliance is shown by the overall assembly U-factor.</u>
<u>R-19 + R11 Ls</u> <u>R-25 + R-8 Ls</u>	<u>Liner System with minimum R-3 thermal spacer block.</u>  <u>A continuous membrane is installed below the purlins and uninterrupted by framing members. Uncompressed, unfaced insulations rests on top of the membrane between the purlins. For multilayer installations, the last rated R-value of insulation is for unfaced insulation draped over purlins and then compressed when the metal roof panels are attached. A minimum R-3 thermal spacer block between the purlins and the metal roof panels is required unless compliance is shown by overall U-factor.</u>
<b><u>WALLS</u></b>	
<u>R-0 + R-13 ci</u> <u>R-0 + R-15.8 ci</u> <u>R-0 + R-19 ci</u>	<u>The first rated R-Value of insulation is for insulation compressed between metal wall panels and the steel structure. For assemblies with continuous insulation, the continuous insulation is installed on the inside or the outside of the girts, uncompressed and uninterrupted by framing members.</u>

**C402.1.4 Assembly U-factor, C-factor or F-factor-based method.**

Building thermal envelope opaque assemblies intended to comply on an assembly *U*-, *C*- or *F*-factor basis shall have a *U*-, *C*- or *F*-factor not greater than that specified in Table C402.1.4. Commercial buildings or portions of commercial buildings enclosing Group R occupancies shall use the *U*-, *C*- or *F*-factor from the “Group R” column of Table C402.1.4. Commercial buildings or portions of commercial buildings enclosing occupancies other than Group R shall use the *U*-, *C*- or *F*-factor from the “All other” column of Table C402.1.4. The *C*-factor for the below-grade exterior walls of the building envelope, as required in accordance with Table C402.1.4, shall extend to a depth of 10 feet (3048 mm) below the outside finished ground level, or to the level of the lowest floor, whichever is less. Opaque swinging doors shall comply with Table C402.1.4 and opaque nonswinging doors shall comply with Table C402.1.3.

**TABLE C402.1.4**  
**OPAQUE THERMAL ENVELOPE ASSEMBLY MAXIMUM REQUIREMENTS, U-FACTOR METHOD<sup>a, b</sup>**

CLIMATE ZONE	1		2		3		4 EXCEPT MARINE		5 AND MARINE-4		6		7		8	
	All- other-	Group R	All- other-	Group R	All- other-	Group R	All- other-	Group R	All- other-	Group R	All- other-	Group R	All- other-	Group R	All- other-	Group R
<b>Roofs</b>																
Insulation-entirely above roof-deck	U-0.048-	U-0.039	U-0.039	U-0.039	U-0.039	U-0.039	U-0.032	U-0.032	U-0.032	U-0.032	U-0.032	U-0.032	U-0.028	U-0.028	U-0.028	U-0.028
Metal-buildings	U-0.044	U-0.035	U-0.035	U-0.035	U-0.035	U-0.035	U-0.035	U-0.035	U-0.035	U-0.035	U-0.031	U-0.031	U-0.029	U-0.029	U-0.029	U-0.029
Attic-and-other	U-0.027-	U-0.027-	U-0.027-	U-0.027-	U-0.027-	U-0.027-	U-0.027	U-0.027-	U-0.027	U-0.021	U-0.021	U-0.021	U-0.021	U-0.021	U-0.021	U-0.021
<b>Walls, above grade</b>																
Mass	U-0.151	U-0.151	U-0.151	U-0.123	U-0.123	U-0.104	U-0.104	U-0.090	U-0.090	U-0.080	U-0.080	U-0.071	U-0.071	U-0.061	U-0.061	U-0.061
Metal-building	U-0.079	U-0.079	U-0.079	U-0.079	U-0.079	U-0.052	U-0.052	U-0.052	U-0.052	U-0.052	U-0.052	U-0.052	U-0.039	U-0.039	U-0.039	U-0.039
Metal-framed	U-0.077	U-0.077	U-0.077	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.057	U-0.057	U-0.052	U-0.052	U-0.045	U-0.045
Wood-framed and other <sup>c</sup>	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.051	U-0.051	U-0.051	U-0.051	U-0.036	U-0.036	U-0.036
<b>Walls, below grade</b>																
Below-grade wall <sup>e</sup>	C-1.140 <sup>e</sup>	C-1.140 <sup>e</sup>	C-1.140 <sup>e</sup>	C-1.140 <sup>e</sup>	C-1.140 <sup>e</sup>	C-1.140 <sup>e</sup>	C-0.119	C-0.119	C-0.119	C-0.119	C-0.119	C-0.119	C-0.092	C-0.092	C-0.092	C-0.092
<b>Floors</b>																
Mass <sup>d</sup>	U-0.322 <sup>e</sup>	U-0.322 <sup>e</sup>	U-0.107	U-0.087	U-0.076	U-0.076	U-0.076	U-0.074	U-0.074	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.057	U-0.055	U-0.051	U-0.055	U-0.051
Joist/framing	U-0.066 <sup>e</sup>	U-0.066 <sup>e</sup>	U-0.033	U-0.033	U-0.033	U-0.033	U-0.033	U-0.033	U-0.033	U-0.033	U-0.033	U-0.033	U-0.033	U-0.033	U-0.033	U-0.033
<b>Slab-on-grade floors</b>																
Unheated-slabs <sup>e</sup>	F-0.73 <sup>e</sup>	F-0.73 <sup>e</sup>	F-0.73 <sup>e</sup>	F-0.73 <sup>e</sup>	F-0.73 <sup>e</sup>	F-0.73 <sup>e</sup>	F-0.54	F-0.54	F-0.54	F-0.54	F-0.54	F-0.52	F-0.40	F-0.40	F-0.40	F-0.40
Heated-slabs <sup>f</sup>	F-0.70	F-0.70	F-0.70	F-0.70	F-0.70	F-0.70	F-0.65	F-0.65	F-0.65	F-0.65	F-0.58	F-0.58	F-0.55	F-0.55	F-0.55	F-0.55
<b>Opaque doors</b>																
Swinging	U-0.61	U-0.61	U-0.61	U-0.61	U-0.61	U-0.61	U-0.61	U-0.61	U-0.37	U-0.37	U-0.37	U-0.37	U-0.37	U-0.37	U-0.37	U-0.37

For SI: 1 pound per square foot = 4.88 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, 1 pound per cubic foot = 16 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

ci = Continuous insulation, NR = No requirement, LS = Liner system.

- Use of Opaque assembly *U*-factors, *C*-factors, and *F*-factors from ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1 Appendix A shall be permitted, provided the construction, excluding the cladding system on walls, complies with the appropriate construction details from ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1 Appendix A.
- Opaque assembly *U*-factors based on designs tested in accordance with ASTM C1363 shall be permitted. The *R*-value of continuous insulation shall be permitted to be added to or subtracted from the original tested design.
- Where heated slabs are below grade, below-grade walls shall comply with the *F*-factor requirements for heated slabs.
- "Mass floors" shall include floors weighing not less than:
  - 35 pounds per square foot of floor surface area; or
  - 25 pounds per square foot of floor surface area where the material weight is not more than 120 pounds per cubic foot.
- These *C*-, *F*- and *U*-factors are based on assemblies that are not required to contain insulation.
- Evidence of compliance with the *F*-factors indicated in the table for heated slabs shall be demonstrated by the application of the unheated slab *F*-factors and *R*-values derived from ASHRAE 90.1 Appendix A.

**TABLE C402.1.4**  
**OPAQUE THERMAL ENVELOPE ASSEMBLY MAXIMUM REQUIREMENTS, U-FACTOR**  
**METHOD<sup>a, b</sup>**

Climate Zone	<b>3</b>		<b>4</b>		<b>5</b>	
	All Other	Group R	All Other	Group R	All Other	Group R
<b>Roofs</b>						
Insulation entirely above deck	<u>U-0.039</u>	<u>U-0.039</u>	<u>U-0.032</u>	<u>U-0.032</u>	<u>U-0.032</u>	<u>U-0.032</u>
Metal buildings	<u>U-0.041</u>	<u>U-0.041</u>	<u>U-0.037</u>	<u>U-0.037</u>	<u>U-0.037</u>	<u>U-0.037</u>
Attic and other-wood framing	<u>U-0.027</u>	<u>U-0.027</u>	<u>U-0.024</u>	<u>U-0.024</u>	<u>U-0.024</u>	<u>U-0.024</u>
Attic and other – steel framing	<u>U-0.035</u>	<u>U-0.035</u>	<u>U-0.029</u>	<u>U-0.029</u>	<u>U-0.029</u>	<u>U-0.029</u>
<b>Walls, Above Grade</b>						
Mass	<u>U-0.123</u>	<u>U-0.104</u>	<u>U-0.104</u>	<u>U-0.090</u>	<u>U-0.090</u>	<u>U-0.071</u>
Metal building	<u>U-0.094</u>	<u>U-0.072</u>	<u>U-0.060</u>	<u>U-0.050</u>	<u>U-0.050</u>	<u>U-0.050</u>
Metal framed	<u>U-0.064</u>	<u>U-0.064</u>	<u>U-0.064</u>	<u>U-0.064</u>	<u>U-0.064</u>	<u>U-0.055</u>
Wood framed and other	<u>U-0.064</u>	<u>U-0.064</u>	<u>U-0.064</u>	<u>U-0.064</u>	<u>U-0.064</u>	<u>U-0.051</u>
<b>Walls, Below Grade</b>						
Below-grade wall <sup>c</sup>	<u>C-0.119</u>	<u>C-0.119</u>	<u>C-0.119</u>	<u>C-0.092</u>	<u>C-0.119</u>	<u>C-0.092</u>
<b>Floors</b>						
Mass	<u>U-0.064</u>	<u>U-0.064</u>	<u>U-0.057</u>	<u>U-0.051</u>	<u>U-0.057</u>	<u>U-0.051</u>
Joist / Framing-wood	<u>U-0.033</u>	<u>U-0.033</u>	<u>U-0.026</u>	<u>U-0.026</u>	<u>U-0.026</u>	<u>U-0.026</u>
Joist / Framing-steel	<u>U-0.032</u>	<u>U-0.032</u>	<u>U-0.032</u>	<u>U-0.032</u>	<u>U-0.032</u>	<u>U-0.032</u>
<b>Slab-on-Grade Floors</b>						
Unheated slabs	<u>F-0.730<sup>d</sup></u>	<u>F-0.540</u>	<u>F-0.520</u>	<u>F-0.520</u>	<u>F-0.520</u>	<u>F-0.510</u>
Heated slabs <sup>e</sup>	<u>F-0.860</u>	<u>F-0.860</u>	<u>F-0.843</u>	<u>F-0.688</u>	<u>F-0.688</u>	<u>F-0.688</u>

- a. Use of Opaque assembly *U*-factors, *C*-factors, and *F*-factors from ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1 Appendix A shall be permitted, provided the construction, excluding the cladding system on walls, complies with the appropriate construction details from ANSI/ASHRAE/ISNEA 90.1 Appendix A.
- b. Opaque assembly *U*-factors based on designs tested in accordance with ASTM C1363 shall be permitted. The *R*-value of continuous insulation shall be permitted to be added to or subtracted from the original tested design.
- c. Where heated slabs are below grade, below-grade walls shall comply with the *F*-factor requirements for heated slabs.
- d. These *C*-, *F*- and *U*-factors are based on assemblies that are not required to contain insulation.
- e. Evidence of compliance with the *F*-factors indicated in the table for heated slabs shall be demonstrated by the application of the unheated slab *F*-factors and *R*-values derived from ASHRAE 90.1 Appendix A.

#### **C402.1.4.1 Thermal resistance of cold-formed steel walls.**

*U*-factors of walls with cold-formed steel studs shall be permitted to be determined in accordance with Equation 4-1:

$$U = 1/[R_s + (ER)] \quad \text{(Equation 4-1)}$$

where:

- $R_s$  = The cumulative  $R$ -value of the wall components along the path of heat transfer, excluding the cavity insulation and steel studs.
- $ER$  = The effective  $R$ -value of the cavity insulation with steel studs.

**TABLE C402.1.4.1**  
**EFFECTIVE R-VALUES FOR STEEL STUD WALL ASSEMBLIES**

NOMINAL STUD DEPTH (inches)	SPACING OF FRAMING (inches)	CAVITY R-VALUE (insulation)	CORRECTION FACTOR ( $F_c$ )	EFFECTIVE R-VALUE (ER) (Cavity R-Value $\times F_c$ )
$3 \frac{1}{2}$	16	13	0.46	5.98
		15	0.43	6.45
$3 \frac{1}{2}$	24	13	0.55	7.15
		15	0.52	7.80
6	16	19	0.37	7.03
		21	0.35	7.35
6	24	19	0.45	8.55
		21	0.43	9.03
8	16	25	0.31	7.75
	24	25	0.38	9.50

#### **C402.1.5 Component performance alternative.**

Building envelope values and fenestration areas determined in accordance with Equation 4-2 shall be permitted in lieu of compliance with the  $U$ -,  $F$ - and  $C$ -factors in Tables C402.1.3 and C402.1.4 and the maximum allowable fenestration areas in Section C402.4.1.

$$A + B + C + D + E \leq \text{Zero} \quad \text{(Equation 4-2)}$$

where:

- $A$  = Sum of the (UA Dif) values for each distinct assembly type of the building thermal envelope, other than slabs on grade and below-grade walls.  
 UA Dif = UA Proposed - UA Table.  
 UA Proposed = Proposed  $U$ -value  $\cdot$  Area.  
 UA Table = ( $U$ -factor from Table C402.1.3 or Table C402.1.4)  $\cdot$  Area.
- $B$  = Sum of the (FL Dif) values for each distinct slab-on-grade perimeter condition of the building thermal envelope.  
 FL Dif = FL Proposed - FL Table.  
 FL Proposed = Proposed  $F$ -value  $\cdot$  Perimeter length.  
 FL Table = ( $F$ -factor specified in Table C402.1.4)  $\cdot$  Perimeter length.
- $C$  = Sum of the (CA Dif) values for each distinct below-grade wall assembly type of the building thermal envelope.

$CA_{Dif} = CA_{Proposed} - CA_{Table}$   
 $CA_{Proposed} = Proposed\ C\text{-value} \cdot Area$   
 $CA_{Table} = (Maximum\ allowable\ C\text{-factor}\ specified\ in\ Table\ C402.1.4) \cdot Area$

Where the proposed vertical glazing area is less than or equal to the maximum vertical glazing area allowed by Section C402.4.1, the value of D (Excess Vertical Glazing Value) shall be zero. Otherwise:

$$D = (DA \cdot UV) - (DA \cdot U_{Wall}), \text{ but not less than zero.}$$

$DA = (Proposed\ Vertical\ Glazing\ Area) - (Vertical\ Glazing\ Area\ allowed\ by\ Section\ C402.4.1)$   
 $U_{Wall} = \text{Sum of the } (UA_{Proposed}) \text{ values for each opaque assembly of the exterior wall.}$   
 $U_{Wall} = \text{Area-weighted average } U\text{-value of all above-grade wall assemblies.}$   
 $UAV = \text{Sum of the } (UA_{Proposed}) \text{ values for each vertical glazing assembly.}$   
 $UV = UAV / \text{total vertical glazing area.}$

Where the proposed skylight area is less than or equal to the skylight area allowed by Section C402.4.1, the value of E (Excess Skylight Value) shall be zero. Otherwise:

$$E = (EA \cdot US) - (EA \cdot U_{Roof}), \text{ but not less than zero.}$$

$EA = (Proposed\ Skylight\ Area) - (Allowable\ Skylight\ Area\ as\ specified\ in\ Section\ C402.4.1)$   
 $U_{Roof} = \text{Area-weighted average } U\text{-value of all roof assemblies.}$   
 $UAS = \text{Sum of the } (UA_{Proposed}) \text{ values for each skylight assembly.}$   
 $US = UAS / \text{total skylight area.}$

## **C402.2 Specific building thermal envelope insulation requirements (Prescriptive).**

Insulation in building thermal envelope opaque assemblies shall comply with Sections C402.2.1 through C402.2.6 and Table C402.1.3.

### **C402.2.1 Multiple layers of continuous insulation board.**

Where two or more layers of continuous insulation board are used in a construction assembly, the continuous insulation boards shall be installed in accordance with Section C303.2. Where the continuous insulation board manufacturer's instructions do not address installation of two or more layers, the edge joints between each layer of continuous insulation boards shall be staggered.

### **C402.2.2 Roof assembly.**

The minimum thermal resistance (*R*-value) of the insulating material installed either between the roof framing or continuously on the roof assembly shall be as specified in Table C402.1.3, based on construction materials used in the roof assembly. Skylight curbs shall be insulated to the level of roofs with insulation entirely above deck or R-5, whichever is less.

### **Exceptions:**



1. Continuously insulated roof assemblies where the thickness of insulation varies 1 inch (25 mm) or less and where the area-weighted  $U$ -factor is equivalent to the same assembly with the  $R$ -value specified in Table C402.1.3.
2. Where tapered insulation is used with insulation entirely above deck, the  $R$ -value where the insulation thickness varies 1 inch (25 mm) or less from the minimum thickness of tapered insulation shall comply with the  $R$ -value specified in Table C402.1.3.
3. Unit skylight curbs included as a component of a skylight listed and labeled in accordance with NFRC 100 shall not be required to be insulated.

Insulation installed on a suspended ceiling with removable ceiling tiles shall not be considered part of the minimum thermal resistance of the roof insulation.

#### **C402.2.3 Thermal resistance of above-grade walls.**

The minimum thermal resistance ( $R$ -value) of insulating materials installed in the wall cavity between framing members and continuously on the walls shall be as specified in Table C402.1.3, based on framing type and construction materials used in the wall assembly. The  $R$ -value of integral insulation installed in concrete masonry units shall not be used in determining compliance with Table C402.1.3.

“Mass walls” shall include walls:

1. Weighing not less than 35 psf ( $170 \text{ kg/m}^2$ ) of wall surface area.
2. Weighing not less than 25 psf ( $120 \text{ kg/m}^2$ ) of wall surface area where the material weight is not more than 120 pcf ( $1900 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ).
3. Having a heat capacity exceeding  $7 \text{ Btu/ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}$  ( $144 \text{ kJ/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}$ ).
4. Having a heat capacity exceeding  $5 \text{ Btu/ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}$  ( $103 \text{ kJ/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}$ ), where the material weight is not more than 120 pcf ( $1900 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ).

#### **C402.2.4 Floors.**

The thermal properties (component  $R$ -values or assembly  $U$ -,  $C$ - or  $F$ -factors) of floor assemblies over outdoor air or *unconditioned space* shall be as specified in Table C402.1.3 or Table C402.1.4 based on the construction materials used in the floor assembly. Floor framing cavity insulation or structural slab insulation shall be installed to maintain permanent contact with the underside of the subfloor decking or structural slabs. Mass floors shall include floors weighing not less than:

1. 35 pounds per square foot of floor surface area; or
2. 25 pounds per square foot of floor surface area where the material weight is not more than 120 pounds per cubic foot.

**Exceptions:**

1. The floor framing cavity insulation or structural slab insulation shall be permitted to be in contact with the top side of sheathing or continuous insulation installed on the bottom side of floor assemblies where combined with insulation that meets or exceeds the minimum *R*-value in Table C402.1.3 for “Metal framed” or “Wood framed and other” values for “Walls, Above Grade” and extends from the bottom to the top of all perimeter floor framing or floor assembly members.
2. Insulation applied to the underside of concrete floor slabs shall be permitted an airspace of not more than 1 inch (25 mm) where it turns up and is in contact with the underside of the floor under walls associated with the *building thermal envelope*

**C402.2.5 Slabs-on-grade perimeter insulation.**

Where the slab on grade is in contact with the ground, the minimum thermal resistance (*R*-value) of the insulation around the perimeter of unheated or heated slab-on-grade floors designed in accordance with the *R*-value method of Section C402.1.3 shall be as specified in Table C402.1.3. The insulation shall be placed on the outside of the foundation or on the inside of the foundation wall. The insulation shall extend downward from the top of the slab for a minimum distance as shown in the table or to the top of the footing, whichever is less, or downward to at least the bottom of the slab and then horizontally to the interior ~~or exterior~~ for the total distance shown in the table. ~~Insulation extending away from the building shall be protected by pavement or by not less than of 10 inches (254 mm) of soil.~~

**Exception:** Where the slab-on-grade floor is greater than 24 inches (61 mm) below the finished exterior grade, perimeter insulation is not required.

**C402.2.6 Insulation of radiant heating systems.**

*Radiant heating system* panels, and their associated components that are installed in interior or exterior assemblies shall be insulated with a minimum of  $R-3.5$  ( $0.62 \text{ m}^2/\text{K} \cdot \text{W}$ ) on all surfaces not facing the space being heated. *Radiant heating system* panels that are installed in the *building thermal envelope* shall be separated from the exterior of the building or unconditioned or exempt spaces by not less than the *R*-value of insulation installed in the opaque assembly in which they are installed or the assembly shall comply with Section C402.1.4.

**Exception:** Heated slabs on grade insulated in accordance with Section C402.2.5.

**C402.2.7 Below-grade walls.** The minimum thermal resistance (*R*-value) of the insulating material installed in, or continuously on, the below-grade walls shall be as specified in Table C402.1.3, and shall extend to a depth of 10 feet (3048 mm) below the outside finished ground level, or to the level of the lowest floor, whichever is less.

### C402.3 Roof solar reflectance and thermal emittance.

*Low-sloped roofs* directly above cooled *conditioned spaces* in *Climate Zones 1, 2 and 3* shall comply with one or more of the options in Table C402.3.

**Exceptions:** The following roofs and portions of roofs are exempt from the requirements of Table C402.3:

1. Portions of the roof that include or are covered by the following:
  - 1.1. Photovoltaic systems or components.
  - 1.2. Solar air or water-heating systems or components.
  - 1.3. Roof gardens or landscaped roofs.
  - 1.4. Above-roof decks or walkways.
  - 1.5. Skylights.
  - 1.6. HVAC systems and components, and other opaque objects mounted above the roof.
2. Portions of the roof shaded during the peak sun angle on the summer solstice by permanent features of the building or by permanent features of adjacent buildings.
3. Portions of roofs that are ballasted with a minimum stone ballast of 17 pounds per square foot [ $74 \text{ kg/m}^2$ ] or 23 psf [ $117 \text{ kg/m}^2$ ] pavers.
4. Roofs where not less than 75 percent of the roof area complies with one or more of the exceptions to this section.
5. Metal building roofs.

**TABLE C402.3**  
**MINIMUM ROOF REFLECTANCE AND EMITTANCE OPTIONS<sup>a</sup>**

Three-year aged solar reflectance <sup>b</sup> of 0.55 and 3-year aged thermal emittance <sup>c</sup> of 0.75
Three-year-aged solar reflectance index <sup>d</sup> of 64

- a. The use of area-weighted averages to comply with these requirements shall be permitted. Materials lacking 3-year-aged tested values for either solar reflectance or thermal emittance shall be assigned both a 3-year-aged solar reflectance in accordance with Section C402.3.1 and a 3-year-aged thermal emittance of 0.90.
- b. Aged solar reflectance tested in accordance with ASTM C 1549, ASTM E 903 or ASTM E 1918 or CRRC-1 Standard.
- c. Aged thermal emittance tested in accordance with ASTM C 1371 or ASTM E 408 or CRRC-1 Standard.
- d. Solar reflectance index (SRI) shall be determined in accordance with ASTM E 1980 using a convection coefficient of  $2.1 \text{ Btu/h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}$  ( $12 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}$ ). Calculation of aged SRI shall be based on aged tested values of solar reflectance and thermal emittance.

### C402.3.1 Aged roof solar reflectance.

Where an aged solar reflectance required by Section C402.3 is not available, it shall be determined in accordance with Equation 4-3.

$$R_{aged} = [0.2 + 0.7(R_{initial}^{-0.2})] \quad \text{(Equation 4-3)}$$

where:

$R_{aged}$  = The aged solar reflectance.

$R_{initial}$  = The initial solar reflectance determined in accordance with CRRC-1 Standard.

### C402.4 Fenestration (Prescriptive).

Fenestration shall comply with Sections C402.4 through C402.4.4 and Table C402.4. ~~Daylight responsive controls shall comply with this section and Section C405.2.3.1.~~

**TABLE C402.4**  
**BUILDING ENVELOPE FENESTRATION MAXIMUM U-FACTOR AND SHGC**  
**REQUIREMENTS**

CLIMATE-ZONE	4	2	3	4-EXCEPT MARINE	5-AND MARINE-4	6	7	8
<b>Vertical fenestration</b>								
<b>U-factor</b>								
Fixed-fenestration	0.50	0.50	0.46	0.38	0.38	0.36	0.29	-0.29
Operable-fenestration	0.65	0.65	0.60	0.45	0.45	0.43	0.37	0.37
Entrance-doors	1.10	0.83	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77
<b>SHGC</b>								
Orientation <sup>a</sup>	SEW	N	SEW	N	SEW	N	SEW	N
PF < 0.2	0.25	0.33	0.25	0.33	0.25	0.33	0.40	0.53
0.2 ≤ PF < 0.5	0.30	0.37	0.30	0.37	0.30	0.37	0.48	0.58
PF ≥ 0.5	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.64	0.64
<b>Skylights</b>								
U-factor	0.75	0.65	0.55	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
SHGC	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.40	0.40	0.40	NR	NR

NR = No requirement, PF = Projection factor.

- a. "N" indicates vertical fenestration oriented within 45-degrees of true north. "SEW" indicates orientations other than "N." For buildings in the southern hemisphere, reverse south and north. Buildings located at less than 23.5 degrees latitude shall use SEW for all orientations.

**TABLE C402.4**  
**BUILDING ENVELOPE FENESTRATION MAXIMUM U-FACTOR AND SHGC**  
**REQUIREMENTS**

CLIMATE ZONE	3	4	5
<b>Vertical Fenestration (30% maximum of above-grade wall)</b>			
<b>U-Factor</b>			

<b>Framing materials other than metal with or without metal reinforcement or cladding</b>			
<u>U-Factor</u>	<u>0.32</u>	<u>0.32</u>	<u>0.30</u>
<b>Metal framing with or without thermal break</b>			
Curtain Wall/Storefront <u>U-Factor</u>	<u>0.45</u>	<u>0.45</u>	<u>0.38</u>
Entrance Door <u>U-Factor</u>	<u>0.77</u>	<u>0.77</u>	<u>0.77</u>
All Other <u>U-Factor</u> <sup>a</sup>	<u>0.45</u>	<u>0.45</u>	<u>0.45</u>
<b>SHGC-All Frame Types</b>			
SHGC: PF < 0.25	0.25	0.25	0.40
SHGC: 0.25 ≤ PF < 0.5	0.33	0.33	NR
SHGC: PF ≥ 0.5	0.40	0.40	NR
<b>Skylights (3% maximum, 5% if using automatic daylighting controls)</b>			
<u>U-Factor</u>	<u>0.60</u>	<u>0.60</u>	<u>0.60</u>
<u>SHGC</u>	<u>0.35</u>	<u>0.35</u>	<u>0.40</u>

SHGC = Solar Heat Gain Coefficient. (approximately equal to 0.87 times the Shading Coefficient). NR = No requirement.

PF = Projection factor (see Section C402.4.3).

a. All others include operable windows, fixed and nonentrance doors.

#### **C402.4.1 Maximum area.**

The vertical fenestration area (not including opaque doors and opaque spandrel panels) shall not be greater than 30 percent of the gross above-grade wall area. The skylight area shall not be greater than 3 percent of the gross roof area.

##### **C402.4.1.1 Increased vertical fenestration area with daylight responsive controls.**

~~Deleted. In Climate Zones 1-3 through 6-5, not more than 40 percent of the gross above-grade wall area shall be permitted to be vertical fenestration, provided all of the following requirements are met:~~

- ~~1. In buildings not greater than two stories above grade, not less than 50 percent of the net floor area is within a daylight zone.~~
- ~~2. In buildings three or more stories above grade, not less than 25 percent of the net floor area is within a daylight zone.~~
- ~~3. Daylight responsive controls complying with Section C405.2.3.1 are installed in daylight zones.~~
- ~~4. Visible transmittance (VT) of vertical fenestration is not less than 1.1 times solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC).~~

~~**Exception:** Fenestration that is outside the scope of NFRC 200 is not required to comply with Item 4.~~

##### **C402.4.1.2 Increased skylight area with daylight responsive controls.**

~~Deleted. The skylight area shall be permitted to be not more than 5 percent of the roof area provided daylight responsive controls complying with Section C405.2.3.1 are installed in daylight zones under skylights.~~

#### C402.4.2 Minimum skylight fenestration area.

~~Deleted.~~ In an enclosed space greater than 2,500 square feet (232 m<sup>2</sup>) in floor area, directly under a roof with not less than 75 percent of the ceiling area with a ceiling height greater than 15 feet (4572 mm), and used as an office, lobby, atrium, concourse, corridor, storage space, gymnasium/exercise center, convention center, automotive service area, space where manufacturing occurs, nonrefrigerated warehouse, retail store, distribution/sorting area, transportation depot or workshop, the total *daylight zone* under skylights shall be not less than half the floor area and shall provide one of the following:

- ~~1. A minimum skylight area to *daylight zone* under skylights of not less than 3 percent where all skylights have a VT of at least 0.40 as determined in accordance with Section C303.1.3.~~
- ~~2. A minimum skylight effective aperture of at least 1 percent, determined in accordance with Equation 4-4.~~

$$\text{Skylight Effective Aperture} = \frac{0.85 \cdot \text{Skylight Area} \cdot \text{Skylight VT} \cdot \text{WF}}{\text{Daylight zone under skylight}} \quad (\text{Equation 4-4})$$

~~where:~~

<del>Skylight area</del>	<del>=</del>	<del>Total fenestration area of skylights.</del>
<del>Skylight VT</del>	<del>=</del>	<del>Area weighted average visible transmittance of skylights.</del>
<del>WF</del>	<del>=</del>	<del>Area weighted average well factor, where well factor is 0.9 if light well depth is less than 2 feet (610 mm), or 0.7 if light well depth is 2 feet (610 mm) or greater.</del>
<del>Light well depth</del>	<del>=</del>	<del>Measure vertically from the underside of the lowest point of the skylight glazing to the ceiling plane under the skylight.</del>

**Exception:** ~~Skylights above *daylight zones* of enclosed spaces are not required in:~~

- ~~1. Buildings in *Climate Zones* 6 through 8.~~
- ~~2. Spaces where the designed *general lighting* power densities are less than 0.5 W/ft<sup>2</sup> - (5.4 W/m<sup>2</sup>).~~
- ~~3. Areas where it is documented that existing structures or natural objects block direct beam sunlight on at least half of the roof over the enclosed area for more than 1,500 daytime hours per year between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.~~
- ~~4. Spaces where the *daylight zone* under rooftop monitors is greater than 50 percent of the enclosed space floor area.~~
- ~~5. Spaces where the total area minus the area of *daylight zones* adjacent to vertical fenestration is less than 2,500 square feet (232 m<sup>2</sup>), and where the lighting is controlled according to Section C405.2.3.~~

#### **C402.4.2.1 Lighting controls in daylight zones under skylights.**

~~Deleted. Daylight responsive controls complying with Section C405.2.3.1 shall be provided to control all electric lights within daylight zones under skylights.~~

#### **C402.4.2.2 Haze factor.**

~~Deleted. Skylights in office, storage, automotive service, manufacturing, nonrefrigerated warehouse, retail store and distribution/sorting area spaces shall have a glazing material or diffuser with a haze factor greater than 90 percent when tested in accordance with ASTM D 1003.~~

~~**Exception:** Skylights designed and installed to exclude direct sunlight entering the occupied space by the use of fixed or automated baffles or the geometry of skylight and light well.~~

#### **C402.4.3 Maximum U-factor and SHGC.**

The maximum *U*-factor and solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) for fenestration shall be as specified in Table C402.4.

The window projection factor shall be determined in accordance with Equation 4-5.

$$PF = A/B \quad (\text{Equation 4-5})$$

where:

<i>PF</i>	=	Projection factor (decimal).
<i>A</i>	=	Distance measured horizontally from the furthest continuous extremity of any overhang, eave or permanently attached shading device to the vertical surface of the glazing.
<i>B</i>	=	Distance measured vertically from the bottom of the glazing to the underside of the overhang, eave or permanently attached shading device.

Where different windows or glass doors have different *PF* values, they shall each be evaluated separately.

#### **C402.4.3.1 Increased skylight SHGC.**

~~Deleted. In Climate Zones 1 through 6, skylights shall be permitted a maximum SHGC of 0.60 where located above daylight zones provided with daylight responsive controls.~~

#### **C402.4.3.2 Increased skylight U-factor.**

~~Deleted. Where skylights are installed above daylight zones provided with daylight responsive controls, a maximum U-factor of 0.9 shall be permitted in Climate Zones 1 through 3 and a maximum U-factor of 0.75 shall be permitted in Climate Zones 4 through 8.~~

#### **C402.4.3.3 Dynamic glazing.**

Where *dynamic glazing* is intended to satisfy the SHGC and VT requirements of Table C402.4, the ratio of the higher to lower labeled SHGC shall be greater than or equal to 2.4, and the *dynamic glazing* shall be automatically controlled to modulate the amount of solar gain into the space in multiple steps. Dynamic glazing shall be considered



separately from other fenestration, and area-weighted averaging with other fenestration that is not dynamic glazing shall not be permitted.

**Exception:** Dynamic glazing is not required to comply with this section where both the lower and higher labeled SHGC already comply with the requirements of Table C402.4.

#### **C402.4.3.4 Area-weighted U-factor.**

An area-weighted average shall be permitted to satisfy the *U*-factor requirements for each fenestration product category listed in Table C402.4. Individual fenestration products from different fenestration product categories listed in Table C402.4 shall not be combined in calculating area-weighted average *U*-factor.

#### **C402.4.4 Doors.**

*Opaque doors* shall comply with the applicable requirements for doors as specified in Tables C402.1.3 ~~and C402.1.4~~ and be considered part of the gross area of above-grade walls that are part of the building *thermal envelope*. Other doors shall comply with the provisions of Section C402.4.3 for vertical fenestration.

#### **C402.5 Air leakage—thermal envelope (Mandatory).**

The thermal envelope of buildings shall comply with Sections C402.5.1 through C402.5.8, or the building *thermal envelope* shall be tested in accordance with ASTM E 779 at a pressure differential of 0.3 inch water gauge (75 Pa) ~~or an equivalent method approved by the code official~~ and deemed to comply with the provisions of this section when the tested air leakage rate of the building thermal envelope is not greater than 0.40 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> (2.0 ~~0.2~~ L/s · m<sup>2</sup>). Where compliance is based on such testing, the building shall also comply with Sections C402.5.5, C402.5.6 and C402.5.7.

##### **C402.5.1 Air barriers.**

A continuous air barrier shall be provided throughout the building thermal envelope. The air barriers shall be permitted to be located on the inside or outside of the building envelope, located within the assemblies composing the envelope, or any combination thereof. The air barrier shall comply with Sections C402.5.1.1 and C402.5.1.2.

~~**Exception:** Air barriers are not required in buildings located in Climate Zone 2B.~~

##### **C402.5.1.1 Air barrier construction.**

The *continuous air barrier* shall be constructed to comply with the following:

1. The air barrier shall be continuous for all assemblies that are the thermal envelope of the building and across the joints and assemblies.
2. Air barrier joints and seams shall be sealed, including sealing transitions in places and changes in materials. The joints and seals shall be securely installed in or on the joint for its entire length so as not to dislodge, loosen or otherwise impair its ability to resist positive and negative pressure from wind, stack effect and mechanical ventilation.

3. Penetrations of the air barrier shall be caulked, gasketed or otherwise sealed in a manner compatible with the construction materials and location. Joints and seals associated with penetrations shall be sealed in the same manner or taped or covered with moisture vapor-permeable wrapping material. Sealing materials shall be appropriate to the construction materials being sealed and shall be securely installed around the penetration so as not to dislodge, loosen or otherwise impair the penetrations' ability to resist positive and negative pressure from wind, stack effect and mechanical ventilation. Sealing of concealed fire sprinklers, where required, shall be in a manner that is recommended by the manufacturer. Caulking or other adhesive sealants shall not be used to fill voids between fire sprinkler cover plates and walls or ceilings.
4. Recessed lighting fixtures shall comply with Section C402.5.8. Where similar objects are installed that penetrate the air barrier, provisions shall be made to maintain the integrity of the air barrier.

#### **C402.5.1.2 Air barrier compliance options.**

A continuous air barrier for the opaque building thermal envelope shall comply with Section C402.5.1.2.1 or C402.5.1.2.2.

##### **C402.5.1.2.1 Materials.**

Materials with an air permeability not greater than  $0.004 \text{ cfm/ft}^2$  ( $0.02 \text{ L/s} \cdot \text{m}^2$ ) under a pressure differential of 0.3 inch water gauge (75 Pa) when tested in accordance with ASTM E 2178 shall comply with this section. Materials in Items 1 through 16 shall be deemed to comply with this section, provided joints are sealed and materials are installed as air barriers in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

1. Plywood with a thickness of not less than  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch (10 mm).
2. Oriented strand board having a thickness of not less than  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch (10 mm).
3. Extruded polystyrene insulation board having a thickness of not less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch (12.7 mm).
4. Foil-back polyisocyanurate insulation board having a thickness of not less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch (12.7 mm).
5. Closed-cell spray foam a minimum density of 1.5 pcf ( $2.4 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ) having a thickness of not less than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches (38 mm).
6. Open-cell spray foam with a density between 0.4 and 1.5 pcf ( $0.6$  and  $2.4 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ) and having a thickness of not less than 4.5 inches (113 mm).

7. Exterior or interior gypsum board having a thickness of not less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch (12.7 mm).
8. Cement board having a thickness of not less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch (12.7 mm).
9. Built-up roofing membrane.
10. Modified bituminous roof membrane.
11. Fully adhered single-ply roof membrane.
12. A Portland cement/sand parge, or gypsum plaster having a thickness of not less than  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch (15.9 mm).
13. Cast-in-place and precast concrete.
14. Fully grouted concrete block masonry.
15. Sheet steel or aluminum.
16. Solid or hollow masonry constructed of clay or shale masonry units.

#### **C402.5.1.2.2 Assemblies.**

Assemblies of materials and components with an average air leakage not greater than  $0.04 \text{ cfm/ft}^2$  ( $0.2 \text{ L/s} \cdot \text{m}^2$ ) under a pressure differential of 0.3 inch of water gauge (w.g.) (75 Pa) when tested in accordance with ASTM E 2357, ASTM E 1677 or ASTM E 283 shall comply with this section. Assemblies listed in Items 1 through 3 shall be deemed to comply, provided joints are sealed and the requirements of Section C402.5.1.1 are met.

1. Concrete masonry walls coated with either one application of block filler or two applications of a paint or sealer coating.
2. Masonry walls constructed of clay or shale masonry units with a nominal width of 4 inches (102 mm) or more.
3. A Portland cement/sand parge, stucco or plaster not less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch (12.7 mm) in thickness.

#### **C402.5.2 Air leakage of fenestration.**

The air leakage of fenestration assemblies shall meet the provisions of Table C402.5.2. Testing shall be in accordance with the applicable reference test standard in Table C402.5.2 by an accredited, independent testing laboratory and *labeled* by the manufacturer.

#### **Exceptions:**

1. Field-fabricated fenestration assemblies that are sealed in accordance with Section C402.5.1.
2. Fenestration in buildings that comply with the testing alternative of Section C402.5 are not required to meet the air leakage requirements in Table C402.5.2.

**TABLE C402.5.2  
MAXIMUM AIR LEAKAGE RATE  
FOR FENESTRATION ASSEMBLIES**

FENESTRATION ASSEMBLY	MAXIMUM RATE(CFM/FT <sup>2</sup> )	TEST PROCEDURE
Windows	0.20 <sup>a</sup>	AAMA/WDMA/ CSA101/I.S.2/A440 or NFRC 400
Sliding doors	0.20 <sup>a</sup>	
Swinging doors	0.20 <sup>a</sup>	
Skylights – with condensation weepage openings	0.30	
Skylights – all other	0.20 <sup>a</sup>	
Curtain walls	0.06	NFRC 400 or ASTM E 283 at 1.57 psf (75 Pa)
Storefront glazing	0.06	
Commercial glazed swinging entrance doors	1.00	
Revolving doors	1.00	
Garage doors	0.40	ANSI/DASMA 105, NFRC 400, or ASTM E 283 at 1.57 psf (75 Pa)
Rolling doors	1.00	
High-speed doors	1.30	

For SI: 1 cubic foot per minute = 0.47 L/s, 1 square foot = 0.093 m<sup>2</sup>.

a. The maximum rate for windows, sliding and swinging doors, and skylights is permitted to be 0.3 cfm per square foot of fenestration or door area when tested in accordance with AAMA/WDMA/CSA101/I.S.2/A440 at 6.24 psf (300 Pa).

### **C402.5.3 Rooms containing fuel-burning appliances.**

~~Deleted. In Climate Zones 3 through 8, where open combustion air ducts provide combustion air to open combustion space conditioning fuel-burning appliances, the appliances and combustion air openings shall be located outside of the building thermal envelope or enclosed in a room isolated from inside the thermal envelope. Such rooms shall be sealed and insulated in accordance with the envelope requirements of Table C402.1.3 or C402.1.4, where the walls, floors and ceilings shall meet the minimum of the below-grade-wall R-value requirement. The door into the room shall be fully gasketed, and any water lines and ducts in the room insulated in accordance with Section C403. The combustion air duct shall be insulated, where it passes through conditioned space, to a minimum of R-8.~~

#### **Exceptions:**

- ~~1. Direct vent appliances with both intake and exhaust pipes installed continuous to the outside.~~
- ~~2. Fireplaces and stoves complying with Sections 901 through 905 of the International Mechanical Code, and Section 2111.13 of the International Building Code.~~

#### **C402.5.4 Doors and access openings to shafts, chutes, stairways and elevator lobbies.**

~~Deleted. Doors and access openings from conditioned space to shafts, chutes stairways and elevator lobbies not within the scope of the fenestration assemblies covered by Section C402.5.2 shall be gasketed, weatherstripped or sealed.~~

##### **Exceptions:**

- ~~1. Door openings required to comply with Section 716 or 716.5 of the International Building Code.~~
- ~~2. Doors and door openings required to comply with UL 1784 by the International Building Code.~~

#### **C402.5.5 Air intakes, exhaust openings, stairways and shafts.**

Stairway enclosures, elevator shaft vents and other outdoor air intakes and exhaust openings integral to the building envelope shall be provided with dampers in accordance with Section C403.2.4.3.

#### **C402.5.6 Loading dock weatherseals.**

Cargo doors and loading dock doors shall be equipped with weatherseals to restrict infiltration when vehicles are parked in the doorway.

#### **C402.5.7 Vestibules.**

Building entrances shall be protected with an enclosed vestibule, with all doors opening into and out of the vestibule equipped with self-closing devices. Vestibules shall be designed so that in passing through the vestibule it is not necessary for the interior and exterior doors to open at the same time. ~~The installation of one or more revolving doors in the building entrance shall not eliminate the requirement that a vestibule be provided on any doors adjacent to revolving doors.~~

**Exceptions:** Vestibules are not required for the following:

- ~~1. Buildings in Climate Zones 1 and 2.~~ Deleted.
2. Doors not intended to be used by the public, such as doors to mechanical or electrical equipment rooms, or intended solely for employee use.
3. Doors opening directly from a *sleeping unit* or dwelling unit.

4. Doors that open directly from a space less than 3,000 square feet (298 m<sup>2</sup>) in area.
5. Revolving doors.
6. Doors used primarily to facilitate vehicular movement or material handling and adjacent personnel doors.
7. Doors that have an air curtain with a velocity of not less than 6.56 feet per second (2 m/s) at the floor that have been tested in accordance with ANSI/AMCA 220 and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Manual or automatic controls shall be provided that will operate the air curtain with the opening and closing of the door. Air curtains and their controls shall comply with Section C408.2.3.
8. Building entrances in buildings that are less than four stories above grade and less than 10,000 square feet in floor area.

#### **C402.5.8 Recessed lighting.**

Recessed luminaires installed in the *building thermal envelope* shall be all of the following:

1. IC-rated.
2. Labeled as having an air leakage rate of not more 2.0 cfm (0.944 L/s) when tested in accordance with ASTM E 283 at a 1.57 psf (75 Pa) pressure differential.
3. Sealed with a gasket or caulk between the housing and interior wall or ceiling covering.

## **SECTION C403 BUILDING MECHANICAL SYSTEMS**

### **C403.1 General.**

Mechanical systems and equipment serving the building heating, cooling or ventilating needs shall comply with Section C403.2 and shall comply with Sections C403.3 and C403.4 based on the equipment and systems provided.

~~Walk-in coolers, walk-in freezers, refrigerated warehouse coolers and refrigerated warehouse freezers shall comply with Section C403.2.15 or C403.2.16.~~

### **C403.2 Provisions applicable to all mechanical systems (Mandatory).**

Mechanical systems and equipment serving the building heating, cooling or ventilating needs shall comply with Sections C403.2.1 through C403.2.13 ~~16~~.

#### **C403.2.1 Calculation of heating and cooling loads.**

Design loads associated with heating, ventilating and air conditioning of the building shall be determined in accordance with ANSI/ASHRAE/ACCA Standard 183 or by an *approved* equivalent computational procedure using the design parameters specified in Chapter 3. Heating and cooling loads shall be adjusted to account for load reductions that are achieved where energy recovery systems are utilized in the HVAC system except for hospitals and patient care facilities in accordance with the ASHRAE *HVAC Systems and Equipment Handbook* by an approved equivalent computational procedure.

#### **C403.2.2 Equipment sizing.**

The output capacity of heating and cooling equipment shall be not greater than the loads calculated in accordance with Section C403.2.1, within available equipment options. A single piece of equipment providing both heating and cooling shall satisfy this provision for one function with the capacity for the other function as small as possible, within available equipment options.

##### **Exceptions:**

1. Required standby equipment and systems provided with controls and devices that allow such systems or equipment to operate automatically only when the primary equipment is not operating.
2. Multiple units of the same equipment type with combined capacities exceeding the design load and provided with controls that have the capability to sequence the operation of each unit based on load.
3. When the equipment selected is the smallest size needed to meet the load within available options of the desired equipment line.

#### **C403.2.3 HVAC equipment performance requirements.**

Equipment shall meet the minimum efficiency requirements of Tables C403.2.3(1), C403.2.3(2), C403.2.3(3), C403.2.3(4), C403.2.3(5), C403.2.3(6), C403.2.3(7), C403.2.3(8) and C403.2.3(9) when tested and rated in accordance with the applicable test procedure.

~~Plate-type liquid-to-liquid heat exchangers shall meet the minimum requirements of Table C403.2.3(10).~~ The efficiency shall be verified through certification under an *approved* certification program or, where a certification program does not exist, the equipment efficiency ratings shall be supported by data furnished by the manufacturer. Where multiple rating conditions or performance requirements are provided, the equipment shall satisfy all stated requirements. Where components, such as indoor or outdoor coils, from different manufacturers are used, calculations and supporting data shall be furnished by the designer that demonstrates that the combined efficiency of the specified components meets the requirements herein.

**TABLE C403.2.3(1)**  
**MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS:**  
**ELECTRICALLY OPERATED UNITARY AIR CONDITIONERS AND CONDENSING UNITS**

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SIZE CATEGORY	HEATING SECTION	SUBCATEGORY OR	MINIMUM EFFICIENCY	TEST
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		TYPE	RATING CONDITION	Before 1/1/2016	As of 1/1/2016	PROCEDURE <sup>a</sup>
Air conditioners, air cooled	< 65,000 <sup>b</sup> Btu/h	All	Split System	13.0 SEER	13.0 SEER	AHRI 210/240
			Single Package	13.0 SEER	14.0 SEER <sup>c</sup>	
Through-the- wall (air cooled)	≤ 30,000 <sup>b</sup> Btu/h	All	Split system	12.0 SEER	12.0 SEER	
			Single Package	12.0 SEER	12.0 SEER	
Small-duct high-velocity (air cooled)	< 65,000 <sup>b</sup> Btu/h	All	Split System	11.0 SEER	11.0 SEER	
Air conditioners, air cooled	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	11.2 EER 11.4 IEER	11.2 EER 12.8 IEER	AHRI 340/360
		All other	Split System and Single Package	11.0 EER 11.2 IEER	11.0 EER 12.6 IEER	
	≥ 135,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	11.0 EER 11.2 IEER	11.0 EER 12.4 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	10.8 EER 11.0 IEER	10.8 EER 12.2 IEER	
	≥ 240,000 Btu/h and < 760,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	10.0 EER 10.1 IEER	10.0 EER 11.6 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	9.8 EER 9.9 IEER	9.8 EER 11.4 IEER	
	≥ 760,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	9.7 EER 9.8 IEER	9.7 EER 11.2 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	9.5 EER 9.6 IEER	9.5 EER 11.0 IEER	
	< 65,000 <sup>b</sup> Btu/h	All	Split System and Single Package	12.1 EER 12.3 IEER	12.1 EER 12.3 IEER	
		All	Split System and Single Package	12.1 EER 12.3 IEER	12.1 EER 12.3 IEER	
Air conditioners, water cooled	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	12.1 EER 12.3 IEER	12.1 EER 13.9 IEER	AHRI 340/360
		All other	Split System and Single Package	11.9 EER 12.1 IEER	11.9 EER 13.7 IEER	
	≥ 135,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	12.5 EER 12.5 IEER	12.5 EER 13.9 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	12.3 EER 12.5 IEER	12.3 EER 13.7 IEER	
	≥ 240,000	Electric Resistance	Split System and Single Package	12.4 EER 12.6	12.4 EER 13.6	
		Electric Resistance	Split System and Single Package	12.4 EER 12.6	12.4 EER 13.6	

	Btu/h and < 760,000 Btu/h	(or None)		IEER	IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	12.2 EER 12.4 IEER	12.2 EER 13.4 IEER	
	≥760,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	12.2 EER 12.4 IEER	12.2 EER 13.5 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	12.0 EER 12.2 IEER	12.0 EER 13.3 IEER	

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**TABLE C403.2.3(1)—continued**  
**MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS:**  
**ELECTRICALLY OPERATED UNITARY AIR CONDITIONERS AND CONDENSING UNITS**

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SIZE CATEGORY	HEATING SECTION TYPE	SUB- CATEGORY OR RATING CONDITION	MINIMUM EFFICIENCY		TEST PROCEDURE <sup>a</sup>
				Before 1/1/2016	As of 1/1/2016	
Air conditioners, evaporatively cooled	< 65,000 Btu/h <sup>b</sup>	All	Split System and Single Package	12.1 EER 12.3 IEER	12.1 EER 12.3 IEER	AHRI 210/240
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	12.1 EER 12.3 IEER	12.1 EER 12.3 IEER	AHRI 340/360
		All other	Split System and Single Package	11.9 EER 12.1 IEER	11.9 EER 12.1 IEER	
	≥ 135,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	12.0 EER 12.2 IEER	12.0 EER 12.2 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	11.8 EER 12.0 IEER	11.8 EER 12.0 IEER	
	≥ 240,000 Btu/h and < 760,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	11.9 EER 12.1 IEER	11.9 EER 12.1 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	11.7 EER 11.9 IEER	11.7 EER 11.9 IEER	
	≥ 760,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single	11.7 EER 11.9 IEER	11.7 EER 11.9 IEER	

			Package			
		All other	Split System and Single Package	11.5 EER 11.7 IEER	11.5 EER 11.7 IEER	
Condensing units, air cooled	≥ 135,000 Btu/h			10.5 EER 11.8 IEER	10.5 EER 11.8 IEER	AHRI 365
Condensing units, water cooled	≥ 135,000 Btu/h			13.5 EER 14.0 IEER	13.5 EER 14.0 IEER	
Condensing units, evaporatively cooled	≥ 135,000 Btu/h			13.5 EER 14.0 IEER	13.5 EER 14.0 IEER	

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W.

- Chapter 6 contains a complete specification of the referenced test procedure, including the reference year version of the test procedure.
- Single-phase, air-cooled air conditioners less than 65,000 Btu/h are regulated by NAECA. SEER values are those set by NAECA.
- Minimum efficiency as of January 1, 2015.

**TABLE C403.2.3(2)**  
**MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS:**  
**ELECTRICALLY OPERATED UNITARY AND APPLIED HEAT PUMPS**

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SIZE CATEGORY	HEATING SECTION TYPE	SUBCATEGORY OR RATING CONDITION	MINIMUM EFFICIENCY		TEST PROCEDURE <sup>a</sup>
				Before 1/1/2016	As of 1/1/2016	
Air cooled (cooling mode)	< 65,000 <sup>b</sup> Btu/h	All	Split System	13.0 SEER <sup>c</sup>	14.0 SEER <sup>c</sup>	AHRI 210/240
			Single Package	13.0 SEER <sup>c</sup>	14.0 SEER <sup>c</sup>	
Through-the-wall, air cooled	≤ 30,000 <sup>b</sup> Btu/h	All	Split System	12.0 SEER	12.0 SEER	
			Single Package	12.0 SEER	12.0 SEER	
Single-duct high-velocity air cooled	< 65,000 <sup>b</sup> Btu/h	All	Split System	11.0 SEER	11.0 SEER	AHRI 340/360
Air cooled (cooling mode)	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	11.0 EER 11.2 IEER	11.0 EER 12.0 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	10.8 EER 11.0 IEER	10.8 EER 11.8 IEER	
	≥ 135,000	Electric Resistance	Split System and Single Package	10.6 EER	10.6 EER	

	Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	(or None)		10.7 IEER	11.6 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	10.4 EER 10.5 IEER	10.4 EER 11.4 IEER	
	≥ 240,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	9.5 EER 9.6 IEER	9.5 EER 10.6 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	9.3 EER 9.4 IEER	9.3 EER 9.4 IEER	
Water to Air: Water Loop (cooling mode)	< 17,000 Btu/h	All	86°F entering water	12.2 EER	12.2 EER	ISO 13256-1
	≥ 17,000 Btu/h and < 65,000 Btu/h	All	86°F entering water	13.0 EER	13.0 EER	
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h	All	86°F entering water	13.0 EER	13.0 EER	
Water to Air: Ground Water (cooling mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h	All	59°F entering water	18.0 EER	18.0 EER	ISO 13256-1
Brine to Air: Ground Loop (cooling mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h	All	77°F entering water	14.1 EER	14.1 EER	ISO 13256-1
Water to Water: Water Loop (cooling mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h	All	86°F entering water	10.6 EER	10.6 EER	ISO 13256-2
Water to Water: Ground Water (cooling mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h	All	59°F entering water	16.3 EER	16.3 EER	
Brine to Water: Ground Loop (cooling mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h	All	77°F entering fluid	12.1 EER	12.1 EER	

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**TABLE C403.2.3(2)—continued**  
**MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS:**  
**ELECTRICALLY OPERATED UNITARY AND APPLIED HEAT PUMPS**

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SIZE CATEGORY	HEATING SECTION TYPE	SUBCATEGORY OR RATING CONDITION	MINIMUM EFFICIENCY		TEST PROCEDURE <sup>a</sup>
				Before 1/1/2016	As of 1/1/2016	
Air cooled (heating mode)	< 65,000 Btu/h <sup>b</sup>	—	Split System	7.7 HSPF <sup>c</sup>	8.2 HSPF <sup>c</sup>	AHRI 210/240
		—	Single Package	7.7 HSPF <sup>c</sup>	8.0 HSPF <sup>c</sup>	
Through-the-wall, (air cooled, heating mode)	≤ 30,000 Btu/h <sup>b</sup> (cooling capacity)	—	Split System	7.4 HSPF	7.4 HSPF	
		—	Single Package	7.4 HSPF	7.4 HSPF	
Small-duct high velocity (air cooled, heating mode)	< 65,000 Btu/h <sup>b</sup>	—	Split System	6.8 HSPF	6.8 HSPF	
Air cooled (heating mode)	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h (cooling capacity)	—	47°F db/43°F wb outdoor air	3.3 COP	3.3 COP	AHRI 340/360
		—	17°F db/15°F wb outdoor air	2.25 COP	2.25 COP	
	≥ 135,000 Btu/h (cooling capacity)	—	47°F db/43°F wb outdoor air	3.2 COP	3.2 COP	
		—	17°F db/15°F wb outdoor air	2.05 COP	2.05 COP	
Water to Air: Water Loop (heating mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h (cooling capacity)	—	68°F entering water	4.3 COP	4.3 COP	ISO 13256-1
Water to Air: Ground Water (heating mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h (cooling capacity)	—	50°F entering water	3.7 COP	3.7 COP	
Brine to Air: Ground Loop (heating mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h (cooling capacity)	—	32°F entering fluid	3.2 COP	3.2 COP	
Water to Water: Water Loop (heating mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h (cooling capacity)	—	68°F entering water	3.7 COP	3.7 COP	ISO 13256-2
Water to Water: Ground Water (heating mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h (cooling capacity)	—	50°F entering water	3.1 COP	3.1 COP	
Brine to Water: Ground Loop (heating mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h (cooling capacity)	—	32°F entering fluid	2.5 COP	2.5 COP	

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W, °C = [(°F) - 32]/1.8.

- a. Chapter 6 contains a complete specification of the referenced test procedure, including the reference year version of the test procedure.
- b. Single-phase, air-cooled air conditioners less than 65,000 Btu/h are regulated by NAECA. SEER values are those set by NAECA.
- c. Minimum efficiency as of January 1, 2015.

**TABLE C403.2.3(3)**  
**MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS:**  
**ELECTRICALLY OPERATED PACKAGED TERMINAL AIR CONDITIONERS,**  
**PACKAGED TERMINAL HEAT PUMPS, SINGLE-PACKAGE VERTICAL AIR**  
**CONDITIONERS,**  
**SINGLE VERTICAL HEAT PUMPS, ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS AND ROOM AIR-**  
**CONDITIONER HEAT PUMPS**

<b>EQUIPMENT TYPE</b>	<b>SIZE CATEGORY (INPUT)</b>	<b>SUBCATEGORY OR RATING CONDITION</b>	<b>MINIMUM EFFICIENCY</b>	<b>TEST PROCEDURE<sup>a</sup></b>
PTAC (cooling mode) new construction	All Capacities	95°F db outdoor air	14.0 – (0.300 × Cap/1000) EER <sup>c</sup>	AHRI 310/380
PTAC (cooling mode) b replacements	All Capacities	95°F db outdoor air	10.9 - (0.213 × Cap/1000) EER	
PTHP (cooling mode) new construction	All Capacities	95°F db outdoor air	14.0 - (0.300 × Cap/1000) EER	
PTHP (cooling mode) b replacements	All Capacities	95°F db outdoor air	10.8 - (0.213 × Cap/1000) EER	
PTHP (heating mode) new construction	All Capacities	—	3.2 - (0.026 × Cap/1000) COP	
PTHP (heating mode) b replacements	All Capacities	—	2.9 - (0.026 × Cap/1000) COP	
SPVAC (cooling mode)	< 65,000 Btu/h	95°F db/ 75°F wb outdoor air	9.0 EER	AHRI 390
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h	95°F db/ 75°F wb outdoor air	8.9 EER	
	≥ 135,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	95°F db/ 75°F wb outdoor air	8.6 EER	
SPVHP (cooling mode)	< 65,000 Btu/h	95°F db/ 75°F wb outdoor air	9.0 EER	
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h	95°F db/ 75°F wb outdoor air	8.9 EER	
	≥ 135,000 Btu/h and	95°F db/ 75°F wb outdoor air	8.6 EER	

	< 240,000 Btu/h			
SPVHP (heating mode)	< 65,000 Btu/h	47°F db/ 43°F wb outdoor air	3.0 COP	AHRI 390
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h	47°F db/ 43°F wb outdoor air	3.0 COP	
	≥ 135,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	47°F db/ 75°F wb outdoor air	2.9 COP	
Room air conditioners, with louvered sides	< 6,000 Btu/h	—	9.7 SEER	ANSI/ AHAM RAC-1
	≥ 6,000 Btu/h and < 8,000 Btu/h	—	9.7 EER	
	≥ 8,000 Btu/h and < 14,000 Btu/h	—	9.8 EER	
	≥ 14,000 Btu/h and < 20,000 Btu/h	—	9.7 SEER	
	≥ 20,000 Btu/h	—	8.5 EER	
Room air conditioners, without louvered sides	< 8,000 Btu/h	—	9.0 EER	
	≥ 8,000 Btu/h and < 20,000 Btu/h	—	8.5 EER	
	≥ 20,000 Btu/h	—	8.5 EER	
Room air- conditioner heat pumps with louvered sides	< 20,000 Btu/h	—	9.0 EER	
	≥ 20,000 Btu/h	—	8.5 EER	
Room air- conditioner heat pumps without louvered sides	< 14,000 Btu/h	—	8.5 EER	
	≥ 14,000 Btu/h	—	8.0 EER	

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**TABLE C403.2.3(3)—continued**  
**MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS:**  
**ELECTRICALLY OPERATED PACKAGED TERMINAL AIR CONDITIONERS,**  
**PACKAGED TERMINAL HEAT PUMPS, SINGLE-PACKAGE VERTICAL AIR**  
**CONDITIONERS,**  
**SINGLE VERTICAL HEAT PUMPS, ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS AND ROOM AIR-**  
**CONDITIONER HEAT PUMPS**

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SIZE CATEGORY (INPUT)	SUBCATEGORY ORRATING CONDITION	MINIMUM EFFICIENCY	TEST PROCEDURE <sup>a</sup>
Room air conditioner casement only	All capacities	—	8.7 EER	ANSI/ AHAM RAC-1
Room air conditioner casement-slider	All capacities	—	9.5 EER	

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W, °C = [(°F) - 32]/1.8, wb = wet bulb, db = dry bulb.

“Cap” = The rated cooling capacity of the project in Btu/h. Where the unit’s capacity is less than 7000 Btu/h, use 7000 Btu/h in the calculation. Where the unit’s capacity is greater than 15,000 Btu/h, use 15,000 Btu/h in the calculations.

- Chapter 6 contains a complete specification of the referenced test procedure, including the referenced year version of the test procedure.
- Replacement unit shall be factory labeled as follows: “MANUFACTURED FOR REPLACEMENT APPLICATIONS ONLY: NOT TO BE INSTALLED IN NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.” Replacement efficiencies apply only to units with existing sleeves less than 16 inches (406 mm) in height and less than 42 inches (1067 mm) in width.
- Before January 1, 2015 the minimum efficiency shall be 13.8 - (0.300 x Cap/1000) EER.

**TABLE 403.2.3(4)**  
**WARM-AIR FURNACES AND COMBINATION WARM-AIR FURNACES/AIR-CONDITIONING**  
**UNITS,**  
**WARM-AIR DUCT FURNACES AND UNIT HEATERS, MINIMUM EFFICIENCY**  
**REQUIREMENTS**

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SIZE CATEGORY (INPUT)	SUBCATEGORY OR RATING CONDITION	MINIMUM EFFICIENCY <sup>d, e</sup>	TEST PROCEDURE <sup>a</sup>
Warm-air furnaces, gas fired	< 225,000 Btu/h	—	78% AFUE or 80% $E_t^c$	DOE 10 CFR Part 430 or ANSI Z21.47
	≥ 225,000 Btu/h	Maximum capacity <sup>c</sup>	80% $E_t^f$	ANSI Z21.47
Warm-air furnaces, oil fired	< 225,000 Btu/h	—	78% AFUE or 80% $E_t^c$	DOE 10 CFR Part 430 or UL 727
	≥ 225,000 Btu/h	Maximum capacity <sup>b</sup>	81% $E_t^g$	UL 727
Warm-air duct furnaces, gas fired	All capacities	Maximum capacity <sup>b</sup>	80% $E_c$	ANSI Z83.8
Warm-air unit heaters, gas fired	All capacities	Maximum capacity <sup>b</sup>	80% $E_c$	ANSI Z83.8
Warm-air unit heaters, oil fired	All capacities	Maximum capacity <sup>b</sup>	80% $E_c$	UL 731

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W.

- Chapter 6 contains a complete specification of the referenced test procedure, including the referenced year version of the test procedure.
- Minimum and maximum ratings as provided for and allowed by the unit’s controls.
- Combination units not covered by the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act of 1987 (NAECA) (3-phase power or cooling capacity greater than or equal to 65,000 Btu/h [19 kW]) shall comply with either rating.
- $E_t$  = Thermal efficiency. See test procedure for detailed discussion.
- $E_c$  = Combustion efficiency (100% less flue losses). See test procedure for detailed discussion.



- f.  $E_c$  = Combustion efficiency. Units shall also include an IID, have jackets not exceeding 0.75 percent of the input rating, and have either power venting or a flue damper. A vent damper is an acceptable alternative to a flue damper for those furnaces where combustion air is drawn from the conditioned space.
- g.  $E_t$  = Thermal efficiency. Units shall also include an IID, have jacket losses not exceeding 0.75 percent of the input rating, and have either power venting or a flue damper. A vent damper is an acceptable alternative to a flue damper for those furnaces where combustion air is drawn from the conditioned space.

**TABLE C403.2.3(5)**  
**MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS: GAS- AND OIL-FIRED BOILERS**

EQUIPMENT TYPE <sup>a</sup>	SUBCATEGORY OR RATING CONDITION	SIZE CATEGORY (INPUT)	MINIMUM EFFICIENCY <sup>d, e</sup>	TEST PROCEDURE
Boilers, hot water	Gas-fired	< 300,000 Btu/h	80% AFUE	10 CFR Part 430
		≥ 300,000 Btu/h and ≤ 2,500,000 Btu/h <sup>b</sup>	80% $E_t$	10 CFR Part 431
		> 2,500,000 Btu/h <sup>a</sup>	82% $E_c$	
	Oil-fired <sup>c</sup>	< 300,000 Btu/h	80% AFUE	10 CFR Part 430
		≥ 300,000 Btu/h and ≤ 2,500,000 Btu/h <sup>b</sup>	82% $E_t$	10 CFR Part 431
		> 2,500,000 Btu/h <sup>a</sup>	84% $E_c$	
Boilers, steam	Gas-fired	< 300,000 Btu/h	75% AFUE	10 CFR Part 430
	Gas-fired- all, except natural draft	≥ 300,000 Btu/h and ≤ 2,500,000 Btu/h <sup>b</sup>	79% $E_t$	10 CFR Part 431
		> 2,500,000 Btu/h <sup>a</sup>	79% $E_t$	
	Gas-fired-natural draft	≥ 300,000 Btu/h and ≤ 2,500,000 Btu/h <sup>b</sup>	77% $E_t$	
		> 2,500,000 Btu/h <sup>a</sup>	77% $E_t$	
	Oil-fired <sup>c</sup>	< 300,000 Btu/h	80% AFUE	10 CFR Part 430
		≥ 300,000 Btu/h and ≤ 2,500,000 Btu/h <sup>b</sup>	81% $E_t$	10 CFR Part 431

		> 2,500,000 Btu/h <sup>a</sup>	81% $E_t$	
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For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W.

- These requirements apply to boilers with rated input of 8,000,000 Btu/h or less that are not packaged boilers and to all packaged boilers. Minimum efficiency requirements for boilers cover all capacities of packaged boilers.
- Maximum capacity – minimum and maximum ratings as provided for and allowed by the unit's controls.
- Includes oil-fired (residual).
- $E_c$  = Combustion efficiency (100 percent less flue losses).
- $E_t$  = Thermal efficiency. See referenced standard for detailed information.

**TABLE C403.2.3(6)**  
**MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS:**  
**CONDENSING UNITS, ELECTRICALLY OPERATED**

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SIZE CATEGORY	MINIMUM EFFICIENCY <sup>b</sup>	TEST PROCEDURE <sup>a</sup>
Condensing units, air cooled	≥ 135,000 Btu/h	10.1 EER 11.2 IPLV	AHRI 365
Condensing units, water or evaporatively cooled	≥ 135,000 Btu/h	13.1 EER 13.1 IPLV	

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W.

- Chapter 6 contains a complete specification of the referenced test procedure, including the referenced year version of the test procedure.
- IPLVs are only applicable to equipment with capacity modulation.

**TABLE C403.2.3(7)**  
**WATER CHILLING PACKAGES – EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS<sup>a, b, d</sup>**

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SIZE CATEGORY	UNITS	BEFORE 1/1/2015		AS OF 1/1/2015		TEST PROCEDURE <sup>c</sup>
			Path A	Path B	Path A	Path B	
Air-cooled chillers	< 150 Tons	EER (Btu/W)	≥ 9.562 FL	NA <sup>c</sup>	≥ 10.100 FL	≥ 9.700 FL	AHRI 550/590
			≥ 12.500 IPLV		≥ 13.700 IPLV	≥ 15,800 IPLV	
	≥ 150 Tons		≥ 9.562 FL	NA <sup>c</sup>	≥ 10.100 FL	≥ 9.700 FL	
			≥ 12.500 IPLV		≥ 14.000 IPLV	≥ 16.100 IPLV	
Air cooled without condenser, electrically operated	All capacities	EER (Btu/W)	Air-cooled chillers without condenser shall be rated with matching condensers and complying with air-cooled chiller efficiency requirements.				
Water cooled, electrically operated	< 75 Tons	kW/ton	≤ 0.780 FL	≤ 0.800 FL	≤ 0.750 FL	≤ 0.780 FL	
			≤ 0.630	≤ 0.600	≤ 0.600	≤ 0.500	

positive displacement			IPLV	IPLV	IPLV	IPLV	
	≥ 75 tons and < 150 tons		≤ 0.775 FL	≤ 0.790 FL	≤ 0.720 FL	≤ 0.750 FL	
			≤ 0.615 IPLV	≤ 0.586 IPLV	≤ 0.560 IPLV	≤ 0.490 IPLV	
	≥ 150 tons and < 300 tons		≤ 0.680 FL	≤ 0.718 FL	≤ 0.660 FL	≤ 0.680 FL	
			≤ 0.580 IPLV	≤ 0.540 IPLV	≤ 0.540 IPLV	≤ 0.440 IPLV	
	≥ 300 tons and < 600 tons		≤ 0.620 FL	≤ 0.639 FL	≤ 0.610 FL	≤ 0.625 FL	
			≤ 0.540 IPLV	≤ 0.490 IPLV	≤ 0.520 IPLV	≤ 0.410 IPLV	
	≥ 600 tons		≤ 0.620 FL	≤ 0.639 FL	≤ 0.560 FL	≤ 0.585 FL	
	≤ 0.540 IPLV	≤ 0.490 IPLV	≤ 0.500 IPLV	≤ 0.380 IPLV			
Water cooled, electrically operated centrifugal	< 150 Tons	kW/ton	≤ 0.634 FL	≤ 0.639 FL	≤ 0.610 FL	≤ 0.695 FL	
			≤ 0.596 IPLV	≤ 0.450 IPLV	≤ 0.550 IPLV	≤ 0.440 IPLV	
	≥ 150 tons and < 300 tons		≤ 0.634 FL	≤ 0.639 FL	≤ 0.610 FL	≤ 0.635 FL	
			≤ 0.596 IPLV	≤ 0.450 IPLV	≤ 0.550 IPLV	≤ 0.400 IPLV	
	≥ 300 tons and < 400 tons		≤ 0.576 FL	≤ 0.600 FL	≤ 0.560 FL	≤ 0.595 FL	
			≤ 0.549 IPLV	≤ 0.400 IPLV	≤ 0.520 IPLV	≤ 0.390 IPLV	
	≥ 400 tons and < 600 tons		≤ 0.576 FL	≤ 0.600 FL	≤ 0.560 FL	≤ 0.585 FL	
			≤ 0.549 IPLV	≤ 0.400 IPLV	≤ 0.500 IPLV	≤ 0.380 IPLV	
	≥ 600 Tons		≤ 0.570 FL	≤ 0.590 FL	≤ 0.560 FL	≤ 0.585 FL	
		≤ 0.539 IPLV	≤ 0.400 IPLV	≤ 0.500 IPLV	≤ 0.380 IPLV		
Air cooled, absorption, single effect	All capacities	COP	≥ 0.600 FL	NA <sup>c</sup>	≥ 0.600 FL	NA <sup>c</sup>	AHRI 560
Water cooled absorption, single effect	All capacities	COP	≥ 0.700 FL	NA <sup>c</sup>	≥ 0.700 F	NA <sup>c</sup>	
Absorption, double effect, indirect fired	All capacities	COP	≥ 1.000 FL	NA <sup>c</sup>	≥ 1.000 FL	NA <sup>c</sup>	
			≥ 1.050 IPLV		≥ 1.050 IPLV		
Absorption double effect direct fired	All capacities	COP	≥ 1.000 FL	NA <sup>c</sup>	≥ 1.000 FL	NA <sup>c</sup>	
			≥ 1.000 IPLV		≥ 1.050 IPLV		

- a. The requirements for centrifugal chiller shall be adjusted for nonstandard rating conditions in accordance with Section C403.2.3.1 and are only applicable for the range of conditions listed in Section C403.2.3.1. The requirements for air-cooled, water-cooled positive displacement and absorption chillers are at standard rating conditions defined in the reference test procedure.
- b. Both the full-load and IPLV requirements shall be met or exceeded to comply with this standard. Where there is a Path B, compliance can be with either Path A or Path B for any application.
- c. NA means the requirements are not applicable for Path B and only Path A can be used for compliance.
- d. FL represents the full-load performance requirements and IPLV the part-load performance requirements.

**TABLE C403.2.3(8)**  
**MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS:**  
**HEAT REJECTION EQUIPMENT**

<b>EQUIPMENT TYPE<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>TOTAL SYSTEM HEAT REJECTION CAPACITY AT RATED CONDITIONS</b>	<b>SUBCATEGORY OR RATING CONDITION<sup>i</sup></b>	<b>PERFORMANCE REQUIRED<sup>b, c, d, g, h</sup></b>	<b>TEST PROCEDURE<sup>e, f</sup></b>
Propeller or axial fan open-circuit cooling towers	All	95°F entering water 85°F leaving water 75°F entering wb	≥ 40.2 gpm/hp	CTI ATC-105 and CTI STD-201
Centrifugal fan open-circuit cooling towers	All	95°F entering water 85°F leaving water 75°F entering wb	≥ 20.0 gpm/hp	CTI ATC-105 and CTI STD-201
Propeller or axial fan closed-circuit cooling towers	All	102°F entering water 90°F leaving water 75°F entering wb	≥ 14.0 gpm/hp	CTI ATC-105S and CTI STD-201
Centrifugal fan closedcircuit cooling towers	All	102°F entering water 90°F leaving water 75°F entering wb	≥ 7.0 gpm/hp	CTI ATC-105S and CTI STD-201
Propeller or axial fan evaporative condensers	All	Ammonia Test Fluid 140°F entering gas temperature 96.3°F condensing temperature 75°F entering wb	≥ 134,000 Btu/h·hp	CTI ATC-106
Centrifugal fan evaporative condensers	All	Ammonia Test Fluid 140°F entering gas temperature 96.3°F condensing temperature 75°F entering wb	≥ 110,000 Btu/h·hp	CTI ATC-106
Propeller or axial fan evaporative condensers	All	R-507A Test Fluid 165°F entering gas temperature 105°F condensing temperature 75°F entering wb	≥ 157,000 Btu/h·hp	CTI ATC-106
Centrifugal fan	All	R-507A Test Fluid	≥ 135,000 Btu/h·hp	CTI ATC-106

evaporative condensers		165°F entering gas temperature 105°F condensing temperature 75°F entering wb		
Air-cooled condensers	All	125°F Condensing Temperature 190°F Entering Gas Temperature 15°F subcooling 95°F entering db	≥ 176,000 Btu/h·hp	AHRI 460

For SI: °C = [(°F)-32]/1.8, L/s · kW = (gpm/hp)/(11.83), COP = (Btu/h · hp)/(2550.7),  
db = dry bulb temperature, °F, wb = wet bulb temperature, °F.

- The efficiencies and test procedures for both open- and closed-circuit cooling towers are not applicable to hybrid cooling towers that contain a combination of wet and dry heat exchange sections.
- For purposes of this table, open circuit cooling tower performance is defined as the water flow rating of the tower at the thermal rating condition listed in Table 403.2.3(8) divided by the fan nameplate-rated motor power.
- For purposes of this table, closed-circuit cooling tower performance is defined as the water flow rating of the tower at the thermal rating condition listed in Table 403.2.3(8) divided by the sum of the fan nameplate-rated motor power and the spray pump nameplate-rated motor power.
- For purposes of this table, air-cooled condenser performance is defined as the heat rejected from the refrigerant divided by the fan nameplate-rated motor power.
- Chapter 6 contains a complete specification of the referenced test procedure, including the referenced year version of the test procedure. The certification requirements do not apply to field-erected cooling towers.
- Where a certification program exists for a covered product and it includes provisions for verification and challenge of equipment efficiency ratings, then the product shall be listed in the certification program; or, where a certification program exists for a covered product, and it includes provisions for verification and challenge of equipment efficiency ratings, but the product is not listed in the existing certification program, the ratings shall be verified by an independent laboratory test report.
- Cooling towers shall comply with the minimum efficiency listed in the table for that specific type of tower with the capacity effect of any project-specific accessories and/or options included in the capacity of the cooling tower
- For purposes of this table, evaporative condenser performance is defined as the heat rejected at the specified rating condition in the table divided by the sum of the fan motor nameplate power and the integral spray pump nameplate power
- Requirements for evaporative condensers are listed with ammonia (R-717) and R-507A as test fluids in the table. Evaporative condensers intended for use with halocarbon refrigerants other than R-507A shall meet the minimum efficiency requirements listed in this table with R-507A as the test fluid.

**TABLE C403.2.3(9)**  
**MINIMUM EFFICIENCY AIR CONDITIONERS AND CONDENSING UNITS SERVING**  
**COMPUTER ROOMS**

EQUIPMENT TYPE	NET SENSIBLE COOLING CAPACITY <sup>a</sup>	MINIMUM SCOP-127 <sup>b</sup> EFFICIENCY DOWNFLOW UNITS / UPFLOW UNITS	TEST PROCEDURE
Air conditioners, air cooled	< 65,000 Btu/h	2.20 / 2.09	ANSI/ASHRAE 127
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	2.10 / 1.99	
	≥ 240,000 Btu/h	1.90 / 1.79	
Air conditioners, water cooled	< 65,000 Btu/h	2.60 / 2.49	
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	2.50 / 2.39	
	≥ 240,000 Btu/h	2.40 / 2.29	
Air conditioners, water cooled with	< 65,000 Btu/h	2.55 / 2.44	
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and <	2.45 / 2.34	

fluid economizer	240,000 Btu/h		
	≥ 240,000 Btu/h	2.35 / 2.24	
Air conditioners, glycol cooled (rated at 40% propylene glycol)	< 65,000 Btu/h	2.50 / 2.39	
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	2.15 / 2.04	
	≥ 240,000 Btu/h	2.10 / 1.99	
Air conditioners, glycol cooled (rated at 40% propylene glycol) with fluid economizer	< 65,000 Btu/h	2.45 / 2.34	
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	2.10 / 1.99	
	≥ 240,000 Btu/h	2.05 / 1.94	

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W.

- Net sensible cooling capacity: the total gross cooling capacity less the latent cooling less the energy to the air movement system. (Total Gross – latent – Fan Power).
- Sensible coefficient of performance (SCOP-127): a ratio calculated by dividing the net sensible cooling capacity in watts by the total power input in watts (excluding reheaters and humidifiers) at conditions defined in ASHRAE Standard 127. The net sensible cooling capacity is the gross sensible capacity minus the energy dissipated into the cooled space by the fan system.

**TABLE C403.2.3(10)**  
**HEAT TRANSFER EQUIPMENT**

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SUBCATEGORY	MINIMUM EFFICIENCY	TEST PROCEDURE <sup>a</sup>
Liquid-to-liquid heat exchangers	Plate type	NR	AHRI-400

NR = No Requirement.

- ~~Chapter 6 contains a complete specification of the referenced test procedure, including the referenced year-version of the test procedure.~~

#### **C403.2.3.1 Water-cooled centrifugal chilling packages.**

Equipment not designed for operation at AHRI Standard 550/590 test conditions of 44°F (7°C) leaving chilled-water temperature and 2.4 gpm/ton evaporator fluid flow and 85°F (29°C) entering condenser water temperature with 3 gpm/ton (0.054 l/s • kW) condenser water flow shall have maximum full-load kW/ton (FL) and part-load ratings requirements adjusted using Equations 4-6 and 4-7.

$$FL_{adj} = FL/K_{adj} \quad \text{(Equation 4-6)}$$

$$PLV_{adj} = IPLV/K_{adj} \quad \text{(Equation 4-7)}$$

where:

$$K_{adj} = A \times B$$

$FL$  = Full-load kW/ton value as specified in Table C403.2.3(7).  
 $FL_{adj}$  = Maximum full-load kW/ton rating, adjusted for nonstandard conditions.

$IPLV$	=	Value as specified in Table C403.2.3(7).
$PLV_{adj}$	=	Maximum $NPLV$ rating, adjusted for non-standard conditions.
$A$	=	$0.00000014592 \cdot (LIFT)^4 - 0.0000346496 \cdot (LIFT)^3 + 0.00314196 \cdot (LIFT)^2 - 0.147199 \cdot (LIFT) + 3.9302$
$B$	=	$0.0015 \cdot L_{vg} E_{vap} + 0.934$
$LIFT$	=	$L_{vg} Cond - L_{vg} E_{vap}$
$L_{vg} Cond$	=	Full-load condenser leaving fluid temperature (°F).
$L_{vg} E_{vap}$	=	Full-load evaporator leaving temperature (°F).

The  $FL_{adj}$  and  $PLV_{adj}$  values are only applicable for centrifugal chillers meeting all of the following full-load design ranges:

1. Minimum evaporator leaving temperature: 36°F.
2. Maximum condenser leaving temperature: 115°F.
3.  $20^{\circ}\text{F} \leq LIFT \leq 80^{\circ}\text{F}$ .

#### **C403.2.3.2 Positive displacement (air- and water-cooled) chilling packages.**

Equipment with a leaving fluid temperature higher than 32°F (0°C) and water-cooled positive displacement chilling packages with a condenser leaving fluid temperature below 115°F (46°C) shall meet the requirements of Table C403.2.3(7) when tested or certified with water at standard rating conditions, in accordance with the referenced test procedure.

#### **C403.2.4 HVAC system controls.**

Each heating and cooling system shall be provided with thermostatic controls as specified in Section C403.2.4.1, C403.2.4.1.3, C403.2.4.2, C403.2.4.3, C403.3.1, C403.4, C403.4.1 or C403.4.4.

##### **C403.2.4.1 Thermostatic controls.**

The supply of heating and cooling energy to each *zone* shall be controlled by individual thermostatic controls capable of responding to temperature within the *zone*. Where humidification or dehumidification or both is provided, at least one humidity control device shall be provided for each humidity control system.

**Exception:** Independent perimeter systems that are designed to offset only building envelope heat losses, gains or both serving one or more perimeter *zones* also served by an interior system provided:

1. The perimeter system includes at least one thermostatic control *zone* for each building exposure having exterior walls facing only one orientation (within +/-45 degrees) (0.8 rad) for more than 50 contiguous feet (15 240 mm); and

2. The perimeter system heating and cooling supply is controlled by thermostats located within the *zones* served by the system.

#### **C403.2.4.1.1 Heat pump supplementary heat.**

Heat pumps having supplementary electric resistance heat shall have controls that, except during defrost, prevent supplementary heat operation where the heat pump can provide the heating load.

In systems with a cooling capacity of less than 65,000 Btuh, a heat strip outdoor temperature lockout shall be provided to prevent supplemental heat operation in response to the thermostat being changed to a warmer setting. The lockout shall be set no lower than 35°F and no higher than 40°F.

#### **C403.2.4.1.2 Deadband.**

Where used to control both heating and cooling, *zone* thermostatic controls shall be capable of providing a temperature range or deadband of at least 5°F (2.8°C) within which the supply of heating and cooling energy to the *zone* is capable of being shut off or reduced to a minimum.

#### **Exceptions:**

1. Thermostats requiring manual changeover between heating and cooling modes.
2. Occupancies or applications requiring precision in indoor temperature control ~~as approved by the code official.~~

#### **C403.2.4.1.3 Set point overlap restriction.**

Where a *zone* has a separate heating and a separate cooling thermostatic control located within the *zone*, a limit switch, mechanical stop or direct digital control system with software programming shall be provided with the capability to prevent the heating set point from exceeding the cooling set point and to maintain a deadband in accordance with Section C403.2.4.1.2.

#### **C403.2.4.2 Off-hour controls.**

Each *zone* shall be provided with thermostatic setback controls that are controlled by either an automatic time clock or programmable control system.

#### **Exceptions:**

1. *Zones* that will be operated continuously.
2. *Zones* with a full HVAC load demand not exceeding 6,800 Btu/h (2 kW) and having a readily accessible manual shutoff switch.
3. HVAC systems serving hotel/motel guestrooms or other residential units complying with section 403.2.2 requirements.

#### **C403.2.4.2.1 Thermostatic setback capabilities.**

Thermostatic setback controls shall have the capability to set back or temporarily



operate the system to maintain *zone* temperatures down to 55°F (13°C) or up to 85°F (29°C).

**C403.2.4.2.2 Automatic setback and shutdown capabilities.**

Automatic time clock or programmable controls shall be capable of starting and stopping the system for seven different daily schedules per week and retaining their programming and time setting during a loss of power for at least 10 hours. Additionally, the controls shall have a manual override that allows temporary operation of the system for up to 2 hours; a manually operated timer capable of being adjusted to operate the system for up to 2 hours; or an occupancy sensor.

**C403.2.4.2.3 Automatic start capabilities.**

Automatic start controls shall be provided for each HVAC system provided with setback controls and DDC. The controls shall be capable of automatically adjusting the daily start time of the HVAC system in order to bring each space to the desired occupied temperature immediately prior to scheduled occupancy.

**C403.2.4.3 Shutoff dampers.**

Outdoor air intake and exhaust openings and stairway and shaft vents shall be provided with Class I motorized dampers. The dampers shall have an air leakage rate not greater than 4 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> (20.3 L/s · m<sup>2</sup>) of damper surface area at 1.0 inch water gauge (249 Pa) and shall be labeled by an approved agency when tested in accordance with AMCA 500D for such purpose. Shutoff dampers are not required in continuously operating exhaust systems.

Outdoor air intake and exhaust dampers shall be installed with automatic controls configured to close when the systems or spaces served are not in use or during unoccupied period warm-up and setback operation, unless the systems served require outdoor or exhaust air in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code* or the dampers are opened to provide intentional economizer cooling.

Stairway and shaft vent dampers shall be installed with automatic controls configured to open upon the activation of any fire alarm initiating device of the building's fire alarm system or the interruption of power to the damper.

**Exception:** Gravity (nonmotorized) dampers shall be permitted to be used as follows:

1. In buildings less than three stories in height above grade plane.
2. ~~Deleted. In buildings of any height located in Climate Zones 1, 2 or 3.~~
3. Where the design exhaust capacity is not greater than 300 cfm (142 L/s).

Gravity (nonmotorized) dampers shall have an air leakage rate not greater than 20 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> (101.6 L/s · m<sup>2</sup>) where not less than 24 inches (610 mm) in either dimension and 40 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> (203.2 L/s · m<sup>2</sup>) where less than 24 inches (610 mm) in either dimension. The rate of air leakage shall be determined at 1.0 inch water gauge (249 Pa) when tested in

accordance with AMCA 500D for such purpose. The dampers shall be labeled by an approved agency.

#### **C403.2.4.4 Zone isolation.**

~~Deleted. HVAC systems serving zones that are over 25,000 square feet (2323 m<sup>2</sup>) in floor area or that span more than one floor and are designed to operate or be occupied nonsimultaneously shall be divided into isolation areas. Each isolation area shall be equipped with isolation devices and controls configured to automatically shut off the supply of conditioned air and outdoor air to and exhaust air from the isolation area. Each isolation area shall be controlled independently by a device meeting the requirements of Section C403.2.4.2.2. Central systems and plants shall be provided with controls and devices that will allow system and equipment operation for any length of time while serving only the smallest isolation area served by the system or plant.~~

##### **Exceptions:**

- ~~1. Exhaust air and outdoor air connections to isolation areas where the fan system to which they connect is not greater than 5,000 cfm (2360 L/s).~~
- ~~2. Exhaust airflow from a single isolation area of less than 10 percent of the design airflow of the exhaust system to which it connects.~~
- ~~3. Isolation areas intended to operate continuously or intended to be inoperative only when all other isolation areas in a zone are inoperative.~~

#### **C403.2.4.5 Snow- and ice-melt system controls.**

Snow- and ice-melting systems shall include automatic controls capable of shutting off the system when the pavement temperature is above 50°F (10°C) ~~and no precipitation is falling and an automatic or manual control that will allow shutoff when the outdoor temperature is above 40°F (4°C).~~

#### **C403.2.4.6 Freeze protection system controls.**

Freeze protection systems, such as heat tracing of outdoor piping and heat exchangers, including self-regulating heat tracing, shall include automatic controls configured to shut off the systems when outdoor air temperatures are above 40°F (4°C) or when the conditions of the protected fluid will prevent freezing.

#### **C403.2.4.7 Economizer fault detection and diagnostics (FDD).**

~~Deleted. Air-cooled unitary direct-expansion units listed in Tables C403.2.3(1) through C403.2.3(3) and variable refrigerant flow (VRF) units that are equipped with an economizer in accordance with Section C403.3 shall include a fault detection and diagnostics (FDD) system complying with the following:~~

- ~~1. The following temperature sensors shall be permanently installed to monitor system operation:~~
  - ~~1.1. Outside air.~~

- ~~1.2. Supply air.~~
- ~~1.3. Return air.~~
- ~~2. Temperature sensors shall have an accuracy of  $\pm 2^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $1.1^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) over the range of  $40^{\circ}\text{F}$  to  $80^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $4^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $26.7^{\circ}\text{C}$ ).~~
- ~~3. Refrigerant pressure sensors, where used, shall have an accuracy of  $\pm 3$  percent of full scale.~~
- ~~4. The unit controller shall be capable of providing system status by indicating the following:~~
  - ~~4.1. Free cooling available.~~
  - ~~4.2. Economizer enabled.~~
  - ~~4.3. Compressor enabled.~~
  - ~~4.4. Heating enabled.~~
  - ~~4.5. Mixed air low limit cycle active.~~
  - ~~4.6. The current value of each sensor.~~
- ~~5. The unit controller shall be capable of manually initiating each operating mode so that the operation of compressors, economizers, fans and the heating system can be independently tested and verified.~~
- ~~6. The unit shall be capable of reporting faults to a fault management application accessible by day-to-day operating or service personnel, or annunciated locally on zone thermostats.~~
- ~~7. The FDD system shall be capable of detecting the following faults:~~
  - ~~7.1. Air temperature sensor failure/fault.~~
  - ~~7.2. Not economizing when the unit should be economizing.~~
  - ~~7.3. Economizing when the unit should not be economizing.~~
  - ~~7.4. Damper not modulating.~~
  - ~~7.5. Excess outdoor air.~~

#### **C403.2.5 Hot water boiler outdoor temperature setback control.**

Hot water boilers that supply heat to the building through one- or two-pipe heating systems shall have an outdoor setback control that lowers the boiler water temperature based on the outdoor temperature.

### **C403.2.6 Ventilation.**

Ventilation, either natural or mechanical, shall be provided in accordance with Chapter 4 of the *International Mechanical Code*. Where mechanical ventilation is provided, the system shall provide the capability to reduce the outdoor air supply to the minimum required by Chapter 4 of the *International Mechanical Code*.

#### **C403.2.6.1 Demand controlled ventilation.**

Demand control ventilation (DCV) shall be provided for spaces larger than 500 square feet (46.5 m<sup>2</sup>) and with an **average** occupant load of 25 people or greater per 1,000 square feet (93 m<sup>2</sup>) of floor area (as established in Table 403.3.1.1 of the *International Mechanical Code*). Additionally, demand control ventilation is required for any HVAC system provided with outside air greater than 3000 cfm. ~~and served by systems with one or more of the following:~~

- ~~1.—An air-side economizer.~~
- ~~2.—Automatic modulating control of the outdoor air damper.~~
- ~~3.—A design outdoor airflow greater than 3,000 cfm (1416 L/s).~~

**Exception:** Demand control ventilation is not required for systems and spaces as follows:

1. Systems with energy recovery complying with Section C403.2.7.
2. Multiple-zone systems without direct digital control of individual zones communicating with a central control panel.
3. Systems with a design outdoor airflow less than 1,200 cfm (566 L/s).
4. Spaces where the supply airflow rate minus any makeup or outgoing transfer air requirement is less than 1,200 cfm (566 L/s).
5. Ventilation provided for process loads only.

#### **C403.2.6.2 Enclosed parking garage ventilation controls.**

~~Deleted. Enclosed parking garages used for storing or handling automobiles operating under their own power shall employ contamination-sensing devices and automatic controls configured to stage fans or modulate fan average airflow rates to 50 percent or less of design capacity, or intermittently operate fans less than 20 percent of the occupied time or as required to maintain acceptable contaminant levels in accordance with *International Mechanical Code* provisions. Failure of contamination-sensing devices shall cause the exhaust fans to operate continuously at design airflow.~~

#### **Exceptions:**

- ~~1.—Garages with a total exhaust capacity less than 22,500 cfm (10 620 L/s) with ventilation systems that do not utilize heating or mechanical cooling.~~

- ~~2. Garages that have a garage area to ventilation system motor nameplate power ratio that exceeds 1125 cfm/hp (710 L/s/kW) and do not utilize heating or mechanical cooling.~~

#### **C403.2.7 Energy recovery ventilation systems.**

Individual fan systems that have both a design supply air capacity of 5,000 cfm (2.36 m<sup>3</sup>/s) or greater and a minimum outside air supply of 70 percent or greater of the design supply air quantity shall have an energy recovery system that provides a change in the enthalpy of the outdoor air supply of 50 percent or more of the difference between the outdoor air and return air at design conditions. Provision shall be made to bypass or control the energy recovery system to permit cooling with outdoor air where cooling with outdoor air is required.

**Exception:** An energy recovery ventilation system shall not be required in any of the following conditions:

1. Where energy recovery systems are prohibited by the *International Mechanical Code*.
2. Laboratory fume hood systems that include at least one of the following features:
  - 2.1. Variable-air-volume hood exhaust and room supply systems capable of reducing exhaust and makeup air volume to 50 percent or less of design values.
  - 2.2. Direct makeup (auxiliary) air supply equal to at least 75 percent of the exhaust rate, heated no warmer than 2°F (1.1°C) below room setpoint, cooled to no cooler than 3°F (1.7°C) above room setpoint, no humidification added, and no simultaneous heating and cooling used for dehumidification control.
3. Systems serving spaces that are not cooled and are heated to less than 60°F (15.5°C).
4. Where more than 60 percent of the outdoor heating energy is provided from site-recovered or site solar energy.
5. Heating systems in climates with less than 3,600 HDD.
6. Cooling systems in climates with a 1-percent cooling design wet-bulb temperature less than 64°F (18°C).
7. Systems requiring dehumidification that employ series-style energy recovery coils wrapped around the cooling coil.

~~Where the supply airflow rate of a fan system exceeds the values specified in Tables C403.2.7(1) and C403.2.7(2), the system shall include an energy recovery system. The energy recovery system shall have the capability to provide a change in the enthalpy of the outdoor air supply of not less than 50 percent of the difference between the outdoor air and return air enthalpies, at design conditions. Where an air economizer is required, the energy recovery system shall include a bypass or controls which permit operation of the economizer as required by Section C403.3.~~

**Exception:** ~~An energy recovery ventilation system shall not be required in any of the following conditions:~~

- ~~1. Where energy recovery systems are prohibited by the *International Mechanical Code*.~~
- ~~2. Laboratory fume hood systems that include at least one of the following features:~~

- ~~2.1. Variable air volume hood exhaust and room supply systems capable of reducing exhaust and makeup air volume to 50 percent or less of design values.~~
- ~~2.2. Direct makeup (auxiliary) air supply equal to at least 75 percent of the exhaust rate, heated not warmer than 2°F (1.1°C) above room setpoint, cooled to not cooler than 3°F (1.7°C) below room setpoint, no humidification added, and no simultaneous heating and cooling used for dehumidification control.~~
- ~~3. Systems serving spaces that are heated to less than 60°F (15.5°C) and are not cooled.~~
- ~~4. Where more than 60 percent of the outdoor heating energy is provided from site-recovered or site solar energy.~~
- ~~5. Deleted. Heating energy recovery in Climate Zones 1 and 2.~~
- ~~6. Deleted. Cooling energy recovery in Climate Zones 3C, 4C, 5B, 5C, 6B, 7 and 8.~~
- ~~7. Systems requiring dehumidification that employ energy recovery in series with the cooling coil.~~
- ~~8. Where the largest source of air exhausted at a single location at the building exterior is less than 75 percent of the design outdoor air flow rate. [Note: Broken out from main para and revised also.]~~
- ~~9. Systems expected to operate less than 20 hours per week at the outdoor air percentage covered by Table C403.2.7(1).~~
- ~~10. Systems exhausting toxic, flammable, paint or corrosive fumes or dust.~~
- ~~11. Commercial kitchen hoods used for collecting and removing grease vapors and smoke.~~

**TABLE C403.2.7(1)**  
**ENERGY RECOVERY REQUIREMENT**  
**(Ventilation systems operating less than 8,000 hours per year)**

CLIMATE ZONE	PERCENT (%) OUTDOOR AIR AT FULL DESIGN AIRFLOW RATE							
	≥10% and < 20%	≥20% and < 30%	≥30% and < 40%	≥40% and < 50%	≥50% and < 60%	≥60% and < 70%	≥70% and < 80%	≥80%
	DESIGN SUPPLY FAN AIRFLOW RATE (cfm)							
3B, 3C, 4B, 4C, 5B	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
1B, 2B, 5C	NR	NR	NR	NR	≥26,000	≥12,000	≥5,000	≥4,000
6B	≥28,000	≥	≥11,000	≥5,500	≥4,500	≥3,500	≥2,500	≥1,500

		26,5000						
1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A	≥ 26,000	≥ 16,000	≥ 5,500	≥ 4,500	≥ 3,500	≥ 2,000	≥ 1,000	≥ 0
7, 8	≥ 4500	≥ 4,000	≥ 2,500	≥ 1,000	> 0	> 0	> 0	> 0

For SI: 1 cfm = 0.4719 L/s.  
NR = Not Required.

**TABLE C403.2.7(2)**  
**ENERGY RECOVERY REQUIREMENT**  
(Ventilation systems operating not less than 8,000 hours per year)

CLIMATE ZONE	PERCENT (%) OUTDOOR AIR AT FULL DESIGN AIRFLOW RATE							
	≥ 10% and < 20%	≥ 20% and < 30%	≥ 30% and < 40%	≥ 40% and < 50%	≥ 50% and < 60%	≥ 60% and < 70%	≥ 70% and < 80%	≥ 80%
	Design Supply Fan Airflow Rate (cfm)							
3C	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
1B, 2B, 3B, 4C, 5C	NR	≥ 19,500	≥ 9,000	≥ 5,000	≥ 4,000	≥ 3,000	≥ 1,500	> 0
1A, 2A, 3A, 4B, 5B	≥ 2,500	≥ 2,000	≥ 1,000	≥ 500	≥ 0	> 0	> 0	> 0
4A, 5A, 6A, 6B, 7, 8	> 0	> 0	> 0	> 0	> 0	> 0	> 0	> 0

For SI: 1 cfm = 0.4719 L/s.  
NR = Not required

### C403.2.8 Kitchen exhaust systems.

~~Deleted.~~ Replacement air introduced directly into the exhaust hood cavity shall not be greater than 10 percent of the hood exhaust airflow rate. Conditioned supply air delivered to any space shall not exceed the greater of the following:

- ~~1. The ventilation rate required to meet the space heating or cooling load.~~
- ~~2. The hood exhaust flow minus the available transfer air from adjacent space where available transfer air is considered that portion of outdoor ventilation air not required to satisfy other exhaust needs, such as restrooms, and not required to maintain pressurization of adjacent spaces.~~

Where total kitchen hood exhaust airflow rate is greater than 5,000 cfm (2360 L/s), each hood shall be a factory-built commercial exhaust hood listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory in compliance with UL 710. Each hood shall have a maximum exhaust rate as specified in Table C403.2.8 and shall comply with one of the following:

- ~~1. Not less than 50 percent of all replacement air shall be transfer air that would otherwise be exhausted.~~

2. ~~Demand ventilation systems on not less than 75 percent of the exhaust air that are capable of not less than a 50-percent reduction in exhaust and replacement air-system airflow rates, including controls necessary to modulate airflow in response to appliance operation and to maintain full capture and containment of smoke, effluent and combustion products during cooking and idle.~~
3. ~~Listed energy recovery devices with a sensible heat recovery effectiveness of not less than 40 percent on not less than 50 percent of the total exhaust airflow.~~

~~Where a single hood, or hood section, is installed over appliances with different duty ratings, the maximum allowable flow rate for the hood or hood section shall be based on the requirements for the highest appliance duty rating under the hood or hood section.~~

**Exception:** ~~Where not less than 75 percent of all the replacement air is transfer air that would otherwise be exhausted~~

**TABLE C403.2.8**  
**MAXIMUM NET EXHAUST FLOW RATE,**  
**CFM PER LINEAR FOOT OF HOOD LENGTH**

TYPE OF HOOD	LIGHT-DUTY EQUIPMENT	MEDIUM-DUTY EQUIPMENT	HEAVY-DUTY EQUIPMENT	EXTRA-HEAVY-DUTY EQUIPMENT
Wall-mounted canopy	140	210	280	385
Single island	280	350	420	490
Double island (per side)	175	210	280	385
Eyebrow	175	175	NA	NA
Backshelf/Pass-over	210	210	280	NA

For SI: 1 cfm = 0.4719 L/s; 1 foot = 305 mm.  
NA = Not Allowed.

#### **C403.2.9 Duct and plenum insulation and sealing.**

Supply and return air ducts and plenums shall be insulated with a minimum of R-6 insulation where located in *unconditioned spaces inside the building*. ~~and Where located outside outdoors, the building supply and return ducts shall be insulated~~ with a minimum of R-8 insulation in *Climate Zones 1 through 3 and 4* and a minimum of R-12 insulation in *Climate Zones 5 through 8*. Where located within a building envelope assembly, such as a wall of the building thermal envelope, the duct or plenum shall be separated from the building exterior or unconditioned ~~or exempt~~ spaces by a minimum of R-8 insulation in *Climate Zones 1 through 3 and 4* and a minimum of R-12 insulation in *Climate Zones 5 through 8*.

#### **Exceptions:**

1. Where located within equipment.
2. ~~Where the design temperature difference between the interior and exterior of the duct or plenum is not greater than 15°F (8°C).~~



Ducts, air handlers and filter boxes shall be sealed. Joints and seams shall comply with Section 603.9 of the *International Mechanical Code*.

#### **C403.2.9.1 Duct construction.**

Ductwork shall be constructed and erected in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code*.

##### **C403.2.9.1.1 Low-pressure duct systems.**

Longitudinal and transverse joints, seams and connections of supply and return ducts operating at a static pressure less than or equal to 2 inches water gauge (w.g.) (498 Pa) shall be securely fastened and sealed with welds, gaskets, mastics (adhesives), mastic-plus-embedded-fabric systems or tapes installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Pressure classifications specific to the duct system shall be clearly indicated on the construction documents in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code*.

~~**Exception:** Locking-type longitudinal joints and seams, other than the snap-lock and button-lock types, need not be sealed as specified in this section.~~

##### **Exceptions:**

1. Continuously welded and locking-type longitudinal joints and seams on ducts operating at static pressures less than 2 inches w.g. (500 Pa) pressure classification.
2. Ducts exposed within the conditioned space they serve shall not be required to be sealed.]

##### **C403.2.9.1.2 Medium-pressure duct systems.**

Ducts and plenums designed to operate at a static pressure greater than 2 inches water gauge (w.g.) (498 Pa) but less than 3 inches w.g. (747 Pa) shall be insulated and sealed in accordance with Section C403.2.9. Pressure classifications specific to the duct system shall be clearly indicated on the construction documents in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code*.

##### **C403.2.9.1.3 High-pressure duct systems.**

Ducts and plenums designed to operate at static pressures greater than 3 inches water gauge (747 Pa) shall be insulated and sealed in accordance with Section C403.2.9. In addition, ducts and plenums shall be leak tested in accordance with the SMACNA HVAC *Air Duct Leakage Test Manual*. ~~and shown to have a rate of air leakage (CL) less than or equal to 4.0 as determined in accordance with Equation 4-8.~~ The maximum permitted duct leakage shall be determined in accordance with Equation 4-8.

$$CL = F/P^{0.65} \quad \text{(Equation 4-8)}$$

$$L_{max} = C_L \times P^{0.65}$$

where:

~~$F$~~  = ~~The measured leakage rate in cfm per 100 square feet of duct surface.~~

~~$P$~~  = ~~The static pressure of the test.~~

$L_{max}$  = maximum permitted leakage, cfm/100 ft<sup>2</sup> duct surface area

$C_L$  = 4, duct leakage class, cfm/100 ft<sup>2</sup> duct surface area at 1 inch w.c.

$P$  = test pressure, which shall be equal to the design duct pressure class rating, inches w.c.

Documentation shall be furnished by the designer demonstrating that representative sections totaling at least 25 percent of the duct area have been tested and that all tested sections comply with the requirements of this section.

**C403.2.10 Piping insulation.** All piping serving as part of a heating or cooling system shall be thermally insulated in accordance with Table C403.2.10.

**Exceptions:**

1. Factory-installed piping within HVAC equipment tested and rated in accordance with a test procedure referenced by this code.
2. Factory-installed piping within room fan-coils and unit ventilators tested and rated according to AHRI 440 (except that the sampling and variation provisions of Section 6.5 shall not apply) and 840, respectively.
3. Piping that conveys fluids that have a design operating temperature range between 55°F (13°C) and 105°F (41°C).
4. Piping that conveys fluids that have not been heated or cooled through the use of fossil fuels or electric power.
5. Runout piping not exceeding 4 feet (1219 mm) in length and 1 inch (25 mm) in diameter between the control valve and HVAC coil.
6. Refrigerant suction piping located in conditioned space is not required to be insulated other than as may be necessary for preventing the formation of condensation.
7. Direct buried piping that conveys fluids at or below 60°F (15°C).

**TABLE C403.2.10**  
**MINIMUM PIPE INSULATION**  
**(thickness in inches)**

<b><u>FLUID</u></b>	<b><u>NOMINAL PIPE DIAMETER</u></b>	
	<b><u>≤ 1.5"</u></b>	<b><u>&gt; 1.5"</u></b>
<u>Steam</u>	<u>1 1/2</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Hot water</u>	<u>1 1/2</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Chilled water, brine or refrigerant</u>	<u>1 1/2</u>	<u>1 1/2</u>

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

a. Based on insulation having a conductivity ( $k$ ) not exceeding 0.27 Btu per inch/h · ft<sup>2</sup> · °F.

b. For insulation with a thermal conductivity not equal to 0.27 Btu · inch/h · ft<sup>2</sup> · °F at a mean temperature of 75°F, the minimum required pipe thickness is adjusted using the following equation;

$$T = r[(1+t/r)^{K/k}-1]$$

where:

$T$  = Adjusted insulation thickness (in).

$r$  = Actual pipe radius (in).

$t$  = Insulation thickness from applicable cell in table (in).

$K$  = New thermal conductivity at 75°F (Btu · in/hr · ft<sup>2</sup> · °F).

$k$  = 0.27 Btu · in/hr · ft<sup>2</sup> · °F.

~~Piping serving as part of a heating or cooling system shall be thermally insulated in accordance with Table C403.2.10.~~

**~~Exceptions:-~~**

- ~~1. Factory-installed piping within HVAC equipment tested and rated in accordance with a test procedure referenced by this code.~~
- ~~2. Factory-installed piping within room fan coils and unit ventilators tested and rated according to AHRI 440 (except that the sampling and variation provisions of Section 6.5 shall not apply) and AHRI 840, respectively.~~
- ~~3. Piping that conveys fluids that have a design operating temperature range between 60°F (15°C) and 105°F (41°C).~~
- ~~4. Piping that conveys fluids that have not been heated or cooled through the use of fossil fuels or electric power.~~
- ~~5. Strainers, control valves, and balancing valves associated with piping 1 inch (25-mm) or less in diameter.~~
- ~~6. Direct buried piping that conveys fluids at or below 60°F (15°C).~~

**TABLE C403.2.10**  
**MINIMUM PIPE INSULATION THICKNESS (in inches)<sup>a, c</sup>**

FLUID- OPERATING TEMPERATURE RANGE AND USAGE (°F)	INSULATION- CONDUCTIVITY		NOMINAL PIPE OR TUBE SIZE (inches)				
	Conductivity Btu-in./(h-ft <sup>2</sup> -°F) <sup>b</sup>	Mean Rating Temperature, °F	<1	1 to < <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> to < <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 4	4 to <8	≥8
>350	0.32—0.34	250	4.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
251—350	0.29—0.32	200	3.0	4.0	4.5	4.5	4.5
201—250	0.27—0.30	150	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.0
141—200	0.25—0.29	125	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.0
105—140	0.21—0.28	100	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.5
40—60	0.21—0.27	75	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0
<40	0.20—0.26	50	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, °C = [(°F) - 32]/1.8.

a. For piping smaller than <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches and located in partitions within conditioned spaces, reduction of these thicknesses by 1 inch shall be permitted (before thickness adjustment required in footnote b) but not to a thickness less than 1 inch.

b. For insulation outside the stated conductivity range, the minimum thickness (T) shall be determined as follows:

$$T = r((1 + t/r)K/k - 1)$$

where:

T = minimum insulation thickness,

r = actual outside radius of pipe,

t = insulation thickness listed in the table for applicable fluid temperature and pipe size,

K = conductivity of alternate material at mean rating temperature indicated for the applicable fluid temperature (Btu-in./h-ft<sup>2</sup>-°F) and

k = the upper value of the conductivity range listed in the table for the applicable fluid temperature.

c. For direct-buried heating and hot water system piping, reduction of these thicknesses by <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches (38 mm) shall be permitted (before thickness adjustment required in footnote b) but not to thicknesses less than 1 inch (25 mm).

#### **C403.2.10.1 Protection of piping insulation.**

Deleted. Piping insulation exposed to the weather shall be protected from damage, including that due to sunlight, moisture, equipment maintenance and wind, and shall provide shielding from solar radiation that can cause degradation of the material. Adhesive tape shall not be permitted.

#### **C403.2.11 Mechanical systems commissioning and completion requirements.**

Mechanical systems shall be commissioned and completed in accordance with Section C408.2.

### C403.2.12 Air system design and control.

Each HVAC system having a total fan system motor nameplate horsepower (hp) exceeding 5 hp (3.7 kW) shall comply with the provisions of Sections C403.2.12.1 through C403.2.12.3.

#### C403.2.12.1 Allowable fan motor horsepower.

Each HVAC system at fan system design conditions shall not exceed the allowable *fan system motor nameplate hp* (Option 1) or *fan system bhp* (Option 2) as shown in Table C403.2.12.1(1). This includes supply fans, exhaust fans, return/relief fans, and fan-powered terminal units associated with systems providing heating or cooling capability. Single-zone variable air volume systems shall comply with the constant volume fan power limitation.

#### Exceptions:

1. Hospital, vivarium and laboratory systems that utilize flow control devices on exhaust or return to maintain space pressure relationships necessary for occupant health and safety or environmental control shall be permitted to use variable volume fan power limitation.
2. Individual exhaust fans with motor nameplate horsepower of 1 hp (0.746 kW) or less are exempt from the allowable fan horsepower requirement.
3. Fans exhausting air from fume hoods. (Note: If this exception is taken, no related exhaust side credits shall be taken from Table C403.2.12.1(2) and the Fume Exhaust Exception Deduction must be taken from Table C403.2.12.1(2).)

**TABLE C403.2.12.1(1)**  
**FAN POWER LIMITATION**

	<b>LIMIT</b>	<b>CONSTANT VOLUME</b>	<b>VARIABLE VOLUME</b>
Option 1: Fan system motor nameplate hp	Allowable nameplate motor hp	$hp \leq CFM_s \cdot 0.0011$	$hp \leq CFM_s \cdot 0.0015$
Option 2: Fan system bhp	Allowable fan system bhp	$bhp \leq CFM_s \cdot 0.00094 + A$	$bhp \leq CFM_s \cdot 0.0013 + A$

For SI: 1 bhp = 735.5 W, 1 hp = 745.5 W, 1 cfm = 0.4719 L/s.

where:

$CFM_s$  = The maximum design supply airflow rate to conditioned spaces served by the system in cubic feet per minute.  
 $hp$  = The maximum combined motor nameplate horsepower.  
 $Bhp$  = The maximum combined fan brake horsepower.  
 $A$  = Sum of  $[PD \times CFM_D / 4131]$

where:

$PD$  = Each applicable pressure drop adjustment from Table C403.2.12.1(2) in. w.c.  
 $CFM_D$  = The design airflow through each applicable device from Table C403.2.12.1(2) in cubic feet per minute.

**TABLE C403.2.12.1(2)**  
**FAN POWER LIMITATION PRESSURE DROP ADJUSTMENT**

DEVICE	ADJUSTMENT
<b>Credits</b>	
Fully ducted return and/or exhaust air systems	0.5 inch w.c. (2.15 in w.c. for laboratory <sub>1</sub> <del>and</del> vivarium <sub>1</sub> and hospital systems)
Return and/or exhaust airflow control devices	0.5 inch w.c.
Exhaust filters, scrubbers or other exhaust treatment	The pressure drop of device calculated at fan system design condition
Particulate filtration credit: MERV 9 thru 12	0.5 inch w.c.
Particulate filtration credit: MERV 13 thru 15	0.9 inch. w.c.
Particulate filtration credit: MERV 16 and greater and electronically enhanced filters	Pressure drop calculated at 2x clean filter pressure drop at fan system design condition.
Carbon and other gas-phase air cleaners	Clean filter pressure drop at fan system design condition.
Biosafety cabinet	Pressure drop of device at fan system design condition.
Energy recovery device, other than coil runaround loop	(2.2 × energy recovery effectiveness) – 0.5 inch w.c. for each airstream.
Coil runaround loop	0.6 inch w.c. for each airstream.
Evaporative humidifier/cooler in series with another cooling coil	Pressure drop of device at fan system design conditions.
Sound attenuation section (fans serving spaces with design background noise goals below NC35)	0.15 inch w.c.
Exhaust system serving fume hoods	0.35 inch w.c.
Laboratory and vivarium exhaust systems in high-rise buildings	0.25 inch w.c./100 feet of vertical duct exceeding 75 feet.
<b>Deductions</b>	
<u>Fume Hood Exhaust Exception</u> (required if 403.2.12.1 Exception 3 is taken)	-1.0 in w.c.
<del>Systems without central cooling device</del>	<del>-0.6 in. w.c.</del>
<del>Systems without central heating device</del>	<del>-0.3 in. w.c.</del>
<del>Systems with central electric resistance heat</del>	<del>-0.2 in. w.c.</del>

For SI: 1 inch w.c. = 249 Pa, 1 inch = 25.4 mm.  
 w.c. = water column, NC = Noise criterion.

#### **C403.2.12.2 Motor nameplate horsepower.**

For each fan, the fan brake horsepower shall be indicated on the construction documents and the selected motor shall be not larger than the first available motor size greater than the following:

1. For fans less than 6 bhp (4413 W), 1.5 times the fan brake horsepower.

2. For fans 6 bhp (4413 W) and larger, 1.3 times the fan brake horsepower.
3. Systems complying with Section C403.2.12.1 *fan system motor nameplate hp* (Option 1).

#### **C403.2.12.3 Fan efficiency.**

~~Deleted.~~ Fans shall have a fan efficiency grade (FEG) of not less than 67 when determined in accordance with AMCA 205 by an approved, independent testing laboratory and labeled by the manufacturer. The total efficiency of the fan at the design point of operation shall be within 15 percentage points of the maximum total efficiency of the fan.

**Exception:** The following fans are not required to have a fan efficiency grade:

- ~~1. Fans of 5 hp (3.7 kW) or less as follows:~~
  - ~~1.1. Single fan with a motor nameplate horsepower of 5 hp (3.7 kW) or less, unless Exception 1.2 applies.~~
  - ~~1.2. Multiple fans in series or parallel that have a combined motor nameplate horsepower of 5 hp (3.7 kW) or less and are operated as the functional equivalent of a single fan.~~
- ~~2. Fans that are part of equipment covered under Section C403.2.3.~~
- ~~3. Fans included in an equipment package certified by an approved agency for air or energy performance.~~
- ~~4. Powered wall/roof ventilators.~~
- ~~5. Fans outside the scope of AMCA 205.~~
- ~~6. Fans that are intended to operate only during emergency conditions.~~

#### **C403.2.13 Heating outside a building.**

Systems installed to provide heat outside a building shall be radiant systems. Such heating systems shall be controlled by an occupancy sensing device or a timer switch, so that the system is automatically deenergized when no occupants are present.

#### **C403.2.14 Refrigeration equipment performance.**

~~Deleted.~~ Refrigeration equipment shall have an energy use in kWh/day not greater than the values of Tables C403.2.14(1) and C403.2.14(2) when tested and rated in accordance with AHRI Standard 1200. The energy use shall be verified through certification under an approved certification program or, where a certification program does not exist, the energy use shall be supported by data furnished by the equipment manufacturer.

**TABLE C403.2.14(1)**  
**MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS: COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION**

EQUIPMENT TYPE	APPLICATION	ENERGY USE LIMITS (kWh per day) <sup>a</sup>	TEST PROCEDURE
Refrigerator with solid doors	Holding- Temperature	0.10 <del>→ V + 2.04</del>	AHRI 1200
Refrigerator with transparent doors		0.12 <del>→ V + 3.34</del>	
Freezers with solid doors		0.40 <del>→ V + 1.38</del>	
Freezers with transparent doors		0.75 <del>→ V + 4.10</del>	
Refrigerators/freezers with solid doors		the greater of 0.12 <del>→ V + 3.34</del> or 0.70	
Commercial refrigerators	Pulldown	0.126 <del>→ V + 3.51</del>	

a. ~~→ V~~ = volume of the chiller or frozen compartment as defined in AHAM HRF-1.

**TABLE C403.2.14(2)**  
**MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS: COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS**

EQUIPMENT TYPE				ENERGY USE- LIMITS (kWh/day) <sup>a,b</sup>	TEST PROCEDURE
Equipment- Class <sup>c</sup>	Family Code	Operating- Mode	Rating- Temperature		
VOP.RC.M	Vertical open	Remote- condensing	Medium	0.82 <del>→ TDA + 4.07</del>	AHRI 1200
SVO.RC.M	Semivertical- open	Remote- condensing	Medium	0.83 <del>→ TDA + 3.18</del>	
HZO.RC.M	Horizontal- open	Remote- condensing	Medium	0.35 <del>→ TDA + 2.88</del>	
VOP.RC.L	Vertical open	Remote- condensing	Low	2.27 <del>→ TDA + 6.85</del>	
HZO.RC.L	Horizontal- open	Remote- condensing	Low	0.57 <del>→ TDA + 6.88</del>	
VCT.RC.M	Vertical transparent- door	Remote- condensing	Medium	0.22 <del>→ TDA + 1.95</del>	
VCT.RC.L	Vertical transparent- door	Remote- condensing	Low	0.56 <del>→ TDA + 2.64</del>	
SOC.RC.M	Service over counter	Remote- condensing	Medium	0.51 <del>→ TDA + 0.14</del>	
VOP.SC.M	Vertical open	Self-contained	Medium	1.74 <del>→ TDA + 4.74</del>	
SVO.SC.M	Semivertical- open	Self-contained	Medium	1.73 <del>→ TDA + 4.59</del>	
HZO.SC.M	Horizontal- open	Self-contained	Medium	0.77 <del>→ TDA + 5.55</del>	
HZO.SC.L	Horizontal- open	Self-contained	Low	1.92 <del>→ TDA + 7.08</del>	
VCT.SC.I	Vertical transparent- door	Self-contained	Ice cream	0.67 <del>→ TDA + 3.29</del>	
VCS.SC.I	Vertical solid- door	Self-contained	Ice cream	0.38 <del>→ V + 0.88</del>	
HCT.SC.I	Horizontal	Self-contained	Ice cream	0.56 <del>→ TDA +</del>	



	transparent-door			0.43	
SVO.RC.L	Semivertical-open	Remote-condensing	Low	<del>2.27</del> TDA + <del>6.85</del>	
VOP.RC.I	Vertical open	Remote-condensing	Ice cream	<del>2.89</del> TDA + <del>8.7</del>	
SVO.RC.I	Semivertical-open	Remote-condensing	Ice cream	<del>2.89</del> TDA + <del>8.7</del>	
HZO.RC.I	Horizontal-open	Remote-condensing	Ice cream	<del>0.72</del> TDA + <del>8.74</del>	
VCT.RC.I	Vertical-transparent door	Remote-condensing	Ice cream	<del>0.66</del> TDA + <del>3.05</del>	
HCT.RC.M	Horizontal transparent-door	Remote-condensing	Medium	<del>0.16</del> TDA + <del>0.13</del>	

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**TABLE C403.2.14(2)—continued**  
**MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS: COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS**

EQUIPMENT TYPE				ENERGY USE LIMITS (kWh/day) <sup>a,b</sup>	TEST PROCEDURE
Equipment Class <sup>c</sup>	Family Code	Operating Mode	Rating Temperature		
HCT.RC.L	Horizontal transparent-door	Remote-condensing	Low	<del>0.34</del> TDA + <del>0.26</del>	AHRI 1200
HCT.RC.I	Horizontal transparent-door	Remote-condensing	Ice cream	<del>0.4</del> TDA + <del>0.31</del>	
VCS.RC.M	Vertical solid-door	Remote-condensing	Medium	<del>0.11</del> V + <del>0.26</del>	
VCS.RC.L	Vertical solid-door	Remote-condensing	Low	<del>0.23</del> V + <del>0.54</del>	
VCS.RC.I	Vertical solid-door	Remote-condensing	Ice cream	<del>0.27</del> V + <del>0.63</del>	
HCS.RC.M	Horizontal solid-door	Remote-condensing	Medium	<del>0.11</del> V + <del>0.26</del>	
HCS.RC.L	Horizontal solid-door	Remote-condensing	Low	<del>0.23</del> V + <del>0.54</del>	
HCS.RC.I	Horizontal solid-door	Remote-condensing	Ice cream	<del>0.27</del> V + <del>0.63</del>	
HCS.RC.I	Horizontal solid-door	Remote-condensing	Ice cream	<del>0.27</del> V + <del>0.63</del>	
SOC.RC.L	Service over counter	Remote-condensing	Low	<del>1.08</del> TDA + <del>0.22</del>	
SOC.RC.I	Service over counter	Remote-condensing	Ice cream	<del>1.26</del> TDA + <del>0.26</del>	
VOP.SC.L	Vertical open	Self-contained	Low	<del>4.37</del> TDA + <del>11.82</del>	
VOP.SC.I	Vertical open	Self-contained	Ice cream	<del>5.55</del> TDA +	

				15.02	
SVO.SC.L	Semivertical-open	Self-contained	Low	4.34 TDA + 11.51	
SVO.SC.I	Semivertical-open	Self-contained	Ice cream	5.52 TDA + 14.63	
HZO.SC.I	Horizontal-open	Self-contained	Ice cream	2.44 TDA + 9.0	
SOC.SC.I	Service-over-counter	Self-contained	Ice cream	1.76 TDA + 0.36	
HCS.SC.I	Horizontal-solid-door	Self-contained	Ice cream	0.38 V + 0.88	

- a. ~~V = Volume of the case, as measured in accordance with Appendix C of AHRI 1200.~~  
b. ~~TDA = Total display area of the case, as measured in accordance with Appendix D of AHRI 1200.~~  
c. ~~Equipment class designations consist of a combination [(in sequential order separated by periods-~~  
~~(AAA).(BB).(C))]:~~

~~(AAA) An equipment family code where:~~

~~VOP = vertical open  
SVO = semivertical open  
HZO = horizontal open  
VGT = vertical transparent doors  
VCS = vertical solid doors  
HCT = horizontal transparent doors  
HCS = horizontal solid doors  
SOC = service over counter~~

~~(BB) An operating mode code:~~

~~RC = remote condensing  
SC = self-contained~~

~~(C) A rating temperature code:~~

~~M = medium temperature (38°F)  
L = low temperature (0°F)  
I = ice cream temperature (15°F)~~

~~For example, "VOP.RC.M" refers to the "vertical open, remote condensing, medium temperature" equipment class.~~

#### **C403.2.15 Walk-in coolers, walk-in freezers, refrigerated warehouse coolers and refrigerated warehouse freezers.**

~~Deleted. Preempted by Energy Independence and Security Act 2007, section 312 and 10CFR431.306. Refrigerated warehouse coolers and refrigerated warehouse freezers shall comply with this section. Walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers that are not either site-assembled or site constructed shall comply with the following:~~

- ~~1. Be equipped with automatic door closers that firmly close walk-in doors that have been closed to within 1 inch (25 mm) of full closure.~~

~~**Exception:** Automatic closers are not required for doors more than 45 inches (1143 mm) in width or more than 7 feet (2134 mm) in height.~~

- ~~2. Doorways shall have strip doors, curtains, spring-hinged doors or other method of minimizing infiltration when doors are open.~~

- ~~3. Walk-in coolers and refrigerated warehouse coolers shall contain wall, ceiling, and door insulation of not less than R-25 and walk-in freezers and refrigerated warehouse freezers shall contain wall, ceiling and door insulation of not less than R-32.~~

~~**Exception:** Glazed portions of doors or structural members need not be insulated.~~

- ~~4. Walk-in freezers shall contain floor insulation of not less than R-28.~~
- ~~5. Transparent reach-in doors for walk-in freezers and windows in walk-in freezer doors shall be of triple-pane glass, either filled with inert gas or with heat-reflective treated glass.~~
- ~~6. Windows and transparent reach-in doors for walk-in coolers doors shall be of double-pane or triple-pane, inert gas-filled, heat-reflective treated glass.~~
- ~~7. Evaporator fan motors that are less than 1 hp (0.746 kW) and less than 460 volts shall use electronically commutated motors, brushless direct current motors, or 3-phase motors.~~
- ~~8. Condenser fan motors that are less than 1 hp (0.746 kW) shall use electronically commutated motors, permanent split capacitor type motors or 3-phase motors.~~
- ~~9. Where antisweat heaters without antisweat heater controls are provided, they shall have a total door rail, glass and frame heater power draw of not more than  $7.1 \text{ W/ft}^2$  ( $76 \text{ W/m}^2$ ) of door opening for walk-in freezers and  $3.0 \text{ W/ft}^2$  ( $32 \text{ W/m}^2$ ) of door opening for walk-in coolers.~~
- ~~10. Where antisweat heater controls are provided, they shall reduce the energy use of the antisweat heater as a function of the relative humidity in the air outside the door or to the condensation on the inner glass pane.~~
- ~~11. Lights in walk-in coolers, walk-in freezers, refrigerated warehouse coolers and refrigerated warehouse freezers shall either use light sources with an efficacy of not less than 40 lumens per watt, including ballast losses, or shall use light sources with an efficacy of not less than 40 lumens per watt, including ballast losses, in conjunction with a device that turns off the lights within 15 minutes when the space is not occupied.~~

#### **C403.2.16 Walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers.**

~~Deleted. Site-assembled or site-constructed walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers shall comply with the following:-~~

- ~~1. Automatic door closers shall be provided that fully close walk-in doors that have been closed to within 1 inch (25 mm) of full closure.~~  
  
~~**Exception:** Closers are not required for doors more than 45 inches (1143 mm) in width or more than 7 feet (2134 mm) in height.~~
- ~~2. Doorways shall be provided with strip doors, curtains, spring-hinged doors or other method of minimizing infiltration when the doors are open.~~
- ~~3. Walls shall be provided with insulation having a thermal resistance of not less than R-25, ceilings shall be provided with insulation having a thermal resistance of not~~

~~less than R-25 and doors of walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers shall be provided with insulation having a thermal resistance of not less than R-32.~~

**Exception:** Insulation is not required for glazed portions of doors or at structural members associated with the walls, ceiling or door frame.

- ~~4. The floor of walk-in freezers shall be provided with insulation having a thermal resistance of not less than R-28.~~
- ~~5. Transparent reach-in doors for and windows in opaque walk-in freezer doors shall be provided with triple-pane glass having the interstitial spaces filled with inert gas or provided with heat-reflective treated glass.~~
- ~~6. Transparent reach-in doors for and windows in opaque walk-in cooler doors shall be double-pane heat-reflective treated glass having the interstitial space gas filled.~~
- ~~7. Evaporator fan motors that are less than 1 hp (0.746 kW) and less than 460 volts shall be electronically commutated motors or 3-phase motors.~~
- ~~8. Condenser fan motors that are less than 1 hp (0.746 kW) in capacity shall be of the electronically commutated or permanent split capacitor type or shall be 3-phase motors.~~

**Exception:** Fan motors in walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers combined in a single enclosure greater than 3,000 square feet ( $279 \text{ m}^2$ ) in floor area are exempt.

- ~~9. Antisweat heaters that are not provided with anti-sweat heater controls shall have a total door rail, glass and frame heater power draw not greater than 7.1 W/ft<sup>2</sup> (76 W/m<sup>2</sup>) of door opening for walk-in freezers, and not greater than 3.0 W/ft<sup>2</sup> (32 W/m<sup>2</sup>) of door opening for walk-in coolers.~~
- ~~10. Antisweat heater controls shall be capable of reducing the energy use of the antisweat heater as a function of the relative humidity in the air outside the door or to the condensation on the inner glass pane.~~
- ~~11. Light sources shall have an efficacy of not less than 40 lumens per Watt, including any ballast losses, or shall be provided with a device that automatically turns off the lights within 15 minutes of when the walk-in cooler or walk-in freezer was last occupied.~~

#### **C403.2.17 Refrigerated display cases.**

Deleted. Site-assembled or site-constructed refrigerated display cases shall comply with the following:-

- ~~1. Lighting and glass doors in refrigerated display cases shall be controlled by one of the following:-~~

- ~~1.1. Time-switch controls to turn off lights during nonbusiness hours. Timed overrides for display cases shall turn the lights on for up to 1 hour and shall automatically time out to turn the lights off.~~
- ~~1.2. Motion sensor controls on each display case section that reduce lighting power by at least 50 percent within 3 minutes after the area within the sensor range is vacated.~~
- ~~2. Low-temperature display cases shall incorporate temperature-based defrost termination control with a time-limit default. The defrost cycle shall terminate first on an upper temperature limit breach and second upon a time limit breach.~~
- ~~3. Antisweat heater controls shall reduce the energy use of the antisweat heater as a function of the relative humidity in the air outside the door or to the condensation on the inner glass pane.~~

### **C403.3 Economizers (Prescriptive).**

Each cooling system shall include either an air or water economizer complying with Sections C403.3.1 through C403.3.4

**Exceptions:** Economizers are not required for the systems listed below.

- ~~1. Deleted. In cooling systems for buildings located in Climate Zones 1A and 1B.~~
- ~~2. In climate zones other than 1A and 1B, Where individual fan cooling units have a capacity of less than 65,000 ~~54,000~~ Btu/h (19.0 ~~15.8~~ kW), and meet one of the following:~~
  - ~~2.1. Have direct expansion cooling coils.~~
  - ~~2.2. The total chilled water system capacity less the capacity of fan units with air economizers is less than the minimum specified in Table C403.3(1).~~

~~The total supply capacity of all fan-cooling units not provided with economizers shall not exceed 20 percent of the total supply capacity of all fan-cooling units in the building or 300,000 Btu/h (88 kW), whichever is greater.~~
3. Where more than 25 percent of the air designed to be supplied by the system is to spaces that are designed to be humidified above 35°F (1.7°C) dew-point temperature to satisfy process needs.
4. Systems that serve *residential* spaces where the system capacity is less than five times the requirement listed in Table C403.3(1).
5. Systems expected to operate less than 20 hours per week.
6. Where the use of *outdoor air* for cooling will affect supermarket open refrigerated casework systems.

7. Where the cooling *efficiency* meets or exceeds the *efficiency* requirements in Table C403.3(2).
8. Chilled-water cooling systems that are passive (without a fan) or use induction where the total chilled water system capacity less the capacity of fan units with air economizers is less than the minimum specified in Table C403.3(1).
9. Systems that include a heat recovery system in accordance with Section C403.4.5.

**TABLE C403.3(1)**  
**MINIMUM CHILLED-WATER SYSTEM COOLING CAPACITY FOR DETERMINING**  
**ECONOMIZER COOLING REQUIREMENTS**

CLIMATE ZONES (COOLING)	TOTAL CHILLED-WATER SYSTEM CAPACITY LESS CAPACITY OF COOLING UNITS WITH AIR ECONOMIZERS	
	Local Water-cooled Chilled-water Systems	Air-cooled Chilled-water Systems or District Chilled-Water Systems
1a	No economizer requirement	No economizer requirement
1b, 2a, 2b	960,000 Btu/h	1,250,000 Btu/h
3a, 3b, 3c, 4a, 4b, 4c	720,000 Btu/h	940,000 Btu/h
5a, 5b, 5c, 6a, 6b, 7, 8	1,320,000 Btu/h	1,720,000 Btu/h

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W.

**TABLE C403.3(2)**  
**EQUIPMENT EFFICIENCY PERFORMANCE**  
**EXCEPTION FOR ECONOMIZERS**

CLIMATE ZONES	COOLING EQUIPMENT PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT (EER OR IPLV)
3A-2B	10%-27% efficiency improvement
4A-3B	15%-42% efficiency improvement
5A-4B	20%-49% efficiency improvement

#### **C403.3.1 Integrated economizer control.**

Economizer systems shall be integrated with the mechanical cooling system and be capable of providing partial cooling even where additional mechanical cooling is required to provide the remainder of the cooling load. Controls shall not be capable of creating a false load in the mechanical cooling systems by limiting or disabling the economizer or any other means, such as hot gas bypass, except at the lowest stage of mechanical cooling.

Units that include an air economizer shall comply with the following:

1. Unit controls shall have the mechanical cooling capacity control interlocked with the air economizer controls such that the outdoor air damper is at the 100-percent open position when mechanical cooling is on and the outdoor air damper

does not begin to close to prevent coil freezing due to minimum compressor run time until the leaving air temperature is less than 45°F (7°C).

2. Direct expansion (DX) units that control 75,000 Btu/h (22 kW) or greater of rated capacity ~~of the capacity~~ of the mechanical cooling directly based on occupied space temperature shall have not fewer than two stages of mechanical cooling capacity
3. Other DX units, including those that control space temperature by modulating the airflow to the space, shall be in accordance with Table C403.3.1.

**TABLE C403.3.1**  
**DX COOLING STAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR MODULATING AIRFLOW UNITS**

<b>RATING CAPACITY</b>	<b>MINIMUM NUMBER OF MECHANICAL COOLING STAGES</b>	<b>MINIMUM COMPRESSOR DISPLACEMENT<sup>a</sup></b>
≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	3 stages	≤ 35% of full load
≥ 240,000 Btu/h	4 stages	≤ 25% full load

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W.

- a. For *mechanical cooling* stage control that does not use variable compressor displacement, the percent displacement shall be equivalent to the mechanical cooling capacity reduction evaluated at the full load rating conditions for the compressor.

#### **C403.3.2 Economizer heating system impact.**

HVAC system design and economizer controls shall be such that economizer operation does not increase building heating energy use during normal operation.

**Exception:** Economizers on variable air volume (VAV) systems that cause *zone* level heating to increase due to a reduction in supply air temperature.

#### **C403.3.3 Air economizers.**

Air economizers shall comply with Sections C403.3.3.1 through C403.3.3.5.

##### **C403.3.3.1 Design capacity.**

Air economizer systems shall be capable of modulating *outdoor air* and return air dampers to provide up to 100 percent of the design supply air quantity as *outdoor air* for cooling.

##### **C403.3.3.2 Control signal.**

Economizer dampers shall be capable of being sequenced with the mechanical cooling equipment and shall not be controlled by only mixed-air temperature.

**Exception:** The use of mixed-air temperature limit control shall be permitted for systems controlled from space temperature (such as single-*zone* systems).

##### **C403.3.3.3 High-limit shutoff.**

Air economizers shall be capable of automatically reducing *outdoor air* intake to the design minimum *outdoor air* quantity when *outdoor air* intake will no longer reduce

cooling energy usage. ~~High-limit shutoff control types for specific climates shall be chosen from Table C403.3.3.3. High-limit shutoff control settings for these control types shall be those specified in Table C403.3.3.3.~~

~~TABLE C403.3.3.3  
HIGH-LIMIT SHUTOFF CONTROL SETTING FOR AIR ECONOMIZERS<sup>b</sup>~~

DEVICE TYPE	CLIMATE ZONE	<del>REQUIRED HIGH LIMIT (ECONOMIZER OFF WHEN):</del>	
		<del>Equation</del>	<del>Description</del>
Fixed-dry bulb	1B, 2B, 3B, 3C, 4B, 4C, 5B, 5C, 6B, 7, 8	<del><math>T_{OA} &gt; 75^{\circ}\text{F}</math></del>	<del>Outdoor air temperature exceeds 75°F</del>
	5A, 6A	<del><math>T_{OA} &gt; 70^{\circ}\text{F}</math></del>	<del>Outdoor air temperature exceeds 70°F</del>
	1A, 2A, 3A, 4A	<del><math>T_{OA} &gt; 65^{\circ}\text{F}</math></del>	<del>Outdoor air temperature exceeds 65°F</del>
Differential dry-bulb	1B, 2B, 3B, 3C, 4B, 4C, 5A, 5B, 5C, 6A, 6B, 7, 8	<del><math>T_{OA} &gt; T_{RA}</math></del>	<del>Outdoor air temperature exceeds return air temperature</del>
Fixed enthalpy with fixed dry-bulb temperatures	All	<del><math>h_{OA} &gt; 28 \text{ Btu/lb}^a</math> -or- <math>T_{OA} &gt; 75^{\circ}\text{F}</math></del>	<del>Outdoor air enthalpy exceeds 28 Btu/lb of dry air<sup>a</sup> -or- Outdoor air temperature exceeds 75°F</del>
Differential enthalpy with fixed dry-bulb temperature	All	<del><math>h_{OA} &gt; h_{RA}</math> -or- <math>T_{OA} &gt; 75^{\circ}\text{F}</math></del>	<del>Outdoor air enthalpy exceeds return air enthalpy -or- Outdoor air temperature exceeds 75°F</del>

~~For SI: 1 foot = 305 mm, °C = (°F - 32)/1.8, 1 Btu/lb = 2.33 kJ/kg.~~

~~a. At altitudes substantially different than sea level, the fixed enthalpy limit shall be set to the enthalpy value at 75°F and 50-percent relative humidity. As an example, at approximately 6,000-foot elevation, the fixed enthalpy limit is approximately 30.7 Btu/lb.~~

~~b. Devices with selectable setpoints shall be capable of being set to within 2°F and 2 Btu/lb of the setpoint listed.~~

#### **C403.3.3.4 Relief of excess outdoor air.**

Systems shall be capable of relieving excess *outdoor air* during air economizer operation to prevent overpressurizing the building. The relief air outlet shall be located to avoid recirculation into the building.

#### **C403.3.3.5 Economizer dampers.**

Return, exhaust/relief and outdoor air dampers used in economizers shall comply with Section C403.2.4.3.

#### **C403.3.4 Water-side economizers.**

Water-side economizers shall comply with Sections C403.3.4.1 and C403.3.4.2.

##### **C403.3.4.1 Design capacity.**

Water economizer systems shall be capable of cooling supply air by indirect evaporation



and providing up to 100 percent of the expected system cooling load at *outdoor air* temperatures of not greater than 50°F (10°C) dry bulb/45°F (7°C) wet bulb.

**Exceptions allowed in lieu of the design capacity provisions identified above:**

1. Systems primarily serving computer rooms in which 100 percent of the expected system cooling load at 40°F (4°C) dry bulb/35°F (1.7°C) wet bulb is met with evaporative water economizers.
2. Systems primarily serving computer rooms with dry cooler water economizers which satisfy 100 percent of the expected system cooling load at 35°F (1.7°C) dry bulb.
3. Systems where dehumidification requirements cannot be met using outdoor air temperatures of 50°F (10°C) dry bulb/45°F (7°C) wet bulb and where 100 percent of the expected system cooling load at 45°F (7°C) dry bulb/40°F (4°C) wet bulb is met with evaporative water economizers.

**C403.3.4.2 Maximum pressure drop.**

Precooling coils and water-to-water heat exchangers used as part of a water economizer system shall either have a water-side pressure drop of less than 15 feet (45 kPa) of water or a secondary loop shall be created so that the coil or heat exchanger pressure drop is not seen by the circulating pumps when the system is in the normal cooling (noneconomizer) mode.

**C403.4 Hydronic and multiple-zone HVAC systems controls and equipment.  
(Prescriptive).**

Hydronic and multiple-zone HVAC system controls and equipment shall comply with this section.

**C403.4.1 Fan control.**

Controls shall be provided for fans in accordance with Sections C403.4.1.1 through C403.4.1.3.

**C403.4.1.1 Fan airflow control.**

Each cooling system listed in Table C403.4.1.1 shall be designed to vary the indoor fan airflow as a function of load and shall comply with the following requirements:

1. Direct expansion (DX) and chilled water cooling units that control the capacity of the mechanical cooling directly based on space temperature shall have not fewer than two stages of fan control. Low or minimum speed shall not be greater than 66 percent of full speed. At low or minimum speed, the fan system shall draw not more than 40 percent of the fan power at full fan speed. Low or minimum speed shall be used during periods of low cooling load and ventilation-only operation.
2. Other units including DX cooling units and chilled water units that control the space temperature by modulating the airflow to the space shall have modulating fan control. Minimum speed shall be not greater than 50 percent of full speed. At minimum speed the fan system shall draw not more than 30 percent of the power

at full fan speed. Low or minimum speed shall be used during periods of low cooling load and ventilation-only operation.

- Units that include an airside economizer in accordance with Section C403.3 shall have not fewer than two speeds of fan control during economizer operation

**Exceptions:**

- Modulating fan control is not required for chilled water and evaporative cooling units with fan motors of less than 1 hp (0.746 kW) where the units are not used to provide *ventilation* air and the indoor fan cycles with the load.
- Where the volume of outdoor air required to comply with the *ventilation* requirements of the *International Mechanical Code* at low speed exceeds the air that would be delivered at the speed defined in Section C403.4.1, the minimum speed shall be selected to provide the required *ventilation air*.

**TABLE C403.4.1.1**  
**EFFECTIVE DATES FOR FAN CONTROL REQUIREMENTS**

COOLING SYSTEM TYPE	FAN MOTOR SIZE	MECHANICAL COOLING CAPACITY
DX cooling	Any	$\geq 120,000$ <del>75,000</del> Btu/h (before 1/1/2016)
		$\geq 65,000$ Btu/h (after 1/1/2016)
Chilled water <del>and</del>	$\geq 5$ hp	Any
<u>E</u> vaporative cooling	$\geq \frac{1}{4}$ hp	Any

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W; 1 hp = 0.746 kW.

**C403.4.1.2 Static pressure sensor location.**

~~Delete. Static pressure sensors used to control VAV fans shall be located such that the controller set point is not greater than 1.2 inches w.c. (299 Pa). Where this results in one or more sensors being located downstream of major duct splits, not less than one sensor shall be located on each major branch to ensure that static pressure can be maintained in each branch.~~

**C403.4.1.3 Set points for direct digital control.**

For systems with direct digital control of individual zones reporting to the central control panel, the static pressure set point shall be reset based on the zone requiring the most pressure. ~~In such case, the set point is reset lower until one zone damper is nearly wide-open. The direct digital controls shall be capable of monitoring zone damper positions or shall have an alternative method of indicating the need for static pressure that is capable of all of the following:~~

- ~~1. Automatically detecting any zone that excessively drives the reset logic.~~
- ~~2. Generating an alarm to the system operational location.~~

~~3. Allowing an operator to readily remove one or more zones from the reset algorithm.~~

#### **C403.4.2 Hydronic systems controls.**

The heating of fluids that have been previously mechanically cooled and the cooling of fluids that have been previously mechanically heated shall be limited in accordance with Sections C403.4.2.1 through C403.4.2.3. Hydronic heating systems comprised of multiple-packaged boilers and designed to deliver conditioned water or steam into a common distribution system shall include automatic controls capable of sequencing operation of the boilers. Hydronic heating systems comprised of a single boiler and greater than 500,000 Btu/h (146.5 kW) input design capacity shall include either a multistaged or modulating burner.

##### **C403.4.2.1 Three-pipe system.**

Hydronic systems that use a common return system for both hot water and chilled water are prohibited.

##### **C403.4.2.2 Two-pipe changeover system.**

Systems that use a common distribution system to supply both heated and chilled water shall be designed to allow a dead band between changeover from one mode to the other of not less than 15°F (8.3°C) outside air temperatures; be designed to and provided with controls that will allow operation in one mode for not less than 4 hours before changing over to the other mode; and be provided with controls that allow heating and cooling supply temperatures at the changeover point to be not more than 30°F (16.7°C) apart.

##### **C403.4.2.3 Hydronic (water loop) heat pump systems.**

Hydronic heat pump systems shall comply with Sections C403.4.2.3.1 through C403.4.2.3.2.

###### **C403.4.2.3.1 Temperature dead band.**

Hydronic heat pumps connected to a common heat pump water loop with central devices for heat rejection and heat addition shall have controls that are capable of providing a heat pump water supply temperature dead band of not less than 20°F (11°C) between initiation of heat rejection and heat addition by the central devices.

**Exception:** Where a system loop temperature optimization controller is installed and can determine the most efficient operating temperature based on realtime conditions of demand and capacity, dead bands of less than 20°F (11°C) shall be permitted.

###### **C403.4.2.3.2 Heat rejection.**

Heat rejection equipment shall comply with Sections C403.4.2.3.2.1 and C403.4.2.3.2.2.

**Exception:** Where it can be demonstrated that a heat pump system will be required to reject heat throughout the year.

###### **C403.4.2.3.2.1 Climate zones 3 and 4.**

For *Climate Zones* 3 and 4:

1. Where a closed-circuit cooling tower is used directly in the heat pump loop, either an automatic valve shall be installed to bypass all but a minimal flow of water around the tower, or lower leakage positive closure dampers shall be provided.
2. Where an open-circuit tower is used directly in the heat pump loop, an automatic valve shall be installed to bypass all heat pump water flow around the tower.
3. Where an open- or closed-circuit cooling tower is used in conjunction with a separate heat exchanger to isolate the cooling tower from the heat pump loop, then heat loss shall be controlled by shutting down the circulation pump on the cooling tower loop.

#### **C403.4.2.3.2.2 Climate zones 5 through 8.**

For *Climate Zones 5 through 8*, where an open- or closed-circuit cooling tower is used, a separate heat exchanger shall be provided to isolate the cooling tower from the heat pump loop, and heat loss shall be controlled by shutting down the circulation pump on the cooling tower loop and providing an automatic valve to stop the flow of fluid.

#### **C403.4.2.3.3 Two-position valve.**

Each hydronic heat pump on the hydronic system having a total pump system power exceeding 10 hp (7.5 kW) shall have a two-position valve.

#### **C403.4.2.4 Part-load controls.**

Hydronic heating systems greater than or equal to 300,000 Btu/h (87,930 W) in design output capacity supplying heated or chilled water to comfort conditioning systems shall include controls that have the capability to:

1. Automatically reset the supply hot water temperatures using zone-return water temperature, building-return water temperature, or outside air temperature as an indicator of building heating or cooling demand. The temperature shall be capable of being reset by at least 25 percent of the design supply-to-return water temperature difference; or
2. Reduce system pump flow by at least 50 percent of design flow rate utilizing adjustable speed drive(s) on pump(s), or multiple-staged pumps where at least one-half of the total pump horsepower is capable of being automatically turned off or control valves designed to modulate or step down, and close, as a function of load, or other approved means.

~~Hydronic systems greater than or equal to 500,000 Btu/h (146.5 kW) in design output capacity supplying heated or chilled water to comfort conditioning systems shall include controls that have the capability to do all of the following:~~

- ~~1. Automatically reset the supply water temperatures in response to varying building heating and cooling demand using coil valve position, zone-return water temperature, building-return water temperature or outside air temperature. The~~

~~temperature shall be capable of being reset by not less than 25 percent of the design supply to return water temperature difference,~~

- ~~2. Automatically vary fluid flow for hydronic systems with a combined motor capacity of 10 hp (7.5 kW) or larger with three or more control valves or other devices by reducing the system design flow rate by not less than 50 percent by designed valves that modulate or step open and close, or pumps that modulate or turn on and off as a function of load.~~
- ~~3. Automatically vary pump flow on chilled-water systems and heat rejection loops serving water-cooled unitary air conditioners with a combined motor capacity of 10 hp (7.5 kW) or larger by reducing pump design flow by not less than 50 percent, utilizing adjustable speed drives on pumps, or multiple-staged pumps where not less than one-half of the total pump horsepower is capable of being automatically turned off. Pump flow shall be controlled to maintain one control valve nearly wide open or to satisfy the minimum differential pressure.~~

**Exceptions:**

- ~~1. Supply water temperature reset for chilled-water systems supplied by off-site district chilled water or chilled water from ice storage systems.~~
- ~~2. Minimum flow rates other than 50 percent as required by the equipment manufacturer for proper operation of equipment where using flow bypass or end-of-line 3-way valves.~~
- ~~3. Variable pump flow on dedicated equipment circulation pumps where configured in primary/secondary design to provide the minimum flow requirements of the equipment manufacturer for proper operation of equipment.~~

**C403.4.2.5 Boiler turndown.**

*Boiler systems* with design input of greater than 1,000,000 Btu/h (293 kW) shall comply with the turndown ratio specified in Table C403.4.2.5.

The system turndown requirement shall be met through the use of multiple single input boilers, one or more *modulating boilers* or a combination of single input and *modulating boilers*.

**TABLE C403.4.2.5  
BOILER TURNDOWN**

BOILER SYSTEM DESIGN INPUT (Btu/h)	MINIMUM TURNDOWN RATIO
≥ 1,000,000 and less than or equal to 5,000,000	3 to 1
> 5,000,000 and less than or equal to 10,000,000	4 to 1
> 10,000,000	5 to 1

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W.

#### **C403.4.2.6 Pump isolation.**

Chilled water plants including more than one chiller shall have the capability to reduce flow automatically through the chiller plant when a chiller is shut down. Chillers piped in series for the purpose of increased temperature differential shall be considered as one chiller.

Boiler plants including more than one boiler shall have the capability to reduce flow automatically through the boiler plant when a boiler is shut down.

#### **C403.4.3 Heat rejection equipment.**

Each fan powered by a motor of 7.5 hp (5.6 kW) or larger shall have the capability to operate that fan at two-thirds of full speed or less, and shall have controls that automatically change the fan speed to control the leaving fluid temperature or condensing temperature/pressure of the heat rejection device.

**Exception:** Factory-installed heat rejection devices within HVAC equipment tested and rated in accordance with Tables C403.2.3(6) and C403.2.3(7).

##### **~~C403.4.3.1 General.~~**

~~Heat rejection equipment such as air-cooled condensers, dry coolers, open-circuit cooling towers, closed-circuit cooling towers and evaporative condensers used for comfort cooling applications shall comply with this section.~~

~~**Exception:** Heat rejection devices where energy usage is included in the equipment efficiency ratings listed in Tables C403.2.3(6) and C403.2.3(7).~~

##### **~~C403.4.3.2 Fan speed control.~~**

~~The fan speed shall be controlled as provided in Sections C403.4.3.2.1 and C403.4.3.2.2.~~

##### **~~C403.4.3.2.1 Fan motors not less than 7.5 hp.~~**

~~Each fan powered by a motor of 7.5 hp (5.6 kW) or larger shall have the capability to operate that fan at two-thirds of full speed or less, and shall have controls that automatically change the fan speed to control the leaving fluid temperature or condensing temperature/pressure of the heat rejection device.~~

~~**Exception:** The following fan motors over 7.5 hp (5.6 kW) are exempt:~~

- ~~1. Condenser fans serving multiple refrigerant circuits.~~
- ~~2. Condenser fans serving flooded condensers.~~
- ~~3. Installations located in Climate Zones 1 and 2.~~

##### **~~C403.4.3.2.2 Multiple-cell heat rejection equipment.~~**

~~Multiple-cell heat rejection equipment with variable speed fan drives shall be controlled in both of the following manners:~~

- ~~1. To operate the maximum number of fans allowed that comply with the manufacturer's requirements for all system components.~~

- ~~2. So all fans can operate at the same fan speed required for the instantaneous cooling duty, as opposed to staged (on/off) operation.~~

~~Minimum fan speed shall be the minimum allowable speed of the fan drive system in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.~~

#### **~~C403.4.3.3 Limitation on centrifugal fan open-circuit cooling towers.~~**

~~Centrifugal fan open-circuit cooling towers with a combined rated capacity of 1,100 gpm (4164 L/m) or greater at 95°F (35°C) condenser water return, 85°F (29°C) condenser water supply, and 75°F (24°C) outdoor air wet-bulb temperature shall meet the energy efficiency requirement for axial fan open-circuit cooling towers listed in Table C403.2.3(8).~~

**~~Exception:~~** ~~Centrifugal open-circuit cooling towers that are designed with inlet or discharge ducts or require external sound attenuation.~~

#### **~~C403.4.3.4 Tower flow turndown.~~**

~~Open-circuit cooling towers used on water-cooled chiller systems that are configured with multiple or variable speed condenser water pumps shall be designed so that all open-circuit cooling tower cells can be run in parallel with the larger of the flow that is produced by the smallest pump at its minimum expected flow rate or at 50 percent of the design flow for the cell.~~

#### **C403.4.4 Requirements for complex mechanical systems serving multiple zones.**

Sections C403.4.4.1 through ~~C403.4.6.4~~ C403.4.4.6 shall apply to complex mechanical systems serving multiple zones. Supply air systems serving multiple zones shall be variable air volume (VAV) systems that, during periods of occupancy, are designed and capable of being controlled to reduce primary air supply to each zone to one of the following before reheating, recooling or mixing takes place:

1. Thirty percent of the maximum supply air to each zone.
2. Three hundred cfm (142 L/s) or less where the maximum flow rate is less than 10 percent of the total fan system supply airflow rate.
3. The minimum ventilation requirements of Chapter 4 of the *International Mechanical Code*.
4. Any higher rate that can be demonstrated to reduce overall system annual energy use by offsetting reheat/recool energy losses through a reduction in outdoor air intake for the system; ~~as approved by the code official.~~
5. The airflow rate required to comply with applicable codes or accreditation standards, such as pressure relationships or minimum air change rates.

**Exception:** The following individual zones or entire air distribution systems are exempted from the requirement for VAV control:

1. *Zones* or supply air systems where not less than 75 percent of the energy for reheating or for providing warm air in mixing systems is provided from a site-recovered or site-solar energy source.
2. *Zones* where special humidity levels are required to satisfy process needs.
3. *Zones* with a peak supply air quantity of 300 cfm (142 L/s) or less and where the flow rate is less than 10 percent of the total fan system supply airflow rate.
4. *Zones* where the volume of air to be reheated, recooled or mixed is not greater than the volume of outside air required to provide the minimum ventilation requirements of Chapter 4 of the *International Mechanical Code*.
5. *Zones* or supply air systems with thermostatic and humidistatic controls capable of operating in sequence the supply of heating and cooling energy to the *zones* and which are capable of preventing reheating, recooling, mixing or simultaneous supply of air that has been previously cooled, either mechanically or through the use of economizer systems, and air that has been previously mechanically heated.

#### **C403.4.4.1 Single-duct VAV systems, terminal devices.**

Single-duct VAV systems shall use terminal devices capable of reducing the supply of primary supply air before reheating or recooling takes place.

#### **C403.4.4.2 Dual-duct and mixing VAV systems, terminal devices.**

Systems that have one warm air duct and one cool air duct shall use terminal devices that are capable of reducing the flow from one duct to a minimum before mixing of air from the other duct takes place.

#### **C403.4.4.3 Single-fan dual-duct and mixing VAV systems, economizers.**

Individual dual-duct or mixing heating and cooling systems with a single fan and with total capacities greater than 90,000 Btu/h [(26.4 kW) 7.5 tons] shall not be equipped with air economizers.

#### **C403.4.4.4 Fractional hp fan motors.**

~~Deleted. Motors for fans that are not less than  $\frac{1}{12}$  hp (0.082 kW) and less than 1 hp (0.746 kW) shall be electronically commutated motors or shall have a minimum motor efficiency of 70 percent, rated in accordance with DOE 10 CFR 431. These motors shall also have the means to adjust motor speed for either balancing or remote control. The use of belt driven fans to achieve adjustments for airflow balancing instead of a varying motor speed shall be permitted.~~

~~**Exceptions:** The following motors are not required to comply with this section:~~

- ~~1. Motors in the airstream within fan coils and terminal units that only provide heating to the space served.~~
- ~~2. Motors in space-conditioning equipment that comply with Section 403.2.3 or C403.2.12.~~



~~3. Motors that comply with Section C405.8.~~

**C403.4.4.5 Supply-air temperature reset controls.**

Multiple-zone HVAC systems shall include controls that automatically reset the supply-air temperature in response to representative building loads, or to outdoor air temperature. The controls shall be capable of resetting the supply air temperature not less than 25 percent of the difference between the design supply-air temperature and the design room air temperature.

**Exceptions:**

1. Systems that prevent reheating, recooling or mixing of heated and cooled supply air.
2. Seventy-five percent of the energy for reheating is from site-recovered or site-solar energy sources.
3. Zones with peak supply air quantities of 300 cfm (142 L/s) or less.

**C403.4.4.6 Multiple-zone VAV system ventilation optimization control.**

~~Deleted. Multiple-zone VAV systems with direct digital control of individual zone boxes reporting to a central control panel shall have automatic controls configured to reduce outdoor air intake flow below design rates in response to changes in system ventilation efficiency ( $E_v$ ) as defined by the International Mechanical Code.~~

**Exceptions:**

- ~~1. VAV systems with zonal transfer fans that recirculate air from other zones without directly mixing it with outdoor air, dual-duct dual-fan VAV systems, and VAV systems with fan-powered terminal units.~~
- ~~2. Systems having exhaust air energy recovery complying with Section C403.2.7.~~
- ~~3. Systems where total design exhaust airflow is more than 70 percent of total design outdoor air intake flow requirements.~~

**C403.4.5 Heat recovery for service water heating.**

Condenser heat recovery shall be installed for heating or reheating of service hot water provided that the facility operates 24 hours a day, the total installed heat capacity of water-cooled systems exceeds 6,000,000 Btu/hr (1 758 kW) of heat rejection, and the design service water heating load exceeds 1,000,000 Btu/h (293 kW).

The required heat recovery system shall have the capacity to provide the smaller of the following:

1. Sixty percent of the peak heat rejection load at design conditions.

2. The preheating required to raise the peak service hot water draw to 85°F (29°C).

**Exceptions:**

1. Facilities that employ condenser heat recovery for space heating or reheat purposes with a heat recovery design exceeding 30 percent of the peak water-cooled condenser load at design conditions.
2. Facilities that provide 60 percent of their service water heating from site solar or site recovered energy or from other sources.

**C403.4.6 Hot gas bypass limitation.**

Cooling systems shall not use hot gas bypass or other evaporator pressure control systems unless the system is designed with multiple steps of unloading or continuous capacity modulation. The capacity of the hot gas bypass shall be limited as indicated in Table C403.4.6, as limited by Section C403.3.1.

Exception: Unitary packaged systems with nominal cooling capacities of 7.5 tons or less (approximately 90 kBTU/h or 26.4 KW).

**TABLE C403.4.6  
MAXIMUM HOT GAS BYPASS CAPACITY**

<b>RATED CAPACITY</b>	<b>MAXIMUM HOT GAS BYPASS CAPACITY (% of total capacity)</b>
≤ 240,000 Btu/h	50
> 240,000 Btu/h	25

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W.

**C403.5 Refrigeration systems.**

~~Deleted. Refrigerated display cases, walk-in coolers or walk-in freezers that are served by remote compressors and remote condensers not located in a condensing unit, shall comply with Sections C403.5.1 and C403.5.2.~~

~~**Exception:** Systems where the working fluid in the refrigeration cycle goes through both subcritical and supercritical states (transcritical) or that use ammonia refrigerant are exempt.~~

~~**C403.5.1 Condensers serving refrigeration systems.**~~

~~Fan-powered condensers shall comply with the following:~~

- ~~1. The design saturated condensing temperatures for air-cooled condensers shall not exceed the design dry-bulb temperature plus 10°F (5.6°C) for low-temperature refrigeration systems, and the design dry-bulb temperature plus 15°F (8°C) for medium-temperature refrigeration systems where the saturated condensing temperature for blend refrigerants shall be determined using the average of liquid and vapor temperatures as converted from the condenser drain pressure.~~
- ~~2. Condenser fan motors that are less than 1 hp (0.75 kW) shall use electronically-commutated motors, permanent split-capacitor type motors or 3-phase motors.~~

- ~~3. Condenser fans for air-cooled condensers, evaporatively-cooled condensers, air- or water-cooled fluid coolers or cooling towers shall reduce fan motor demand to not more than 30 percent of design wattage at 50 percent of design air volume, and incorporate one of the following continuous variable speed fan control approaches:
  - ~~3.1. Refrigeration system condenser control for air-cooled condensers shall use variable setpoint control logic to reset the condensing temperature setpoint in response to ambient dry-bulb temperature.~~
  - ~~3.2. Refrigeration system condenser control for evaporatively-cooled condensers shall use variable setpoint control logic to reset the condensing temperature setpoint in response to ambient wet-bulb temperature.~~~~
- ~~4. Multiple fan condensers shall be controlled in unison.~~
- ~~5. The minimum condensing temperature setpoint shall be not greater than 70°F (21°C).~~

#### **~~C403.5.2 Compressor systems.~~**

~~Refrigeration compressor systems shall comply with the following:~~

- ~~1. Compressors and multiple-compressor system suction groups shall include control systems that use floating suction pressure control logic to reset the target suction pressure temperature based on the temperature requirements of the attached refrigeration display cases or walk-ins.~~

**Exception:** Controls are not required for the following:

- ~~1. Single-compressor systems that do not have variable capacity capability.~~
- ~~2. Suction groups that have a design saturated suction temperature of 30°F (-1.1°C) or higher, suction groups that comprise the high stage of a two-stage or cascade system, or suction groups that primarily serve chillers for secondary cooling fluids.~~
- ~~2. Liquid subcooling shall be provided for all low-temperature compressor systems with a design cooling capacity equal to or greater than 100,000 Btu/hr (29.3 kW) with a design saturated suction temperature of -10°F (-23°C) or lower. The sub-cooled liquid temperature shall be controlled at a maximum temperature setpoint of 50°F (10°C) at the exit of the subcooler using either compressor economizer (interstage) ports or a separate compressor suction group operating at a saturated suction temperature of 18°F (-7.8°C) or higher.
  - ~~2.1. Insulation for liquid lines with a fluid operating temperature less than 60°F (15.6°C) shall comply with Table C403.2.10.~~~~
- ~~3. Compressors that incorporate internal or external crankcase heaters shall provide a means to cycle the heaters off during compressor operation.~~

## SECTION C404 SERVICE WATER HEATING (MANDATORY)

### C404.1 General.

This section covers the minimum efficiency of, and controls for, service water-heating equipment and insulation of service hot water piping.

### C404.2 Service water-heating equipment performance efficiency.

Water-heating equipment and hot water storage tanks shall meet the requirements of Table C404.2. The efficiency shall be verified through data furnished by the manufacturer of the equipment or through certification under an *approved* certification program. Water-heating equipment also intended to be used to provide space heating shall meet the applicable provisions of Table C404.2.

**TABLE C404.2  
MINIMUM PERFORMANCE OF WATER-HEATING EQUIPMENT**

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SIZE CATEGORY (input)	SUBCATEGORY OR RATING CONDITION	PERFORMANCE REQUIRED <sup>a, b</sup>	TEST PROCEDURE
Water heaters, electric	$\leq 12 \text{ kW}^d$	Resistance	0.97 - 0.00 132 V, EF	DOE 10 CFR Part 430
	$> 12 \text{ kW}$	Resistance	$(0.3 + 27/V_m)$ , %/h	ANSI Z21.10.3
	$\leq 24 \text{ amps and } \leq 250 \text{ volts}$	Heat pump	0.93 - 0.00 132 V, EF	DOE 10 CFR Part 430
Storage water heaters, gas	$\leq 75,000 \text{ Btu/h}$	$\geq 20 \text{ gal}$	0.67 - 0.0019V, EF	DOE 10 CFR Part 430
	$> 75,000 \text{ Btu/h}$ and $\leq 155,000 \text{ Btu/h}$	$< 4,000 \text{ Btu/h/gal}$	$80\% E_f$ $(Q/800 + 110\sqrt{V})SL$ , Btu/h	ANSI Z21.10.3
	$> 155,000 \text{ Btu/h}$	$< 4,000 \text{ Btu/h/gal}$	$80\% E_f$ $(Q/800 + 110\sqrt{V})SL$ , Btu/h	
Instantaneous water heaters, gas	$> 50,000 \text{ Btu/h}$ and $< 200,000 \text{ Btu/h}^c$	$\geq 4,000 \text{ (Btu/h)/gal}$ and $< 2 \text{ gal}$	0.62 - 0.00 19V, EF	DOE 10 CFR Part 430
	$\geq 200,000 \text{ Btu/h}$	$\geq 4,000 \text{ Btu/h/gal}$ and $< 10 \text{ gal}$	$80\% E_t$	ANSI Z21.10.3
	$\geq 200,000 \text{ Btu/h}$	$\geq 4,000 \text{ Btu/h/gal}$ and $\geq 10 \text{ gal}$	$80\% E_f$ $(Q/800 + 110\sqrt{V})SL$ , Btu/h	
Storage water heaters, oil	$\leq 105,000 \text{ Btu/h}$	$\geq 20 \text{ gal}$	0.59 - 0.0019V, EF	DOE 10 CFR Part 430
	$\geq 105,000 \text{ Btu/h}$	$< 4,000 \text{ Btu/h/gal}$	$80\% E_f$ $(Q/800 + 110\sqrt{V})SL$ , Btu/h	ANSI Z21.10.3
Instantaneous water heaters, oil	$\leq 210,000 \text{ Btu/h}$	$\geq 4,000 \text{ Btu/h/gal}$ and $< 2 \text{ gal}$	0.59 - 0.0019V, EF	DOE 10 CFR Part 430
	$> 210,000 \text{ Btu/h}$	$\geq 4,000 \text{ Btu/h/gal}$ and $< 10 \text{ gal}$	$80\% E_t$	ANSI Z21.10.3

	> 210,000 Btu/h	$\geq 4,000 \text{ Btu/h/gal}$ and $\geq 10 \text{ gal}$	$\frac{78\% E_t}{(Q/800 + 110\sqrt{V})SL, \text{ Btu/h}}$	
Hot water supply boilers, gas and oil	$\geq 300,000 \text{ Btu/h}$ and $< 12,500,000 \text{ Btu/h}$	$\geq 4,000 \text{ Btu/h/gal}$ and $< 10 \text{ gal}$	$80\% E_t$	ANSI Z21.10.3
Hot water supply boilers, gas	$\geq 300,000 \text{ Btu/h}$ and $< 12,500,000 \text{ Btu/h}$	$\geq 4,000 \text{ Btu/h/gal}$ and $\geq 10 \text{ gal}$	$\frac{80\% E_t}{(Q/800 + 110\sqrt{V})SL, \text{ Btu/h}}$	
Hot water supply boilers, oil	$> 300,000 \text{ Btu/h}$ and $< 12,500,000 \text{ Btu/h}$	$> 4,000 \text{ Btu/h/gal}$ and $> 10 \text{ gal}$	$\frac{78\% E_t}{(Q/800 + 110\sqrt{V})SL, \text{ Btu/h}}$	
Pool heaters, gas and oil	All	—	$82\% E_t$	ASHRAE 146
Heat pump pool heaters	All	—	4.0 COP	AHRI 1160
Unfired storage tanks	All	—	Minimum insulation requirement R-12.5 $(h \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F})/\text{Btu}$	(none)

For SI:  $^\circ\text{C} = [(^\circ\text{F}) - 32]/1.8$ , 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W, 1 gallon = 3.785 L, 1 British thermal unit per hour per gallon = 0.078 W/L.

- Energy factor (EF) and thermal efficiency ( $E_t$ ) are minimum requirements. In the EF equation, V is the rated volume in gallons.
- Standby loss (SL) is the maximum Btu/h based on a nominal 70°F temperature difference between stored water and ambient requirements. In the SL equation, Q is the nameplate input rate in Btu/h. In the equations for electric water heaters, V is the rated volume in gallons and  $V_m$  is the measured volume in gallons. In the SL equation for oil and gas water heaters and boilers, V is the rated volume in gallons.
- Instantaneous water heaters with input rates below 200,000 Btu/h shall comply with these requirements where the water heater is designed to heat water to temperatures 180°F or higher.
- Electric water heaters with an input rating of 12 kW (40,950 Btu/hr) or less that are designed to heat water to temperatures of 180°F or greater shall comply with the requirements for electric water heaters that have an input rating greater than 12 kW (40,950 Btu/h).

#### C404.2.1 High input-rated service water-heating systems.

~~Deleted. Gas-fired water-heating equipment installed in new buildings shall be in compliance with this section. Where a singular piece of water-heating equipment serves the entire building and the input rating of the equipment is 1,000,000 Btu/h (293 kW) or greater, such equipment shall have a thermal efficiency,  $E_t$ , of not less than 90 percent. Where multiple pieces of water-heating equipment serve the building and the combined input rating of the water-heating equipment is 1,000,000 Btu/h (293 kW) or greater, the combined input-capacity-weighted-average thermal efficiency,  $E_t$ , shall be not less than 90 percent.~~

#### Exceptions:

- ~~Where 25 percent of the annual service water-heating requirement is provided by site solar or site-recovered energy, the minimum thermal efficiency requirements of this section shall not apply.~~

- ~~2. The input rating of water heaters installed in individual dwelling units shall not be required to be included in the total input rating of service water heating equipment for a building.~~
- ~~3. The input rating of water heaters with an input rating of not greater than 100,000 Btu/h (29.3 kW) shall not be required to be included in the total input rating of service water heating equipment for a building.~~

#### **C404.3 Heat traps.**

Water-heating equipment not supplied with integral heat traps and serving noncirculating systems shall be provided with heat traps on the supply and discharge piping associated with the equipment.

#### **C404.4 Insulation of piping.**

For automatic-circulating hot water systems, piping shall be insulated with 1 inch (25 mm) of insulation having a conductivity not exceeding 0.27 Btu per inch/h x ft<sup>2</sup> x °F (1.53 W per 25 mm/m<sup>2</sup> x K). The first 8 feet (2438 mm) of piping in noncirculating systems served by equipment without integral heat traps shall be insulated with 0.5 inch (12.7 mm) of material having a conductivity not exceeding 0.27 Btu per inch/h x ft<sup>2</sup> x °F (1.53 W per 25 mm/m<sup>2</sup> x K).

~~Piping from a water heater to the termination of the heated water fixture supply pipe shall be insulated in accordance with Table C403.2.10. On both the inlet and outlet piping of a storage water heater or heated water storage tank, the piping to a heat trap or the first 8 feet (2438 mm) of piping, whichever is less, shall be insulated. Piping that is heat traced shall be insulated in accordance with Table C403.2.10 or the heat trace manufacturer's instructions. Tubular pipe insulation shall be installed in accordance with the insulation manufacturer's instructions. Pipe insulation shall be continuous except where the piping passes through a framing member. The minimum insulation thickness requirements of this section shall not supersede any greater insulation thickness requirements necessary for the protection of piping from freezing temperatures or the protection of personnel against external surface temperatures on the insulation.~~

**Exception:** ~~Tubular pipe insulation shall not be required on the following:~~

- ~~1. The tubing from the connection at the termination of the fixture supply piping to a plumbing fixture or plumbing appliance.~~
- ~~2. Valves, pumps, strainers and threaded unions in piping that is 1 inch (25 mm) or less in nominal diameter.~~
- ~~3. Piping from user-controlled shower and bath mixing valves to the water outlets.~~
- ~~4. Cold water piping of a demand recirculation water system.~~
- ~~5. Tubing from a hot drinking water heating unit to the water outlet.~~
- ~~6. Piping at locations where a vertical support of the piping is installed.~~

7. ~~Piping surrounded by building insulation with a thermal resistance (*R*-value) of not less than R-3.~~

**C404.5 Efficient heated water supply piping. Deleted.**

~~Heated water supply piping shall be in accordance with Section C404.5.1 or C404.5.2. The flow rate through  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch (6.4 mm) piping shall be not greater than 0.5 gpm (1.9 L/m). The flow rate through  $\frac{5}{16}$ -inch (7.9 mm) piping shall be not greater than 1 gpm (3.8 L/m). The flow rate through  $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch (9.5 mm) piping shall be not greater than 1.5 gpm (5.7 L/m).~~

**C404.5.1 Maximum allowable pipe length method.**

~~The maximum allowable piping length from the nearest source of heated water to the termination of the fixture supply pipe shall be in accordance with the following. Where the piping contains more than one size of pipe, the largest size of pipe within the piping shall be used for determining the maximum allowable length of the piping in Table C404.5.1.~~

- ~~1. For a public lavatory faucet, use the "Public lavatory faucets" column in Table C404.5.1.~~
- ~~2. For all other plumbing fixtures and plumbing appliances, use the "Other fixtures and appliances" column in Table C404.5.1.~~

**TABLE C404.5.1  
PIPING VOLUME AND MAXIMUM PIPING LENGTHS**

NOMINAL PIPE SIZE (inches)	VOLUME (liquid ounces per foot-length)	MAXIMUM PIPING LENGTH (feet)	
		Public lavatory faucets	Other fixtures and appliances
$\frac{1}{4}$	0.33	6	50
$\frac{5}{16}$	0.5	4	50
$\frac{3}{8}$	0.75	3	50
$\frac{1}{2}$	1.5	2	43
$\frac{5}{8}$	2	1	32
$\frac{3}{4}$	3	0.5	24
$\frac{7}{8}$	4	0.5	16
1	5	0.5	13
$1\frac{1}{4}$	8	0.5	8

$\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	14	0.5	6
2 or larger	18	0.5	4

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 liquid ounce = 0.030 L, 1 gallon = 128 ounces.

#### **~~C404.5.2 Maximum allowable pipe volume method.~~**

~~The water volume in the piping shall be calculated in accordance with Section C404.5.2.1. Water heaters, circulating water systems and heat trace temperature maintenance systems shall be considered sources of heated water.~~

~~The volume from the nearest source of heated water to the termination of the fixture supply pipe shall be as follows:~~

- ~~1. For a public lavatory faucet: not more than 2 ounces (0.06 L).~~
- ~~2. For other plumbing fixtures or plumbing appliances; not more than 0.5 gallon (1.89 L).~~

#### **~~C404.5.2.1 Water volume determination.~~**

~~The volume shall be the sum of the internal volumes of pipe, fittings, valves, meters and manifolds between the nearest source of heated water and the termination of the fixture supply pipe. The volume in the piping shall be determined from the "Volume" column in Table C404.5.1. The volume contained within fixture shutoff valves, within flexible water supply connectors to a fixture fitting and within a fixture fitting shall not be included in the water volume determination. Where heated water is supplied by a recirculating system or heat traced piping, the volume shall include the portion of the fitting on the branch pipe that supplies water to the fixture.~~

**C404.6 Heated-water circulating and temperature maintenance systems. Hot water system controls.** Automatic-circulating hot water system pumps or heat trace shall be arranged to be conveniently turned off automatically or manually when the hot water system is not in operation.

~~Heated-water circulation systems shall be in accordance with Section C404.6.1. Heat trace temperature maintenance systems shall be in accordance with Section C404.6.2. Controls for hot water storage shall be in accordance with Section C404.6.3. Automatic controls, temperature sensors and pumps shall be accessible. Manual controls shall be readily accessible.~~

#### **~~C404.6.1 Circulation systems.~~**

~~Heated-water circulation systems shall be provided with a circulation pump. The system return pipe shall be a dedicated return pipe or a cold water supply pipe. Gravity and thermosyphon circulation systems shall be prohibited. Controls for circulating hot water system pumps shall start the pump based on the identification of a demand for hot water within the occupancy. The controls shall automatically turn off the pump when the water in the circulation loop is at the desired temperature and when there is no demand for hot water.~~

#### **~~C404.6.2 Heat trace systems.~~**

~~Electric heat trace systems shall comply with IEEE 515.1. Controls for such systems shall be able to automatically adjust the energy input to the heat tracing to maintain the desired~~



~~water temperature in the piping in accordance with the times when heated water is used in the occupancy. Heat trace shall be arranged to be turned off automatically when there is no hot water demand.~~

#### **~~C404.6.3 Controls for hot water storage.~~**

~~The controls on pumps that circulate water between a water heater and a heated-water storage tank shall limit operation of the pump from heating cycle startup to not greater than 5 minutes after the end of the cycle.~~

#### **C404.7 Demand recirculation controls. Deleted.**

~~A water distribution system having one or more recirculation pumps that pump water from a heated-water supply pipe back to the heated-water source through a cold-water supply pipe shall be a demand recirculation water system. Pumps shall have controls that comply with both of the following:~~

- ~~1. The control shall start the pump upon receiving a signal from the action of a user of a fixture or appliance, sensing the presence of a user of a fixture or sensing the flow of hot or tempered water to a fixture fitting or appliance.~~
- ~~2. The control shall limit the temperature of the water entering the cold-water piping to 104°F (40°C).~~

#### **C404.8 Drain water heat recovery units.**

Deleted. ~~Drain water heat recovery units shall comply with CSA B55.2. Potable water-side pressure loss shall be less than 10 psi (69 kPa) at maximum design flow. For Group R-occupancies, the efficiency of drain water heat recovery unit efficiency shall be in accordance with CSA B55.1.~~

#### **C404.9 Energy consumption of pools and permanent spas. (Mandatory).**

The energy consumption of pools and permanent spas shall be controlled by the requirements in Sections C404.9.1 through C404.9.3.

##### **C404.9.1 Heaters.**

All heaters shall be equipped with a readily accessible on-off switch that is mounted outside of the heater to allow shutting off the heater without adjusting the thermostat setting. Gas-fired heaters shall not be equipped with constant burning pilot lights. ~~The electric power to heaters shall be controlled by a readily accessible on-off switch that is an integral part of the heater mounted on the exterior of the heater, or external to and within 3 feet (914 mm) of the heater. Operation of such switch shall not change the setting of the heater thermostat. Such switches shall be in addition to a circuit breaker for the power to the heater. Gas-fired heaters shall not be equipped with continuously burning ignition pilots.~~

##### **C404.9.2 Time switches.**

Time switches or other control methods that can automatically turn off and on heaters and pump motors according to a preset schedule shall be installed for heaters and pump motors. Heaters and pump motors that have built-in time switches shall be in compliance with this section.

##### **Exceptions:**

1. Where public health standards require 24-hour pump operation.
2. Pumps that operate solar- and waste-heat-recovery pool heating systems.

#### **C404.9.3 Covers.**

Outdoor heated pools and outdoor permanent spas shall be provided with a class 1 vapor-retardant cover ~~or other approved vapor-retardant means.~~

**Exception:** Pools deriving over 70% of the energy from heating from site-recovered energy or solar energy source. ~~Where more than 70 percent of the energy for heating, computed over an operation season, is from site-recovered energy, such as from a heat pump or solar energy source, covers or other vapor-retardant means shall not be required.~~

#### **C404.10 Energy consumption of portable spas (Mandatory).**

~~Deleted. The energy consumption of electric-powered portable spas shall be controlled by the requirements of APSP 14.~~

#### **C404.11 Service water-heating system commissioning and completion requirements.**

*Service water-heating systems*, swimming pool water-heating systems, spa water-heating systems and the controls for those systems shall be commissioned and completed in accordance with Section C408.2.

### **SECTION C405 ELECTRICAL POWER AND LIGHTING SYSTEMS**

#### **C405.1 General (Mandatory).**

This section covers lighting system controls, the maximum lighting power for interior and exterior applications and electrical energy consumption.

**Exception:** Dwelling units within commercial buildings shall not be required to comply with Sections C405.2 through C405.5, provided that they comply with Section R404.1.

~~Walk-in coolers, walk-in freezers, refrigerated warehouse coolers and refrigerated warehouse freezers shall comply with Section C403.2.15 or C403.2.16.~~

#### **C405.2 Lighting controls (Mandatory).**

Lighting systems shall be provided with controls as specified in Sections C405.2.1, C405.2.2, C405.2.3, C405.2.4 and C405.2.5.

**Exceptions:** Lighting controls are not required for the following:

1. Areas designated as security or emergency areas that are required to be continuously lighted.
2. Interior exit stairways, interior exit ramps and exit passageways.
3. Emergency egress lighting that is normally off.

#### **C405.2.1 Occupant sensor controls.**

Occupant *sensor controls* shall be installed to control lights in the following space types:

1. Classrooms/lecture/training rooms.
2. Conference/meeting/multipurpose rooms.
3. Copy/print rooms.
4. Lounges.
5. Employee lunch and break rooms.
6. Private offices.
7. Restrooms.
8. Storage rooms greater than 100 square feet
9. Janitorial closets.
10. Computer server rooms ~~Locker rooms~~
11. Mechanical and electrical equipment rooms ~~Other spaces 300 square feet (28 m<sup>2</sup>) or less that are enclosed by floor-to-ceiling height partitions.~~
12. Warehouses.

Occupancy sensors shall not be required for:

1. Rooms requiring explosion proof electrical devices
2. Chemical storage rooms

##### **C405.2.1.1 Occupant sensor control function.**

Occupant sensor controls in spaces other than warehouses specified in Section C405.2.1 shall comply with the following:

1. Automatically turn off lights within 30 minutes of all occupants leaving the space.
2. ~~Deleted. Be manual on or controlled to automatically turn the lighting on to not more than 50 percent power.~~

~~**Exception:** Full automatic on controls shall be permitted to control lighting in public corridors, stairways, restrooms, primary building entrance areas and lobbies, and areas where manual on operation would endanger the safety or security of the room or building occupants.~~

3. Shall incorporate a *manual control* to allow occupants to turn lights off.

#### **C405.2.1.2 Occupant sensor control function in warehouses.**

In warehouses, the lighting in aisleways and open areas shall be controlled with occupant sensors that automatically reduce lighting power from 50% to 100% off ~~by not less than 50 percent~~ when the areas are unoccupied. The occupant sensors shall control lighting in each aisleway independently and shall not control lighting beyond the aisleway being controlled by the sensor.

#### **C405.2.2 Time-switch controls.**

Each area of the building that is not provided with *occupant sensor controls* complying with Section C405.2.1.1 shall be provided with *time switch controls* complying with Section C405.2.2.1.

**Exception:** Where a *manual control* provides light reduction in accordance with Section C405.2.2.2, automatic controls shall not be required for the following:

1. *Sleeping units.*
2. Spaces where patient care is directly provided.
3. Spaces where an automatic shutoff would endanger occupant safety or security.
4. Lighting intended for continuous operation.
5. Shop and laboratory classrooms.

#### **C405.2.2.1 Time-switch control function.**

Each space provided with *time-switch controls* shall also be provided with a *manual control* for light reduction in accordance with Section C405.2.2.2. *Time-switch controls* shall include an override switching device that complies with the following:

1. Have a minimum 7-day clock.
2. Be capable of being set for seven different day types per week.
3. Incorporate an automatic holiday “shutoff” feature, which turns off all controlled lighting loads for at least 24 hours and then resumes normally scheduled operations.
4. Have program backup capabilities, which prevent the loss of program and time settings for at least 10 hours, if power is interrupted.
5. Include an override switch that complies with the following:
  - 5.1. The override switch shall be a manual control.

- 5.2. The override switch, when initiated, shall permit the controlled lighting to remain on for not more than 2 hours.
- 5.3. Any individual override switch shall control the lighting for an area not larger than 5,000 square feet ( $465 \text{ m}^2$ ).

**Exceptions:**

1. Within malls, arcades, auditoriums, single-tenant retail spaces, industrial facilities and arenas:
  - 1.1. The time limit shall be permitted to be greater than 2 hours, provided that the override switch is a captive key device.
  - 1.2. The area controlled by the override switch is permitted to be greater than 5,000 square feet ( $465 \text{ m}^2$ ), but shall not be greater than 20,000 square feet ( $1860 \text{ m}^2$ ).
2. Where provided with *manual control*, the following areas are not required to have light reduction control per Section C405.2.2.2:
  - 2.1. Spaces that have only one luminaire with a rated power of less than 100 watts.
  - 2.2. Spaces that use less than 0.6 watts per square foot ( $6.5 \text{ W/m}^2$ ).
  - 2.3. Corridors, equipment rooms, public lobbies, electrical or mechanical rooms.

**C405.2.2.2 Light-reduction controls.**

Spaces required to have light-reduction controls shall have a *manual control* that allows the occupant to reduce the connected lighting load in a reasonably uniform illumination pattern by at least 50 percent. Lighting reduction shall be achieved by one of the following or another *approved* method:

1. Controlling all lamps or luminaires.
2. Dual switching of alternate rows of luminaires, alternate luminaires or alternate lamps.
3. Switching the middle lamp luminaires independently of the outer lamps.
4. Switching each luminaire or each lamp.

**Exception:** Light reduction controls are not required in *daylight zones* with *daylight responsive controls*. ~~complying with Section C405.2.3.~~

**C405.2.2.3 Manual controls.**

*Manual controls* for lights shall comply with the following:

1. Shall be readily accessible to occupants.
2. Shall be located where the controlled lights are visible, or shall identify the area served by the lights and indicate their status.

**C405.2.3 Daylight-responsive controls. Deleted.**

~~Daylight-responsive controls complying with Section C405.2.3.1 shall be provided to control the electric lights within daylight zones in the following spaces:~~

- ~~1. Spaces with a total of more than 150 watts of general lighting within sidelight daylight zones complying with Section C405.2.3.2. General lighting does not include lighting that is required to have specific application control in accordance with Section C405.2.4.~~
- ~~2. Spaces with a total of more than 150 watts of general lighting within toplight daylight zones complying with Section C405.2.3.3.~~

**Exceptions:** ~~Daylight responsive controls are not required for the following:~~

- ~~1. Spaces in health care facilities where patient care is directly provided.~~
- ~~2. Dwelling units and sleeping units.~~
- ~~3. Lighting that is required to have specific application control in accordance with Section C405.2.4.~~
- ~~4. Sidelight daylight zones on the first floor above grade in Group A-2 and Group M occupancies.~~

**C405.2.3.1 Daylight-responsive control function. Deleted.**

~~Where required, daylight-responsive controls shall be provided within each space for control of lights in that space and shall comply with all of the following:~~

- ~~1. Lights in toplight daylight zones in accordance with Section C405.2.3.3 shall be controlled independently of lights in sidelight daylight zones in accordance with Section C405.2.3.2.~~
- ~~2. Daylight responsive controls within each space shall be configured so that they can be calibrated from within that space by authorized personnel.~~
- ~~3. Calibration mechanisms shall be readily accessible.~~
- ~~4. Where located in offices, classrooms, laboratories and library reading rooms, daylight responsive controls shall dim lights continuously from full light output to 15 percent of full light output or lower.~~
- ~~5. Daylight responsive controls shall be capable of a complete shutoff of all controlled lights.~~

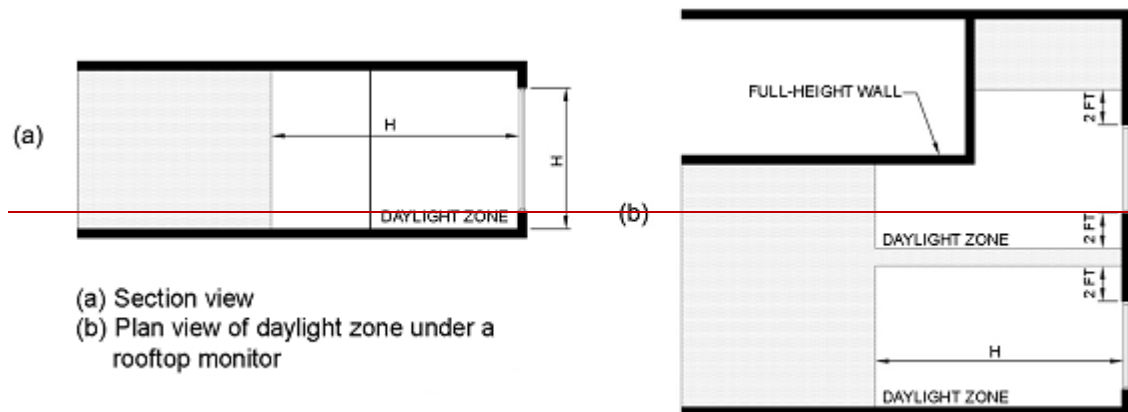
6. ~~Lights in sidelight *daylight* zones in accordance with Section C405.2.3.2 facing different cardinal orientations [i.e., within 45 degrees (0.79 rad) of due north, east, south, west] shall be controlled independently of each other.~~

**Exception:** ~~Up to 150 watts of lighting in each space is permitted to be controlled together with lighting in a daylight zone facing a different cardinal orientation.~~

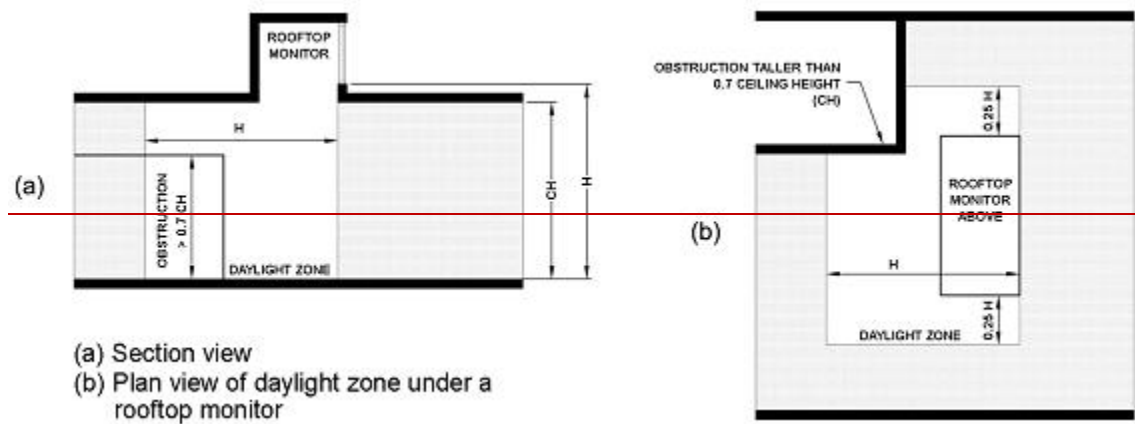
**C405.2.3.2 Sidelight daylight zone. Deleted.**

~~The sidelight *daylight* zone is the floor area adjacent to vertical *fenestration* which complies with all of the following:~~

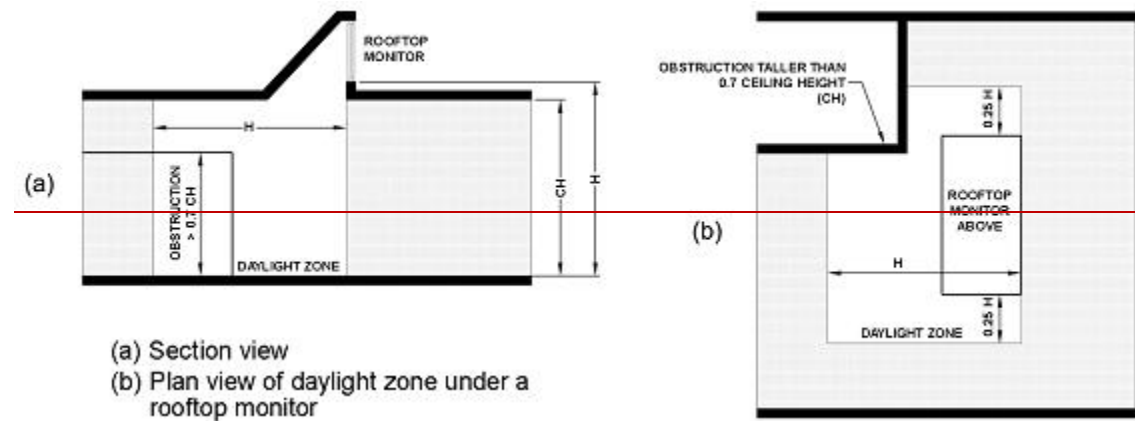
1. ~~Where the fenestration is located in a wall, the daylight zone shall extend laterally to the nearest full-height wall, or up to 1.0 times the height from the floor to the top of the fenestration, and longitudinally from the edge of the fenestration to the nearest full-height wall, or up to 2 feet (610 mm), whichever is less, as indicated in Figure C405.2.3.2(1).~~
2. ~~Where the fenestration is located in a rooftop monitor, the daylight zone shall extend laterally to the nearest obstruction that is taller than 0.7 times the ceiling height, or up to 1.0 times the height from the floor to the bottom of the fenestration, whichever is less, and longitudinally from the edge of the fenestration to the nearest obstruction that is taller than 0.7 times the ceiling height, or up to 0.25 times the height from the floor to the bottom of the fenestration, whichever is less, as indicated in Figures C405.2.3.2(2) and C405.2.3.2(3).~~
3. ~~The area of the fenestration is not less than 24 square feet (2.23 m<sup>2</sup>).~~
4. ~~The distance from the fenestration to any building or geological formation which would block access to daylight is greater than the height from the bottom of the fenestration to the top of the building or geologic formation.~~
5. ~~Where located in existing buildings, the visible transmittance of the fenestration is not less than 0.20.~~



**FIGURE C405.2.3.2(1)**  
**DAYLIGHT ZONE ADJACENT TO FENESTRATION IN A WALL**



**FIGURE C405.2.3.2(2)**  
**DAYLIGHT ZONE UNDER A ROOFTOP MONITOR**



**FIGURE C405.2.3.2(3)**  
**DAYLIGHT ZONE UNDER A SLOPED ROOFTOP MONITOR**

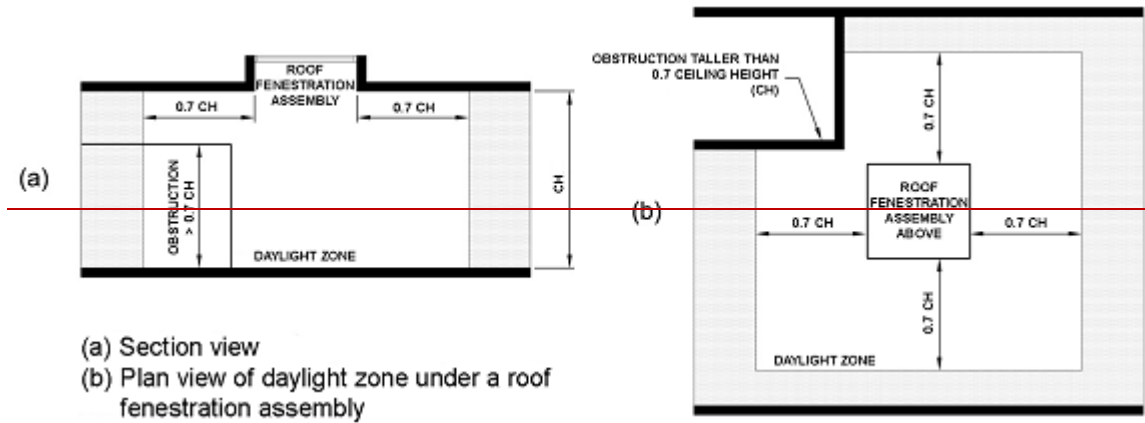
### C405.2.3.3 Toplight daylight zone. Deleted.

The toplight daylight zone is the floor area underneath a roof fenestration assembly which complies with all of the following:

1. The daylight zone shall extend laterally and longitudinally beyond the edge of the roof fenestration assembly to the nearest obstruction that is taller than 0.7 times the ceiling height, or up to 0.7 times the ceiling height, whichever is less, as indicated in Figure C405.2.3.3.
2. No building or geological formation blocks direct sunlight from hitting the roof fenestration assembly at the peak solar angle on the summer solstice.



3. ~~Where located in existing buildings, the product of the visible transmittance of the roof fenestration assembly and the area of the rough opening of the roof fenestration assembly divided by the area of the daylight zone is not less than 0.008.~~



**FIGURE C405.2.3.3**  
**DAYLIGHT ZONE UNDER A ROOF FENESTRATION ASSEMBLY**

#### C405.2.4 Specific application controls.

Specific application controls shall be provided for the following:

1. Display and accent light shall be controlled by a dedicated control that is independent of the controls for other lighting within the room or space.
2. Lighting in cases used for display case purposes shall be controlled by a dedicated control that is independent of the controls for other lighting within the room or space.
3. Hotel and motel sleeping units and guest suites shall have a master control device that is capable of automatically switching off all installed luminaires and switched receptacles within 20 minutes after all occupants leave the room.

**Exception:** Lighting and switched receptacles controlled by captive key systems.

4. Supplemental task lighting, including permanently installed under-shelf or under-cabinet lighting, shall have a control device integral to the luminaires or be controlled by a wall-mounted control device provided that the control device is readily accessible.
5. Lighting for nonvisual applications, such as plant growth and food warming, shall be controlled by a dedicated control that is independent of the controls for other lighting within the room or space.

6. Lighting equipment that is for sale or for demonstrations in lighting education shall be controlled by a dedicated control that is independent of the controls for other lighting within the room or space.

#### **C405.2.5 Exterior lighting controls.**

Lighting not designated for dusk-to-dawn operation shall be controlled by either a combination of a photosensor and a time switch, or an astronomical time switch. Lighting designated for dusk-to-dawn operation shall be controlled by an astronomical time switch or photosensor. All time switches shall be capable of retaining programming and the time setting during loss of power for a period of at least 10 hours.

~~Lighting for exterior applications other than emergency lighting that is intended to be automatically off during building operation, lighting specifically required to meet health and life safety requirements or decorative gas lighting systems shall:~~

- ~~1. Be provided with a control that automatically turns off the lighting as a function of available daylight.~~
- ~~2. Where lighting the building façade or landscape, the lighting shall have controls that automatically shut off the lighting as a function of dawn/dusk and a set opening and closing time.~~
- ~~3. Where not covered in Item 2, the lighting shall have controls configured to automatically reduce the connected lighting power by not less than 30 percent from not later than midnight to 6 a.m., from one hour after business closing to one hour before business opening or during any period when activity has not been detected for a time of longer than 15 minutes.~~

~~All time switches shall be able to retain programming and the time setting during loss of power for a period of at least 10 hours.~~

~~**Exception:** Lighting for covered vehicle entrances or exits from buildings or parking structures where required for safety, security or eye adaptation.~~

#### **C405.3 Exit signs (Mandatory).**

Internally illuminated exit signs shall not be more than 5 watts per side.

#### **C405.4 Interior lighting power requirements (Prescriptive).**

A building complies with this section where its total connected lighting power calculated under Section C405.4.1 is not greater than the interior lighting power calculated under Section C405.4.2.

##### **C405.4.1 Total connected interior lighting power.**

The total connected interior lighting power shall be determined in accordance with Equation 4-9.

$$TCLP = [SL + LV + LTPB + \text{Other}] \quad (\text{Equation 4-9})$$

where:

<i>TCLP</i>	=	Total connected lighting power (watts).
<i>SL</i>	=	Labeled wattage of luminaires for screw-in lamps.
<i>LV</i>	=	Wattage of the transformer supplying low-voltage lighting.
<i>LTPB</i>	=	Wattage of line-voltage lighting tracks and plug-in busways as the specified wattage of the luminaires, but at least 30 W/lin. ft. (100 W/lin m), or the wattage limit of the system's circuit breaker, or the wattage limit of other permanent current-limiting devices on the system.
Other	=	The wattage of all other luminaires and lighting sources not covered previously and associated with interior lighting verified by data supplied by the manufacturer or other <i>approved</i> sources.

### **Exceptions:**

1. The connected power associated with the following lighting equipment is not included in calculating total connected lighting power.
  - 1.1. Professional sports arena playing field lighting.
  - 1.2. Lighting in sleeping units, provided that the lighting complies with Section R404.1.
  - 1.3. Emergency lighting automatically off during normal building operation.
  - 1.4. Lighting in spaces specifically designed for use by occupants with special lighting needs, including those with visual impairment and other medical and age-related issues.
  - 1.5. Lighting in interior spaces that have been specifically designated as a registered interior historic landmark.
  - 1.6. Casino gaming areas.
  - 1.7. Mirror lighting in dressing rooms.
2. Lighting equipment used for the following shall be exempt provided that it is in addition to general lighting and is controlled by an independent control device:
  - 2.1. Task lighting for medical and dental purposes.
  - 2.2. Display lighting for exhibits in galleries, museums and monuments.
3. Lighting for theatrical purposes, including performance, stage, film production and video production.
4. Lighting for photographic processes.

5. Lighting integral to equipment or instrumentation and installed by the manufacturer.
6. Task lighting for plant growth or maintenance.
7. Advertising signage or directional signage.
8. In restaurant buildings and areas, lighting for food warming or integral to food preparation equipment.
9. Lighting equipment that is for sale.
10. Lighting demonstration equipment in lighting education facilities.
11. Lighting *approved* because of safety or emergency considerations, inclusive of exit lights.
12. Lighting integral to both open and glass-enclosed refrigerator and freezer cases.
13. Lighting in retail display windows, provided the display area is enclosed by ceiling-height partitions.
14. Furniture-mounted supplemental task lighting that is controlled by automatic shutoff.
15. Exit signs.

**C405.4.2 Interior lighting power.**

The total interior lighting power allowance (watts) is determined according to Table C405.4.2(1) using the Building Area Method, or Table C405.4.2(2) using the Space-by-Space Method, for all areas of the building covered in this permit.

**TABLE C405.4.2(1)**  
**INTERIOR LIGHTING POWER ALLOWANCES:**  
**BUILDING AREA METHOD**

BUILDING AREA TYPE	LPD (w/ft <sup>2</sup> )
Automotive facility	0.80
Convention center	1.01
Courthouse	1.01
Dining: bar lounge/leisure	1.01
Dining: cafeteria/fast food	0.9
Dining: family	0.95
Dormitory	0.57
Exercise center	0.84
Fire station	0.67
Gymnasium	0.94
Health care clinic	0.90
Hospital	1.05

Hotel/Motel	0.87
Library	1.19
Manufacturing facility	1.17
Motion picture theater	0.76
Multifamily	0.51
Museum	1.02
Office	0.82
Parking garage	0.21
Penitentiary	0.81
Performing arts theater	1.39
Police station	0.87
Post office	0.87
Religious building	1.0
Retail	1.26
School/university	0.87
Sports arena	0.91
Town hall	0.89
Transportation	0.70
Warehouse	0.66
Workshop	1.19

**TABLE C405.4.2(2)**  
**INTERIOR LIGHTING POWER ALLOWANCES:**  
**SPACE-BY-SPACE METHOD**

<b>COMMON SPACE TYPES<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>LPD (watts/sq.ft)</b>
Atrium	
Less than 40 feet in height	0.03 per foot in total height
Greater than 40 feet in height	0.40 + 0.02 per foot in total height
Audience seating area	
In an auditorium	0.63
In a convention center	0.82
In a gymnasium	0.65
In a motion picture theater	1.14
In a penitentiary	0.28
In a performing arts theater	2.43
In a religious building	1.53
In a sports arena	0.43
Otherwise	0.43
Banking activity area	1.01
Breakroom (See Lounge/Breakroom)	
Classroom/lecture hall/training room	
In a penitentiary	1.34
Otherwise	1.24
Conference/meeting/multipurpose room	1.23
Copy/print room	0.72
Corridor	
In a facility for the visually impaired (and	0.92

not used primarily by the staff) <sup>b</sup>	
In a hospital	0.79
In a manufacturing facility	0.41
Otherwise	0.66
Courtroom	1.72
Computer room	1.71
Dining area	
In a penitentiary	0.96
In a facility for the visually impaired (and not used primarily by the staff) <sup>b</sup>	1.9
In bar/lounge or leisure dining	1.07
In cafeteria or fast food dining	0.65
In family dining	0.89
Otherwise	0.65
Electrical/mechanical room	0.95
Emergency vehicle garage	0.56

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**TABLE C405.4.2(2)—continued**  
**INTERIOR LIGHTING POWER ALLOWANCES:**  
**SPACE-BY-SPACE METHOD**

<b>COMMON SPACE TYPES<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>LPD (watts/sq.ft)</b>
Food preparation area	1.21
Guest room	0.47
Laboratory	
In or as a classroom	1.43
Otherwise	1.81
Laundry/washing area	0.6
Loading dock, interior	0.47
Lobby	
In a facility for the visually impaired (and not used primarily by the staff) <sup>b</sup>	1.8
For an elevator	0.64
In a hotel	1.06
In a motion picture theater	0.59
In a performing arts theater	2.0
Otherwise	0.9
Locker room	0.75
Lounge/breakroom	
In a healthcare facility	0.92
Otherwise	0.73
Office	
Enclosed	1.11
Open plan	0.98
Parking area, interior	0.19
Pharmacy area	1.68
Restroom	
In a facility for the visually impaired (and	1.21

not used primarily by the staff <sup>b</sup>	
Otherwise	0.98
Sales area	1.59
Seating area, general	0.54
Stairway (See space containing stairway)	
Stairwell	0.69
Storage room	0.63
Vehicular maintenance area	0.67
Workshop	1.59
<b>BUILDING TYPE SPECIFIC SPACE TYPES<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>LPD (watts/sq.ft)</b>
Facility for the visually impaired <sup>b</sup>	
In a chapel (and not used primarily by the staff)	2.21
In a recreation room (and not used primarily by the staff)	2.41
Automotive (See Vehicular Maintenance Area above)	
Convention Center—exhibit space	1.45
Dormitory—living quarters	0.38
Fire Station—sleeping quarters	0.22
Gymnasium/fitness center	
In an exercise area	0.72
In a playing area	1.2

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**TABLE C405.4.2(2)—continued**  
**INTERIOR LIGHTING POWER ALLOWANCES:**  
**SPACE-BY-SPACE METHOD**

<b>BUILDING TYPE SPECIFIC SPACE TYPES<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>LPD (watts/sq.ft)</b>
<b>healthcare facility</b>	
In an exam/treatment room	1.66
In an imaging room	1.51
In a medical supply room	0.74
In a nursery	0.88
In a nurse's station	0.71
In an operating room	2.48
In a patient room	0.62
In a physical therapy room	0.91
In a recovery room	1.15
<b>Library</b>	
In a reading area	1.06
In the stacks	1.71
<b>Manufacturing facility</b>	
In a detailed manufacturing area	1.29
In an equipment room	0.74
In an extra high bay area (greater than 50' floor-to-ceiling height)	1.05
In a high bay area (25-50' floor-to-ceiling height)	1.23

In a low bay area (less than 25' floor-to-ceiling height)	1.19
Museum	
In a general exhibition area	1.05
In a restoration room	1.02
Performing arts theater—dressing room	0.61
Post Office—Sorting Area	0.94
Religious buildings	
In a fellowship hall	0.64
In a worship/pulpit/choir area	1.53
Retail facilities	
In a dressing/fitting room	0.71
In a mall concourse	1.1
Sports arena—playing area	
For a Class I facility	3.68
For a Class II facility	2.4
For a Class III facility	1.8
For a Class IV facility	1.2
Transportation facility	
In a baggage/carousel area	0.53
In an airport concourse	0.36
At a terminal ticket counter	0.8
Warehouse—storage area	
For medium to bulky, palletized items	0.58
For smaller, hand-carried items	0.95

- a. In cases where both a common space type and a building area specific space type are listed, the building area specific space type shall apply
- b. A 'Facility for the Visually Impaired' is a facility that is licensed or will be licensed by local or state authorities for senior long-term care, adult daycare, senior support or people with special visual needs.

#### **C405.4.2.1 Building Area Method.**

For the Building Area Method, the interior lighting power allowance is the floor area for each building area type listed in Table C405.4.2(1) times the value from Table C405.4.2(1) for that area. For the purposes of this method, an "area" shall be defined as all contiguous spaces that accommodate or are associated with a single building area type, as listed in Table C405.4.2(1). Where this method is used to calculate the total interior lighting power for an entire building, each building area type shall be treated as a separate area. Trade-offs among building area types are permitted.

#### **C405.4.2.2 Space-by-Space Method.**

For the Space-by-Space Method, the interior lighting power allowance is determined by multiplying the floor area of each space times the value for the space type in Table C405.4.2(2) that most closely represents the proposed use of the space, and then summing the lighting power allowances for all spaces. Trade-offs among spaces are permitted.

##### **C405.4.2.2.1 Additional interior lighting power.**

Where using the Space-by-Space Method, an increase in the interior lighting power allowance is permitted for specific lighting functions. Additional power shall be permitted only where the specified lighting is installed and automatically controlled separately from the general lighting, to be turned off during nonbusiness hours. This



additional power shall be used only for the specified luminaires and shall not be used for any other purpose. An increase in the interior lighting power allowance is permitted in the following cases:

1. For lighting equipment to be installed in sales areas specifically to highlight merchandise, the additional lighting power shall be determined in accordance with Equation 4-10.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Additional interior lighting power allowance} = & \quad \text{(Equation 4-10)} \\ 500 \text{ watts} + (\text{Retail Area 1} \cdot 0.6 \text{ W/ft}^2) + & \\ (\text{Retail Area 2} \cdot 0.6 \text{ W/ft}^2) + (\text{Retail Area 3} \cdot & \\ 1.4 \text{ W/ft}^2) + (\text{Retail Area 4} \cdot 2.5 \text{ W/ft}^2) & \end{aligned}$$

where:

Retail Area 1	=	The floor area for all products not listed in Retail Area 2, 3 or 4.
Retail Area 2	=	The floor area used for the sale of vehicles, sporting goods and small electronics.
Retail Area 3	=	The floor area used for the sale of furniture, clothing, cosmetics and artwork.
Retail Area 4	=	The floor area used for the sale of jewelry, crystal and china.

**Exception:** Other merchandise categories are permitted to be included in Retail Areas 2 through 4, provided that justification documenting the need for additional lighting power based on visual inspection, contrast, or other critical display is *approved* by the code official.

2. For spaces in which lighting is specified to be installed in addition to the general lighting for the purpose of decorative appearance or for highlighting art or exhibits, provided that the additional lighting power shall be not more than  $1.0 \text{ w/ft}^2$  ( $10.7 \text{ w/m}^2$ ) of such spaces.

#### **C405.5 Exterior lighting (Mandatory).**

Where the power for exterior lighting is supplied through the energy service to the building, all exterior lighting shall comply with Section C405.5.1.

**Exception:** Where *approved* because of historical, safety, signage or emergency considerations.

##### **C405.5.1 Exterior building lighting power.**

The total exterior lighting power allowance for all exterior building applications is the sum of the base site allowance plus the individual allowances for areas that are to be illuminated and are permitted in Table C405.5.2(2) for the applicable lighting zone. Trade-offs are allowed only among exterior lighting applications listed in Table C405.5.2(2), in the Tradable Surfaces section. The lighting zone for the building exterior is determined from Table C405.5.2(1) unless otherwise specified by the local jurisdiction.

**Exception:** Lighting used for the following exterior applications is exempt where equipped with a control device independent of the control of the nonexempt lighting:

1. Specialized signal, directional and marker lighting associated with transportation.
2. Advertising signage or directional signage.
3. Integral to equipment or instrumentation and is installed by its manufacturer.
4. Theatrical purposes, including performance, stage, film production and video production.
5. Athletic playing areas.
6. Temporary lighting.
7. Industrial production, material handling, transportation sites and associated storage areas.
8. Theme elements in theme/amusement parks.
9. Used to highlight features of public monuments and registered historic landmark structures or buildings.

**TABLE C405.5.2(1)  
EXTERIOR LIGHTING ZONES**

LIGHTING ZONE	DESCRIPTION
1	Developed areas of national parks, state parks, forest land, and rural areas
2	Areas predominantly consisting of residential zoning, neighborhood business districts, light industrial with limited nighttime use and residential mixed-use areas
3	All other areas not classified as lighting zone 1, 2 or 4
4	High-activity commercial districts in major metropolitan areas as designated by the local land use planning authority

**TABLE C405.5.2(2)  
INDIVIDUAL LIGHTING POWER ALLOWANCES FOR BUILDING EXTERIORS**

		LIGHTING ZONES			
		Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Base Site Allowance (Base allowance is usable in tradable or nontradable)		500 W	600 W	750 W	1300 W

surfaces.)					
Tradable Surfaces (Lighting power densities for uncovered parking areas, building grounds, building entrances and exits, canopies and overhangs and outdoor sales areas are tradable.)	<b>Uncovered Parking Areas</b>				
	Parking areas and drives	0.04 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	0.06 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	0.10 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	0.13 W/ft <sup>2</sup>
	<b>Building Grounds</b>				
	Walkways less than 10 feet wide	0.7 W/linear foot	0.7 W/linear foot	0.8 W/linear foot	1.0 W/linear foot
	Walkways 10 feet wide or greater, plaza areas special feature areas	0.14 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	0.14 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	0.16 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	0.2 W/ft <sup>2</sup>
	Stairways	0.75 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	1.0 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	1.0 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	1.0 W/ft <sup>2</sup>
	Pedestrian tunnels	0.15 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	0.15 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	0.2 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	0.3 W/ft <sup>2</sup>
	<b>Building Entrances and Exits</b>				
	Main entries	20 W/linear foot of door width	20 W/linear foot of door width	30 W/linear foot of door width	30 W/linear foot of door width
	Other doors	20 W/linear foot of door width	20 W/linear foot of door width	20 W/linear foot of door width	20 W/linear foot of door width
	Entry canopies	0.25 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	0.25 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	0.4 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	0.4 W/ft <sup>2</sup>
	<b>Sales Canopies</b>				
	Free-standing and attached	0.6 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	0.6 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	0.8 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	1.0 W/ft <sup>2</sup>
	<b>Outdoor Sales</b>				
	Open areas (including vehicle sales lots)	0.25 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	0.25 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	0.5 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	0.7 W/ft <sup>2</sup>
	Street frontage for vehicle sales lots in addition to "open area" allowance	No allowance	10 W/linear foot	10 W/linear foot	30 W/linear foot
Nontradable Surfaces (Lighting power density calculations for the following applications can be used only for the specific application and cannot	Building facades	No allowance	0.075 W/ft <sup>2</sup> of gross above-grade wall area	0.113 W/ft <sup>2</sup> of gross above-grade wall area	0.15 W/ft <sup>2</sup> of gross above-grade wall area
	Automated teller machines (ATM) and night depositories	270 W per location plus 90 W per additional ATM per location	270 W per location plus 90 W per additional ATM per location	270 W per location plus 90 W per additional ATM per location	270 W per location plus 90 W per additional ATM per location
	Entrances and gatehouse inspection	0.75 W/ft <sup>2</sup> of covered and uncovered	0.75 W/ft <sup>2</sup> of covered and uncovered	0.75 W/ft <sup>2</sup> of covered and uncovered	0.75 W/ft <sup>2</sup> of covered and uncovered

be traded between surfaces or with other exterior lighting. The following allowances are in addition to any allowance otherwise permitted in the "Tradable Surfaces" section of this table.)	stations at guarded facilities	area	area	area	area
	Loading areas for law enforcement, fire, ambulance and other emergency service vehicles	0.5 W/ft <sup>2</sup> of covered and uncovered area	0.5 W/ft <sup>2</sup> of covered and uncovered area	0.5 W/ft <sup>2</sup> of covered and uncovered area	0.5 W/ft <sup>2</sup> of covered and uncovered area
	Drive-up windows/doors	400 W per drive-through	400 W per drive-through	400 W per drive-through	400 W per drive-through
	Parking near 24-hour retail entrances	800 W per main entry	800 W per main entry	800 W per main entry	800 W per main entry

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 watt per square foot = W/0.0929 m<sup>2</sup>.  
W = watts.

#### **C405.6 Electrical energy consumption (Mandatory).**

Each dwelling unit located in a Group R-2 building shall have a separate electrical meter.

#### **C405.7 Electrical transformers (Mandatory).**

Electric transformers shall meet the minimum efficiency requirements of Table C405.7 as tested and rated in accordance with the test procedure listed in DOE 10 CFR 431. The efficiency shall be verified through certification under an approved certification program or, where a certification program does not exist, the equipment efficiency ratings shall be supported by data furnished by the transformer manufacturer.

**Exceptions:** The following transformers are exempt:

1. Transformers that meet the *Energy Policy Act of 2005* exclusions based on the DOE 10 CFR 431 definition of special purpose applications.
2. Transformers that meet the *Energy Policy Act of 2005* exclusions that are not to be used in general purpose applications based on information provided in DOE 10 CFR 431.
3. Transformers that meet the *Energy Policy Act of 2005* exclusions with multiple voltage taps where the highest tap is at least 20 percent more than the lowest tap.
4. Drive transformers.
5. Rectifier transformers.
6. Auto-transformers.
7. Uninterruptible power system transformers.

8. Impedance transformers.
9. Regulating transformers.
10. Sealed and nonventilating transformers.
11. Machine tool transformers.
12. Welding transformers.
13. Grounding transformers.
14. Testing transformers.

**TABLE C405.7**  
**MINIMUM NOMINAL EFFICIENCY LEVELS FOR 10 CFR 431 LOW-VOLTAGE DRY-TYPE**  
**DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS**

SINGLE-PHASE TRANSFORMERS		THREE-PHASE TRANSFORMERS	
kVA <sup>a</sup>	Efficiency (%) <sup>b</sup>	kVA <sup>a</sup>	Efficiency (%) <sup>b</sup>
15	97.7	15	97.0
25	98.0	30	97.5
37.5	98.2	45	97.7
50	98.3	75	98.0
75	98.5	112.5	98.2
100	98.6	150	98.3
167	98.7	225	98.5
250	98.8	300	98.6
333	98.9	500	98.7
		750	98.8
		1000	98.9

- a. kiloVolt-Amp rating.
- b. Nominal efficiencies shall be established in accordance with the DOE 10 CFR 431 test procedure for low-voltage dry-type transformers.

#### **C405.8 Electrical motors (Mandatory).**

Electric motors shall meet the minimum efficiency requirements of Tables C405.8(1) through C405.8(4) when tested and rated in accordance with the DOE 10 CFR 431. The efficiency shall be verified through certification under an approved certification program or, where a certification program does not exist, the equipment efficiency ratings shall be supported by data furnished by the motor manufacturer.

**TABLE C405.8(1)**  
**MINIMUM NOMINAL FULL-LOAD EFFICIENCY FOR 60 HZ NEMA**  
**GENERAL PURPOSE ELECTRIC MOTORS (SUBTYPE I) RATED 600 VOLTS OR LESS**  
**(Random Wound)<sup>a</sup>**

MOTOR	NUMBER OF	OPEN DRIP-PROOF	TOTALLY ENCLOSED FAN-
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HORSEPOWER	POLES	MOTORS			COOLED MOTORS		
		2	4	6	2	4	6
	Synchronous Speed (RPM)	3600	1800	1200	3600	1800	1200
1		77.0	85.5	82.5	77.0	85.5	82.5
1.5		84.0	86.5	86.5	84.0	86.5	87.5
2		85.5	86.5	87.5	85.5	86.5	88.5
3		85.5	89.5	88.5	86.5	89.5	89.5
5		86.5	89.5	89.5	88.5	89.5	89.5
7.5		88.5	91.0	90.2	89.5	91.7	91.0
10		89.5	91.7	91.7	90.2	91.7	91.0
15		90.2	93.0	91.7	91.0	92.4	91.7
20		91.0	93.0	92.4	91.0	93.0	91.7
25		91.7	93.6	93.0	91.7	93.6	93.0
30		91.7	94.1	93.6	91.7	93.6	93.0
40		92.4	94.1	94.1	92.4	94.1	94.1
50		93.0	94.5	94.1	93.0	94.5	94.1
60		93.6	95.0	94.5	93.6	95.0	94.5
75		93.6	95.0	94.5	93.6	95.4	94.5
100		93.6	95.4	95.0	94.1	95.4	95.0
125		94.1	95.4	95.0	95.0	95.4	95.0
150		94.1	95.8	95.4	95.0	95.8	95.8
200		95.0	95.8	95.4	95.4	96.2	95.8
250		95.0	95.8	95.4	95.8	96.2	95.8
300		95.4	95.8	95.4	95.8	96.2	95.8
350		95.4	95.8	95.4	95.8	96.2	95.8
400		95.8	95.8	95.8	95.8	96.2	95.8
450		95.8	96.2	96.2	95.8	96.2	95.8
500		95.8	96.2	96.2	95.8	96.2	95.8

a. Nominal efficiencies shall be established in accordance with DOE 10 CFR 431.

**TABLE C405.8(2)**  
**MINIMUM NOMINAL FULL-LOAD EFFICIENCY OF**  
**GENERAL PURPOSE ELECTRIC MOTORS (SUBTYPE II) AND ALL DESIGN B MOTORS**  
**GREATER THAN 200 HORSEPOWER<sup>a</sup>**

MOTOR HORSEPOWER	NUMBER OF POLES	OPEN DRIP-PROOF MOTORS				TOTALLY ENCLOSED FAN-COOLED MOTORS			
		2	4	6		2	4	6	8
	Synchronous Speed (RPM)	3600	1800	1200	900	3600	1800	1200	900
1		NR	82.5	80.0	74.0	75.5	82.5	80.0	74.0
1.5		82.5	84.0	84.0	75.5	82.5	84.0	85.5	77.0
2		84.0	84.0	85.5	85.5	84.0	84.0	86.5	82.5
3		84.0	86.5	86.5	86.5	85.5	87.5	87.5	84.0
5		85.5	87.5	87.5	87.5	87.5	87.5	87.5	84.0
7.5		87.5	88.5	88.5	88.5	88.5	89.5	89.5	85.5
10		88.5	89.5	90.2	89.5	89.5	89.5	89.5	88.5
15		89.5	91.0	90.2	89.5	90.2	91.0	90.2	88.5
20		90.2	91.0	91.0	90.2	90.2	91.0	90.2	89.5
25		91.0	91.7	91.7	90.2	91.0	92.4	91.7	89.5

30		91.0	92.4	92.4	91.0	91.0	92.4	91.7	91.0
40		91.7	93.0	93.0	91.0	91.7	93.0	93.0	91.0
50		92.4	93.0	93.0	91.7	92.4	93.0	93.0	91.7
60		93.0	93.6	93.6	92.4	93.0	93.6	93.6	91.7
75		93.0	94.1	93.6	93.6	93.0	94.1	93.6	93.0
100		93.0	94.1	94.1	93.6	93.6	94.5	94.1	93.0
125		93.6	94.5	94.1	93.6	94.5	94.5	94.1	93.6
150		93.6	95.0	94.5	93.6	94.5	95.0	95.0	93.6
200		94.5	95.0	94.5	93.6	95.0	95.0	95.0	94.1
250		94.5	95.4	95.4	94.5	95.4	95.0	95.0	94.5
300		95.0	95.4	95.4	NR	95.4	95.4	95.0	NR
350		95.0	95.4	95.4	NR	95.4	95.4	95.0	NR
400		95.4	95.4	NR	NR	95.4	95.4	NR	NR
450		95.8	95.8	NR	NR	95.4	95.4	NR	NR
500		95.8	95.8	NR	NR	95.4	95.8	NR	NR

NR = No requirement.

a. Nominal efficiencies shall be established in accordance with DOE 10 CFR 431.

**TABLE C405.8(3)**  
**MINIMUM AVERAGE FULL LOAD EFFICIENCY POLYPHASE SMALL ELECTRIC MOTORS<sup>a</sup>**

MOTOR HORSEPOWER	OPEN MOTORS			
	Number of Poles	2	4	6
	Synchronous Speed (RPM)	3600	1800	1200
0.25		65.6	69.5	67.5
0.33		69.5	73.4	71.4
0.50		73.4	78.2	75.3
0.75		76.8	81.1	81.7
1		77.0	83.5	82.5
1.5		84.0	86.5	83.8
2		85.5	86.5	N/A
3		85.5	86.9	N/A

a. Average full load efficiencies shall be established in accordance with 10 CFR 431.

**TABLE C405.8(4)**  
**MINIMUM AVERAGE FULL LOAD EFFICIENCY FOR  
CAPACITOR-START CAPACITOR-RUN AND CAPACITOR-START INDUCTION-RUN  
SMALL ELECTRIC MOTORS<sup>a</sup>**

MOTOR HORSEPOWER	OPEN MOTORS			
	Number of Poles	2	4	6
	Synchronous Speed (RPM)	3600	1800	1200
0.25		66.6	68.5	62.2
0.33		70.5	72.4	66.6
0.50		72.4	76.2	76.2
0.75		76.2	81.8	80.2
1		80.4	82.6	81.1
1.5		81.5	83.8	N/A

2		82.9	84.5	N/A
3		84.1	N/A	N/A

- a. Average full load efficiencies shall be established in accordance with 10 CFR 431

### **C405.9 Vertical and horizontal transportation systems and equipment.**

Vertical and horizontal transportation systems and equipment shall comply with this section.

#### **C405.9.1 Elevator cabs.**

For the luminaires in each elevator cab, not including signals and displays, the sum of the lumens divided by the sum of the watts shall be not less than 35 lumens per watt. Ventilation fans in elevators that do not have their own air-conditioning system shall not consume more than 0.33 watts/cfm at the maximum rated speed of the fan. Controls shall be provided that will de-energize ventilation fans and lighting systems when the elevator is stopped, unoccupied and with its doors closed for over 15 minutes.

#### **C405.9.2 Escalators and moving walks.**

Escalators and moving walks shall comply with ASME A17.1/CSA B44 and shall have automatic controls configured to reduce speed to the minimum permitted speed in accordance with ASME A17.1/CSA B44 or applicable local code when not conveying passengers.

##### **C405.9.2.1 Regenerative drive.**

An escalator designed either for one-way down operation only or for reversible operation shall have a variable frequency regenerative drive that supplies electrical energy to the building electrical system when the escalator is loaded with passengers whose combined weight exceeds 750 pounds (340 kg).

## **SECTION C406 ADDITIONAL EFFICIENCY PACKAGE OPTIONS**

### **C406.1 Requirements.**

Buildings shall comply with at least one of the following:

1. More efficient HVAC performance in accordance with Section C406.2.
2. Reduced lighting power density system in accordance with Section C406.3.
3. Enhanced lighting controls in accordance with Section C406.4.
4. On-site supply of renewable energy in accordance with Section C406.5.
5. Provision of a dedicated outdoor air system for certain HVAC equipment in accordance with Section C406.6.
6. High-efficiency service water heating in accordance with Section C406.7.

#### **C406.1.1 Tenant spaces.**

Tenant spaces shall comply with Section C406.2, C406.3, C406.4, C406.6 or C406.7.



Alternatively, tenant spaces shall comply with Section C406.5 where the entire building is in compliance.

**C406.2 More efficient HVAC equipment performance.**

Equipment shall exceed the minimum efficiency requirements listed in Tables C403.2.3(1) through C403.2.3(7) by 10 percent, in addition to the requirements of Section C403. Where multiple performance requirements are provided, the equipment shall exceed all requirements by 10 percent. *Variable refrigerant flow systems* shall exceed the energy efficiency provisions of ANSI/ASHRAE/IES 90.1 by 10 percent. Equipment not listed in Tables C403.2.3(1) through C403.2.3(7) shall be limited to 10 percent of the total building system capacity.

Exemption: Steam boilers

**C406.3 Reduced lighting power density.**

The total interior lighting power (watts) of the building shall be determined by using 90 percent of the lighting power values specified in Table C405.4.2(1) times the floor area for the building types, or by using 90 percent of the interior lighting power allowance calculated by the Space-by-Space Method in Section C405.4.2.

**C406.4 Enhanced digital lighting controls.**

Interior lighting in the building shall have the following enhanced lighting controls that shall be located, scheduled and operated in accordance with Section C405.2.2.

1. Luminaires shall be capable of continuous dimming.
2. Luminaires shall be capable of being addressed individually. Where individual addressability is not available for the luminaire class type, a controlled group of not more than four luminaires shall be allowed.
3. Not more than eight luminaires shall be controlled together in a *daylight zone*.
4. Fixtures shall be controlled through a digital control system that includes the following function:
  - 4.1. Control reconfiguration based on digital addressability.
  - 4.2. Load shedding.
  - 4.3. Individual user control of overhead general illumination in open offices.
  - 4.4. Occupancy sensors shall be capable of being reconfigured through the digital control system.
5. Construction documents shall include submittal of a Sequence of Operations, including a specification outlining each of the functions in Item 4 of this section.
6. Functional testing of lighting controls shall comply with Section C408.

**C406.5 On-site renewable energy.**

Total minimum ratings of on-site renewable energy systems shall comply with one of the following:

1. Provide not less than 0.50 watts per square foot ( $5.4 \text{ W/m}^2$ ) of conditioned floor area.
2. Provide not less than 3 percent of the energy used within the building for building mechanical and service water heating equipment and lighting regulated in Chapter 4.

**C406.6 Dedicated outdoor air system.**

Buildings covered by Section C403.4 shall be equipped with an independent ventilation system designed to provide not less than the minimum 100-percent outdoor air to each individual occupied space, as specified by the *International Mechanical Code*. The ventilation system shall be capable of recovering both sensible and latent ~~total energy recovery. The HVAC system shall include supply-air temperature controls that automatically reset the supply-air temperature in response to representative building loads, or to outdoor air temperatures. The controls shall reset the supply-air temperature at least 25 percent of the difference between the design supply-air temperature and the design room-air temperature.~~

**C406.7 Reduced energy use in service water heating.**

Buildings shall be of the following types to use this compliance method:

1. Group R-1: Boarding houses, hotels or motels.
2. Group I-2: Hospitals, psychiatric hospitals and nursing homes.
3. Group A-2: Restaurants and banquet halls or buildings containing food preparation areas.
4. Group F: Laundries.
5. Group R-2: Buildings with residential occupancies.
6. Group A-3: Health clubs and spas.
7. Buildings showing a service hot water load of 10 percent or more of total building energy loads, as shown with an energy analysis as described in Section C407.

**C406.7.1 Load fraction.**

The building service water-heating system shall have one or more of the following that are sized to provide not less than 60 percent of hot water requirements ~~, or sized to provide 100-percent of hot water requirements if the building shall otherwise comply with Section C403.4.7:~~

1. Waste heat recovery from service hot water, heat-recovery chillers, building equipment, process equipment, or a combined heat and power system.
2. Solar water-heating systems.
3. Instantaneous fuel-fired water heating systems for all fuel-fired water heating

systems.

4. Electric heat pump water heating systems.

5. Water heating provided by geothermal heat pumps.

## **SECTION C407 TOTAL BUILDING PERFORMANCE**

### **C407.1 Scope.**

This section establishes criteria for compliance using total building performance. The following systems and loads shall be included in determining the total building performance: heating systems, cooling systems, service water heating, fan systems, lighting power, receptacle loads and process loads.

### **C407.2 Mandatory requirements.**

Compliance with this section requires that the criteria of Sections C402.5, C403.2, C404 and C405 be met.

### **C407.3 Performance-based compliance.**

Compliance based on total building performance requires that a proposed building (*proposed design*) be shown to have an annual energy cost that is less than or equal to the annual energy cost of the *standard reference design*. Energy prices shall be taken from a source *approved* by the *code official*, such as the Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration's *State Energy Price and Expenditure Report*. *Code officials* shall be permitted to require time-of-use pricing in energy cost calculations. Nondepletable energy collected off site shall be treated and priced the same as purchased energy. Energy from nondepletable energy sources collected on site shall be omitted from the annual energy cost of the *proposed design*.

**Exception:** Jurisdictions that require site energy (1 kWh = 3413 Btu) rather than energy cost as the metric of comparison.

### **C407.4 Documentation.**

Documentation verifying that the methods and accuracy of compliance software tools conform to the provisions of this section shall be provided to the *code official*.

#### **C407.4.1 Compliance report.**

Permit submittals shall include a report documenting that the proposed design has annual energy costs less than or equal to the annual energy costs of the *standard reference design*. The compliance documentation shall include the following information:

1. Address of the building.
2. An inspection checklist documenting the building component characteristics of the *proposed design* as specified in Table C407.5.1(1). The inspection checklist shall show the estimated annual energy cost for both the *standard reference design* and the *proposed design*.
3. Name of individual completing the compliance report.

4. Name and version of the compliance software tool.

#### **C407.4.2 Additional documentation.**

The *code official* shall be permitted to require the following documents:

1. Documentation of the building component characteristics of the *standard reference design*.
2. Thermal zoning diagrams consisting of floor plans showing the thermal zoning scheme for *standard reference design* and *proposed design*.
3. Input and output reports from the energy analysis simulation program containing the complete input and output files, as applicable. The output file shall include energy use totals and energy use by energy source and end-use served, total hours that space conditioning loads are not met and any errors or warning messages generated by the simulation tool as applicable.
4. An explanation of any error or warning messages appearing in the simulation tool output.
5. A certification signed by the builder providing the building component characteristics of the *proposed design* as given in Table C407.5.1(1).

#### **C407.5 Calculation procedure.**

Except as specified by this section, the *standard reference design* and *proposed design* shall be configured and analyzed using identical methods and techniques.

##### **C407.5.1 Building specifications.**

The *standard reference design* and *proposed design* shall be configured and analyzed as specified by Table C407.5.1(1). Table C407.5.1(1) shall include by reference all notes contained in Table C402.1.4.

**TABLE C407.5.1(1)**  
**SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE STANDARD REFERENCE AND PROPOSED DESIGNS**

<b>BUILDING COMPONENT CHARACTERISTICS</b>	<b>STANDARD REFERENCE DESIGN</b>	<b>PROPOSED DESIGN</b>
Space use classification	Same as proposed	The space use classification shall be chosen in accordance with Table C405.5.2 for all areas of the building covered by this permit. Where the space use classification for a building is not known, the building shall be categorized as an office building.
Roofs	Type: Insulation entirely above deck	As proposed
	Gross area: same as proposed	As proposed
	U-factor: as specified in Table C402.1.4	As proposed
	Solar absorptance: 0.75	As proposed
	Emittance: 0.90	As proposed

Walls, above-grade	Type: Mass wall where proposed wall is mass; otherwise steel-framed wall	As proposed
	Gross area: same as proposed	As proposed
	<i>U</i> -factor: as specified in Table C402.1.4	As proposed
	Solar absorptance: 0.75	As proposed
	Emittance: 0.90	As proposed
Walls, below-grade	Type: Mass wall	As proposed
	Gross area: same as proposed	As proposed
	<i>U</i> -Factor: as specified in Table C402.1.4 with insulation layer on interior side of walls	As proposed
Floors, above-grade	Type: joist/framed floor	As proposed
	Gross area: same as proposed	As proposed
	<i>U</i> -factor: as specified in Table C402.1.4	As proposed
Floors, slab-on-grade	Type: Unheated	As proposed
	<i>F</i> -factor: as specified in Table C402.1.4	As proposed
Opaque doors	Type: Swinging	As proposed
	Area: Same as proposed	As proposed
	<i>U</i> -factor: as specified in Table C402.1.4	As proposed
Vertical fenestration other than opaque doors	Area 1. The proposed glazing area; where the proposed glazing area is less than 40 percent of above-grade wall area. 2. 40 percent of above-grade wall area; where the proposed glazing area is 40 percent or more of the above-grade wall area.	As proposed
	<i>U</i> -factor: as specified in Table C402.4	As proposed
	SHGC: as specified in Table C402.4 except that for climates with no requirement (NR) SHGC = 0.40 shall be used	As proposed
	External shading and PF: None	As proposed
Skylights	Area 1. The proposed skylight area; where the proposed skylight area is less than 3 percent of gross area of roof assembly. 2. 3 percent of gross area of roof assembly; where the proposed skylight area is 3 percent or more of gross area of roof assembly	As proposed
	<i>U</i> -factor: as specified in Table C402.4	As proposed
	SHGC: as specified in Table C402.4 except that for climates with no requirement (NR) SHGC = 0.40 shall be used.	As proposed
Lighting, interior	The interior lighting power shall be determined in accordance with Section C405.4.2. Where the occupancy of the building is not known, the lighting power density shall be 1.0 Watt per square foot <sup>2</sup> (10.7 W/ m <sup>2</sup> ) based on the categorization of buildings with unknown	As proposed

	space classification as offices.	
Lighting, exterior	The lighting power shall be determined in accordance with Table C405.5.2(2). Areas and dimensions of tradable and nontradable surfaces shall be the same as proposed.	As proposed

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**TABLE C407.5.1(1)—continued**  
**SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE STANDARD REFERENCE AND PROPOSED DESIGNS**

<b>BUILDING COMPONENT CHARACTERISTICS</b>	<b>STANDARD REFERENCE DESIGN</b>	<b>PROPOSED DESIGN</b>
Internal gains	Same as proposed	Receptacle, motor and process loads shall be modeled and estimated based on the space use classification. All end-use load components within and associated with the building shall be modeled to include, but not be limited to, the following: exhaust fans, parking garage ventilation fans, exterior building lighting, swimming pool heaters and pumps, elevators, escalators, refrigeration equipment and cooking equipment.
Schedules	Same as proposed	Operating schedules shall include hourly profiles for daily operation and shall account for variations between weekdays, weekends, holidays and any seasonal operation. Schedules shall model the time-dependent variations in occupancy, illumination, receptacle loads, thermostat settings, mechanical ventilation, HVAC equipment availability, service hot water usage and any process loads. The schedules shall be typical of the proposed building type as determined by the designer and approved by the jurisdiction.
Mechanical ventilation	Same as proposed	As proposed, in accordance with Section C403.2.6.
Heating systems	Fuel type: same as proposed design	As proposed
	Equipment type <sup>a</sup> : as specified in Tables C407.5.1(2) and C407.5.1(3)	As proposed
	Efficiency: as specified in Tables C403.2.3(4) and C403.2.3(5)	As proposed
	Capacity <sup>b</sup> : sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design	As proposed

	based on sizing runs, and shall be established such that no smaller number of unmet heating load hours and no larger heating capacity safety factors are provided than in the proposed design.	
Cooling systems	Fuel type: same as proposed design	As proposed
	Equipment type <sup>c</sup> : as specified in Tables C407.5.1(2) and C407.5.1(3)	As proposed
	Efficiency: as specified in Tables C403.2.3(1), C403.2.3(2) and C403.2.3(3)	As proposed
	Capacity <sup>b</sup> : sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs, and shall be established such that no smaller number of unmet cooling load hours and no larger cooling capacity safety factors are provided than in the proposed design.	As proposed
	Economizer <sup>d</sup> : same as proposed, in accordance with Section C403.3.	As proposed
Service water heating <sup>e</sup>	Fuel type: same as proposed	As proposed
	Efficiency: as specified in Table C404.2	For Group R, as proposed multiplied by SWHF. For other than Group R, as proposed multiplied by efficiency as provided by the manufacturer of the DWHR unit.
	Capacity: same as proposed	As proposed
	Where no service water hot water system exists or is specified in the proposed design, no service hot water heating shall be modeled.	

SWHF = Service water heat recovery factor, DWHR = Drain water heat recovery.

- Where no heating system exists or has been specified, the heating system shall be modeled as fossil fuel. The system characteristics shall be identical in both the standard reference design and proposed design.
- The ratio between the capacities used in the annual simulations and the capacities determined by sizing runs shall be the same for both the standard reference design and proposed design.
- Where no cooling system exists or no cooling system has been specified, the cooling system shall be modeled as an air-cooled single-zone system, one unit per thermal zone. The system characteristics shall be identical in both the standard reference design and proposed design.
- If an economizer is required in accordance with Table C403.3 and where no economizer exists or is specified in the proposed design, then a supply-air economizer shall be provided in the standard reference design in accordance with Section C403.3.
- The SWHF shall be applied as follows:
  - Where potable water from the DWHR unit supplies not less than one shower and not greater than two showers, of which the drain water from the same showers flows through the DWHR unit then  $SWHF = [1 - (DWHR \text{ unit efficiency} \cdot 0.36)]$ .
  - Where potable water from the DWHR unit supplies not less than three showers and not greater than four showers, of which the drain water from the same showers flows through the DWHR unit then  $SWHF = [1 - (DWHR \text{ unit efficiency} \cdot 0.33)]$ .
  - Where potable water from the DWHR unit supplies not less than five showers and not greater than six showers, of which the drain water from the same showers flows through the DWHR unit, then  $SWHF = [1 - (DWHR \text{ unit efficiency} \cdot 0.26)]$ .
  - Where Items 1 through 3 are not met,  $SWHF = 1.0$ .

**TABLE C407.5.1(2)  
HVAC SYSTEMS MAP**

CONDENSER COOLING SOURCE <sup>a</sup>	HEATING SYSTEM CLASSIFICATION <sup>b</sup>	STANDARD REFERENCE DESIGN HVC SYSTEM TYPE <sup>c</sup>		
		Single-zone Residential System	Single-zone Nonresidential System	All Other
Water/ground	Electric resistance	System 5	System 5	System 1
	Heat pump	System 6	System 6	System 6
	Fossil fuel	System 7	System 7	System 2
Air/none	Electric resistance	System 8	System 9	System 3
	Heat pump	System 8	System 9	System 3
	Fossil fuel	System 10	System 11	System 4

- Select "water/ground" where the proposed design system condenser is water or evaporatively cooled; select "air/none" where the condenser is air cooled. Closed-circuit dry coolers shall be considered air cooled. Systems utilizing district cooling shall be treated as if the condenser water type were "water." Where no mechanical cooling is specified or the mechanical cooling system in the proposed design does not require heat rejection, the system shall be treated as if the condenser water type were "Air." For proposed designs with ground-source or groundwater-source heat pumps, the standard reference design HVAC system shall be water-source heat pump (System 6).
- Select the path that corresponds to the proposed design heat source: electric resistance, heat pump (including air source and water source), or fuel fired. Systems utilizing district heating (steam or hot water) and systems with no heating capability shall be treated as if the heating system type were "fossil fuel." For systems with mixed fuel heating sources, the system or systems that use the secondary heating source type (the one with the smallest total installed output capacity for the spaces served by the system) shall be modeled identically in the *standard* reference design and the primary heating source type shall be used to determine *standard* reference design HVAC system type.
- Select the standard reference design HVAC system category: The system under "single-zone residential system" shall be selected where the HVAC system in the proposed design is a single-zone system and serves a residential space. The system under "single-zone nonresidential system" shall be selected where the HVAC system in the proposed design is a single-zone system and serves other than residential spaces. The system under "all other" shall be selected for all other cases.

**TABLE C407.5.1(3)  
SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE STANDARD REFERENCE DESIGN HVAC SYSTEM DESCRIPTIONS**

SYSTEM NO.	SYSTEM TYPE	FAN CONTROL	COOLING TYPE	HEATING TYPE
1	Variable air volume with parallel fan-powered boxes <sup>a</sup>	VAV <sup>d</sup>	Chilled water <sup>e</sup>	Electric resistance
2	Variable air volume with reheat <sup>b</sup>	VAV <sup>d</sup>	Chilled water <sup>e</sup>	Hot water fossil fuel boiler <sup>f</sup>
3	Packaged variable air volume with parallel fan powered boxes <sup>a</sup>	VAV <sup>d</sup>	Direct expansion <sup>c</sup>	Electric resistance
4	Packaged variable air volume with reheat <sup>b</sup>	VAV <sup>d</sup>	Direct expansion <sup>c</sup>	Hot water fossil fuel boiler <sup>f</sup>
5	Two-pipe fan coil	Constant volume <sup>i</sup>	Chilled water <sup>e</sup>	Electric resistance



6	Water-source heat pump	Constant volume <sup>i</sup>	Direct expansion <sup>c</sup>	Electric heat pump and boiler <sup>g</sup>
7	Four-pipe fan coil	Constant volume <sup>i</sup>	Chilled water <sup>e</sup>	Hot water fossil fuel boiler <sup>f</sup>
8	Packaged terminal heat pump	Constant volume <sup>i</sup>	Direct expansion <sup>c</sup>	Electric heat pump <sup>h</sup>
9	Packaged rooftop heat pump	Constant volume <sup>i</sup>	Direct expansion <sup>c</sup>	Electric heat pump <sup>h</sup>
10	Packaged terminal air conditioner	Constant volume <sup>i</sup>	Direct expansion	Hot water fossil fuel boiler <sup>f</sup>
11	Packaged rooftop air conditioner	Constant volume <sup>i</sup>	Direct expansion	Fossil fuel furnace <sup>e</sup>

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> = 0.4719 L/s, 1 Btu/h = 0.293/W, °C = [(°F) -32/1.8].

- a. **VAV with parallel boxes:** Fans in parallel VAV fan-powered boxes shall be sized for 50 percent of the peak design flow rate and shall be modeled with 0.35 W/cfm fan power. Minimum volume setpoints for fan-powered boxes shall be equal to the minimum rate for the space required for ventilation consistent with Section C403.4.4, Exception 4. Supply air temperature setpoint shall be constant at the design condition.
- b. **VAV with reheat:** Minimum volume setpoints for VAV reheat boxes shall be 0.4 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> of floor area. Supply air temperature shall be reset based on zone demand from the design temperature difference to a 10°F temperature difference under minimum load conditions. Design airflow rates shall be sized for the reset supply air temperature, i.e., a 10°F temperature difference.
- c. **Direct expansion:** The fuel type for the cooling system shall match that of the cooling system in the proposed design.
- d. **VAV:** Where the proposed design system has a supply, return or relief fan motor 25 hp or larger, the corresponding fan in the VAV system of the standard reference design shall be modeled assuming a variable-speed drive. For smaller fans, a forward-curved centrifugal fan with inlet vanes shall be modeled. Where the proposed design's system has a direct digital control system at the zone level, static pressure setpoint reset based on zone requirements in accordance with Section C403.4.1 shall be modeled.
- e. **Chilled water:** For systems using purchased chilled water, the chillers are not explicitly modeled and chilled water costs shall be based as determined in Sections C407.3 and C407.5.2. Otherwise, the standard reference design's chiller plant shall be modeled with chillers having the number as indicated in Table C407.5.1(4) as a function of standard reference building chiller plant load and type as indicated in Table C407.5.1(5) as a function of individual chiller load. Where chiller fuel source is mixed, the system in the standard reference design shall have chillers with the same fuel types and with capacities having the same proportional capacity as the proposed design's chillers for each fuel type. Chilled water supply temperature shall be modeled at 44°F design supply temperature and 56°F return temperature. Piping losses shall not be modeled in either building model. Chilled water supply water temperature shall be reset in accordance with Section C403.4.3.3. Pump system power for each pumping system shall be the same as the proposed design; where the proposed design has no chilled water pumps, the standard reference design pump power shall be 22 W/gpm (equal to a pump operating against a 75-foot head, 65-percent combined impeller and motor efficiency). The chilled water system shall be modeled as primary-only variable flow with flow maintained at the design rate through each chiller using a bypass. Chilled water pumps shall be modeled as riding the pump curve or with variable-speed drives when required in Section C403.4.3.3. The heat rejection device shall be an axial fan cooling tower with two-speed fans where required in Section C403.4.3. Condenser water design supply temperature shall be 85°F or 10°F approach to design wet-bulb temperature, whichever is lower, with a design temperature rise of 10°F. The tower shall be controlled to maintain a 70°F leaving water temperature where weather permits, floating up to leaving water temperature at design conditions. Pump system power for each pumping system shall be the same as the proposed design; where the proposed design has no condenser water pumps, the standard reference design pump power shall be 19 W/gpm (equal to a pump operating against a 60-foot head, 60-percent combined impeller and motor efficiency). Each chiller shall be modeled with separate condenser water and chilled water pumps interlocked to operate with the associated chiller.
- f. **Fossil fuel boiler:** For systems using purchased hot water or steam, the boilers are not explicitly modeled and hot water or steam costs shall be based on actual utility rates. Otherwise, the boiler plant shall use the same fuel

as the proposed design and shall be natural draft. The standard reference design boiler plant shall be modeled with a single boiler where the standard reference design plant load is 600,000 Btu/h and less and with two equally sized boilers for plant capacities exceeding 600,000 Btu/h. Boilers shall be staged as required by the load. Hot water supply temperature shall be modeled at 180°F design supply temperature and 130°F return temperature. Piping losses shall not be modeled in either building model. Hot water supply water temperature shall be reset in accordance with Section C403.4.3.3. Pump system power for each pumping system shall be the same as the proposed design; where the proposed design has no hot water pumps, the standard reference design pump power shall be 19 W/gpm (equal to a pump operating against a 60-foot head, 60-percent combined impeller and motor efficiency). The hot water system shall be modeled as primary only with continuous variable flow. Hot water pumps shall be modeled as riding the pump curve or with variable speed drives when required by Section C403.4.3.3.

- g. **Electric heat pump and boiler:** Water-source heat pumps shall be connected to a common heat pump water loop controlled to maintain temperatures between 60°F and 90°F. Heat rejection from the loop shall be provided by an axial fan closed-circuit evaporative fluid cooler with two-speed fans where required in Section C403.4.1. Heat addition to the loop shall be provided by a boiler that uses the same fuel as the proposed design and shall be natural draft. Where no boilers exist in the proposed design, the standard reference building boilers shall be fossil fuel. The standard reference design boiler plant shall be modeled with a single boiler where the standard reference design plant load is 600,000 Btu/h or less and with two equally sized boilers for plant capacities exceeding 600,000 Btu/h. Boilers shall be staged as required by the load. Piping losses shall not be modeled in either building model. Pump system power shall be the same as the proposed design; where the proposed design has no pumps, the standard reference design pump power shall be 22 W/gpm, which is equal to a pump operating against a 75-foot head, with a 65-percent combined impeller and motor efficiency. Loop flow shall be variable with flow shutoff at each heat pump when its compressor cycles off as required by Section C403.4.3.3. Loop pumps shall be modeled as riding the pump curve or with variable speed drives when required by Section C403.4.3.3.
- h. **Electric heat pump:** Electric air-source heat pumps shall be modeled with electric auxiliary heat. The system shall be controlled with a multistage space thermostat and an outdoor air thermostat wired to energize auxiliary heat only on the last thermostat stage and when outdoor air temperature is less than 40°F.
- i. **Constant volume:** Fans shall be controlled in the same manner as in the proposed design; i.e., fan operation whenever the space is occupied or fan operation cycled on calls for heating and cooling. Where the fan is modeled as cycling and the fan energy is included in the energy efficiency rating of the equipment, fan energy shall not be modeled explicitly.

**TABLE C407.5.1(4)  
NUMBER OF CHILLERS**

TOTAL CHILLER PLANT CAPACITY	NUMBER OF CHILLERS
≤ 300 tons	1
> 300 tons, < 600 tons	2, sized equally
≥ 600 tons	2 minimum, with chillers added so that no chiller is larger than 800 tons, all sized equally

For SI: 1 ton = 3517 W.

**TABLE C407.5.1(5)  
WATER CHILLER TYPES**

INDIVIDUAL CHILLER PLANT CAPACITY	ELECTRIC CHILLER TYPE	FOSSIL FUEL CHILLER TYPE
≤ 100 tons	Reciprocating	Single-effect absorption, direct fired
> 100 tons, < 300 tons	Screw	Double-effect absorption, direct fired
≥ 300 tons	Centrifugal	Double-effect absorption, direct fired

For SI: 1 ton = 3517 W.

#### **C407.5.2 Thermal blocks.**

The *standard reference design* and *proposed design* shall be analyzed using identical thermal blocks as specified in Section C407.5.2.1, C407.5.2.2 or C407.5.2.3.

##### **C407.5.2.1 HVAC zones designed.**

Where HVAC *zones* are defined on HVAC design drawings, each HVAC *zone* shall be modeled as a separate thermal block.

**Exception:** Different HVAC *zones* shall be allowed to be combined to create a single thermal block or identical thermal blocks to which multipliers are applied provided:

1. The space use classification is the same throughout the thermal block.
2. All HVAC *zones* in the thermal block that are adjacent to glazed exterior walls face the same orientation or their orientations are within 45 degrees (0.79 rad) of each other.
3. All of the *zones* are served by the same HVAC system or by the same kind of HVAC system.

##### **C407.5.2.2 HVAC zones not designed.**

Where HVAC *zones* have not yet been designed, thermal blocks shall be defined based on similar internal load densities, occupancy, lighting, thermal and temperature schedules, and in combination with the following guidelines:

1. Separate thermal blocks shall be assumed for interior and perimeter spaces. Interior spaces shall be those located more than 15 feet (4572 mm) from an exterior wall. Perimeter spaces shall be those located closer than 15 feet (4572 mm) from an *exterior wall*.
2. Separate thermal blocks shall be assumed for spaces adjacent to glazed exterior walls: a separate *zone* shall be provided for each orientation, except orientations that differ by not more than 45 degrees (0.79 rad) shall be permitted to be considered to be the same orientation. Each *zone* shall include floor area that is 15 feet (4572 mm) or less from a glazed perimeter wall, except that floor area within 15 feet (4572 mm) of glazed perimeter walls having more than one orientation shall be divided proportionately between *zones*.
3. Separate thermal blocks shall be assumed for spaces having floors that are in contact with the ground or exposed to ambient conditions from *zones* that do not share these features.
4. Separate thermal blocks shall be assumed for spaces having exterior ceiling or roof assemblies from *zones* that do not share these features.

##### **C407.5.2.3 Multifamily residential buildings.**

Residential spaces shall be modeled using one thermal block per space except that those facing the same orientations are permitted to be combined into one thermal block.

Corner units and units with roof or floor loads shall only be combined with units sharing these features.

#### **C407.6 Calculation software tools.**

Calculation procedures used to comply with this section shall be software tools capable of calculating the annual energy consumption of all building elements that differ between the *standard reference design* and the *proposed design* and shall include the following capabilities.

1. Building operation for a full calendar year (8,760 hours).
2. Climate data for a full calendar year (8,760 hours) and shall reflect *approved* coincident hourly data for temperature, solar radiation, humidity and wind speed for the building location.
3. Ten or more thermal zones.
4. Thermal mass effects.
5. Hourly variations in occupancy, illumination, receptacle loads, thermostat settings, mechanical ventilation, HVAC equipment availability, service hot water usage and any process loads.
6. Part-load performance curves for mechanical equipment.
7. Capacity and efficiency correction curves for mechanical heating and cooling equipment.
8. Printed *code official* inspection checklist listing each of the *proposed design* component characteristics from Table C407.5.1(1) determined by the analysis to provide compliance, along with their respective performance ratings including, but not limited to, R-value, U-factor, SHGC, HSPF, AFUE, SEER, EF.

##### **C407.6.1 Specific approval.**

Performance analysis tools complying with the applicable subsections of Section C407 and tested according to ASHRAE Standard 140 shall be permitted to be *approved*. Tools are permitted to be *approved* based on meeting a specified threshold for a jurisdiction. The *code official* shall be permitted to approve tools for a specified application or limited scope.

##### **C407.6.2 Input values.**

Where calculations require input values not specified by Sections C402, C403, C404 and C405, those input values shall be taken from an *approved* source.

##### **C407.6.3 Exceptional calculation methods.**

Where the simulation program does not model a design, material or device of the *proposed design*, an exceptional calculation method shall be used where approved by the *code official*. Where there are multiple designs, materials or devices that the simulation program does not model, each shall be calculated separately and exceptional savings determined for each. The total exceptional savings shall not constitute more than half of the difference between the baseline building performance and the proposed building performance. Applications for approval of an exceptional method shall include all of the following:

1. Step-by-step documentation of the exceptional calculation method performed, detailed enough to reproduce the results.
2. Copies of all spreadsheets used to perform the calculations.
3. A sensitivity analysis of energy consumption where each of the input parameters is varied from half to double the value assumed.
4. The calculations shall be performed on a time step basis consistent with the simulation program used.
5. The performance rating calculated with and without the exceptional calculation method.

## SECTION C408 SYSTEM COMMISSIONING

### C408.1 General.

This section covers the commissioning of the building mechanical systems in Section C403, service water heating systems in Section C404, and electrical power and lighting systems in Section C405. Buildings less than or equal to 10,000 square feet of conditioned floor area are exempt from commissioning requirements. Prior to the issuance of Certificate of Occupancy, a registered design professional shall provide a statement of system commissioning to the code official and facility owner in accordance with the provisions of this section (See Appendix 1). Items identified as deferred tests, including tests that cannot be performed because of climatic conditions, or other noted deficiencies associated with commissioning in Appendix 1 shall not prevent a CO from being issued.

**Exception:** The mechanical, electrical or plumbing contractor will be allowed to prepare the statement of system commissioning when a building permit is issued for a project without the seal of a licensed design professional as allowed by an exemption under North Carolina State Building Administrative Code and Policies: Section 204.3.5.

### C408.2 Mechanical systems and service water-heating systems commissioning and completion requirements.

~~Prior to the final mechanical and plumbing inspections, the registered design professional or approved agency shall provide evidence of mechanical systems commissioning and completion in accordance with the provisions of this section.~~

Construction document notes shall clearly indicate provisions for *commissioning* and completion requirements in accordance with this section and are permitted to refer to specifications for further requirements. Copies of all documentation shall be given to the owner or owner's authorized agent ~~and made available to the code official upon request~~ in accordance with Sections ~~C408.2.4 and~~ C408.2.5.

**Exceptions:** The following systems are exempt:

1. ~~Deleted. Mechanical systems and service water heater systems in buildings where the total mechanical equipment capacity is less than 480,000 Btu/h (140.7 kW) cooling capacity and 600,000 Btu/h (175.8 kW) combined service water heating and space heating capacity.~~
2. Systems included in Section C403.3 that serve individual *dwelling units* and *sleeping units*.

#### **C408.2.1 Commissioning plan.**

A *commissioning plan* shall be developed by a ~~registered~~ North Carolina licensed design professional ~~or approved agency~~ and shall include the following items:

1. A narrative description of the activities that will be accomplished during each phase of *commissioning*, including the personnel intended to accomplish each of the activities.
2. A listing of the specific equipment, appliances or systems to be tested and a description of the tests to be performed.
3. Functions to be tested including, but not limited to, calibrations and economizer controls.
4. Conditions under which the test will be performed. Testing shall affirm winter and summer design conditions and full outside air conditions.
5. Measurable criteria for performance.

#### **C408.2.2 Systems adjusting and balancing.**

HVAC systems shall be balanced in accordance with generally accepted engineering standards. Air and water flow rates shall be measured and adjusted to deliver final flow rates within the tolerances provided in the product specifications. Test and balance activities shall include air system and hydronic system balancing.

##### **C408.2.2.1 Air systems balancing.**

Each supply air outlet and *zone* terminal device shall be equipped with means for air balancing in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 6 of the *International Mechanical Code*. Discharge dampers used for air-system balancing are prohibited on constant-volume fans and variable-volume fans with motors 10 hp (18.6 kW) and larger. Air systems shall be balanced in a manner to first minimize throttling losses then, for fans with system power of greater than 1 hp (0.746 kW), fan speed shall be adjusted to meet design flow conditions.

**Exception:** Fans with fan motors of 1 hp (0.74 kW) or less are not required to be provided with a means for air balancing.

##### **C408.2.2.2 Hydronic systems balancing.**

Individual hydronic heating and cooling coils shall be equipped with means for balancing and measuring flow. Hydronic systems shall be proportionately balanced in a manner to first minimize throttling losses, then the pump impeller shall be trimmed or pump speed shall be adjusted to meet design flow conditions. Each hydronic system shall have either

the capability to measure pressure across the pump, or test ports at each side of each pump.

**Exceptions:** The following equipment is not required to be equipped with a means for balancing or measuring flow:

1. Pumps with pump motors of 5 hp (3.7 kW) or less.
2. Where throttling results in no greater than 5 percent of the nameplate horsepower draw above that required if the impeller were trimmed.

#### **C408.2.3 Functional performance testing.**

Functional performance testing specified in Sections C408.2.3.1 through C408.2.3.3 shall be conducted.

##### **C408.2.3.1 Equipment.**

Equipment functional performance testing shall demonstrate the installation and operation of components, systems, and system-to-system interfacing relationships in accordance with approved plans and specifications such that operation, function, and maintenance serviceability for each of the commissioned systems is confirmed. Testing shall include all modes and *sequence of operation*, including ~~under full-load, part-load and the following emergency~~ the following conditions:

1. All modes as described in the *sequence of operation*.
2. Redundant or *automatic* back-up mode.
3. Performance of alarms.
4. Mode of operation upon a loss of power and restoration of power.

**Exception:** Unitary or packaged HVAC equipment listed in Tables C403.2.3(1) through C403.2.3(3) that do not require supply air economizers.

##### **C408.2.3.2 Controls.**

HVAC and service water-heating control systems shall be tested to document that control devices, components, equipment and systems are calibrated and adjusted and operate in accordance with approved plans and specifications. Sequences of operation shall be functionally tested to document they operate in accordance with *approved* plans and specifications.

##### **C408.2.3.3 Economizers.**

Air economizers shall undergo a functional test to determine that they operate in accordance with construction documents ~~manufacturer's specifications~~.

#### **C408.2.4 Preliminary commissioning report.**

Deleted.

~~A preliminary report of commissioning test procedures and results shall be completed and certified by the registered design professional or approved agency and provided to the building owner or owner's authorized agent. The report shall be organized with mechanical~~

~~and service hot water findings in separate sections to allow independent review. The report shall be identified as "Preliminary Commissioning Report" and shall identify:~~

- ~~1. Itemization of deficiencies found during testing required by this section that have not been corrected at the time of report preparation.~~
- ~~2. Deferred tests that cannot be performed at the time of report preparation because of climatic conditions.~~
- ~~3. Climatic conditions required for performance of the deferred tests.~~

#### **~~C408.2.4.1 Acceptance of report.~~**

~~Buildings, or portions thereof, shall not be considered acceptable for a final inspection pursuant to Section C104.3 until the code official has received a letter of transmittal from the building owner acknowledging that the building owner or owner's authorized agent has received the Preliminary Commissioning Report.~~

#### **~~C408.2.4.2 Copy of report.~~**

~~The code official shall be permitted to require that a copy of the Preliminary Commissioning Report be made available for review by the code official.~~

### **C408.2.5 Documentation requirements.**

The *construction documents* shall specify that the documents described in this section be provided to the building owner or owner's authorized agent ~~within 90 days of the date of receipt of the certificate of occupancy.~~

#### **C408.2.5.1 Drawings.**

~~Deleted. *Construction documents* shall include the location and performance data on each piece of equipment.~~

#### **C408.2.5.2 Manuals.**

An operating and maintenance manual shall be provided and include all of the following:

1. Submittal data stating equipment size and selected options for each piece of equipment requiring maintenance.
2. Manufacturer's operation manuals and maintenance manuals for each piece of equipment requiring maintenance, except equipment not furnished as part of the project. Required routine maintenance actions shall be clearly identified.
3. Name and address of at least one service agency.
4. HVAC and service hot water controls system maintenance and calibration information, including wiring diagrams, schematics and control sequence descriptions. Desired or field-determined set points shall be permanently recorded on control drawings at control devices or, for digital control systems, in system programming instructions.
5. A narrative of how each system is intended to operate, including recommended set points.



#### **C408.2.5.3 System test and balance ~~balancing~~ report.**

A written report describing the activities and measurements completed in accordance with Section C408.2.2.

#### **C408.2.5.4 Final commissioning report.**

~~Deleted. A report of test procedures and results identified as "Final Commissioning Report" shall be delivered to the building owner or owner's authorized agent. The report shall be organized with mechanical system and service hot water system findings in separate sections to allow independent review. The report shall include the following:~~

- ~~1. Results of functional performance tests.~~
- ~~2. Disposition of deficiencies found during testing, including details of corrective measures used or proposed.~~
- ~~3. Functional performance test procedures used during the commissioning process including measurable criteria for test acceptance, provided herein for repeatability.~~

~~**Exception:** Deferred tests that cannot be performed at the time of report preparation due to climatic conditions.~~

#### **C408.3 Lighting system functional testing.**

~~Controls for automatic lighting systems shall comply with this section.~~ Functional performance testing specified in Sections C408.3.1 and C408.3.1.1 through C408.3.1.3 shall be conducted. Manuals shall be provided as per section C408.3.2.

##### **C408.3.1 Functional testing.**

~~Prior to passing final inspection, the a registered design professional shall provide evidence that t~~ The lighting control systems shall be ~~have been~~ tested to ensure that control hardware and software are calibrated, adjusted, programmed and in proper working condition in accordance with the *construction documents* and manufacturer's instructions. Functional testing shall be in accordance with Sections C408.3.1.1 and C408.3.1.2 for the applicable control type.

##### **C408.3.1.1 Occupant sensor controls.**

Where *occupant sensor controls* are provided, the following procedures shall be performed:

1. Certify that the *occupant sensor* has been located and aimed in accordance with manufacturer recommendations.
2. For projects with seven or fewer *occupant sensors*, each sensor shall be tested.
3. For projects with more than seven *occupant sensors*, testing shall be done for each unique combination of sensor type and space geometry. Where multiples of each unique combination of sensor type and space geometry are provided, not less than 10 percent, but in no case less than one, of each combination shall be tested unless the *code official* or design professional requires a higher

percentage to be tested. Where 30 percent or more of the tested controls fail, all remaining identical combinations shall be tested.

For *occupant sensor controls* to be tested, verify the following:

- 3.1. Where *occupant sensor controls* include status indicators, verify correct operation.
- 3.2. The controlled lights turn off or down to the permitted level within the required time.
- 3.3. For auto-on *occupant sensor controls*, the lights turn on to the permitted level when an occupant enters the space.
- 3.4. For manual-on *occupant sensor controls*, the lights turn on only when manually activated.
- 3.5. The lights are not incorrectly turned on by movement in adjacent areas or by HVAC operation.

#### **C408.3.1.2 Time-switch controls.**

Where *time-switch controls* are provided, the following procedures shall be performed:

1. Confirm that the *time-switch control* is programmed with accurate weekday, weekend and holiday schedules.
2. Provide documentation to the owner of *time-switch controls* programming including weekday, weekend, holiday schedules, and set-up and preference program settings.
3. Verify the correct time and date in the time switch.
4. Verify that any battery back-up is installed and energized.
5. Verify that the override time limit is set to not more than 2 hours.
6. Simulate occupied condition. Verify and document the following:
  - 6.1. All lights can be turned on and off by their respective area control switch.
  - 6.2. The switch only operates lighting in the enclosed space in which the switch is located.
7. Simulate unoccupied condition. Verify and document the following:
  - 7.1. Nonexempt lighting turns off.

- 7.2. Manual override switch allows only the lights in the enclosed space where the override switch is located to turn on or remain on until the next scheduled shutoff occurs.

8. Additional testing as specified by the *registered design professional*.

#### **C408.3.1.3 Daylight responsive controls.**

Where *daylight responsive controls* are provided, the following shall be verified:

1. Control devices have been properly located, field calibrated and set for accurate setpoints and threshold light levels.
2. Daylight controlled lighting loads adjust to light level set points in response to available daylight.
3. The locations of calibration adjustment equipment are readily accessible only to authorized personnel.

#### **C408.3.2 Manuals.**

An operating and maintenance manual shall be provided and include all of the following:

1. Submittal data indicating all selected options for each piece of lighting equipment and lighting controls.
2. Operation and maintenance manuals for each piece of lighting equipment. Required routine maintenance actions, cleaning and recommended relamping shall be clearly identified.
3. A schedule for inspecting and recalibrating all lighting controls.
4. A narrative of how each system is intended to operate, including recommended set points.

#### **~~C408.3.2 Documentation requirements.~~**

~~The construction documents shall specify that documents certifying that the installed lighting controls meet documented performance criteria of Section C405 are to be provided to the building owner within 90 days from the date of receipt of the certificate of occupancy.~~

#### **C408.4 Documentation requirements.**

Prior to the issuance of Certificate of Occupancy, a *registered design professional* shall provide a statement of system commissioning to the code official and facility owner in accordance with the provisions of this section (See Appendix 1). Items identified as deferred tests, including tests that cannot be performed because of climatic conditions, or other noted deficiencies associated with commissioning in Appendix 1 shall not prevent a CO from being issued.

**Exception:** The mechanical, electrical or plumbing contractor will be allowed to prepare the statement of system commissioning when a building permit is issued for a project without the seal of a licensed design professional as allowed by an exemption under North Carolina State Building Administrative Code and Policies: Section 204.3.5

# CHAPTER 5 [CE]

## EXISTING BUILDINGS

### SECTION C501 GENERAL

#### C501.1 Scope.

The provisions of this chapter shall control the *alteration, repair, addition* and change of occupancy of existing buildings and structures. When a section is identified to apply, the subsections to that section also apply.

#### **C501.1.1 Additions, alterations, or repairs: General.**

Additions, alterations, or repairs to an existing building, building system or portion thereof shall comply with Section C502, C503 or C504. Unaltered portions of the existing building or building supply system shall not be required to comply with this code.

#### C501.2 Existing buildings.

Except as specified in this chapter, this code shall not be used to require the removal, *alteration* or abandonment of, nor prevent the continued use and maintenance of, an existing building or building system lawfully in existence at the time of adoption of this code.

#### C501.3 Maintenance.

~~Deleted. Buildings and structures, and parts thereof, shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. Devices and systems that are required by this code shall be maintained in conformance to the code edition under which installed. The owner or the owner's authorized agent shall be responsible for the maintenance of buildings and structures. The requirements of this chapter shall not provide the basis for removal or abrogation of energy conservation, fire protection and safety systems and devices in existing structures.~~

#### C501.4 Compliance.

*Alterations, repairs, additions* and changes of occupancy to, or relocation of, existing buildings and structures shall comply with the provisions for *alterations, repairs, additions* and changes of occupancy or relocation, respectively, in the *International Residential Code, International Building Code, International Fire Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Mechanical Code, International Plumbing Code, the NC Existing Building Code, International Property Maintenance Code, International Private Sewage Disposal Code* and NFPA 70.

#### C501.5 New and replacement materials.

Except as otherwise required or permitted by this code, materials permitted by the applicable code for new construction shall be used. Like materials shall be permitted for *repairs*, provided hazards to life, health or property are not created. Hazardous materials shall not be used where the code for new construction would not permit use of these materials in buildings of similar occupancy, purpose and location.

### **C501.6 Historic buildings.**

No provision of this code relating to the construction, *repair, alteration*, restoration and movement of structures, and *change of occupancy* shall be mandatory for *historic buildings*. ~~provided a report has been submitted to the code official and signed by the owner, a registered design professional, or a representative of the State Historic Preservation Office or the historic preservation authority having jurisdiction, demonstrating that compliance with that provision would threaten, degrade or destroy the historic form, fabric or function of the building.~~

## **SECTION C502 ADDITIONS**

### **C502.1 General.**

*Additions* to an existing building, building system or portion thereof shall conform to the provisions of this code as those provisions relate to new construction without requiring the unaltered portion of the existing building or building system to comply with this code. *Additions* shall not create an unsafe or hazardous condition or overload existing building systems. An *addition* shall be deemed to comply with this code if the *addition* alone complies or if the existing building and *addition* comply with this code as a single building. *Additions* shall comply with Section C502.2.

Exception: *Additions* complying with ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1. ~~need not comply with Sections C402, C403, C404 and C405.~~

### **C502.2 Prescriptive compliance.**

*Additions* shall comply with Sections C502.2.1 through ~~C502.2.6.2~~ C502.2.7.

#### **C502.2.1 Vertical fenestration.**

New *vertical fenestration* area that results in a total building *fenestration* area less than or equal to that specified in Section C402.4.1 shall comply with Section C402.4. *Additions* with *vertical fenestration* that result in a total building *fenestration* area greater than Section C402.4.1 or *additions* that exceed the fenestration area greater than Section C402.4.1 ~~shall comply with Section C402.4.1.1 for the addition only. Additions that result in a total building vertical glass area exceeding that specified in Section C402.4.1.1~~ shall comply with Section C407.

#### **C502.2.2 Skylight area.**

New *skylight* area that results in a total building *fenestration* area less than or equal to that specified in Section C402.4.1 shall comply with Section C402.4. *Additions* with *skylight* area that result in a total building *skylight* area greater than C402.4.1 or additions that exceed the *skylight* area shall comply with ~~Section C402.4.1.2 for the addition only. Additions that result in a total building skylight area exceeding that specified in Section C402.4.1.2 shall comply with~~ Section C407.

#### **C502.2.3 Building mechanical systems.**

New mechanical systems and equipment that are part of the *addition* and serve the building heating, cooling and ventilation needs shall comply with Section C403.

#### **C502.2.4 Service water-heating systems.**

New service water-heating equipment, controls and service water heating piping shall comply with Section C404.

**C502.2.5 Pools and inground permanently installed spas.**

New pools and inground permanently installed spas shall comply with Section C404.9.

**C502.2.6 Lighting power and systems.**

New lighting systems that are installed as part of the addition shall comply with Section C405.

**C502.2.6.1 Interior lighting power.**

The total interior lighting power for the *addition* shall comply with Section C405.4.2 for the *addition* alone, or the existing building and the *addition* shall comply as a single building.

**C502.2.6.2 Exterior lighting power.**

The total exterior lighting power for the *addition* shall comply with Section C405.5.1 for the *addition* alone, or the existing building and the *addition* shall comply as a single building.

**C502.2.7 Building envelope.**

New building envelope assemblies that are part of the *addition* shall comply with Sections C402.1 through C402.5.

## SECTION C503 ALTERATIONS

**C503.1 General.**

~~Alterations to any building or structure shall comply with the requirements of the code for new construction. Alterations shall be such that the existing building or structure is no less conforming to the provisions of this code than the existing building or structure was prior to the alteration.~~

Alterations to an existing building, building system or portion thereof shall conform to the provisions of this code as those provisions relate to new construction without requiring the unaltered portions of the existing building or building system to comply with this code. Alterations shall not create an unsafe or hazardous condition or overload existing building systems.

Exception: Alterations complying with ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1. ~~need not comply with Sections C402, C403, C404 and C405.~~

**Exception:** The following alterations to conditioned spaces need not comply with the requirements for new construction, ~~provided the energy use of the building is not increased:~~

1. Storm windows installed over existing *fenestration*.
2. Surface-applied window film installed on existing single-pane *fenestration* assemblies reducing solar heat gain, ~~provided the code does not require the glazing or fenestration to be replaced.~~

3. Existing ceiling, wall or floor cavities exposed during construction, provided that these cavities are filled with insulation. Roof systems requiring air space for ventilation shall retain the ventilation space required.
4. Construction where the existing roof, wall or floor cavity is not exposed.
5. *Roof recover* and roof replacement such that the existing building or structure is no less conforming to the provisions of this code than the existing building or structure was prior to the alteration.
6. *Air barriers* shall not be required for *roof recover* and roof replacement where the *alterations* or renovations to the building do not include *alterations*, renovations or *repairs* to the remainder of the building envelope.
7. *Alterations* that replace less than 50 percent of the luminaires in a space, provided that such *alterations* do not increase the installed interior lighting power.
8. Replacement of existing doors that separate conditioned space from the exterior shall not require the installation of a vestibule or revolving door, provided, however, that an existing vestibule that separates a conditioned space from the exterior shall not be removed.

#### **C503.1.1 Application to replacement fenestration products.**

Where an entire existing fenestration unit is replaced with a new fenestration product, including frame, sash and glazing, the replacement fenestration unit shall meet the applicable requirements for U-factor and SHGC in Table C-402.4.

#### **Exceptions:**

1. An area-weighted average of the U-factor of replacement fenestration products being installed in the building for each fenestration product category listed in Table C402.4 shall be permitted to satisfy the U-factor requirements for each fenestration product category listed in Table C402.4. Individual fenestration products from different product categories listed in Table C402.4 shall not be combined in calculating the area-weighted average U-factor.
2. Alterations that replace less than 50% of entire fenestration units may be replaced with like or better fenestration units to match existing fenestration assemblies.

#### **C503.2 Change in space conditioning.**

~~Any nonconditioned or low-energy space that is altered to become conditioned space shall be required to be brought into full compliance with this code.~~

New work performed shall meet the requirements of this code.

Projects changing unconditioned space to conditioned space and costing more than \$10,000 shall require 10% of the project cost to be used toward meeting the requirements of the North Carolina Energy Conservation Code. Project costs for the purpose of this section is the total



project cost listed on all permits related to the work required to convert the *unconditioned space* to conditioned space and excludes the 10% added from this section. Under this section, existing building envelope elements that become a part of the building thermal envelope and are not changed are not required to be upgraded. The additional 10% of the project cost shall be appropriated for additional energy conservation features of choice that are addressed in the North Carolina Energy Conservation Code. In addition to the 10% project cost, any existing wall, ceiling, or floor cavities that are exposed during construction shall at a minimum be insulated to comply with the North Carolina Energy Conservation Code or be insulated to fill the cavity, whichever is less. Roof systems requiring air space for ventilation shall retain the ventilation space required. Projects costing less than \$10,000 are not subject to the 10% project cost addition provision.

### **C503.3 Building envelope.**

New building envelope assemblies that are part of the *alteration* shall comply with Sections C402.1 through C402.5.

#### **C503.3.1 Deleted. ~~Roof replacement.~~**

~~Roof replacements shall comply with Table C402.1.3 or C402.1.4 where the existing roof assembly is part of the building thermal envelope and contains insulation entirely above the roof deck.~~

#### **C503.3.2 Vertical fenestration.**

The addition of *vertical fenestration* that results in a total building *fenestration* area less than or equal to that specified in Section C402.4.1 shall comply with Section C402.4. The addition of *vertical fenestration* that results in a total building *fenestration* area greater than Section C402.4.1 shall comply ~~with Section C402.4.1.1 for the space adjacent to the new fenestration only. Alterations that result in a total building vertical glass area exceeding that specified in Section C402.4.1.1 shall comply~~ with Section C407.

#### **C503.3.3 Skylight area.**

The addition of *skylight* area that results in a total building *skylight* area less than or equal to that specified in Section C402.4.1 shall comply with Section C402.4. The addition of *skylight* area that results in a total building *skylight* area greater than Section C402.4.1 shall comply with Section C407 ~~Section C402.4.1.2 for the space adjacent to the new skylights.~~ *Alterations* that result in a total building *skylight* area exceeding that specified in Section C402.4.1 ~~C402.4.1.2~~ shall comply with Section C407.

### **C503.4 Heating and cooling systems.**

New heating, cooling and duct systems that are part of the *alteration* shall comply with Sections C403.

#### **Exception:**

1. Not required to comply with section C403.2.12.
2. Not required to comply with section C403.3 where alterations to existing floors, walls, or roof assemblies are required.

#### **C503.4.1 Economizers.**

~~Deleted. See section C503.4. New cooling systems that are part of alteration shall comply with Section C403.3.~~



**C503.5 Service hot water systems.**

New service hot water systems that are part of the *alteration* shall comply with Section C404.

**C503.6 Lighting systems.**

New lighting systems that are part of the *alteration* shall comply with Section C405.

**Exception.** *Alterations* that replace less than ~~40~~ 50 percent of the luminaires in a space, provided that such *alterations* do not increase the installed interior lighting power.

## SECTION C504 REPAIRS

**C504.1 General.**

~~Buildings and structures, and parts thereof, shall be repaired in compliance with Section C501.3 and this section. Work on nondamaged components that is necessary for the required repair of damaged components shall be considered part of the repair and shall not be subject to the requirements for alterations in this chapter. Routine maintenance, required by Section C501.3 ordinary repairs exempt from permit, and abatement of wear due to normal service conditions shall not be subject to the requirements for repairs in this section.~~

Repair of the building systems shall not make the building less conforming than it was before the repair was undertaken. Work on nondamaged components necessary for the required repair of damaged components shall be considered part of the repair and shall not be subject to the requirements for alterations in this chapter.

Where a building was constructed to comply with ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1, repairs shall comply with the standard and need not comply with Sections C402, C403, C404 and C405.

**C504.2 Application.**

~~For the purposes of this code, the following shall be considered repairs:~~

- ~~1. Glass-only replacements in an existing sash and frame.~~
- ~~2. Roof repairs.~~
- ~~3. Air barriers shall not be required for roof repair where the repairs to the building do not include alterations, renovations or repairs to the remainder of the building envelope.~~
- ~~4. Replacement of existing doors that separate conditioned space from the exterior shall not require the installation of a vestibule or revolving door, provided that an existing vestibule that separates a conditioned space from the exterior shall not be removed.~~
- ~~5. Repairs where only the bulb, the ballast or both within the existing luminaires in a space are replaced, provided that the replacement does not increase the installed interior lighting power.~~

### **C504.2 Materials ~~Application.~~**

Portions of walls that are part of the building thermal envelope shall be insulated in accordance with this code when the repair requires the removal of either the interior or exterior wall membrane such that the wall cavity is exposed during the repair.

*Commentary: This section allows for only the portions of the wall exposed during a repair to meet the minimum insulation requirements of the NC Energy Conservation Code. Unexposed wall cavities are permitted to remain without requiring additional insulation.*

**Exception:** Wall cavities containing existing insulation material.

*Commentary: This exception provides relief from the full requirements for wall insulation in the NC Energy Conservation Code when the repair exposes an existing wall cavity and it already contains insulation.*

### **C504.3 Glazing.**

Repairs requiring the replacement of individual glass panes or sashes shall not require compliance with this code.

*Commentary: This section requires replacement of an entire window unit to comply with current NC Energy Conservation Code requirements but allows for a single pane or sash to be replaced with glass that matches the existing without reducing the energy efficiency of the building.*

~~For the purposes of this code, the following shall be considered repairs:~~

- ~~1. Glass-only replacements in an existing sash and frame.~~
- ~~2. Roof repairs.~~
- ~~3. Repairs where only the bulb and/or ballast within the existing luminaires in a space are replaced provided that the replacement does not increase the installed interior lighting power.~~

## **SECTION C505 CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY OR USE**

### **C505.1 General.**

~~Spaces undergoing a change in occupancy that would result in an increase in demand for either fossil fuel or electrical energy shall comply with this code. Where the use in a space changes from one use in Table C405.4.2(1) or C405.4.2(2) to another use in Table C405.4.2(1) or C405.4.2(2), the installed lighting wattage shall comply with Section C405.4.~~

~~Spaces undergoing a change in occupancy that would result in an increase in demand for either fossil fuel or electrical energy shall comply with this code.~~ New work performed in spaces undergoing a change in occupancy shall comply with the requirements of this code. Unaltered portions of the existing building or building supply system shall not be required to comply with this code.

## CHAPTER 6 [CE] REFERENCED STANDARDS

This chapter lists the standards that are referenced in various sections of this document. The standards are listed herein by the promulgating agency of the standard, the standard identification, the effective date and title, and the section or sections of this document that reference the standard. The application of the referenced standards shall be as specified in Section 106.

### AAMA

American Architectural Manufacturers Association  
1827 Walden Office Square  
Suite 550  
Schaumburg, IL 60173-4268

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A C440—11	North American Fenestration Standard/ Specifications for Windows, Doors and Unit Skylights	Table C402.5.2

### AHAM

Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers  
1111 19th Street, NW, Suite 402  
Washington, DC 20036

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
ANSI/ AHAM RAC-1— 2008	Room Air Conditioners	Table C403.2.3(3)
<del>AHAM HRF-1— 2007</del>	<del>Energy, Performance and Capacity of Household Refrigerators, Refrigerator-Freezers and Freezers</del>	<del>Table C403.2.14.1</del>

### AHRI

Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute  
2111 Wilson Blvd, Suite 500  
Arlington, VA 22201

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
ISO/AHRI/ASHRAE 13256-1 (2011)	Water-to-Air and Brine-to-Air Heat Pumps—Testing and Rating for Performance	Table C403.2.3(2)
ISO/AHRI/ASHRAE 13256-2 (2011)	Water-to-Water and Brine-to-Water Heat Pumps —Testing and Rating for Performance	Table C403.2.3(2)
210/240—08 with Addenda 1 and 2	Performance Rating of Unitary Air-Conditioning and Air- Source Heat Pump Equipment	Table C403.2.3(1), Table C403.2.3(2)
310/380—04 (CSA-C744-04)	Standard for Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps	Table C403.2.3(3)

340/360—2007 with Addendum 2	Performance Rating of Commercial and Industrial Unitary Air-Conditioning and Heat Pump Equipment	Table C403.2.3(1), Table C403.2.3(2) Table C403.2.3(1), Table C403.2.3(6)
365(I-P)—09	Commercial and Industrial Unitary Air-Conditioning Condensing Units	Table C403.2.3(3)
390—03	Performance Rating of Single Package Vertical Air- Conditioners and Heat Pumps	Table C403.2.3(10) Table C403.2.10
400—2001	Liquid to Liquid Heat Exchangers with Addendum 1 and 2	Table C403.2.3(8)
440—2008	Performance Rating of Room Fan Coils	Table C403.2.3.1, Table C403.2.3(7)
460—2005	Performance Rating of Remote Mechanical-Draft Air-Cooled Refrigerant Condensers	Table C403.2.3(7)
550/590—2011 With Addendum 1	Performance Rating of Water-Chilling and Heat Pump Water-Heating Packages Using the Vapor Compression Cycle	Table C403.2.3(7)
560—00	Absorption Water Chilling and Water Heating Packages	Table C404.2
1160 (I-P) —09 <del>1200-2010</del>	Performance Rating of Heat Pump Pool Heaters <del>Performance Rating of Commercial Refrigerated Display Merchandisers and Storage Cabinets</del>	<del>C403.2.14,</del> <del>Table</del> <del>C403.2.14(1),</del> <del>Table</del> <del>C403.2.14(2)</del>

## AMCA

Air Movement and Control Association International  
30 West University Drive  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004-1806

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
<del>205—12</del>	<del>Energy Efficiency Classification for Fans</del>	<del>C403.2.12.3</del>
220—08 (R2012)	Laboratory Methods of Testing Air Curtain Units for Aerodynamic Performance Rating	C402.5.6
500D—12	Laboratory Methods for Testing Dampers for Rating	C403.2.4.3

## ANSI

American National Standards Institute  
25 West 43rd Street  
Fourth Floor  
New York, NY 10036

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
Z21.10.3/CSA 4.3—11	Gas Water Heaters, Volume III—Storage Water Heaters with Input Ratings Above 75,000 Btu per Hour, Circulating Tank and Instantaneous	Table C404.2 Table C403.2.3(4)
Z21.47/CSA 2.3— 12	Gas-fired Central Furnaces	
Z83.8/CSA 2.6— 09	Gas Unit Heaters, Gas Packaged Heaters, Gas Utility Heaters and Gas-fired Duct Furnaces	Table C403.2.3(4)

# APSP

The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals  
2111 Eisenhower Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
14—14	American National Standard for Portable Electric Spa Efficiency	C404.8

# ASHRAE

American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc.  
1791 Tullie Circle, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30329-2305

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
ASHRAE 127-2007	Method of Testing for Rating Computer	Table C403.2.3(9)
ANSI/ASHRAE/ACCA Standard 183—2007 (RA2011)	Peak Cooling and Heating Load Calculations in Buildings, Except Low-rise Residential Buildings	C403.2.1
ASHRAE—2012	ASHRAE HVAC Systems and Equipment Handbook	C403.2.1
ISO/AHRI/ASHRAE 13256-1 (2011)	Water-to-Air and Brine-to-Air Heat Pumps—Testing and Rating for Performance	Table C403.2.3(2)
ISO/AHRI/ASHRAE 13256-2 (2011)	Water-to-Water and Brine-to-Water Heat Pumps—Testing and Rating for Performance	Table C403.2.3(2)
90.1—2013		C401.2, Table C402.1.3, Table C402.1.4, C406.2, <del>Table C407.6.1</del> , C502.1, C503.1, C504.1
140—2011	Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-rise Residential Buildings	
	Standard Method of Test for the Evaluation of Building Energy Analysis Computer Programs	C407.6.1
146—2011	Testing and Rating Pool Heaters	Table C404.2

# ASME

American Society Mechanical Engineers  
Two Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10016-5990

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
ASME A17.1/ CSA B44—2013	Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators	C405.9.2

# ASTM

ASTM International  
100 Barr Harbor Drive  
West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2859

Standard	Title	Referenced
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reference number		in code section number
<del>C 90—13</del>	<del>Specification for Load-bearing Concrete Masonry Units</del>	<del>Table C401.3</del>
C 1363—11	Standard Test Method for Thermal Performance of Building Materials and Envelope Assemblies by Means of a Hot Box Apparatus	C303.1.4.1, Table C402.1.4
C 1371—04a(2010)e1	Standard Test Method for Determination of Emittance of Materials Near Room Temperature Using Portable Emissometers	Table C402.3
C 1549—09	Standard Test Method for Determination of Solar Reflectance Near Ambient Temperature Using A Portable Solar Reflectometer	Table C402.3
<del>D 1003—11e1</del>	<del>Standard Test Method for Haze and Luminous Transmittance of Transparent Plastics</del>	<del>C402.4.2.2</del>
E 283—04	Test Method for Determining the Rate of Air Leakage Through Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls and Doors Under Specified Pressure Differences Across the Specimen	C402.5.1.2.2, Table C402.5.2, C402.5.7
E 408—71(2008)	Test Methods for Total Normal Emittance of Surfaces Using Inspection-meter Techniques	Table C402.3
E 779—10	Standard Test Method for Determining Air Leakage Rate by Fan Pressurization	C402.5
E 903—96	Standard Test Method Solar Absorptance, Reflectance and Transmittance of Materials Using Integrating Spheres (Withdrawn 2005)	Table C402.3
E 1677—11	Standard Specification for an Air-retarder (AR) Material or System for Low-rise Framed Building Walls	C402.5.1.2.2
E 1918—06	Standard Test Method for Measuring Solar Reflectance of Horizontal or Low-sloped Surfaces in the Field	Table C402.3
E 1980—11	Standard Practice for Calculating Solar Reflectance Index of Horizontal and Low-sloped Opaque Surfaces	Table C402.3, C402.3.2
E 2178—13	Standard Test Method for Air Permanence of Building Materials	C402.5.1.2.1
E 2357—11	Standard Test Method for Determining Air Leakage of Air Barriers Assemblies	C402.5.1.2.2

## CRRC

Cool Roof Rating Council  
449 15th Street, Suite 200  
Oakland, CA 94612

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
ANSI/CRRC-1—2012	CRRC-1 Standard	Table C402.3, C402.3.2, C402.3.2.1, Table C407.5.1(1)

## CSA

CSA Group  
8501 East Pleasant Valley  
Cleveland, OH 44131-5516

Standard	Title	Referenced
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reference number		in code section number
AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440—11	North American Fenestration Standard/Specification for Windows, Doors and Unit Skylights	Table C402.5.2
<del>CSA B55.1—2012</del>	<del>Test Method for Measuring Efficiency and Pressure Loss of Drain Water Heat Recovery Units</del>	<del>C404.8</del>
<del>CSA B55.2—2012</del>	<del>Drain Water Heat Recover Units</del>	<del>C404.8</del>

## CTI

Cooling Technology Institute  
P. O. Box 73383  
Houston, TX 77273-3383

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
ATC 105 (00)	Acceptance Test Code for Water Cooling Tower	Table C403.2.3(8)
ATC 105S—11	Acceptance Test Code for Closed Circuit Cooling Towers	Table C403.2.3(8)
ATC 106—11	Acceptance Test For Mechanical Draft Evaporative Vapor Condensers	Table C403.2.3(8)
STD 201—11	Standard for Certification of Water Cooling Towers Thermal Performances	Table C403.2.3(8)

## DASMA

Door and Access Systems Manufacturers Association  
1300 Sumner Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44115-2851

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
105—92 (R2004)— 13	Test Method for Thermal Transmittance and Air Infiltration of Garage Doors	C303.1.3, Table C402.5.2

## DOE

U.S. Department of Energy  
c/o Superintendent of Documents  
1000 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
10 CFR, Part 430—1998	Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures and Certification and Enforcement Requirement for Plumbing Products; and Certification and Enforcement Requirements for Residential Appliances; Final Rule	Table C403.2.3(4), Table C403.2.3(5), Table C404.2
10 CFR, Part 430, Subpart B, Appendix N—1998	Uniform Test Method for Measuring the Energy Consumption of Furnaces and Boilers	C202
10 CFR, Part 431—2004	Energy Efficiency Program for Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment: Test Procedures and Efficiency Standards; Final Rules	Table C403.2.3(5), C405.7, C405.8, Table C405.8 <del>C403.4.4.4</del> , Table C405.8(1), Table C405.8(2), Table C405.8(3), C405.8(4)
10 CFR 431 Subpart B App B	Uniform Test Method for Measuring Nominal Full Load Efficiency of Electric Motors	

NAECA 87—(88)

National Appliance Energy Conservation Act 1987  
 [(Public Law 100-12 (with Amendments of 1988-P.L. 100-357)]

Tables  
 C403.2.3(1),  
 C403.2.3(2),  
 C403.2.3(4)

# ICC

International Code Council, Inc.  
 500 New Jersey Avenue, NW  
 6th Floor  
 Washington, DC 20001

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
IBC—15	International Building Code®	C201.3, C303.2, C402.5.3, C501.4
IFC—15	International Fire Code®	C201.3, C501.4
IFGC—15	International Fuel Gas Code®	C201.3, C501.4
IMC—15	International Mechanical Code®	C403.2.4.3, C403.2.6, C403.2.6.1, <del>C403.2.6.2</del> , C403.2.7, <del>C403.2.8</del> , C403.2.8.1, C403.2.8.2, C403.2.9, C403.4.4, <del>C403.4.4.6</del> , C406.6, C501.4
IPC—15	International Plumbing Code®	C201.3, C501.4
<del>IMPC—15</del>	<del>International Property Maintenance Code®</del>	<del>C501.4</del>
<del>IPSDC—15</del>	<del>International Private Sewage Disposal Code®</del>	<del>C501.4</del>

# IEEE

~~The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Inc.~~  
~~3 Park Avenue~~  
~~New York, NY 10016~~

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
<del>IEEE 515.1—2012</del>	<del>IEE Standard for the Testing, Design, Installation, and Maintenance of Electrical Resistance Trace Heating for Commercial Applications</del>	<del>C404.6.2</del>

# IES

Illuminating Engineering Society  
 120 Wall Street, 17th Floor  
 New York, NY 10005-4001

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA	Energy Standard for Buildings, Except	C401.2, Table



**ISO**

International Organization for Standardization  
1, rue de Varembe, Case postale 56, CH-1211  
Geneva, Switzerland

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
ISO/AHRI/ASHRAE 13256-1 (2011)	Water-to-Air and Brine-to-air Heat Pumps -Testing and Rating for Performance	Table C403.2.3(2)
ISO/AHRI/ASHRAE 13256-2(2011)	Water-to-Water and Brine-to-Water Heat Pumps -Testing and Rating for Performance	C403.2.3(2)

**NEMA**

National Electrical Manufacturers Association  
1300 North 17th Street, Suite 1752  
Rosslyn, VA 22209

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
MG1—1993	Motors and Generators	C202

**NFPA**

National Fire Protection Association  
1 Batterymarch Park  
Quincy, MA 02169-7471

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
70—14	National Electrical Code	C501.4

**NFRC**

National Fenestration Rating Council, Inc.  
6305 Ivy Lane, Suite 140  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
100—2009	Procedure for Determining Fenestration Products <i>U</i> -factors— Second Edition	C303.1.3, C402.2.2
200—2009	Procedure for Determining Fenestration Product Solar Heat Gain Coefficients and Visible Transmittance at Normal Incidence—Second Edition	C303.1.3, C402.4.1.1
400—2009	Procedure for Determining Fenestration Product Air Leakage—Second Edition	Table C402.5.2

**SMACNA**

Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National  
Association, Inc.  
4021 Lafayette Center Drive

Chantilly, VA 20151-1209

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
SMACNA—2012	HVAC Air Duct Leakage Test Manual 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition	C403.2.9 <del>8</del> .1.3

## UL

UL LLC  
333 Pfingsten Road  
Northbrook, IL 60062-2096

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
<del>710—12</del>	<del>Exhaust Hoods for Commercial Cooking Equipment—</del>	<del>C403.2.8</del>
727—06	Oil-fired Central Furnaces—with Revisions through April 2010	Table C403.2.3(4)
731—95	Oil-fired Unit Heaters—with Revisions through August 2012	Table C403.2.3(4)
<del>1784—01</del>	<del>Air Leakage Tests of Door Assemblies—</del> <del>with Revisions through July 2009</del>	<del>C402.5.3</del>

## US- FTC

United States-Federal Trade Commission  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20580

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
CFR Title 16 (May 31, 2005)	R-value Rule	C303.1.4

## WDMA

Window and Door Manufacturers Association  
2025 M Street, NW, Suite 800  
Washington, DC 20036-3309

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440—11	North American Fenestration Standard/Specification for Windows, Doors and Unit Skylights	Table C402.5.2

## APPENDIX 1

### Statement of System Commissioning

#### Part 1: Mechanical

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location: \_\_\_\_\_

In my professional opinion, the HVAC systems have been installed in substantial compliance with the intent of the approved project plans and specifications based on a site observation performed and upon review of the following:

Yes	No	Not Required	Items	Comments
			Testing and Balance Reports	
			Operations and Maintenance Manuals for HVAC	
			HVAC Equipment	
			HVAC Controls and Operational Sequences	

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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List of Deferred Tests:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Part 2: Service Water Heating

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location: \_\_\_\_\_

In my professional opinion, the service water heating systems have been installed and are in substantial compliance with the intent of the approved project plans and specifications based on a site observation performed and upon review of the following:

Yes	No	Not Required	Items	Comments
			Manuals for Service Water Heating	
			Service Water Heating Systems	

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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List of Deferred Tests:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Part 3: Electrical

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location: \_\_\_\_\_

In my professional opinion, the lighting systems have been installed and are in substantial compliance with the intent of the approved project plans and specifications based on a site observation performed and upon review of the following:

Yes	No	Not Required	Items	Comments
			Manuals for Lighting Systems	
			Lighting Equipment	
			Lighting Controls and Operational Sequences	

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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List of Deferred Tests:

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# CHAPTER 1 [RE] SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION

## PART 1—SCOPE AND APPLICATION

### SECTION R101 SCOPE AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

#### R101.1 Title.

~~This code shall be known as the International Energy Conservation Code of [NAME OF JURISDICTION], and shall be cited as such. It is referred to herein as “this code.”~~ This code shall be known as the North Carolina Energy Conservation Code as adopted by the North Carolina Building Code Council on xxxxxx, to be effective January 1, 2019. References to the International Codes shall mean the North Carolina Codes. The NCECC is referred to herein as “this code.”

#### R101.2 Scope.

This code applies to *residential buildings* and the building sites and associated systems and equipment.

#### R101.3 Intent.

This code shall regulate the design and construction of buildings for the effective use and conservation of energy over the useful life of each building. This code is intended to provide flexibility to permit the use of innovative approaches and techniques to achieve this objective. This code is not intended to abridge safety, health or environmental requirements contained in other applicable codes or ordinances.

#### R101.4 Applicability.

Where, in any specific case, different sections of this code specify different materials, methods of construction or other requirements, the most restrictive shall govern. Where there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement, the specific requirement shall govern.

##### R101.4.1 Mixed occupancy.

Where a building includes both *residential* and *commercial* occupancies, each occupancy shall be separately considered and meet the applicable provisions of the IECC—Commercial Provisions or IECC—Residential Provisions.

#### R101.5 Compliance.

*Residential buildings* shall meet the provisions of IECC—Residential Provisions. *Commercial buildings* shall meet the provisions of IECC—Commercial Provisions.

##### R101.5.1 Compliance materials.

The *code official* shall be permitted to approve specific computer software, worksheets, compliance manuals and other similar materials that meet the intent of this code.

**R101.5.2 Requirements of other State Agencies, occupational licensing boards, or commissions.** The North Carolina State Building Codes do not include all additional requirements for buildings and structures that may be imposed by other State agencies, occupational licensing boards, and commissions. It shall be the responsibility of a permit holder, design professional, contractor, or occupational license holder to determine whether any additional requirements exist.

## **SECTION R102 ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS, DESIGN AND METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT**

### **R102.1 General.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code, provided that any such alternative has been approved. The code official shall be permitted to approve an alternative material, design or method of construction where the code official finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this code, and that the material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, at least the equivalent of that prescribed in this code.~~

#### **R102.1.1 Above code programs.**

Deleted. ~~The code official or other authority having jurisdiction shall be permitted to deem a national, state or local energy efficiency program to exceed the energy efficiency required by this code. Buildings approved in writing by such an energy efficiency program shall be considered in compliance with this code. The requirements identified as "mandatory" in Chapter 4 shall be met.~~

## **PART 2—ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

### **SECTION R103 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS**

#### **R103.1 General.**

Construction documents, technical reports and other supporting data shall be submitted in one or more sets with each application for a permit. The construction documents and technical reports shall be prepared by a registered design professional where required by the statutes of the jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed. ~~Where special conditions exist, the code official is authorized to require necessary construction documents to be prepared by a registered design professional.~~

#### **Exception:**

1. The *code official* is authorized to waive the requirements for construction documents or other supporting data if the *code official* determines they are not necessary to confirm compliance with this code.
2. Construction documents for energy code compliance are not required for one and two-family dwellings and townhouses.

### **R103.2 Information on construction documents.**

Construction documents shall be drawn to scale ~~upon suitable material~~. Electronic media documents are permitted to be submitted where *approved* by the *code official*. Construction documents shall be of sufficient clarity to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed, and show in sufficient detail pertinent data and features of the *building*, systems and equipment as herein governed. Details shall include, but are not limited to, the following as applicable:

1. Insulation materials and their *R*-values.
2. Fenestration *U*-factors and solar heat gain coefficients (SHGC).
3. Area-weighted *U*-factor and solar heat gain coefficients (SHGC) calculations.
4. Mechanical system design criteria.
5. Mechanical and service water-heating system and equipment types, sizes and efficiencies.
6. Equipment and system controls.
7. Duct sealing, duct and pipe insulation and location.
8. Air sealing details.

#### **~~R103.2.1 Building thermal envelope depiction.~~**

~~The building's thermal envelope shall be represented on the construction documents.~~

### **R103.3 Examination of documents.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. The code official shall examine or cause to be examined the accompanying construction documents and shall ascertain whether the construction indicated and described is in accordance with the requirements of this code and other pertinent laws or ordinances. The code official is authorized to utilize a registered design professional, or other approved entity not affiliated with the building design or construction, in conducting the review of the plans and specifications for compliance with the code.~~

#### **R103.3.1 Approval of construction documents.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. When the code official issues a permit where construction documents are required, the construction documents shall be endorsed in writing and stamped "Reviewed for Code Compliance." Such approved construction documents shall not be changed, modified or altered without authorization from the code official. Work shall be done in accordance with the approved construction documents.~~

~~One set of construction documents so reviewed shall be retained by the code official. The other set shall be returned to the applicant, kept at the site of work and shall be open to inspection by the code official or a duly authorized representative.~~



### **R103.3.2 Previous approvals.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~This code shall not require changes in the construction documents, construction or designated occupancy of a structure for which a lawful permit has been heretofore issued or otherwise lawfully authorized, and the construction of which has been pursued in good faith within 180 days after the effective date of this code and has not been abandoned.~~

### **R103.3.3 Phased approval.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~The code official shall have the authority to issue a permit for the construction of part of an energy conservation system before the construction documents for the entire system have been submitted or approved, provided adequate information and detailed statements have been filed complying with all pertinent requirements of this code. The holders of such permit shall proceed at their own risk without assurance that the permit for the entire energy conservation system will be granted.~~

### **R103.4 Amended construction documents.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~Work shall be installed in accordance with the approved construction documents, and any changes made during construction that are not in compliance with the approved construction documents shall be resubmitted for approval as an amended set of construction documents.~~

### **R103.5 Retention of construction documents.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~One set of approved construction documents shall be retained by the code official for a period of not less than 180 days from date of completion of the permitted work, or as required by state or local laws.~~

## **SECTION R104 INSPECTIONS**

### **R104.1 General.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~Construction or work for which a permit is required shall be subject to inspection by the code official or his or her designated agent, and such construction or work shall remain accessible and exposed for inspection purposes until approved. It shall be the duty of the permit applicant to cause the work to remain accessible and exposed for inspection purposes. Neither the code official nor the jurisdiction shall be liable for expense entailed in the removal or replacement of any material, product, system or building component required to allow inspection to validate compliance with this code.~~

### **R104.2 Required inspections.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~The code official or his or her designated agent, upon notification, shall make the inspections set forth in Sections R104.2.1 through R104.2.5.~~

#### **R104.2.1 Footing and foundation inspection.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~Inspections associated with footings and foundations shall verify compliance with the code as to R-value, location, thickness, depth of burial and protection of insulation as required by the code and approved plans and specifications.~~

#### **R104.2.2 Framing and rough-in inspection.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. Inspections at framing and rough-in shall be made before application of interior finish and shall verify compliance with the code as to types of insulation and corresponding *R*-values and their correct location and proper installation; fenestration properties (*U*-factor and SHGC) and proper installation; and air leakage controls as required by the code and approved plans and specifications.~~

#### **R104.2.3 Plumbing rough-in inspection.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. Inspections at plumbing rough-in shall verify compliance as required by the code and approved plans and specifications as to types of insulation and corresponding *R*-values and protection, and required control.~~

#### **R104.2.4 Mechanical rough-in inspection.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. Inspections at mechanical rough-in shall verify compliance as required by the code and approved plans and specifications as to installed HVAC equipment type and size, required controls, system insulation and corresponding *R*-value, system air leakage control, programmable thermostats, dampers, whole-house ventilation, and minimum fan efficiency.~~

~~**Exception:** Systems serving multiple dwelling units shall be inspected in accordance with Section C104.2.4.~~

#### **R104.2.5 Final inspection.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. The building shall have a final inspection and shall not be occupied until approved. The final inspection shall include verification of the installation of all required building systems, equipment and controls and their proper operation and the required number of high-efficacy lamps and fixtures.~~

#### **R104.3 Reinspection.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. A building shall be reinspected when determined necessary by the code official.~~

#### **R104.4 Approved inspection agencies.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. The code official is authorized to accept reports of third-party inspection agencies not affiliated with the building design or construction, provided such agencies are approved as to qualifications and reliability relevant to the building components and systems they are inspecting.~~

#### **R104.5 Inspection requests.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. It shall be the duty of the holder of the permit or their duly authorized agent to notify the code official when work is ready for inspection. It shall be the duty of the permit holder to provide access to and means for inspections of such work that are required by this code.~~

#### **R104.6 Reinspection and testing.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. Where any work or installation does not pass an initial test or inspection, the necessary corrections shall be made to achieve compliance with this code. The work or installation shall then be resubmitted to the code official for inspection and testing.~~

#### **R104.7 Approval.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. After the prescribed tests and inspections indicate that the work complies in all respects with this code, a notice of approval shall be issued by the code official.~~

#### **R104.7.1 Revocation.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. The code official is authorized to, in writing, suspend or revoke a notice of approval issued under the provisions of this code wherever the certificate is issued in error, or on the basis of incorrect information supplied, or where it is determined that the building or structure, premise, or portion thereof is in violation of any ordinance or regulation or any of the provisions of this code.~~

### **SECTION R105 VALIDITY**

#### **R105.1 General.**

~~Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. If a portion of this code is held to be illegal or void, such a decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this code.~~

### **SECTION R106 REFERENCED STANDARDS**

#### **R106.1 Referenced codes and standards.**

The codes and standards referenced in this code shall be those listed in Chapter 6 5, and such codes and standards shall be considered as part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference and as further regulated in Sections R106.1.1 and R106.1.2.

#### **R106.1.1 Conflicts.**

Where conflicts occur between provisions of this code and referenced codes and standards, the provisions of this code shall apply.

#### **R106.1.2 Provisions in referenced codes and standards.**

Where the extent of the reference to a referenced code or standard includes subject matter that is within the scope of this code, the provisions of this code, as applicable, shall take precedence over the provisions in the referenced code or standard.

#### **R106.2 Application of references.**

References to chapter or section numbers, or to provisions not specifically identified by number, shall be construed to refer to such chapter, section or provision of this code.

#### **R106.3 Other laws.**

The provisions of this code shall not be deemed to nullify any provisions of local, state or federal law.

### **SECTION R107 FEES**

**R107.1 Fees.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~A permit shall not be issued until the fees prescribed in Section R107.2 have been paid, nor shall an amendment to a permit be released until the additional fee, if any, has been paid.~~

**R107.2 Schedule of permit fees.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~A fee for each permit shall be paid as required, in accordance with the schedule as established by the applicable governing authority.~~

**R107.3 Work commencing before permit issuance.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~Any person who commences any work before obtaining the necessary permits shall be subject to an additional fee established by the code official that shall be in addition to the required permit fees.~~

**R107.4 Related fees.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~The payment of the fee for the construction, alteration, removal or demolition of work done in connection to or concurrently with the work or activity authorized by a permit shall not relieve the applicant or holder of the permit from the payment of other fees that are prescribed by law.~~

**R107.5 Refunds.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~The code official is authorized to establish a refund policy.~~

## **SECTION R108 STOP WORK ORDER**

**R108.1 Authority.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~Where the code official finds any work regulated by this code being performed in a manner either contrary to the provisions of this code or dangerous or unsafe, the code official is authorized to issue a stop work order.~~

**R108.2 Issuance.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~The stop work order shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property involved, to the owner's authorized agent, or to the person doing the work. Upon issuance of a stop work order, the cited work shall immediately cease. The stop work order shall state the reason for the order and the conditions under which the cited work will be permitted to resume.~~

**R108.3 Emergencies.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~Where an emergency exists, the code official shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work.~~

**R108.4 Failure to comply.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be subject to a fine as set by the applicable governing authority.~~

## SECTION R109 BOARD OF APPEALS

### **R109.1 General.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~In order to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the code official relative to the application and interpretation of this code, there shall be and is hereby created a board of appeals. The code official shall be an ex officio member of said board but shall not have a vote on any matter before the board. The board of appeals shall be appointed by the governing body and shall hold office at its pleasure. The board shall adopt rules of procedure for conducting its business, and shall render all decisions and findings in writing to the appellant with a duplicate copy to the code official.~~

### **R109.2 Limitations on authority.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply or an equally good or better form of construction is proposed. The board shall not have authority to waive requirements of this code.~~

### **R109.3 Qualifications.**

Deleted. See the NC Administrative Code and Policies. ~~The board of appeals shall consist of members who are qualified by experience and training and are not employees of the jurisdiction.~~

## CHAPTER 2 [RE] DEFINITIONS

### SECTION R201 GENERAL

#### R201.1 Scope.

Unless stated otherwise, the following words and terms in this code shall have the meanings indicated in this chapter.

#### R201.2 Interchangeability.

Words used in the present tense include the future; words in the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter; the singular number includes the plural and the plural includes the singular.

#### R201.3 Terms defined in other codes.

Terms that are not defined in this code but are defined in the *International Building Code*, *International Fire Code*, *International Fuel Gas Code*, *International Mechanical Code*, *International Plumbing Code* or the *International Residential Code* shall have the meanings ascribed to them in those codes.

#### R201.4 Terms not defined.

Terms not defined by this chapter shall have ordinarily accepted meanings such as the context implies.

### SECTION R202 GENERAL DEFINITIONS

**ABOVE-GRADE WALL.** A wall more than 50 percent above grade and enclosing *conditioned space*. This includes between-floor spandrels, peripheral edges of floors, roof and basement knee walls, dormer walls, gable end walls, walls enclosing a mansard roof and skylight shafts.

**ACCESSIBLE.** Admitting close approach as a result of not being guarded by locked doors, elevation or other effective means (see “Readily *accessible*”).

**ACH50.** Air Changes per Hour of measured air flow in relation to the building volume while the building is maintained at a pressure difference of 50 Pascals.

**ADDITION.** An extension or increase in the *conditioned space* floor area or height of a building or structure.

~~**AIR BARRIER.** Material(s) assembled and joined together to provide a barrier to air leakage through the building envelope. An air barrier may be a single material or a combination of materials.~~

**AIR BARRIER MATERIAL.** Material(s) that have an air permeability not to exceed 0.004 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> under a pressure differential of 0.3 in. water (1.57psf) (0.02 L/s.m<sup>2</sup> @ 75 Pa) when tested in accordance with ASTM E 2178.

**AIR BARRIER SYSTEM.** Material(s) assembled and joined together to provide a barrier to air leakage through the building envelope. An air barrier system is a combination of AIR BARRIER MATERIALS and sealants.

**ALTERATION.** Any construction, retrofit or renovation to an existing structure other than repair or addition that requires a permit. Also, a change in a building, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system that involves an extension, addition or change to the arrangement, type or purpose of the original installation that requires a permit.

**APPROVED.** Acceptable to the code official for compliance with the provisions of the applicable Code or reference standard. ~~Approval by the code official as a result of investigation and tests conducted by him or her, or by reason of accepted principles or tests by nationally recognized organizations.~~

~~**APPROVED AGENCY.** An established and recognized agency regularly engaged in conducting tests or furnishing inspection services, when such agency has been approved by the code official.~~

**AUTOMATIC.** Self-acting, operating by its own mechanism when actuated by some impersonal influence, as, for example, a change in current strength, pressure, temperature or mechanical configuration (see "Manual").

**BASEMENT WALL.** A wall 50 percent or more below grade and enclosing *conditioned space*.

**BPI ENVELOPE PROFESSIONAL.** An individual that has passed the Building Performance Institute written and field examination requirements for the Building Envelope certification and has a current certification.

**BUILDING.** Any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy. ~~Any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy, including any mechanical systems, service water heating systems and electric power and lighting systems located on the building site and supporting the building.~~

**BUILDING SITE.** A contiguous area of land that is under the ownership or control of one entity.

**BUILDING THERMAL ENVELOPE.** The basement walls, exterior walls, floor, roof and any other building elements that enclose conditioned space or provide a boundary between conditioned space and exempt or *unconditioned space*.

**C-FACTOR (THERMAL CONDUCTANCE).** The coefficient of heat transmission (surface to surface) through a building component or assembly, equal to the time rate of heat flow per unit area and the unit temperature difference between the warm side and cold side surfaces (Btu/h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)].

**CFM25.** Cubic Feet per minute of measured air flow while the forced air system is maintained at a pressure difference of 25 Pascals (0.1 inches w.c.)



**CFM50.** Cubic Feet per Minute of measured air flow while the building is maintained at a pressure difference of 50 Pascals (0.2 inches w.c.).

**CIRCULATING HOT WATER SYSTEM.** A specifically designed water distribution system where one or more pumps are operated in the service hot water piping to circulate heated water from the water-heating equipment to fixtures and back to the water-heating equipment.

**CLIMATE ZONE.** A geographical region based on climatic criteria as specified in this code.

**CLOSED CRAWL SPACE.** A foundation without wall vents that uses air sealed walls, ground and foundation moisture control, and mechanical drying potential to control crawl space moisture. Insulation may be located at the floor level or at the exterior walls.

**CODE OFFICIAL.** The officer or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of this code, or a duly authorized representative.

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING.** For this code, all buildings that are not included in the definition of "Residential building."

**CONDITIONED FLOOR AREA.** The horizontal projection of the floors associated with the *conditioned space*.

**CONDITIONED SPACE.** ~~An area, room or space that is enclosed within the building thermal envelope and that is directly or indirectly heated or cooled. Spaces are indirectly heated or cooled where they communicate through openings with conditioned spaces, where they are separated from conditioned spaces by uninsulated walls, floors or ceilings, or where they contain uninsulated ducts, piping or other sources of heating or cooling.~~ A space within a building that is provided with heating or cooling equipment or systems capable of maintaining, through design or heat loss/gain, 50°F (10°C) during the heating season or 85°F (29°C) during the cooling season, or communicates directly with a conditioned space. Spaces within the building thermal envelope are considered conditioned space.

**CONTINUOUS AIR BARRIER.** ~~A combination of materials and assemblies that restrict or prevent the passage of air through the building thermal envelope.~~

**CONTINUOUS INSULATION (ci).** Insulating material that is continuous across all structural members without thermal bridges other than fasteners and service openings. It is installed on the interior or exterior, or is integral to any opaque surface, of the building envelope.

**CRAWL SPACE WALL.** The opaque portion of a wall that encloses a crawl space and is partially or totally below grade.

**CURTAIN WALL.** ~~Fenestration products used to create an external nonload-bearing wall that is designed to separate the exterior and interior environments.~~

**DEMAND RECIRCULATION WATER SYSTEM.** ~~A water distribution system where pump(s) prime the service hot water piping with heated water upon demand for hot water.~~

**DUCT.** A tube or conduit utilized for conveying air. The air passages of self-contained systems are not to be construed as air ducts.



**DUCT SYSTEM.** A continuous passageway for the transmission of air that, in addition to ducts, includes duct fittings, dampers, plenums, fans and accessory air-handling equipment and appliances.

**DWELLING UNIT.** A single unit providing complete independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.

**ENERGY ANALYSIS.** A method for estimating the annual energy use of the *proposed design* and *standard reference design* based on estimates of energy use.

**ENERGY COST.** The total estimated annual cost for purchased energy for the building functions regulated by this code, including applicable demand charges.

**ENERGY SIMULATION TOOL.** An *approved* software program or calculation-based methodology that projects the annual energy use of a building.

**ERI REFERENCE DESIGN.** A version of the rated design that meets the minimum requirements of the 2006 *International Energy Conservation Code*.

**EXTERIOR WALL.** Walls including both above-grade walls and basement walls.

**FENESTRATION.** Products classified as either *vertical fenestration* or *skylights*.

**FENESTRATION PRODUCT, FIELD-FABRICATED.** A fenestration product whose frame is made at the construction site of standard dimensional lumber or other materials that were not previously cut, or otherwise formed with the specific intention of being used to fabricate a fenestration product or exterior door. Field fabricated does not include site-built fenestration.

**FENESTRATION PRODUCT, SITE-BUILT.** A fenestration designed to be made up of field-glazed or field-assembled units using specific factory cut or otherwise factory-formed framing and glazing units. ~~Examples of site-built fenestration include storefront systems, curtain walls and atrium roof systems.~~

**F-FACTOR.** The perimeter heat loss factor for slab-on-grade floors (Btu/h·ft °F) [W/(m K)].

**FULLY ENCLOSED ATTIC FLOOR SYSTEM–** The ceiling insulation is enclosed on all six sides by an air barrier system, such as taped drywall below, solid framing joists on the sides, solid blocking on the ends, and solid sheathing on top which totally enclose the insulation.

**HEATED SLAB.** Slab-on-grade construction in which the heating elements, hydronic tubing, or hot air distribution system is in contact with, or placed within or under, the slab.

**HERS RATER.** An individual that has completed training and been certified by RESNET (Residential Energy Services Network) Accredited Rating Provider and has a current certification.

**HIGH-EFFICACY LAMPS.** Compact fluorescent lamps, T-8 or smaller diameter linear fluorescent lamps, or lamps with a minimum efficacy of:

1. 60 lumens per watt for lamps over 40 watts;

2. 50 lumens per watt for lamps over 15 watts to 40 watts; and
3. 40 lumens per watt for lamps 15 watts or less.

~~**HISTORIC BUILDING.** Buildings that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, or designated as historic under an appropriate state or local law.~~

**HISTORIC BUILDING.** Any building or structure that is one or more of the following:

1. Listed, or certified as eligible for listing by the State Historic Preservation Officer or the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places, in the National Register of Historic Places.
2. Designated as historic under an applicable state or local law.
3. Certified as a contributing resource within a National Register-listed, state designated or locally designated historic district.

**INFILTRATION.** The uncontrolled inward air leakage into a building caused by the pressure effects of wind or the effect of differences in the indoor and outdoor air density or both.

**INSULATED SIDING.** A type of continuous insulation with manufacturer-installed insulating material as an integral part of the cladding product having a minimum *R*-value of R-2.

**INSULATING SHEATHING.** An insulating board with a core material having a minimum *R*-value of R-2.

**LABELED.** Appliances, eEquipment, materials or products to which have been affixed a label, seal, symbol or other identifying mark of a nationally recognized testing laboratory, inspection agency or other organization concerned with product evaluation that maintains periodic inspection of the production of the above-labeled items and where labeling indicates either that the equipment, material or product meets identified standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

**LAMP.** The device in a lighting fixture that provides illumination, typically a bulb, fluorescent tube, or light emitting diode (LED).

**LICENSED DESIGN PROFESSIONAL.** An individual who is licensed to practice his respective design profession as defined by the statutory requirements of the professional registration laws of the state or jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed. Design by a Licensed Design Professional is not required where exempt under the registration or licensure laws.

**LISTED.** Appliances, eEquipment, materials, products or services included in a list published by an organization acceptable to the *code official* and concerned with evaluation of products or services that maintains periodic inspection of production of *listed* equipment or materials or periodic evaluation of services and where the listing states either that the equipment, material, product or service meets identified standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

**LOW-VOLTAGE LIGHTING.** Lighting equipment powered through a transformer such as a cable conductor, a rail conductor and track lighting.

**MANUAL.** Capable of being operated by personal intervention (see “Automatic”).

**ON-SITE RENEWABLE ENERGY.** Includes solar photovoltaic; active solar thermal that employs collection panels, heat transfer mechanical components; wind; small hydro; tidal; wave energy; geothermal (core earth); biomass energy systems; landfill gas and bio-fuel based electrical production. Onsite energy shall be generated on or adjacent to the project site and shall not be delivered to the project through the utility service.

**PROPOSED DESIGN.** A description of the proposed *building* used to estimate annual energy use for determining compliance based on total building performance.

**RATED DESIGN.** A description of the proposed *building* used to determine the energy rating index.

**READILY ACCESSIBLE.** Capable of being reached quickly for operation, renewal or inspection without requiring those to whom ready access is requisite to climb over or remove obstacles or to resort to portable ladders or access equipment (see “Accessible”).

**REPAIR.** The reconstruction or renewal of any part of an existing building for the purpose of its maintenance or to correct damage.

**REROOFING.** The process of recovering or replacing an existing *roof covering*. See “Roof recover” and “Roof replacement.”

**RESIDENTIAL BUILDING.** For this code, includes detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) as well as Group R-2, R-3 and R-4 buildings three stories or less in height above grade plane.

**ROOF ASSEMBLY.** A system designed to provide weather protection and resistance to design loads. The system consists of a roof covering and roof deck or a single component serving as both the roof covering and the roof deck. A roof assembly includes the roof covering, underlayment, roof deck, insulation, vapor retarder and interior finish.

**ROOF RECOVER.** The process of installing an additional *roof covering* over a prepared existing *roof covering* without removing the existing *roof covering*.

**ROOF REPAIR.** Reconstruction or renewal of any part of an existing roof for the purposes of its maintenance.

**ROOF REPLACEMENT.** The process of removing the existing *roof covering*, repairing any damaged substrate and installing a new *roof covering*.

**R-VALUE (THERMAL RESISTANCE).** The inverse of the time rate of heat flow through a body from one of its bounding surfaces to the other surface for a unit temperature difference between the two surfaces, under steady state conditions, per unit area ( $h\text{ ft}^2\text{ }^\circ\text{F/Btu}$ ) [ $(\text{m}^2\text{ K})/\text{W}$ ].

**SEMI-CONDITIONED SPACE.** A space within the building thermal envelope that is not directly heated and/or cooled.

**SITE-RECOVERED ENERGY.** Waste energy recovered at the building site that is used to offset consumption of purchased fuel or electrical energy supplies.

**SERVICE WATER HEATING.** Supply of hot water for purposes other than comfort heating.

**SKYLIGHT.** Glass or other transparent or translucent glazing material installed at a slope of less than 60 degrees (1.05 rad) from horizontal.

**SOLAR ENERGY SOURCE.** Source of thermal, chemical, or electrical energy derived from direct conversion of incident solar radiation at the building site.

**SOLAR HEAT GAIN COEFFICIENT (SHGC).** The ratio of the solar heat gain entering the space through the fenestration assembly to the incident solar radiation. Solar heat gain includes directly transmitted solar heat and absorbed solar radiation that is then reradiated, conducted or convected into the space.

**STANDARD REFERENCE DESIGN.** A version of the *proposed design* that meets the minimum requirements of this code and is used to determine the maximum annual energy use requirement for compliance based on total building performance.

**SUNROOM.** A one-story structure attached to a dwelling with a glazing area in excess of 40 percent of the gross area of the structure's exterior walls and roof.

**THERMAL ISOLATION.** Physical and space conditioning separation from *conditioned space(s)*. The *conditioned space(s)* shall be controlled as separate zones for heating and cooling or conditioned by separate equipment.

**THERMOSTAT.** An automatic control device used to maintain temperature at a fixed or adjustable set point.

**U-FACTOR (THERMAL TRANSMITTANCE).** The coefficient of heat transmission (air to air) through a building component or assembly, equal to the time rate of heat flow per unit area and unit temperature difference between the warm side and cold side air films (Btu/h · ft<sup>2</sup> · °F) [W/(m<sup>2</sup> · K)].

**VAPOR RETARDER CLASS 1.** A measure of the ability of a material or assembly to limit the amount of moisture that passes through that material or assembly. Vapor retarder class 1 is defined as 0.1 perm or less when using the desiccant method with Procedure A of ASTM 96.

**VENTILATION.** The natural or mechanical process of supplying conditioned or unconditioned air to, or removing such air from, any space.

~~**VENTILATION AIR.** That portion of supply air that comes from outside (outdoors) plus any recirculated air that has been treated to maintain the desired quality of air within a designated space.~~

**VERTICAL FENESTRATION.** Windows (fixed or moveable), opaque doors, glazed doors, glazed block and combination opaque/glazed doors composed of glass or other transparent or translucent glazing materials and installed at a slope of at least 60 degrees (1.05 rad) from horizontal.

**VISIBLE TRANSMITTANCE [VT].** The ratio of visible light entering the space through the fenestration product assembly to the incident visible light, Visible Transmittance, includes the effects of glazing material and frame and is expressed as a number between 0 and 1.

~~**WHOLE HOUSE MECHANICAL VENTILATION SYSTEM.** An exhaust system, supply system, or combination thereof that is designed to mechanically exchange indoor air with outdoor air when operating continuously or through a programmed intermittent schedule to satisfy the whole house ventilation rates.~~

**ZONE.** A space or group of spaces within a building with heating or cooling requirements that are sufficiently similar so that desired conditions can be maintained throughout using a single controlling device.

# CHAPTER 3 [RE] GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

## SECTION R301 CLIMATE ZONES

### R301.1 General.

Climate zones from Figure R301.1 or Table R301.1 shall be used in determining the applicable requirements from Chapter 4. ~~Locations not in Table R301.1 (outside the United States) shall be assigned a climate zone based on Section R301.3.~~

### R301.2 Warm humid counties.

Warm humid counties are identified in Table R301.1 by an asterisk.

### R301.3 International climate zones.

~~Deleted.~~ Note: Table R301.3(1) and Table R301.3(2) contain no NC requirements but are retained for information only. ~~The climate zone for any location outside the United States shall be determined by applying Table R301.3(1) and then Table R301.3(2).~~

### R301.4 Tropical climate zone.

~~Deleted.~~ ~~The tropical climate zone shall be defined as:~~

- ~~1. Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands; and~~
- ~~2. Islands in the area between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.~~

**TABLE R301.1**  
**NORTH CAROLINA CLIMATE ZONES, MOISTURE REGIMES, AND WARM-HUMID**  
**DESIGNATIONS**  
**BY COUNTY**

**Key: A – Moist, B – Dry, C – Marine. Absence of moisture designation indicates moisture regime is irrelevant.**

**Asterisk (\*) indicates a warm-humid location.**

#### **NORTH**

#### **CAROLINA**

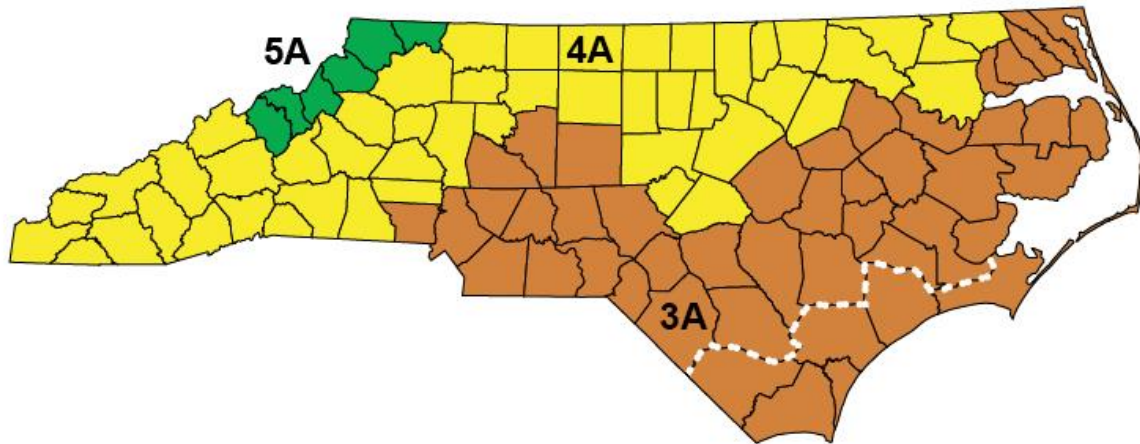
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3A Anson  
5A Ashe  
5A Avery  
3A Beaufort  
4A Bertie

3A Bladen  
3A Brunswick\*  
4A Buncombe  
4A Burke  
3A Cabarrus  
4A Caldwell  
3A Camden  
3A Carteret\*  
4A Caswell  
4A Catawba

4A Chatham  
4A Cherokee  
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4A Clay  
4A Cleveland  
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3A Craven  
3A Cumberland  
3A Currituck  
3A Dare

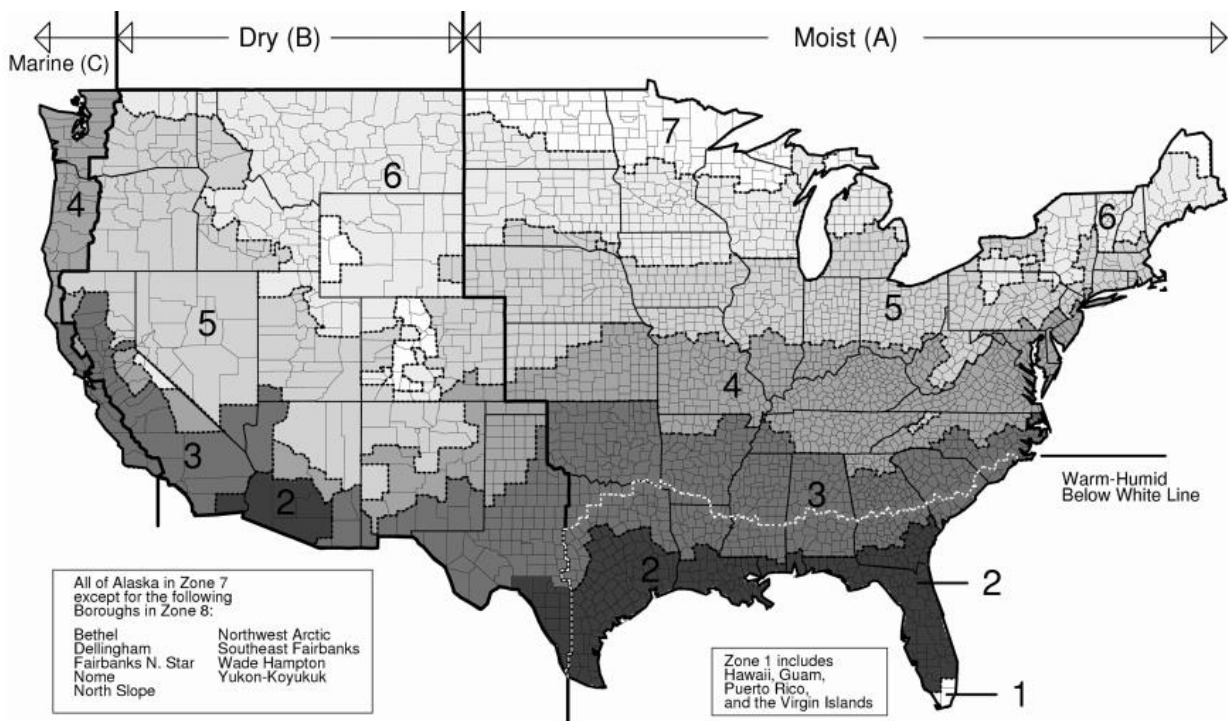
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3A Duplin  
4A Durham  
3A Edgecombe  
4A Forsyth  
4A Franklin  
3A Gaston  
4A Gates  
4A Graham  
4A Granville  
3A Greene  
4A Guilford  
4A Halifax  
4A Harnett  
4A Haywood  
4A Henderson  
4A Hertford  
3A Hoke  
3A Hyde  
4A Iredell  
4A Jackson  
3A Johnston  
3A Jones  
4A Lee  
3A Lenoir  
4A Lincoln  
4A Macon  
4A Madison  
3A Martin  
4A McDowell  
3A Mecklenburg  
5A Mitchell  
3A Montgomery  
3A Moore  
4A Nash  
3A New Hanover\*  
4A Northampton  
3A Onslow\*  
4A Orange  
3A Pamlico  
3A Pasquotank  
3A Pender\*  
3A Perquimans  
4A Person  
3A Pitt  
4A Polk  
3A Randolph  
3A Richmond  
3A Robeson  
4A Rockingham

3A Rowan  
4A Rutherford  
3A Sampson  
3A Scotland  
3A Stanly  
4A Stokes  
4A Surry  
4A Swain  
4A Transylvania  
3A Tyrrell  
3A Union  
4A Vance  
4A Wake  
4A Warren  
3A Washington  
5A Watauga  
3A Wayne  
4A Wilkes  
3A Wilson  
4A Yadkin  
5A Yancey



Warm and Humid Counties are below the dashed white line

**Figure R301.1 North Carolina Climate Zones**



**FIGURE R301.24 CLIMATE ZONES**



**TABLE R301.1**  
**CLIMATE ZONES, MOISTURE REGIMES, AND WARM-HUMID**  
**DESIGNATIONS BY STATE, COUNTY AND TERRITORY**

**Key: A — Moist, B — Dry, C — Marine. Absence of moisture designation indicates moisture regime is irrelevant.**

**Asterisk (\*) indicates a warm-humid location.**

**US STATES**

<b>ALABAMA</b>	3A-Lee	7-Kodiak-Island	3A-Calhoun	3A-Monroe
	3A-Limestone	7-Lake-and-Peninsula	4A-Carroll	3A-Montgomery
3A-Autauga*	3A-Lowndes*	7-Matanuska-Susitna	3A-Chicot	3A-Nevada
2A-Baldwin*	3A-Macon*	8-Nome	3A-Clark	4A-Newton
3A-Barbour*	3A-Madison	8-North-Slope	3A-Clay	3A-Ouachita
3A-Bibb	3A-Marengo*	8-Northwest-Arctic	3A-Cleburne	3A-Perry
3A-Blount	3A-Marion	7-Prince-of-Wales	3A-Cleveland	3A-Phillips
3A-Bullock*	3A-Marshall	Outer-Ketchikan	3A-Columbia*	3A-Pike
3A-Butler*	2A-Mobile*	7-Sitka	3A-Conway	3A-Poinsett
3A-Calhoun	3A-Monroe*	7-Skagway-Hoonah	3A-Craighead	3A-Polk
3A-Chambers	3A-Montgomery*	Angeon	3A-Crawford	3A-Pope
3A-Cherokee	3A-Morgan	8-Southeast-Fairbanks	3A-Crittenden	3A-Prairie
3A-Chilton	3A-Perry*	7-Valdez-Cordova	3A-Cross	3A-Pulaski
3A-Choctaw*	3A-Pickens	8-Wade-Hampton	3A-Dallas	3A-Randolph
3A-Clarke*	3A-Pike*	7-Wrangell-Petersburg	3A-Desha	3A-Saline
3A-Clay	3A-Randolph	7-Yakutat	3A-Drew	3A-Scott
3A-Cleburne	3A-Russell*	8-Yukon-Keyukuk	3A-Faulkner	4A-Searcy
3A-Coffee*	3A-Shelby	<b>ARIZONA</b>	3A-Franklin	3A-Sebastian
3A-Colbert	3A-St.-Clair	5B-Apache	4A-Fulton	3A-Sevier*
3A-Conecuh*	3A-Sumter	3B-Cochise	3A-Garland	3A-Sharp
3A-Coosa	3A-Talladega	5B-Coconino	3A-Grant	3A-St.-Francis
3A-Covington*	3A-Tallapoosa	4B-Gila	3A-Greene	4A-Stone
3A-Crenshaw*	3A-Tuscaloosa	3B-Graham	3A-Hempstead*	3A-Union*
3A-Cullman	3A-Walker	3B-Greenlee	3A-Hot-Spring	3A-Van-Buren
3A-Dale*	3A-Washington*	2B-La-Paz	3A-Howard	4A-Washington
3A-Dallas*	3A-Wilcox*	2B-Maricopa	3A-Independence	3A-White
3A-DeKalb	3A-Winston	3B-Mohave	4A-Izard	3A-Woodruff
3A-Elmore*	<b>ALASKA</b>	5B-Navajo	3A-Jackson	3A-Yell
3A-Escambia*		2B-Pima	3A-Jefferson	
3A-Etowah	7-Aleutians-East	2B-Pinal	3A-Johnson	<b>CALIFORNIA</b>

3A-Fayette	7 Aleutians West	3B-Santa Cruz	3A-Lafayette*	3C-Alameda
3A-Franklin	7 Anchorage	4B-Yavapai	3A-Lawrence	6B-Alpine
3A-Geneva*	8 Bethel	2B-Yuma	3A-Lee	4B-Amador
3A-Greene	7 Bristol Bay	<b>ARKANSAS</b>	3A-Lincoln	3B-Butte
3A-Hale	7 Denali		3A-Little River*	4B-Calaveras
3A-Henry*	8 Dillingham	3A-Arkansas	3A-Logan	3B-Colusa
3A-Houston*	8 Fairbanks North-Star	3A-Ashley	3A-Lonoke	3B-Contra-Costa
3A-Jackson	7 Haines	4A-Baxter	4A-Madison	4C-Del Norte
3A-Jefferson	7 Juneau	4A-Benton	4A-Marion	4B-El-Dorado
3A-Lamar	7 Kenai Peninsula	4A-Boone	3A-Miller*	3B-Fresno
3A-Lauderdale	7 Ketchikan-Gateway	3A-Bradley	3A-Mississippi	3B-Glenn
3A-Lawrence				

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**TABLE R301.1—continued**  
**CLIMATE ZONES, MOISTURE REGIMES, AND WARM-HUMID**  
**DESIGNATIONS BY STATE, COUNTY AND TERRITORY**

4C-Humboldt	3B-Yuba	5B-Montrose	2A-Escambia*	2A-Taylor*
2B-Imperial	<b>COLORADO</b>	5B-Morgan	2A-Flagler*	2A-Union*
4B-Inyo		4B-Otero	2A-Franklin*	2A-Volusia*
3B-Kern	5B-Adams	6B-Ouray	2A-Gadsden*	2A-Wakulla*
3B-Kings	6B-Alamosa	7 Park	2A-Gilchrist*	2A-Walton*
4B-Lake	5B-Arapahoe	5B-Phillips	2A-Glades*	2A-Washington*
5B-Lassen	6B-Archuleta	7 Pitkin	2A-Gulf*	<b>GEORGIA</b>
3B-Los-Angeles	4B-Baca	5B-Prowers	2A-Hamilton*	2A-Appling*
3B-Madera	5B-Bent	5B-Pueblo	2A-Hardee*	2A-Atkinson*
3C-Marin	5B-Boulder	6B-Rio-Blanco	2A-Hendry*	2A-Bacon*
4B-Mariposa	5B-Broomfield	7 Rio-Grande	2A-Hernando*	2A-Baker*
3C-Mendocino	6B-Chaffee	7 Routt	2A-Highlands*	3A-Baldwin
3B-Merced	5B-Cheyenne	6B-Saguache	2A-Hillsborough*	4A-Banks
5B-Modoc	7 Clear-Creek	7 San Juan	2A-Holmes*	3A-Barrow
6B-Mono	6B-Conejos	6B-San-Miguel	2A-Indian-River*	3A-Bartow
3C-Monterey	6B-Costilla	5B-Sedgwick	2A-Jackson*	3A-Ben-Hill*
3C-Napa	5B-Crowley	7 Summit	2A-Jefferson*	2A-Berrien*
5B-Nevada	6B-Custer	5B-Teller	2A-Lafayette*	3A-Bibb
3B-Orange	5B-Delta	5B-Washington	2A-Lake*	3A-Bleckley*
3B-Placer	5B-Denver	5B-Weld	2A-Lee*	2A-Brantley*
5B-Plumas	6B-Dolores	5B-Yuma	2A-Leon*	2A-Brooks*
3B-Riverside	5B-Douglas	<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	2A-Levy*	2A-Bryan*
3B-Sacramento	6B-Eagle		2A-Liberty*	3A-Bulloch*
3C-San-Benito	5B-Elbert	5A-(all)	2A-Madison*	3A-Burke
3B-San-Bernardino	5B-El-Paso	<b>DELAWARE</b>	2A-Manatee*	3A-Butts
3B-San-Diego	5B-Fremont		2A-Marion*	3A-Calhoun*
3C-San-Francisco	5B-Garfield	<b>DISTRICT-OF-COLUMBIA</b>	2A-Martin*	
3B-San-Joaquin	5B-Gilpin		4A-Miami-Dade*	2A-Camden*
3C-San-Luis-Obispo	7-Grand		4A-Monroe*	3A-Candler*

3C-San Mateo	7-Gunnison	4A-(all)	2A-Nassau*	3A-Carroll
3C-Santa-Barbara	7-Hinsdale	<b>FLORIDA</b>	2A-Okaloosa*	4A-Catoosa
3C-Santa-Clara	5B-Huerfano		2A-Okeechobee*	2A-Charlton*
3C-Santa-Cruz	7-Jackson	2A-Alachua*	2A-Orange*	2A-Chatham*
3B-Shasta	5B-Jefferson	2A-Baker*	2A-Osceola*	3A-Chattahoochee*
5B-Sierra	5B-Kiowa	2A-Bay*	2A-Palm-Beach*	4A-Chattooga
5B-Siskiyou	5B-Kit-Carson	2A-Bradford*	2A-Pasco*	3A-Cherokee
3B-Solano	7-Lake	2A-Brevard*	2A-Pinellas*	3A-Clarke
3C-Sonoma	5B-La-Plata	1A-Broward*	2A-Polk*	3A-Clay*
3B-Stanislaus	5B-Larimer	2A-Calhoun*	2A-Putnam*	3A-Clayton
3B-Sutter	4B-Las-Animas	2A-Charlotte*	2A-Santa-Rosa*	2A-Clinch*
3B-Tohama	5B-Lincoln	2A-Citrus*	2A-Sarasota*	3A-Cobb
4B-Trinity	5B-Logan	2A-Clay*	2A-Seminole*	3A-Coffee*
3B-Tulare	5B-Mesa	2A-Collier*	2A-St.-Johns*	2A-Colquitt*
4B-Tuolumne	7-Mineral	2A-Columbia*	2A-St.-Lucie*	3A-Columbia
3C-Ventura	6B-Moffat	2A-DeSoto*	2A-Sumter*	2A-Cook*
3B-Yolo	5B-Montezuma	2A-Dixie*	2A-Suwannee*	3A-Coweta
		2A-Duval*		

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**TABLE R301.1—continued**  
**CLIMATE ZONES, MOISTURE REGIMES, AND WARM-HUMID**  
**DESIGNATIONS BY STATE, COUNTY AND TERRITORY**

3A-Crawford	2A-Lanier*	3A-Taylor*	5B-Cassia	4A-Crawford
3A-Crisp*	3A-Laurens*	3A-Telfair*	6B-Clark	5A-Cumberland
4A-Dade	3A-Lee*	3A-Terrell*	5B-Clearwater	5A-DeKalb
4A-Dawson	2A-Liberty*	2A-Thomas*	6B-Custer	5A-De-Witt
2A-Decatur*	3A-Lincoln	3A-Tift*	5B-Elmore	5A-Douglas
3A-DeKalb	2A-Long*	2A-Toombs*	6B-Franklin	5A-DuPage
3A-Dodge*	2A-Lowndes*	4A-Towns	6B-Fremont	5A-Edgar
3A-Dooley*	4A-Lumpkin	3A-Treutlen*	5B-Gem	4A-Edwards
3A-Dougherty*	3A-Macon*	3A-Troup	5B-Gooding	4A-Effingham
3A-Douglas	3A-Madison	3A-Turner*	5B-Idaho	4A-Fayette
3A-Early*	3A-Marion*	3A-Twiggs*	6B-Jefferson	5A-Ford
2A-Echols*	3A-McDuffie	4A-Union	5B-Jerome	4A-Franklin
2A-Effingham*	2A-McIntosh*	3A-Upson	5B-Kootenai	5A-Fulton
3A-Elbert	3A-Meriwether	4A-Walker	5B-Latah	4A-Gallatin
3A-Emanuel*	2A-Miller*	3A-Walton	6B-Lemhi	5A-Greene
2A-Evans*	2A-Mitchell*	2A-Ware*	5B-Lewis	5A-Grundy
4A-Fannin	3A-Monroe	3A-Warren	5B-Lincoln	4A-Hamilton
3A-Fayette	3A-Montgomery*	3A-Washington	6B-Madison	5A-Hancock
4A-Floyd	3A-Morgan	2A-Wayne*	5B-Minidoka	4A-Hardin
3A-Forsyth	4A-Murray	3A-Webster*	5B-Nez-Perce	5A-Henderson
4A-Franklin	3A-Muscogee	3A-Wheeler*	6B-Oneida	5A-Henry
3A-Fulton	3A-Newton	4A-White	5B-Owyhee	5A-Iroquois
4A-Gilmer	3A-Oconee	4A-Whitfield	5B-Payette	4A-Jackson
3A-Glascock	3A-Oglethorpe	3A-Wilcox*	5B-Power	4A-Jasper
2A-Glynn*	3A-Paulding	3A-Wilkes	5B-Shoshone	4A-Jefferson
4A-Gordon	3A-Peach*	3A-Wilkinson	6B-Teton	5A-Jersey
2A-Grady*	4A-Pickens	3A-Worth*	5B-Twin-Falls	5A-Jo-Daviess
3A-Greene	2A-Pierce*	<b>HAWAII</b>	6B-Valley	4A-Johnson
3A-Gwinnett	3A-Pike		5B-Washington	5A-Kane

4A Habersham	3A Polk	1A (all)*	<b>ILLINOIS</b>	5A Kankakee
4A Hall	3A Pulaski*	<b>IDAHO</b>	5A Adams	5A Kendall
3A Hancock	3A Putnam	5B Ada	4A Alexander	5A Knox
3A Haralson	3A Quitman*	6B Adams	4A Bond	5A Lake
3A Harris	4A Rabun	6B Bannock	5A Boone	5A La Salle
3A Hart	3A Randolph*	6B Bear Lake	5A Brown	4A Lawrence
3A Heard	3A Richmond	5B Benewah	5A Bureau	5A Lee
3A Henry	3A Rockdale	6B Bingham	5A Calhoun	5A Livingston
3A Houston*	3A Schley*	6B Blaine	5A Carroll	5A Logan
3A Irwin*	3A Screven*	6B Boise	5A Cass	5A Macon
3A Jackson	2A Seminole*	6B Bonner	5A Champaign	4A Macoupin
3A Jasper	3A Spalding	6B Bonneville	4A Christian	4A Madison
2A Jeff Davis*	4A Stephens	6B Boundary	5A Clark	4A Marion
3A Jefferson	3A Stewart*	6B Butte	4A Clay	5A Marshall
3A Jenkins*	3A Sumter*	6B Camas	4A Clinton	5A Mason
3A Johnson*	3A Talbot	5B Canyon	5A Coles	4A Massac
3A Jones	3A Taliaferro	6B Caribou	5A Cook	5A McDonough
3A Lamar	2A Tattnell*			5A McHenry

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**TABLE R301.1—continued**  
**CLIMATE ZONES, MOISTURE REGIMES, AND WARM-HUMID**  
**DESIGNATIONS BY STATE, COUNTY AND TERRITORY**

5A McLean	5A Boone	5A Miami	5A Appanoose	5A Jasper
5A Menard	4A Brown	4A Monroe	5A Audubon	5A Jefferson
5A Mercer	5A Carroll	5A Montgomery	5A Benton	5A Johnson
4A Monroe	5A Cass	5A Morgan	6A Black Hawk	5A Jones
4A Montgomery	4A Clark	5A Newton	5A Boone	5A Keokuk
5A Morgan	5A Clay	5A Noble	6A Bremer	6A Kossuth
5A Moultrie	5A Clinton	4A Ohio	6A Buchanan	5A Lee
5A Ogle	4A Crawford	4A Orange	6A Buena Vista	5A Linn
5A Peoria	4A Daviess	5A Owen	6A Butler	5A Louisa
4A Perry	4A Dearborn	5A Parke	6A Calhoun	5A Lucas
5A Piatt	5A Decatur	4A Perry	5A Carroll	6A Lyon
5A Pike	5A De Kalb	4A Pike	5A Cass	5A Madison
4A Pope	5A Delaware	5A Porter	5A Cedar	5A Mahaska
4A Pulaski	4A Dubois	4A Posey	6A Cerro Gordo	5A Marion
5A Putnam	5A Elkhart	5A Pulaski	6A Cherokee	5A Marshall
4A Randolph	5A Fayette	5A Putnam	6A Chickasaw	5A Mills
4A Richland	4A Floyd	5A Randolph	5A Clarke	6A Mitchell
5A Rock Island	5A Fountain	4A Ripley	6A Clay	5A Monona
4A Saline	5A Franklin	5A Rush	6A Clayton	5A Monroe
5A Sangamon	5A Fulton	4A Scott	5A Clinton	5A Montgomery
5A Schuyler	4A Gibson	5A Shelby	5A Crawford	5A Muscatine
5A Scott	5A Grant	4A Spencer	5A Dallas	6A O'Brien
4A Shelby	4A Greene	5A Starke	5A Davis	6A Osceola
5A Stark	5A Hamilton	5A Steuben	5A Decatur	5A Page
4A St. Clair	5A Hancock	5A St. Joseph	6A Delaware	6A Palo Alto
5A Stephenson	4A Harrison	4A Sullivan	5A Des Moines	6A Plymouth
5A Tazewell	5A Hendricks	4A Switzerland	6A Dickinson	6A Pocahontas
4A Union	5A Henry	5A Tippecanoe	5A Dubuque	5A Polk
5A Vermilion	5A Howard	5A Tipton	6A Emmet	5A Pottawattamie

4A-Wabash	5A-Huntington	5A-Union	6A-Fayette	5A-Poweshiek
5A-Warren	4A-Jackson	4A-Vanderburgh	6A-Floyd	5A-Ringgold
4A-Washington	5A-Jasper	5A-Vermillion	6A-Franklin	6A-Sac
4A-Wayne	5A-Jay	5A-Vigo	5A-Fremont	5A-Scott
4A-White	4A-Jefferson	5A-Wabash	5A-Greene	5A-Shelby
5A-Whiteside	4A-Jennings	5A-Warren	6A-Grundy	6A-Sioux
5A-Will	5A-Johnson	4A-Warrick	5A-Guthrie	5A-Story
4A-Williamson	4A-Knox	4A-Washington	6A-Hamilton	5A-Tama
5A-Winnebago	5A-Kosciusko	5A-Wayne	6A-Hancock	5A-Taylor
5A-Woodford	5A-LaGrange	5A-Wells	6A-Hardin	5A-Union
<b>INDIANA</b>	5A-Lake	5A-White	5A-Harrison	5A-Van-Buren
5A-Adams	5A-LaPorte	5A-Whitley	5A-Henry	5A-Wapello
5A-Allen	4A-Lawrence	<b>IOWA</b>	6A-Howard	5A-Warren
5A-Bartholomew	5A-Madison	5A-Adair	6A-Humboldt	5A-Washington
5A-Benton	5A-Marion	5A-Adams	6A-Ida	5A-Wayne
5A-Blackford	5A-Marshall	6A-Allamakee	5A-Iowa	6A-Webster
	4A-Martin		5A-Jackson	6A-Winnebago

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**TABLE R301.1—continued**  
**CLIMATE ZONES, MOISTURE REGIMES, AND WARM-HUMID**  
**DESIGNATIONS BY STATE, COUNTY AND TERRITORY**

6A-Winneshiek	4A-Haskell	4A-Sedgwick	2A-Iberville*	6A-Cumberland
5A-Woodbury	4A-Hodgeman	4A-Seward	3A-Jackson*	6A-Franklin
6A-Worth	4A-Jackson	4A-Shawnee	2A-Jefferson*	6A-Hancock
6A-Wright	4A-Jefferson	5A-Sheridan	2A-Jefferson-Davis*	6A-Kennebec
<b>KANSAS</b>	5A-Jewell	5A-Sherman	2A-Lafayette*	6A-Knox
4A-Allen	4A-Johnson	5A-Smith	2A-Lafourche*	6A-Lincoln
4A-Anderson	4A-Kearny	4A-Stafford	3A-La-Salle*	6A-Oxford
4A-Atchison	4A-Kingman	4A-Stanton	3A-Lincoln*	6A-Penobscot
4A-Barber	4A-Kiowa	4A-Stevens	2A-Livingston*	6A-Piscataquis
4A-Barton	4A-Labette	4A-Sumner	3A-Madison*	6A-Sagadahoc
4A-Bourbon	5A-Lane	5A-Thomas	3A-Morehouse	6A-Somerset
4A-Brown	4A-Leavenworth	5A-Trego	3A-Natchitoches*	6A-Waldo
4A-Butler	4A-Lincoln	4A-Wabaunsee	2A-Orleans*	6A-Washington
4A-Chase	4A-Linn	5A-Wallace	3A-Ouachita*	6A-York
4A-Chautauqua	5A-Logan	4A-Washington	2A-Plaquemines*	<b>MARYLAND</b>
4A-Cherokee	4A-Lyon	5A-Wichita	2A-Pointe-Coupee*	4A-Allegany
5A-Cheyenne	4A-Marion	4A-Wilson	2A-Rapides*	4A-Anne-Arundel
4A-Clark	4A-Marshall	4A-Woodson	3A-Red-River*	4A-Baltimore
4A-Clay	4A-McPherson	4A-Wyandotte	3A-Richland*	4A-Baltimore-(city)
5A-Cloud	4A-Meade	<b>KENTUCKY</b>	3A-Sabino*	4A-Calvert
4A-Coffey	4A-Miami	4A-(all)	2A-St.-Bernard*	4A-Caroline
4A-Comanche	5A-Mitchell	<b>LOUISIANA</b>	2A-St.-Charles*	4A-Carroll
4A-Cowley	4A-Montgomery	2A-Acadia*	2A-St.-Helena*	4A-Cecil
4A-Crawford	4A-Morris	2A-Ascension*	2A-St.-James*	4A-Charles
5A-Decatur	4A-Morton	2A-Assumption*	2A-St.-John-the-Baptist*	4A-Dorchester
4A-Dickinson	4A-Nemaha	2A-Aveyelles*	2A-St.-Landry*	4A-Frederick
4A-Doniphan	4A-Neosho	2A-Beauregard*	2A-St.-Martin*	5A-Garrett
4A-Douglas	5A-Ness	3A-Bienville*	2A-St.-Mary*	4A-Harford
4A-Edwards	4A-Norton		2A-St.-Tammany*	4A-Howard
4A-Elk	4A-Osage		2A-Tangipahoa*	4A-Kent
	5A-Osborne			

5A-Ellis	4A-Ottawa	3A-Bossier*	3A-Tensas*	4A-Montgomery
4A-Ellsworth	4A-Pawnee	3A-Caddo*	2A-Terrebonne*	4A-Prince-George's
4A-Finney	5A-Phillips	2A-Calcasieu*	3A-Union*	4A-Queen-Anne's
4A-Ford	4A-Pottawatomie	3A-Caldwell*	2A-Vermillion*	4A-Somerset
4A-Franklin	4A-Pratt	2A-Cameron*	3A-Vernon*	4A-St.-Mary's
4A-Geary	5A-Rawlins	3A-Catahoula*	2A-Washington*	4A-Talbot
5A-Gove	4A-Reno	3A-Claiborne*	3A-Webster*	4A-Washington
5A-Graham	5A-Republic	3A-Concordia*	2A-West-Baton-Rouge*	4A-Wicomico
4A-Grant	4A-Rice	3A-De-Soto*		4A-Worcester
4A-Gray	4A-Riley	2A-East-Baton-Rouge*	3A-West-Carroll	
5A-Greeley	5A-Rooks	3A-East-Carroll	2A-West-Feliciana*	
4A-Greenwood	4A-Rush	2A-East-Feliciana*	3A-Winn*	<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>
5A-Hamilton	4A-Russell	2A-Evangeline*		5A-(all)
4A-Harper	4A-Saline	3A-Franklin*	<b>MAINE</b>	<b>MICHIGAN</b>
4A-Harvey	5A-Scott	3A-Grant*	6A-Androscoggin	6A-Alcona
		2A-Iberia*	7-Aroostook	6A-Alger

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5A-Allegan	7-Mackinac	6A-Carver	7-Otter-Tail	3A-Clarke
6A-Alpena	5A-Macomb	7-Cass	7-Pennington	3A-Clay
6A-Antrim	6A-Manistee	6A-Chippewa	7-Pine	3A-Coahoma
6A-Arenac	6A-Marquette	6A-Chisago	6A-Pipestone	3A-Copiah*
7-Baraga	6A-Mason	7-Clay	7-Polk	3A-Covington*
5A-Barry	6A-Mecosta	7-Clearwater	6A-Pope	3A-DeSoto
5A-Bay	6A-Menominee	7-Cook	6A-Ramsey	3A-Forrest*
6A-Benzie	5A-Midland	6A-Cottonwood	7-Red-Lake	3A-Franklin*
5A-Berrien	6A-Missaukee	7-Crow-Wing	6A-Redwood	3A-George*
5A-Branch	5A-Monroe	6A-Dakota	6A-Renville	3A-Greene*
5A-Calhoun	5A-Montcalm	6A-Dodge	6A-Rice	3A-Grenada
5A-Cass	6A-Montmorency	6A-Douglas	6A-Rock	2A-Hancock*
6A-Charlevoix	5A-Muskegon	6A-Faribault	7-Roseau	2A-Harrison*
6A-Cheboygan	6A-Newaygo	6A-Fillmore	6A-Scott	3A-Hinds*
7-Chippewa	5A-Oakland	6A-Freeborn	6A-Sherburne	3A-Holmes
6A-Clare	6A-Oceana	6A-Goodhue	6A-Sibley	3A-Humphreys
5A-Clinton	6A-Ogemaw	7-Grant	6A-Stearns	3A-Issaquena
6A-Crawford	7-Ontonagon	6A-Hennepin	6A-Steele	3A-Itawamba
6A-Delta	6A-Osceola	6A-Houston	6A-Stevens	2A-Jackson*
6A-Dickinson	6A-Oscoda	7-Hubbard	7-St.-Louis	3A-Jasper
5A-Eaton	6A-Otsego	6A-Isanti	6A-Swift	3A-Jefferson*
6A-Emmet	5A-Ottawa	7-Itasca	6A-Todd	3A-Jefferson-Davis*
5A-Genesee	6A-Presque-Isle	6A-Jackson	6A-Traverse	3A-Jones*
6A-Gladwin	6A-Roscommon	7-Kanabec	6A-Wabasha	3A-Kemper
7-Gogebic	5A-Saginaw	6A-Kandiyohi	7-Wadena	3A-Lafayette
6A-Grand-Traverse	6A-Sanilac	7-Kittson	6A-Waseca	3A-Lamar*
5A-Gratiot	7-Schoolcraft	7-Koochiching	6A-Washington	3A-Lauderdale
5A-Hillsdale	5A-Shiawassee	6A-Lac-qui-Parle	6A-Watonwan	3A-Lawrence*



7 Houghton	5A St. Clair	7 Lake	7 Wilkin	3A Leake
6A Huron	5A St. Joseph	7 Lake-of-the-Woods	6A Winona	3A Lee
5A Ingham	5A Tuscola	6A Le Sueur	6A Wright	3A Leflore
5A Ionia	5A Van Buren	6A Lincoln	6A Yellow Medicine	3A Lincoln*
6A Iosco	5A Washtenaw	6A Lyon		3A Lowndes
7 Iron	5A Wayne	7 Mahanomen	<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	3A Madison
6A Isabella	6A Wexford	7 Marshall		3A Marion*
5A Jackson	<b>MINNESOTA</b>	6A Martin	3A Adams*	3A Marshall
5A Kalamazoo	7 Aitkin	6A McLeod	3A Alcorn	3A Monroe
6A Kalkaska	6A Anoka	6A Meeker	3A Amite*	3A Montgomery
5A Kent	7 Becker	7 Mille Lacs	3A Attala	3A Neshoba
7 Keweenaw	7 Beltrami	6A Morrison	3A Benton	3A Newton
6A Lake	6A Benton	6A Mower	3A Bolivar	3A Noxubee
5A Lapeer	6A Big Stone	6A Murray	3A Calhoun	3A Oktibbeha
6A Leelanau	6A Blue Earth	6A Nicolle	3A Carroll	3A Panola
5A Lenawee	6A Brown	6A Nobles	3A Chickasaw	2A Pearl River*
5A Livingston	7 Carlton	7 Norman	3A Choctaw	3A Perry*
7 Luce		6A Olmsted	3A Claiborne*	3A Pike*

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3A Pontotoc	5A Chariton	4A Mississippi	4A Webster	4A Cumberland
3A Prentiss	4A Christian	4A Moniteau	5A Worth	4A Essex
3A Quitman	5A Clark	4A Monroe	4A Wright	4A Gloucester
3A Rankin*	4A Clay	4A Montgomery	<b>MONTANA</b>	4A Hudson
3A Scott	5A Clinton	4A Morgan		5A Hunterdon
3A Sharkey	4A Cole	4A New Madrid	6B (all)	5A Mercer
3A Simpson*	4A Cooper	4A Newton	<b>NEBRASKA</b>	4A Middlesex
3A Smith*	4A Crawford	5A Nodaway		4A Monmouth
2A Stone*	4A Dade	4A Oregon	5A (all)	5A Morris
3A Sunflower	4A Dallas	4A Osage	<b>NEVADA</b>	4A Ocean
3A Tallahatchie	5A Daviess	4A Ozark		5A Passaic
3A Tate	5A DeKalb	4A Pemiscot	5B Carson City (city)	4A Salem
3A Tippah	4A Dent	4A Perry	5B Churchill	5A Somerset
3A Tishomingo	4A Douglas	4A Pettis	3B Clark	5A Sussex
3A Tunica	4A Dunklin	4A Phelps	5B Douglas	4A Union
3A Union	4A Franklin	5A Pike	5B Elke	5A Warren
3A Walthall*	4A Gasconade	4A Platte	5B Esmeralda	<b>NEW MEXICO</b>
3A Warren*	5A Gentry	4A Polk	5B Eureka	
3A Washington	4A Greene	4A Pulaski	5B Humboldt	4B Bernalillo
3A Wayne*	5A Grundy	5A Putnam	5B Lander	5B Catron
3A Webster	5A Harrison	5A Ralls	5B Lincoln	3B Chaves
3A Wilkinson*	4A Henry	4A Randolph	5B Lyon	4B Cibola
3A Winston	4A Hickory	4A Ray	5B Mineral	5B Colfax
3A Yalobusha	5A Holt	4A Reynolds	5B Nye	4B Curry
3A Yazoo	4A Howard	4A Ripley	5B Pershing	4B DeBaca
<b>MISSOURI</b>	4A Howell	4A Saline	5B Storey	3B Dona Ana
	4A Iron	5A Schuyler	5B Washoe	3B Eddy
5A Adair	4A Jackson	5A Scotland	5B White Pine	4B Grant
5A Andrew	4A Jasper	4A Scott	<b>NEW</b>	4B Guadalupe

5A Atchison	4A Jefferson	4A Shannon	<b>HAMPSHIRE</b>	5B Harding
4A Audrain	4A Johnson	5A Shelby	6A Belknap	3B Hidalgo
4A Barry	5A Knox	4A St. Charles	6A Carroll	3B Lea
4A Barton	4A Laeclde	4A St. Clair	5A Cheshire	4B Lincoln
4A Bates	4A Lafayette	4A St. Francois	6A Coos	5B Los Alamos
4A Benton	4A Lawrence	4A St. Louis	6A Grafton	3B Luna
4A Bollinger	5A Lewis	4A St. Louis- (city)	5A Hillsborough	5B McKinley
4A Boone	4A Lincoln	4A Ste- Genevieve	6A Merrimack	5B Mora
5A Buchanan	5A Linn	4A Stoddard	5A Rockingham	3B Otero
4A Butler	5A Livingston	4A Stone	5A Strafford	4B Quay
5A Caldwell	5A Macon	5A Sullivan	6A Sullivan	5B Rio Arriba
4A Callaway	4A Madison	4A Taney	<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	4B Roosevelt
4A Camden	4A Maries	4A Texas	4A Atlantic	5B Sandoval
4A Cape Girardeau	5A Marion	4A Vernon	5A Bergen	5B San Juan
4A Carroll	4A McDonald	4A Warren	4A Burlington	5B San Miguel
4A Carter	5A Mercer	4A Washington	4A Camden	5B Santa Fe
4A Cass	4A Miller	4A Wayne	4A Cape May	4B Sierra
4A Cedar				4B Socorro

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5B Taos	4A Queens	4A Clay	4A Orange	7 Divide
5B Torrance	5A Rensselaer	4A Cleveland	3A Pamlico	6A Dunn
4B Union	4A Richmond	3A Columbus*	3A Pasquotank	7 Eddy
4B Valencia	5A Rockland	3A Craven	3A Pender*	6A Emmons
<b>NEW YORK</b>	5A Saratoga	3A Cumberland	3A Perquimans	7 Foster
5A Albany	5A Schenectady	3A Currituck	4A Person	6A Golden- Valley
6A Allegany	6A Schoharie	3A Dare	3A Pitt	7 Grand Forks
4A Bronx	6A Schuyler	3A Davidson	4A Polk	6A Grant
6A Broome	5A Seneca	4A Davie	3A Randolph	7 Griggs
6A Cattaraugus	6A Steuben	3A Duplin	3A Richmond	6A Hettinger
5A Cayuga	6A St. Lawrence	4A Durham	3A Robeson	7 Kidder
5A Chautauqua	4A Suffolk	3A Edgecombe	4A Rockingham	6A LaMoure
5A Chemung	6A Sullivan	4A Forsyth	3A Rowan	6A Logan
6A Chenango	5A Tioga	4A Franklin	4A Rutherford	7 McHenry
6A Clinton	6A Tompkins	3A Gaston	3A Sampson	6A McIntosh
5A Columbia	6A Ulster	4A Gates	3A Scotland	6A McKenzie
5A Cortland	6A Warren	4A Graham	3A Stanly	7 McLean
6A Delaware	5A Washington	4A Granville	4A Stokes	6A Mercer
5A Dutchess	5A Wayne	3A Greene	4A Surry	6A Morton
5A Erie	4A Westchester	4A Guilford	4A Swain	7 Mountrail
6A Essex	6A Wyoming	4A Halifax	4A Transylvania	7 Nelson
6A Franklin	5A Yates	4A Harnett	3A Tyrrell	6A Oliver
6A Fulton	<b>NORTH</b>	4A Haywood	3A Union	7 Pembina
5A Genesee	<b>CAROLINA</b>	4A Henderson	4A Vance	7 Pierce
5A Greene	4A Alamance	4A Hertford	4A Wake	7 Ramsey
6A Hamilton	4A Alexander	3A Hoke	4A Warren	6A Ransom
6A Herkimer		3A Hyde	3A Washington	7 Renville



6A-Jefferson	5A-Alleghany	4A-Iredell	5A-Watauga	6A-Richland
4A-Kings	3A-Anson	4A-Jackson	3A-Wayne	7-Rolette
6A-Lewis	5A-Ashe	3A-Johnston	4A-Wilkes	6A-Sargent
5A-Livingston	5A-Avery	3A-Jones	3A-Wilson	7-Sheridan
6A-Madison	3A-Beaufort	4A-Lee	4A-Yadkin	6A-Sioux
5A-Monroe	4A-Bertie	3A-Lenoir	5A-Yancey	6A-Slope
6A-Montgomery	3A-Bladen	4A-Lincoln	<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	6A-Stark
4A-Nassau	3A-Brunswick*	4A-Macon	6A-Adams	7-Steele
4A-New York	4A-Buncombe	4A-Madison	7-Barnes	7-Stutsman
5A-Niagara	4A-Burke	3A-Martin	7-Benson	7-Towner
6A-Onoia	3A-Cabarrus	4A-McDowell	7-Billings	7-Traill
5A-Onondaga	4A-Caldwell	3A-Mecklenburg	6A-Bottineau	7-Walsh
5A-Ontario	3A-Camden	5A-Mitchell	7-Bowman	7-Ward
5A-Orange	3A-Carteret*	3A-Montgomery	7-Burke	7-Wells
5A-Orleans	4A-Caswell	3A-Moore	6A-Burleigh	7-Williams
5A-Oswego	4A-Catawba	4A-Nash		
6A-Otsego	4A-Chatham	3A-New-Hanover*	7-Cass	<b>OHIO</b>
5A-Putnam	4A-Cherokee	4A-Northampton	7-Cavalier	4A-Adams
	3A-Chowan	3A-Onslow*	6A-Dickey	5A-Allen

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5A-Ashland	5A-Mahoning	3A-Bryan	3A-Okfuskee	4C-Linn
5A-Ashtabula	5A-Marion	3A-Cadde	3A-Oklahoma	5B-Malheur
5A-Athens	5A-Medina	3A-Canadian	3A-Okmulgee	4C-Marion
5A-Auglaize	5A-Meigs	3A-Carter	3A-Osage	5B-Morrow
5A-Belmont	5A-Mercer	3A-Cherokee	3A-Ottawa	4C-Multnomah
4A-Brown	5A-Miami	3A-Choctaw	3A-Pawnee	4C-Polk
5A-Butler	5A-Monroe	4B-Cimarron	3A-Payne	5B-Sherman
5A-Carroll	5A-Montgomery	3A-Cleveland	3A-Pittsburg	4C-Tillamook
5A-Champaign	5A-Morgan	3A-Coal	3A-Pontotoc	5B-Umatilla
5A-Clark	5A-Morrow	3A-Comanche	3A-Pottawatomie	5B-Union
4A-Clermont	5A-Muskingum	3A-Cotton	3A-Pushmataha	5B-Wallowa
5A-Clinton	5A-Noble	3A-Craig	3A-Roger-Mills	5B-Wasco
5A-Columbiana	5A-Ottawa	3A-Creek	3A-Rogers	4C-Washington
5A-Coshocton	5A-Paulding	3A-Custer	3A-Seminole	5B-Wheeler
5A-Crawford	5A-Perry	3A-Delaware	3A-Sequoyah	4C-Yamhill
5A-Cuyahoga	5A-Pickaway	3A-Dewey	3A-Stephens	<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>
5A-Darke	4A-Pike	3A-Ellis	4B-Texas	5A-Adams
5A-Defiance	5A-Portage	3A-Garfield	3A-Tillman	5A-Allegheny
5A-Delaware	5A-Preble	3A-Garvin	3A-Tulsa	5A-Armstrong
5A-Erie	5A-Putnam	3A-Grady	3A-Wagoner	5A-Beaver
5A-Fairfield	5A-Richland	3A-Grant	3A-Washington	5A-Bedford
5A-Fayette	5A-Ross	3A-Greer	3A-Washita	5A-Berks
5A-Franklin	5A-Sandusky	3A-Harmon	3A-Woods	5A-Blair
5A-Fulton	4A-Scioto	3A-Harper	3A-Woodward	5A-Bradford
4A-Gallia	5A-Seneca	3A-Haskell	<b>OREGON</b>	4A-Bucks
5A-Geauga	5A-Shelby	3A-Hughes	5B-Baker	5A-Butler
5A-Greene	5A-Stark	3A-Jackson	4C-Benton	5A-Cambria
5A-Guernsey	5A-Summit	3A-Jefferson		

4A-Hamilton	5A-Trumbull	3A-Johnston	4C-Clackamas	6A-Cameron
5A-Hancock	5A-Tuscarawas	3A-Kay	4C-Clatsop	5A-Carbon
5A-Hardin	5A-Union	3A-Kingfisher	4C-Columbia	5A-Centre
5A-Harrison	5A-Van-Wert	3A-Kiowa	4C-Coos	4A-Chester
5A-Henry	5A-Vinton	3A-Latimer	5B-Crook	5A-Clarion
5A-Highland	5A-Warren	3A-Le-Flore	4C-Curry	6A-Clearfield
5A-Hocking	4A-Washington	3A-Lincoln	5B-Deschutes	5A-Clinton
5A-Holmes	5A-Wayne	3A-Logan	4C-Douglas	5A-Columbia
5A-Huron	5A-Williams	3A-Love	5B-Gilliam	5A-Crawford
5A-Jackson	5A-Wood	3A-Major	5B-Grant	5A-Cumberland
5A-Jefferson	5A-Wyandot	3A-Marshall	5B-Harney	5A-Dauphin
5A-Knox	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	3A-Mayes	5B-Hood-River	4A-Delaware
5A-Lake		3A-McClain	4C-Jackson	6A-Elk
4A-Lawrence	3A-Adair	3A-McCurtain	5B-Jefferson	5A-Erie
5A-Licking	3A-Alfalfa	3A-McIntosh	4C-Josephine	5A-Fayette
5A-Logan	3A-Atoka	3A-Murray	5B-Klamath	5A-Forest
5A-Lorain	4B-Beaver	3A-Muskegee	5B-Lake	5A-Franklin
5A-Lucas	3A-Beckham	3A-Noble	4C-Lane	5A-Fulton
5A-Madison	3A-Blaine	3A-Nowata	4C-Lincoln	5A-Greene

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5A-Huntingdon	3A-Bamberg*	5A-Bennett	6A-Minneha	4A-Gibson
5A-Indiana	3A-Barnwell*	5A-Bon-Homme	6A-Moody	4A-Giles
5A-Jefferson	3A-Beaufort*	6A-Brookings	6A-Pennington	4A-Grainger
5A-Juniata	3A-Berkeley*	6A-Brown	6A-Perkins	4A-Greene
5A-Lackawanna	3A-Calhoun	6A-Brule	6A-Potter	4A-Grundy
5A-Lancaster	3A-Charleston*	6A-Butte	6A-Roberts	4A-Hamblen
5A-Lawrence	3A-Cherokee	6A-Butte	6A-Sanborn	4A-Hamilton
5A-Lebanon	3A-Chester	6A-Campbell	6A-Shannon	4A-Hancock
5A-Lehigh	3A-Chesterfield	5A-Charles-Mix	6A-Spink	3A-Hardeman
5A-Luzerne	3A-Clarendon	6A-Clark	6A-Stanley	3A-Hardin
5A-Lycoming	3A-Colleton*	5A-Clay	6A-Sully	4A-Hawkins
6A-McKean	3A-Darlington	6A-Codington	5A-Todd	3A-Haywood
5A-Mercer	3A-Dillon	6A-Corson	5A-Tripp	3A-Henderson
5A-Mifflin	3A-Dorchester*	6A-Custer	6A-Turner	4A-Henry
5A-Monroe	3A-Edgefield	6A-Davison	5A-Union	4A-Hickman
4A-Montgomery	3A-Fairfield	6A-Day	6A-Walworth	4A-Houston
5A-Montour	3A-Florence	6A-Deuel	5A-Yankton	4A-Humphreys
5A-Northampton	3A-Georgetown*	6A-Dewey	6A-Ziebach	4A-Jackson
5A-Northumberland	3A-Greenville	5A-Douglas	<b>TENNESSEE</b>	4A-Jefferson
5A-Perry	3A-Greenwood	6A-Edmunds		4A-Johnson
4A-Philadelphia	3A-Hampton*	6A-Fall-River	4A-Anderson	4A-Knox
5A-Pike	3A-Horry*	6A-Faulk	4A-Bedford	3A-Lake
6A-Potter	3A-Jasper*	6A-Grant	4A-Benton	3A-Lauderdale
5A-Schuylkill	3A-Kershaw	5A-Gregory	4A-Bledsoe	4A-Lawrence
5A-Snyder	3A-Lancaster	6A-Haakon	4A-Blount	4A-Lewis
5A-Somerset	3A-Laurens	6A-Hamlin	4A-Bradley	4A-Lincoln
5A-Sullivan	3A-Lee	6A-Hand	4A-Campbell	4A-Loudon
6A-Susquehanna	3A-Lexington	6A-Hanson	4A-Cannon	4A-Macon
6A-Tioga	3A-Marion	6A-Harding	4A-Carroll	3A-Madison

5A Union	3A Marlboro	6A Hughes	4A Carter	4A Marion
5A Venango	3A McCormick	5A Hutchinson	4A Cheatham	4A Marshall
5A Warren	3A Newberry	6A Hyde	3A Chester	4A Maury
5A Washington	3A Oconee	5A Jackson	4A Claiborne	4A McMinn
6A Wayne	3A Orangeburg	6A Jerauld	4A Clay	3A McNairy
5A Westmoreland	3A Pickens	6A Jones	4A Cocke	4A Meigs
5A Wyoming	3A Richland	6A Kingsbury	4A Coffee	4A Monroe
4A York	3A Saluda	6A Lake	3A Crockett	4A Montgomery
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	3A Spartanburg	6A Lawrence	4A Cumberland	4A Moore
5A (all)	3A Sumter	6A Lincoln	4A Davidson	4A Morgan
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	3A Union	6A Lyman	4A Decatur	4A Obion
3A Abbeville	3A Williamsburg	6A Marshall	4A DeKalb	4A Overton
3A Aiken	3A York	6A McCook	4A Dickson	4A Perry
3A Allendale*	<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	6A McPherson	3A Dyer	4A Pickett
3A Anderson	6A Aurora	6A Meade	3A Fayette	4A Polk
	6A Beadle	5A Mellette	4A Fentress	4A Putnam
		6A Miner	4A Franklin	4A Rhea

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4A Roane	3B Brewster	3B Ector	3B Howard	3B McCulloch
4A Robertson	4B Briscoe	2B Edwards	3B Hudspeth	2A McLennan*
4A Rutherford	2A Brooks*	3A Ellis*	3A Hunt*	2A McMullen*
4A Scott	3A Brown*	3B El Paso	4B Hutchinson	2B Medina
4A Sequatchie	2A Burleson*	3A Erath*	3B Irion	3B Menard
4A Sevier	3A Burnet*	2A Falls*	3A Jack	3B Midland
3A Shelby	2A Caldwell*	3A Fannin	2A Jackson*	2A Milam*
4A Smith	2A Calhoun*	2A Fayette*	2A Jasper*	3A Mills*
4A Stewart	3B Callahan	3B Fisher	3B Jeff Davis	3B Mitchell
4A Sullivan	2A Cameron*	4B Floyd	2A Jefferson*	3A Montague
4A Sumner	3A Camp*	3B Foard	2A Jim Hogg*	2A Montgomery*
3A Tipton	4B Carson	2A Fort Bend*	2A Jim Wells*	4B Moore
4A Trousdale	3A Cass*	3A Franklin*	3A Johnson*	3A Morris*
4A Unicoi	4B Castro	2A Freestone*	3B Jones	3B Motley
4A Union	2A Chambers*	2B Frio	2A Karnes*	3A Nacogdoches*
4A Van Buren	2A Cherokee*	3B Gaines	3A Kaufman*	3A Navarro*
4A Warren	3B Childress	2A Galveston*	3A Kendall*	2A Newton*
4A Washington	3A Clay	3B Garza	2A Kenedy*	3B Nolan
4A Wayne	4B Cochran	3A Gillespie*	3B Kent	2A Nueces*
4A Weakley	3B Coke	3B Glasscock	3B Kerr	4B Ochiltree
4A White	3B Coleman	2A Goliad*	3B Kimble	4B Oldham
4A Williamson	3A Collin*	2A Gonzales*	3B King	2A Orange*
4A Wilson	3B Collingsworth	4B Gray	2B Kinney	3A Palo Pinto*
<b>TEXAS</b>	2A Colorado*	3A Grayson	2A Kleberg*	3A Panola*
2A Anderson*	2A Comal*	3A Gregg*	3B Knox	3A Parker*
3B Andrews	3A Comanche*	2A Grimes*	3A Lamar*	4B Parmer
2A Angelina*	3B Concho	2A Guadalupe*	4B Lamb	3B Pecos
2A Aransas*	3A Cooke	4B Hale	3A Lampasas*	2A Polk*
	2A Coryell*	3B Hall	2B La Salle	4B Potter

3A-Archer	3B-Cottle	3A-Hamilton*	2A-Lavaca*	3B-Presidio
4B-Armstrong	3B-Grane	4B-Hansford	2A-Lee*	3A-Rains*
2A-Atascosa*	3B-Crockett	3B-Hardeman	2A-Leon*	4B-Randall
2A-Austin*	3B-Crosby	2A-Hardin*	2A-Liberty*	3B-Reagan
4B-Bailey	3B-Culberson	2A-Harris*	2A-Limestone*	2B-Real
2B-Bandera	4B-Dallam	3A-Harrison*	4B-Lipscomb	3A-Red River*
2A-Bastrop*	3A-Dallas*	4B-Hartley	2A-Live-Oak*	3B-Reeves
3B-Baylor	3B-Dawson	3B-Haskell	3A-Llano*	2A-Refugio*
2A-Bee*	4B-Deaf Smith	2A-Hays*	3B-Loving	4B-Roberts
2A-Bell*	3A-Delta	3B-Hemphill	3B-Lubbock	2A-Robertson*
2A-Bexar*	3A-Denton*	3A-Henderson*	3B-Lynn	3A-Rockwall*
3A-Blanco*	2A-DeWitt*	2A-Hidalgo*	2A-Madison*	3B-Runnels
3B-Borden	3B-Dickens	2A-Hill*	3A-Marion*	3A-Rusk*
2A-Bosque*	2B-Dimmit	4B-Hockley	3B-Martin	3A-Sabine*
3A-Bowie*	4B-Donley	3A-Hood*	3B-Mason	3A-San-Augustine*
2A-Brazoria*	2A-Duval*	3A-Hopkins*	2A-Matagorda*	2A-San-Jacinto*
2A-Brazos*	3A-Eastland	2A-Houston*	2B-Maverick	2A-San-Patricio*

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**TABLE R301.1—continued**  
**CLIMATE ZONES, MOISTURE REGIMES, AND WARM-HUMID**  
**DESIGNATIONS BY STATE, COUNTY AND TERRITORY**

3A-San Saba*	3A-Young	4C-Clark	4A-Gilmer	<b>WISCONSIN</b>
3B-Schleicher	2B-Zapata	5B-Columbia	5A-Grant	
3B-Scurry	2B-Zavala	4C-Cowlitz	5A-Greenbrier	6A-Adams
3B-Shackelford	<b>UTAH</b>	5B-Douglas	5A-Hampshire	7-Ashland
3A-Shelby*	5B-Beaver	6B-Ferry	5A-Hancock	6A-Barron
4B-Sherman	6B-Box-Elder	5B-Franklin	5A-Hardy	7-Bayfield
3A-Smith*	6B-Cache	5B-Garfield	5A-Harrison	6A-Brown
3A-Somervell*	6B-Carbon	5B-Grant	4A-Jackson	6A-Buttles
2A-Starr*	6B-Daggett	4C-Grays Harbor	4A-Jefferson	7-Burnett
3A-Stephens	5B-Davis	4C-Island	4A-Kanawha	6A-Calumet
3B-Sterling	6B-Duchesne	4C-Jefferson	5A-Lewis	6A-Chippewa
3B-Stonewall	5B-Emery	4C-King	4A-Lincoln	6A-Clark
3B-Sutton	5B-Garfield	4C-Kitsap	4A-Logan	6A-Columbia
4B-Swisher	5B-Grand	5B-Kittitas	5A-Marion	6A-Crawford
3A-Tarrant*	5B-Iron	5B-Klickitat	5A-Marshall	6A-Dane
3B-Taylor	5B-Juab	4C-Lewis	4A-Mason	6A-Dodge
3B-Terrell	5B-Kane	5B-Lincoln	4A-McDowell	6A-Deer
3B-Terry	5B-Millard	4C-Mason	4A-Mercer	7-Douglas
3B-Throckmorton	6B-Morgan	6B-Okanogan	5A-Mineral	6A-Dunn
3A-Titus*	5B-Piute	4C-Pacific	4A-Mingo	6A-Eau Claire
3B-Tom-Green	6B-Rich	6B-Pend Oreille	5A-Monongalia	7-Florence
2A-Travis*	5B-Salt Lake	4C-Pierce	4A-Monroe	6A-Fond-du-Lac
2A-Trinity*	5B-San Juan	4C-San Juan	4A-Morgan	7-Forest
2A-Tyler*	5B-Sanpete	4C-Skagit	5A-Nicholas	6A-Grant
3A-Upshur*	5B-Sevier	5B-Skamania	5A-Ohio	6A-Green
3B-Upton	6B-Summit	4C-Snohomish	5A-Pendleton	6A-Green-Lake
2B-Uvalde	5B-Tooele	5B-Spokane	4A-Pleasants	6A-Iowa
2B-Val-Verde	6B-Uintah	6B-Stevens	5A-Pocahontas	7-Iron
3A-Van-Zandt*	5B-Utah	4C-Thurston	5A-Preston	6A-Jackson
2A-Victoria*	6B-Wasatch	4C-Wahkiakum	4A-Putnam	6A-Jefferson

2A-Walker*	3B-Washington	5B-Walla-Walla	5A-Raleigh	6A-Juneau
2A-Waller*	5B-Wayne	4C-Whatcom	5A-Randolph	6A-Kenosha
3B-Ward	5B-Weber	5B-Whitman	4A-Ritchie	6A-Kewaunee
2A-Washington*	<b>VERMONT</b>	5B-Yakima	4A-Roane	6A-La-Crosse
2B-Webb	6A-(all)	<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>	5A-Summers	6A-Lafayette
2A-Wharton*	<b>VIRGINIA</b>	5A-Barbour	5A-Taylor	7-Langlade
3B-Wheeler	4A-(all)	4A-Berkeley	5A-Tucker	7-Lincoln
3A-Wichita	<b>WASHINGTON</b>	4A-Boone	4A-Tyler	6A-Manitowoc
3B-Wilbarger	5B-Adams	4A-Braxton	5A-Upshur	6A-Marathon
2A-Willacy*	5B-Asotin	5A-Brooke	4A-Wayne	6A-Marinette
2A-Williamson*	5B-Benton	4A-Cabell	5A-Webster	6A-Marquette
2A-Wilson*	5B-Chelan	4A-Calhoun	5A-Wetzel	6A-Menominee
3B-Winkler	4C-Clallam	4A-Clay	4A-Wirt	6A-Milwaukee
3A-Wise		5A-Doddridge	4A-Wood	6A-Monroe
3A-Wood*		5A-Fayette	4A-Wyoming	6A-Oconto
4B-Yoakum				7-Oneida
				6A-Outagamie

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**TABLE R301.1—continued**  
**CLIMATE ZONES, MOISTURE REGIMES, AND WARM-HUMID**  
**DESIGNATIONS BY STATE, COUNTY AND TERRITORY**

6A-Ozaukee	7-Taylor	6B-Big Horn	6B-Sheridan	<b>NORTHERN</b>
6A-Pepin	6A-Trempealeau	6B-Campbell	7-Sublette	<b>MARIANA</b>
6A-Pierce	6A-Vernon	6B-Carbon	6B-Sweetwater	<b>ISLANDS</b>
6A-Polk	7-Vilas	6B-Converse	7-Teton	1A-(all)*
6A-Portage	6A-Walworth	6B-Crook	6B-Uinta	<b>PUERTO RICO</b>
7-Price	7-Washburn	6B-Fremont	6B-Washakie	1A-(all)*
6A-Racine	6A-Washington	5B-Goshen	6B-Weston	<b>VIRGIN-</b>
6A-Richland	6A-Waukesha	6B-Hot Springs	<b>US TERRITORIES</b>	<b>ISLANDS</b>
6A-Rock	6A-Waupaca	6B-Johnson	<b>AMERICAN</b>	1A-(all)*
6A-Rusk	6A-Waushara	6B-Laramie	<b>SAMOA</b>	
6A-Sauk	6A-Winnebago	7-Lincoln	1A-(all)*	
7-Sawyer	6A-Wood	6B-Natrona	<b>GUAM</b>	
6A-Shawano	<b>WYOMING</b>	6B-Niobrara		
6A-Sheboygan	6B-Albany	6B-Park		
6A-St. Croix		5B-Platte		

**TABLE R301.3(1)**  
**INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE ZONE DEFINITIONS**

<b>MAJOR CLIMATE TYPE DEFINITIONS</b>
<p>Marine (C) Definition—Locations meeting all four criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mean temperature of coldest month between -3°C (27°F) and 18°C (65°F).</li> <li>2. Warmest month mean &lt; 22°C (72°F).</li> <li>3. At least four months with mean temperatures over 10°C (50°F).</li> <li>4. Dry season in summer. The month with the heaviest precipitation in the cold season has at least three times as much precipitation as the month with the least precipitation in the rest of the year. The cold season is October through March in the Northern Hemisphere and April through September in the Southern Hemisphere.</li> </ol>

<p>Dry (B) Definition—Locations meeting the following criteria:  Not marine and <math>P_{in} &lt; 0.44 \times (TF - 19.5)</math> [<math>P_{cm} &lt; 2.0 \times (TC + 7)</math> in SI units]  where:  <math>P_{in}</math> = Annual precipitation in inches (cm)  <math>T</math> = Annual mean temperature in °F (°C)</p>
Moist (A) Definition—Locations that are not marine and not dry.
<p>Warm-humid Definition—Moist (A) locations where either of the following wet-bulb temperature conditions shall occur during the warmest six consecutive months of the year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 67°F (19.4°C) or higher for 3,000 or more hours; or</li> <li>2. 73°F (22.8°C) or higher for 1,500 or more hours.</li> </ol>

For SI: °C = [(°F)-32]/1.8, 1 inch = 2.54 cm.

**TABLE R301.3(2)**  
**INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE ZONE DEFINITIONS**

ZONE NUMBER	THERMAL CRITERIA	
	IP Units	SI Units
1	9000 < CDD50°F	5000 < CDD10°C
2	6300 < CDD50°F ≤ 9000	3500 < CDD10°C ≤ 5000
3A and 3B	4500 < CDD50°F ≤ 6300 AND HDD65°F ≤ 5400	2500 < CDD10°C ≤ 3500 AND HDD18°C ≤ 3000
4A and 4B	CDD50°F ≤ 4500 AND HDD65°F ≤ 5400	CDD10°C ≤ 2500 AND HDD18°C ≤ 3000
3C	HDD65°F ≤ 3600	HDD18°C ≤ 2000
4C	3600 < HDD65°F ≤ 5400	2000 < HDD18°C ≤ 3000
5	5400 < HDD65°F ≤ 7200	3000 < HDD18°C ≤ 4000
6	7200 < HDD65°F ≤ 9000	4000 < HDD18°C ≤ 5000
7	9000 < HDD65°F ≤ 12600	5000 < HDD18°C ≤ 7000
8	12600 < HDD65°F	7000 < HDD18°C

For SI: °C = [(°F)-32]/1.8.

## **SECTION R302** **DESIGN CONDITIONS**

### **R302.1 Interior design conditions.**

The interior design temperatures used for heating and cooling load calculations shall be a maximum of 72°F (22°C) for heating and minimum of 75°F (24°C) for cooling.

## **SECTION R303** **MATERIALS, SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT**

### **R303.1 Identification.**

Materials, systems and equipment shall be identified in a manner that will allow a determination of compliance with the applicable provisions of this code.



### **R303.1.1 Building thermal envelope insulation.**

An *R*-value identification mark shall be applied by the manufacturer to each piece of *building thermal envelope* insulation 12 inches (305 mm) or greater in width. Alternately, the insulation installers shall provide a certification listing the type, manufacturer and *R*-value of insulation installed in each element of the *building thermal envelope*. For blown or sprayed insulation (fiberglass and cellulose), the initial installed thickness, settled thickness, settled *R*-value, installed density, coverage area and number of bags installed shall be *listed* on the certification. For sprayed polyurethane foam (SPF) insulation, the installed thickness of the areas covered and *R*-value of installed thickness shall be *listed* on the certification. For insulated siding, the *R*-value shall be labeled on the product's package and shall be *listed* on the certification. The insulation installer shall sign, date and post the certification in a conspicuous location on the job site.

#### **R303.1.1.1 Blown or sprayed roof/ceiling insulation.**

The thickness of blown-in or sprayed roof/ceiling insulation (fiberglass or cellulose) shall be written in inches (mm) on markers that are installed at least one for every 300 square feet (28 m<sup>2</sup>) throughout the attic space. The markers shall be affixed to the trusses or joists and marked with the minimum initial installed thickness with numbers not less than 1 inch (25 mm) in height. Each marker shall face the attic access opening. Spray polyurethane foam thickness and installed *R*-value shall be *listed* on certification provided by the insulation installer.

### **R303.1.2 Insulation mark installation.**

Insulating materials shall be installed such that the manufacturer's *R*-value mark is readily observable upon inspection.

### **~~R303.1.3 Fenestration product rating.~~**

~~*U*-factors of fenestration products (windows, doors and skylights) shall be determined in accordance with NFRC 100.~~

~~**Exception:** Where required, garage door *U*-factors shall be determined in accordance with either NFRC 100 or ANSI/DASMA 105.~~

~~*U*-factors shall be determined by an accredited, independent laboratory, and labeled and certified by the manufacturer.~~

~~Products lacking such a labeled *U*-factor shall be assigned a default *U*-factor from Table R303.1.3(1) or R303.1.3(2). The solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) and visible transmittance (VT) of glazed fenestration products (windows, glazed doors and skylights) shall be determined in accordance with NFRC 200 by an accredited, independent laboratory, and labeled and certified by the manufacturer. Products lacking such a labeled SHGC or VT shall be assigned a default SHGC or VT from Table R303.1.3(3).~~

### **R303.1.3 Fenestration product rating.**

*U*-factors of fenestration products (windows, doors and skylights) shall be determined in accordance with NFRC 100. *U*-factors shall be determined by an accredited, independent laboratory, and labeled and certified by the manufacturer. Products lacking such a labeled *U*-factor shall be assigned a default *U*-factor from Table R303.1.3(1) or R303.1.3(2). The solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) and visible transmittance (VT) of glazed fenestration products (windows, glazed doors and skylights) shall be determined in accordance with

NFRC 200 by an accredited, independent laboratory, and *labeled* and certified by the manufacturer. Products lacking such a *labeled* SHGC or VT shall be assigned a default SHGC or VT from Table R303.1.3(3).

**Exception:** When a garage door is a part of the building thermal envelope ~~Where required~~, garage door *U*-factors shall be determined in accordance with either NFRC 100 or ANSI/DASMA 105.

**TABLE R303.1.3(1)**  
**DEFAULT GLAZED FENESTRATION *U*-FACTORS**

FRAME TYPE	SINGLE PANE	DOUBLE PANE	SKYLIGHT	
			Single	Double
Metal	1.20	0.80	2.00	1.30
Metal with Thermal Break	1.10	0.65	1.90	1.10
Nonmetal or Metal Clad	0.95	0.55	1.75	1.05
Glazed Block	0.60			

**TABLE R303.1.3(2)**  
**DEFAULT DOOR *U*-FACTORS**

DOOR TYPE	<i>U</i> -FACTOR
Uninsulated Metal	1.20
Insulated Metal	0.60
Wood	0.50
Insulated, nonmetal edge, max 45% glazing, any glazing double pane	0.35

**TABLE R303.1.3(3)**  
**DEFAULT GLAZED FENESTRATION SHGC AND VT**

	SINGLE GLAZED		DOUBLE GLAZED		GLAZED BLOCK
	Clear	Tinted	Clear	Tinted	
SHGC	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
VT	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.6

#### **R303.1.4 Insulation product rating.**

The thermal resistance (*R*-value) of insulation shall be determined in accordance with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission *R*-value rule (CFR Title 16, Part 460) in units of  $\text{h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}/\text{Btu}$  at a mean temperature of 75°F (24°C).

##### **R303.1.4.1 Insulated siding.**

The thermal resistance (*R*-value) of insulated siding shall be determined in accordance with ASTM C 1363. Installation for testing shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.



**R303.2 Installation.**

Materials, systems and equipment shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the *International Building Code* or *International Residential Code*, as applicable.

**R303.2.1 Protection of exposed foundation insulation.**

Insulation applied to the exterior of basement walls, crawlspace walls and the perimeter of slab-on-grade floors shall have an ~~rigid~~ opaque and weather-resistant protective covering to prevent the degradation of the insulation's thermal performance. The protective covering shall cover the exposed exterior insulation and extend not less than 6 inches (153 mm) below grade.

**R303.3 Maintenance information.**

Maintenance instructions shall be furnished for equipment and systems that require preventive maintenance. ~~Required regular maintenance actions shall be clearly stated and incorporated on a readily accessible label. The label shall include the title or publication number for the operation and maintenance manual for that particular model and type of product.~~

# CHAPTER 4 [RE] RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY

## SECTION R401 GENERAL

### R401.1 Scope.

This chapter applies to residential buildings.

### R401.2 Compliance.

Projects shall comply with one of the following:

1. Sections R401 through R404.
2. Section R405 and the provisions of Sections R401 through R404 labeled “Mandatory.”
3. An energy rating index (ERI) approach in Section R406.
4. North Carolina specific REScheck shall be permitted to demonstrate compliance with this code. Envelope requirements may not be traded off against the use of high efficiency heating or cooling equipment. No trade-off calculations are needed for required termite inspection and treatment gaps.

### R401.2.1 Tropical zone.

~~Deleted. Residential buildings in the tropical zone at elevations below 2,400 feet (731.5 m) above sea level shall be deemed to comply with this chapter where the following conditions are met:~~

- ~~1. Not more than one-half of the occupied space is air conditioned.~~
- ~~2. The occupied space is not heated.~~
- ~~3. Solar, wind or other renewable energy source supplies not less than 80 percent of the energy for service water heating.~~
- ~~4. Glazing in conditioned space has a solar heat gain coefficient of less than or equal to 0.40, or has an overhang with a projection factor equal to or greater than 0.30.~~
- ~~5. Permanently installed lighting is in accordance with Section R404.~~
- ~~6. The exterior roof surface complies with one of the options in Table C402.3 or the roof/ceiling has insulation with an R-value of R-15 or greater. If present, attics above the insulation are vented and attics below the insulation are unvented.~~
- ~~7. Roof surfaces have a minimum slope of  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch per foot of run. The finished roof does~~

~~not have water accumulation areas.~~

- ~~8. Operable fenestration provides ventilation area equal to not less than 14 percent of the floor area in each room. Alternatively, equivalent ventilation is provided by a ventilation fan.~~
- ~~9. Bedrooms with exterior walls facing two different directions have operable fenestration on exterior walls facing two direction exterior walls facing two directions.~~
- ~~10. Interior doors to bedrooms are capable of being secured in the open position.~~
- ~~11. A ceiling fan or ceiling fan rough-in is provided for bedrooms and the largest space that is not used as a bedroom.~~

### **R401.3 Certificate (Mandatory).**

~~A permanent certificate shall be completed by the builder or registered design professional and posted on a wall in the space where the furnace is located, a utility room or an approved location inside the building. Where located on an electrical panel, the certificate shall not cover or obstruct the visibility of the circuit directory label, service disconnect label or other required labels. The certificate shall list the predominant *R*-values of insulation installed in or on ceiling/roof, walls, foundation (slab, basement wall, crawlspace wall and floor) and ducts outside conditioned spaces; *U*-factors for fenestration and the solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) of fenestration, and the results from any required duct system and building envelope air leakage testing done on the building. Where there is more than one value for each component, the certificate shall list the value covering the largest area. The certificate shall list the types and efficiencies of heating, cooling and service water heating equipment. Where a gas-fired unvented room heater, electric furnace or baseboard electric heater is installed in the residence, the certificate shall list "gas-fired unvented room heater," "electric furnace" or "baseboard electric heater," as appropriate. An efficiency shall not be listed for gas-fired unvented room heaters, electric furnaces or electric baseboard heaters.~~

A permanent certificate shall be posted on or in the electrical distribution panel, in the attic next to the attic insulation card, or inside a kitchen cabinet or other approved location. The certificate shall not cover or obstruct the visibility of the circuit directory label, service disconnect label or other required labels. The builder, permit holder, or registered design professional shall be responsible for completing the certificate. The certificate shall list the predominant *R*-values of insulation installed in or on ceiling/roof, walls, foundation (slab, *basement wall*, crawlspace wall and floor) and ducts outside conditioned spaces; *U*-factors for fenestration and the solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) of fenestration. Where there is more than one value for each component, the certificate shall list the value covering the largest area. The certificate shall indicate whether the building air leakage was visually inspected as required in R402.4.2.1 or provide results of the air leakage testing required in R402.4.2.2. The certificate shall provide results of duct leakage test required in R403.3.3. Appendix 1.1 contains a sample certificate.

### **401.4 Additional Voluntary Criteria for Increasing Residential Energy Efficiency.**

Appendix 4 contains additional voluntary measures for increasing residential energy efficiency beyond code minimums. Implementation of the increased energy efficiency measures is strictly voluntary at the option of the permit holder. The sole purpose of the appendix is to provide guidance for achieving additional residential energy efficiency improvements that have been evaluated to be those that are most cost effective for achieving an additional 10-15% improvement in energy efficiency beyond code minimums.

## SECTION R402 BUILDING THERMAL ENVELOPE

### R402.1 General (Prescriptive).

The *building thermal envelope* shall meet the requirements of Sections R402.1.1 through R402.1.5.

**Exception:** The following low-energy buildings, or portions thereof, separated from the remainder of the building by *building thermal envelope* assemblies complying with this section shall be exempt from the *building thermal envelope* provisions of Section R402.

1. Those with a peak design rate of energy usage less than  $3.4 \text{ Btu/h} \cdot \text{ft}^2$  ( $10.7 \text{ W/m}^2$ ) or  $1.0 \text{ watt/ft}^2$  of floor area for space-conditioning purposes.
2. Those that do not contain *conditioned space*.

#### R402.1.1 Deleted. ~~Vapor retarder.~~

~~Wall assemblies in the building thermal envelope shall comply with the vapor retarder requirements of Section R702.7 of the International Residential Code or Section 1405.3 of the International Building Code, as applicable.~~

#### R402.1.2 Insulation and fenestration criteria.

The *building thermal envelope* shall meet the requirements of Table R402.1.2, based on the climate zone specified in Chapter 3.

**TABLE R402.1.2  
INSULATION AND FENESTRATION REQUIREMENTS BY COMPONENT<sup>a</sup>**

CLIMATE ZONE	FENESTRATION U-FACTOR <sup>b, j</sup>	SKYLIGHT <sup>b</sup> U-FACTOR	GLAZED FENESTRATION SHGC <sup>b, e, k</sup>	CEILING R-VALUE <sup>m</sup>	WOOD FRAME WALL R-VALUE	MASS WALL R-VALUE <sup>i</sup>	FLOOR R-VALUE	BASEMENT <sup>c, o</sup> WALL R-VALUE	SLAB <sup>d</sup> R-VALUE & DEPTH	CRAWL <sup>c</sup> SPACE WALL R-VALUE
1	NR	0.75	0.25	30	13	3/4	13	0	0	0
2	0.40	0.65	0.25	38	13	4/6	13	0	0	0
3	0.35	0.55	0.25 0.30	38 or 30ci <sup>l</sup>	20 15 or 13+2.5 <sup>h</sup>	5 8/13 or 5/10ci	19	5/13 <sup>f</sup>	0	5/13
4 except Marine	0.35	0.55	0.40 0.30	49 38 or 30ci <sup>l</sup>	20 15 or 13+2.5 <sup>h</sup>	5 8/13 or 5/10ci	19	10 /15 13	10, 2 ft	10/15 13
5 and Marine-4	0.32 0.35	0.55	NR	49 38 or 30ci <sup>l</sup>	20 19 <sup>n</sup> or 13+5 <sup>h</sup> Or 15+3 <sup>h</sup>	13/17 or 13/12.5ci	30 <sup>g</sup>	10 15/15 19	10, 2 ft	10 15/19
6	0.32	0.55	NR	49	20+5 or 13+10 <sup>h</sup>	15/20	30 <sup>g</sup>	15/19	10, 4 ft	15/19

7-and-8	0.32	0.55	NR	49	20+5 or h 13+10	19/21	g 38	15/19	10, 4 ft	15/19
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For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

- a. R-values are minimums. U-factors and SHGC are maximums. When insulation is installed in a cavity which is less than the label or design thickness of the insulation, the installed R-value of the insulation shall not be less than the R-value specified in the table.
- b. The fenestration U-factor column excludes skylights. The SHGC column applies to all glazed fenestration.  
~~Exception: Skylights may be excluded from glazed fenestration SHGC requirements in climate zones 1 through 3 where the SHGC for such skylights does not exceed 0.30.~~
- c. "10/15" means R-10 continuous insulated sheathing on the interior or exterior of the home or R-15 cavity insulation at the interior of the basement wall or crawl space wall. "15/19" means R-15 continuous insulation on the interior or exterior of the home or R-19 cavity insulation at the interior of the basement wall. "15/19" shall be permitted to be met with R-13 cavity insulation on the interior of the basement wall plus R-5 continuous insulation on the interior or exterior of the home. "10/13" means R-10 continuous insulation on the interior or exterior of the home or R-13 cavity insulation at the interior of the basement wall.
- d. For monolithic slabs, insulation shall be applied from the inspection gap downward to the bottom of the footing or a maximum of 24 inches below grade whichever is less. For floating slabs, insulation shall extend to the bottom of the foundation wall or 24 inches, whichever is less. (See Appendix 2) R-5 shall be added to the required slab edge R-values for heated slabs. Insulation depth shall be the depth of the footing or 2 feet, whichever is less in Climate Zones 1 through 3 for heated slabs.
- e. ~~Deleted. There are no SHGC requirements in the Marine Zone.~~
- f. Basement wall insulation is not required in warm-humid locations as defined by Figure R301.1 and Table R301.1.
- g. Or insulation sufficient to fill the framing cavity, R-19 minimum.
- h. The first value is cavity insulation, the second value is continuous insulation, so "13+5" means R-13 cavity insulation plus R-5 continuous insulation. If structural sheathing covers 25 percent or less of the exterior, insulating sheathing is not required where structural sheathing is used. If structural sheathing covers more than 25 percent of exterior, structural sheathing shall be supplemented with insulated sheathing of at least R-2.
- i. The second R-value applies when more than half the insulation is on the interior of the mass wall.
- j. In addition to the exemption in Section R402.3.3, a maximum of two glazed fenestration product assemblies having a U-factor no greater than 0.55 shall be permitted to be substituted for minimum code compliant fenestration product assemblies without penalty.
- k. In addition to the exemption in Section R402.3.3, a maximum of two glazed fenestration product assemblies having a SHGC no greater than 0.70 shall be permitted to be substituted for minimum code compliant fenestration product assemblies without penalty.
- l. R-30 shall be deemed to satisfy the ceiling insulation requirement wherever the full height of uncompressed R-30 insulation extends over the wall top plate at the eaves. Otherwise R-38 insulation is required where adequate clearance exists or insulation must extend to either the insulation baffle or within 1" of the attic roof deck.
- m. Table value required except for roof edge where the space is limited by the pitch of the roof, there the insulation must fill the space up to the air baffle.
- n. R-19 fiberglass batts compressed and installed in a nominal 2 x 6 framing cavity is deemed to comply. Fiberglass batts rated R-19 or higher compressed and installed in a 2x4 wall is not deemed to comply.
- o. Basement wall meeting the minimum mass wall specific heat content requirement may use the mass wall R-value as the minimum requirement.

### R402.1.3 R-value computation.

Insulation material used in layers, such as framing cavity insulation, or continuous insulation shall be summed to compute the corresponding component R-value. The manufacturer's settled R-value shall be used for blown insulation. Computed R-values shall not include an R-value for other building materials or air films. Where insulated siding is used for the purpose of complying with the continuous insulation requirements of Table R402.1.2, the manufacturer's labeled R-value for insulated siding shall be reduced by R-0.6.

#### R402.1.4 U-factor alternative.

An assembly with a *U*-factor equal to or less than that specified in Table R402.1.4 shall be permitted as an alternative to the *R*-value in Table R402.1.2.

**TABLE R402.1.4  
EQUIVALENT U-FACTORS<sup>a</sup>**

CLIMATE ZONE	FENESTRATION U-FACTOR <sup>d</sup>	SKYLIGHT U-FACTOR	CEILING U-FACTOR	FRAME WALL U-FACTOR	MASS WALL U-FACTOR <sup>b</sup>	FLOOR U-FACTOR	BASEMENT WALL U-FACTOR	CRAWL SPACE WALL U-FACTOR
1	0.50	0.75	0.035	0.084	0.197	0.064	0.360	0.477
2	0.40	0.65	0.030	0.084	0.165	0.064	0.360	0.477
3	0.35	0.55	0.030	0.060 0.077	0.098 0.141	0.047	0.091 <sup>c</sup>	0.136
4 except Marine	0.35	0.55	0.026 0.030	0.060 0.077	0.098 0.141	0.047	0.059	0.065
5 and Marine 4	0.32 0.35	0.55	0.026 0.030	0.060 0.061	0.082	0.033	0.050 0.059	0.055 0.065
6	0.32	0.55	0.026	0.045	0.060	0.033	0.050	0.055
7 and 8	0.32	0.55	0.026	0.045	0.057	0.028	0.050	0.055

- Nonfenestration *U*-factors shall be obtained from measurement, calculation or an approved source.
- When more than half the insulation is on the interior, the mass wall *U*-factors shall be a maximum of ~~0.17 in Climate Zone 1, 0.14 in Climate Zone 2, 0.12~~ 0.07 in Climate Zone 3, ~~0.087~~ 0.07 in Climate Zone 4 ~~except Marine~~, and ~~0.065~~ 0.054 in Climate Zone 5 ~~and Marine 4~~, and ~~0.057 in Climate Zones 6 through 8~~.
- Basement wall *U*-factor of 0.360 in warm-humid locations as defined by Figure R301.1 and Table R301.1.
- A maximum of two glazed fenestration product assemblies having a *U*-factor no greater than 0.55 and a SHGC no greater than 0.70 shall be permitted to be substituted for minimum code compliant fenestration product assemblies without penalty. When applying this note and using the REScheck "UA Trade-off" compliance method to allow continued use of the software, the applicable fenestration products shall be modeled as meeting the *U*-factor of 0.35 and the SHGC of 0.30, as applicable, but the fenestration products actual *U*-factor and actual SHGC shall be noted in the comments section of the software for documentation of application of this note to the applicable products. Compliance for these substitute products shall be verified compared to the allowed substituted maximum *U*-value requirement and maximum SHGC requirement, as applicable.

#### R402.1.5 Total UA alternative.

If the total *building thermal envelope UA* (sum of *U*-factor times assembly area) is less than or equal to the total UA resulting from using the *U*-factors in Table R402.1.4 (multiplied by the same assembly area as in the proposed building), the building shall be considered in compliance with Table R402.1.2. The UA calculation shall be done using a method consistent with the ASHRAE *Handbook of Fundamentals* and shall include the thermal bridging effects of framing materials. The SHGC requirements shall be met in addition to UA compliance.

#### R402.2 Specific insulation requirements (Prescriptive).

In addition to the requirements of Section R402.1, insulation shall meet the specific requirements of Sections R402.2.1 through R402.2.15 ~~R402.2.13~~.

##### R402.2.1 Ceilings with attic spaces.

Where Section R402.1.2 would require R-38 insulation in the ceiling, installing R-30 over 100 percent of the ceiling area requiring insulation shall be deemed to satisfy the requirement for R-38 wherever the full height of uncompressed R-30 insulation extends over

the wall top plate at the eaves. ~~Similarly, where Section R402.1.2 would require R-49 insulation in the ceiling, installing R-38 over 100 percent of the ceiling area requiring insulation shall be deemed to satisfy the requirement for R-49 insulation wherever the full height of uncompressed R-38 insulation extends over the wall top plate at the eaves.~~ This reduction shall not apply to the *U*-factor alternative approach in Section R402.1.4 and the total UA alternative in Section R402.1.5.

**Exceptions:**

- 1) When insulation is installed in a fully enclosed attic floor system, as described in Appendix 1.2.1, R-30 shall be deemed compliant.
2. In roof edge and other details such as bay windows, dormers, and similar areas where the space is limited, the insulation must fill the space up to the air baffle.

**R402.2.2 Ceilings without attic spaces.**

Where Section R402.1.2 would require R-38 insulation ~~levels above R-30~~ and the design of the roof/ceiling assembly, including cathedral ceilings, bay windows and other similar areas, does not allow sufficient space for the required insulation, the minimum required insulation for such roof/ceiling assemblies shall be R-30. This reduction of insulation from the requirements of Section R402.1.2 shall be limited to 500 square feet (46 m<sup>2</sup>) ~~or 20 percent of the total insulated ceiling area, whichever is less.~~ This reduction shall not apply to the *U*-factor alternative approach in Section R402.1.4 and the total UA alternative in Section R402.1.5.

**R402.2.3 Soffit Eave baffle.**

For air-permeable insulations in vented attics, a baffle shall be installed adjacent to soffit ~~and eave~~ vents. ~~Baffles shall maintain an opening equal or greater than the size of the vent.~~ The baffle shall extend over the top of the attic insulation. The baffle shall be permitted to be any solid material.

**R402.2.4 Access hatches and doors.**

Horizontal access hatches doors from conditioned spaces to *unconditioned spaces* such as attics and crawl spaces shall be weatherstripped and insulated to an R-10 minimum value ~~a level equivalent to the insulation on the surrounding surfaces~~ and vertical doors to such spaces shall be weatherstripped and insulated to R-5. Access shall be provided to all equipment that prevents damaging or compressing the insulation. A wood-framed or equivalent baffle or retainer is required to be provided when loose-fill insulation is installed, the purpose of which is to prevent the loose-fill insulation from spilling into the living space when the attic access is opened, and to provide a permanent means of maintaining the installed *R*-value of the loose-fill insulation.

**Exception:**

1. Full size vertical doors that provide access from conditioned to *unconditioned spaces* shall be permitted to meet the fenestration requirements of Table R402.1.2 based on the applicable climate zone specified in Chapter 3.
2. Pull down stair systems shall be weatherstripped and insulated to a minimum R-5 insulation value such that the insulation does not interfere with proper operation of the stair. Non-rigid insulation materials are not allowed. Additional insulation systems that enclose the stair system from above are allowed. Exposed foam plastic must meet the provisions of the Building Code or Residential Code, respectively.



#### R402.2.5 Mass walls.

Mass walls for the purposes of this chapter shall be considered ~~above-grade~~ walls of concrete block, concrete, insulated concrete form (ICF), masonry cavity, brick (other than brick veneer), earth (adobe, compressed earth block, rammed earth) and solid timber/logs, or any other walls meeting the specification immediately following. ~~having a heat capacity greater than or equal to 6 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup> × °F (123 kJ/m<sup>2</sup> × K).~~ Masonry or concrete walls having a mass greater than or equal to 30 pounds per square foot (146 kg/m<sup>2</sup>). Solid wood walls having a mass greater than 20 pounds per square foot (98 kg/m<sup>2</sup>), and any ~~other~~ walls having a heat capacity greater than or equal to 6 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup> × °F [266 J/(m<sup>2</sup> × K)]

#### R402.2.6 Steel-frame ceilings, walls and floors.

Steel-frame ceilings, walls, and floors shall meet the insulation requirements of Table R402.2.6 or shall meet the *U*-factor requirements of Table R402.1.4. The calculation of the *U*-factor for a steel-frame envelope assembly shall use a series-parallel path calculation method.

**TABLE R402.2.6**  
**STEEL-FRAME CEILING, WALL AND FLOOR INSULATION**  
**(R-VALUE)**

WOOD FRAME R-VALUE REQUIREMENT	COLD-FORMED STEEL EQUIVALENT R-VALUE <sup>a</sup>
<b>Steel Truss Ceilings<sup>b</sup></b>	
R-30	R-38 or R-30 + 3 or R-26 + 5
R-38	R-49 or R-38 + 3
R-49	R-38 + 5
<b>Steel Joist Ceilings<sup>b</sup></b>	
R-30	R-38 in 2 × 4 or 2 × 6 or 2 × 8 R-49 in any framing
R-38	R-49 in 2 × 4 or 2 × 6 or 2 × 8 or 2 × 10
<b>Steel-Framed Wall, 16" on center</b>	
R-13	R-13 + 4.2 or R-19 + 2.1 or R-21 + 2.8 or R-0 + 9.3 or R-15 + 3.8 or R-21 + 3.1
R-13 + 3	R-0 + 11.2 or R-13 + 6.1 or R-15 + 5.7 or R-19 + 5.0 or R-21 + 4.7
R-20	R-0 + 14.0 or R-13 + 8.9 or R-15 + 8.5 or R-19 + 7.8 or R-19 + 6.2 or R-21 + 7.5
R-20 + 5	R-13 + 12.7 or R-15 + 12.3 or R-19 + 11.6 or R-21 + 11.3 or R-25 + 10.9
R-21	R-0 + 14.6 or R-13 + 9.5 or R-15 + 9.1 or R-19 + 8.4 or R-21 + 8.1 or R-25 + 7.7
<b>Steel Framed Wall, 24" on center</b>	
R-13	R-0 + 9.3 or R-13 + 3.0 or R-15 + 2.4
R-13 + 3	R-0 + 11.2 or R-13 + 4.9 or R-15 + 4.3 or R-19 + 3.5 or R-21 + 3.1
R-20	R-0 + 14.0 or R-13 + 7.7 or R-15 + 7.1 or R-19 + 6.3 or R-21 + 5.9
R-20 + 5	R-13 + 11.5 or R-15 + 10.9 or R-19 + 10.1 or R-21 + 9.7 or R-25 + 9.1
R-21	R-0 + 14.6 or R-13 + 8.3 or R-15 + 7.7 or



	R-19 + 6.9 or R-21 + 6.5 or R-25 + 5.9
<b>Steel Joist Floor</b>	
R-13	R-19 in 2 x 6, or R-19 + 6 in 2 x 8 or 2 x 10
R-19	R-19 + 6 in 2 x 6, or R-19 + 12 in 2 x 8 or 2 x 10

- a. Cavity insulation *R*-value is listed first, followed by continuous insulation *R*-value.
- b. Insulation exceeding the height of the framing shall cover the framing.

#### **R402.2.7 Walls with partial structural sheathing.**

If structural sheathing covers 25 percent or less of the exterior, insulating sheathing is not required where structural sheathing is used. If structural sheathing covers more than 25 percent of exterior, structural sheathing shall be supplemented with insulated sheathing of at least R-2. ~~Where Section R402.1.2 would require continuous insulation on exterior walls and structural sheathing covers 40 percent or less of the gross area of all exterior walls, the continuous insulation *R*-value shall be permitted to be reduced by an amount necessary to result in a consistent total sheathing thickness, but not more than R-3, on areas of the walls covered by structural sheathing.~~ This reduction shall not apply to the *U*-factor alternative approach in Section R402.1.4 and the total UA alternative in Section R402.1.5.

#### **R402.2.8 Floors.**

Floor framing-cavity insulation shall be installed to maintain permanent contact with the underside of the subfloor decking. The distance between tension support wires or other devices that hold the floor insulation in place against the subfloor shall be no more than 18 inches. In addition, supports shall be located no further than 6 inches from each end of the insulation.

**Exception:** ~~The floor framing-cavity insulation shall be permitted to be in contact with the topside of sheathing or continuous insulation installed on the bottom side of floor framing where combined with insulation that meets or exceeds the minimum wood frame wall *R*-value in Table 402.1.2 and that extends from the bottom to the top of all perimeter floor framing members.~~ Enclosed floor cavity such as garage ceilings, cantilevers or buildings on pilings with enclosed floor cavity with the insulation fully in contact with the lower air barrier. In this case, the band boards shall be insulated to maintain thermal envelope continuity.

#### **R402.2.9 Basement walls.**

Walls associated with conditioned basements shall be insulated from the top of the *basement wall* down to 10 feet (3048 mm) below grade or to the basement floor, whichever is less. Walls associated with unconditioned basements shall meet this requirement unless the floor overhead is insulated in accordance with Sections R402.1.2 and R402.2.8. Foam plastic insulation applied to exterior of basement walls shall be provided with termite inspection and treatment gaps in accordance with Appendix 2.

#### **R402.2.10 Slab-on-grade floors.**

~~Slab-on-grade floors with a floor surface less than 12 inches (305 mm) below grade shall be insulated in accordance with Table R402.1.2. The insulation shall extend downward from the top of the slab on the outside or inside of the foundation wall. Insulation located below grade shall be extended the distance provided in Table R402.1.2 by any combination of vertical insulation, insulation extending under the slab or insulation extending out from the building. Insulation extending away from the building shall be protected by pavement or by not less than 10 inches (254 mm) of soil. The top edge of the insulation installed between the~~

~~exterior wall and the edge of the interior slab shall be permitted to be cut at a 45-degree (0.79 rad) angle away from the exterior wall. Slab-edge insulation is not required in jurisdictions designated by the code official as having a very heavy termite infestation.~~

Slab-on-grade floors with a floor surface less than 12 inches (305 mm) below grade shall be insulated in accordance with Table R402.1.2. The top edge of the insulation installed between the exterior wall and the edge of the interior slab shall be permitted to be cut at a 45-degree (0.79 rad) angle away from the exterior wall. Slab edge insulation shall have 2" termite inspection gap consistent with Appendix 2 of this code.

#### **R402.2.11 Closed Crawl space walls.**

~~As an alternative to insulating floors over crawl spaces, crawl space walls shall be permitted to be insulated when the crawl space is not vented to the outside. Crawl space wall insulation shall be permanently fastened to the wall and extend downward from the floor to the finished grade level and then vertically and/or horizontally for at least an additional 24 inches (610 mm). Exposed earth in unvented crawl space foundations shall be covered with a continuous Class I vapor retarder in accordance with the International Building Code or International Residential Code, as applicable. All joints of the vapor retarder shall overlap by 6 inches (153 mm) and be sealed or taped. The edges of the vapor retarder shall extend not less than 6 inches (153 mm) up the stem wall and shall be attached to the stem wall.~~

Where the floor above a closed crawl space is not insulated, the exterior crawlspace walls shall be insulated in accordance with table R402.1.2.

Wall insulation may be located in any combination of the outside and inside wall surfaces and within the structural cavities or materials of the wall system.

Wall insulation requires that the exterior wall band joist area of the floor frame be insulated. Wall insulation shall begin 3 inches (76.2mm) below the top of the masonry foundation wall and shall extend down to 3 inches (76.2mm) above the top of the footing or concrete floor, 3 inches (76.2mm) above the interior ground surface or 24 inches (609.6mm) below the outside finished ground level, whichever is less. (See Appendix 1.2.2 details)

Termite inspection, clearance, and wicking gaps are allowed in wall insulation systems. Insulation may be omitted in the gap area without energy penalty. The allowable insulation gap widths are listed in Table 402.2.11. If gap width exceeds the allowances, one of the following energy compliance options shall be met:

1. Wall insulation is not allowed and the required insulation value shall be provided in the floor system.
2. Compliance shall be demonstrated with energy trade-off methods provided by a North Carolina-specific version of RESCHECK or the UA Alternative method or Section R405.

**TABLE R402.2.11**  
**WALL INSULATION ALLOWANCES FOR TERMITE TREATMENT AND INSULATION GAPS**

<u>Gap Width (inches)</u>	<u>Insulation Location</u>	<u>Gap Description</u>
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<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>		
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Outside</u>	<u>Above grade inspection between top of insulation and bottom of siding</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Outside</u>	<u>Below grade treatment</u>
<u>3<sup>a</sup></u>	<u>4<sup>a</sup></u>	<u>Inside</u>	<u>Wall inspection between top of insulation and bottom of sill</u>
<u>3<sup>a</sup></u>	<u>4<sup>a</sup></u>	<u>Inside</u>	<u>Clearance / wicking space between bottom of insulation and top of ground surface, footing, or concrete floor</u>

For SI 1 inch = 25.4 mm

a. No insulation shall be required on masonry walls of 9 inches in height or less.

#### **R402.2.12 Masonry veneer.**

Insulation shall not be required on the horizontal portion of the foundation that supports a masonry veneer.

#### **R402.2.13 Sunroom insulation.**

*Sunrooms* enclosing conditioned space shall meet the insulation requirements of this code.

**Exception:** For *sunrooms* with *thermal isolation*, and enclosing conditioned space, the following exceptions to the insulation requirements of this code shall apply:

1. The minimum ceiling insulation *R*-values shall be R-19 in *Climate Zones 3 4 and through 4* and R-24 in *Climate Zones 5 through 8*.
2. The minimum wall *R*-value shall be R-13 in all *climate zones*. New walls separating a *sunroom* with a *thermal isolation* from *conditioned space* shall meet the *building thermal envelope* requirements of this code.

**402.2.14 Framed cavity walls.** The exterior thermal envelope wall insulation shall be installed in contact and continuous alignment with the building envelope air barrier. Insulation shall be free from installation gaps, voids, or compression. For framed walls, the cavity insulation shall be enclosed on all sides with solid rigid material or an air barrier material. Polyethylene shall not be allowed. Rim joists are not required to be enclosed on all sides. Wall insulation shall be enclosed at the following locations when installed on exterior walls prior to being covered by subsequent construction, consistent with the Appendix 1.2.3 of this code:

1. Tubs
2. Showers
3. Stairs
4. Fireplace units (Enclose with rigid material only)

**402.2.15 Attic knee walls.** Enclosure of wall cavity insulation also applies to walls that adjoin attic spaces by placing a rigid material or air barrier material on the attic space side of the wall

on the attic space side of the wall consistent with the Appendix 1.2.3 of this code. Joints shall be air sealed. Non-insulating class I vapor retarders, such as polyethylene, shall not be allowed.

### **R402.3 Fenestration (Prescriptive).**

In addition to the requirements of Section R402, fenestration shall comply with Sections R402.3.1 through R402.3.5.

#### **R402.3.1 U-factor.**

An area-weighted average of fenestration products shall be permitted to satisfy the *U*-factor requirements.

#### **R402.3.2 Glazed fenestration SHGC.**

An area-weighted average of fenestration products more than 50-percent glazed shall be permitted to satisfy the SHGC requirements.

*Dynamic glazing* shall be permitted to satisfy the SHGC requirements of Table R402.1.2 provided the ratio of the higher to lower labeled SHGC is greater than or equal to 2.4, and the *dynamic glazing* is automatically controlled to modulate the amount of solar gain into the space in multiple steps. *Dynamic glazing* shall be considered separately from other fenestration, and area-weighted averaging with other fenestration that is not dynamic glazing shall not be permitted.

**Exception:** *Dynamic glazing* is not required to comply with this section when both the lower and higher labeled SHGC already comply with the requirements of Table R402.1.2.

#### **R402.3.3 Glazed fenestration exemption.**

~~Up to~~ Either two glazed fenestration assemblies or up to 24 15 square feet (1.4 2.2 m<sup>2</sup>) of glazed fenestration per dwelling unit shall be permitted to be exempt from *U*-factor and SHGC requirements in Section R402.1.2. This exemption shall not apply to the *U*-factor alternative approach in Section R402.1.4 and the Total UA alternative in Section R402.1.5.

#### **R402.3.4 Opaque door exemption.**

Opaque doors separating conditioned from unconditioned space shall have a maximum *U*-factor of 0.35.

**Exception:** One side-hinged opaque door assembly ~~up to 24 square feet (2.22 m<sup>2</sup>) in area~~ is exempted from the *U*-factor requirement in Section R402.1.2 4. This exemption shall not apply to the *U*-factor alternative approach in Section R402.1.4 and the total UA alternative in Section R402.1.5.

**R402.3.5 Sunroom fenestration.** *Sunrooms* enclosing *conditioned space* shall meet the fenestration requirements of this code.

#### **Exceptions:**

1. For *sunrooms* with *thermal isolation* and enclosing *conditioned space* in *Climate Zones* ~~3 2~~ through ~~5 8~~, the maximum fenestration *U*-factor shall be 0.40 ~~0.45~~ and the

maximum skylight *U*-factor shall be 0.75 ~~0.70~~. Sunrooms with cooling systems shall have a maximum fenestration SHGC of 0.40 for all glazing.

2. A maximum of two glazed fenestration product assemblies having a *U*-factor no greater than 0.55 and, when cooling is provided, a SHGC no greater than 0.70 shall be permitted to be substituted for minimum code compliant fenestration product assemblies without penalty.

New fenestration separating the *sunroom* with *thermal isolation* from *conditioned space* shall meet the *building thermal envelope* requirements of this code.

#### **~~R402.4 Air leakage (Mandatory).~~**

~~The *building thermal envelope* shall be constructed to limit air leakage in accordance with the requirements of Sections R402.4.1 through R402.4.5.~~

#### **~~R402.4.1 Building thermal envelope.~~**

~~The *building thermal envelope* shall comply with Sections R402.4.1.1 and R402.4.1.2. The sealing methods between dissimilar materials shall allow for differential expansion and contraction.~~

##### **~~R402.4.1.1 Installation.~~**

~~The components of the *building thermal envelope* as listed in Table R402.4.1.1 shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the criteria listed in Table R402.4.1.1, as applicable to the method of construction. Where required by the *code official*, an *approved* third party shall inspect all components and verify compliance.~~

~~TABLE R402.4.1.1  
AIR BARRIER AND INSULATION INSTALLATION~~

<b><del>COMPONENT</del></b>	<b><del>AIR BARRIER CRITERIA</del></b>	<b><del>INSULATION INSTALLATION CRITERIA</del></b>
<del>General requirements</del>	<del>A continuous air barrier shall be installed in the building envelope.  The exterior thermal envelope contains a continuous air barrier.  Breaks or joints in the air barrier shall be sealed.</del>	<del>Air permeable insulation shall not be used as a sealing material.</del>
<del>Ceiling/attic</del>	<del>The air barrier in any dropped ceiling/soffit shall be aligned with the insulation and any gaps in the air barrier shall be sealed.  Access openings, drop-down stairs or knee wall doors to unconditioned attic spaces shall be sealed.</del>	<del>The insulation in any dropped ceiling/soffit shall be aligned with the air barrier.</del>
<del>Walls</del>	<del>The junction of the foundation and sill plate shall be sealed.</del>	<del>Cavities within corners and headers of frame walls shall be insulated by</del>

	<del>The junction of the top plate and the top of exterior walls shall be sealed.</del>  <del>Knee walls shall be sealed.</del>	<del>completely filling the cavity with a material having a thermal resistance of R-3 per inch minimum.</del>  <del>Exterior thermal envelope insulation for framed walls shall be installed in substantial contact and continuous alignment with the air barrier.</del>
<del>Windows, skylights and doors</del>	<del>The space between window/door jambs and framing, and skylights and framing shall be sealed.</del>	
<del>Rim joists</del>	<del>Rim joists shall include the air barrier.</del>	<del>Rim joists shall be insulated.</del>
<del>Floors (including above-garage and cantilevered floors)</del>	<del>The air barrier shall be installed at any exposed edge of insulation.</del>	<del>Floor framing cavity insulation shall be installed to maintain permanent contact with the underside of subfloor decking, or floor framing cavity insulation shall be permitted to be in contact with the top side of sheathing, or continuous insulation installed on the underside of floor framing and extends from the bottom to the top of all perimeter floor framing members.</del>
<del>Crawl space walls</del>	<del>Exposed earth in unvented crawl spaces shall be covered with a Class I vapor retarder with overlapping joints taped.</del>	<del>Where provided instead of floor insulation, insulation shall be permanently attached to the crawlspace walls.</del>
<del>Shafts, penetrations</del>	<del>Duct shafts, utility penetrations, and flue shafts opening to exterior or unconditioned space shall be sealed.</del>	
<del>Narrow cavities</del>		<del>Batts in narrow cavities shall be cut to fit, or narrow cavities shall be filled by insulation that on installation readily conforms to the available cavity space.</del>
<del>Garage separation</del>	<del>Air sealing shall be provided between the garage and conditioned spaces.</del>	
<del>Recessed lighting</del>	<del>Recessed light fixtures installed in the building thermal envelope shall be sealed to the drywall.</del>	<del>Recessed light fixtures installed in the building thermal envelope shall be air tight and IC rated.</del>

Plumbing and wiring		<del>Batt insulation shall be cut neatly to fit around wiring and plumbing in exterior walls, or insulation that on installation readily conforms to available space shall extend behind piping and wiring.</del>
Shower/tub on exterior wall	<del>The air barrier installed at exterior walls adjacent to showers and tubs shall separate them from the showers and tubs.</del>	<del>Exterior walls adjacent to showers and tubs shall be insulated.</del>
Electrical/phone box on exterior walls	<del>The air barrier shall be installed behind electrical or communication boxes or air-sealed boxes shall be installed.</del>	
HVAC register boots	<del>HVAC register boots that penetrate building thermal envelope shall be sealed to the subfloor or drywall.</del>	
Concealed sprinklers	<del>When required to be sealed, concealed fire sprinklers shall only be sealed in a manner that is recommended by the manufacturer. Caulking or other adhesive sealants shall not be used to fill voids between fire sprinkler cover plates and walls or ceilings.</del>	

a. ~~In addition, inspection of log walls shall be in accordance with the provisions of ICC-400.~~

#### **~~R402.4.1.2 Testing.~~**

~~The building or dwelling unit shall be tested and verified as having an air leakage rate not exceeding five air changes per hour in Climate Zones 1 and 2, and three air changes per hour in Climate Zones 3 through 8. Testing shall be conducted in accordance with ASTM E 779 or ASTM E 1827 and reported at a pressure of 0.2 inch w.g. (50 Pascals). Where required by the code official, testing shall be conducted by an approved third party. A written report of the results of the test shall be signed by the party conducting the test and provided to the code official. Testing shall be performed at any time after creation of all penetrations of the building thermal envelope.~~

During testing:

- ~~1. Exterior windows and doors, fireplace and stove doors shall be closed, but not sealed, beyond the intended weatherstripping or other infiltration control measures.~~



- ~~2. Dampers including exhaust, intake, makeup air, backdraft and flue dampers shall be closed, but not sealed beyond intended infiltration control measures.~~
- ~~3. Interior doors, if installed at the time of the test, shall be open.~~
- ~~4. Exterior doors for continuous ventilation systems and heat recovery ventilators shall be closed and sealed.~~
- ~~5. Heating and cooling systems, if installed at the time of the test, shall be turned off.~~
- ~~6. Supply and return registers, if installed at the time of the test, shall be fully open.~~

**R402.4 Air leakage control (Mandatory Requirements).** The building thermal envelope shall be constructed to limit air leakage in accordance with the requirements of Sections R402.4.1 through R402.4.6.

**R402.4.1 Building thermal envelope.** The building thermal envelope shall be durably sealed to limit infiltration. The sealing methods between dissimilar materials shall allow for differential expansion and contraction. For all homes, where present, the following shall be caulked, gasketed, weatherstripped or otherwise sealed with an air barrier material, or solid material consistent with Appendix 1.2.4 of this code:

1. Blocking and sealing floor/ceiling systems and under knee walls open to unconditioned or exterior space.
2. Capping and sealing shafts or chases, including flue shafts.
3. Capping and sealing soffit or dropped ceiling areas.
4. Sealing HVAC register boots and return boxes to subfloor or drywall.
5. Seal exterior house wrap material joints and seams per manufacturer's instructions or, if house wrap joints are not sealed, seal exterior sheathing and exposed band joist joints including perimeter joints and edges of these materials.

Exception to item 5:

1. Spray foam in building thermal envelope wall systems.
2. Wall sheathing joints where wall sheathing is fully glued to framing.

**R402.4.2 Air sealing.** Building envelope air tightness shall be demonstrated by compliance with section R402.4.2.1 or R402.4.2.2. Appendix 3 contains optional sample worksheets for visual inspection or testing for the permit holder's use only.

**R402.4.2.1 Visual inspection option.** Building envelope tightness shall be considered acceptable when items providing insulation enclosure in R402.2.14 and enclosure and air sealing R402.2.15 and air sealing in R402.4.1 are addressed and when the items listed in Table R402.4.2, applicable to the method of construction, are certified by the builder, permit holder or registered design professional via the certificate in Appendix 1.1.

**R402.4.2.2 Testing option.** Building envelope tightness shall be considered acceptable when items providing insulation enclosure in R402.2.14 and enclosure and air sealing R402.2.15 and air sealing in R402.4.1 are addressed and when tested air leakage is less than or equal to one of the two following performance measurements:

1. 0.30 CFM50/Square Foot of Surface Area (SFSA) or



## 2. Five (5) air changes per hour (ACH50)

when tested with a blower door fan assembly, at a pressure of 33.5 psf (50 Pa). A single point depressurization, not temperature corrected, test is sufficient to comply with this provision, provided that the blower door fan assembly has been certified by the manufacturer to be capable of conducting tests in accordance with ASTM E779 or ASTM E 1827. Testing shall occur after rough in and after installation of penetrations of the building envelope, including penetrations for utilities, plumbing, electrical, ventilation and combustion appliances. Testing shall be reported by the permit holder, a NC licensed general contractor, a NC licensed HVAC contractor, a NC licensed Home Inspector, a licensed design professional, a *certified BPI Envelope Professional* or a *certified HERS rater*.

### During testing:

1. Exterior windows and doors, fireplace and stove doors shall be closed, but not sealed;
2. Dampers shall be closed, but not sealed, including exhaust, backdraft, and flue dampers;
3. Interior doors shall be open;
4. Exterior openings for continuous ventilation systems, air intake ducted to the return side of the conditioning system, and energy or heat recovery ventilators shall be closed and sealed;
5. Heating and cooling system(s) shall be turned off; and
6. Supply and return registers shall not be sealed.

The air leakage information, building air leakage result, tester name, date, and contact information, shall be included on the certificate described in Section R401.3.

For Test Criteria 1 above, the report shall be produced in the following manner: perform the blower door test and record the *CFM50*. Calculate the total square feet of surface area for the building thermal envelope (all floors, ceilings, and walls including windows and doors, bounding conditioned space) and record the area. Divide *CFM50* by the total square feet and record the result. If the result is less than or equal to [0.30 *CFM50/SFSA*] the envelope tightness is acceptable; or

For Test Criteria 2 above, the report shall be produced in the following manner: Perform a blower door test and record the *CFM50*. Multiply the *CFM50* by 60 minutes to create *CFHour50* and record. Then calculate the total conditioned volume of the home and record. Divide the *CFH50* by the total volume and record the result. If the result is less than or equal to 5 *ACH50* the envelope tightness is acceptable.

**TABLE R402.4.2**  
**AIR BARRIER INSPECTION**

<b><u>COMPONENT</u></b>	<b><u>CRITERIA</u></b>
<u>Ceiling/attic</u>	<u>Sealants or gaskets provide a continuous air barrier system joining the top plate of framed walls with either the ceiling drywall or the top edge of wall drywall to prevent air leakage. Top plate penetrations are sealed.</u>

	<p><u>For ceiling finishes that are not air barrier systems such as tongue-and-groove planks, air barrier systems,(for example, taped house wrap), shall be used above the finish</u></p> <p><u>Note: It is acceptable that sealants or gaskets applied as part of the application of the drywall will not be observable by the code official</u></p>
<u>Walls</u>	<u>Sill plate is gasketed or sealed to subfloor or slab.</u>
<u>Windows and doors</u>	<u>Space between window and exterior door jambs and framing is sealed.</u>
<u>Floors (including above-garage and cantilevered floors)</u>	<u>Air barrier system is installed at any exposed edge of insulation.</u>
<u>Penetrations</u>	<u>Utility penetrations through the building thermal envelope, including those for plumbing, electrical wiring, ductwork, security and fire alarm wiring, and control wiring, shall be sealed.</u>
<u>Garage separation</u>	<p><u>Air sealing is provided between the garage and conditioned spaces.</u></p> <p><u>An air barrier system shall be installed between the ceiling system above the garage and the ceiling system of interior spaces.</u></p>
<u>Ceiling penetrations</u>	<p><u>Ceiling electrical box penetrations and ceiling mechanical box penetrations shall be caulked, gasketed, or sealed at the penetration of the ceiling finish. See Appendix 1.2.4.</u></p> <p><b><u>Exception</u></b>—<u>ceiling electrical boxes and ceiling mechanical boxes not penetrating the building thermal envelope</u></p>
<u>Recessed lighting</u>	<p><u>Recessed light fixtures are air tight, IC rated, and sealed to drywall.</u></p> <p><b><u>Exception</u></b>—<u>fixtures in conditioned space.</u></p>

#### **R402.4.3 2 Fireplaces.**

~~New wood-burning fireplaces shall have tight-fitting flue dampers or doors, and outdoor combustion air. Where using tight-fitting doors on factory-built fireplaces listed and labeled in accordance with UL 127, the doors shall be tested and listed for the fireplace. Where using tight-fitting doors on masonry fireplaces, the doors shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 907.~~

Site-built masonry fireplaces shall have flue dampers and comply with Section R1006 of the North Carolina Residential Code for combustion air.

#### **R402.4.4 3 Fenestration air leakage.**

Windows, skylights and sliding glass doors shall have an air infiltration rate of no more than 0.3 cfm per square foot ( $1.5 \text{ L/s/m}^2$ ), and swinging doors no more than 0.5 cfm per square foot ( $2.6 \text{ L/s/m}^2$ ), when tested according to NFRC 400 or AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440 by an accredited, independent laboratory and *listed* and *labeled* by the manufacturer.

**Exception:** ~~Field fabricated~~ Site-built windows, skylights and doors.

**R402.4.5 4 Rooms containing fuel-burning appliances.** ~~Deleted. In Climate Zones 3 through 8, where open combustion air ducts provide combustion air to open combustion fuel-burning appliances, the appliances and combustion air opening shall be located outside the building thermal envelope or enclosed in a room, isolated from inside the thermal envelope. Such rooms shall be sealed and insulated in accordance with the envelope requirements of Table R402.1.2, where the walls, floors and ceilings shall meet not less than the basement-wall R-value requirement. The door into the room shall be fully gasketed and any water lines and ducts in the room insulated in accordance with Section R403. The combustion air duct shall be insulated where it passes through conditioned space to a minimum of R-8.~~

**Exceptions:**

- ~~1. Direct vent appliances with both intake and exhaust pipes installed continuous to the outside.~~
- ~~2. Fireplaces and stoves complying with Section R402.4.2 and Section R1006 of the International Residential Code.~~

**R402.4.6 5 Recessed lighting.**

Recessed luminaires installed in the *building thermal envelope* shall be sealed to limit air leakage between conditioned and *unconditioned spaces*. All recessed luminaires shall be IC-rated and *labeled* as having an air leakage rate not more than 2.0 cfm (0.944 L/s) when tested in accordance with ASTM E 283 at a 1.57 psf (75 Pa) pressure differential. All recessed luminaires shall be sealed with a gasket or caulk between the housing and the interior wall or ceiling covering.

**R402.5 Maximum fenestration U-factor and SHGC (Mandatory).**

~~The area-weighted average maximum fenestration U-factor permitted using tradeoffs from Section R402.1.5 or R405 shall be 0.48 in Climate Zones 4 and 5 and 0.40 in Climate Zones 6 through 8 for vertical fenestration, and 0.75 in Climate Zones 4 through 8 for skylights. The area-weighted average maximum fenestration SHGC permitted using tradeoffs from Section R405 in Climate Zones 1 through 3 shall be 0.50.~~

The area-weighted average maximum fenestration U-factor permitted using trade-offs from Section 402.1.5 shall be 0.48. Maximum skylight U-factors shall be 0.65 in zones 4 and 5 and 0.60 in zone 3. The area-weighted average maximum fenestration SHGC permitted using trade-offs from Section 405 in zones 3 shall be 0.50.

**Exception:** A maximum of two glazed fenestration product assemblies having a U-factor no greater than 0.55 and a SHGC no greater than 0.70 shall be permitted to be substituted for minimum code compliant fenestration product assemblies without penalty.

## SECTION R403 SYSTEMS

**R403.1 Controls (Mandatory).**

At least one thermostat shall be provided for each separate heating and cooling system.

#### **R403.1.1 Programmable thermostat.**

When the primary heating system is a forced air furnace or heat pump, ~~the~~ the thermostat controlling the primary heating or cooling system of the dwelling unit shall be capable of controlling the heating and cooling system on a daily schedule to maintain different temperature set points at different times of the day. This thermostat shall include the capability to set back or temporarily operate the system to maintain zone temperatures down to 55°F (13°C) or up to 85°F (29°C). The thermostat shall initially be programmed by the manufacturer with a heating temperature set point no higher than 70°F (21°C) and a cooling temperature set point no lower than 78°F (26°C).

#### **R403.1.2 Heat pump supplementary heat (Mandatory).**

Heat pumps having supplementary electric-resistance heat shall have controls that, except during defrost, prevent supplemental heat operation when the heat pump compressor can meet the heating load.

A heat strip outdoor temperature lockout thermostat shall be provided to prevent supplemental heat operation in response to the thermostat being changed to a warmer setting. The lockout shall be set no lower than 35°F and no higher than 40°F.

#### **Exception:**

1. In lieu of a heat strip outdoor temperature lockout thermostat, the following time and temperature electric-resistance control may be used. After six minutes of compressor run time in heat mode, supplemental electric heat shall energize only if the leaving air temperature from the indoor coil is below 90 degrees F. If the indoor coil leaving air temperature exceeds 100 degrees F, supplemental heat shall automatically de-energize, but allow the compressor to continue to operate until the call is satisfied. No thermostat shall initiate supplemental electric heat at any time. Thermostat controlled emergency heat shall not be limited by outdoor temperature. Electric resistance supplemental heat during defrost shall operate normally without limitation.
2. In lieu of a heat strip outdoor temperature lockout thermostat, a programmable indoor thermostat with the capability to minimize the use of supplementary electrical resistance heat using an automatic temperature ramp up control feature shall be acceptable.

#### **R403.2 Hot water boiler outdoor temperature setback.**

Hot water boilers that supply heat to the building through one- or two-pipe heating systems shall have an outdoor setback control that lowers the boiler water temperature based on the outdoor temperature.

#### **R403.3 Ducts.**

Ducts and air handlers shall be in accordance with Sections R403.3.1 through R403.3.4 ~~5~~.

#### **R403.3.1 Insulation (Mandatory ~~Prescriptive~~).**

~~Supply and return ducts in attics shall be insulated to a minimum of R-8 where 3 inches (76 mm) in diameter and greater and R-6 where less than 3 inches (76 mm) in diameter. Supply and return ducts in other portions of the building shall be insulated to a minimum of R-6 where 3 inches (76 mm) in diameter or greater and R-4.2 where less than 3 inches (76 mm) in diameter.~~

**Exception:** ~~Ducts or portions thereof located completely inside the building thermal envelope.~~

Supply and return ducts in unconditioned space and outdoors shall be insulated to a minimum R-8. Supply ducts inside semi-conditioned space shall be insulated to a minimum R-4; return ducts inside conditioned and semi-conditioned space are not required to be insulated. Ducts located inside conditioned space are not required to be insulated other than as may be necessary for preventing the formation of condensation on the exterior of cooling ducts.

#### **R403.3.2 Sealing (Mandatory).**

Ducts, air handlers, and filter boxes, and building cavities used as ducts shall be sealed. Joints and seams shall comply with either the *International Mechanical Code* or *International Residential Code*, as applicable

##### **Exceptions:**

1. Air-impermeable spray foam products shall be permitted to be applied without additional joint seals.
2. ~~For ducts having a static pressure classification of less than 2 inches of water column (500 Pa), additional closure systems shall not be required for continuously welded joints and seams, and locking-type joints and seams of other than the snap-lock and button-lock types.~~

#### **~~R403.3.2.1 Sealed air handler.~~**

~~Air handlers shall have a manufacturer's designation for an air leakage of no more than 2 percent of the design air flow rate when tested in accordance with ASHRAE 193.~~

#### **R403.3.3 Duct testing (Mandatory).**

~~Ducts shall be pressure tested to determine air leakage by one of the following methods:~~

1. ~~Rough-in test: Total leakage shall be measured with a pressure differential of 0.1 inch w.g. (25 Pa) across the system, including the manufacturer's air handler enclosure if installed at the time of the test. All registers shall be taped or otherwise sealed during the test.~~
2. ~~Postconstruction test: Total leakage shall be measured with a pressure differential of 0.1 inch w.g. (25 Pa) across the entire system, including the manufacturer's air handler enclosure. Registers shall be taped or otherwise sealed during the test.~~

**Exception:** A duct air leakage test shall not be required where the ducts and air handlers are located entirely within the building thermal envelope.

~~A written report of the results of the test shall be signed by the party conducting the test and provided to the code official.~~

#### **R403.3.4 Duct leakage (Prescriptive).**

The total leakage of the ducts, where measured in accordance with Section R403.3.3, shall be as follows:

- ~~1. Rough-in test: The total leakage shall be less than or equal to 4 cubic feet per minute (113.3 L/min) per 100 square feet (9.29 m<sup>2</sup>) of conditioned floor area where the air handler is installed at the time of the test. Where the air handler is not installed at the time of the test, the total leakage shall be less than or equal to 3 cubic feet per minute (85 L/min) per 100 square feet (9.29 m<sup>2</sup>) of conditioned floor area.~~
- ~~3. Postconstruction test: Total leakage shall be less than or equal to 4 cubic feet per minute (113.3 L/min) per 100 square feet (9.29 m<sup>2</sup>) of conditioned floor area.~~

**403.3.3 Duct leakage (Prescriptive) and duct testing (Mandatory).** Duct testing and duct leakage shall be verified by compliance with either Section 403.3.3.1 or 403.3.3.2. Duct testing shall be performed and reported by the permit holder, a NC licensed general contractor, a NC licensed HVAC contractor, a NC licensed Home Inspector, a registered design professional, a certified BPI Envelope Professional or a certified HERS rater. A single point depressurization, not temperature corrected, test is sufficient to comply with this provision, provided that the duct testing fan assembly(s) has been certified by the manufacturer to be capable of conducting tests in accordance with ASTM E1554-07.

The duct leakage information, including duct leakage test selected and result, tester name, date, and contact information, shall be included on the certificate described in Section 401.3.

For the Test Criteria, the report shall be produced in the following manner: perform the HVAC system air leakage test and record the CFM25. Calculate the total square feet of Conditioned Floor Area (CFA) served by that system. Multiply CFM25 by 100, divide the result by the CFA and record the result. If the result is less than or equal to 5 CFM25/100SF for the "Total duct leakage test or less than or equal to 4 CFM25/100SF for the 'Duct leakage to the outside" test, then the HVAC system air tightness is acceptable. Appendix 3C contains optional sample worksheets for duct testing for the permit holder's use only.

#### Exceptions to testing requirements:

1. Duct systems or portions thereof inside the building thermal envelope shall not be required to be leak tested.
2. Installation of a partial system as part of replacement, renovation or addition does not require a duct leakage test.

**403.3.3.1 Total Duct leakage.** Total duct leakage less than or equal to 5 CFM (12 L/min) per 100 ft<sup>2</sup> (9.29 m<sup>2</sup>) of conditioned floor area served by that system when tested at a pressure differential of 0.1 inches w.g. (25 Pa) across the entire system, including the manufacturer's air handler enclosure. During testing:

1. Block, if present, ventilation air duct(s) connected to the conditioning system.

2. The duct air leakage testing equipment shall be attached to the largest return in the system or to the air handler.
3. The filter shall be removed and the air handler power shall be turned off.
4. Supply boots or registers and return boxes or grilles shall be taped, plugged, or otherwise sealed air tight.
5. The hose for measuring the 25 Pascals of pressure differential shall be inserted into the boot of the supply that is nominally closest to the air handler.
6. Specific instructions from the duct testing equipment manufacturer shall be followed to reach duct test pressure and measure duct air leakage.

**403.3.3.2 Duct Leakage to the Outside.** Conduct the test using fan pressurization of distribution system and building at a fixed reference pressure for combined supply and return leak. Duct leakage to the outside shall be less than or equal to 4 CFM (12 L/min) per 100 ft<sup>2</sup> (9.29 m<sup>2</sup>) of conditioned floor area served by that system when tested at a pressure differential of 0.1 inches w.g. (25 Pa) across the entire system, relative to the outside, including the manufacturer's air handler enclosure.

During testing:

1. Block, if present, the ventilation air duct(s) connected to the conditioning system.
2. The duct air leakage testing equipment shall be attached to the largest return in the system or to the air handler.
3. The filter shall be removed and the air handler power shall be turned off.
4. Supply boots or registers and return boxes or grilles shall be taped, plugged, or otherwise sealed air tight or as tight as possible.
5. The hose for measuring the 25 Pascals of pressure differential shall be inserted into the boot of the supply that is nominally closest to the air handler.
6. Open all interconnecting doors in the building, close dampers for fireplaces and other operable dampers.
7. Set up an envelope air moving/ flow-regulating/ flow measurement assembly, such as a blower door, following the manufacturer's prescribed procedure.
8. Specific instructions from the duct testing equipment manufacturer shall be followed to reach duct test pressure and measure duct air leakage used in combination with a blower door. Typical steps are as follows:
  - a. Depressurize the ductwork system to 25 Pa using the measurement hose in Step 5 above.
  - b. Depressurize the house to 25 Pa using an envelope air moving/ flow-regulating/ flow measurement assembly, such as a blower door.
  - c. Correct the duct pressure to measure 0 Pa of pressure differential between the house and the ductwork system.
  - d. Read the CFM of duct leakage using the procedures for the specific equipment being used. (Note that most automatically calculating pressure gauges cannot compute the CFM25 automatically with a duct-to-house difference in pressure of 0 Pa, so the gauge setting should be set to read CFM instead of CFM25).



#### **R403.3.4 5 Building cavities (Mandatory).**

Building framing cavities shall not be used as supply ducts or supply plenums.

#### **R403.4 Mechanical system piping insulation (Mandatory).**

Mechanical system piping capable of carrying fluids above 105°F (41°C) or below 55°F (13°C) shall be insulated to a minimum of R-3.

##### **~~R403.4.1 Protection of piping insulation.~~**

~~Piping insulation exposed to weather shall be protected from damage, including that caused by sunlight, moisture, equipment maintenance and wind, and shall provide shielding from solar radiation that can cause degradation of the material. Adhesive tape shall not be permitted.~~

#### **R403.5 Service hot water systems.**

~~Energy conservation measures for service hot water systems shall be in accordance with Sections R403.5.1 through R403.5.4. All circulating service hot water piping shall be insulated to at least R-2. Circulating hot water systems shall include an automatic or readily *accessible* manual switch that can turn off the hot water circulating pump when the system is not in use.~~

##### **~~R403.5.1 Heated water circulation and temperature maintenance systems (Mandatory).~~**

~~Heated water circulation systems shall be in accordance with Section R403.5.1.1. Heat trace temperature maintenance systems shall be in accordance with Section R403.5.1.2. Automatic controls, temperature sensors, and pumps shall be accessible. Manual controls shall be readily accessible.~~

##### **~~R403.5.1.1 Circulation systems.~~**

~~Heated water circulation systems shall be provided with a circulation pump. The system return pipe shall be a dedicated return pipe or a cold water supply pipe. Gravity and thermo-syphon circulation systems shall be prohibited. Controls for circulating hot water system pumps shall start the pump based on the identification of a demand for hot water within the occupancy. The controls shall automatically turn off the pump when the water in the circulation loop is at the desired temperature and when there is no demand for hot water.~~

##### **~~R403.5.1.2 Heat trace systems.~~**

~~Electric heat trace systems shall comply with IEEE 515.1 or UL 515. Controls for such systems shall automatically adjust the energy input to the heat tracing to maintain the desired water temperature in the piping in accordance with the times when heated water is used in the occupancy.~~

##### **~~R403.5.2 Demand recirculation systems.~~**

~~A water distribution system having one or more recirculation pumps that pump water from a heated water supply pipe back to the heated water source through a cold water supply pipe shall be a *demand recirculation water system*. Pumps shall have controls that comply with both of the following:~~



- ~~1. The control shall start the pump upon receiving a signal from the action of a user of a fixture or appliance, sensing the presence of a user of a fixture or sensing the flow of hot or tempered water to a fixture fitting or appliance.~~
- ~~2. The control shall limit the temperature of the water entering the cold water piping to 104°F (40°C).~~

#### **~~R403.5.3 Hot water pipe insulation (Prescriptive).~~**

~~Insulation for hot water pipe with a minimum thermal resistance (R-value) of R-3 shall be applied to the following:~~

- ~~1. Piping  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch (19.1 mm) and larger in nominal diameter.~~
- ~~2. Piping serving more than one dwelling units.~~
- ~~3. Piping located outside the conditioned space.~~
- ~~4. Piping from the water heater to a distribution manifold.~~
- ~~5. Piping located under a floor slab.~~
- ~~6. Buried in piping.~~
- ~~7. Supply and return piping in recirculation systems other than demand recirculation systems.~~

#### **~~R403.5.4 Drain water heat recovery units.~~**

~~Drain water heat recovery units shall comply with CSA B55.2. Drain water heat recovery units shall be tested in accordance with CSA B55.1. Potable water-side pressure loss of drain water heat recovery units shall be less than 3 psi (20.7 kPa) for individual units connected to one or two showers. Potable water-side pressure loss of drain water heat recovery units shall be less than 2 psi (13.8 kPa) for individual units connected to three or more showers.~~

#### **R403.6 Mechanical ventilation (Mandatory).**

The building shall be provided with ventilation that meets the requirements of the *International Residential Code* or *International Mechanical Code*, as applicable, or with other approved means of ventilation. Outdoor air intakes and exhausts shall have automatic or gravity dampers that close when the ventilation system is not operating.

#### **~~R403.6.1 Whole-house mechanical ventilation system fan efficacy.~~**

~~Mechanical ventilation system fans shall meet the efficacy requirements of Table R403.6.1.~~

**Exception:** ~~Where mechanical ventilation fans are integral to tested and listed HVAC equipment, they shall be powered by an electronically commutated motor.~~

**TABLE R403.6.1  
MECHANICAL VENTILATION SYSTEM FAN EFFICACY**

FAN LOCATION	AIR FLOW RATE MINIMUM (CFM)	MINIMUM EFFICACY (CFM/WATT)	AIR FLOW RATE MAXIMUM (CFM)
Range hoods	Any	2.8 cfm/watt	Any
In-line fan	Any	2.8 cfm/watt	Any
Bathroom, utility room	10	1.4 cfm/watt	< 90
Bathroom, utility room	90	2.8 cfm/watt	Any

For SI: 1 cfm = 28.3 L/min.

#### **R403.7 Equipment sizing and efficiency rating (Mandatory).**

Heating and cooling equipment shall be sized in accordance with the *North Carolina Mechanical Code and/or the NC Residential Code*. New heating and cooling systems shall have an efficiency rating equal to or greater than the minimum required by federal law for the geographic location where the equipment is installed. ~~Heating and cooling equipment shall be sized in accordance with ACCA Manual S based on building loads calculated in accordance with ACCA Manual J or other approved heating and cooling calculation methodologies. New or replacement heating and cooling equipment shall have an efficiency rating equal to or greater than the minimum required by federal law for the geographic location where the equipment is installed.~~

#### **R403.8 Systems serving multiple dwelling units (Mandatory).**

Building mechanical systems and service water heating systems serving multiple dwelling units shall comply with Sections C403 and C404 of the IECC—Commercial Provisions in lieu of Section R403.

#### **R403.9 Snow melt and ice system controls (Mandatory).**

Snow- and ice-melting systems, supplied through energy service to the building, shall include automatic controls capable of shutting off the system when the pavement outdoor temperature is above 50°F (10°C). ~~, and no precipitation is falling and or an automatic or manual control that will allow shutoff when the outdoor temperature is above 40°F (4.8°C).~~

#### **R403.10 Pools and permanent spa energy consumption (Mandatory).**

The energy consumption of pools and permanent spas shall be in accordance with Sections R403.10.1 through R403.10.3.

##### **R403.10.1 Heaters.**

All heaters shall be equipped with a readily accessible on-off switch that is mounted outside of the heater to allow shutting off the heater without adjusting the thermostat setting. Gas-fired heaters shall not be equipped with constant burning pilot lights. ~~The electric power to heaters shall be controlled by a readily accessible on-off switch that is an integral part of the heater mounted on the exterior of the heater, or external to and within 3 feet (914 mm) of the heater. Operation of such switch shall not change the setting of the heater thermostat. Such switches shall be in addition to a circuit breaker for the power to the heater. Gas-fired heaters shall not be equipped with continuously burning ignition pilots.~~

##### **R403.10.2 Time switches.**

Time switches or other control methods that can automatically turn off and on according to a preset schedule shall be installed for heaters and pump motors. Heaters and pump motors that have built-in time switches shall be in compliance with this section.

#### **Exceptions:**

1. Where public health standards require 24-hour pump operation.
2. Pumps that operate solar- and waste-heat-recovery pool heating systems.

#### **R403.10.3 Covers.**

Outdoor heated pools and outdoor permanent spas shall be provided with a class 1 vapor-retardant cover ~~or other approved vapor-retardant means.~~

**Exception:** Pools deriving over 70% of the energy from heating from site-recovered energy or solar energy source. ~~Where more than 70 percent of the energy for heating, computed over an operation season, is from site-recovered energy, such as from a heat pump or solar energy source, covers or other vapor-retardant means shall not be required.~~

#### **R403.11 Portable spas (Mandatory).**

~~Deleted. The energy consumption of electric-powered portable spas shall be controlled by the requirements of APSP-14.~~

#### **R403.12 Residential pools and permanent residential spas.**

Residential swimming pools and permanent residential spas that are accessory to detached one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses three stories or less in height above grade plane and that are available only to the household and its guests shall be in accordance with APSP-15.

### **SECTION R404 ELECTRICAL POWER AND LIGHTING SYSTEMS**

#### **R404.1 Lighting equipment (Mandatory).**

Not less than 75 percent of the lamps in permanently installed lighting fixtures shall be high-efficacy lamps or not less than 75 percent of the permanently installed lighting fixtures shall contain only high-efficacy lamps.

**Exception:** Low-voltage lighting.

##### **R404.1.1 Lighting equipment (Mandatory).**

Fuel gas lighting systems shall not have continuously burning pilot lights.

### **SECTION R405 SIMULATED PERFORMANCE ALTERNATIVE (PERFORMANCE)**

#### **R405.1 Scope.**

This section establishes criteria for compliance using simulated energy performance analysis. Such analysis shall include those items identified in Table 405.5.2(1), as applicable. ~~heating, cooling and service water heating energy only.~~ A North Carolina licensed design professional is required to perform the analysis if required by North Carolina licensure laws.

## **R405.2 Mandatory requirements.**

Compliance with this section requires that the mandatory provisions identified in Section R401.2(2) be met. ~~All supply and return ducts not completely inside the building thermal envelope shall be insulated to a minimum of R-6.~~

## **R405.3 Performance-based compliance.**

Compliance based on simulated energy performance requires that a proposed residence (*proposed design*) be shown to have an annual energy cost that is less than or equal to the annual energy cost of the *standard reference design*. Energy prices shall be taken from a source *approved* by the *code official*, such as the Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration's *State Energy Price and Expenditure Report*. *Code officials* shall be permitted to require time-of-use pricing in energy cost calculations.

**Exception:** The energy use based on source energy expressed in Btu or Btu per square foot of *conditioned floor area* shall be permitted to be substituted for the energy cost. The source energy multiplier for electricity shall be 3.16. The source energy multiplier for fuels other than electricity shall be 1.1.

## **R405.4 Documentation.**

Documentation of the software used for the performance design and the parameters for the building shall be in accordance with Sections R405.4.1 through R405.4.3.

### **R405.4.1 Compliance software tools.**

Documentation verifying that the methods and accuracy of the compliance software tools conform to the provisions of this section shall be provided to the *code official*.

### **R405.4.2 Compliance report.**

Compliance software tools shall generate a report that documents that the *proposed design* complies with Section R405.3. A compliance report on the *proposed design* shall be submitted. ~~with the application for the building permit. Upon completion of the building, a compliance report based on the as-built condition of the building shall be submitted to the code official before a certificate of occupancy is issued. Batch sampling of buildings to determine energy code compliance for all buildings in the batch shall be prohibited.~~

~~Compliance reports shall include information in accordance with Sections R405.4.2.1 and R405.4.2.2. Where the *proposed design* of a building could be built on different sites where the cardinal orientation of the building on each site is different, compliance of the *proposed design* for the purposes of the application for the building permit shall be based on the worst-case orientation, worst-case configuration, worst-case building air leakage and worst-case duct leakage. Such worst-case parameters shall be used as inputs to the compliance software for energy analysis.~~

#### **R405.4.2.1 Compliance report for permit application.**

A compliance report ~~submitted with the application for building permit~~ shall include the following:

1. Building street address, or other building site identification.
2. A statement indicating that the *proposed design* complies with Section R405.3.

3. An inspection checklist documenting the building component characteristics of the *proposed design* as indicated in Table R405.5.2(1). The inspection checklist shall show results for both the *standard reference design* and the *proposed design* with user inputs to the compliance software to generate the results.
4. A site-specific energy analysis report that is in compliance with Section R405.3.
5. The name of the individual performing the analysis and generating the report.
6. The name and version of the compliance software tool.

#### **~~R405.4.2.2 Compliance report for certificate of occupancy.~~**

~~A compliance report submitted for obtaining the certificate of occupancy shall include the following:~~

- ~~1. Building street address, or other building site identification.~~
- ~~2. A statement indicating that the as-built building complies with Section R405.3.~~
- ~~3. A certificate indicating that the building passes the performance matrix for code compliance and listing the energy saving features of the buildings.~~
- ~~4. A site-specific energy analysis report that is in compliance with Section R405.3.~~
- ~~5. The name of the individual performing the analysis and generating the report.~~
- ~~6. The name and version of the compliance software tool.~~

#### **R405.4.3 Additional documentation.**

The *code official* shall be permitted to require the following documents:

1. Documentation of the building component characteristics of the *standard reference design*.
2. A certification signed by the builder providing the building component characteristics of the *proposed design* as given in Table R405.5.2(1).
3. Documentation of the actual values used in the software calculations for the *proposed design*.

#### **R405.5 Calculation procedure.**

Calculations of the performance design shall be in accordance with Sections R405.5.1 and R405.5.2.

##### **R405.5.1 General.**

Except as specified by this section, the *standard reference design* and *proposed design* shall be configured and analyzed using identical methods and techniques.

**R405.5.2 Residence specifications.**

The *standard reference design* and *proposed design* shall be configured and analyzed as specified by Table R405.5.2(1). Table R405.5.2(1) shall include, by reference, all notes contained in Table R402.1.2.

**TABLE R405.5.2(1)**  
**SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE STANDARD REFERENCE AND PROPOSED DESIGNS**

BUILDING COMPONENT	STANDARD REFERENCE DESIGN	PROPOSED DESIGN
Above-grade walls	Type: mass wall if proposed wall is mass; otherwise wood frame.	As proposed
	Gross area: same as proposed	As proposed
	U-factor: as specified in Table R402.1.4	As proposed
	Solar absorptance = 0.75	As proposed
	Emittance = 0.90	As proposed
Basement and crawl space walls	Type: same as proposed	As proposed
	Gross area: same as proposed	As proposed
	U-factor: from Table R402.1.4, with insulation layer on interior side of walls	As proposed
Above-grade floors	Type: wood frame	As proposed
	Gross area: same as proposed	As proposed
	U-factor: as specified in Table R402.1.4	As proposed
Ceilings	Type: wood frame	As proposed
	Gross area: same as proposed	As proposed
	U-factor: as specified in Table R402.1.4	As proposed
Roofs	Type: composition shingle on wood sheathing	As proposed
	Gross area: same as proposed	As proposed
	Solar absorptance = 0.75	As proposed
	Emittance = 0.90	As proposed
Attics	Type: vented with aperture = $1 \text{ ft}^2$ per $300 \text{ ft}^2$ ceiling area	As proposed
Foundations	Type: same as proposed	As proposed
	Foundation wall area above and below grade and soil characteristics: same as proposed	As proposed
Opaque doors	Area: $40 \text{ ft}^2$	As proposed
	Orientation: North	As proposed
	U-factor: same as fenestration from Table R402.1.4	As proposed
Vertical fenestration other than opaque doors	Total area <sup>h</sup> = (a) The proposed glazing area, where the proposed glazing area is less than 15 percent of the conditioned floor area (b) 15 percent of the conditioned floor area, where the proposed glazing area is 15 percent or more of the conditioned floor area	As proposed
	Orientation: equally distributed to four cardinal compass orientations (N, E, S & W).	As proposed
	U-factor: as specified in Table R402.1.4	As proposed

	SHGC: as specified in Table R402.1.2 except that for climates with no requirement (NR) SHGC = 0.40 shall be used.	As proposed
	Interior shade fraction: $0.92 - (0.21 \times \text{SHGC for the standard reference design})$	$0.92 - (0.21 \times \text{SHGC as proposed})$
	External shading: none	As proposed
Skylights	None	As proposed
Thermally isolated sunrooms	None	As proposed
Air exchange rate	<p>Air leakage rate of <del>5 air changes per hour in climate zones 1 and 2, and 3</del> 5 air changes per hour in climate zones 3 through 5 <del>8</del> at a pressure of 0.2 inches w.g (50 Pa). The mechanical ventilation rate shall be in addition to the air leakage rate and the same as in the proposed design, but no greater than <math>0.01 \times CFA + 7.5 \times (N_{br} + 1)</math></p> <p>where:  <math>CFA</math> = conditioned floor area  <math>N_{br}</math> = number of bedrooms            Energy recovery shall not be assumed for mechanical ventilation.</p>	<p>For residences that are not tested, the same air leakage rate as the standard reference design.</p> <p>For tested residences, the measured air exchange rate <sup>a</sup>.</p> <p>The mechanical ventilation rate <sup>b</sup> shall be in addition to the air leakage rate and shall be as proposed.</p>

TABLE R405.5.2(1)—continued  
SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE STANDARD REFERENCE AND PROPOSED DESIGNS

BUILDING COMPONENT	STANDARD REFERENCE DESIGN	PROPOSED DESIGN
Mechanical ventilation	<p>None, except where mechanical ventilation is specified by the proposed design, in which case:            Annual vent fan energy use:  <math>\text{kWh/yr} = 0.03942 \times CFA + 29.565 \times (N_{br} + 1)</math>            where:  <math>CFA</math> = conditioned floor area  <math>N_{br}</math> = number of bedrooms</p>	As proposed
Internal gains	$\text{IGain} = 17,900 + 23.8 \times CFA + 4104 \times N_{br}$ (Btu/day per dwelling unit)	Same as standard reference design.
Internal mass	An internal mass for furniture and contents of 8 pounds per square foot of floor area.	Same as standard reference design, plus any additional mass specifically designed as a thermal storage element <sup>c</sup> but not inte-

		gral to the building envelope or structure.
Structural mass	For masonry floor slabs, 80 percent of floor area covered by R-2 carpet and pad, and 20 percent of floor directly exposed to room air.	As proposed
	For masonry basement walls, as proposed, but with insulation required by Table R402.1.4 located on the interior side of the walls	As proposed
	For other walls, for ceilings, floors, and interior walls, wood frame construction	As proposed
Heating systems <sup>d, e</sup>	As proposed for other than electric heating without a heat pump, where the proposed design utilizes electric heating without a heat pump the standard reference design shall be an air source heat pump meeting the requirements of Section C403 of the IECC-Commercial Provisions.  Capacity: sized in accordance with Section R403.7	As proposed
Cooling systems <sup>d, f</sup>	As proposed Capacity: sized in accordance with Section R403.7.	As proposed
Service water heating <sup>d, e, f, g</sup>	As proposed Use: same as proposed design	As proposed $\text{gal/day} = 30 + (10 \times N_{br})$



Thermal distribution systems	<p>Duct insulation: From Section <del>R403.2.1</del> <u>R403.3.1</u></p> <p>A thermal distribution system efficiency (DSE) of 0.88 shall be applied to both the heating and cooling system efficiencies for all systems other than tested duct systems. For tested duct systems, the leakage rate shall be 4 cfm (113.3 L/min) per 100 ft<sup>2</sup> (9.29 m<sup>2</sup>) of conditioned floor area at a pressure of differential of 0.1 inches w.g. (25 Pa).</p>	<p>As tested or as specified in Table R405.5.2(2) if not tested. Duct insulation shall be <u>same as standard reference design</u> <del>as proposed</del>.</p>
Thermostat	<p>Type: Manual, cooling temperature setpoint = 75°F; Heating temperature setpoint = 72°F</p>	<p>Same as standard reference</p>

For SI: 1 square foot = 0.93 m<sup>2</sup>, 1 British thermal unit = 1055 J, 1 pound per square foot = 4.88 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, 1 gallon (US) = 3.785 L, °C = (°F-32)/1.8, 1 degree = 0.79 rad.

- a. Where required by the *code official*, testing shall be conducted by an *approved* party. Hourly calculations as specified in the ASHRAE *Handbook of Fundamentals*, or the equivalent shall be used to determine the energy loads resulting from infiltration.
- b. The combined air exchange rate for infiltration and mechanical ventilation shall be determined in accordance with Equation 43 of 2001 ASHRAE *Handbook of Fundamentals*, page 26.24 and the "Whole-house Ventilation" provisions of 2001 ASHRAE *Handbook of Fundamentals*, page 26.19 for intermittent mechanical ventilation.
- c. Thermal storage element shall mean a component not part of the floors, walls or ceilings that is part of a passive solar system, and that provides thermal storage such as enclosed water columns, rock beds, or phase-change containers. A thermal storage element must be in the same room as fenestration that faces within 15 degrees (0.26 rad) of true south, or must be connected to such a room with pipes or ducts that allow the element to be actively charged.
- d. For a proposed design with multiple heating, cooling or water heating systems using different fuel types, the applicable standard reference design system capacities and fuel types shall be weighted in accordance with their respective loads as calculated by accepted engineering practice for each equipment and fuel type present.
- e. For a proposed design without a proposed heating system, a heating system with the prevailing federal minimum efficiency shall be assumed for both the standard reference design and proposed design.

- f. For a proposed design home without a proposed cooling system, an electric air conditioner with the prevailing federal minimum efficiency shall be assumed for both the standard reference design and the proposed design.
- g. For a proposed design with a nonstorage-type water heater, a 40-gallon storage-type water heater with the prevailing federal minimum energy factor for the same fuel as the predominant heating fuel type shall be assumed. For the case of a proposed design without a proposed water heater, a 40-gallon storage-type water heater with the prevailing federal minimum efficiency for the same fuel as the predominant heating fuel type shall be assumed for both the proposed design and standard reference design.
- h. For residences with conditioned basements, R-2 and R-4 residences and townhouses, the following formula shall be used to determine the glazing area:
- $$AF = A_s \times FA \times F$$
- Where:
- AF = Total glazing area
- $A_s$  = Standard reference design total glazing area
- FA = (Above-grade thermal boundary gross wall area)/(above-grade boundary wall area + 0.5 x below-grade boundary wall area)
- F = (Above-grade thermal boundary wall area)/(above-grade thermal boundary wall area + common wall area) or 0.56, whichever is greater.
- And where:
- Thermal boundary wall is any wall that separates conditioned space from *unconditioned space* or ambient conditions.
- Above-grade thermal boundary wall is any thermal boundary wall component not in contact with soil.
- Below-grade boundary wall is any thermal boundary wall in soil contact.
- Common wall area is the area of walls shared with an adjoining dwelling unit.
- L and CFA are in the same units.

**TABLE R405.5.2(2)**  
**DEFAULT DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM EFFICIENCIES FOR PROPOSED DESIGNS<sup>a</sup>**

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM CONFIGURATION AND CONDITION	FORCED AIR SYSTEMS	HYDRONIC SYSTEMS <sup>b</sup>
Distribution system components located in <i>unconditioned space</i>	—	0.95
Untested distribution systems entirely located in conditioned space <sup>c</sup>	0.88	1
“Ductless” systems <sup>d</sup>	1	—

For SI: 1 cubic foot per minute = 0.47 L/s, 1 square foot = 0.093 m<sup>2</sup>, 1 pound per square inch = 6895 Pa, 1 inch water gauge = 1250 Pa.

- a. Default values given by this table are for untested distribution systems, which must still meet minimum requirements for duct system insulation.
- b. Hydronic systems shall mean those systems that distribute heating and cooling energy directly to individual spaces using liquids pumped through closed-loop piping and that do not depend on ducted, forced airflow to maintain space temperatures.
- c. Entire system in conditioned space shall mean that no component of the distribution system, including the air-handler unit, is located outside of the conditioned space.
- d. Ductless systems shall be allowed to have forced airflow across a coil but shall not have any ducted airflow external to the manufacturer’s air-handler enclosure.

## **R405.6 Calculation software tools.**

Calculation software, where used, shall be in accordance with Sections R405.6.1 through R405.6.3.

### **R405.6.1 Minimum capabilities.**

Calculation procedures used to comply with this section shall be software tools capable of

calculating the annual energy consumption of all building elements that differ between the *standard reference design* and the *proposed design* and shall include the following capabilities:

1. Computer generation of the *standard reference design* using only the input for the *proposed design*. The calculation procedure shall not allow the user to directly modify the building component characteristics of the *standard reference design*.
2. Calculation of whole-building (as a single zone) sizing for the heating and cooling equipment in the *standard reference design* residence in accordance with Section R403.6.
3. Calculations that account for the effects of indoor and outdoor temperatures and part-load ratios on the performance of heating, ventilating and air-conditioning equipment based on climate and equipment sizing.
4. Printed *code official* inspection checklist listing each of the *proposed design* component characteristics from Table R405.5.2(1) determined by the analysis to provide compliance, along with their respective performance ratings (*R*-value, *U*-factor, SHGC, HSPF, AFUE, SEER, EF are some examples).

#### **R405.6.2 Specific approval.**

Performance analysis tools meeting the applicable provisions of Section R405 shall be permitted to be *approved*. Tools are permitted to be *approved* based on meeting a specified threshold for a jurisdiction. The *code official* shall be permitted to approve tools for a specified application or limited scope.

#### **R405.6.3 Input values.**

When calculations require input values not specified by Sections R402, R403, R404 and R405, those input values shall be taken from an *approved* source.

## **SECTION R406 ENERGY RATING INDEX COMPLIANCE ALTERNATIVE**

### **R406.1 Scope.**

This section establishes criteria for compliance using an Energy Rating Index (ERI) analysis.

### **R406.2 Mandatory requirements.**

Compliance with this section requires that the ~~mandatory~~ provisions identified in Sections ~~R401.2~~ R401 through R404 labeled as “mandatory” and ~~Section R403.5.3~~ be met. The building thermal envelope shall be greater than or equal to levels of efficiency and Solar Heat Gain Coefficient in Table 402.1.1 or 402.1.3 of the ~~2009 International Energy Conservation Code~~ 2012 NC Energy Conservation Code. Minimum standards associated with compliance shall be the ANSI RESNET ICC Standard 301-2014 “Standard for the Calculation and Labeling of the Energy Performance of Low-Rise Residential Buildings using an Energy Rating Index.” A North Carolina licensed design professional is required to perform the analysis if required by North Carolina licensure laws.

**Exception:** ~~Supply and return ducts not completely inside the building thermal envelope shall be insulated to a minimum of R-6.~~ Supply and return ducts in *unconditioned space* and outdoors shall be insulated to a minimum R-8. Supply ducts inside semi-conditioned space shall be insulated to a minimum R-4; return ducts inside conditioned and semi-conditioned space are not required to be insulated. Ducts located inside conditioned space are not required to be insulated other than as may be necessary for preventing the formation of condensation on the exterior of cooling ducts.

### R406.3 Energy Rating Index.

The Energy Rating Index (ERI) shall be a numerical integer value that is based on a linear scale constructed such that the *ERI reference design* has an Index value of 100 and a *residential building* that uses no net purchased energy has an Index value of 0. Each integer value on the scale shall represent a 1-percent change in the total energy use of the rated design relative to the total energy use of the *ERI reference design*. The ERI shall consider all energy used in the *residential building*.

#### R406.3.1 ERI reference design.

The *ERI reference design* shall be configured such that it meets the minimum requirements of the 2006 *International Energy Conservation Code* prescriptive requirements.

The proposed *residential building* shall be shown to have an annual total normalized modified load less than or equal to the annual total loads of the *ERI reference design*.

### R406.4 ERI-based compliance.

Compliance based on an ERI analysis requires that the *rated design* be shown to have an ERI less than or equal to the appropriate value listed in Table R406.4.1 or Table R406.4.2, as applicable, when compared to the *ERI reference design*.

**TABLE R406.4  
MAXIMUM ENERGY RATING INDEX**

<b>CLIMATE-ZONE</b>	<b>ENERGY RATING-INDEX</b>
1	52
2	52
3	54
4	54
5	55
6	54
7	53
8	53

**TABLE R406.4.1 MAXIMUM ENERGY RATING INDEX** without calculation of on-site renewable energy

<u>Climate Zone</u>	<u>Jan 1, 2019 – Dec 31, 2022</u>	<u>Jan 1, 2023 and forward</u>
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<u>3</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>61</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>63</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>63</u>

**TABLE R406.4.2 MAXIMUM ENERGY RATING INDEX** including calculation of on-site renewable energy

<u>Climate Zone</u>	<u>Jan 1, 2019 – Dec 31, 2022</u>	<u>Jan 1, 2023 and forward</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>47</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>51</u>

**R406.5 Verification ~~by approved agency.~~**

Verification of compliance with Section R406 shall be performed by the licensed design professional and the compliance documentation shall be provided to the code official. The code official shall inspect according to the requirements of Section R406.6.2 ~~completed by an approved third party.~~

**R406.6 Documentation.**

Documentation of the software used to determine the ERI and the parameters for the residential building shall be in accordance with Sections R406.6.1 through R406.6.3.

**R406.6.1 Compliance software tools.**

~~Documentation verifying that the methods and accuracy of the compliance software tools conform to the provisions of this section shall be provided to the code official.~~ Compliance software tools for this section shall be in compliance with ANSI RESNET ICC Standard 301-2014.

**R406.6.2 Compliance report.**

Compliance software tools shall generate a report that documents that the ERI of the *rated design* complies with Sections R406.3 and R406.4. The compliance documentation shall include the following information:

1. Address or other identification of the residential building.
2. An inspection checklist documenting the building component characteristics of the *rated design*. The inspection checklist shall show results for both the *ERI reference design* and the *rated design*, and shall document all inputs entered by the user necessary to reproduce the results.
3. Name of individual completing the compliance report.
4. Name and version of the compliance software tool.

~~**Exception:** Multiple orientations. Where an otherwise identical building model is offered in multiple orientations, compliance for any orientation shall be permitted by~~

~~documenting that the building meets the performance requirements in each of the four (north, east, south and west) cardinal orientations.~~

#### **R406.6.3 Additional documentation.**

~~Deleted. The code official shall be permitted to require the following documents:~~

- ~~1. Documentation of the building component characteristics of the *ERI reference design*.~~
- ~~2. A certification signed by the builder providing the building component characteristics of the *rated design*.~~
- ~~3. Documentation of the actual values used in the software calculations for the *rated design*.~~

#### **R406.7 Calculation software tools.**

Calculation software, where used, shall be in accordance with Sections R406.7.1 through R406.7.3.

##### **R406.7.1 Minimum capabilities.**

Calculation procedures used to comply with this section shall be software tools capable of calculating the ERI as described in Section R406.3, and shall be in compliance with ANSI RESNET ICC Standard 301-2014 and shall include the following capabilities. The software shall include the following capabilities:

1. Computer generation of the *ERI reference design* using only the input for the *rated design*.

The calculation procedure shall not allow the user to directly modify the building component characteristics of the *ERI reference design*.

2. Calculation of whole building, as a single *zone*, sizing for the heating and cooling equipment in the *ERI reference design* residence in accordance with Section R403.7.
3. Calculations that account for the effects of indoor and outdoor temperatures and part-load ratios on the performance of heating, ventilating and air-conditioning equipment based on climate and equipment sizing.
4. Printed *code official* inspection checklist listing each of the *rated design* component characteristics determined by the analysis to provide compliance, along with their respective performance ratings.

##### **R406.7.2 Specific approval.**

~~Deleted. Performance analysis tools meeting the applicable sections of Section R406 shall be approved. Tools are permitted to be approved based on meeting a specified threshold for a jurisdiction. The code official shall approve tools for a specified application or limited scope.~~

**R406.7.3 Input values.**

Deleted. ~~When calculations require input values not specified by Sections R402, R403, R404 and R405, those input values shall be taken from an approved source.~~

# CHAPTER 5 [RE] EXISTING BUILDINGS

## SECTION R501 GENERAL

### R501.1 Scope.

The provisions of this chapter shall control the *alteration*, repair, addition and change of occupancy of existing buildings and structures. When a section is identified to apply, the subsections to that section also apply.

#### R501.1.1 Additions, alterations, or repairs: General.

Additions, alterations, or repairs to an existing building, building system or portion thereof shall comply with Section R502, R503 or R504. Unaltered portions of the existing building or building supply system shall not be required to comply with this code.

### R501.2 Existing buildings.

Except as specified in this chapter, this code shall not be used to require the removal, *alteration* or abandonment of, nor prevent the continued use and maintenance of, an existing building or building system lawfully in existence at the time of adoption of this code.

**R501.3 Maintenance.** ~~Deleted. Buildings and structures, and parts thereof, shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. Devices and systems that are required by this code shall be maintained in conformance to the code edition under which installed. The owner or the owner's authorized agent shall be responsible for the maintenance of buildings and structures. The requirements of this chapter shall not provide the basis for removal or abrogation of energy conservation, fire protection and safety systems and devices in existing structures.~~

### R501.4 Compliance.

*Alterations, repairs, additions* and changes of occupancy to, or relocation of, existing buildings and structures shall comply with the provisions for *alterations, repairs, additions* and changes of occupancy or relocation, respectively, in the *International Residential Code, International Building Code, International Fire Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Mechanical Code, International Plumbing Code, the NC Existing Building Code, International Property Maintenance Code, International Private Sewage Disposal Code* and NFPA 70.

### R501.5 New and replacement materials.

Except as otherwise required or permitted by this code, materials permitted by the applicable code for new construction shall be used. Like materials shall be permitted for repairs, provided hazards to life, health or property are not created. Hazardous materials shall not be used where the code for new construction would not permit their use in buildings of similar occupancy, purpose and location.

### R501.6 Historic buildings.

No provision of this code relating to the construction, *repair, alteration*, restoration and



movement of structures, and *change of occupancy* shall be mandatory for *historic buildings*. ~~provided a report has been submitted to the code official and signed by the owner, a registered design professional, or a representative of the State Historic Preservation Office or the historic preservation authority having jurisdiction, demonstrating that compliance with that provision would threaten, degrade or destroy the historic form, fabric or function of the building.~~

## SECTION R502 ADDITIONS

### R502.1 General.

Additions to an existing building, building system or portion thereof shall conform to the provisions of this code as those provisions relate to new construction without requiring the unaltered portion of the existing building or building system to comply with this code. Additions shall not create an unsafe or hazardous condition or overload existing building systems. An addition shall be deemed to comply with this code where the addition alone complies, where the existing building and addition comply with this code as a single building, or where the building with the addition uses no more energy than the existing building. Additions shall be in accordance with Section R502.1.1 or R502.1.2.

#### R502.1.1 Prescriptive compliance.

Additions shall comply with Sections R502.1.1.1 through R502.1.1.4.

##### R502.1.1.1 Building envelope.

New building thermal envelope assemblies that are part of the addition shall comply with Sections R402.1, R402.2, R402.3.1 through R402.3.5, and R402.4.

~~**Exception:** Where nonconditioned space is changed to conditioned space, the building envelope of the addition shall comply where the UA, as determined in Section 402.1.5, of the existing building and the addition, and any alterations that are part of the project, is less than or equal to UA generated for the existing building.~~

##### R502.1.1.2 Heating and cooling systems.

New heating, cooling and duct systems that are part of the addition shall comply with Sections R403.1, R403.2, R403.3, R403.4 ~~R403.5~~ and R403.6. New heating and cooling appliances shall be sized in accordance with Section R403.7. Extensions of ducts from an existing system to a new addition shall require that the existing system be evaluated for the new design.

~~**Exception:** Where ducts from an existing heating and cooling system are extended to an addition, duct systems with less than 40 linear feet (12.19 m) in *unconditioned spaces* shall not be required to be tested in accordance with Section R403.3.3.~~

Installation of an addition to an existing duct system shall not require a duct leakage test.

##### R502.1.1.3 Service hot water systems.

New service hot water systems that are part of the addition shall comply with Section R403.5 ~~R403.4~~.

##### R502.1.1.4 Lighting.

New lighting systems that are part of the addition shall comply with Section R404.1.

**R502.1.2 ~~Existing plus Addition compliance~~ (Simulated Performance Alternative for Addition).**

~~Where nonconditioned space is changed to conditioned space, the addition shall comply where the annual energy cost or energy use of the addition and the existing building, and any alterations that are part of the project, is less than or equal to the annual energy cost of the existing building when modeled in accordance with Section R405. The addition and any alterations that are part of the project shall comply with Section R405 in its entirety, as applicable.~~

## **SECTION R503 ALTERATIONS**

### **R503.1 General.**

~~Alterations to any building or structure shall comply with the requirements of the code for new construction. Alterations shall be such that the existing building or structure is no less conforming to the provisions of this code than the existing building or structure was prior to the alteration.~~

Alterations to an existing building, building system or portion thereof shall conform to the provisions of this code as they relate to new construction without requiring the unaltered portions of the existing building or building system to comply with this code. Alterations shall not create an unsafe or hazardous condition or overload existing building systems. ~~Alterations shall be such that the existing building or structure uses no more energy than the existing building or structure prior to the alteration.~~ Alterations to existing buildings shall comply with Sections R503.1.1 through R503.2.

#### **R503.1.1 Building envelope.**

Building envelope assemblies that are part of the alteration shall comply with Section R402.1.2 or R402.1.4, Sections R402.2.1 through R402.2.15 ~~R402.2.13~~, R402.3.1, R402.3.2, R402.4.4 ~~R402.4.3~~ and R402.4.6.

**Exception:** The following alterations to conditioned spaces need not comply with the requirements for new construction ~~provided the energy use of the building is not increased~~:

1. Storm windows installed over existing fenestration.
2. Existing ceiling, wall or floor cavities exposed during construction provided that these cavities are insulated. Roof systems requiring air space for ventilation shall retain the ventilation space required.
3. Construction where the existing roof, wall or floor cavity is not exposed.
4. Roof recover and roof replacement such that the existing building or structure is no less conforming to the provisions of this code than the existing building or structure was prior to the alteration.

5. ~~Deleted. Roofs without insulation in the cavity and where the sheathing or insulation is exposed during reroofing shall be insulated either above or below the sheathing.~~
6. Surface-applied window film installed on existing single pane fenestration assemblies to reduce solar heat gain. ~~provided the code does not require the glazing or fenestration assembly to be replaced~~
7. Converting unconditioned attic space to conditioned attic space for one and two-family dwellings and townhouses. Ceilings shall be insulated to a minimum of R-30, walls shall be insulated to the exterior wall requirements in Table 402.1.2 or Table 402.1.4 and follow the backing requirements in Section 402.2.14 and 402.2.15.

#### **R503.1.1.1 Replacement fenestration.**

~~Where some or all of an existing fenestration unit is replaced with a new fenestration product, including sash and glazing, the replacement fenestration unit shall meet the applicable requirements for U-factor and SHGC as provided in Table R402.1.2.~~

Where an entire existing fenestration unit is replaced with a new fenestration product, including frame, sash and glazing, the replacement fenestration unit shall meet the applicable requirements for U-factor and SHGC in Table R402.1.2.

Exception: Alterations that replace less than 50% of entire fenestration units may be replaced with like or better fenestration units to match existing fenestration assemblies.

#### **R503.1.2 Heating and cooling systems.**

New heating, cooling and duct systems that are part of the alteration shall comply with Sections R403.1, R403.2, R403.3, 403.4, ~~and~~ R403.6, and R403.7.

**Exception:** ~~Where ducts from an existing heating and cooling system are extended, duct systems with less than 40 linear feet (12.19 m) in unconditioned spaces shall not be required to be tested in accordance with Section R403.3.3.~~ An alteration involving a partial system replacement to an existing duct system shall not require a duct leakage test.

#### **R503.1.3 Service hot water systems.**

New service hot water systems that are part of the alteration shall comply with Section R403.5 ~~R403.4~~.

#### **R503.1.4 Lighting.**

New lighting systems that are part of the alteration shall comply with Section R404.1.

**Exception:** Alterations that replace less than 50 percent of the luminaires in a space, provided that such alterations do not increase the installed interior lighting power.

#### **R503.2 Change in space conditioning.**

~~Any nonconditioned or low-energy space that is altered to become conditioned space shall be required to be brought into full compliance with this code.~~

~~**Exception:** Where the simulated performance option in Section R405 is used to comply with this section, the annual energy cost of the proposed design is permitted to be 110 percent of the annual energy cost otherwise allowed by Section R405.3.~~

New work performed shall meet the requirements of this code.

Projects changing *unconditioned space* to conditioned space and costing more than \$10,000 shall require 10% of the project cost to be used toward meeting the requirements of Chapter 11 of the North Carolina Residential Code for one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses or the North Carolina Energy Conservation Code. Project costs for the purpose of this section is the total project cost listed on all permits related to the work required to convert the *unconditioned space* to conditioned space and excludes the 10% added from this section. Under this section, existing building envelope elements that become a part of the building thermal envelope and are not changed are not required to be upgraded. The additional 10% of the project cost shall be appropriated for additional energy conservation features of choice that are addressed in Chapter 11 of the North Carolina Residential Code for one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses or the North Carolina Energy Conservation Code. In addition to the 10% project cost, any existing wall, ceiling, or floor cavities that are exposed during construction shall at a minimum be insulated to comply with Chapter 11 of the North Carolina Residential Code for one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses or the North Carolina Energy Conservation Code or be insulated to fill the cavity, whichever is less. Roof systems requiring air space for ventilation shall retain the ventilation space required. Projects costing less than \$10,000 are not subject to the 10% project cost addition provision.

## SECTION R504 REPAIRS

### R504.1 General.

*Repair of the building ~~insulation~~ systems shall not make the building less conforming than it was before the repair was undertaken. ~~Buildings, structures and parts thereof shall be repaired in compliance with Section R501.3 and this section.~~ Work on nondamaged components necessary for the required repair of damaged components shall be considered part of the repair and shall not be subject to the requirements for alterations in this chapter. ~~Routine maintenance required by Section R501.3, ordinary repairs exempt from permit, and abatement of wear due to normal service conditions shall not be subject to the requirements for repairs in this section.~~*

### R504.2 Materials Application.

Portions of walls that are part of the building thermal envelope shall be insulated in accordance with this code when the repair requires the removal of either the interior or exterior wall membrane such that the wall cavity is exposed during the repair.

~~For the purposes of this code, the following shall be considered repairs:~~

- ~~1.—Glass-only replacements in an existing sash and frame.~~
- ~~2.—Roof repairs.~~

~~3. Repairs where only the bulb and/or ballast within the existing luminaires in a space are replaced provided that the replacement does not increase the installed interior lighting power.~~

**Commentary:** *This section allows for only the portions of the wall exposed during a repair to meet the minimum insulation requirements of the NC Energy Conservation Code. Unexposed wall cavities are permitted to remain without requiring additional insulation.*

**Exception:** Wall cavities containing existing insulation material.

**Commentary:** *This exception provides relief from the full requirements for wall insulation in the NC Energy Conservation Code when the repair exposes an existing wall cavity and it already contains insulation.*

#### **R504.3 Glazing.**

Repairs requiring the replacement of individual glass panes or sashes shall not require compliance with this code.

**Commentary:** *This section requires replacement of an entire window unit to comply with current NC Energy Conservation Code requirements but allows for a single pane or sash to be replaced with glass that matches the existing without reducing the energy efficiency of the building.*

## **SECTION R505 CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY OR USE**

### **R505.1 General.**

~~Spaces undergoing a change in occupancy that would result in an increase in demand for either fossil fuel or electrical energy shall comply with this code.~~ New work performed in spaces undergoing a change in occupancy shall comply with the requirements of this code. Unaltered portions of the existing building or building supply system shall not be required to comply with this code.

### **R505.2 General.**

~~Any space that is converted to a dwelling unit or portion thereof from another use or occupancy shall comply with this code.~~

**Exception:** ~~Where the simulated performance option in Section R405 is used to comply with this section, the annual energy cost of the proposed design is permitted to be 110 percent of the annual energy cost otherwise allowed by Section R405.3.~~

## CHAPTER 6 [RE] REFERENCED STANDARDS

This chapter lists the standards that are referenced in various sections of this document. The standards are listed herein by the promulgating agency of the standard, the standard identification, the effective date and title, and the section or sections of this document that reference the standard. The application of the referenced standards shall be as specified in Section 106.

### AAMA

American Architectural Manufacturers Association  
1827 Walden Office Square  
Suite 550  
Schaumburg, IL 60173-4268

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A C440—11	North American Fenestration Standard/ Specifications for Windows, Doors and Unit Skylights	R402.4.4 <b>3</b>

### ACCA

~~Air Conditioning Contractors of America~~  
~~2800 Shirlington Road, Suite 300~~  
~~Arlington, VA 22206~~

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
<del>Manual J—2011</del>	<del>Residential Load Calculation Eighth Edition</del>	<del>R403.7</del>
<del>Manual S—13</del>	<del>Residential Equipment Selection</del>	<del>R403.7</del>

### APSP

The Association of Pool and Spa Professionals  
2111 Eisenhower Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
<del>APSP 14—11</del>	<del>American National Standard for Portable Electric Spa Energy- Efficiency</del>	<del>R403.10.1, 403.11</del>
APSP 15a—2013	American National Standard for Residential Swimming Pool and Spa Energy Efficiency	R403.12

### ASHRAE

American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-  
Conditioning Engineers, Inc.  
1791 Tullie Circle, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30329-2305

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
ASHRAE—2013	ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals	R402.1.5, Table R405.5.2(1)
<del>ASHRAE 193—2010</del>	<del>Method of Test for Determining the Airtightness of HVAC-</del>	<del>R403.3.2.1</del>

## Equipment

# ASTM

ASTM International  
100 Barr Harbor Drive  
West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2859

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
C 1363—11	Standard Test Method for Thermal Performance of Building Materials and Envelope Assemblies by Means of a Hot Box Apparatus	R303.1.4.1
E 283—04	Test Method for Determining the Rate of Air Leakage Through Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls and Doors Under Specified Pressure Differences Across the Specimen	R402.4.6 <span style="color: red;">4</span>
E 779—10	Standard Test Method for Determining Air Leakage Rate by Fan Pressurization	R402.4.2.2 <span style="color: red;">1-2</span>
E 1827—11	Standard Test Methods for Determining Airtightness of Building Using an Orifice Blower Door	R402.4.2.2 <span style="color: red;">1-2</span>

# CSA

CSA Group  
8501 East Pleasant Valley  
Cleveland, OH 44131-5575

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440—11	North American Fenestration Standard/Specification for Windows, Doors and Unit Skylights	R402.4.4 <span style="color: red;">3</span>
<span style="color: red;">CSA 55.1—2012</span>	<span style="color: red;">Test Method for measuring efficiency and pressure loss of drain water heat recovery units</span>	<span style="color: red;">R403.5.4</span>
<span style="color: red;">CSA 55.2—2012</span>	<span style="color: red;">Drain water heat recover units</span>	<span style="color: red;">R403.5.4</span>

# DASMA

Door and Access Systems Manufacturers Association  
1300 Sumner Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44115-2851

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
105—92(R2004)—13	Test Method for Thermal Transmittance and Air Infiltration of Garage Doors	R303.1.3

# ICC

International Code Council, Inc.  
500 New Jersey Avenue, NW  
6th Floor  
Washington, DC 20001

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
IBC—15	International Building Code <sup>®</sup>	R201.3, R303.2, R402.1.1, R501.4
<u>ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-14</u>	<u>Standard for the Calculation and Labeling of the Energy Performance of Low-Rise Residential Buildings using an Energy Rating Index</u>	<u>R-406.2, R406.6.1, R406.7.1</u>

<del>ICC 400—12</del>	<del>Standard on the Design and Construction of Log Structures</del>	<del>Table R402.5.1.1</del>
IECC—15	International Energy Conservation Code <sup>®</sup>	R101.4.1, 403.8
<del>IECC—09</del>	<del>2009 International Energy Conservation Code</del> <sup>®</sup>	<del>R406.2</del>
ECC—06	2006 International Energy Conservation Code <sup>®</sup>	R202, R406.3.1
IFC—15	International Fire Code <sup>®</sup>	R201.3, R501.4
IFGC—15	International Fuel Gas Code <sup>®</sup>	R201.3, R501.4
IMC—15	International Mechanical Code <sup>®</sup>	R201.3, R403.3.2, R403.6, R501.4
IPC—15	International Plumbing Code <sup>®</sup>	R201.3, R501.4
<del>IPSDC—15</del>	<del>International Private Sewage Disposal Code</del> <sup>®</sup>	<del>501.4</del>
<del>IPMC—15</del>	<del>International Property Maintenance Code</del> <sup>®</sup>	<del>501.4</del>
IRC—15	International Residential Code <sup>®</sup>	R201.3, R303.2, R402.1.1, R402.2.11, R403.3.2, R403.6, R501.4

**IEEE** The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Inc.  
3 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 1016-5997

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
515.1—2012	IEEE Standard for the Testing, Design, Installation, and Maintenance of Electrical Resistance Trace Heating for Commercial Applications	R403.5.1.2

**NFPA** National Fire Protection Association. 1 Batterymarch Park  
Quincy, MA 02169-7471

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
70—14	National Electrical Code	R501.4

**NFRC** National Fenestration Rating Council, Inc.  
6305 Ivy Lane, Suite 140  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
100—2009	Procedure for Determining Fenestration Products <i>U</i> -factors—Second Edition	R303.1.3
200—2009	Procedure for Determining Fenestration Product Solar Heat Gain Coefficients and Visible Transmittance at Normal Incidence—Second Edition	R303.1.3
400—2009	Procedure for Determining Fenestration Product Air Leakage—Second Edition	R402.4.4 3





UL LLC  
333 Pfingsten Road  
Northbrook, IL 60062

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
<del>127—11</del> <del>515—11</del>	<del>Standard for Factory Built Fireplaces-</del> <del>Electrical Resistance Heat Tracing for Commercial and-</del> <del>Industrial Applications</del> <del>including revisions through November 30, 2011</del>	<del>R402.4.2</del>  <del>R403.5.1.2</del>

## US- FTC

United States-Federal Trade Commission  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20580

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
CFR Title 16 (May 31, 2005)	R-value Rule	R303.1.4

## WDMA

Window and Door Manufacturers Association  
2025 M Street, NW Suite 800  
Washington, DC 20036-3309

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440—11	North American Fenestration Standard/Specification for Windows, Doors and Unit Skylights	R402.4.4 <b>3</b>

# ~~APPENDIX RA~~ ~~RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE FOR WORST-CASE~~ ~~TESTING OF ATMOSPHERIC VENTING SYSTEMS~~ ~~UNDER R402.4 OR R405 CONDITIONS $\leq 5\text{ACH}_{50}$~~

~~(This appendix is informative and is not part of the code.)~~

## ~~SECTION RA101~~ ~~SCOPE~~

### ~~RA101.1 General.~~

~~This appendix is intended to provide guidelines for worst-case testing of atmospheric venting systems. Worst-case testing is recommended to identify problems that weaken draft and restrict combustion air.~~

## ~~SECTION RA201~~ ~~GENERAL DEFINITIONS~~

~~**COMBUSTION APPLIANCE ZONE (CAZ).** A contiguous air volume within a building that contains a Category I or II atmospherically vented appliance or a Category III or IV direct-vent or integral-vent appliance drawing combustion air from inside the building or dwelling unit. The CAZ includes, but is not limited to, a mechanical closet, a mechanical room, or the main body of a house or dwelling unit.~~

~~**DRAFT.** The pressure difference existing between the *appliance* or any component part and the atmosphere that causes a continuous flow of air and products of *combustion* through the gas passages of the *appliance* to the atmosphere.~~

~~**Mechanical or induced draft.** The pressure difference created by the action of a fan, blower or ejector that is located between the *appliance* and the *chimney* or vent termination.~~

~~**Natural draft.** The pressure difference created by a vent or *chimney* because of its height and the temperature difference between the *flue* gases and the atmosphere.~~

~~**SPILLAGE.** Combustion gases emerging from an appliance or venting system into the combustion appliance zone during burner operation.~~

## SECTION RA301 TESTING PROCEDURE

### **RA301.1 Worst-case testing of atmospheric venting systems.**

~~Buildings or dwelling units containing a Category I or II atmospherically vented appliance; or a Category III or IV direct-vent or integral vent appliance drawing combustion air from inside of the building or dwelling unit, shall have the Combustion Appliance Zone (CAZ) tested for spillage, acceptable draft and carbon monoxide (CO) in accordance with this section. Where required by the code official, testing shall be conducted by an approved third party. A written report of the results of the test shall be signed by the party conducting the test and provided to the code official. Testing shall be performed at any time after creation of all penetrations of the building thermal envelope and prior to final inspection.~~

**Exception:** ~~Buildings or dwelling units containing only Category III or IV direct-vent or integral vent appliances that do not draw combustion air from inside of the building or dwelling unit.~~

~~The enumerated test procedure as follows shall be complied with during testing:~~

- ~~1. Set combustion appliances to the pilot setting or turn off the service disconnects for combustion appliances. Close exterior doors and windows and the fireplace damper. With the building or dwelling unit in this configuration, measure and record the baseline ambient pressure inside the building or dwelling unit CAZ. Compare the baseline ambient pressure of the CAZ to that of the outside ambient pressure and record the difference (Pa).~~
- ~~2. Establish worst case by turning on the clothes dryer and all exhaust fans. Close all interior doors that make the CAZ pressure more negative. Turn on the air handler, where present, and leave on if, as a result, the pressure in the CAZ becomes more negative. Check interior door positions again, closing only the interior doors that make the CAZ pressure more negative. Measure net change in pressure from the CAZ to outdoor ambient pressure, correcting for the base ambient pressure inside the home. Record "worst case depressurization" pressure and compare to Table RA301.1(1).~~

~~Where CAZ depressurization limits are exceeded under worst-case conditions in accordance with Table A301.1(1), additional combustion air shall be provided or other modifications to building air leakage performance or exhaust appliances such that depressurization is brought within the limits prescribed in Table RA301.1(1).~~

- ~~3. Measure worst-case spillage, acceptable draft and carbon monoxide (CO) by firing the fuel-fired appliance with the smallest Btu capacity first.~~
  - ~~a. Test for spillage at the draft diverter with a mirror or smoke puffer. An appliance that continues to spill flue gases for more than 60 seconds fails the spillage test.~~
  - ~~b. Test for CO measuring undiluted flue gases in the throat or flue of the appliance using a digital gauge in parts per million (ppm) at the 10-minute mark. Record~~

~~CO ppm readings to be compared with Table RA301.1(3) upon completion of Step 4. Where the spillage test fails under worst case, go to Step 4.~~

~~c. Where spillage ends within 60 seconds, test for acceptable draft in the connector not less than 1 foot (305 mm), but not more than 2 feet (610 mm) downstream of the draft diverter. Record draft pressure and compare to Table RA301.1(2).~~

~~d. Fire all other connected appliances simultaneously and test again at the draft diverter of each appliance for spillage, CO and acceptable draft using procedures 3a through 3c.~~

~~4. Measure spillage, acceptable draft, and carbon monoxide (CO) under natural conditions—without clothes dryer and exhaust fans on—in accordance with the procedure outlined in Step 3, measuring the net change in pressure from worst case condition in Step 3 to natural in the CAZ to confirm the worst case depressurization taken in Step 2. Repeat the process for each appliance, allowing each vent system to cool between tests.~~

~~5. Monitor indoor ambient CO in the breathing zone continuously during testing, and abort the test where indoor ambient CO exceeds 35 ppm by turning off the appliance, ventilating the space, and evacuating the building. The CO problem shall be corrected prior to completing combustion safety diagnostics.~~

~~6. Make recommendations based on test results and the retrofit action prescribed in Table RA301.1(3).~~

**TABLE RA301.1(1)**  
**CAZ DEPRESSURIZATION LIMITS**

<b>VENTING CONDITION</b>	<b>LIMIT (Pa)</b>
Category I, atmospherically vented water heater	-2.0
Category I or II atmospherically vented boiler or furnace common-vented with a Category I atmospherically vented water heater	-3.0
Category I or II atmospherically vented boiler or furnace, equipped with a flue damper, and common-vented with a Category I atmospherically vented water heater	-5.0
Category I or II atmospherically vented boiler or furnace alone	
Category I or II atmospherically vented, fan-assisted boiler or furnace common-vented with a Category I atmospherically vented water heater	
Decorative vented, gas appliance	
Power-vented or induced-draft boiler or furnace alone, or fan-assisted water heater alone	-15.0
Category IV direct-vented appliances and sealed combustion appliances	-50.0

For SI: 6894.76 Pa = 1.0 psi.

**TABLE RA301.1(2)**  
**ACCEPTABLE DRAFT TEST CORRECTION**

<del>OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE (°F)</del>	<del>MINIMUM DRAFT PRESSURE REQUIRED (Pa)</del>
<del>&lt;10</del>	<del>-2.5</del>
<del>10—90</del>	<del>(Outside Temperature ÷ 40) — 2.75</del>
<del>&gt;90</del>	<del>-0.5</del>

For SI: 6894.76 Pa = 1.0 psi.

**TABLE RA301.1(3)**  
**ACCEPTABLE DRAFT TEST CORRECTION**

<b>CARBON MONOXIDE- LEVEL (ppm)</b>	<b>AND OR</b>	<b>SPILLAGE AND ACCEPTABLE DRAFT TEST RESULTS</b>	<b>RETROFIT ACTION</b>
<del>0—25</del>	<del>and</del>	<del>Passes</del>	<del>Proceed with work</del>
<del>25 &lt; x ≤ 100</del>	<del>and</del>	<del>Passes</del>	<del>Recommend that CO problem be resolved</del>
<del>25 &lt; x ≤ 100</del>	<del>and</del>	<del>Fails in worst case only</del>	<del>Recommend an appliance-service call and repairs to resolve the problem</del>
<del>100 &lt; x ≤ 400</del>	<del>or</del>	<del>Fails under natural conditions</del>	<del><b>Stop!</b> Work shall not proceed until appliance is serviced and problem resolved</del>
<del>&gt;400</del>	<del>and</del>	<del>Passes</del>	<del><b>Stop!</b> Work shall not proceed until appliance is serviced and problem resolved</del>
<del>&gt;400</del>	<del>and</del>	<del>Fails under any condition</del>	<del><b>Emergency!</b> Shut off fuel to appliance and call for service immediately</del>

## **~~APPENDIX RB~~**

### **~~SOLAR-READY PROVISIONS—DETACHED ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS, MULTIPLE SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS (TOWNHOUSES)~~**

*(The provisions contained in this appendix are not mandatory unless specifically referenced in the adopting ordinance.)*

#### **~~SECTION RB101 SCOPE~~**

##### **~~RB101.1 General.~~**

~~These provisions shall be applicable for new construction where solar-ready provisions are required.~~

#### **~~SECTION RB102 GENERAL DEFINITION~~**

**~~SOLAR-READY ZONE.~~** A section or sections of the roof or building overhang designated and reserved for the future installation of a solar photovoltaic or solar thermal system.

#### **~~SECTION RB103 SOLAR-READY ZONE~~**

##### **~~RB103.1 General.~~**

~~New detached one- and two-family dwellings, and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) with not less than 600 square feet (55.74 m<sup>2</sup>) of roof area oriented between 110 degrees and 270 degrees of true north shall comply with Sections RB103.2 through RB103.8.~~

##### **~~Exceptions:~~**

- ~~1. New residential buildings with a permanently installed on-site renewable energy system.~~

- ~~2. A building with a solar-ready zone that is shaded for more than 70 percent of daylight hours annually.~~

#### **~~RB103.2 Construction document requirements for solar-ready zone.~~**

~~Construction documents shall indicate the solar-ready zone.~~

#### **~~RB103.3 Solar-ready zone area.~~**

~~The total solar-ready zone area shall be not less than 300 square feet (27.87 m<sup>2</sup>) exclusive of mandatory access or set back areas as required by the *International Fire Code*. New multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) three stories or less in height above grade plane and with a total floor area less than or equal to 2,000 square feet (185.8 m<sup>2</sup>) per dwelling shall have a solar-ready zone area of not less than 150 square feet (13.94 m<sup>2</sup>). The solar-ready zone shall be composed of areas not less than 5 feet (1524 mm) in width and not less than 80 square feet (7.44 m<sup>2</sup>) exclusive of access or set back areas as required by the *International Fire Code*.~~

#### **~~RB103.4 Obstructions.~~**

~~Solar-ready zones shall be free from obstructions, including but not limited to vents, chimneys, and roof-mounted equipment.~~

#### **~~RB103.5 Roof load documentation.~~**

~~The structural design loads for roof dead load and roof live load shall be clearly indicated on the construction documents.~~

#### **~~RB103.6 Interconnection pathway.~~**

~~Construction documents shall indicate pathways for routing of conduit or plumbing from the solar-ready zone to the electrical service panel or service hot water system.~~

#### **~~RB103.7 Electrical service reserved space.~~**

~~The main electrical service panel shall have a reserved space to allow installation of a dual pole circuit breaker for future solar electric installation and shall be labeled "For Future Solar Electric." The reserved space shall be positioned at the opposite (load) end from the input feeder location or main circuit location.~~

#### **~~RB103.8 Construction documentation certificate.~~**

~~A permanent certificate, indicating the solar-ready zone and other requirements of this section, shall be posted near the electrical distribution panel, water heater or other conspicuous location by the builder or registered design professional.~~

## **APPENDIX 1: RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **APPENDIX 1.1 Energy Efficiency Certificate (Section R401.3)**

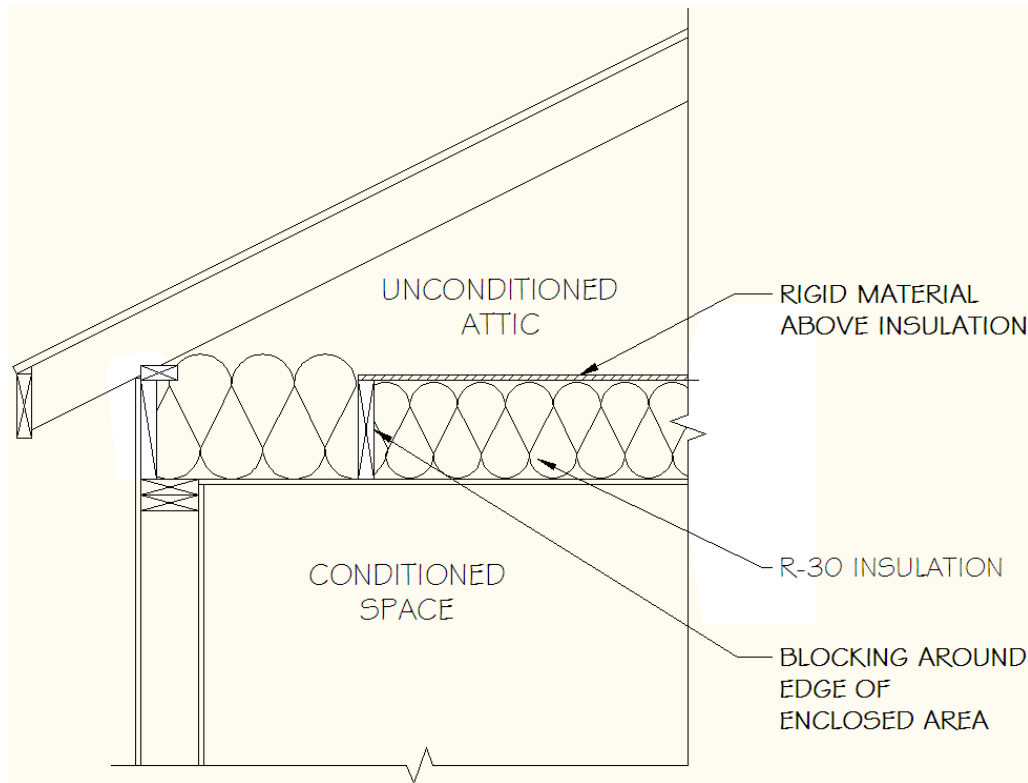


ENERGY EFFICIENCY CERTIFICATE	
R401.3	
<b>Builder, Permit Holder or Registered Design Professional Print Name:</b> <b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Property Address:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Insulation Rating - List the value covering largest area to all that apply</b>	<b>R-Value</b>
Ceiling/roof:	R-
Wall:	R-
Floor:	R-
Closed Crawl Space Wall:	R-
Closed Crawl Space Floor:	R-
Slab:	R-
Basement Wall:	R-
<b>Fenestration:</b>	
U-Factor	
Solar Heat Gain Coefficient(SHGC)	
<b>Building Air Leakage</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Visually inspected according to R402.4.2.1 OR	
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Air Leakage Test Results (Sec. R402.4.2.2) ACH50 [Target: 5.0] or CFM50/SFSA [Target: 0.30]	
<b>Name of Tester / Company:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
<b>Ducts:</b>	
<b>Insulation</b>	<b>R-</b>
<b>Total Duct Leakage Test Result (Sect. R403.3.3)</b> <b>Circle one:</b> Total duct leakage test (CFM25 Total/100SF) [Target: 5] Or Duct leakage to the outside test (CFM25 Total/100SF) [Target: 4]	
<b>Name of Tester or Company:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
Certificate to be displayed permanently	

**APPENDIX 1.2**  
**INSULATION AND AIR SEALING DETAILS**

**APPENDIX 1.2.1**

**R402.2.1 Ceilings with attic spaces: Exception for fully enclosed attic floor systems**

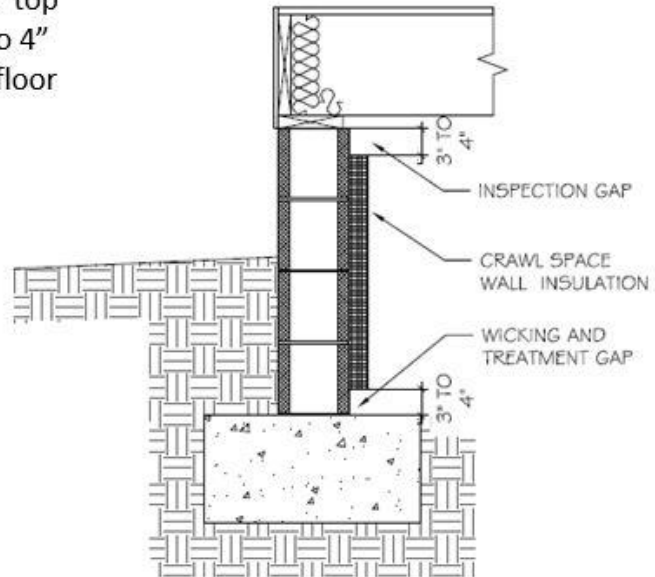


**SECTION VIEW OF CEILING WITH ATTIC SPACE**

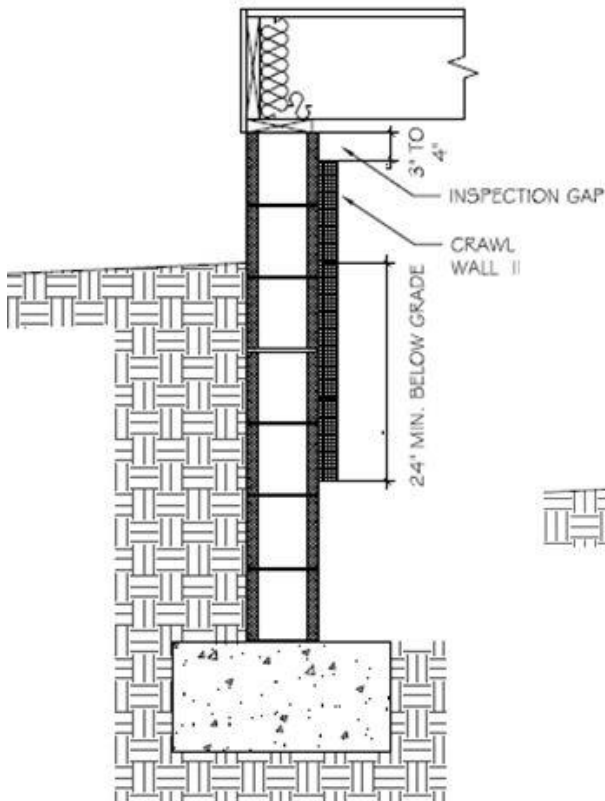
## **APPENDIX 1.2.2**

### **R402.2.11 Closed crawl space walls. Insulation illustrations**

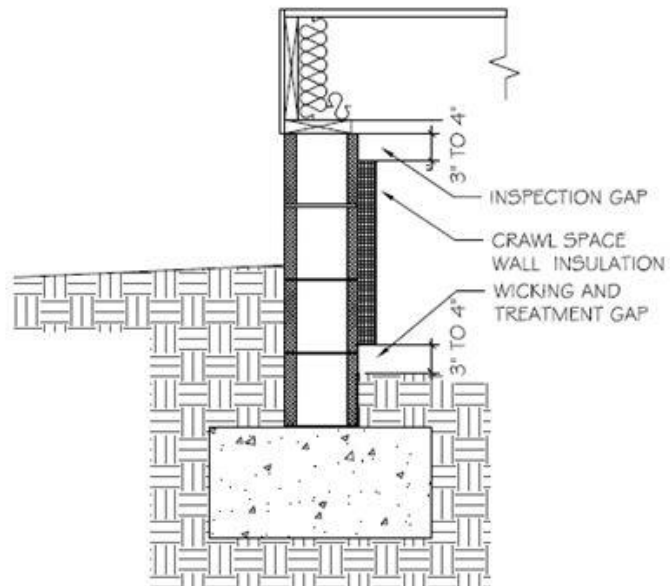
Foam or porous insulation has 3" to 4" top inspection gap and extends down 3" to 4" above top of wall footing or concrete floor



Foam or porous insulation has 3" to 4" top inspection gap and extends down 24" below grade

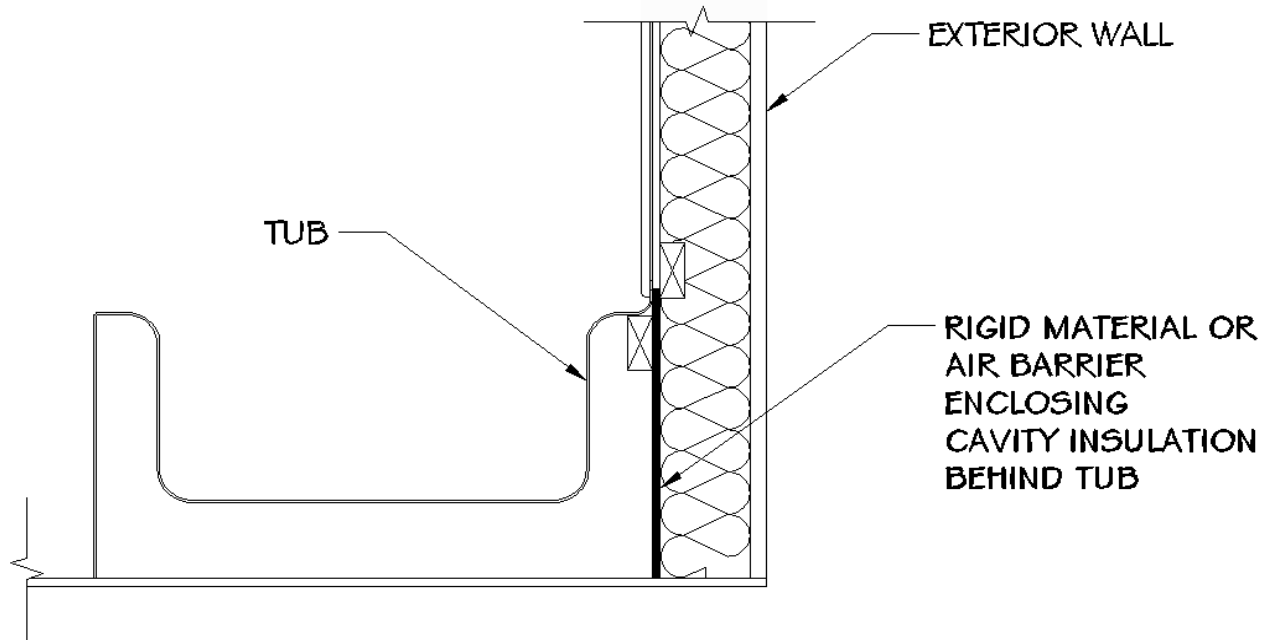


Foam or porous insulation has 3" to 4" top inspection gap and extends down 3" to 4" above interior ground surface



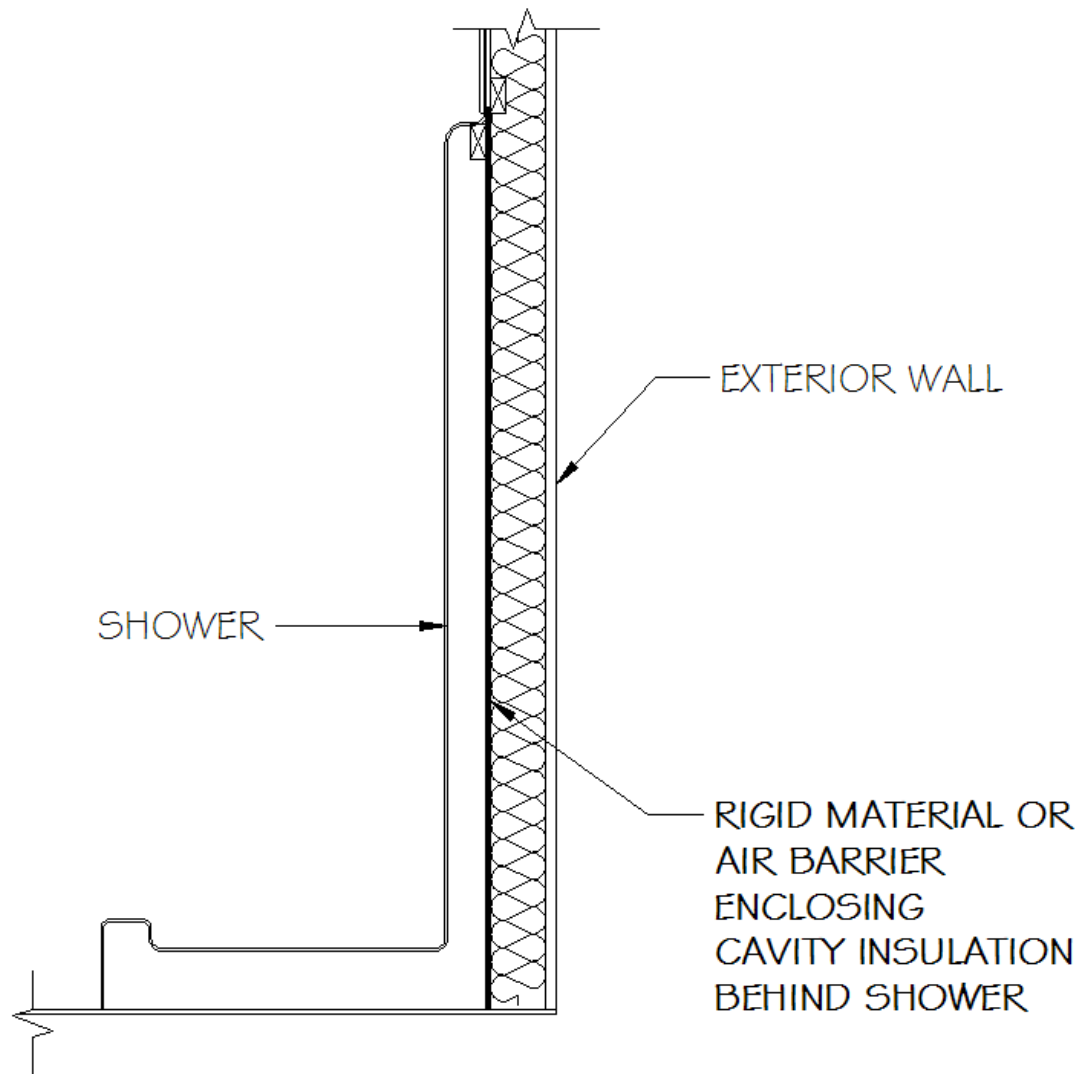
### **APPENDIX 1.2.3**

#### **R402.2.14 Framed cavity walls. Insulation enclosure – 1. Tubs**



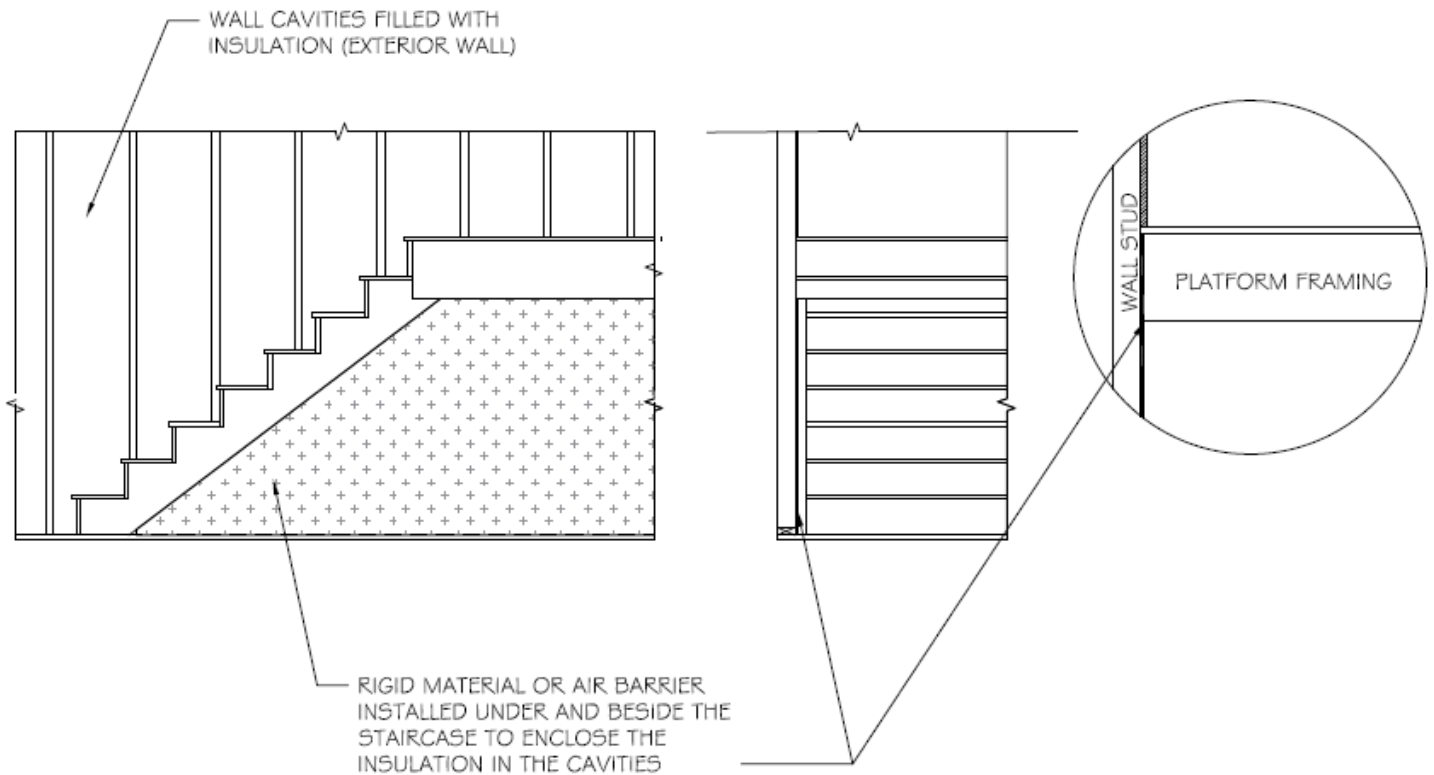
**SECTION VIEW OF BATH TUB ON EXTERIOR WALL**

**R402.2.14 Framed cavity walls. Insulation enclosure – 2. Showers**



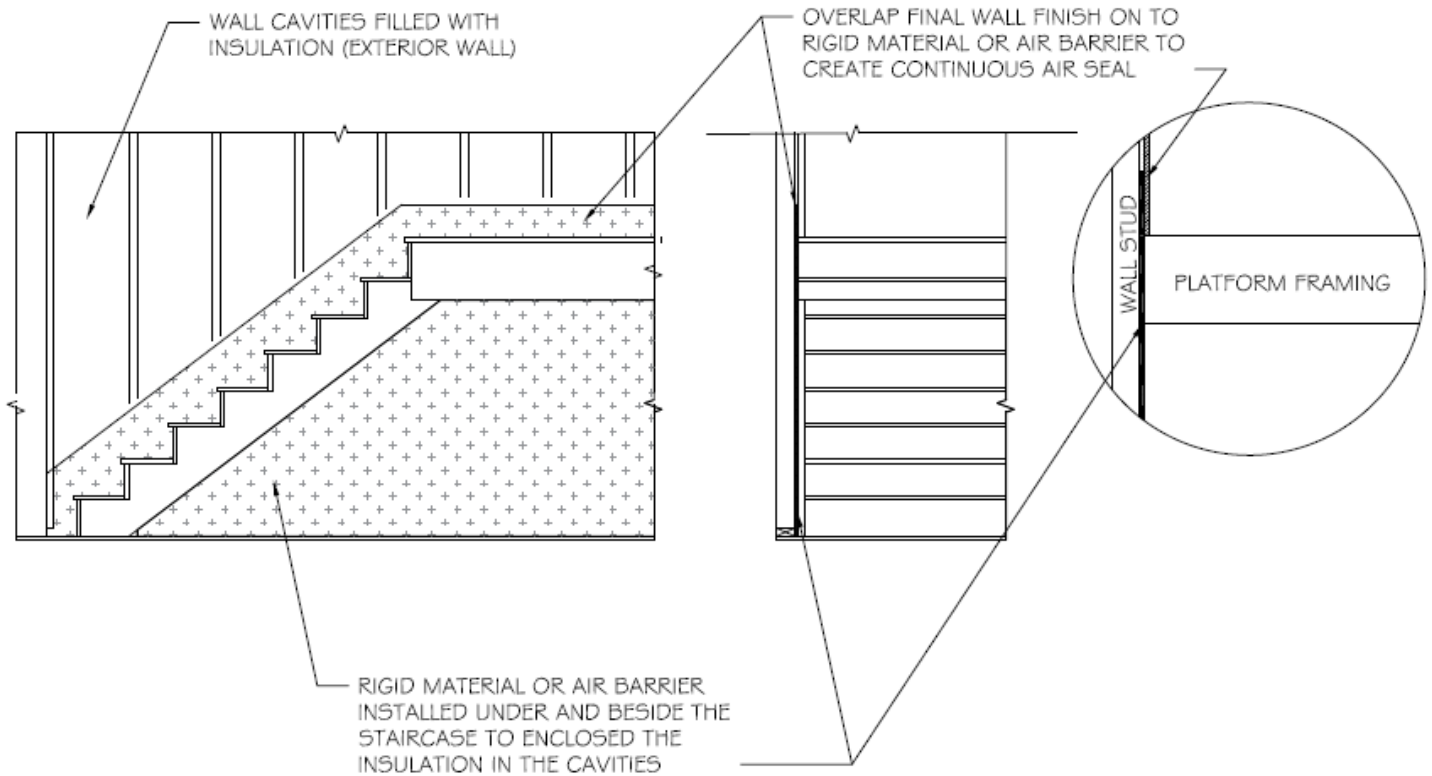
**SECTION VIEW OF SHOWER ON EXTERIOR WALL**

**R402.2.14 Framed cavity walls. Insulation enclosure – 3. Stairs**



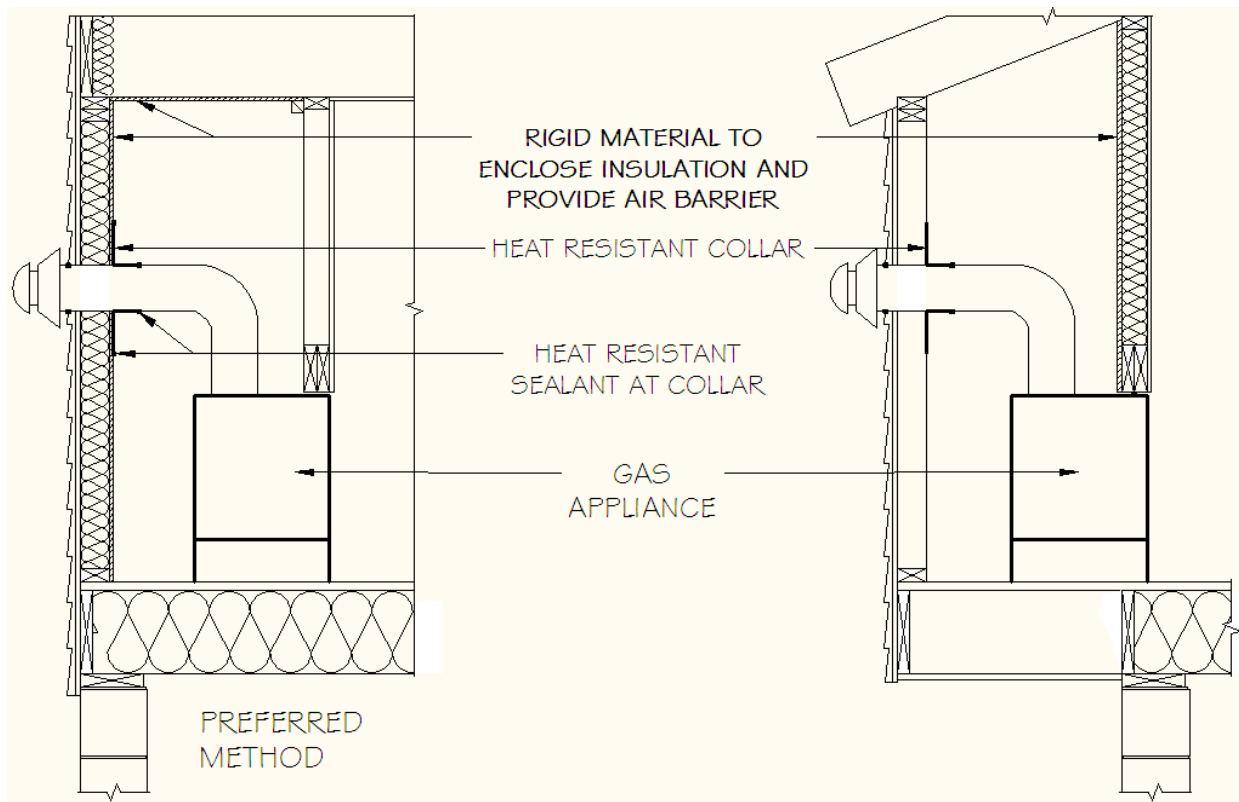
**SECTION VIEW OF INTERIOR STAIRCASE ON EXTERIOR WALL**  
**(OPTION 1)**

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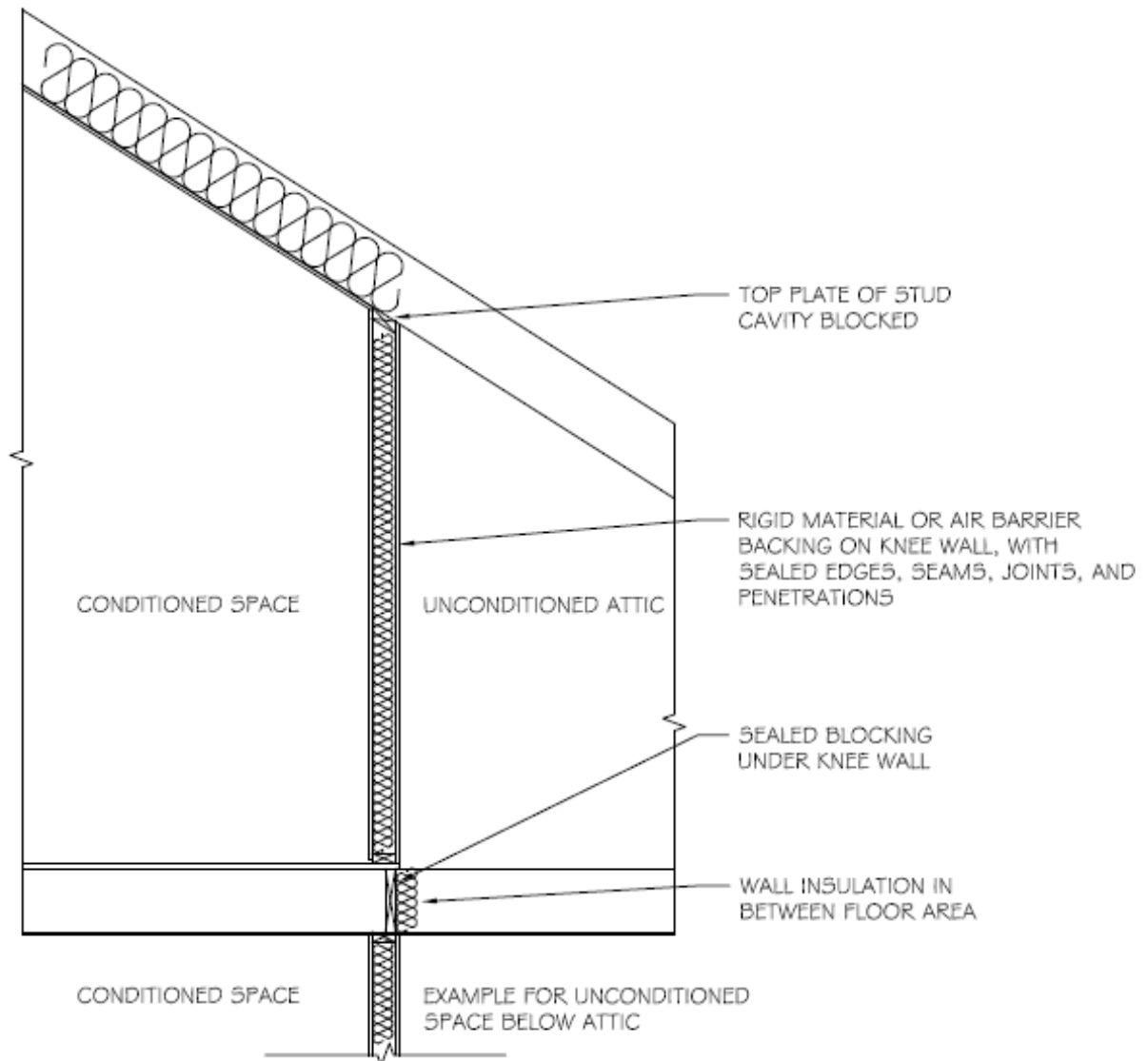
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### SECTION VIEW OF DIRECT VENT GAS FIREPLACE

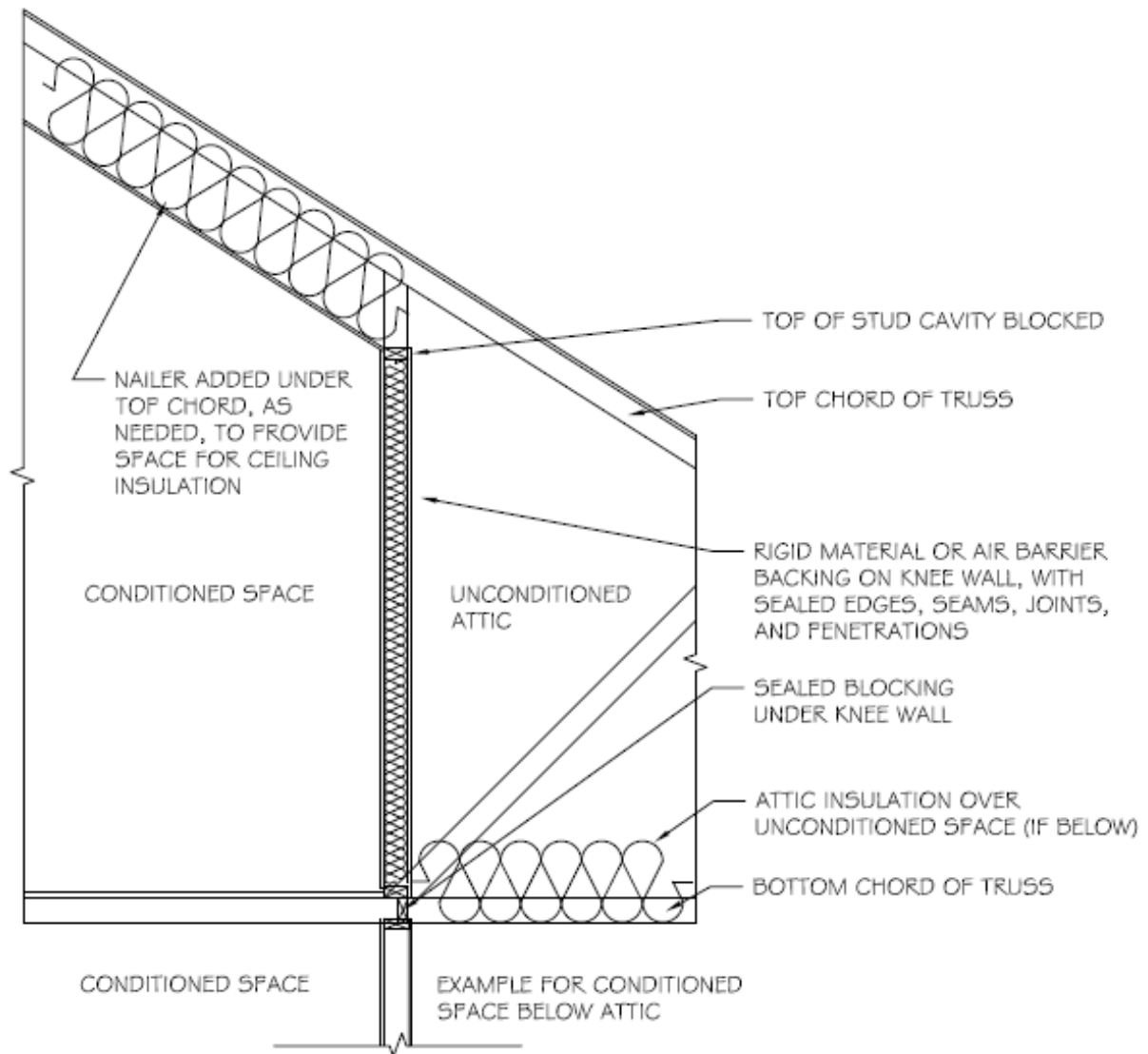


**R402.2.15 Framed cavity walls. Insulation enclosure – 5. Walls that adjoin attic spaces**



**SECTION VIEW OF WALL ADJOINING ATTIC SPACE WITH STICK FRAMED ROOF**

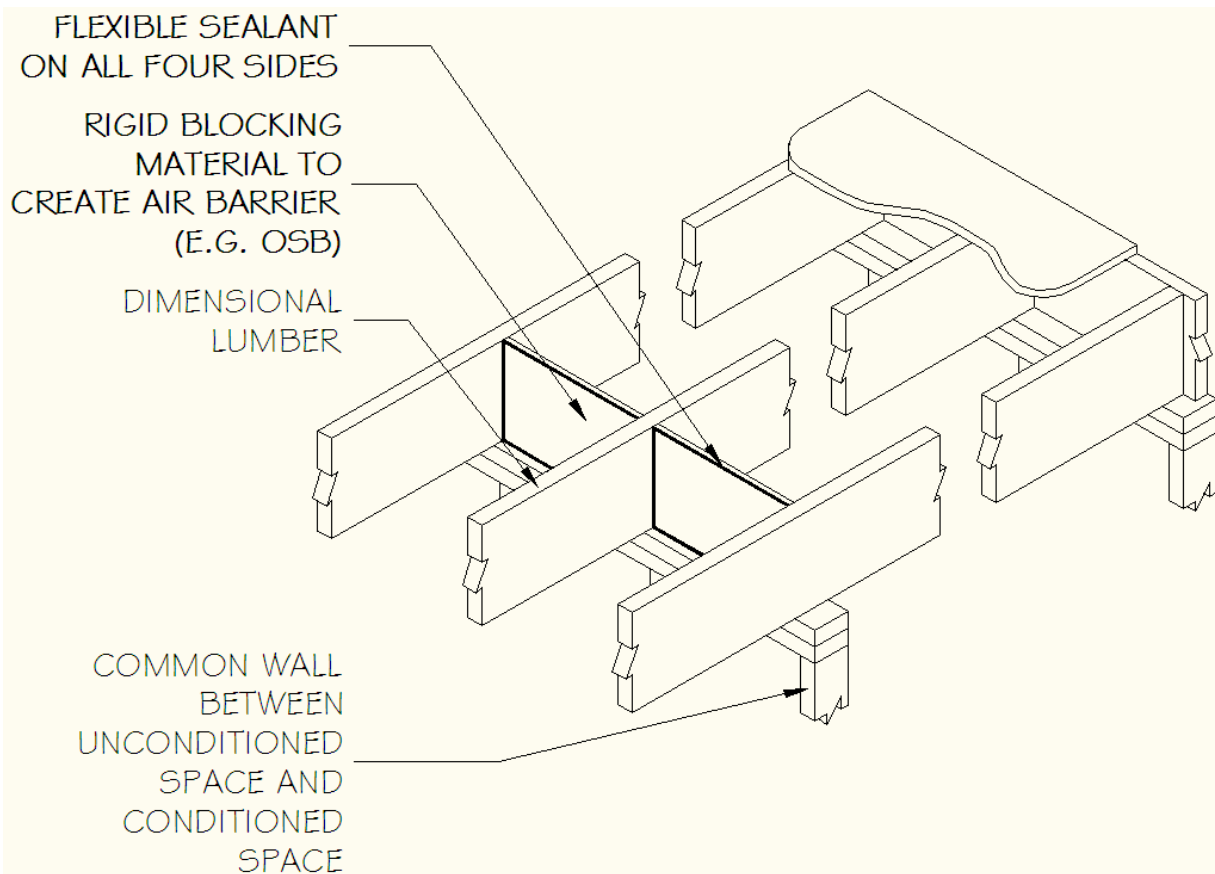
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**SECTION VIEW OF WALL ADJOINING ATTIC SPACE WITH TRUSS ROOF**

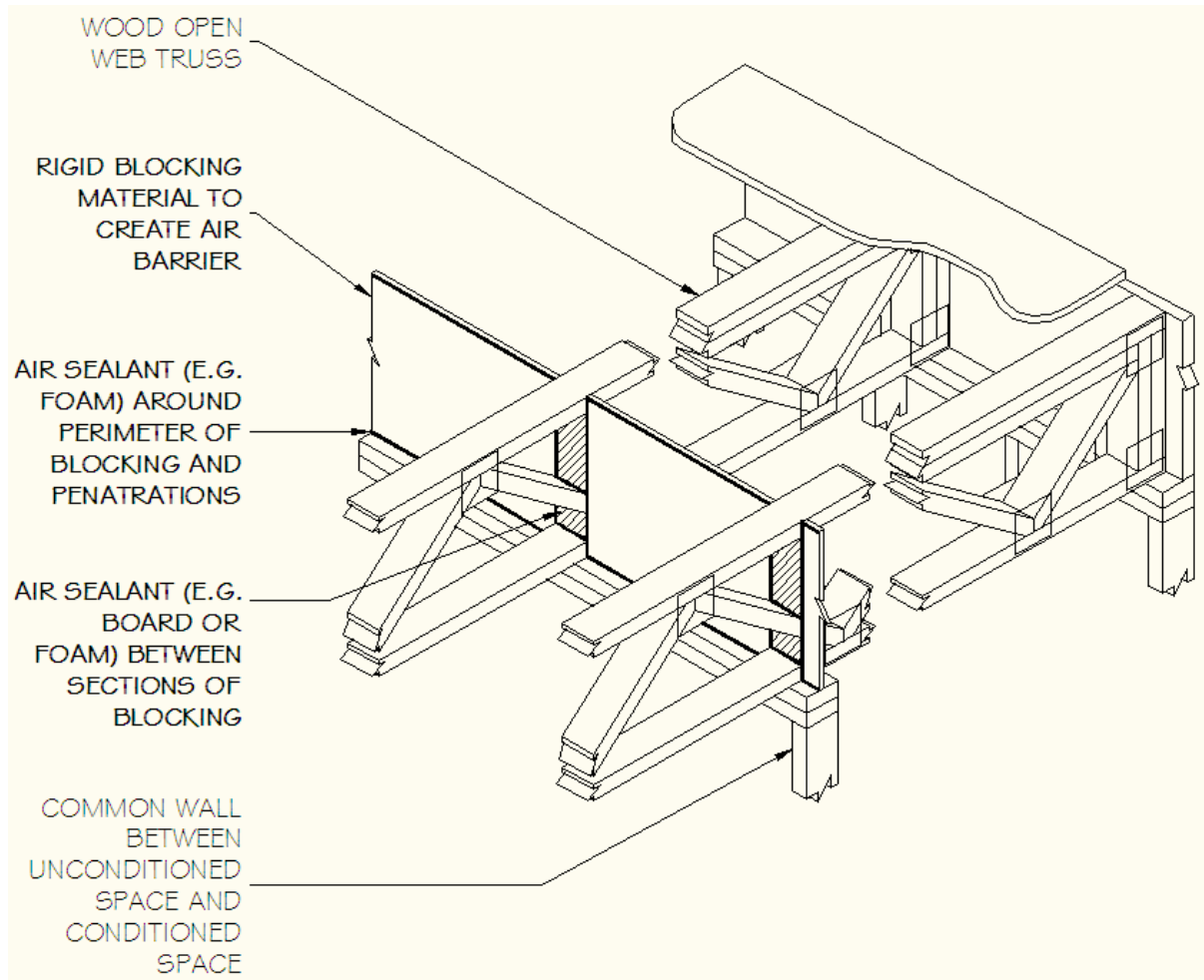
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### **R402.4.1 Building thermal envelope. – 1. Block and seal floor/ceiling systems**



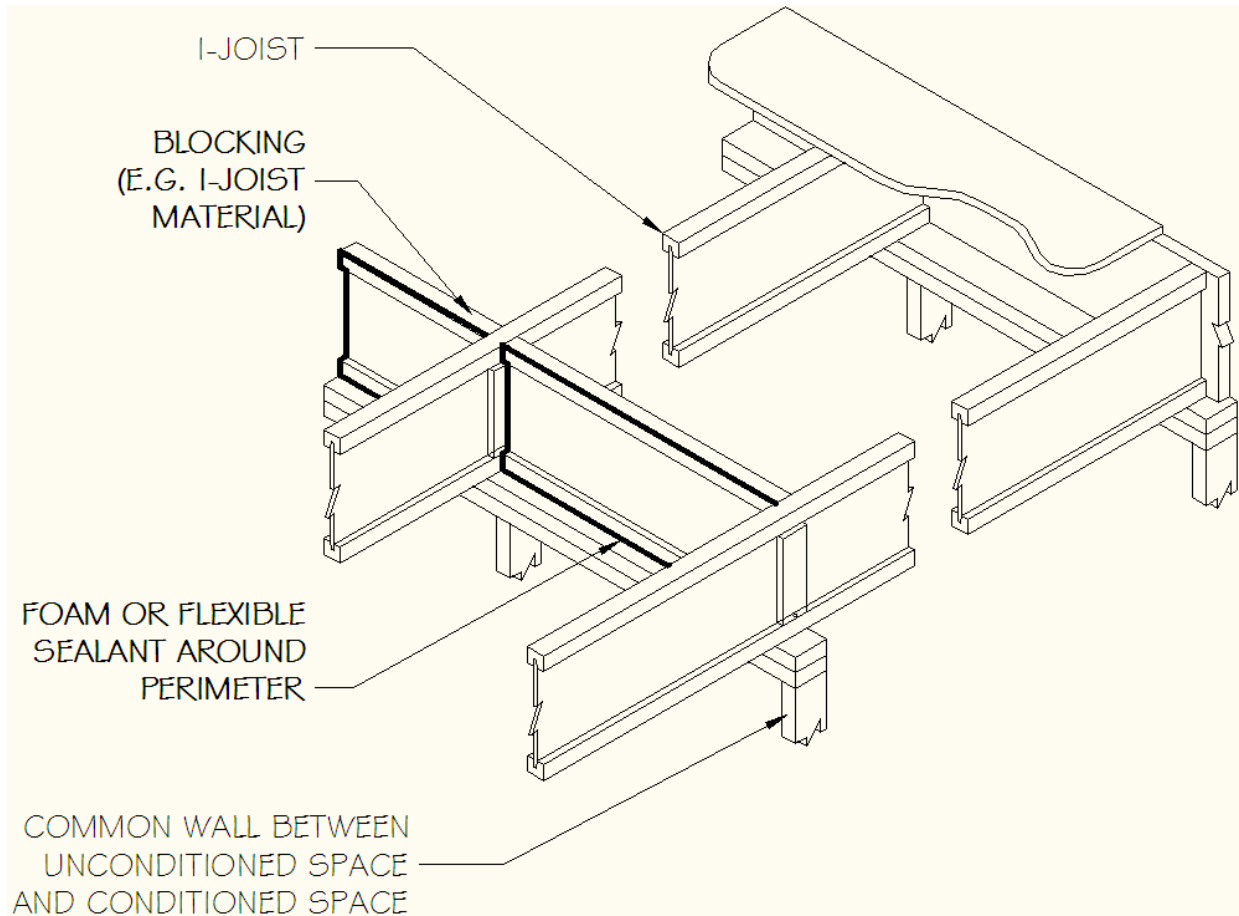
**ISOMETRIC VIEW OF DIMENSIONAL LUMBER FLOOR/CEILING SYSTEM  
ABOVE COMMON WALL BETWEEN UNCONDITIONED AND CONDITIONED  
SPACE**

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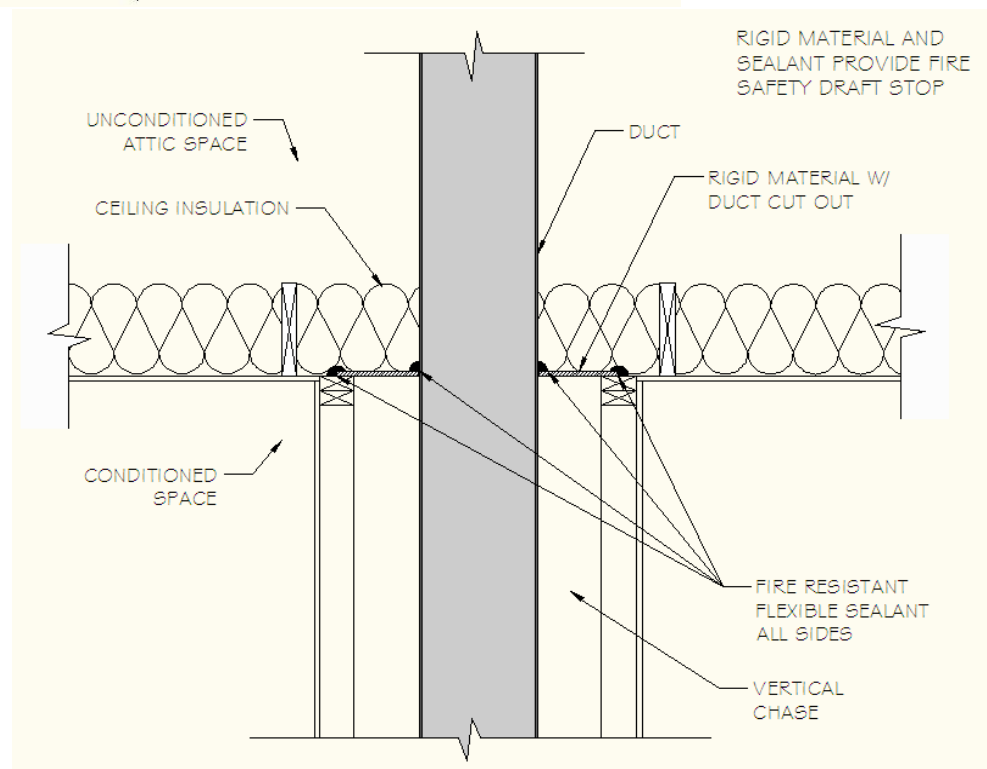
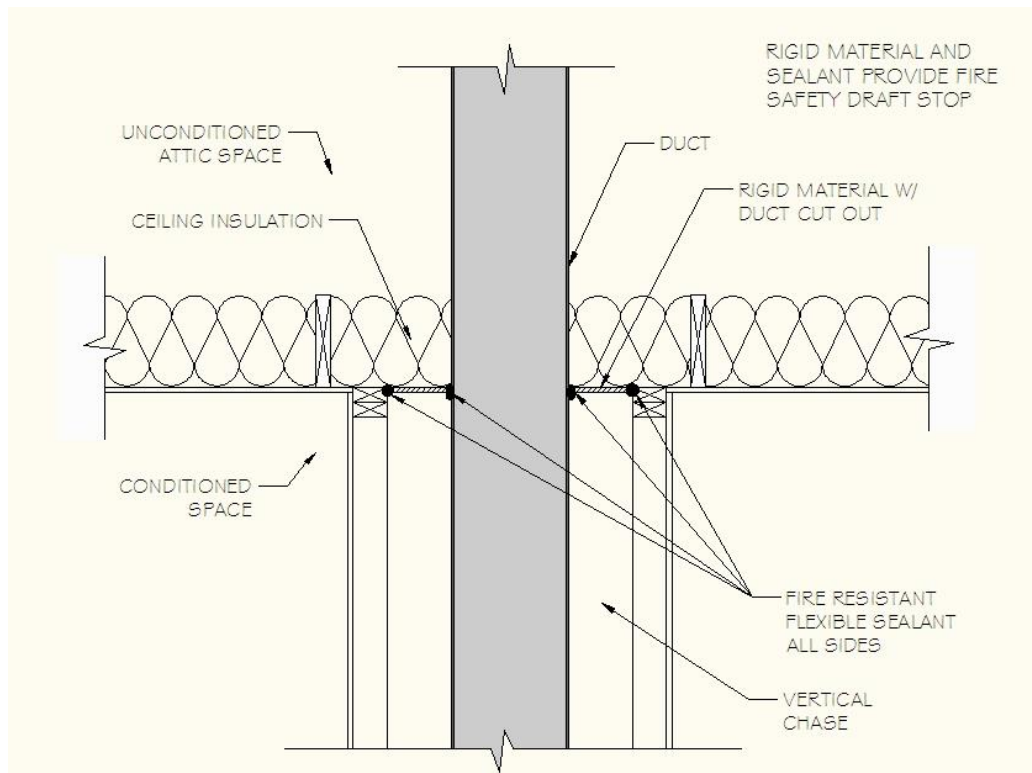
**ISOMETRIC VIEW OF WOOD TRUSS FLOOR/CEILING SYSTEM ABOVE  
COMMON WALL BETWEEN UNCONDITIONED AND CONDITIONED SPACE**

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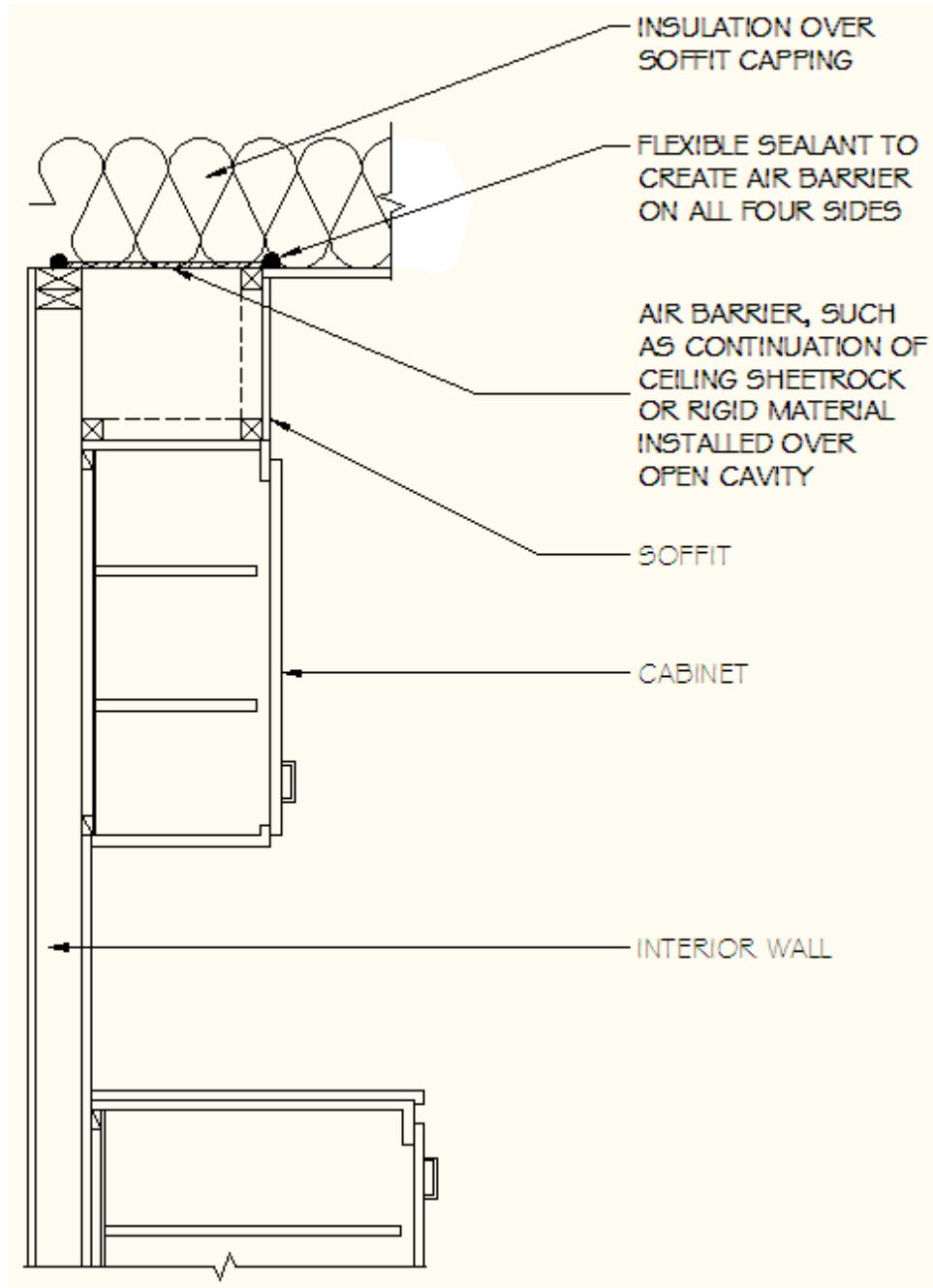
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#### **R402.4.1 Building thermal envelope – 2. Cap and seal shafts and chases**



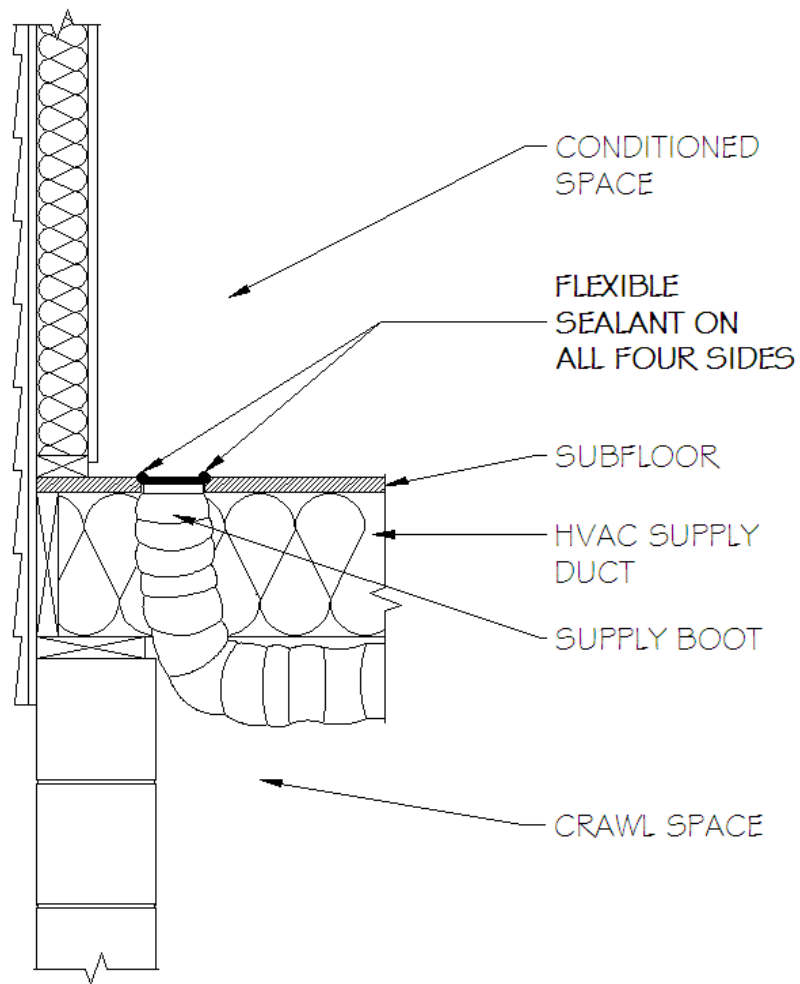
**SECTION VIEWS OF DUCT PENETRATING INTO ATTIC**

**R402.4.1 Building thermal envelope. – 3. Cap and seal soffit or dropped ceiling**



**SECTION VIEW OF SOFFIT OVER CABINET**

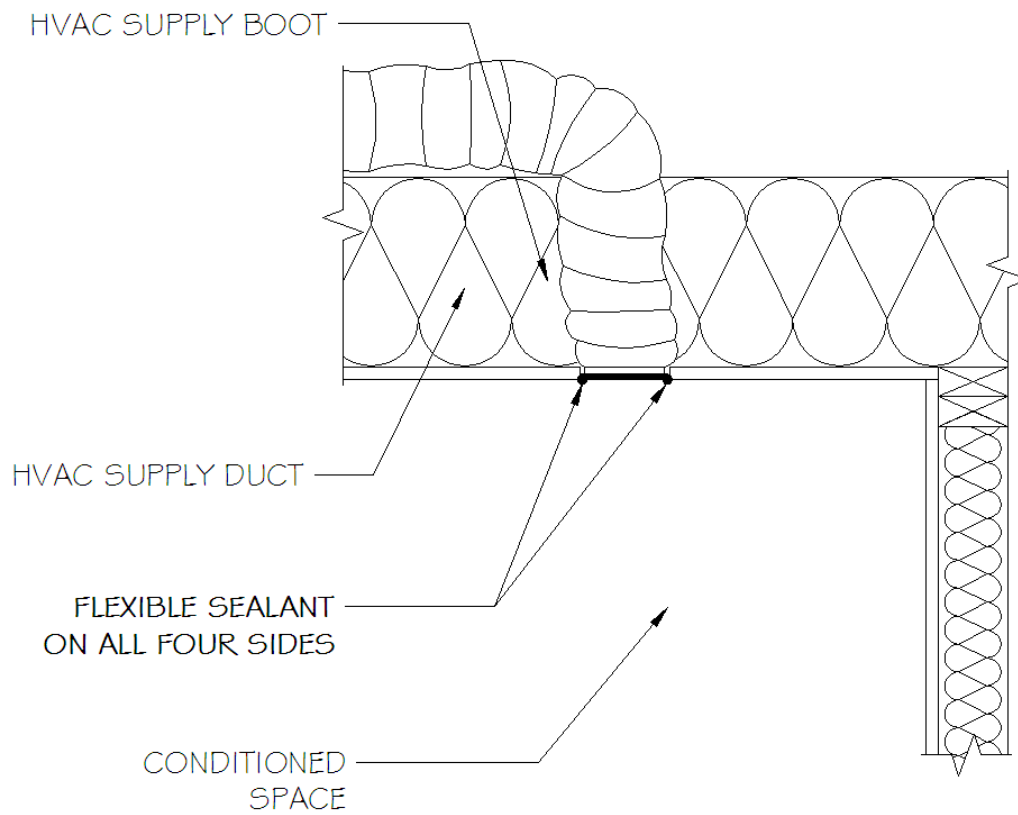
**R402.4.1 Building thermal envelope. – 4. Seal HVAC boot penetration – floor**



**SECTION VIEW OF FLOOR HVAC BOOT PENETRATION**



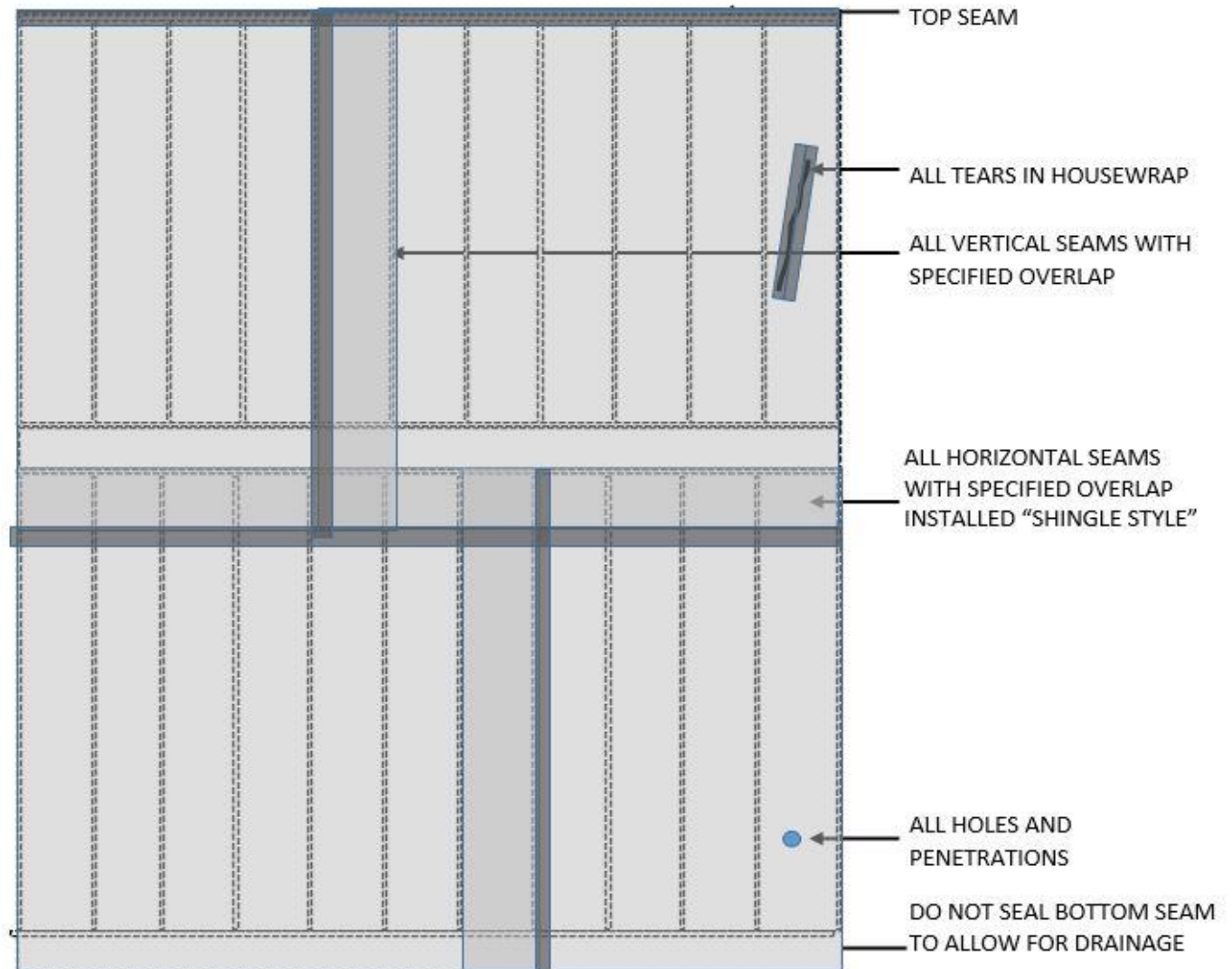
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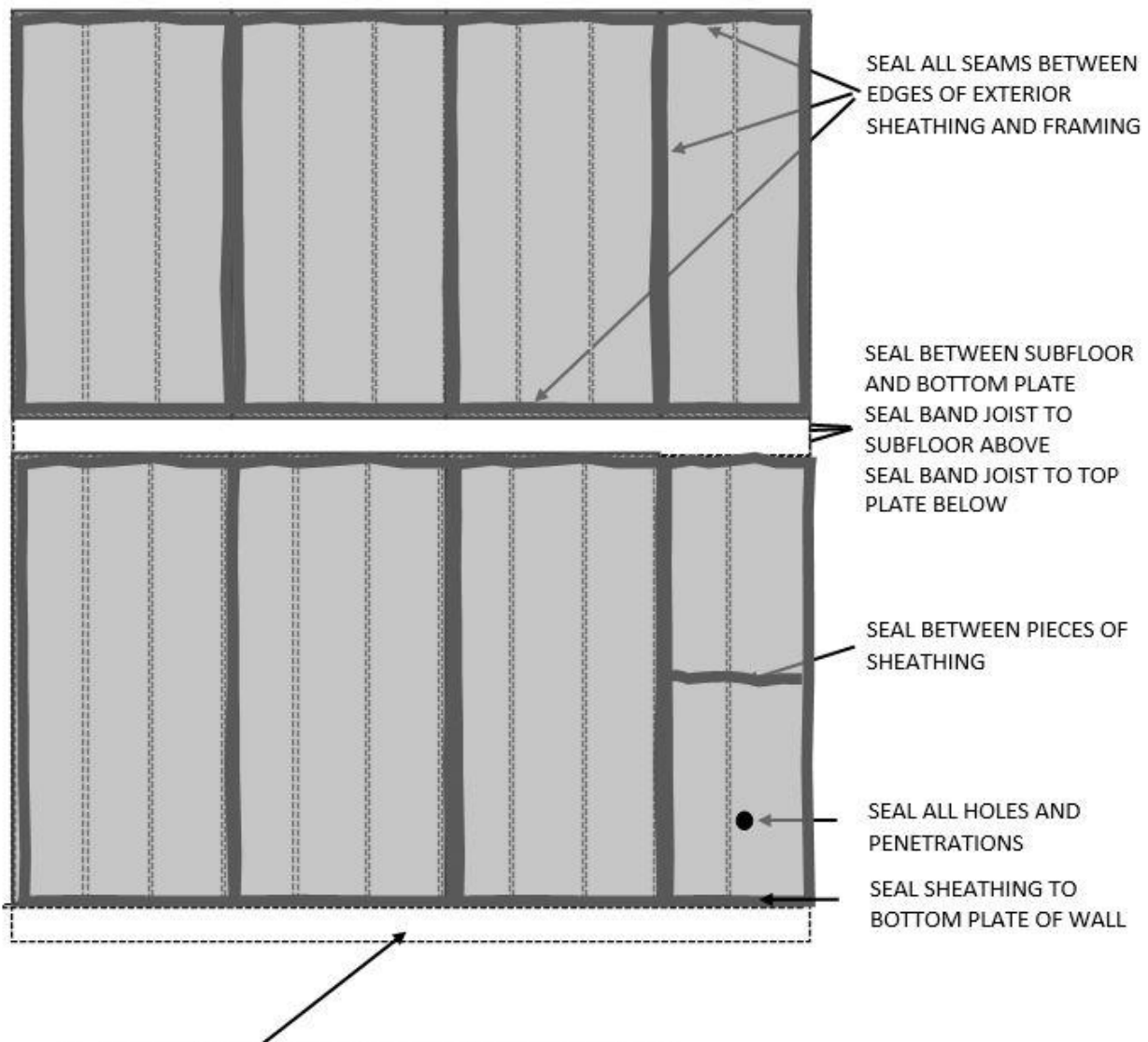
**SECTION VIEW OF CEILING HVAC BOOT PENETRATION**

**R402.4.1 Building thermal envelope. – 5. Sealed exterior air barrier with housewrap**

Follow manufacturer's instructions for sealing air barrier-rated housewrap, including choice of materials, to provide an exterior air barrier at the following locations:

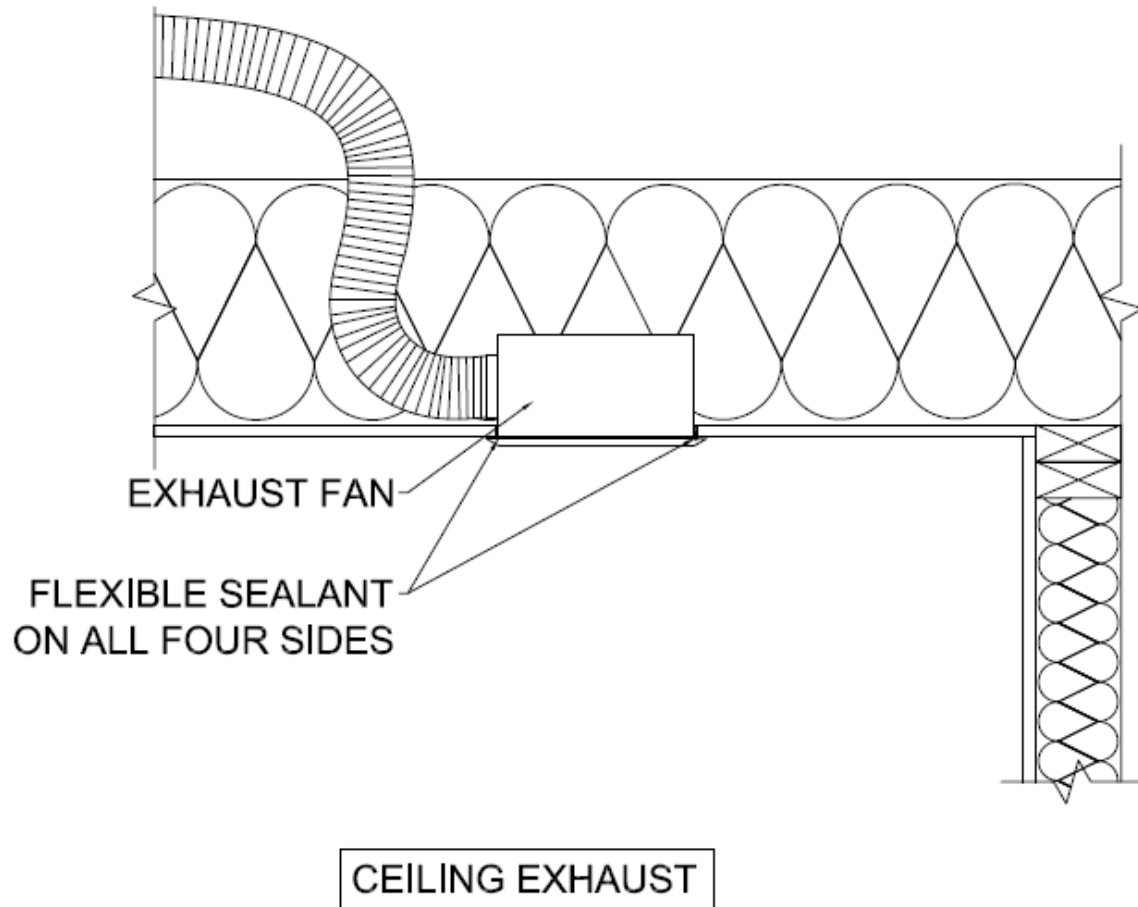


**R402.4.1 Building thermal envelope. – 5. Sealed exterior air barrier with sheathing**



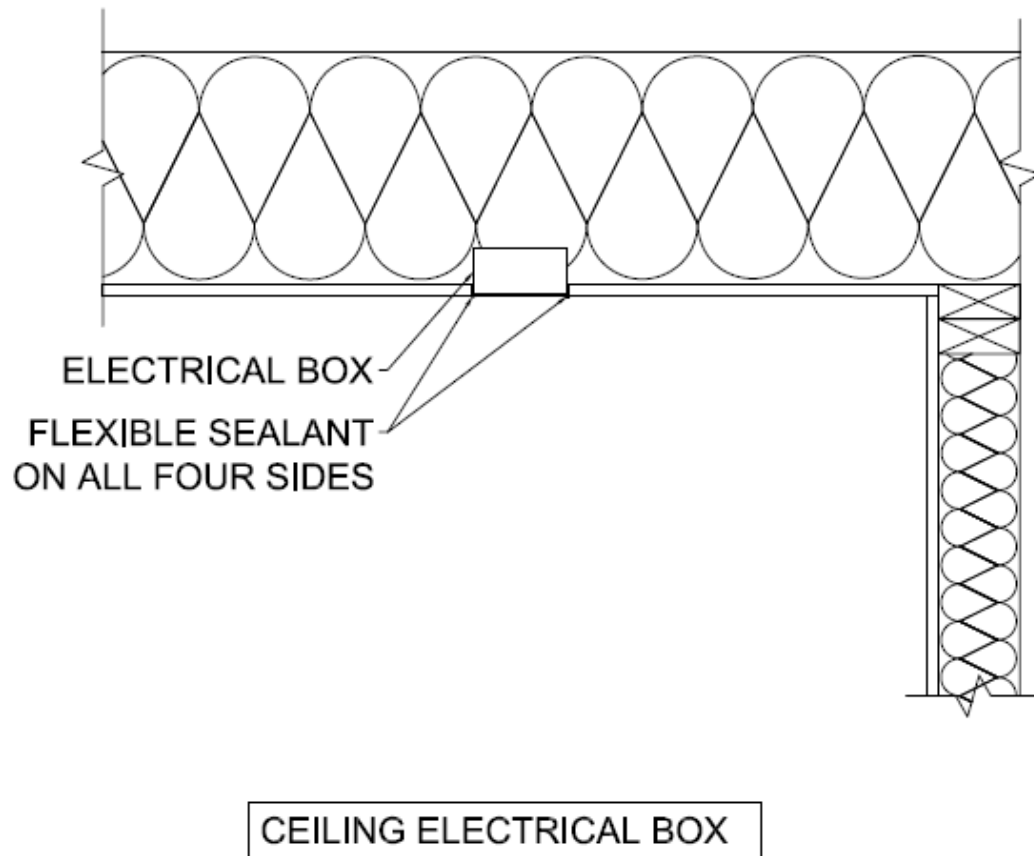
- 1) IF FIRST FLOOR IS SLAB-ON-GRADE, INSTALL SEAL SEALER UNDER BOTTOM PLATE OF EXTERIOR WALL.
- 2) IF FIRST FLOOR IS OVER UNCONDITIONED CRAWL SPACE OR BASEMENT, INSTALL SEAL SEALER UNDER BOTTOM PLATE AND SEAL SUBFLOOR TO BAND JOIST.
- 3) IF FIRST FLOOR IS OVER CONDITIONED BASEMENT OR CLOSED CRAWL SPACE WITH CRAWL SPACE WALL INSULATION BELOW, SEAL BETWEEN SUBFLOOR AND BOTTOM PLATE, SEAL BAND JOIST TO SUBFLOOR ABOVE, AND SEAL BAND JOIST TO TOP PLATE BELOW.

**R402.4.2.1 Visual inspection option.** – Table R402.4.2 Seal ceiling mechanical box penetrations



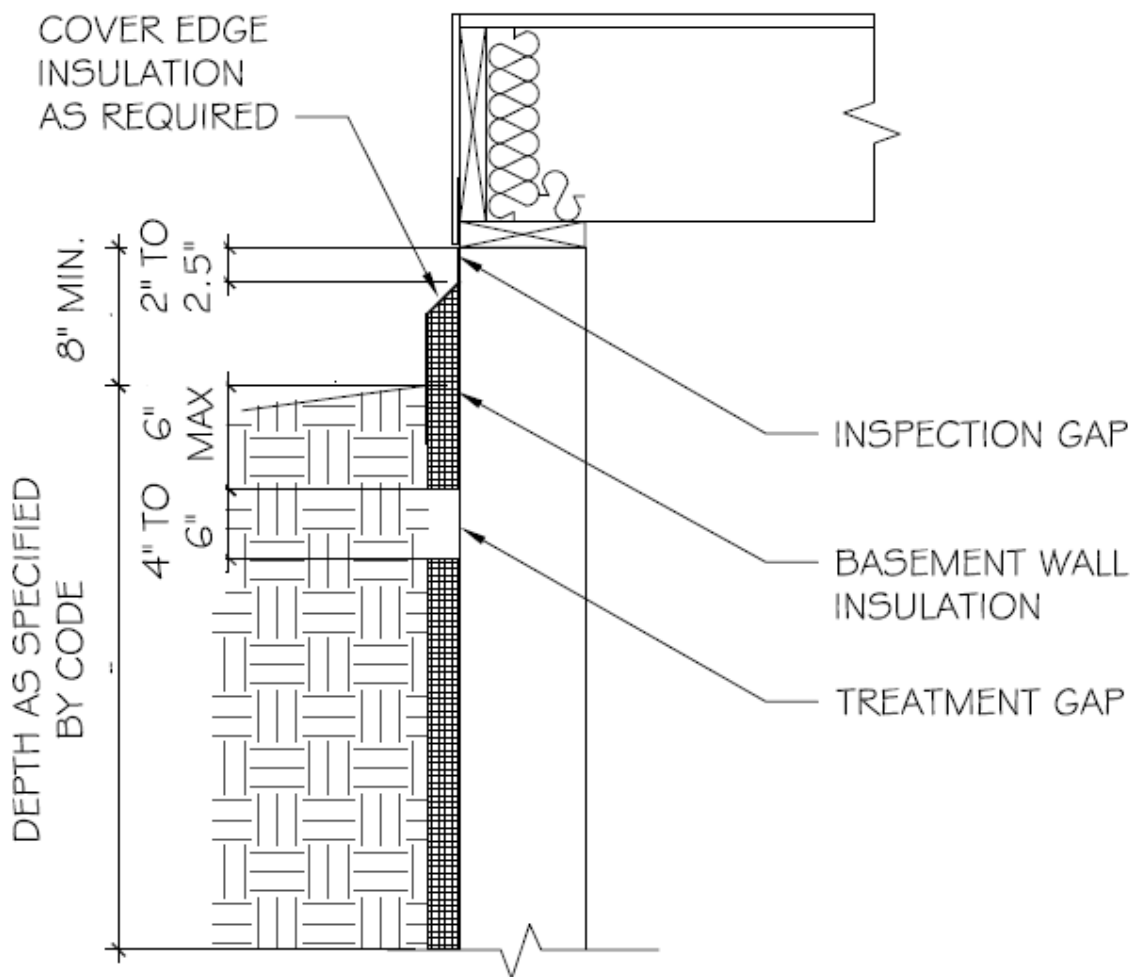
**SECTION VIEW OF SEALING EXHAUST FAN BOXES**

**R402.4.2.1 Visual inspection option.** - Table R402.4.2 Seal ceiling electrical box penetrations



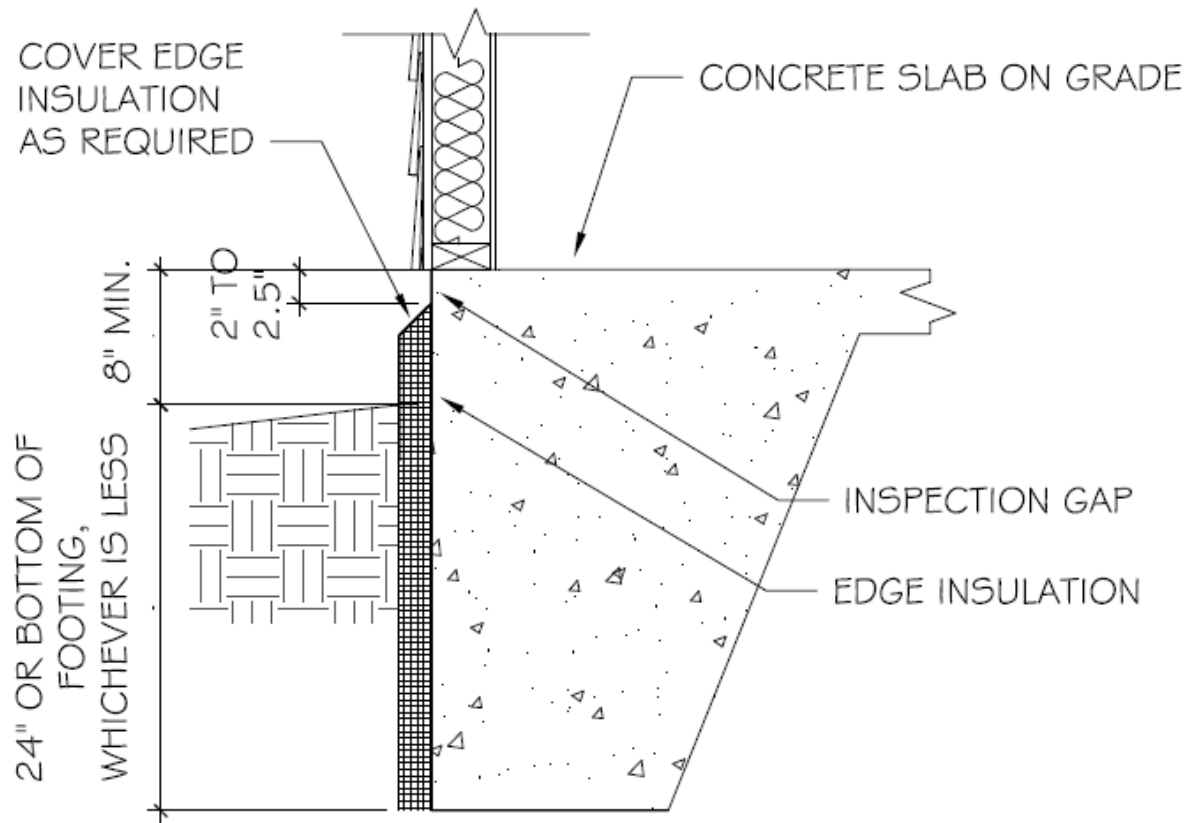
## **APPENDIX 2: FOAM PLASTIC DIAGRAMS**

### **402.2.9 Basement walls with exterior foam insulation. Insulation illustrations** **(Includes detailing from R402.2.11)**



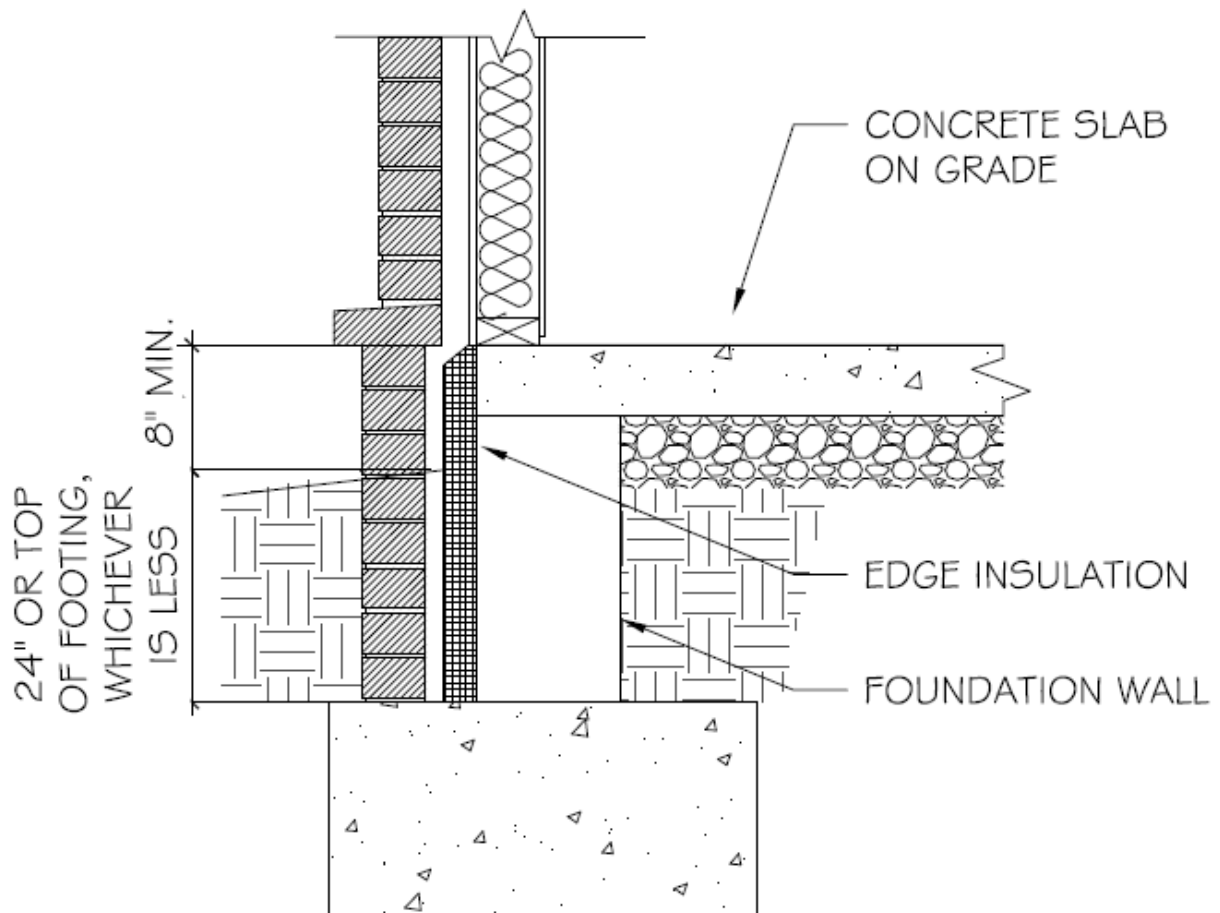
### **SECTION VIEW OF EXTERIOR FOAM INSULATION LOCATION FOR BASEMENT WALLS**

**402.2.10 Slab insulation details. Insulation illustrations**



**SECTION VIEW OF EDGE INSULATION FOR MONOLITHIC SLAB-ON-GRADE FLOORS**

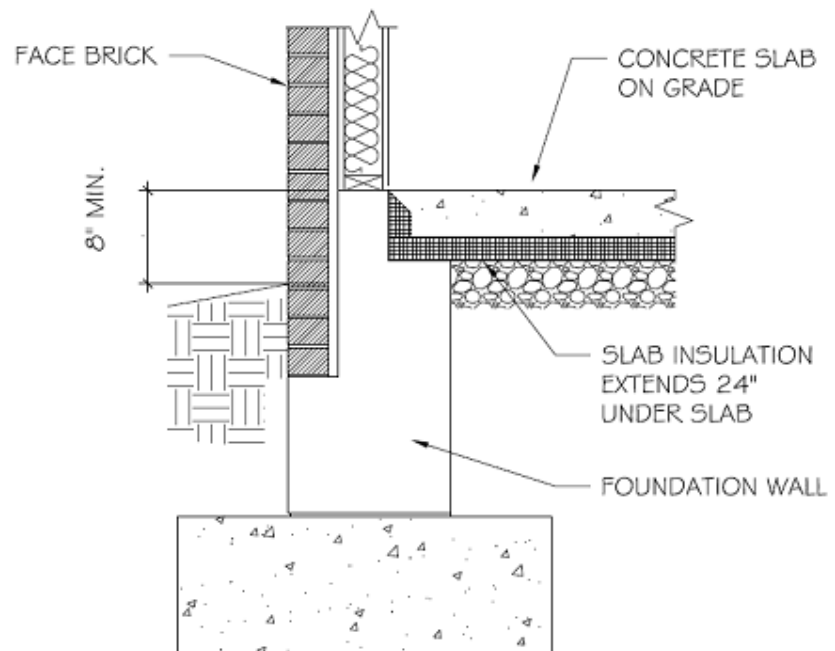
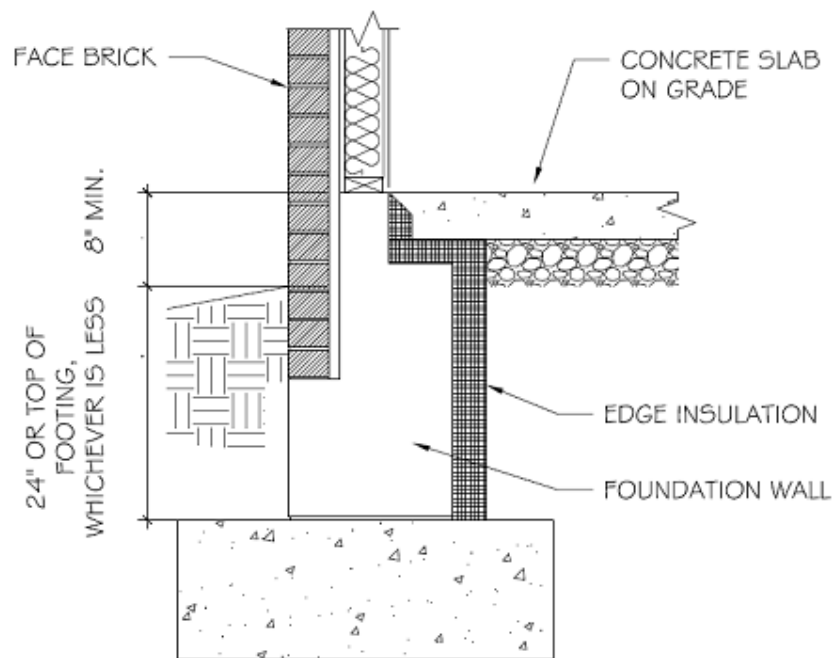
**402.2.10 Slab insulation details. Insulation illustrations**



**EXAMPLE FOR SLAB EDGE INSULATION LOCATION  
BEHIND BRICK, STONE, OR MASONRY FACING**



**402.2.10 Slab insulation details. Insulation illustrations**



**EXAMPLES FOR SLAB INSULATION LOCATION  
FOR FLOATING SLAB WITH STEM WALL  
(Options for brick facing are shown)**

## **APPENDIX 3: SAMPLE WORKSHEETS FOR RESIDENTIAL AIR AND DUCT LEAKAGE TESTING**

### **APPENDIX 3A**

#### **Air sealing: Visual inspection option (Section R402.4.2.1)**

##### **Sample Worksheet**

**R402.4.2 Air sealing.** Building envelope air tightness shall be demonstrated by Section R402.4.2.1 or R402.4.2.2:

**R402.4.2.1 Visual inspection option.** Building envelope tightness shall be considered acceptable when items providing insulation enclosure in R402.2.14 and enclosure and air sealing in R402.2.15 and air sealing in R402.4.1 are addressed and when the items listed in Table R402.4.2, applicable to the method of construction, are certified by the builder, permit holder or registered design professional via the certificate in Appendix 1.1.

**TABLE R402.4.2**  
**AIR BARRIER INSPECTION**

<b><u>COMPONENT</u></b>	<b><u>CRITERIA</u></b>
<u>Ceiling/attic</u>	<p>Sealants or gaskets provide a continuous air barrier system joining the top plate of framed walls with either the ceiling drywall or the top edge of wall drywall to prevent air leakage. Top plate penetrations are sealed.</p> <p>For ceiling finishes that are not air barrier systems such as tongue-and-groove planks, air barrier systems,(for example, taped house wrap), shall be used above the finish</p> <p>Note: It is acceptable that sealants or gaskets applied as part of the application of the drywall will not be observable by the code official</p>
<u>Walls</u>	Sill plate is gasketed or sealed to subfloor or slab.
<u>Windows and doors</u>	Space between window and exterior door jambs and framing is sealed.
<u>Floors (including above-garage and cantilevered floors)</u>	Air barrier system is installed at any exposed edge of insulation.
<u>Penetrations</u>	Utility penetrations through the building thermal envelope, including those for plumbing, electrical wiring, ductwork, security and fire alarm wiring, and control wiring, shall be sealed.
<u>Garage separation</u>	<p>Air sealing is provided between the garage and conditioned spaces.</p> <p>An air barrier system shall be installed between the ceiling system above the garage and the ceiling system of interior spaces.</p>
<u>Ceiling penetrations</u>	<p>Ceiling electrical box penetrations and ceiling mechanical box penetrations shall be caulked, gasketed, or sealed at the penetration of the ceiling finish. See Appendix 1.2.4.</p> <p><b>Exception</b>— ceiling electrical boxes and ceiling mechanical boxes not</p>

	<u>penetrating the building thermal envelope.</u>
<u>Recessed lighting</u>	Recessed light fixtures are air tight, IC rated, and sealed to drywall. <b><u>Exception</u></b> — fixtures in conditioned space.

**Property Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**R402.4.2.1 Visual Inspection Option**

The inspection information including tester name, date, and contact shall be included on the certificate described in Section R401.3.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**APPENDIX 3B**  
**Air sealing: Testing option (Section R402.4.2.2)**  
**Sample Worksheet**

**R402.4.2 Air sealing.** Building envelope air tightness shall be demonstrated by Section R402.4.2.1 or R402.4.2.2:

**R402.4.2.2 Testing option.** Building envelope tightness shall be considered acceptable when items providing insulation enclosure in R402.2.14 and enclosure and air sealing in R402.2.15 and air sealing in R402.4.1 are addressed and when tested air leakage is less than or equal to one of the two following performance measurements:

1. 0.30 CFM50/Square Foot of Surface Area (SFSa) or
2. Five (5) air changes per hour (ACH50)

When tested with a blower door fan assembly, at a pressure of 33.5 psf (50 Pa). A single point depressurization, not temperature corrected, test is sufficient to comply with this provision, provided that the blower door fan assembly has been certified by the manufacturer to be capable of conducting tests in accordance with ASTM E779-03. Testing shall occur after rough in and after installation of penetrations of the building envelope, including penetrations for utilities, plumbing, electrical, ventilation and combustion appliances. Testing shall be reported by the permit holder, a NC licensed general contractor, a NC licensed HVAC contractor, a NC licensed Home Inspector, a registered design professional, a *certified BPI Envelope Professional* or a *certified HERS rater*.

During testing:

1. Exterior windows and doors, fireplace and stove doors shall be closed, but not sealed;
2. Dampers shall be closed, but not sealed, including exhaust, backdraft, and flue dampers;
3. Interior doors shall be open;
4. Exterior openings for continuous ventilation systems, air intake ducted to the return side of the conditioning system, and energy or heat recovery ventilators shall be closed and sealed;
5. Heating and cooling system(s) shall be turned off; and
6. Supply and return registers shall not be sealed.

The air leakage information, including building air leakage result, tester name, date, and contact information, shall be included on the certificate described in Section R401.3.

**For Test Criteria 1** above, the report shall be produced in the following manner: Perform the blower door test and record the CFM50. Calculate the total square feet of surface area for the building thermal envelope, all floors, ceilings, and walls (this includes windows and doors) and record the area. Divide CFM50 by the total square feet and record the result below. If the result is less than or equal to **[0.30 CFM50/SFSa]** the envelope tightness is acceptable; or

**For Test Criteria 2** above, the report shall be produced in the following manner: Perform a blower door test and record the CFM50. Multiply the CFM50 by 60 minutes to create CFH50 and record. Then calculate the total conditioned volume of the home and record. Divide the CFH50 by the total volume and record the result below. If the result is less than or equal to **[5 ACH50]** the envelope tightness is acceptable.

**Property Address:**

Fan attachment location \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Tester \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Holder, NC Licensed General Contractor, NC Licensed HVAC Contractor,  
NC Licensed Home Inspector, Registered Design Professional,  
Certified BPI Envelope Professional, or Certified HERS Rater **(circle one)**

**APPENDIX 3C**  
**Duct sealing. Duct air leakage test (Section R403.3.2 & Section R403.3.3)**  
**Sample Worksheet**

**R403.3.2 Sealing (Mandatory Requirements).** Ducts, air handlers, filter boxes, and building cavities used as ducts shall be sealed. Joints and seams shall comply with either the *International Mechanical Code* or *International Residential Code*, as applicable.

**R403.3.3 Duct leakage (Prescriptive) and duct testing (Mandatory).** Duct testing and duct leakage shall be verified by compliance with either Section R403.3.3.1 or R403.3.3.2. Duct testing shall be verified using one of the two following methods:

**R403.3.3.1 Total Duct leakage.** Total duct leakage less than or equal to 5 CFM (12 L/min) per 100 ft<sup>2</sup> (9.29 m<sup>2</sup>) of conditioned floor area served by that system when tested at a pressure differential of 0.1 inches w.g. (25 Pa) across the entire system, including the manufacturer's air handler enclosure.

During testing:

1. Block, if present, ventilation air duct(s) connected to the conditioning system.
2. The duct air leakage testing equipment shall be attached to the largest return in the system or to the air handler.
3. The filter shall be removed and the air handler power shall be turned off.
4. Supply boots or registers and return boxes or grilles shall be taped, plugged, or otherwise sealed air tight.
5. The hose for measuring the 25 Pascals of pressure differential shall be inserted into the boot of the supply that is nominally closest to the air handler.
6. Specific instructions from the duct testing equipment manufacturer shall be followed to reach duct test pressure and measure duct air leakage.

**R403.3.3.2 Duct Leakage to the Outside.** Conduct the test using fan pressurization of distribution system and building at a fixed reference pressure for combined supply and return leaks. Duct leakage to the outside shall be less than or equal to 4 CFM (12 L/min) per 100 ft<sup>2</sup> (9.29 m<sup>2</sup>) of conditioned floor area served by that system when tested at a pressure differential of 0.1 inches w.g. (25 Pa) across the entire system, relative to the outside, including the manufacturer's air handler enclosure.

During testing:

1. Block, if present, the ventilation air duct(s) connected to the conditioning system.
2. The duct air leakage testing equipment shall be attached to the largest return in the system or to the air handler.
3. The filter shall be removed and the air handler power shall be turned off.
4. Supply boots or registers and return boxes or grilles shall be taped, plugged, or otherwise sealed air tight or as tight as possible.
5. The hose for measuring the 25 Pascals of pressure differential shall be inserted into the boot of the supply that is nominally closest to the air handler.
6. Open all interconnecting doors in the building, close dampers for fireplaces and other operable dampers.
7. Set up an envelope air moving/ flow-regulating/ flow measurement assembly, such as a blower door, following the manufacturer's prescribed procedure.
8. Specific instructions from the duct testing equipment manufacturer shall be followed to reach duct test pressure and measure duct air leakage used in combination with a blower door. Typical steps are as follows:
  - a. Depressurize the ductwork system to 25 Pa using the measurement hose in Step 5 above.

- b. Depressurize the house to 25 Pa using an envelope air moving/ flow-regulating/ flow measurement assembly, such as a blower door.
- c. Correct the duct pressure to measure 0 Pa of pressure differential between the house and the ductwork system.
- d. Read the CFM of duct leakage using the procedures for the specific equipment being used. (Note that most automatically calculating pressure gauges cannot compute the CFM25 automatically with a duct-to-house difference in pressure of 0 Pa, so the gauge setting should be set to read CFM instead of CFM25).

Testing shall be performed and reported by the permit holder, a NC licensed general contractor, a NC licensed HVAC contractor, a NC licensed Home Inspector, a registered design professional, a certified BPI Envelope Professional or a certified HERS rater. A single point depressurization, not temperature corrected, test is sufficient to comply with this provision, provided that the duct testing fan assembly(s) has been certified by the manufacturer to be capable of conducting tests in accordance with ASTM E1554-07.

The duct leakage information, including duct leakage test selected and result, tester name, date, and contact information, shall be included on the certificate described in Section 401.3.

For the Test Criteria, the report shall be produced in the following manner: perform the HVAC system air leakage test and record the CFM25. Calculate the total square feet of Conditioned Floor Area (CFA) served by that system. Multiply CFM25 by 100, divide the result by the CFA and record the result. If the result is less than or equal to 5 CFM25/100SF for the "Total duct leakage test or less than or equal to 4 CFM25/100SF for the "Duct leakage to the outside" test, then the HVAC system air tightness is acceptable.

Complete one duct leakage report for each HVAC system serving the home:

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Test Performed: Total duct leakage or Duct leakage to the outside **(circle one)**

HVAC System Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Describe area of home served: \_\_\_\_\_

CFM25 Total \_\_\_\_\_ . Conditioned Floor Area (CFA) served by system: \_\_\_\_\_ s.f.

CFM25 x 100 divided by CFA = \_\_\_\_\_ CFM25/100SF (e.g. 100 CFM25x100/ 2,000 CFA = 5 CFM25/100SF)

Fan attachment location \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Tester Date

Permit Holder, NC Licensed General Contractor, NC Licensed HVAC Contractor, NC Licensed Home Inspector,  
Registered Design Professional,  
Certified BPI Envelope Professional, or Certified HERS Rater **(circle one)**

## **APPENDIX 4 ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CRITERIA FOR INCREASING ENERGY EFFICIENCY (High Efficiency Residential Option)**

1. **Introduction.** The increased energy efficiency measures identified in this appendix are strictly voluntary at the option of the permit holder and have been evaluated to be the most cost effective measures for achieving an additional 10-15% energy efficiency beyond the code minimums.
2. **Requirements:** Follow all sections of residential building provisions of the 2018 NCECC, except the following.
  - a. Instead of using Table R402.1.2 in Section R402.1.2, use Table 4A shown below.

**TABLE 4A**  
**INSULATION AND FENESTRATION REQUIREMENTS BY COMPONENT<sup>a</sup>**

<b><u>CLIMATE ZONE</u></b>	<b><u>FENESTRATION U-FACTOR<sup>b,j</sup></u></b>	<b><u>SKYLIGHT<sup>b</sup> U-FACTOR</u></b>	<b><u>GLAZED FENESTRATION SHGC<sup>b,k</sup></u></b>	<b><u>CEILING R-VALUE<sup>m</sup></u></b>	<b><u>WOOD FRAME WALL R-VALUE</u></b>	<b><u>MASS WALL R-VALUE<sup>i</sup></u></b>	<b><u>FLOOR R-VALUE</u></b>	<b><u>BASEMENT<sup>c,o</sup> WALL R-VALUE</u></b>	<b><u>SLAB<sup>d</sup> R-VALUE</u></b>	<b><u>CRAWL SPACE<sup>c</sup> WALL R-VALUE</u></b>
<u>3</u>	<u>0.32</u>	<u>0.55</u>	<u>0.25</u>	<u>38 or 30</u> <u>ci<sup>l</sup></u>	<u>19,</u> <u>13+5, or</u> <u>15+3<sup>h</sup></u>	<u>5/13 or</u> <u>5/10ci</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>5/13<sup>f</sup></u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5/13</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>0.32</u>	<u>0.55</u>	<u>0.25</u>	<u>38 or 30</u> <u>ci<sup>l</sup></u>	<u>19,</u> <u>13+5, or</u> <u>15+3<sup>h</sup></u>	<u>5/13 or</u> <u>5/10ci</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>10/15</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10/15</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>0.32</u>	<u>0.55</u>	<u>(NR)</u>	<u>38 or 30</u> <u>ci<sup>l</sup></u>	<u>19,</u> <u>13+5, or</u> <u>15+3<sup>h</sup></u>	<u>13/17 or</u> <u>13/12.5</u> <u>ci</u>	<u>30<sup>g</sup></u>	<u>10/15</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10/19</u>

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

- a. R-values are minimums. U-factors and SHGC are maximums. When insulation is installed in a cavity which is less than the label or design thickness of the insulation, the installed R-value of the insulation shall not be less than the R-value specified in the table.
- b. The fenestration U-factor column excludes skylights. The SHGC column applies to all glazed fenestration.
- c. "10/15" means R-10 continuous insulated sheathing on the interior or exterior of the home or R-15 cavity insulation at the interior of the basement wall or crawl space wall. "
- d. For monolithic slabs, insulation shall be applied from the inspection gap downward to the bottom of the footing or a maximum of 24 inches below grade whichever is less. For floating slabs, insulation shall extend to the bottom of the foundation wall or 24 inches, whichever is less. (See Appendix 2) R-5 shall be added to the required slab edge R-values for heated slabs.
- e. Deleted.
- f. Basement wall insulation is not required in warm-humid locations as defined by Figure R301.1 and Table R301.1.
- g. Or insulation sufficient to fill the framing cavity, R-19 minimum.
- h. The first value is cavity insulation, the second value is continuous insulation, so "13+5" means R-13 cavity insulation plus R-5 continuous insulation. If structural sheathing covers 25 percent or less of the exterior, insulating sheathing is not required where structural sheathing is used. If structural sheathing covers more than 25 percent of exterior, structural sheathing shall be supplemented with insulated sheathing of at least R-2.
- i. The second R-value applies when more than half the insulation is on the interior of the mass wall.
- j. In addition to the exemption in Section R402.3.3, a maximum of two glazed fenestration product assemblies having a U-factor no greater than 0.55 shall be permitted to be substituted for minimum code compliant fenestration product assemblies without penalty.
- k. In addition to the exemption in Section R402.3.3, a maximum of two glazed fenestration product assemblies having a SHGC no greater than 0.70 shall be permitted to be substituted for minimum code compliant fenestration product assemblies without penalty.
- l. R-30 shall be deemed to satisfy the ceiling insulation requirement wherever the full height of uncompressed R-30 insulation extends over the wall top plate at the eaves. Otherwise R-38 insulation is required where adequate clearance exists or insulation must extend to either the insulation baffle or within 1" of the attic roof deck.



- m. Table value required except for roof edge where the space is limited by the pitch of the roof, there the insulation must fill the space up to the air baffle.
  - n. R -19 fiberglass batts compressed and installed in a nominal 2 × 6 framing cavity is deemed to comply. Fiberglass batts rated R-19 or higher compressed and installed in a 2x4 wall is not deemed to comply.
  - o. Basement wall meeting the minimum mass wall specific heat content requirement may use the mass wall R-value as the minimum requirement.
- b. Instead of using Table R402.1.4 in Section R402.1.4, use Table 4B to find the maximum U-factors for building components.

**TABLE 4B**  
**EQUIVALENT U-FACTORS<sup>a</sup>**

<u>CLIMATE ZONE</u>	<u>FENESTRATION U-FACTOR<sup>d</sup></u>	<u>SKYLIGHT U-FACTOR</u>	<u>CEILING U-FACTOR</u>	<u>FRAME WALL U-FACTOR</u>	<u>MASS WALL U-FACTOR<sup>b</sup></u>	<u>FLOOR U-FACTOR</u>	<u>BASEMENT WALL U-FACTOR<sup>c</sup></u>	<u>CRAWL SPACE WALL U-FACTOR</u>
3	0.32	0.55	0.030	0.061	0.141	0.047	0.091	0.136
4	0.32	0.55	0.030	0.061	0.141	0.047	0.059	0.065
5	0.32	0.55	0.030	0.061	0.082	0.033	0.059	0.065

- a. Nonfenestration U-factors shall be obtained from measurement, calculation or an approved source.
- b. When more than half the insulation is on the interior, the mass wall U-factors shall be a maximum of 0.07 in Climate Zone 3, 0.07 in Climate Zone 4, and 0.054 in Climate Zone 5.
- c. Basement wall U-factor of 0.360 in warm-humid locations as defined by Figure R301.1 and Table R301.1.
- d. A maximum of two glazed fenestration product assemblies having a U-factor no greater than 0.55 and a SHGC no greater than 0.70 shall be permitted to be substituted for minimum code compliant fenestration product assemblies without penalty.

- c. For compliance with Section R402.4 Air leakage control (Mandatory Requirements), Sections R402.4.1 (Building thermal envelope) and R402.4.2.2 (Testing option) must be followed, with the maximum leakage rate shown below. Section R402.4.2.1 (Visual inspection option) cannot be used to show compliance.
  - i. 0.24 CFM50/Square Foot of Surface Area (SFSA) or
  - ii. Four (4) air changes per hour (ACH50)
- d. Instead of using the duct leakage value for maximum leakage shown in Section R403.3.3 use the following:
  - 1. **R403.3.3.1 Total Duct Leakage.** Total duct leakage less than or equal to 4 CFM (113 L/min) per 100 ft<sup>2</sup> (9.29 m<sup>2</sup>) of conditioned floor area served by that system when tested at a pressure differential of 0.1 inches w.g. (25 Pa) across the entire system, including the manufacturer's air handler enclosure.
  - 2. **R403.3.3.2 Duct Leakage to the Outside.** Conduct the test using fan pressurization of distribution system and building at a fixed reference pressure for combined supply and return leak. Duct leakage to the outside shall be less than or equal to 3 CFM (85 L/min) per 100 ft<sup>2</sup> (9.29 m<sup>2</sup>) of conditioned floor area served by that system when tested at a pressure differential of 0.1 inches w.g. (25 Pa) across the entire system, relative to the outside, including the manufacturer's air handler enclosure.
- e. For compliance with Section R404.1 (Lighting equipment), the home must comply with the following:

Not less than 90 percent of the lamps in permanently installed lighting fixtures shall be high-efficacy lamps or not less than 90 percent of the permanently installed lighting fixtures shall contain only high-efficacy lamps.

***Table 4C: Sample Confirmation Form for ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CRITERIA FOR INCREASING ENERGY EFFICIENCY (High Efficiency Residential Option)***

<b>North Carolina Energy Conservation Code: High Efficiency Residential Option</b>				<b>Proposed Project Values</b>
<b>Insulation and Fenestration Values (Notes correlate to Table R402.1.2)</b>				
<b>Climate Zone</b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	
Fenestration U-Factor <sup>b,j</sup>	<u>0.32</u>	<u>0.32</u>	<u>0.32</u>	-
Skylight U-Factor <sup>b</sup>	<u>0.55</u>	<u>0.55</u>	<u>0.55</u>	-
Glazed Fenestration SHGC <sup>b,k</sup>	<u>0.25</u>	<u>0.25</u>	(NR)	-
Ceiling R-value <sup>m</sup>	<u>38 or 30 ci <sup>l</sup></u>	<u>38 or 30 ci <sup>l</sup></u>	<u>38 or 30 ci <sup>l</sup></u>	-
Wood Frame Wall R-value <sup>h</sup>	<u>19, 13+5, or 15+3</u>	<u>19, 13+5, or 15+3</u>	<u>19, 13+5, or 15+3</u>	-
Mass Wall R-value <sup>i</sup>	<u>5/13 or 5/10ci</u>	<u>5/13 or 5/10ci</u>	<u>13/17 or 13/12.5 ci</u>	-
Floor R-value	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>30<sup>g</sup></u>	-
Basement Wall R-value <sup>c,o</sup>	<u>5 /13<sup>f</sup></u>	<u>10/15</u>	<u>10/15</u>	-
Slab R-value and Depth <sup>d</sup>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	-
Crawl Space Wall R-value <sup>c</sup>	<u>5/13</u>	<u>10/15</u>	<u>10/19</u>	-
- <i>* Note: ci = continuous insulation</i>				
<b>High Efficacy Lighting</b>				
% of lighting that is high efficacy according to R404.1. (90% required)	-			
<b>Building Air Leakage</b>				
Building Air Leakage Test according to R402.4.2.2 (check box). Show test value:	-			
ACH50 [Target: 4.0], or	-			
CFM50/SFSA [Target: 0.24]	-			
Name of Tester / Company:	-			
Date: Phone:	-			
<b>Duct Insulation and Sealing</b>				
Insulation Value	<u>R-</u>			
Duct Leakage Test Result (Sect. R403.3.3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Total duct leakage or <input type="checkbox"/> Duct leakage to the exterior			
(CFM25 Total/100SF) [Target: 4 Total/ 3 To exterior]	-			
Name of Tester or Company:	-			
Date: Phone:	-			

**4D:**

**SAMPLE WORKSHEETS FOR RESIDENTIAL AIR AND DUCT LEAKAGE TESTING**

**4D.1**  
**Air sealing: Testing (Section R402.4.2.2)**  
**Sample Worksheet for Alternative Residential Energy Code for Higher Efficiency**

**Air sealing.** Building envelope air tightness shall be demonstrated by Section R402.4.2.2:

**Air sealing: Testing (Section R402.4.2.2)**  
**Sample Worksheet for Alternative Residential Energy Code for Higher Efficiency**

**N1102.4.2.2 Testing.** Building envelope tightness shall be considered acceptable when items providing insulation enclosure in R402.2.14 and enclosure and air sealing in R402.2.15 and air sealing in R402.4.1 are addressed and when tested air leakage is less than or equal to one of the two following performance measurements:

1. 0.24 CFM50 (6.8 L/min)/Square Foot of Surface Area (SFSA) or
2. Four (4) air changes per hour (ACH50)

When tested with a blower door fan assembly, at a pressure of 0.2 inches water gauge (50 Pa), a single point depressurization, not temperature corrected, test is sufficient to comply with this provision, provided that the blower door fan assembly has been certified by the manufacturer to be capable of conducting tests in accordance with ASTM E779-03. Testing shall occur after rough in and after installation of penetrations of the building envelope, including penetrations for utilities, plumbing, electrical, ventilation and combustion appliances. Testing shall be reported by the permit holder, a NC licensed general contractor, a NC licensed HVAC contractor, a NC licensed Home Inspector, a registered design professional, a certified *BPI Envelope Professional* or a certified *HERS rater*.

During testing:

1. Exterior windows and doors, fireplace and stove doors shall be closed, but not sealed;
2. Dampers shall be closed, but not sealed, including exhaust, backdraft, and flue dampers;
3. Interior doors shall be open;
4. Exterior openings for continuous ventilation systems, air intake ducted to the return side of the conditioning system, and energy or heat recovery ventilators shall be closed and sealed;
5. Heating and cooling system(s) shall be turned off; and
6. Supply and return registers shall not be sealed.

The air leakage information, including building air leakage result, tester name, date, and contact information, shall be included on the certificate described in Section R401.3.

**For Test Criteria 1** above, the report shall be produced in the following manner: Perform the blower door test and record the *CFM50* . Calculate the total square feet of surface area for the building thermal envelope, all floors, ceilings, and walls (this includes windows and doors) and record the area . Divide *CFM50* by the total square feet and record the result below. If the result is less than or equal to **[0.24 CFM50/SFSA]** the envelope tightness is acceptable; or

**For Test Criteria 2** above, the report shall be produced in the following manner: Perform a blower door test and record the *CFM50* = . Multiply the *CFM50* by 60 minutes to create CF/Hour50 and record = . Then calculate the total conditioned volume of the home and record = cubic feet. Divide the CF/Hour50 by the total volume and record the result = ACH50. If the result is less than or equal to **[4 ACH50]** the envelope tightness is acceptable.

**Property Address:**

Fan attachment location \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Tester

Date

Permit Holder, NC Licensed General Contractor, NC Licensed HVAC Contractor,  
NC Licensed Home Inspector, Registered Design Professional,  
Certified BPI Envelope Professional, or Certified HERS Rater (**circle one**)

## **4D.2**

### **Duct sealing. Duct air leakage test (Section R403.3.3) Sample Worksheet for Alternative Residential Energy Code for Higher Efficiency**

**R403.3.3 Duct leakage (Prescriptive) and Duct Testing (Mandatory).** Duct testing and duct leakage shall be verified by compliance with either Section R403.3.3.1 or R403.3.3.2. Duct testing shall be performed and reported by the permit holder, a NC licensed general contractor, a NC licensed HVAC contractor, a NC licensed Home Inspector, a registered design professional, a certified BPI Envelope Professional or a certified HERS rater. A single point depressurization, not temperature corrected, test is sufficient to comply with this provision, provided that the duct testing fan assembly(s) has been certified by the manufacturer to be capable of conducting tests in accordance with ASTM E1554-07.

The duct leakage information, including duct leakage test selected and result, tester name, date, and contact information, shall be included on the certificate described in Section R401.3.

For the Test Criteria, the report shall be produced in the following manner: perform the HVAC system air leakage test and record the CFM25. Calculate the total square feet of Conditioned Floor Area (CFA) served by that system. Multiply CFM25 by 100, divide the result by the CFA and record the result. If the result is less than or equal to 4 CFM25/100SF for the "Total duct leakage test or less than or equal to 3 CFM25/100SF for the "Duct leakage to the outside" test, then the HVAC system air tightness is acceptable.

Exceptions to testing requirements:

1. Duct systems or portions thereof inside the building thermal envelope shall not be required to be leak tested.
2. Installation of a partial system as part of replacement, renovation or addition does not require a duct leakage test.

**R403.3.3.1 Total Duct Leakage.** Total duct leakage less than or equal to 4 CFM (113 L/min) per 100 ft<sup>2</sup> (9.29 m<sup>2</sup>) of conditioned floor area served by that system when tested at a pressure differential of 0.1 inches w.g. (25 Pa) across the entire system, including the manufacturer's air handler enclosure. During testing:

1. Block, if present, ventilation air duct(s) connected to the conditioning system.
2. The duct air leakage testing equipment shall be attached to the largest return in the system or to the air handler.
3. The filter shall be removed and the air handler power shall be turned off.
4. Supply boots or registers and return boxes or grilles shall be taped, plugged, or otherwise sealed air tight.
5. The hose for measuring the 25 Pascals of pressure differential shall be inserted into the boot of the supply that is nominally closest to the air handler.
6. Specific instructions from the duct testing equipment manufacturer shall be followed to reach duct test pressure and measure duct air leakage.

**R403.3.3.2 Duct Leakage to the Outside.** Conduct the test using fan pressurization of distribution system and building at a fixed reference pressure for combined supply and return leak. Duct leakage to the outside shall be less than or equal to 3 CFM (85 L/min) per 100 ft<sup>2</sup> (9.29 m<sup>2</sup>) of conditioned floor area served by that system when tested at a pressure differential of 0.1 inches w.g. (25 Pa) across the entire system, relative to the outside, including the manufacturer's air handler enclosure.

During testing:

1. Block, if present, the ventilation air duct(s) connected to the conditioning system.
2. The duct air leakage testing equipment shall be attached to the largest return in the system or to the air handler.
3. The filter shall be removed and the air handler power shall be turned off.
4. Supply boots or registers and return boxes or grilles shall be taped, plugged, or otherwise sealed air tight or as tight as possible.
5. The hose for measuring the 25 Pascals of pressure differential shall be inserted into the boot of the supply that is nominally closest to the air handler.
6. Open all interconnecting doors in the building, close dampers for fireplaces and other operable dampers.
7. Set up an envelope air moving/ flow-regulating/ flow measurement assembly, such as a blower door, following the manufacturer's prescribed procedure.
8. Specific instructions from the duct testing equipment manufacturer shall be followed to reach duct test pressure and measure

duct air leakage used in combination with a blower door. Typical steps are as follows:

- a. Depressurize the ductwork system to 25 Pa using the measurement hose in Step 5 above.
- b. Depressurize the house to 25 Pa using an envelope air moving/ flow-regulating/ flow measurement assembly, such as a blower door.
- c. Correct the duct pressure to measure 0 Pa of pressure differential between the house and the ductwork system.
- d. Read the CFM of duct leakage using the procedures for the specific equipment being used. (Note that most automatically calculating pressure gauges cannot compute the CFM25 automatically with a duct-to-house difference in pressure of 0 Pa, so the gauge setting should be set to read CFM instead of CFM25).

**Complete one duct leakage report for each HVAC system serving the home:**

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**HVAC System Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ Describe area of home served: \_\_\_\_\_

CFM25 Total \_\_\_\_\_ Conditioned Floor Area (CFA) served by system: \_\_\_\_\_ s.f.

CFM25 x 100 divided by CFA = \_\_\_\_\_ CFM25/100 SF

(e.g. 50 CFM25 x 100/ 2,000 CFA = 2.5 CFM25/100SF)

Fan attachment location \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Tester Date

Permit Holder, NC Licensed General Contractor, NC Licensed HVAC Contractor,

NC Licensed Home Inspector, Registered Design Professional,

Certified BPI Envelope Professional, or Certified HERS Rater (circle one)