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## ABSTRACT

The *2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards for Low-Rise Residential Buildings* allow compliance by either a prescriptive or performance method. Performance compliance uses computer modeling software to trade off efficiency measures. For example, to allow more windows, the designer ~~will~~ may specify-model more efficient windows; ~~or~~, to allow more west-facing windows, ~~install~~ a more efficient cooling system is modeled. ~~Computer-p~~ Performance compliance is ~~typically~~ the most popular compliance method because of the flexibility it provides in the building design.

Energy compliance software must be certified by the California Energy Commission. This document establishes the rules for creating a building model, describing how the proposed design (energy use) is defined, how the standard design (energy budget) is established, and ending with what is reported on the Certificate of Compliance (CF1R). This document **does not** specify the minimum capabilities of vendor-supplied software. The Energy Commission reserves the right to approve vendor software for limited implementations of what is documented in this manual.

This *Residential Alternative Calculation Method (ACM) Reference Manual* explains how the proposed and standard designs are determined.

The ~~2016~~2019 Compliance Manager is the simulation and compliance rule implementation software specified by the Energy Commission. The Compliance Manager, called California Building Energy Code Compliance (CBECC), models all features that affect the energy performance of the building. This document establishes the process of creating a building model. Each section describes how a given component, such as a wall, is modeled for the proposed design, standard design, and ends with what is reported on the Certificate of Compliance (CF1R) for verification by the building enforcement agency.

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose

This manual documents the rules used for modeling residential buildings for performance compliance under California's 2019 *Building Energy Efficiency Standards for Low-Rise Residential Buildings (Energy Standards)*, similar to the ~~Alternative Calculation Methods (ACM) used in the past to document software rules.~~ This document explains how the proposed design, ~~(energy use) and standard design, (energy budget) and reference design~~ are established for a given building and what is reported on the Certificate of Compliance (CF1R).

The 2019 Compliance Manager is the simulation and compliance rule implementation software specified by the California Energy Commission. For example, attics, crawl spaces, basements, and attached unconditioned spaces (garages and storage) are defined in the building modeling software.

Documentation of detailed calculation algorithms is contained in the companion volume *Appendix EE, 2019 Residential Alternative Calculation Method Algorithms*.

~~This document is designed to establish the process of creating a building model. Each section describes how the proposed design (energy use) is defined, how the standard design (energy budget) is established, and what is reported on the Certificate of Compliance (CF1R).~~

This *Reference Manual* documents the compliance analysis modeling rules for all aspects of the Energy Commission's ACM Reference Method. This document **does not** specify the minimum capabilities of vendor-supplied software. The Energy Commission reserves the right to approve vendor software for limited implementations of what is documented in this manual.

## 1.2 Other Documents

The basis of this document is the *2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards*. Documents also relied upon include the *Reference Appendices for the 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Reference Appendices)* and the ~~2019 Residential Compliance Manual (CEC 400-2015-032)~~.

Detailed modeling information for the software user can be found in the *California Building Energy Code Compliance (CBECC) User Manual*.

## 1.3 Compliance for Additions and Alterations

Compliance for additions and alterations requires calculating the proposed design energy use and the standard design budget.

When the energy use of the proposed design is less than or equal to the standard design, the addition and/or alteration complies with the standards. The difference between the standard design energy use and the proposed design is the compliance margin. When the compliance margin is zero or greater, the project complies.

The energy use is expressed in kTDV/ft<sup>2</sup> and includes space heating, space cooling, ventilation, and water heating but does not include other end uses such as interior lighting, appliances, cooking, plug loads, and exterior lighting. Photovoltaics (PV) generation and flexibility measures, such as battery storage, have no impact on additions and alterations.

## **1.4 Compliance for Newly Constructed Buildings**

Compliance for newly constructed buildings requires calculating the proposed design energy use, the standard design energy budget, and the reference design energy use. There may also be additional internal calculations to establish the standard design PV requirement and the proposed design PV scaling and when target EDR ratings are specified.

The energy use for the standard, proposed and reference designs are combined into two dimensionless Energy Design Ratings (EDR). One EDR for efficiency and one for total energy. Compliance requires meeting two criteria:

1. Proposed efficiency EDR must be equal or less than standard efficiency EDR, and
2. Total EDR (efficiency, PV, battery storage) must be equal or less than total standard EDR.

Before combining into EDR values, the energy use is expressed in kTDV/ft<sup>2</sup>. For efficiency calculations, the energy use includes space heating, space cooling, ventilation, and water heating. Efficiency can include a portion of the battery storage energy savings when the self-utilization credit is specified. Total energy calculations include the efficiency end uses plus interior lighting, appliances, cooking, plug loads, and exterior lighting. The total energy may include PV generation and flexibility measures, if specified.

## **1.5 Energy Design Rating (EDR)**

EDR is a dimensionless ratio of the energy use of a proposed or standard design divided by the energy use of the reference design.

The EDR is a way to express the energy performance of a building using a scoring system where 100 represents the energy performance of a reference design building meeting the envelope requirements of the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). The EDR is similar to the energy rating index in the 2015 IECC and the 2014 Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) standard. A score of 0 represents a building that has zero net energy consumption based on the TDV energy consumption. By combining high levels of energy efficiency with generating renewable energy or flexibility measures, a score of zero or less can be achieved.

Buildings complying with the current Building Energy Efficiency Standards are more efficient than the 2006 IECC, so most newly constructed buildings will have EDR scores below 100. Buildings with renewable generation (PV) can achieve a negative score. If an EDR is calculated for an older inefficient home, the score would may be over 100.

The EDR for newly constructed buildings has three components:

1. Efficiency EDR,
2. PV/flexibility EDR, and
3. Total EDR.

The efficiency EDR is based on the energy efficiency features of the building. PV/flexibility EDR includes the effects of the PV system, battery storage system, precooling ~~strategy~~, and other demand responsive measures. Total EDR combines the efficiency EDR and PV/flexibility EDR into one final score.

The efficiency EDR does not include solar electric generation but can include a self-utilization credit for batteries. The total EDR includes the effects of solar generation and any battery storage beyond the self-utilization credit.

## **1.6 Self-Utilization Credit**

When a PV system is coupled with battery storage system, the software allows a portion of the PV plus storage EDR to be traded against the efficiency EDR. This modest credit can be used for tradeoffs against building envelope and efficiencies of the equipment installed in the building. More detail is provided in 2.1.4.6.

## **1.7 Demand Response (DR)**

Appropriate demand response controls allow building operators to reduce the total cost of energy by automating a building's response to changes in electricity rates. Demand response is an increasingly important function as distributed energy resources become more common, as customers have access to time-of-use electricity rates, and incentive programs designed to encourage demand side optimization. Demand response occurs on a range of timescales from seconds to seasons, and represents any demand change in response to grid or economic needs. In addition to current time-of-use electricity rates, in the future utilities will likely connect electricity costs to high frequency fluctuations in supply and demand for electricity.

## 2 Proposed, Design and Standard, and Reference Design

### 2.1 Overview

This chapter describes how the Energy Design Rating (EDR) is calculated, how the proposed design is modeled and how the standard design is established.

#### 2.1.1 Energy Design Rating (EDR)

The EDR is a score from 0 to 100, where 0 represents a building that has zero net energy consumption based on the time-dependent valuation ((TDV) energy consumption, and 100 represents a building that is minimally compliant with the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code. The EDR score is a ratio of proposed design TDV budget to reference design TDV budget adjusted as described in Section 3.1. The EDR has three components:

1. Efficiency EDR
2. EDR of PV and demand flexibility
3. Total EDR is calculated by subtracting the PV/flexibility EDR from the efficiency EDR.

For a building to comply:

1. EDR score of proposed efficiency must be equal or less than the EDR score of the standard efficiency, and
2. Total proposed EDR score must be equal or less than the total standard design EDR score.

#### 2.1.12.1.2 Proposed Design

The building configuration is defined by the user through entries that include for floor areas, wall areas, roof and ceiling areas, fenestration (which includes skylights), and door areas. Each is entered along with. The performance characteristics such as U-factors, R-values, Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC), solar reflectance, thermal mass, and so forth. Information about the orientation and tilt is required for roofs, walls, fenestration, and other elements. Details about any solar generation systems and battery storage is also defined. The user entries for all these building elements are consistent with the actual building design and configuration. If the compliance software models the specific geometry of the building by using a coordinate system or graphic entry technique, the data generated are consistent with the actual building design and configuration.

#### 2.1.22.1.3 Standard Design

For low-rise residential buildings, the standard design building, from which the energy budget is established, is in the same location and has the same floor area, volume, and configuration as the proposed design, except that wall and window areas are distributed equally among the four main compass points (north, east, south, and west). For additions and alterations, the standard design

shall have the same wall and fenestration areas, and orientations as the proposed building. The details are described below.

The *energy budget* for the residential standard design is the energy that would be used by a building similar to the proposed design if the proposed building met the requirements of the prescriptive standards. The compliance software generates the standard design automatically, based on fixed and restricted inputs and assumptions. Custom energy budget generation shall not be accessible to program users for modification when the program is used for compliance or when compliance forms are generated by the program.

The basis of the standard design is prescriptive requirements ~~Package A~~ (from Section 150.1(c) of the standards, Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B). ~~Package A~~ prescriptive requirements vary by climate zone. Reference Joint Appendix JA2, Table 2-1, contains the 16 California climate zones and representative cities. The climate zone ~~can be found by city, county, and is based on the zip code, as documented in~~ JA2.1.1.

The following sections present the details on how the proposed design and standard design are determined. For many modeling assumptions, the standard design is the same as the proposed design. When a building has special features, for which the Energy Commission has established alternate modeling assumptions, the standard design features will differ from the proposed design so the building receives appropriate credit for its efficiency. ~~Typically, When these measures require verification by a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) rater, Alternate features, such as zonal control, or are designated are documented as a special features, this is on the Certificate of Compliance. Verified features are also documented on the CF1R.~~

### 2.1.4 Reference Design

The reference design is calculated using the same inputs, assumptions and algorithms as the standard design except for the following requirements:

- a. Air handler power. The air handler power is 0.8 W/CFM.
- b. Air infiltration rate. The air infiltration rate is 7.2 ACH50.
- c. Cooling airflow. The air handler airflow is 300 CFM/ton.
- d. Duct R-value. The duct R-value is R-8.
- e. Duct leakage rate. The duct leakage rate is modeled as an HVAC distribution efficiency of 80 percent.
- f. Quality insulation installation (QII). ~~Insulation Installation Quality (QII):~~ QII is modeled as "improved/Yes".
- g. Wall construction. Climate zones 2-15 have 2x4 R-13 walls. Climate zones 1 and 16 have 2x6 R-19 walls.
- h. Roof/ceiling construction. Climate zones 2-15 have R-30 ceiling. Climate zones 1 and 16 have R-38 ceiling. No climate zones include radiant barriers or cool roofs.
- i. Raised floor construction. Climate zones 2-15 have 2x10 R-19 floors. Climate zones 1 and 16 have 2x10 R-30 floors.



- j. Slab edge insulation. Climate zones 1 and 16 include R-10 insulation 24 inches deep.
- k. Window U-factors. Climate zones 2-15 have 0.65 U-factor. Climate zones 1 and 16 have 0.35 U-factor.
- l. Window SHGC. All windows have 0.4 SHGC.
- m. Window area. When the window area is below 18 percent of the floor area, the reference design has the same area as the proposed design. Above 18 percent, the reference design has 18 percent.
- n. HVAC equipment efficiencies. HVAC equipment meets NAECA requirements in effect in 2006 such as 78 percent AFUE for gas central furnace, 13 SEER for central air-conditioning.
- o. Water heating efficiency. Water heating modeled as a 40 gallon storage water with a 0.594 EF if gas or a 0.9172 EF if electric.
- p. Appliance and plug load energy use and internal gains. Energy use and internal gains for appliance and miscellaneous plug loads are modeled as specified the ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2014 Standard.

#### 2.1.4.1 Exceptions Photovoltaics Requirements

The 2019 Standards PV requirements are applicable to newly constructed low-rise residential buildings. PV system details are from PVWatts.

##### **STANDARD DESIGN:**

The standard design PV system is sized to generate just enough electricity to offset the annual kWh load of a building that meets all the 2019 Standards prescriptive requirements. The annual kWh load of the Standard design building is the sum of the kWh of the following loads:

1. Space heating
2. Space cooling
3. IAQ ventilation
4. Water heating
5. Battery storage
6. Inside lighting
7. Appliances and cooking
8. Plug loads
9. Exterior lighting

For the sizing calculations, the software assumes the California flexible installation (CFI) orientation, standard efficiency for modules and inverters, fixed tracking, standard shading, and roof tilt of 22.61 degrees (5:12 pitch).

##### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The proposed PV system is sized to generate the amount of ~~just enough~~ electricity to offset the annual kWh load of the proposed design. The annual kWh load of the proposed building is the sum of the kWh of the following loads:

1. Space heating
2. Space cooling
3. IAQ ventilation
4. Water heating
5. Battery storage
6. Inside lighting
7. Appliances and cooking
8. Plug loads
9. Exterior lighting

For PV sizing calculations, the software uses user-defined values for:

1. Array orientation, including CFI or actual orientation
2. Module type, including standard (e.g., poly- or mono-crystalline silicon modules), premium (e.g., high efficiency monocrystalline silicon modules with anti-reflective coatings), or thin film (e.g., low efficiency such as 11 percent)
3. Inverter efficiency
4. Array tilt in degrees or roof pitch
5. Array tracking type including fixed, one axis tracking, and two axis tracking
6. Actual shading of the modules

The PV size is reported in kWh dc.

#### 2.1.4.2 Exceptions to the PV Requirements

When the solar electric generation system meets one of the prescriptive exceptions, the standard design is modeled with an appropriately sized PV system.

1. No PV is required if the effective annual solar access is restricted to less than 80 contiguous square feet by shading from existing permanent natural or manmade barriers external to the dwelling, including but not limited to trees, hills, and adjacent structures.
2. In climate zone 15, the PV size shall be the smaller of a size that can be accommodated by the effective annual solar access roof areas, or a PV size required by the equation 1, but no less than 1.5 Watt DC per square foot of conditioned floor area.
3. In all climate zones, for dwelling units with two habitable stories, the PV size shall be the smaller of a size that can be accommodated by the effective annual solar access roof areas, or a PV size required by the Equation 1, but no less than 1.0 Watt DC per square foot of conditioned floor area
4. In all climate zones, for low-rise residential dwellings with three habitable stories and single family dwellings with three or more habitable stories, the PV size shall be the smaller of a size that can be accommodated by the effective annual solar access roof areas, or a PV size required by the Equation 1, but no less than 0.8 Watt DC per square foot of conditioned floor area
- 4.5. For a dwelling unit plan that is approved by the planning department prior to January 1, 2020 with available solar ready zone between 80 and 200 square feet, the PV size is limited to the

lesser of the size that can be accommodated by the minimum solar zone area specified in Section 110.10(b) or a size that is required by the Equation 1.

When the solar electric generation system meets one of the prescriptive exceptions, the standard design is modeled with an appropriately sized PV system.

#### 2.1.4.3 Specifying Target Energy Design Rating

The software provides the option of specifying a PV size based on a user specified target EDR. When this option is selected, the software calculates the required PV size based on the following parameters:

- i. The user defined target EDR,
- ii. The size of the battery storage system and the battery control strategy (~~Basic, TOU,~~ Advanced DR Control), and
- iii. The proposed annual kWh budget of the building.

#### 2.1.4.4 Battery Storage

Detailed calculations for PV and battery storage are included in Appendix C.

The software provides credit for a battery storage system coupled with a PV array. If specified, the battery storage size must be 5 kWh or larger. For Part 6 compliance, PV has no impact on energy efficiency requirements or the efficiency EDR unless a battery storage system is included and the self-utilization credit is modeled.

Including a battery storage system allows downsizing the PV system to reach a specific EDR target.

Software includes a checkbox option to allow excess PV generation credit for above code programs. This allows exceeding the 1.6 size limit when the checkbox option is checked selected and a battery storage system of at least 5 kWh is coupled with the PV system. When selected, the software allows any size PV with full EDR credit.

#### 2.1.4.5 Battery Controls

The three control options available are:

1. Basic (default control). A simple control strategy that provides a modest credit. The software assumes that the batteries are charged anytime PV generation (generation) is greater than the house load (load), and conversely, the batteries are discharged when load exceeds generation. This control strategy does not allow the batteries to discharge into the grid.
2. Time of Use. To qualify for the TOU control, the battery storage system shall be installed in the default operation mode to allow charging from an on-site photovoltaic system. The battery storage system shall begin discharging during the highest priced TOU hours of the day, which varies by time of the year and the local utility. At a minimum, the system shall be capable of programming three separate seasonal TOU schedules, such as spring, summer, and winter.

3. Advanced DR Control. To qualify for the advanced demand response control, the battery storage system shall be programmed by default as basic control or TOU control as described above. The battery storage control shall meet the demand responsive control requirements specified in Section 110.12(a). ~~Additionally,~~ The battery storage system shall have the capability to change the charging and discharging periods in response to signals from the local utility or a third-party aggregator. Upon receiving a demand response signal from a grid operator, this option allows discharging directly into the grid.

**2.1.4.6 Self-Utilization Credit**

The 2019 Standards do not allow a tradeoff between the efficiency EDR and the effect of PV on the total PV-EDR unless battery storage is provided. However, ~~w~~When the PV system is coupled with at least a 5 kWh battery storage system, the software allows a portion of the PV plus storage EDR to be traded against the efficiency EDR, ~~known as the “self-utilization” credit;~~ this ~~A modest self-utilization credit can be used for tradeoffs against building envelope and efficiencies of the equipment installed in the building. A checkbox is provided in the software to enable this credit.~~

The magnitude of the credit is equal to the 90 percent of the difference between the 2019 and 2016 Standards envelope improvements, including:

1. Below deck batt roof insulation value of R-19 for the 2019 Standards, and R-13 for the 2016 Standard, ~~and~~
2. Wall U-factor of 0.48 for the 2019 Standards, and U-factor of 0.51 for 2016 the Standard, ~~and~~
3. Window U-factor of 0.30 for the 2019 Standards, and window U-factor of 0.32 for the 2016 Standards, ~~and~~
4. In cooling climate zones, window SHGC of 0.23 for the 2019 Standards, and 0.25 for the 2019 Standards, ~~and~~
5. New ~~Quality Insulation Installation (QII)~~ requirement in the 2019 standards, and no ~~QII~~ requirements in the 2016 Standards.

The following table shows the self-utilization credits by building type and climate zone.

Table 1 Self-Utilization Credits

<u>Climate Zone</u>	<u>Single Family</u>	<u>Multi Family</u>
<u>01</u>	<u>13.0%</u>	<u>9.0%</u>
<u>02</u>	<u>11.0%</u>	<u>6.0%</u>
<u>03</u>	<u>12.0%</u>	<u>5.0%</u>
<u>04</u>	<u>11.0%</u>	<u>7.0%</u>
<u>05</u>	<u>13.0%</u>	<u>4.0%</u>
<u>06</u>	<u>9.0%</u>	<u>3.0%</u>

<u>07</u>	<u>6.0%</u>	<u>2.0%</u>
<u>08</u>	<u>16.0%</u>	<u>5.0%</u>
<u>09</u>	<u>13.0%</u>	<u>6.0%</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>12.0%</u>	<u>5.0%</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>13.0%</u>	<u>7.0%</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>14.0%</u>	<u>8.0%</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>12.0%</u>	<u>7.0%</u>
<u>14</u>	<u>12.0%</u>	<u>7.0%</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>11.0%</u>	<u>6.0%</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>13.0%</u>	<u>7.0%</u>

#### 2.1.4.7 CO2 Emissions

For every hour of the year, the software tracks all house loads including HVAC, water heating, IAQ, plug loads, appliances, inside and exterior lighting, and PV generation. Based on these hourly calculations, the software calculates PV-generated kWh that serve the house loads (which reduces the kWh that is purchased from the grid), and the hourly exports back to the grid. Next, the software applies emission rates that represents the grid's CO2 generation characteristics to the hourly kWh balances to calculate the CO2 generation impact for each hour of the year. Finally, the software adds all the hourly results to yield the annual CO2 emissions in metric tons per year.

The software reports CO2 generation for:

1. Total CO2 generation, and
2. CO2 generation excluding exports to the grid (Self-use only).

#### 2.1.4.8 Community Solar

A community shared solar electric generation system, or other renewable electric generation system, and/or community shared battery storage system, which provides dedicated power, utility energy reduction credits, or payments for energy bill reductions, to the permitted building may offset part or all of the solar electric generation system Energy Design Rating EDR required to comply with the Standards. The community solar system must be approved by the Energy Commission before it can be used for compliance (see Title 24, Part 1, Section 10-115).

The software has a pulldown menu of all Energy Commission approved community shared solar programs, and allows user to select as-a full or partial offset of the site PV requirements.

## 2.2 The Building

### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The building is defined through entries for zones, surfaces, and equipment. Zone types include attic, conditioned space, crawl space, basements, and garages. The roof (such as asphalt shingles or tile) is defined as either part of the attic or as part of a cathedral ceiling (also called a *rafter roof*). Surfaces separating conditioned space from exterior or unconditioned spaces (such as garage or storage) are modeled as interior surfaces adjacent to the unconditioned zone. Exterior surfaces of an attached garage or storage space are modeled as part of the unconditioned zone.

The input file will include entries for floor areas, wall, door, roof and ceiling areas, and fenestration and skylight areas, as well as the water heating, space conditioning, ventilation, and distribution systems.

Each surface area is entered along with performance characteristics, including building materials, U-factor and SHGC. The orientation and tilt (see Figure 1) is required for envelope elements.

Building elements are to be consistent with the actual building design and configuration.

### **STANDARD DESIGN**

To determine the standard design for low-rise buildings, a building with the same general characteristics (number of stories, attached garage, climate zone) and with wall and window areas distributed equally among the four main compass points is created by the software. Energy features are set to be equal to Section 150.1(c) and Table 150.1-A for single family buildings or Table 150.1-B for multifamily buildings. For additions and alterations, the standard design for existing features in the existing building shall have the same wall and fenestration areas and orientations as the proposed building. The details are described below.

### **VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

~~All inputs that are used to establish compliance requirements are reported on the CF1R for verification.~~

### **REFERENCE DESIGN**

To determine the reference design for low-rise buildings, a building with the same general inputs, assumptions and algorithms as the standard design except for the following requirements:

- a. Duct R-value. The duct R-value is R-8.
- b. Wall construction. Climate zones 2-15 have 2x4 R-13 walls. Climate zones 1 and 16 have 2x6 R-19 walls.
- c. Roof/ceiling construction. Climate zones 2-15 have R-30 ceiling. Climate zones 1 and 16 have R-38 ceiling. No climate zones include radiant barriers or cool roofs.
- d. Floor construction. Climate zones 2-15 have 2x10 R-19 floors. Climate zones 1 and 16 have 2x10 R-30 floors.

- e. Slab edge insulation. Climate zones 1 and 16 include R-10 insulation 24 inches deep.
- f. Window U-factors. Climate zones 2-15 have 0.65 U-factor. Climate zones 1 and 16 have 0.35 U-factor.
- g. Window SHGC. All windows have 0.4 SHGC.
- h. Window area. When the window area is below 18 percent of the floor area, the reference design has the same area as the proposed design. Above 18 percent, the reference design has 18 percent.
- i. HVAC equipment efficiencies. HVAC equipment meets NAECA requirements in effect in 2006 such as 78 percent AFUE for gas central furnace, 13 SEER for central AC.
- j. Water heating efficiency. Water heating modeled as a 40-gallon storage water with a 0.594 Energy Factor if gas or a 0.9172 Energy Factor if electric.

## 2.2.1 Climate and Weather

### PROPOSED DESIGN

The user specifies the climate zone based on the zip code of the proposed building. Compliance requirements, weather, design temperatures, and Time Dependent Valuation (TDV) of energy factors are a function of the climate zone. Compliance software assumes that the ground surrounding residential buildings has a reflectivity of 20 percent in both summer and winter.

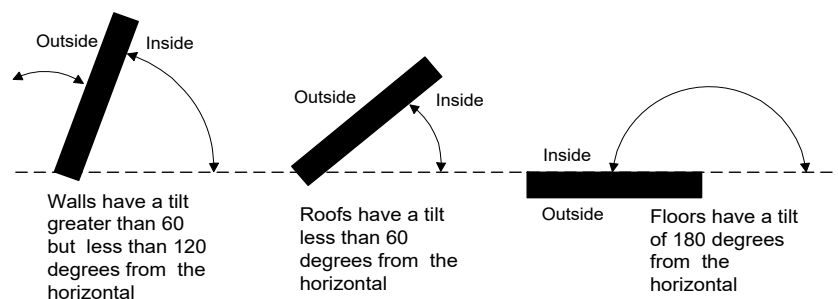
### STANDARD DESIGN

The standard design climate zone is the same as the proposed design.

### VERIFICATION AND REPORTING

The zip code and climate zone of the proposed design is reported on the CF1R for verification.

Figure 1: Surface Definitions



## 2.2.2 Standards Version

This input determines the appropriate federal appliance efficiency requirement for the standard design to compare with the proposed design.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

The user inputs Compliance<sub>2017/2020</sub>.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design cooling equipment efficiency is based on the federal requirements. A minimum SEER and EER (if applicable) that meet the current standard for the type of equipment is modeled.

**VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

Compliance version is reported on the CF1R.

**2.2.3 PV System Credit****2.2.3.1**

The compliance credit available for photovoltaic (PV) systems is available for new construction only and is dependent on the climate zone and dwelling unit size. The credit may be used to tradeoff any efficiency measure, with limits as described below. The PV system must meet the eligibility and verification requirements of Residential Appendix RA4.6.1 and must meet the minimum system size described below.

The PV compliance credit for both single family and multifamily buildings is calculated by the compliance software and is equal to:

$$PV_{\text{credit}} = TDV_{\text{std}} * PV_{\text{maxpet}} / 100.0 \quad \text{Equation 2}$$

Where:

$PV_{\text{credit}}$  = PV compliance credit (kTDV/ft<sup>2</sup>)

$TDV_{\text{std}}$  = Standard Design Compliance Total (kTDV/ft<sup>2</sup>)

$PV_{\text{maxpet}}$  = Maximum PV Credit Percentage from Table 1

The minimum PV system size for compliance credit is calculated by the compliance software and is equal to:

$$PV_{\text{minsize}} = \text{ROUND}((PV_{\text{threshold}} + PV_{\text{addedsized}}) * N_{\text{dwellingunits}}, 1) \quad \text{Equation 3}$$

For average dwelling units less than or equal to  $CFA_{\text{threshold}}$ :

$$PV_{\text{addedsized}} = 0 \quad \text{Equation 4}$$

For average dwelling units larger than  $CFA_{\text{threshold}}$ :

$$PV_{\text{addedsized}} = PV_{\text{credit}} * (CFA_{\text{dwellingunit}} - CFA_{\text{threshold}}) / PV_{\text{generate}} \quad \text{Equation 5}$$

Where:

$PV_{\text{minsize}}$  = Minimum PV System Size (kWdc) for compliance credit

$PV_{\text{threshold}}$  = Threshold PV System Size per dwelling unit (kWdc) from Table 2

$N_{\text{dwellingunits}}$  = Number of dwelling units

$PV_{\text{addedsized}}$  = Added PV System Size (kWdc) required



~~$CFA_{\text{dwellingunit}}$  = Average Conditioned floor area per dwelling unit (ft<sup>2</sup>)~~

~~$CFA_{\text{threshold}}$  = Average Threshold Conditioned floor per dwelling unit (ft<sup>2</sup>) from Table 2~~

~~$PV_{\text{generate}}$  = PV Generation Rate (kTDV/kWdc) from Table 1~~

The maximum PV credits in Table 1 are calculated by using a prototype analysis with the proposed features set equal to the ~~2016~~2019 prescriptive requirements except replacing the ~~2016~~2019 high performance attics (HPA) and high performance walls (HPW) with the 2013 prescriptive requirements. The percentages are calculated by dividing the compliance margin (kTDV/ft<sup>2</sup>) by the standard design compliance energy use (kTDV/ft<sup>2</sup>) and multiplying by 100. Climate zones 6 and 7 have no ~~2016~~2019 requirement for either HPA or HPW, so there is no PV credit in those climate zones.

#### **~~PROPOSED DESIGN~~**

The software allows the user to specify the use of PV compliance credit and establishes the minimum solar system in kilowatts direct current (DC). The software calculates the solar credit and subtracts it from the proposed design.

#### **~~STANDARD DESIGN~~**

The standard design has ~~PV~~no PV system.

#### **~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

A solar credit ~~PV size~~ is reported as a special feature on the CF1R.

**Table 1: PV Credit Calculation Factors**

Climate Zone	PV Generation Rate (kTDV/kWdc)	Maximum PV Credit for Single Family	Maximum PV Credit for Multi Family
01	26762	8.0%	4.4%
02	30021	8.6%	5.0%
03	31137	6.9%	3.1%
04	30935	17.7%	11.4%
05	33490	7.6%	2.3%
06	30081	0.0%	0.0%
07	30701	0.0%	0.0%
08	29254	28.1%	9.1%
09	29889	25.9%	11.0%
10	30200	23.1%	10.0%
11	29693	17.7%	8.7%
12	29328	22.0%	9.5%
13	29553	19.8%	9.2%
14	31651	16.0%	8.2%
15	29177	16.3%	7.3%
16	30930	15.1%	8.6%

**Table 2: PV Threshold Factors**

Dwelling Type	PV threshold (kWdc)	CFA threshold (ft <sup>2</sup> )
Single Family	2.0	2000
Multi Family	1.0	1000

### 2.2.3.2 — Battery Storage

The software provides an EDR credit for a battery storage system that is coupled with a PV array. If specified, the battery storage size must be 6 kWh or larger. For Part 6 compliance this credit has no impact on energy efficiency components. Including a battery storage system allows downsizing the PV system to reach a specific EDR target.

Two control options available are:

**Default Control.** A simple control strategy that provides a modest EDR credit. With default control, the software assumes that the batteries are charged anytime PV generation (generation) is greater than the house load (load), and conversely, the batteries are discharged when load exceeds generation.

**Advanced/Utility or Aggregator-Controlled.** A more sophisticated control strategy maximizes the TDV value of stored kWh. With advanced control, the software assumes that the batteries are charged when generation exceeds the load; batteries only discharge during the highest “anticipated” TDV intervals to maximize the value of the stored kWh.

For Part 6 compliance, the proposed design EDR credit is limited to a PV size equal to the site annual kWh. The effect of a larger PV array has a minimal impact on the EDR score. For above-code projects, the software allows oversizing the proposed design PV system by a factor of 1.6 for full credit if a battery system of at least 6 kWh is coupled with the PV system.

Software includes an option to allow excess PV generation EDR credit for above-code programs. This allows exceeding the 1.6 size limit. When selected, the software allows any size PV with full EDR credit.

### **2.2.42.2.3 Existing Condition Verified**

These inputs are used for additions and alterations. The standard design assumption for existing conditions vary based on whether the existing conditions are verified by a home energy rating system (HERS) rater prior to construction. See Section 2.10.4 for more information.

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The user inputs either yes or no. "Yes" indicates that the existing building conditions verified by a HERS rater. Default assumption is "no."

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design assumption is based on Section 150.2(b), Table 150.2-C. If the user input is "no," the standard design for the existing component is based on the value in the second column. If the proposed design response is "yes," the standard design value for the existing components is the value in the third column.

#### **VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

Verification of existing conditions is a special feature and is reported in the HERS required verification listings on the CF1R.

### **2.2.52.2.4 Air Leakage and Infiltration**

Air leakage is a building level characteristic. The compliance software distributes the leakage over the envelope surfaces in accordance with the building configuration and constructs a pressure flow network to simulate the air flows between the conditioned zones, unconditioned zones, and outside.

#### **2.2.5.12.2.4.1 Building Air Leakage and Infiltration (ACH50)**

The air flow through a blower door at 50 Pascal (Pa) of pressure measured in cubic feet per minute is called  $\text{cfm}_{\text{CFM50}}$ .  $\text{cfm}_{\text{CFM50}} \times 60$  minutes divided by the volume of conditioned space is the air changes per hour at 50 Pa, called ACH50.

Specific data on ACH50 may be entered if the single-family building or townhouse will have verified building air leakage testing. In multifamily buildings, due to the lack of an applicable measurement standard, ACH50 is fixed at the above defaults.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

ACH50 defaults to 5 for new construction in single-family buildings and townhomes, and 7 for all other buildings that have heating and/or cooling system ducts outside of conditioned space, and for buildings with no cooling system. In single-family buildings and townhomes with no heating and/or cooling system ducts in unconditioned space the default ACH50 is 4.4 and 6.2 for all others.

Specific data on ACH50 may be entered if the single-family building or townhouse will have verified building air leakage testing. User input of an ACH50 that is less than the default value becomes a special feature that requires HERS verification.

Due to the lack of an applicable measurement standard, ACH50 is fixed at the above defaults and is not a compliance variable in multi-family buildings.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design shall have 5 ACH50 for single-family buildings and 7 for other buildings (ducted space conditioning).

**VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

~~When the user chooses verified building air leakage testing (any value less than the standard design), diagnostic testing for reduced infiltration, with the details and target values modeled in the proposed design, is reported in the HERS required verification listing on the CF1R.~~

**2.2.5.22.2.4.2 Defining Air Net Leakage**

The compliance software creates an air leakage network for the proposed and standard design using the building description. Air leakage is distributed across the envelope surfaces according to the factors in Table 2. The air network is insensitive to wind direction. For buildings modeled with multiple conditioned zones, either a 20 square foot open door or 30 square foot open stairwell (in a multi-story building) is assumed between any two conditioned zones.

The only difference between the air network for the proposed and standard designs is the ACH50 if the user specifies a value lower than the default.

Multifamily buildings that have floors between dwelling units must define each floor as a separate zone or each dwelling unit as a separate zone.

**Table 2: Air Leakage Distribution**

Configuration	% of Total Leakage by Surface			
	Ceilings	Floors	Exterior Walls	House to Garage Surfaces
Slab on Grade	50	0		
Raised Floor	40	10		
No Garage			50	0
Attached Garage			40	10

### 2.2.62.2.5 Insulation Construction Quality Insulation Installation (QII)

The compliance software user may specify either standard (unverified) or improved (verified high quality insulation installation, also called *quality insulation installation* or (QII) for the proposed design as yes or no. The effective R-value of cavity insulation is reduced as shown in Table 3 in Buildings with unverified standard insulation installation no QII. are modeled in the program with lower performing cavity insulation in fWhen set to no, fFramed walls, ceilings, and floors are also modeled, and with added winter heat flow between the conditioned zone and attic to represent construction cavities open to the attic. (See Table 4.) Standard Unverified insulation QII does not affect the performance of continuous sheathing in any construction.

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The compliance software user may specify compliance with improved quality insulation installation at the building level QII. The default is unverified/standard insulation installation no QII. See Section 2.3.3 for information on modeling spray foam insulation.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design is modeled with standard yes for verified QII insulation installation quality for newly constructed single family low-rise residential buildings and additions greater than 700 square feet in all climate zones, for multifamily low-rise residential buildings and additions greater than 700 square feet in climate zones 1-6 and 8-16 (climate zone 7 has no QII for multifamily buildings).

#### **VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

The presence of improved/verified high quality insulation installation QII is reported in the HERS required verification listings on the CF1R. Improved quality insulation installation Verified QII is certified by the installer and field verified to comply with RA3.5. Credit for verified quality insulation installation QII is applicable to ceilings/attics, knee walls, exterior walls and exterior floors.

**Table 3: Modeling Rules for Standard Insulation Installation Quality**

Component	Modification
Walls, Floors, Attic Roofs, Cathedral Ceilings	Multiply the cavity insulation R-value/inch by 0.7
Ceilings below attic	Multiply the blown and batt insulation R-value/inch by $0.96 - 0.00347 * R$
Ceilings below attic	Add a heat flow from the conditioned zone to the attic of 0.015 times the area of the ceiling below attic times (the conditioned zone temperature - attic temperature) whenever the attic is colder than the conditioned space

For alterations to existing pre-1978 construction, if existing wall construction is assumed to have no insulation, no wall degradation is assumed for the existing wall.

### 2.2.72.2.6 *Number of Bedrooms*

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The number of bedrooms in a building is used to establish the indoor air quality (IAQ) mechanical ventilation requirements and to determine if a building qualifies as a compact building for purposes of incentive programs.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design shall have the same number of bedrooms as the proposed design.

#### **~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~The number of bedrooms is reported on the CF1R for use in field verification.~~

### 2.2.82.2.7 *Dwelling Unit Types*

Internal gains and indoor air quality (IAQ) ventilation calculations depend on the conditioned floor area and number of bedrooms. For multifamily buildings with individual IAQ ventilation systems, each combination of bedrooms and conditioned floor area has a different minimum ventilation ~~in~~ CFM that must be verified. ~~In buildings with multiple dwelling units, a dwelling unit type is one or more dwelling units in the building, each of which has the same floor area, number of bedrooms, and appliances (washer/dryer in the dwelling unit).~~

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

For each dwelling unit type the user inputs the following information:

- Unit name
- Quantity of this unit type in building
- Conditioned floor area (CFA) in square feet per dwelling unit
- Number of bedrooms

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design shall have the same number and type of dwelling units as the proposed design.

**VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

The number of units of each type and minimum IAQ ventilation for each unit is reported on the CF1R for use in field verification.

**2.2.92.2.8 Front Orientation**

The input for the building front orientation is the actual azimuth of the front of the building. This will generally be the side of the building where the front door is located. The orientation of the other sides of a building viewed from the outside looking at the front door are called front, left, right, back, or a value relative to the front, and the compliance software calculates the actual azimuth from this input. Multiple orientation compliance can be selected for newly constructed buildings only.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

The user specifies whether compliance is for multiple orientations or for a site-specific orientation. For site-specific orientation the user inputs the actual azimuth of the front in degrees from true north.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The compliance software constructs a standard design building that has 25 percent of the proposed model wall and window areas facing each cardinal orientation regardless of the proposed model distribution of wall and window area.

**VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

A typical reported value would be "290 degrees (west)". This would indicate that the front of the building faces north 70° west in surveyors terms. The closest orientation on 45° compass points should be reported in parenthesis (for example: north, northeast, east, southeast, south, southwest, west, or northwest). When compliance is shown for multiple orientations, "all orientations" or "cardinal" is reported as a special feature on the CF1R and the energy use results are reported for four orientations including north, east, south, and west.

**2.2.102.2.9 Natural Gas Availability Type**

Natural gas is available for addition alone projects newly constructed buildings if a gas service line can be connected to the site without a gas main extension. Natural gas is available for existing plus addition/s and alteration projects if a gas service line is connected to the existing building.

The user specifies ~~whether~~ natural gas (if available) whether or not it is used for cooking appliances, clothes dryer, heating equipment, or water heating equipment, otherwise select propane. ~~is available at the site. This is used to~~ This is to establish the TDV values from Reference Appendices JA3 used by the compliance software ~~into~~ determineing standard and proposed design energy use.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

The user specifies ~~whether either~~ natural gas, if it is available at the site, or propane. ~~For newly constructed buildings, natural gas is available if a gas service line can be connected to the site without a gas main extension. For additions and alterations, natural gas is available if a gas service line is connected to the existing building.~~

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design assumptions TDV values for space heating are as defined in Section 2.4.1 and for water heating are ~~as defined in Section 2.9.~~

**~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~Whether natural gas is or is not available is reported on the CF1R.~~

**~~2.2.11~~ 2.2.10 Attached Garage**

The user specifies whether there is an attached garage. The garage zone is modeled as an unconditioned zone (see Section 2.8).

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

The user specifies whether there is an attached unconditioned garage.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design has the same attached garage assumption as the proposed design.

**~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~Features of an attached garage are reported on the CF1R.~~

**~~2.2.12~~ 2.2.11 Lighting**

Details of the calculation assumptions for lighting loads are included Appendix ~~CD~~ and are based on the Codes and States Enhancement Initiative (CASE) report on plug loads and lighting (Rubin 2016, see Appendix ~~DE~~).

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

Fraction of portable lighting, power adjustment multiplier and the exterior lighting power adjustment multiplier (Watts/ft<sup>2</sup> – Watts per square foot) are fixed assumptions.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design lighting is set equal to the proposed design lighting.

**~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~No lighting information is reported on the CF1R for compliance with Title 24, Part 6.~~



## ~~2.2.13~~ 2.12 Appliances

Details of the calculation assumptions for appliances and plug loads are contained in Appendix ~~E~~D and based on the Codes and States Enhancement Initiative (CASE) report on plug loads and lighting (Rubin 2016, see Appendix ~~D~~E).

### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

All buildings are assumed to have a refrigerator, dishwasher, and cooking appliance. Optionally, buildings can have a clothes washer and clothes dryer. The user can select fuel type as gas or electric for the clothes dryer and cooking appliance.

### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design appliances are set equal to the proposed appliances.

### ~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~

~~No information for the appliance types listed above is reported on the CF1R for compliance with Title 24, Part 6.~~

## 2.3 Building Materials and Construction

### 2.3.1 Materials

Only materials approved by the Commission may be used in defining constructions. Additional materials may be added to the Compliance Manager.

Table 4 shows a partial list of the materials currently available for construction assemblies.

#### **MATERIAL NAME**

The material name is used to select the material for a construction.

#### **THICKNESS**

Some materials, such as three-coat stucco, are defined with a specific thickness (not editable by the compliance user). The thickness of other materials, such as softwood used for framing, is selected by the compliance user based on the construction of the building.

#### **CONDUCTIVITY**

The conductivity of the material is the steady state heat flow per square foot, per foot of thickness, or per degree Fahrenheit temperature difference. It is used in simulating the heat flow in the construction.

**COEFFICIENT FOR TEMPERATURE ADJUSTMENT OF CONDUCTIVITY**

The conductivity of insulation materials vary with their temperature according to the coefficient listed. Other materials have a coefficient of zero (0) and their conductivity does not vary with temperature.

**Table 4: Materials List**

Material Name	Thickness (in.)	Conductivity (Btu/h-°F-ft)	Coefficient for Temperature Adjustment of Conductivity (°F(-1))	Specific Heat (Btu/lb-°F)	Density (lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )	R-Value per Inch (°F-ft <sup>2</sup> -h/Btu-in)
Gypsum Board	0.5	0.09167	0.00122	0.27	40	0.9091
Wood Layer	Varies	0.06127	0.0012	0.45	41	1.36
Synthetic Stucco	0.375	0.2		0.2	58	0.2
3 Coat Stucco	0.875	0.4167		0.2	116	0.2
Carpet	0.5	0.02		0.34	12.3	4.1667
Light Roof	0.2	1		0.2	120	0.0833
5 PSF Roof	0.5	1		0.2	120	0.0833
10 PSF Roof	1	1		0.2	120	0.0833
15 PSF Roof	1.5	1		0.2	120	0.0833
25 PSF Roof	2.5	1		0.2	120	0.0833
TileGap	0.75	0.07353		0.24	0.075	1.1333
SlabOnGrade	3.5	1		0.2	144	0.0833
Earth		1		0.2	115	0.0833
SoftWood		0.08167	0.0012	0.39	35	1.0204
Concrete		1		0.2	144	0.0833
Foam Sheathing	varies	varies	0.00175	0.35	1.5	varies
Ceiling Insulation	varies	varies	0.00418	0.2	1.5	varies
Cavity Insulation	varies	varies	0.00325	0.2	1.5	varies
Vertical Wall Cavity	3.5	0.314	0.00397	0.24	0.075	
GHR Tile	1.21	0.026	0.00175	0.2	38	
ENSOPRO	0.66	0.03	0.00175	0.35	2	
ENSOPRO Plus	1.36	0.025	0.00175	0.35	2	
Door						

**SPECIFIC HEAT**

The specific heat is the amount of heat in British thermal units (Btu) it takes to raise the temperature of one pound of the material one degree Fahrenheit.

**DENSITY**

The density of the material is its weight in pounds per cubic foot.

**R-VALUE PER INCH**

The R-value is the resistance to heat flow for a 1-inch thick layer.

**2.3.2 Construction Assemblies**

Constructions are defined by the compliance user for use in defining the building. The user assembles a construction from one or more layers of materials as shown in Figure 2. For framed constructions, there is a framing layer that has parallel paths for the framing and the cavity between the framing members. The layers that are allowed depend on the surface type. The compliance manager calculates a winter design U-factor that is compared to a construction that meets the prescriptive standard. The U-factor is displayed as an aid to the user. The calculations used in the energy simulation are based on each individual layer and framing rather than the U-factor.

Figure 2: Example Construction Data Screen

The screenshot shows a software interface for defining a construction assembly. At the top, a tab labeled 'Construction Data' is active. Below it, a dropdown menu shows 'Currently Active Construction: R19 R5 Stucco Wall'. The main form contains several fields:

- Construction Name:** R19 R5 Stucco Wall
- Can Assign To:** Exterior Walls
- Construction Type:** Wood Framed Wall

Below these are the 'Construction Layers (inside to outside)', organized into two columns: 'Cavity Path' and 'Frame Path'.

	Cavity Path	Frame Path
Inside Finish:	Gypsum Board	Gypsum Board
Sheathing / Insulation:	- no sheathing/insul.	- no sheathing/insul.
Cavity / Frame:	R 19 in 5-1/2 in. cavity (R-18)	2x6 @ 16 in. O.C.
Sheathing / Insulation:	R5 Sheathing	R5 Sheathing
Exterior Finish:	Synthetic Stucco	Synthetic Stucco

At the bottom of the form, there is a checkbox for 'Non-Standard Spray Foam in Cavity' which is currently unchecked. Below the form, the 'Winter Design U-value' is displayed as 0.051 Btu/h-ft<sup>2</sup>-°F, with a note that it meets the maximum code requirement of 0.051 U-value (0.051).

**ASSEMBLY TYPES**

The types of assemblies are:

- Exterior wall
- Interior wall
- Underground walls

Attic roof  
 Cathedral roof  
 Ceiling below attic  
 Interior ceiling  
 Interior floor  
 Exterior floor (over unconditioned space or exterior)  
 Floor over crawl space

**CONSTRUCTION TYPE:**

1. Ceiling below attic (the roof structure is not defined here, but is part of the attic), wood framed. In a residence with a truss roof, the ceiling is where the insulation is located, while the structure above the ceiling is encompassed by the term attic or roof. The attic or roof consists of (moving from inside to outside) the radiant barrier, below deck insulation, framing, above deck insulation, and the roofing product, such as asphalt or tile roofing. See more in Section 2.4.5.
2. Cathedral ceiling (with the roof defined as part of the assembly), wood framed. Since there is no attic, the roof structure is connected to the insulated assembly at this point.
3. Roof, structurally insulated panels (SIP).
4. Walls (interior, exterior, underground), wood or metal framed, or ~~structurally insulated panel (SIP)~~.
5. Floors (over exterior, over crawl space, or interior).
6. Party surfaces separate conditioned space included in the analysis from conditioned space that may or may not be included in the analysis. Party surfaces for spaces that are modeled include surfaces between multifamily dwelling units. Party surfaces for spaces not included in the analysis include spaces joining an addition alone to the existing dwelling. Interior walls, ceilings, or floors can be party surfaces.

**CONSTRUCTION LAYERS:**

All assemblies have a cavity path and a frame path.

Spray foam insulation ~~R-values are~~ may use either default values with no special inspection requirements, or higher values when supported by an ESR number (see details Section 2.3.3 and RA3.5) verified by a HERS rater.

As assemblies are completed, the screen displays whether the construction meets the prescriptive requirement for that component.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

The user defines a construction for each surface type included in the proposed design. Any variation in insulation R-value, framing size or spacing, interior or exterior sheathing, or interior or exterior finish requires the user to define a different construction. Insulation R-values are based on

manufacturer-rated properties rounded to the nearest whole R-value. Layers such as sheetrock, wood sheathing, stucco, and carpet whose properties are not compliance variables are included as generic layers with standard thickness and properties.

Walls separating the house from an attached unconditioned attic or garage are modeled as interior walls with unconditioned space as the adjacent zone, which the compliance manager recognizes as a demising wall. Floors over a garage are modeled as an interior or demising floor over exterior. The exterior walls, floor, and ceiling/roof of the garage are modeled as part of the unconditioned garage zone.

### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The compliance software assembles a construction that meets the prescriptive standards for each user-defined construction or assembly.

### **VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

~~All proposed constructions, including insulation, frame type, frame size, and exterior finish or exterior condition are listed on the CF1R. Non-standard framing (e.g., 24" on center wall framing, advanced wall framing) is reported as a special feature.~~

## 2.3.3 Spray Foam Insulation

The R-values for spray-applied polyurethane foam (SPF) insulation differ depending on whether the product is open cell or closed cell.

**Table 5: Required Thickness Spray Foam Insulation**

Required R-values for SPF insulation	R-11	R-13	R-15	R-19	R-21	R-22	R-25	R-30	R-38
Required thickness closed cell @ R5.8/inch	2.00 inches	2.25 inches	2.75 inches	3.50 inches	3.75 inches	4.00 inches	4.50 inches	5.25 inches	6.75 inches
Required thickness open cell @ R3.6/inch	3.0 inches	3.5 inches	4.2 inches	5.3 inches	5.8 inches	6.1 inches	6.9 inches	8.3 inches	10.6 inches

Additional documentation and verification requirements for a value other than the default values shown in Table 5 is required (see RA3.5.6).

### 2.3.3.1 Medium Density Closed-Cell SPF Insulation

The default R-value for spray foam insulation with a closed cellular structure is R-5.8 per inch, based on the installed nominal thickness of insulation. Closed cell insulation has an installed nominal density of 1.5 to 2.5 pounds per cubic foot (pcf).

### 2.3.3.2 Low Density Open-Cell SPF Insulation

The default R-value for spray foam insulation with an open cellular structure is calculated as R-3.6 per inch, calculated based on the nominal required thickness of insulation. Open cell insulation has an installed nominal density of 0.4 to 1.5 pounds per cubic foot (pcf).

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The user will select either typical values for open cell or closed cell spray foam insulation or higher than typical values, and enter the total R-value (rounded to the nearest whole value).

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The compliance software assembles a construction that meets the prescriptive standards for each assembly type (ceiling/roof, wall, and floor).

#### **VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

~~When the user elects to use higher than typical R-values for open cell or closed cell spray foam insulation, a special features note is included on the CF1R requiring documentation requirements specified in RA4.1.7. Additionally, a HERS verification requirement for the installation of spray foam insulation using higher than default values is included on the CF1R.~~

## 2.4 Building Mechanical Systems

A space-conditioning system (also referred to as HVAC system) is made up of the heating subsystem (also referred to as heating unit or heating equipment or heating system), cooling subsystem (also referred to as cooling unit, cooling equipment, or cooling system) ~~(if any)~~, the distribution subsystem details ~~(if any)~~, and fan subsystem (if any). Ventilation cooling systems and indoor air quality ventilation systems are defined at the building level for single-family dwellings or as part of the dwelling unit information for multifamily buildings (see also Sections 2.4.9 and 2.4.10).

### 2.4.1 Heating Subsystems

The heating subsystem describes the equipment that supplies heat to a space conditioning system. Heating subsystems are categorized according to the types shown in Table 8.

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The user selects the type and supplies required inputs for the heating subsystem including the heating system data screen shown in Figure 3. ~~The user inputs the appropriate rated heating efficiency factor.~~ Except for heat pumps, the rated heating capacity is not used as a compliance variable by the compliance software.

When ~~For the proposed space conditioning system is a heat pumps,~~ the user either allows the system capacity to be automatically set by the software, or elects to specify inputs the rated heating capacity at 47°F and 17°F for the heat pump compressor. The capacity is used to determine the effect of to be installed and the software sizes the backup electric resistance heat for use in the simulation. Either

the user entered or software specified capacities are listed on the CF1R for verification by a HERS rater.

~~Until there is an approved compliance option for ductless heat pumps (ductless mini-split, multi-split, and VRF systems) these systems are simulated as a minimum efficiency split system equivalent to the standard design and with default duct conditions.~~

Figure 3: Heating System Data Screen

### **STANDARD DESIGN**

When electricity is used for ducted heating, the heating equipment for the standard design is an electric split system heat pump with default ducts in the attic and a heating seasonal performance factor (HSPF) meeting the current Appliance Efficiency Regulations (CEC-400-2014-009) requirements minimum efficiency for split systems ~~with default ducts in the attic~~. The standard design heat pump compressor size is determined by the software as the larger of the compressor size calculated for air conditioning load, or the compressor with a 47°F rating that is 75 percent of the heating load (at the heating design temperature).

When electricity is used for a proposed ductless heating system, the standard design is a ductless system with the minimum HSPF from the Appliance Efficiency Regulations.

When proposed heating equipment is a ducted gas system ~~electricity is not used for heating~~, the equipment used in the standard design building is a gas furnace (or propane if natural gas is not available) with default ducts in the attic and an annual fuel utilization efficiency (AFUE) meeting the *Appliance Efficiency Regulations* minimum efficiency for central systems. When a proposed design uses both electric and non-electric heat, the standard design is a gas furnace.

See Table 6 for complete details on heating systems noted above and other possible proposed systems.

**Table 6: Standard Design Heating System**

<u>Proposed design</u>	<u>Standard design</u>
<u>Central furnace, ducted</u>	<u>80 percent AFUE central furnace, default duct</u>
<u>Central heat pump, ducted</u>	<u>8.2 HSPF central heat pump, auto size capacity, default duct</u>
<u>Wall furnace, gravity</u>	<u>59 percent AFUE gravity wall furnace</u>
<u>Wall furnace, fan type</u>	<u>72 percent AFUE fan type wall furnace</u>
<u>Ducted mini-split, multi-split, and variable refrigerant charge heat pump, ducted</u>	<u>8.2 HSPF central heat pump, auto size capacity, default duct</u>
<u>Ductless mini-split, multi-split, and variable refrigerant charge heat pump, ductless</u>	<u>8.2 HSPF central heat pump, auto size capacity, default duct</u>

Room heater, ductless	
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**VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

The proposed heating system type and rated efficiency are reported in the compliance documentation on the CF1R. For heat pumps, which are supplemented by electric resistance back-up heating, HERS verified capacity is listed, and the rated heating capacity of each proposed heat pump is reported on the CF1R, to verify that installed capacities must be equal or larger than the capacities reported for modeled at 47° and 17°.

**Table 7: HVAC Heating Equipment Types**

Name	Heating Equipment Description
CntrlFurnace	Gas- or oil-fired central furnaces, propane furnaces or heating equipment considered equivalent to a gas-fired central furnace, such as wood stoves that qualify for the wood heat exceptional method. Gas fan-type central furnaces have a minimum AFUE=78-80%. Distribution can be gravity flow or use any of the ducted systems. (Efficiency metric: AFUE)
WallFurnaceGravity	Non-central gas- or oil-fired wall furnace, gravity flow. Equipment has varying efficiency requirements by capacity. Distribution is ductless. (Efficiency metric: AFUE)
WallFurnaceFan	Non-central gas- or oil-fired wall furnace, fan-forced. Equipment has varying efficiency requirements by capacity. Distribution is ductless. (Efficiency metric: AFUE)
FloorFurnace	Non-central gas- or oil-fired floor furnace. Equipment has varying efficiency requirements by capacity. Distribution is ductless. (Efficiency metric: AFUE)
RoomHeater	Non-central gas- or oil-fired room heaters. Non-central gas- or oil-fired wall furnace, gravity flow. Equipment has varying efficiency requirements by capacity. Distribution is ductless. (Efficiency metric: AFUE)
WoodHeat	Wood-fired stove. In areas with no natural gas available, a wood heating system with any back-up heating system, is allowed to be installed if exceptional method criteria described in the Residential Compliance Manual are met. (Efficiency Metric: N/A)
Boiler	Gas or oil boilers. Distribution systems can be Radiant, Baseboard, or any of the ducted systems. Boiler may be specified for dedicated hydronic systems. Systems in which the boiler provides space heating and fires an indirect gas water heater (IndGas) may be listed as Boiler/CombHydro Boiler and is listed under "Equipment Type" in the HVAC Systems listing. (Efficiency metric: AFUE)
Electric	All electric heating systems other than space conditioning heat pumps. Included are electric resistance heaters, electric boilers and storage water heat pumps (air-water) (StoHP). Distribution system can be Radiant, Baseboard, or any of the ducted systems.
CombHydro	Water heating system can be storage gas (StoGas, LgStoGas), or storage electric (StoElec) or heat pump water heaters (StoHP). Distribution systems can be Radiant, Baseboard, or any of the ducted systems and can be used with any of the terminal units (FanCoil, RadiantFlr, Baseboard, and FanConv). (Efficiency metric: AFUE)



**Table 8: Heat Pump Equipment Types**

Name	Heat Pump Equipment Description
SplitHeatPump	Heating side of a Central split heat pump heating system that has one or more outdoor units supply heat to each habitable space in the dwelling unit. Heat is at least partly distributed using one of the Distribution system is one of the ducted systems. (Efficiency metric: HSPF)
SDHVSplitHeatPump	Heating side of a Small Duct, High Velocity, Central split system that produces at least 1.2 inches of external static pressure when operated at the certified air volume rate of 220–350 CFM per rated ton of cooling and uses high velocity room outlets generally greater than 1,000 fpm that have less than 6.0 square inches of free area. (Efficiency Metric: HSPF)
DuctlessMiniSplitHeatPump:	Heating side of a A heat pump system that has single outdoor section, and one or more ductless indoor sections. The indoor section(s) cycle on and off in unison in response to a single indoor thermostat. (Efficiency Metric: HSPF)
DuctlessMultiSplitHeatPump	Heating side of a A heat pump system that has a single outdoor section and two or more ductless indoor sections. The indoor sections operate independently and can be used to condition multiple zones in response to multiple indoor thermostats. (Efficiency Metric: HSPF)
DuctlessVRFHeatPump	Heating side of a A variable refrigerant flow (VRF) heat pump system that has one or more outdoor sections and two or more ductless indoor sections. The indoor sections operate independently and can be used to condition multiple zones in response to multiple indoor thermostats. (Efficiency Metric: HSPF)
PkgHeatPump	Heating side of eCentral packaged heat pump systems. Central packaged heat pumps are heat pumps in which the blower, coils, and compressor are contained in a single package, powered by single phase electric current, air cooled, and rated below 65,000 Btu/h. Distribution system is one of the ducted systems. (Efficiency metric: HSPF)
LrgPkgHeatPump	Large packaged units rated at or above 65,000 Btu/hr. Distribution system is one of the ducted systems.
RoomHeatPump	Non-central room air conditioning systems. These include packaged terminal (commonly called “through-the-wall”) units and any other ductless heat pump systems. Same as DuctlessHeatPump except that heat is not supplied to each habitable space in the dwelling unit. (Efficiency metric: COP)
AirToWaterHeatPump	An indoor conditioning coil, a compressor, and a refrigerant-to-water heat exchanger that provides heating and cooling functions. Also able to heat domestic hot water. An air source heat pump that uses hydronic distribution to provide heating, cooling, or heating and cooling conditioning. May also provide heat for domestic hot water. (Efficiency metric: COP)
GroundSourceHeatPump	An indoor conditioning coil with air moving means, a compressor, and a refrigerant-to-ground heat exchanger that provides heating, cooling, or heating and cooling functions. Also able to heat domestic hot water. A water-to-air heat pump or water-to-water heat pump using fluid flowing through underground piping as a heat source/heat sink, that provides heating, cooling, or heating and cooling conditioning with forced air or hydronic distribution. May also provide heat for domestic hot water. (Efficiency metric: COP)

#### 2.4.1.1 Verified Heating Seasonal Performance Factor (HSPF)

##### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The software allows the user to specify the HSPF value for heat pump equipment.

##### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design is based on the default minimum HSPF for the type of heat pump equipment modeled in the proposed design, based on the applicable *Appliance Efficiency Regulations*. For central-cooling equipment, the minimum efficiency is 8.0 HSPF or 8.2 HSPF.

## 2.4.2 Combined Hydronic Space/Water Heating

Combined hydronic space/water heating is a system whereby a water heater is used to provide both space heating and water heating. Dedicated hydronic space-heating systems are also a modeling capability. Space-heating terminals may include fan coils, baseboards, and radiant surfaces (floors, walls or ceilings).

For combined hydronic systems, the water-heating portion is modeled in the normal manner. For space heating, an effective AFUE is calculated for gas water heaters. For electric water heaters, an effective HSPF is calculated. The procedures for calculating the effective AFUE or HSPF are described below.

Combined hydronic space conditioning cannot be combined with zonal control credit.

### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

When a fan coil is used to distribute heat, the fan energy and the heat contribution of the fan motor must be considered. The algorithms for fans used in combined hydronic systems are the same as those used for gas furnaces and are described in Chapter 3.

If a large fan coil is used and air-distribution ducts are located in the attic, crawlspace, or other unconditioned space, the efficiency of the air-distribution system must be determined using methods consistent with those described in Section 2.4.6. Duct efficiency is accounted for when the distribution type is ducted.

### 2.4.2.1 ~~Large Commercial~~ or ~~Small Consumer~~ Storage Gas Water Heater

When storage gas water heaters are used in combined hydronic applications, the effective AFUE is given by the following equation:

$$AFUE_{eff} = RE - \left[ \frac{PL}{RI} \right] \quad \text{Equation 1}$$

Where:

AFUE<sub>eff</sub> = The effective AFUE of the gas water heater in satisfying the space heating load.

RE = The recovery efficiency (or thermal efficiency) of the gas storage water heater. A default value of 0.70 may be assumed if the recovery efficiency is unknown. This value is generally available from the Energy Commission appliance directory.

PL = Pipe losses (kBtu/h). This can be assumed to be zero when less than 10 feet of piping between the water heater storage tank and the fan coil or other heating elements are located in unconditioned space.

RI = The rated input of the gas water heater (kBtu/h) available from the Energy Commission appliance directory.

### 2.4.2.2 Instantaneous Gas Water Heater

When instantaneous gas water heaters are used in combined hydronic applications, the effective AFUE is given by the following equation:

$$AFUE_{eff} = UEF \quad \text{Equation 2}$$

Where:

$AFUE_{eff}$  = The effective AFUE of the gas water heater in satisfying the space heating load.

$UEF$  = The rated Uniform Energy Factor of the instantaneous gas water heater.

### 2.4.2.3 Storage Electric Water Heater

The HSPF of storage water heaters used for space heating in a combined hydronic system is given by the following equations.

$$HSPF_{eff} = 3.413 \left[ 1 - \frac{PL}{3.413 kW_i} \right] \quad \text{Equation 3}$$

Where:

$HSPF_{eff}$  = The effective HSPF of the electric water heater in satisfying the space heating load.

$PL$  = Pipe losses (kBtu/h). This can be assumed to be zero when less than 10 feet of piping between the water heater storage tank and the fan coil or other heating elements are located in unconditioned space.

$kW_i$  = The kilowatts of input to the water heater available from the Energy Commission's appliance directory.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

When a hydronic system is proposed to use electricity is used for heating, the heating equipment for the standard design is an electric split system heat pump with an HSPF meeting the *Appliance Efficiency Regulations* requirements for split systems. The standard design heat pump compressor size is determined by the software based on the compressor size calculated for the air conditioning system.

When electricity is not used for heating, the equipment used in the standard design building is a gas furnace (or propane if natural gas is not available) with default ducts in the attic and an AFUE meeting the *Appliance Efficiency Regulations* minimum efficiency for central systems. When a proposed design uses both electric and non-electric heat, the standard design is a gas furnace.

### 2.4.3 Special Systems – Hydronic Distribution Systems and Terminals

[Not yet implemented]

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

This listing is completed for hydronic systems that have more than 10 feet of piping (plan view) located in unconditioned space. As many rows as necessary may be used to describe the piping system.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design is established for a hydronic system in the same way as for a central system, as described in Section 2.4.1.

**VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

A hydronic or combined hydronic system is reported on the CF1R.

Other information reported includes:

- ~~Piping Run Length (ft).~~ The length (plan view) of distribution pipe located in unconditioned space, in feet, between the primary heating/cooling source and the point of distribution.
- ~~Nominal Pipe Size (in.).~~ The nominal (as opposed to true) pipe diameter in inches.
- ~~Insulation Thickness (in.).~~ The thickness of the insulation in inches. Enter "none" if the pipe is uninsulated.
- ~~Insulation R value (hr ft<sup>2</sup> °F/Btu).~~ The installed R value of the pipe insulation. Minimum pipe insulation for hydronic systems is as specified in Section 150.0(j).

**2.4.4 Ground-Source Heat Pump**

A ground-source heat pump system, which uses the earth as a source of energy for heating and as a heat sink for energy when cooling, is simulated as a minimum efficiency split system equivalent to the standard design with default duct conditions in place of the proposed system. The mandatory efficiencies for ground-source heat pumps are a minimum coefficient of performance (COP) for heating and EER for cooling.

**2.4.5 Cooling Subsystems**

The cooling subsystem describes the equipment that supplies cooling to a space-conditioning system.

~~Figure 4: Cooling System Data~~

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

Cooling subsystems are categorized according to the types shown in Table 9. The user selects the type of cooling equipment and enters basic information to model the energy use of the equipment. Enter the cooling equipment type and additional information based on the equipment type and zoning, such as the SEER and EER. For some types of equipment, the user may also specify that the equipment has a multispeed compressor and if the system is zoned or not via checkboxes. For

ducted cooling systems, the cooling air flow from the conditioned zone through the cooling coil is input as CFM per ton. The rated cooling capacity is not a compliance variable.

Until there is an approved compliance option for ductless heat pumps (ductless mini-split, multi-split, and variable refrigerant flow [VRF] systems), these systems are simulated as a minimum efficiency split system equivalent to the standard design with default duct conditions.

See sections below for the details of specific inputs.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The cooling system for the standard design building is a non-zonal control system, of the same equipment type as the proposed system, a non-zonal control split system air conditioner or heat pump meeting the minimum requirements of the *Appliance Efficiency Regulations*. The standard design system shall assume verified refrigerant charge in climate zones 2 and 8 through 15 for all ducted split systems, ducted package systems, mini-split, multi-split, and VRF systems. Mandatory fan efficacy is assumed in all climate zones.

**Table 9: HVAC Cooling Equipment Types (other than heat Pumps)**

Name	Cooling Equipment Description
NoCooling	Entered when the proposed building is not cooled or when cooling is optional (to be installed at some future date). Both the standard design equivalent building and the proposed design use the same default system (refer to Section 2.4.8.3). <del>(Efficiency metric: SEER)</del>
SplitAirCond	Split air conditioning systems. Distribution system is one of the ducted systems. (Efficiency metric: SEER and EER)
PkgAirCond	Central packaged air conditioning systems less than 65,000 Btu/h cooling capacity. Distribution system is one of the ducted systems. (Efficiency metric: SEER and EER)
LrgPkgAirCond	Large packaged air conditioning systems rated at or above 65,000 Btu/h cooling capacity. Distribution system is one of the ducted systems. <del>(Efficiency metric: EER)</del>
SDHVSplitAirCond	Small duct, high velocity, split A/C system. <del>(Efficiency Metric: SEER)</del>
DuctlessMiniSplitAirCond	Ductless mini-split A/C system. <del>(Efficiency Metric: SEER)</del>
DuctlessMultiSplitAirCond	Ductless multi-split A/C system. <del>(Efficiency Metric: SEER)</del>
DuctlessVRFairCond	Ductless variable refrigerant flow (VRF) A/C system. <del>(Efficiency Metric: SEER)</del>
RoomAirCond	Same as DuctlessSplitAirCond except that cooling is not supplied to each habitable space in the dwelling unit. <del>(Efficiency metric: EER)</del>
EvapDirect	Direct evaporative cooling systems. Assume minimal efficiency air conditioner. The default distribution system location is DuctAttic; evaporative cooler duct insulation requirements are the same as those for air conditioner ducts. <del>(Efficiency metric: SEER)</del>
EvapIndirDirect	Indirect-direct evaporative cooling systems. Assume energy efficiency ratio of 13 EER. Requires air flow and media saturation effectiveness from the CEC directory. <del>(Efficiency metric: EER)</del>
EvapIndirect	Indirect cooling systems. The default distribution system location is DuctAttic; evaporative cooler duct insulation requirements are the same as those for air conditioner ducts. Assume energy efficiency ratio of 13 EER. Requires air flow and media saturation effectiveness from the CEC directory. <del>(Efficiency metric: EER)</del>
EvapCondenser	Evaporatively Cooled Condensers. A split mechanical system, with a water-cooled condenser coil. <del>(Efficiency metric: EER)</del>

**VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

Information shown on the CF1R includes cooling equipment type and cooling efficiency (SEER and/or EER). Measures requiring verification (see Table 10) are listed in the HERS verification section of the CF1R.

**2.4.5.1 Verified Refrigerant Charge or Fault Indicator Display**

Proper refrigerant charge is necessary for electrically driven compressor air-conditioning systems to operate at full capacity and efficiency. Software calculations set the compressor efficiency multiplier to 0.90 to account for the effect of improper refrigerant charge or 0.96 for proper charge.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

The software allows the user to indicate if systems will have diagnostically tested refrigerant charge or a field-verified fault indicator display (FID). This applies only to ducted split systems and packaged air conditioners and heat pumps.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design building is modeled with either diagnostically tested refrigerant charge or a field-verified FID if the building is in climate zone 2 or 8 through 15, and refrigerant charge verification is required by Section 150.1(c) and Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B for the proposed cooling system type.

**VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

~~These features require field verification or diagnostic testing and are reported in the HERS required verification listings on the CF1R. Details on refrigerant charge measurement are discussed in Reference Residential Appendix RA3.2. Information on the requirements for FIDs is located in Reference Joint Appendix JA6.1.~~

**Table 10: Summary of AirSpace Conditioning Measures Requiring Verification**

Measure	Description	Procedures
Verified Refrigerant Charge	Air-cooled air conditioners and air-source heat pumps must be tested diagnostically to verify that the system has the correct refrigerant charge. The system must also meet the system airflow requirement.	<del>RA3.2, RA1.2, RA3.2</del>
Verified Fault Indicator Display	A Fault Indicator Display can be installed as an alternative to refrigerant charge testing.	RA3.4.2
Verified System Airflow	When compliance requires verified System Airflow greater than or equal to a specified criterion.	RA3.3
Verified Air-handling Unit Fan Efficacy	To verify that Fan Efficacy (Watt/efmCFM) is less than or equal to a specified criterion.	RA3.3
Verified <u>HSPF, SEER or EER</u>	Credit for increased <del>EER</del> efficiency by installation of specific air conditioner or heat pump models.	<del>RA3.4.3, RA3.4.4.1</del>
<del>Verified SEER</del> <u>Verified heat pump capacity</u>	<del>Credit for increased SEER.</del> <u>Optional verification of heat pump system capacity.</u>	<del>RA3.4.3, RA3.4.4.1</del> <u>RA3.4.4.2</u>
Evaporatively Cooled Condensers	Must be combined with duct leakage testing, refrigerant charge, and verified EER.	<del>RA3.1, RA3.1.4.3, RA3.2, RA1.2, RA3.4.3, RA3.4.4.1</del>
<u>Whole House Fan</u>	<u>When verification of whole house fan is selected or required, airflow, watt draw and capacity are verified.</u>	<u>RA3.9</u>
<u>Central Fan Ventilation Cooling System</u>	<u>When compliance includes this type of ventilation cooling, airflow and fan efficacy are verified.</u>	<u>RA3.3.4</u>

### 2.4.5.2 Verified System Airflow

Adequate airflow from the conditioned space is required to allow ducted air-conditioning systems to operate at their full efficiency and capacity. Efficiency is achieved by the air distribution system design by improving the efficiency of motors or by designing and installing air distribution systems ~~with that have~~ less resistance to airflow. Software calculations account for the impact of airflow on sensible heat ratio and compressor efficiency.

~~For systems other than small duct high velocity types, a A-value less than 350 ~~efm~~CFM/ton (minimum 150 ~~efm~~CFM/ton) is a valid input only if zonally controlled equipment is selected and multispeed compressor is not selected. Inputs less than 350 cfm/ton for zonally controlled systems require verification using procedures in Reference Residential Appendix RA3.3.~~

~~The mandatory requirement in Section 150.0(m)13 requires verification that the central is for an air-handling unit with a verified airflow rate is greater than or equal to 350~~efm~~CFM/ton for systems other than small duct high velocity types, or 250 CFM/ton for small duct high velocity systems. Values greater than the required CFM/ton may be input for compliance credit which Credit for a higher airflow rate requires diagnostic testing using procedures in Reference Residential Appendix RA3.3.~~

For Single Zone Systems:

- ~~As an alternative to verification of Installers may elect to use an alternative to HERS verification of 350 ~~efm~~CFM/ton for systems other than small duct high velocity types, or 250 CFM/ton for small duct high velocity systems; HERS verification of a return duct design that conforms to the specification given in Table 150.0-B or C may be used to demonstrate compliance.~~
- The return duct design alternative is not an input to the compliance software but must be documented on the certificate of installation.
- If a value greater than 350 ~~efm~~CFM/ton for systems other than small duct high velocity types, or greater than 250 CFM/ton for small duct high velocity systems is modeled for compliance credit, the alternative return duct design method using Table 150.0-B or C is not allowed for use in demonstrating compliance.
- Multispeed or variable-speed compressor systems must verify airflow rate (~~efm~~CFM/ton) for system operation at the maximum compressor speed and the maximum air handler fan speed.

For Zonally Controlled Systems:

- The Table 150.0-B or C return duct design alternative is not allowed for zonally controlled systems.
- Multispeed, variable-speed and single-speed compressor systems must all verify airflow rate (~~efm~~CFM/ton) by operating the system at maximum compressor capacity and maximum system fan speed with all zones calling for conditioning.



- Single-speed compressor systems must also verify airflow rate (cfm/CFM/ton) in every zonal control mode.
- For systems that input less than 350 CFM/ton, HERS verification compliance cannot use group sampling.

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The default cooling airflow is 150 ~~cfm~~CFM/ton for a system with “zonally controlled” selected and “multi-speed compressor” not selected (single-speed). Users may model airflow for these systems greater than or equal to 150 CFM/ton which must be verified using the procedures in Reference Residential Appendix RA3.3. Inputs less than the rates required by Section 150.0(m)13 will be penalized in the compliance calculation.

The default cooling airflow is 350 ~~cfm~~CFM/ton for systems other than small duct high velocity types, for all other ducted cooling systems or 250 CFM/ton for small duct high velocity systems. Users may model a higher-than-default airflow for these systems and receive credit in the compliance calculation if greater ~~verified than default~~ system airflow is diagnostically tested using the procedures of *Reference Residential Appendix RA3.3*.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design shall assume a system that complies with mandatory (Section 150.0) and prescriptive (Section 150.1) requirements for the applicable climate zone.

#### **~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~The airflow rate verification compliance target (cfm/CFM or cfm/CFM/ton) is reported in the HERS required verification listings of the CF1R. When there is no cooling system it is reported on the CF1R as a special feature.~~

#### **2.4.5.3 Verified Air-Handling Unit Fan Efficacy**

The mandatory requirement in Section 150.0(m)13 is for an air-handling unit fan efficacy less than or equal to 0.45 Watts/CFM for gas furnace air-handling units and 0.58 Watts/cfmCFM for heat pump air-handling units that are not gas furnaces, and 0.62 W/CFM for small duct high velocity systems as verified by a HERS rater. Users may model a lower fan efficacy (W/~~cfm~~CFM) and receive credit in the compliance calculation if the proposed fan efficacy value is diagnostically tested using the procedures in *Reference Residential Appendix RA3.3*.

For Single Zone Systems:

- Installers may elect to use an alternative to HERS verification of the 0.45 or 0.58 Watts/cfmCFM required by Section 150.0(m)13: HERS verification of a return duct design that conforms to the specification given in Table 150.0-B or C.
- The return duct design alternative is not an input to the compliance software, but must be documented on the Certificate of Installation.

- If a value less than ~~0.45 or 0.58~~ the Watts/efmCFM required by 150.0(m)13 is modeled by the software user for compliance credit, the alternative return duct design method using Table 150.0-B or C is not allowed for use in demonstrating compliance.
- Multispeed or variable-speed compressor systems must verify fan efficacy (Watt/efmCFM) for system operation at the maximum compressor speed and the maximum air handler fan speed.

For Zonally Controlled Systems:

- The Table 150.0-B or C return duct design alternative is not allowed for zonally controlled systems.
- Multispeed, variable-speed and single-speed compressor systems must all verify fan efficacy (Watt/efmCFM) by operating the system at maximum compressor capacity and maximum system fan speed with all zones calling for conditioning.
- Single-speed compressor systems must ~~also~~ verify fan efficacy in every zonal control mode.

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The software shall allow the user to enter the fan efficacy. The default mandatory value is ~~0.45, or 0.58, or 0.62~~ W/efmCFM depending the applicable system type. Users may, however, specify a lower value and receive credit in the compliance calculation if verified and diagnostically tested using the procedures of *Reference Appendices, Residential Appendix RA3.3*.

If no cooling system is installed a default value of ~~0.45-0.58~~ W/efmCFM is assumed.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design shall assume a verified fan efficacy complying with the mandatory requirement ~~for~~ of less than or equal to 0.45, or 0.58, or 0.62 Watts/efmCFM depending the applicable system type.

#### **VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

~~For user inputs lower than the default mandatory 0.58 Watts/efm, fFan efficacy is reported in the HERS required verification listings of the CF1R.~~

~~For default mandatory 0.58 Watts/efm, the choice of either fan efficacy or alternative return duct design according to Table 150.0 B or C is reported in the HERS required verification listings of the CF1R.~~

~~When there is no cooling system it is reported on the CF1R as a special feature.~~

#### 2.4.5.4 Verified Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER)

##### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

Software shall allow the user the option to enter an EER rating for central cooling equipment. For equipment that is rated only with an EER (room air conditioners), the user will enter the EER. The *Appliance Efficiency Regulations* require a minimum SEER and EER for central cooling equipment. Only if a value higher than a default minimum EER is used is it reported as a HERS verified measure.

##### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design for central air-conditioning equipment is 11.7 EER.

##### **VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

~~EER verification is only required if higher than 11.7 EER is modeled. The EER rating is verified using rating data from AHRI Directory of Certified Product Performance at [www.ahridirectory.org](http://www.ahridirectory.org) or another directory of certified product performance ratings approved by the Energy Commission for determining compliance. Verified EER is reported in the HERS required verification listings on the CF1R.~~

#### 2.4.5.5 Verified Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER)

##### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The software allows the user to specify the SEER value.

##### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design is based on the default minimum efficiency SEER for the type of cooling equipment modeled in the proposed design, based on the applicable *Appliance Efficiency Regulations*. For central-cooling equipment, the minimum efficiency is 14 SEER and 11.7 EER.

##### **VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

~~If a SEER higher than the default minimum efficiency is modeled in software, the SEER requires field verification. The higher than minimum SEER rating is verified using rating data from AHRI Directory of Certified Product Performance at [www.ahridirectory.org](http://www.ahridirectory.org) or another directory of certified product performance ratings approved by the Commission for determining compliance. Verified SEER is reported in the HERS required verification listings on the CF1R.~~

#### 2.4.5.6 Verified Evaporatively-Cooled Condensers

##### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

Software shall allow users to specify an evaporatively-cooled condensing unit. The installation must comply with the requirements of RA4.3.2 to ensure the predicted energy savings are achieved. This credit must be combined with verified refrigerant charge testing, EER, and duct leakage testing.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design is based on a split system air conditioner meeting the requirements of Section 150.1(c) and Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B.

**~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~An evaporatively cooled condensing unit, verified EER, and duct leakage testing are reported in the HERS required verification listings on the CF1R.~~

**2.4.5.7 Evaporative Cooling**

Evaporative cooling technology is best suited for dry climates where direct and/or indirect cooling of the supply air stream can occur without compromising indoor comfort. Direct evaporative coolers are the most common system type currently available but provide less comfort and deliver more moisture to the indoor space. They are assumed to be equivalent to a minimum split-system air conditioner. The evaporative cooling modeling methodology addresses two performance issues. The first performance issue is the increase in indoor relative humidity levels during periods with extended cooler operation. Since modeling of indoor air moisture levels is beyond the capability of simulation models, a simplified algorithm is used to prohibit evaporative cooler operation during load hours when operation is expected to contribute to uncomfortable indoor conditions. The algorithm disallows cooler operation when outdoor wet bulb temperatures are 70°F, or above. The second performance issue relates to evaporative cooler capacity limitations. Since evaporative coolers are 100 percent outdoor air systems, their capacity is limited by the outdoor wet bulb temperature. Each hour with calculated cooling load, the algorithm will verify that the cooling capacity is greater than the calculated cooling load.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

Software shall allow users to specify one of three types of evaporative cooling: (1) direct evaporative cooler is the most commonly available system type, (2) indirect, or (3) indirect-direct. Product specifications and other modeling details are found in the Energy Commission appliance directory for evaporative cooling. Direct system types are assigned an efficiency of 14 SEER (or minimum appliance efficiency standard for split system cooling). The default system type is evaporative direct. For indirect or indirect-direct, select the appropriate type, from the Energy Commission appliance directory and input a 13 EER as well as the air flow and media saturation effectiveness or cooling effectiveness from the Energy Commission appliance directory.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design is based on a split-system air conditioner meeting the requirements of Section 150.1(c) and Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B.

**~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~When a direct evaporative cooling system is modeled, the system type and minimum efficiency are shown in the appropriate section of the CF1R. When indirect or indirect-direct evaporative cooling is modeled, the EER verification is shown in the HERS verification section of the CF1R along with the system type, air flow and system effectiveness.~~

## 2.4.6 Distribution Subsystems

If multiple HVAC distribution systems serve a building, each system and the conditioned space it serves may be modeled in detail separately or the systems may be aggregated together and modeled as one large system. If the systems are aggregated together they must be the same type and all meet the same minimum specifications.

For the purposes of duct efficiency calculations, the supply duct begins at the exit from the furnace or air handler cabinet.

~~Figure 5: Distribution System Data~~

### 2.4.6.1 Distribution Type

Fan-powered, ducted distribution systems ~~that~~ can be used with most heating or cooling systems. When ducted systems are used with furnaces, boilers, or combined hydronic/water heating systems, the electricity used by the fan is calculated. R-value and duct location are specified when a ducted system is specified.

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The compliance software shall allow the user to select from the basic types of HVAC distribution systems and locations listed in Table 11. For ducted systems, the default location of the HVAC ducts and the air handler are in conditioned space for multifamily buildings and in the attic for all other buildings.

The software will allow users to select default assumptions or specify any of the verified or diagnostically tested HVAC distribution system conditions in the proposed design (see and Table 12), including duct leakage target, R-value, supply and return duct area, diameter and location.

**Table 11: HVAC Distribution Type and Location Descriptors**

<b>Name</b>	<b>HVAC Distribution Type and Location Description</b>
Ducts located in attic (Ventilated and Unventilated)	Ducts located overhead in the attic space.
Ducts located in a crawl space	Ducts located under floor in the crawl space.
Ducts located in a garage	Ducts located in an unconditioned garage space.
Ducts located within the conditioned space (except < 12 linear ft)	Ducts located within the conditioned floor space except for less than 12 linear feet of duct, furnace cabinet, and plenums - typically an HVAC unit in the garage mounted on return box with all other ducts in conditioned space.
Ducts located entirely in conditioned space	HVAC unit or systems with all HVAC ducts (supply and return) located within the conditioned floor space. Location of ducts in conditioned space eliminates conduction losses, but does not change losses due to leakage. Leakage from either ducts that are not tested for leakage or from sealed ducts is modeled as leakage to outside the conditioned space.
Distribution system without ducts (none)	Air distribution systems without ducts such as ductless split system air conditioners and heat pumps, window air conditioners, through-the-wall heat pumps, wall furnaces, floor furnaces, radiant electric panels, combined hydronic heating equipment, electric baseboards, or hydronic baseboard finned-tube natural convection systems, etc.
Ducts located in outdoor locations	Ducts located in exposed locations outdoors.
Verified low leakage ducts located entirely in conditioned space	Duct systems for which air leakage to outside is equal to or less than 25 <del>cfm</del> CFM when measured in accordance with Reference Residential Appendix RA3.1.4.3.8.
Ducts located in multiple places	Ducts with different supply and return duct locations.

**Table 12: Summary of Verified Air-Distribution Systems**

Measure	Description	Procedures
Verified Duct Sealing	Mandatory measures require that space-conditioning ducts be sealed. Field verification and diagnostic testing is required to verify that approved duct system materials are utilized and that duct leakage meets the specified criteria.	RA3.1.4.3
Verified Duct Location, Reduced Surface Area and R-value	Compliance credit can be taken for improved supply duct location, reduced surface area, and R-value. Field verification is required to verify that the duct system was installed according to the duct design, including location, size and length of ducts, duct insulation R-value, and installation of buried ducts. <sup>1</sup> For buried duct measures Verified Insulation Construction Quality (QII) is required as well as duct sealing.	RA3.1.4.1, 3.1.4.1.1
Low Leakage Ducts in Conditioned Space	When the standards specify use of the procedures in Section RA3.1.4.3.8 to determine if space conditioning system ducts are located entirely in directly conditioned space, the duct system location is verified by diagnostic testing. Compliance credit can be taken for verified duct systems with low air leakage to the outside when measured in accordance with Reference Appendices, Residential Appendix Section RA3.1.4.3.8. Field verification for ducts in conditioned space is required. Duct sealing is required.	RA3.1.4.3.8
Low Leakage Air-Handling Units	Compliance credit can be taken for installation of a factory sealed air-handling unit tested by the manufacturer and certified to the Commission to have met the requirements for a Low Leakage Air-Handling Unit. Field verification of the air handler's model number is required. Duct sealing is required.	RA3.1.4.3.9
Verified Return Duct Design	Verification to confirm that the return duct design conforms to the criteria given in Table 150.0-B or Table 150.0-C. as an alternative to meeting <u>0.45 or 0.58 W/cfm</u> CFM fan efficacy of Section 150.0(m)0.	RA3.1.4.4
Verified Bypass Duct Condition	Verification to determine if system is zonally controlled and confirm that bypass ducts condition modeled matches installation.	RA3.1.4.6

1. Compliance credit for increased duct insulation R-value (not buried ducts) may be taken without field verification if the R-value is the same throughout the building, and for supply ducts located in crawl spaces and garages where all supply registers are either in the floor or within 2 feet of the floor. If these conditions are met, HERS rater verification is not required.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard heating and cooling system for central systems is modeled with non-designed air distribution ducts located as described in Table 13, with duct leakage as specified in Table 18. The standard design duct insulation is determined by ~~Package A~~ Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B (assuming attic option B) as R-6 in climate zones 3 and 5 through 7, and R-8 in climate zones 1, 2, 4, and 8 through 16. The standard design building is assumed to have the same number of stories as the proposed design for determining the duct efficiency.

**Table 13: Summary of Standard Design Duct Location**

Configuration of the Proposed Design	Standard Design	
	Standard Design Duct Location	Detailed Specifications
Attic over the dwelling unit	Ducts and air handler located in the attic	Ducts sealed (mandatory requirement)
No attic but crawl space or basement	Ducts and air handler located in the crawl space or basement	No credit for verified R-value, location or duct design
Multi-family buildings and buildings with no attic, crawl space or basement	Ducts and air handler located indoors	

*This table is applicable only when the standard design system has air-distribution ducts as determined in Table 11.*

**VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

~~Distribution type, location, R-value, and whether tested and sealed will be shown on the CF1R. If there are no ducts, this is shown as a special feature on the CF1R. Any duct location other than attic (for example: crawl space) is shown as a special feature on the CF1R. Ducts in crawl space or basement shall include a special feature note if supply registers are located within 2 feet of the floor. Measures that require HERS verification will be shown in the HERS required verification section of the CF1R.~~

**2.4.6.2 Duct Location**

Duct location determines the external temperature for duct conduction losses, the temperature for return leaks, and the thermal regain of duct losses.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

If any part of the supply or return duct system is located in an unconditioned attic, that entire duct system is modeled with an attic location. If no part of the supply or return duct system is located in the attic, but the duct system is not entirely in conditioned space, it is modeled in the unconditioned zone, which contains the largest fraction of its surface area. If the supply or return duct system is located entirely in conditioned space, the duct system is modeled in conditioned space.

For ducted HVAC systems with some or all ducts in unconditioned space, the user specifies the R-value and surface area of supply and return ducts, and the duct location.



Duct location and areas other than the defaults shown in Table 14 may be used following the verification procedures in *Reference Residential Appendix RA3.1.4.1*.

### STANDARD DESIGN

The standard design duct location is determined from the building conditions (see Table 13).

### VERIFICATION AND REPORTING

~~Duct location is reported on the CF1R. Ducts located entirely in conditioned space and verified low leakage ducts entirely in conditioned space are reported in the HERS required verification listing on the CF1R.~~

Default duct locations are as shown in Table 14. The duct surface area for crawl space and basement applies only to buildings or zones with all ducts installed in the crawl space or basement. If the duct is installed in locations other than crawl space or basement, the default duct location is “Other.” For houses with two or more stories, 35 percent of the default duct area may be assumed to be in conditioned space as shown in Table 14.

The surface area of ducts located in conditioned space is ignored in calculating conduction losses.

**Table 14: Location of Default Duct Area**

Supply Duct Location	Location of Default Duct Surface Area	
	One story	Two or more stories
All in crawl space	100% crawl space	65% crawl space, 35% conditioned space
All in basement	100% basement	65% basement, 35% conditioned space
Other	100% attic	65% attic, 35% conditioned space

### 2.4.6.3 Duct Surface Area

The supply-side and return-side duct surface areas are treated separately in distribution efficiency calculations. The duct surface area is determined using the following methods.

### 2.4.6.4 Default Return Duct Surface Area

Default return duct surface area is calculated using:

$$A_{r,out} = K_r \times A_{floor} \quad \text{Equation 4}$$

Where  $K_r$  (return duct surface area coefficient) is 0.05 for one-story buildings and 0.1 for two or more stories.

### 2.4.6.5 Default Supply Duct Surface Area

#### STANDARD DESIGN

The standard design and default proposed design supply duct surface area is calculated using Equation 5.

$$A_{s, out} = 0.27 \times A_{floor} \times K_s \quad \text{Equation 5}$$

Where  $K_s$  (supply duct surface area coefficient) is 1 for one-story buildings and 0.65 for two or more stories.

### 2.4.6.6 Supply Duct Surface Area for Less Than 12 feet of Duct In Unconditioned Space

#### PROPOSED DESIGN

For proposed design HVAC systems with air handlers located outside the conditioned space but with less than 12 linear feet of duct located outside the conditioned space including air handler and plenum, the supply duct surface area outside the conditioned space is calculated using Equation 6. The return duct area remains the default for this case.

$$A_{s, out} = 0.027 \times A_{floor} \quad \text{Equation 6}$$

### 2.4.6.7 Diagnostic Duct Surface Area

Proposed designs may claim credit for reduced surface area using the procedures in *Reference Residential Appendix RA3.1.4.1*.

The surface area of each duct system segment shall be calculated based on its inside dimensions and length. The total supply surface area in each unconditioned location (attic, attic with radiant barrier, crawl space, basement, other) is the sum of the area of all duct segments in that location. The surface area of ducts completely inside conditioned space need not be input in the compliance software and is not included in the calculation of duct system efficiency. The area of ducts in floor cavities or vertical chases that are surrounded by conditioned space and separated from unconditioned space with draft stops are also not included.

### 2.4.6.8 Bypass Duct

Section 150.1(c)13 prohibits use of bypass ducts unless a bypass duct is otherwise specified on the certificate of compliance. A bypass duct may be needed for some single-speed outdoor condensing unit systems. The software allows users to specify a bypass duct for the system. Selection of a bypass duct does not trigger changes in the ACM modeling defaults, but verification by a HERS rater is required utilizing the procedure in *Reference Residential Appendix Section RA3.1.4.6*.

Note: specification of a zonally controlled system with a single-speed condensing unit for the system will trigger a default airflow rate value of 150 ~~cfm~~CFM/ton for the calculations. User input less than 350 CFM/ton ~~which~~ reduces the compliance margin as compared to systems that model 350

~~cfmCFM/ton. Users may model airflow rates greater than 150 cfmCFM/ton and receive credit in the calculations as described in Section 2.4.5.2.~~

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

Software shall allow users to specify whether a bypass duct is or is not used for a zonally controlled forced air system.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design is based on a split-system air conditioner meeting the requirements of Section 150.1(c) and Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B. The system is not a zonally controlled system.

#### **VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

~~An HVAC system with zonal control, and whether the system is assumed to have a bypass duct or have no bypass duct, is reported in the HERS required verification listings on the CFIR.~~

### 2.4.6.9 Duct System Insulation

For the purposes of conduction calculations in both the standard and proposed designs, 85 percent of the supply and return duct surface is assumed to be duct material at its specified R-value and 15 percent is assumed to be air handler, plenum, connectors, and other components at the mandatory minimum R-value.

The area weighted effective R-value is calculated by the compliance software using Equation 7 and including each segment of the duct system that has a different R-value.

$$R_{\text{eff}} = \frac{(A_1 + A_2 \dots + A_N)}{\left[ \frac{A_1}{R_1} + \frac{A_2}{R_2} \dots + \frac{A_N}{R_N} \right]} \quad \text{Equation 7}$$

Where:

$R_{\text{eff}}$  = Area weighted effective R-value of duct system for use in calculating duct efficiency,  
(h-ft<sup>2</sup>-°F/Btu)

$A_N$  = Area of duct segment n, square feet

$R_n$  = R-value of duct segment n including film resistance (duct insulation rated R + 0.7)  
(h-ft<sup>2</sup>-°F/Btu)

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The software user inputs the R-value of the proposed duct insulation and details. The default duct thermal resistance is based on Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B, Attic Option B, which is R-6 in climate zones 3 and 5 ~~through 7~~, R-8 in zones 1, 2, 4, and 8 ~~through 16~~.

Duct location and duct R-value are reported on the CF1R. Credit for systems with mixed insulation levels, non-standard supply and return duct surface areas, or ducts buried in the attic require the compliance and diagnostic procedures in *Reference Residential Appendix RA3.1.4.1*.

If a verified duct design is selected, non-standard values for the supply-duct surface area and the return-duct surface area may be input by the user. A verified duct design must be verified by a HERS rater according to the procedures in *Reference Residential Appendix RA3.1.4.1.1*. Supply and return duct R-values, location, and areas are reported on the CF1R when non-standard values are specified.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

~~Package A~~ The required duct insulation R-values for ~~the attic option B~~ is from Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B, for the applicable climate zone are used in the standard design.

#### **~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~Duct location, duct R-value, supply, and return duct areas are reported on the CF1R.~~

#### **2.4.6.10 Buried Attic Ducts**

~~Ducts partly, fully, or deeply~~ completely buried in blown attic insulation in dwelling units meeting the requirements for verified quality insulation installation may take credit for increased effective duct insulation. To qualify for buried duct credit, ducts must meet mandatory insulation levels (R-6) prior to burial, be directly or within 3.5 inches of ceiling gypsum board, and surrounded by at least R-30 attic insulation. Additionally, credit is only available for duct runs where the ceiling is level, there is at least 6 inches of space between the duct outer jacket and the roof sheathing, and the attic insulation has uniform depth. Existing ducts are exempt from mandatory minimum insulation levels, but to qualify for buried duct credit they must have greater than R-4.2 insulation before burial.

In addition to the above requirements, deeply buried ducts must be buried by at least 3.5 inches of insulation above the top of the duct insulation jacket and located within a lowered area of the ceiling, a deeply buried containment system, or buried by at least 3.5 inches of uniformly level insulation. Mounding insulation to achieve the 3.5-inch burial level is not allowed.

Deeply buried duct containment systems must be installed such that the walls of the system are at least 7 inches wider than the duct diameter (3.5 inches on each side of duct), extend at least 3.5 inches above the duct outer jacket, and the containment area surrounding the duct must be completely filled with blown insulation.

The duct design shall identify the segments of the duct that meet the requirements for being buried, and these are input into the software separately from non-buried ducts. ~~into the computer software.~~ For each buried duct, the user must enter the duct size, R-value, and length and whether the duct qualifies as deeply buried. The user must also indicate if a duct uses a deeply buried containment system. The software calculates the weighted average effective duct system R-value based on the user entered duct information, and blown insulation type (cellulose or fiberglass) and R-value.

Duct effective R-values are broken into three categories; partially, fully, and deeply; with each having different burial levels, and requirements. Partially buried ducts have less than 3.5 inches of exposed duct depth, fully buried ducts have insulation depth at least level with the duct jacket, and deeply buried ducts have at least 3.5 inches of insulation above the duct jacket in addition to the above requirements. Duct effective R-value's used by the software are listed in Tables Table 15, Table 16, and Table 17. Ducts to be buried shall have a minimum of R-6.0 duct insulation prior to being buried. The software user shall calculate the correct R-value based on the modeled attic insulation R-value, insulation type, duct insulation R-value, and duct size for ducts installed on the ceiling, and whether the installation meets the requirements for deeply buried ducts for duct segments buried in lowered areas of ceiling. Duct effective R-values are broken into three categories; partially, fully, and deeply; with each having different burial levels and requirements. Partially buried ducts are ducts with less than 3.5 inches of exposed duct depth, fully buried ducts have insulation depth at least level with the duct jacket, and deeply buried ducts have greater than 3.5 inches of insulation above the duct jacket and meet the below requirements.

The portion of duct runs directly on or within 3.5 inches of the ceiling gypsum board and surrounded with blown attic insulation of R-30 or greater may take credit for increased effective duct insulation as shown in Tables 16, 17, and 18 Table 15. Credit is allowed for buried ducts on the ceiling only in areas where the ceiling is level and there is at least 6 inches of space between the outer jacket of the installed duct and the roof sheathing above.

Duct segments deeply buried in lowered areas of ceiling and covered by at least 3.5 inches of insulation above the top of the duct insulation jacket may claim higher effective insulation than partially or fully buried ducts, of R-25 for fiberglass insulation and R-31 for cellulose insulation.

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The software shall calculate the allow the user to specify the effective R-value of buried ducts based on user entered duct size, R-value, and length; attic insulation level and type; and whether the duct meets the requirements of a deeply buried duct by use of a lowered ceiling chase or a containment system. This feature must be combined with duct sealing and verified quality insulation installation, verified duct location, reduced surface area and R-value, and verified minimum airflow. The software will allow any combination of duct runs and their buried condition and the overall duct system effective R-value will be a weighted average of the combination. The default is no buried ducts.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design has no buried ducts.

#### **VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

Buried duct credit is reported in the HERS required verification listing on the CF1R.

**Table 1615: Buried Duct Effective R-values**

- Nominal Round Duct Diameter-									
Attic Insulation	4"	5"	6"	7"	8"	10"	12"	14"	16"
- Effective Duct Insulation R-value for Blown Fiberglass Insulation -									
R-30	R-13	R-13	R-13	R-9	R-9	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2
R-38	R-25	R-25	R-25	R-13	R-13	R-9	R-9	R-4.2	R-4.2
R-40	R-25	R-25	R-25	R-25	R-13	R-13	R-9	R-9	R-4.2
R-43	R-25	R-25	R-25	R-25	R-25	R-13	R-9	R-9	R-4.2
R-49	R-25	R-25	R-25	R-25	R-25	R-25	R-13	R-13	R-9
R-60	R-25	R-25	R-25	R-25	R-25	R-25	R-25	R-25	R-13
- Effective Duct Insulation R-value for Blown Cellulose Insulation -									
R-30	R-9	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2
R-38	R-15	R-15	R-9	R-9	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2
R-40	R-15	R-15	R-15	R-9	R-9	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2
R-43	R-15	R-15	R-15	R-15	R-9	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2
R-49	R-31	R-31	R-15	R-15	R-15	R-9	R-9	R-4.2	R-4.2
R-60	R-31	R-31	R-31	R-31	R-31	R-15	R-15	R-9	R-9

**Table 15: Buried Duct Effective R-Values: R-8 Ducts**

- Nominal Round Duct Diameter											
Attic Insulation	4"	5"	6"	7"	8"	10"	12"	14"	16"	18"	20"
- Effective Duct Insulation R-Value for Blown Fiberglass Insulation											
R-30	R-13	R-13	R-13	R-13	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8
R-38	R-18	R-18	R-18	R-13	R-13	R-13	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8
R-40	R-26	R-18	R-18	R-18	R-13	R-13	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8
R-43	R-26	R-26	R-18	R-18	R-18	R-13	R-13	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8
R-49	R-26	R-26	R-26	R-26	R-18	R-18	R-13	R-13	R-8	R-8	R-8
R-60	R-26	R-26	R-26	R-26	R-26	R-26	R-26	R-18	R-13	R-13	R-8
- Effective Duct Insulation R-Value for Blown Cellulose Insulation											
R-30	R-14	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8
R-38	R-14	R-14	R-14	R-14	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8
R-40	R-20	R-14	R-14	R-14	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8
R-43	R-20	R-20	R-14	R-14	R-14	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8
R-49	R-20	R-20	R-20	R-20	R-14	R-14	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8
R-60	R-32	R-32	R-32	R-20	R-20	R-20	R-14	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8

Table 16: Buried Duct Effective R-Values: R-6 Ducts

Attic Insulation	Nominal Round Duct Diameter										
	4"	5"	6"	7"	8"	10"	12"	14"	16"	18"	20"
	Effective Duct Insulation R-Value for Blown Fiberglass Insulation										
R-30	R-15	R-11	R-11	R-11	R-11	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6
R-38	R-24	R-15	R-15	R-15	R-15	R-11	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6
R-40	R-24	R-24	R-15	R-15	R-15	R-11	R-11	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6
R-43	R-24	R-24	R-24	R-15	R-15	R-15	R-11	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6
R-49	R-24	R-24	R-24	R-24	R-24	R-15	R-15	R-11	R-11	R-6	R-6
R-60	R-24	R-24	R-24	R-24	R-24	R-24	R-24	R-15	R-15	R-11	R-11
	Effective Duct Insulation R-Value for Blown Cellulose Insulation										
R-30	R-12	R-12	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6
R-38	R-18	R-12	R-12	R-12	R-12	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6
R-40	R-18	R-18	R-12	R-12	R-12	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6
R-43	R-18	R-18	R-18	R-12	R-12	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6
R-49	R-31	R-18	R-18	R-18	R-18	R-12	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-6
R-60	R-31	R-31	R-31	R-31	R-31	R-18	R-12	R-12	R-6	R-6	R-6

Table 17: Buried Duct Effective R-Values: R-4.2 Ducts

Attic Insulation	Nominal Round Duct Diameter										
	4"	5"	6"	7"	8"	10"	12"	14"	16"	18"	20"
	Effective Duct Insulation R-Value for Blown Fiberglass Insulation										
R-30	R-13	R-13	R-13	R-9	R-9	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2
R-38	R-22	R-22	R-13	R-13	R-13	R-9	R-9	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2
R-40	R-22	R-22	R-22	R-13	R-13	R-13	R-9	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2
R-43	R-22	R-22	R-22	R-22	R-13	R-13	R-9	R-9	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2
R-49	R-22	R-22	R-22	R-22	R-22	R-22	R-13	R-9	R-9	R-4.2	R-4.2
R-60	R-22	R-22	R-22	R-22	R-22	R-22	R-22	R-22	R-13	R-9	R-9
	Effective Duct Insulation R-Value for Blown Cellulose Insulation										
R-30	R-9	R-9	R-9	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2
R-38	R-15	R-15	R-9	R-9	R-9	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2
R-40	R-15	R-15	R-15	R-9	R-9	R-9	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2
R-43	R-15	R-15	R-15	R-15	R-9	R-9	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2
R-49	R-29	R-29	R-15	R-15	R-15	R-9	R-9	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2	R-4.2
R-60	R-29	R-29	R-29	R-29	R-29	R-15	R-15	R-9	R-9	R-4.2	R-4.2

2.4.6.11 Duct/Air Handler Leakage

The total duct/air handler leakage shown in Table 18 is used in simulating the duct system. The supply duct leakage for each case is the table value times 0.585. The return leakage is the table value times 0.415.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

For each ducted system, the software user specifies one of the duct/air handler leakage cases shown in Table 18.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

For ducted systems, the standard design is sealed and tested duct systems in existing dwelling units or new duct systems.

**VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

~~Sealed and tested duct systems are listed in the HERS verification section of the CF1R. Duct leakage is measured in accordance with procedures and values specified in Reference Appendices, Residential Appendix RA3.~~

**2.4.6.12 Low Leakage Air Handlers**

A low leakage air handler may be specified as well as a lower duct leakage value (see Section 2.4.6.11). Installation requires installing one of the list of approved low leakage air handling units published by the Energy Commission. The manufacturer certifies that the appliance complies with the requirements of Reference Joint Appendices 9.2.1, 9.2.2, 9.2.3, and 9.2.4.



**Table 18: Duct/Air Handler Leakage**

<b>Case</b>	<b>Duct Leakage</b>	<b>Air Handler Leakage</b>	<b>Total Duct/Air Handler Leakage</b>
Duct systems in existing single-family dwelling units	15%	Included in duct leakage	15%
Sealed and tested new or altered duct systems in unconditioned or conditioned space in a multi-family dwelling unit	12%	Included in duct leakage	12%
Sealed and tested new or altered duct systems in unconditioned or conditioned space in a townhome or single family dwelling unit	5%	2%	7%
Verified low leakage ducts in conditioned space	0%	0%	0%
Low leakage air handlers in combination with sealed and tested new duct systems	5% or as measured	0%	5% or as measured

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

Credit can be taken for installation of a factory sealed air-handling unit tested by the manufacturer and certified to the Energy Commission to meet the requirements for a low leakage air-handler. Field verification of the air handler model number is required.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design has a normal air handler.

**VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

~~A low leakage air handler is reported on the compliance report and field verified in accordance with the procedures specified in Reference Appendices, Residential Appendix RA3.1.4.3.9.~~

**2.4.6.13 Verified Low-Leakage Ducts in Conditioned Space****PROPOSED DESIGN**

For ducted systems the user may specify that all ducts are entirely in conditioned space and the software will model the duct system with no leakage and no conduction losses.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design has ducts in the default location.

**~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~Systems that have all ducts entirely in conditioned space are reported on the compliance documents and this is verified by measurements showing duct leakage to outside conditions is equal to or less than 25 cfm<sub>CFM</sub> when measured in accordance with Reference Appendices, Residential Appendix RA3.~~

## 2.4.7 Space Conditioning Fan Subsystems

Fan systems move air for air conditioning, heating, and ventilation systems. The software allows the user to define fans to be used for space conditioning, indoor air quality, and ventilation cooling. Indoor air quality and ventilation cooling are discussed in Sections 2.4.9 and 2.4.10.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

For the space conditioning fan system, the user selects the type of equipment and enters basic information to model the energy use of the equipment. For ducted central air conditioning and heating systems, the fan efficacy default is the mandatory minimum verified efficacy of 0.45, or 0.58, or 0.62 W/ft<sup>3</sup>CFM depending on applicable system type (also assumed when there is no cooling system).

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design fan shall meet the minimum Section 150.1(c) and Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B requirements.

**~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~Minimum verified fan efficacy is a mandatory requirement for all ducted cooling systems. Fan efficacy is reported in the HERS required verification listings on the CF1R.~~

## 2.4.8 Space Conditioning Systems

This section describes the general procedures for heating and cooling systems in low-rise residential buildings. The system includes the cooling system, the heating system, distribution system, and mechanical fans.

If multiple systems serve a building, each system and the conditioned space it serves may be modeled in detail separately or the systems may be aggregated together and modeled as one large system. If the systems are aggregated together they must be the same type and all meet the same minimum specifications.

### 2.4.8.1 Multiple System Types Within Dwelling

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

For proposed designs using more than one heating system type, equipment type, or fuel type, and the types do not serve the same floor area, the user shall zone the building by system type.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design shall have the same zoning and heating system types as the proposed design.

**~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~The heating system type of each zone is shown on the CF1R.~~

**2.4.8.2 Multiple Systems Serving Same Area**

If a space or a zone is served by more than one heating system, compliance is demonstrated with the most time-dependent valuation (TDV) energy-consuming system serving the space or the zone. For spaces or zones that are served by electric resistance heat in addition to other heating systems, the electric resistance heat is deemed to be the most TDV energy-consuming system unless the supplemental heating meets the Exception to Section 150.1(c)6. See eligibility criteria in *Residential Compliance Manual* Section 4.2.2 for conditions under which the supplemental heat may be ignored.

For floor areas served by more than one cooling system, equipment, or fuel type, the system, equipment, and fuel type that satisfies the cooling load is modeled.

**2.4.8.3 No Cooling****PROPOSED DESIGN**

When the proposed design has no cooling system, the proposed design is required to model the standard design cooling system defined in Section 150.1(c) and Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B. Since the proposed design system is identical to the standard design system, there is no penalty or credit.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design system is the specified in Section 150.1(c) and Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B for the applicable climate zone.

**~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~No cooling is reported as a special feature on the CF1R.~~

**2.4.8.4 Zonally Controlled Forced-Air Cooling Systems**

Zonally controlled central forced-air cooling systems must be able to deliver, in every zonal control mode, an airflow to the dwelling of  $\geq 350$  CFM per ton of nominal cooling capacity, and operating at an air-handling unit fan efficacy of  $\leq 0.45$  or  $0.58$  W/CFM depending on the applicable system type. This is a HERS verified measure, complying with *Residential Appendix RA3.3*.

An exception allows multispeed or variable-speed compressor systems, or single-speed compressor systems to meet the mandatory airflow (~~cfm~~CFM/ton) and fan efficacy (Watt/~~cfm~~CFM) requirements by operating the system at maximum compressor capacity and system fan speed with all zones calling for conditioning, rather than in every zonal control mode.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

The user selects zonally controlled as a cooling system input.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design building does not have a zonally controlled cooling system.

**VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

~~Zonally controlled forced air cooling systems are required to have the system bypass duct status verified by a HERS rater according to the procedures in Reference Residential Appendix RA3.1.4.6, and the fan efficacy and airflow rate are required to be verified according to the procedures in RA3.3.~~

### 2.4.9 Indoor Air Quality Ventilation

~~The standards include a mandatory requirement for mechanical ventilation that complies with ASHRAE Standard 62.2 to provide acceptable indoor air quality for all newly constructed buildings and additions greater than 1,000 square feet. ASHRAE Standard 62.2-2016 as published in the 2017 supplement except addendum k, provides several ways to comply with the requirement for mechanical ventilation and these areas described in the Residential Compliance Manual.~~

Amendments to ASHRAE 62.2:

Single family dwellings use a default envelope leakage value of 2 ACH<sub>50</sub> in place of a blower door measurement in section 4.1 of ASHRAE 62.2.

For single family and multifamily dwelling units, increase filter efficiency in section 6.7 of ASHRAE 62.2 from MERV 6 to MERV 13.

For multifamily dwelling units, require sealing of the dwelling unit enclosures and enforce a HERS verified maximum allowable leakage rate of 0.3 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> of enclosure area when unbalanced system types (exhaust, or supply) are used.

For multifamily dwelling units with balanced systems, reduce the dwelling unit ventilation rate in section 4.1 by 15 percent.

For the purposes of estimating the energy impact of this requirement in compliance software, the minimum ventilation rate is met either by a standalone indoor air quality (IAQ) fan system or a central air handler fan system that can introduce outdoor air. In many cases, this energy is substantially compliance neutral because the standard design is typically set equal to the proposed design.

The simplest IAQ fan system is an exhaust fan/bathroom fan that meets the criteria in ASHRAE Standard 62.2 for air delivery and ~~low minimal~~ noise. More advanced IAQ fan systems that have a supply or both supply and exhaust fans are also possible. To calculate the energy use of standalone IAQ fan systems, the systems are assumed to be on continuously.

To calculate the energy use of central fan integrated ventilation, the systems are assumed to be on for at least 20 minutes each hour as described below. The fan flow rate and fan power ratio may be different than the values used when the system is on to provide for heating or cooling depending on the design or controls on the IAQ ventilation portion of the system.

The minimum ventilation rate for continuous ventilation of each single-family dwelling unit or horizontally attached single family dwelling unit is based on ASHRAE 62.2 Section 4.1.2 and given in Equation 8.

$$Q_{fan\ total} = 0.0304A_{floor} + 7.5(N_{br} + 1) \quad \text{Equation 8}$$

$$Q_{fan} = Q_{total} - Q_{infil} \quad \text{Equation 9}$$

Where:

$Q_{fan}$  = ~~fan~~ fan air flow rate in cubic feet per minute (~~cfm~~ CFM)

$A_{floor}$  = floor area in square feet (ft<sup>2</sup>)

$N_{br}$  = number of bedrooms (not less than one)

Single family horizontally attached dwelling units calculate  $Q_{fan}$  as:

$$Q_{fan} = Q_{total} - (Q_{infil} \times A_{ext}) \quad \text{Equation 15}$$

Where:

$A_{ext}$  = the ratio of exterior envelope surface area that is not attached to garages or other dwelling units to the total envelope area

For multifamily or horizontally attached dwelling units, the minimum ventilation rate for continuous ventilation of each multi-family dwelling unit is based on ASHRAE 62.2-2016 Section 4.1.1 and given in Equation 10.

$$Q_{fan} = 0.03A_{floor} + 7.5(N_{br} + 1) \quad \text{Equation 10}$$

Where:

$Q_{fan}$  = fan flow rate in cubic feet per minute (~~cfm~~ CFM)

$A_{floor}$  = floor area in square feet (ft<sup>2</sup>)

$N_{br}$  = number of bedrooms (not less than one)

The required ventilation rate to comply with ASHRAE Standard 62.2 and the means to achieve compliance are indicated on the CF1R (see Table 20). The IAQ system characteristics are reported in the HERS required verification listing on the CF1R. The diagnostic testing procedures are in RA3.7.

Balanced IAQ fan requires HERS verification of airflow.

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The proposed design shall incorporate a mechanical ventilation system fan. This requirement is a mandatory measure. The compliance software allows the user to specify the IAQ ventilation type (see Table 19) and the  $\text{efmCFM}$  of outdoor ventilation air which must be equal to or greater than what is required by ASHRAE Standard 62.2. The default is a standalone exhaust system meeting standard 62.2.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

MERV 13 The mechanical ventilation system in the standard design is the same as the proposed design. The air flow rate is equal to the proposed design. The sensible heat recovery effectiveness is 0. For standalone IAQ fan systems, the fan power ratio is equal to the proposed design value or  $1.2 \text{ W/efmCFM}$ , whichever is smaller. For central air handler fans, the fan power ratio is 0.45 (gas furnaces) or 0.58 W/efmCFM (heat pumps) of central system airflow in ventilation mode.

#### **VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

~~The required ventilation rate to comply with ASHRAE Standard 62.2 and the means to achieve compliance are indicated on the CF1R (see Table 18). The IAQ system characteristics are reported in the HERS required verification listing on the CF1R. The diagnostic testing procedures are in RA3.7.~~

Balanced IAQ fan requires HERS verification of airflow. This feature is reported as a special feature.

**Table 19: IAQ Fans**

Type	Description	Inputs
Standalone IAQ Fan (exhaust, supply, or balanced)	Dedicated fan system that provides indoor air quality ventilation to meet or exceed the requirements of ASHRAE Standard 62.2.	$\text{efmCFM}$ , Watts/ $\text{efmCFM}$ , recovery effectiveness for balanced only
Central Fan Integrated (CFI) (variable or fixed speed) <u>[NOT YET IMPLEMENTED]</u>	Automatic operation of the normal furnace fan for IAQ ventilation purposes. Ventilation type uses a special damper to induce outdoor IAQ ventilation air and distribute it through the HVAC duct system. Mixing type distributes and mixes IAQ ventilation air supplied by a separate standalone IAQ fan system.	$\text{efmCFM}$ , Watts/ $\text{efmCFM}$

**Table 20: CF1R Report – Indoor Air Quality**

IAQ System Name	IAQ System Type	Whole Building IAQ Airflow Rate ( $\text{efmCFM}$ )	Standalone IAQ Fan Power Ratio ( $\text{W/efmCFM}$ )
Sfam IAQVentRpt	Default	28.5	0.25

### 2.4.10 Ventilation Cooling System

Ventilation cooling systems operate at the dwelling-unit level using fans to bring in outside air to cool the house when this can reduce cooling loads and save cooling energy. System operation is limited to single family dwellings and operate according to the schedule and setpoints shown in Table 22. ~~Ventilation cooling systems such as w~~Whole house fans ~~involve~~require either window operation and attic venting ~~or ducting to exhaust hot air~~. Central fan ventilation cooling systems (fixed and variable speed) use the HVAC duct system to distribute ~~ventilation outside air and require attic venting~~. ~~Ventilation cooling systems operate according to the schedule and setpoints shown in Table 20.~~ Whole house fans, which ~~Ventilation cooling systems that exhaust air through the attic,~~ require a ~~minimum of the larger of~~at least 1 ft<sup>2</sup> of free attic ventilation area per 750 ~~cfm~~CFM of rated capacity for relief or the manufacturer specifications (see Section 150.1(c)12 of the standards).

#### PROPOSED DESIGN

Software allows the user to specify whether a ventilation cooling system (see Table 21 for system types) is included in conditioned and living zones. Whole house fans are limited to spaces that have a ventilated attic. The user can specify the ~~actual fan specifications~~airflow and watts/CFM (HERS verification required) or a default prescriptive whole house fan with a capacity of 1.5 CFM/ft<sup>2</sup> of conditioned floor area ~~when there is a ventilated attic~~. When the default capacity is selected, the user can select HERS verification of the airflow and watts to receive full credit for the system capacity. When HERS verification is not selected, the fan capacity is reduced by 0.67.

#### STANDARD DESIGN

The standard design building for a newly constructed single family building or for an addition to a single family building that is greater than 1,000 square feet has a whole house fan in climate zones 8 ~~through~~ 14 and no ventilation cooling in other climate zones (see Section 150.1(c) and Table 150.1-A). The whole house fan has 1.5 CFM/ft<sup>2</sup> of conditioned floor area, 0.14 Watts/CFM, and with 1 ft<sup>2</sup> of attic vent free area for each 750 CFM of rated whole house fan airflow CFM.

#### VERIFICATION AND REPORTING

~~A ventilation cooling system is either a special feature or a HERS verification requirement, with and the size and type is reported on the CF1R (see Table 19).~~

**Table 21: Ventilation Cooling Fans**

Measure	Description	HERS Verification
Whole House Fan	Traditional whole house fan mounted in the ceiling to exhaust air from the house to the attic, inducing outside air in through open windows. Whole house fans are assumed to operate between dawn and 11 p.m. only at 33 percent of rated <del>cfm</del> CFM to reflect manual operation of fan and windows by occupant. Fans must be listed in the California Energy Commission's Whole House Fan directory. If multiple fans are used, enter the total <del>cfm</del> CFM.	<u>Optional RA3.9</u>

Central Fan Ventilation Cooling Variable or fixed speed	Central fan ventilation cooling system. Ventilation type uses a special damper to induce outdoor air and distribute it through the HVAC duct system.	<u>Required RA3.3.4</u>
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## 2.5 Conditioned Zones

The software requires the user to enter the characteristics of one or more conditioned zones. Subdividing single-family dwelling units into conditioned zones for input convenience or increased accuracy is optional.

### 2.5.1 Zone Type

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The zone is defined as conditioned, living, or sleeping. Other zone types include garage, attic, and crawl space.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design is conditioned.

#### ~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~

~~When the zone type is living or sleeping, this is reported as a special feature on the CF1R.~~

#### 2.5.1.1 Heating Zonal Control Credit

With the heating zonal control credit, the sleeping and living areas are modeled separately for heating, each with its own separate thermostat schedule and internal gain assumptions. Zonal control cannot be modeled with heat pump heating. The total non-closable opening area between zones cannot exceed 40 ft<sup>2</sup>. Other eligibility criteria for this measure are presented in the *Residential Compliance Manual, Chapter 4*.

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The user selects zonal control as a building level input with separate living and sleeping zones.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design building is not zoned for living and sleeping separately.

#### ~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~

~~Zonal control is reported as a special feature on the CF1R.~~



## 2.5.2 Conditioned Floor Area

The total conditioned floor area (CFA) is the raised floor as well as the slab-on-grade floor area of the conditioned spaces measured from the exterior surface of exterior walls. Stairs are included in conditioned floor area as the area beneath the stairs and the tread of the stairs.

### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The compliance software requires the user to enter the total conditioned floor area of each conditioned zone.

### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design building has the same conditioned floor area and same conditioned zones as the proposed design.

### ~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~

~~The conditioned floor area of each conditioned zone is reported on the CF1R.~~

## 2.5.3 Number of Stories

### 2.5.3.1 Number of Stories of the Zone

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The number of stories of the zone.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design is the same as the proposed design.

### 2.5.3.2 Ceiling Height

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The average ceiling height of the proposed design is the conditioned volume of the building envelope. The volume (in cubic feet) is determined from the total conditioned floor area and the average ceiling height.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The volume of the standard design building is the same as the proposed design.

### ~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~

~~The conditioned volume of each zone is reported on the CF1R.~~

### 2.5.3.3 Free Ventilation Area

Free ventilation area is the window area adjusted to account for bug screens, window framing and dividers, and other factors.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

Free ventilation area for the proposed design is calculated as 5 percent of the fenestration area (rough opening), assuming all windows are operable.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design value for free ventilation area is the same as the proposed design.

**~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~Free ventilation is not reported on the CF1R.~~

**2.5.3.4 Ventilation Height Difference**

Ventilation height difference is not a user input.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

The default assumption for the proposed design is 2 feet for one-story buildings or one-story dwelling units, and 8 feet for two or more stories (as derived from number of stories and other zone details).

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design modeling assumption for the elevation difference between the inlet and the outlet is two feet for one-story dwelling units and eight feet for two or more stories.

**2.5.3.5 Zone Elevations**

The elevation of the top and bottom of each zone is required to set up the air-flow network.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

The user enters the height of the top surface the lowest floor of the zone relative to the ground outside as the “bottom” of the zone. The user also enters the ceiling height (the floor to floor height [ceiling height plus the thickness of the intermediate floor structure] is calculated by the software).

Underground zones are indicated with the number of feet below grade (for example, -8).

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design has the same vertical zone dimensions as the proposed design.

**2.5.3.6 Mechanical Systems****PROPOSED DESIGN**

The software requires the user to specify a previously defined HVAC system to provide heating and cooling for the zone and an indoor air quality (IAQ) ventilation system. The user may also specify a ventilation cooling system that applies to this and other conditioned zones.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The software assigns standard design HVAC, IAQ ventilation, and ventilation cooling systems based on Section 150.1(c) and Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B for the applicable climate zone.

**2.5.3.7 Natural Ventilation**

Natural ventilation (from windows) is available during cooling mode when needed and available as shown in Table 22. The amount of natural ventilation used by computer software for natural cooling is the lesser of the maximum potential amount available and the amount needed to drive the interior zone temperature down to the natural cooling setpoint. When natural cooling is not needed or is unavailable no natural ventilation is used.

Computer software shall assume that natural cooling is needed when the building is in “cooling mode” and when the outside temperature is below the estimated zone temperature and the estimated zone temperature is above the natural cooling setpoint temperature. Only the amount of ventilation required to reduce the zone temperature down to the natural ventilation setpoint temperature is used and the natural ventilation setpoint temperature is constrained by the compliance software to be greater than the heating setpoint temperature.

**Table 22: Hourly Thermostat Setpoints**

Hour	Cooling	Venting	Heat Pump Heating	Standard Gas Heating	Zonal Control Gas Heating	
				Single Zone	Living	Sleeping
1	78	Off	<u>68</u>	65	65	65
2	78	Off	<u>68</u>	65	65	65
3	78	Off	<u>68</u>	65	65	65
4	78	Off	<u>68</u>	65	65	65
5	78	Off	<u>68</u>	65	65	65
6	78	68*	<u>68</u>	65	65	65
7	78	68	<u>68</u>	65	65	65
8	83	68	<u>68</u>	68	68	68
9	83	68	<u>68</u>	68	68	68
10	83	68	<u>68</u>	68	68	65
11	83	68	<u>68</u>	68	68	65
12	83	68	<u>68</u>	68	68	65
13	83	68	<u>68</u>	68	68	65
14	82	68	<u>68</u>	68	68	65
15	81	68	<u>68</u>	68	68	65
16	80	68	<u>68</u>	68	68	65
17	79	68	<u>68</u>	68	68	68
18	78	68	<u>68</u>	68	68	68
19	78	68	<u>68</u>	68	68	68
20	78	68	<u>68</u>	68	68	68
21	78	68	<u>68</u>	68	68	68
22	78	68	<u>68</u>	68	68	68
23	78	68	<u>68</u>	68	68	68
24	78	Off	<u>68</u>	65	65	65

\*Venting starts in the hour the sun comes up.

## 2.5.4 Conditioned Zone Assumptions

### 2.5.4.1 Internal Thermal mass

Internal mass objects are completely inside a zone so that they do not participate directly in heat flows to other zones or outside. They are connected to the zone radiantly and convectively, and participate in the zone energy balance by passively storing and releasing heat as conditions change.

Table 23 shows the standard interior conditioned zone thermal mass objects and the calculation of the simulation inputs that represent them.

**Table 23: Conditioned Zone Thermal Mass Objects**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Simulation Object</b>
Interior walls	The area of one side of the walls completely inside the conditioned zone is calculated as the conditioned floor area of the zone minus ½ of the area of interior walls adjacent to other conditioned zones. The interior wall is modeled as a construction with 25 percent 2x4 wood framing and sheetrock on both sides.	Wall exposed to the zone on both sides
Interior floors	The area of floors completely inside the conditioned zone is calculated as the difference between the CFA of the zone and the sum of the areas of zone exterior floors and interior floors over other zones. Interior floors are modeled as a surface inside the zone with a construction of carpet, wood decking, 2x12 framing at 16 in. o.c. with miscellaneous bridging, electrical, and plumbing, and a sheetrock ceiling below.	Floor/ceiling surface exposed to the zone on both sides
Furniture and heavy contents	Contents of the conditioned zone with significant heat storage capacity and delayed thermal response, for example heavy furniture, bottled drinks and canned goods, contents of dressers and enclosed cabinets. These are represented by a 2 in. thick slab of wood twice as large as the conditioned floor area, exposed to the room on both sides.	Horizontal wood slab exposed to the zone on both sides
Light and thin contents	Contents of the conditioned zone that have a large surface area compared to their weight, for example, clothing on hangers, curtains, pots and pans. These are assumed to be 2 BTU per square foot of conditioned floor area.	Air heat capacity ( $C_{air}$ ) = CFA * 2

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

The proposed design has standard conditioned zone thermal mass objects that are not user editable and are not a compliance variable. If the proposed design includes specific interior thermal mass elements that are significantly different from what is included in typical wood frame production housing, such as masonry partition walls, the user may include them. See also 2.5.6.4.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design has standard conditioned zone thermal mass objects.

**2.5.4.2 Thermostats and Schedules**

Thermostat settings are shown in Table 22. The values for cooling, venting, and standard heating apply to the standard design run and are the default for the proposed design run. See the explanation later in this section regarding the values for zonal control.

Heat pumps equipped with supplementary electric resistance heating are assumed to meet mandatory control requirements specified in Sections 110.2(b) and (c).

Systems with no setback required by Section 110.2(c) (gravity gas wall heaters, gravity floor heaters, gravity room heaters, non-central electric heaters, fireplaces or decorative gas appliances, wood stoves, room air conditioners, and room air-conditioner heat pumps) are assumed to have a constant heating set point of 68 degrees. The cooling set point from Table 22 is assumed in both the proposed design and standard design.

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The proposed design assumes a mandatory setback thermostat meeting the requirements of Section 110.2(c). Systems exempt from the requirement for a setback thermostat are assumed to have no setback capabilities.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design has setback thermostat conditions based on the mandatory requirement for a setback thermostat. For equipment exempt from the setback thermostat requirement, the standard design has no setback thermostat capabilities.

#### **~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~When the proposed equipment is exempt from setback thermostat requirements this is shown as a special feature on the CF1R.~~

### **2.5.4.3 Determining Heating Mode vs. Cooling Mode**

When the building is in the heating mode, the heating setpoints for each hour are set to the “heating” values in Table 22, the cooling setpoint is a constant 78°F and the ventilation setpoint is set to a constant 77°F. When the building is in the cooling mode the heating setpoint is a constant 60°F, and the cooling and venting setpoints are set to the values in Table 22.

The mode is dependent upon the outdoor temperature averaged over hours 1 through 24 of eight days prior to the current day through two days prior to the current day (for example: if the current day is June 21, the mode is based on the average temperature for June 13 through 20). When this running average temperature is equal to or less than 60°F, the building is in a heating mode. When the running average is greater than 60°F, the building is in a cooling mode.

### **2.5.5 Internal Gains**

Internal gains assumptions are included in Appendix ~~CD~~ and consistent with the CASE report on plug loads and lighting (Rubin ~~2016~~2019, see Appendix ~~DE~~).

### **2.5.6 Exterior Surfaces**

The user enters exterior surfaces to define the envelope of the proposed design. The areas, construction assemblies, orientations, and tilts modeled are consistent with the actual building

design and shall equal the overall roof/ceiling area with conditioned space on the inside and unconditioned space on the other side.

### 2.5.6.1 Ceilings Below Attics

Ceilings below attics are horizontal surfaces between conditioned zones and attics. The area of the attic floor is determined by the total area of ceilings below attics defined in conditioned zones.

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The software allows the user to define ceilings below attic, enter the area, and select a construction assembly for each.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design for new construction has the same ceiling below attic area as the proposed design. The standard design is a high performance attic with a ceiling constructed with 2x4 framed trusses, and insulated with the R-values specified in Section 150.1(c) and Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B for the applicable climate zone assuming Option B. The roof surface is a 10 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> tile roof with an air space when the proposed roof is steep slope, or a lightweight roof when the proposed roof is low slope.

Single family dwelling units: Below roof deck insulation has R-0 in climate zones 1-3 and 5-7, and R-19 in climate zones 4 and 8-16. Insulation on the ceiling has R-38 in climate zones 1, 2, 4, and 8-16, and R-30 insulation in climate zones 3 and 5-7. Climate zones 2, 3, and 5-7 have a radiant barrier, and climate zones 1, 4, and 8-16 have no radiant barrier.

~~Climate zones 1 through 3 and 5 through 7 have R-0, and climate zones 4 and 8 through 16 have R-13 insulation between the roofing rafters in contact with the roof deck. Climate zones 1, 2, 4, and 8 through 16 have R-38 insulation on the ceiling. Climate zones 3 and 5 through 7 have R-30 insulation on the ceiling. Climate zones 2, 3, and 5 through 7 have a radiant barrier. Climate zones 1, 4, and 8 through 16 have no radiant barrier.~~

Multifamily dwelling units: Below roof deck insulation has R-0 in climate zones 1-7, R-13 in climate zones 10 and 16, and R-19 in climate zones 8, 9 and 11-15. Insulation on the ceiling has R-38 in climate zones 1, 2, 4, and 8-16, and R-30 insulation on the ceiling in climate zones 3 and 5-7. Climate zones 2, 3, and 5-7 have a radiant barrier, and climate zones 1, 4, and 8-16 have no radiant barrier.

#### ~~Verification and reporting~~

~~Ceiling below attic area and constructions are reported on the CF1R. Metal framed orand SIP assemblies are reported as a special feature on the CF1R.~~

### 2.5.6.2 Non-Attic (Cathedral) Ceiling and Roof

Non-attic ceilings, also known as cathedral ceilings, are surfaces with roofing on the outside and finished ceiling on the inside but without an attic space.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

The software allows the user to define cathedral ceilings and enter the area, and select a construction assembly for each. The user also enters the roof characteristics of the surface.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design has the same area as the proposed design cathedral ceiling modeled as ceiling below attic with the features of Option B from Section 150.1(c) and Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B for the applicable climate zone.

The standard design building has an area of ceiling below attic equal to the non-attic ceiling/roof areas of the proposed design. The standard design roof and ceiling surfaces are modeled with the same construction assembly and characteristics, ~~as Package A. The aged reflectance and emittance of the standard design are determined by~~ as Section 150.1(c), ~~and~~ Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B for the applicable climate zone.

**~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~Non-attic ceiling/roof area and constructions are reported on the CF1R. Metal frame or SIP assemblies are reported as a special feature on the CF1R.~~

**2.5.6.3 Exterior Walls****PROPOSED DESIGN**

The software allows the user to define walls, enter the gross area, and select a construction assembly for each. The user also enters the plan orientation (front, left, back, or right) or plan azimuth (value relative to the front, which is represented as zero degrees) and tilt of the wall.

The wall areas modeled are consistent with the actual building design, and the total wall area is equal to the gross wall area with conditioned space on the inside and unconditioned space or exterior conditions on the other side. Underground mass walls are defined with inside and outside insulation, and the number of feet below grade. Walls adjacent to unconditioned spaces with no solar gains (such as knee walls or garage walls) are entered as an interior wall with the zone on the other side specified as attic, garage, or another zone, and the compliance manager treats that wall as a demising wall. An attached unconditioned space is modeled as an unconditioned zone.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design building has high performance walls modeled with the same area of framed walls as is in the proposed design separating conditioned space and the exterior, with a U-factor equivalent to that as specified in Section 150.1(c)1.B. and Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B for the applicable climate zone.

Single family dwellings: Above grade framed wWalls in climate zones 1-5, 8-16 have 2"x6" 16-in. on center wood framing with R-19~~21~~ insulation between framing and R-5 continuous insulation (0.048 U-factor) in climate zones 1-5, 8-16. Climate zone 6-7 above grade walls have ~~or~~ 2"x4" 16-in. on center wood framing with R-15 insulation between framing and R-4 continuous insulation (0.065 U-



~~factor) in climate zones 6-7. Walls adjacent to unconditioned space, such as garage walls, are treated the same as exterior walls, except there is no continuous insulation.~~

Multifamily dwellings: Above grade framed walls in climate zones 1-5, 8-16 have 2"x6" 16-in. on center wood framing with R-21 insulation between framing and R-4 continuous insulation (0.051 U-factor). Climate zones 6-7 above grade framed walls have 2"x4" 16-in. on center wood framing with R-15 insulation between framing and R-4 continuous insulation (0.065 U-factor). Walls adjacent to unconditioned space, such as garage walls, are treated the same as exterior walls, except there is no continuous insulation.

Standard design mass wall requirements are the same for single and multifamily buildings. Above grade mass walls in climate zones 1-15 are assumed to have R-13 and climate zone 16 are assumed to have R-17 interior insulation. Below grade mass walls in climate zones 1-15 have R-13, and climate zone 16 has R-15 interior insulation.

When the proposed design is a wall type such as SIP, straw bale, or other construction type not specifically mentioned above, the standard design walls is a wood framed wall meeting the requirements of Section 150.1(c) Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B.

~~The standard design building is modeled with the same area of above grade mass walls with interior and exterior insulation equivalent to the requirements in Section 150.1(c)1.B. and Table 150.1 A for the applicable climate zone.~~

~~The standard design building is modeled with the same area of below grade mass walls with interior insulation equivalent to the requirements in Section 150.1(c)1.B. and Table 150.1 A for the applicable climate zone.~~

~~The total gross exterior wall area in the standard design is equal to the total gross exterior wall area of the proposed design for each wall type. If the proposed wall area is framed wall, †The gross exterior wall area of framed walls in the standard design (excluding demising knee walls) contains wood framing and is equally divided between the four main compass points, north, east, south, and west. The gross exterior wall area of mass walls in the standard design (excluding demising walls and below grade walls) is equally divided between the four main compass points, north, east, south, and west.~~

~~Wall construction shall match wall construction and thermal characteristics of Section 150.1(c), Table 150.1 A. Window and door areas are subtracted from the gross wall area to determine the net wall area in each orientation.~~

The software allows the user to indicate whether a new wall in an addition is an extension of an existing wood-framed wall, and if so, what are the dimensions of the existing wall. For these instances, †The standard design exterior wall construction assembly is based on a wood-framed wall with R-15 cavity insulation for existing 2x4 walls or R-21 cavity insulation for existing 2x6 walls.

The software allows the user to indicate whether a wall is existing where the siding is not being removed or replaced, and the framing dimensions of that wall. For these instances, the standard design exterior wall construction assembly is based on a wood-framed wall with R-15 cavity insulation for existing 2x4 walls or R-21 cavity insulation for existing 2x6 walls.

#### ***VERIFICATION AND REPORTING***

~~Exterior wall area and construction details are reported on the CF1R. Metal frame or SIP assemblies are reported as a special feature on the CF1R.~~

#### **2.5.6.4 Exterior Thermal Mass**

Constructions for standard exterior mass is supported, but not implemented beyond the assumptions for typical mass.

The performance approach assumes that both the proposed design and standard design building have a minimum mass as a function of the conditioned area of slab floor and non-slab floor (see Section 2.5.4.1).

Mass such as concrete slab floors, masonry walls, double gypsum board, and other special mass elements can be modeled. When the proposed design has more than the typical assumptions for mass in a building then each element of heavy mass is modeled in the proposed design, otherwise, the proposed design is modeled with the same thermal mass as the standard design.

#### ***PROPOSED DESIGN***

The proposed design may be modeled with the default 20 percent exposed mass/80 percent covered mass, or with actual mass areas modeled as separate covered and exposed mass surfaces. Exposed mass surfaces covered with flooring materials that is in direct contact with the slab can be ~~considered~~ modeled as exposed mass. Examples of such materials are tile, stone, vinyl, linoleum, and hard wood.

#### ***STANDARD DESIGN***

The conditioned slab floor in the standard design is assumed to be 20 percent exposed slab and 80 percent slab covered by carpet or casework. Interior mass assumptions as described in Section 2.5.4.1 are also assumed. No other mass elements are modeled in the standard design. The standard design mass is modeled with the following characteristics:

- The conditioned slab floor area (slab area) shall have a thickness of 3.5 inches; a volumetric heat capacity of 28 Btu/ft<sup>3</sup>-°F; a conductivity of 0.98 Btu-in/hr-ft<sup>2</sup>-°F. The exposed portion shall have a surface conductance of 1.3 Btu/h-ft<sup>2</sup>-°F (no thermal resistance on the surface) and the covered portion shall have a surface conductance of 0.50 Btu/h-ft<sup>2</sup>-°F, typical of a carpet and pad.
- The “exposed” portion of the conditioned non-slab floor area shall have a thickness of 2.0 inches; a volumetric heat capacity of 28 Btu/ft<sup>3</sup>-°F; a conductivity of 0.98 Btu-in/hr- ft<sup>2</sup>-°F; and a surface conductance of 1.3 Btu/h- ft<sup>2</sup>-°F (no added thermal resistance on the surface). These

thermal mass properties apply to the “exposed” portion of non-slab floors for both the proposed design and standard design. The covered portion of non-slab floors is assumed to have no thermal mass.

#### **~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~Exposed mass greater than 20 percent exposed slab on grade and any other mass modeled by the user shall be is reported as a special feature on the CF1R.~~

### 2.5.6.5 Doors

Doors are defined as an opening in a building envelope. If the rough opening of a door includes fenestration equal to 25 percent or more of glass or fenestration, it is fenestration (see Section 2.5.6.6). Doors with less than 25 percent fenestration are an opaque door.

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The compliance software shall allow users to enter doors specifying the U-factor, area, and orientation. Doors to the exterior or to unconditioned zones are modeled as part of the conditioned zone. For doors with less than ~~50~~25 percent glass area, the U-factor shall come from *JA4, Table 4.5.1* (default U-factor ~~0.50~~20), or from NFRC certification data for the entire door. For unrated doors, the glass area of the door, calculated as the sum of all glass surfaces plus two inches on all sides of the glass (to account for a frame), is modeled under the rules for fenestrations; the opaque area of the door is considered the total door area minus this calculated glass area. Doors with ~~50~~25 percent or more glass area are modeled under the rules for fenestrations using the total area of the door.

When modeling a garage zone, large garage doors (metal roll-up or wood) are modeled with a 1.0 U-factor.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design has the same door area for each dwelling unit as the proposed design. The standard design door area is distributed equally between the four main compass points—north, east, south and west. The U-factors for the standard design are taken from Section 150.1(c) and Tables 150.1-A or 150.1-B. All swinging opaque doors are assumed to have a U-factor of ~~0.50~~20. The net opaque wall area is reduced by the door area in the standard design.

Fire-rated doors have a standard design U-factor equal to the proposed design U-factor.

#### **~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~Door area and U-factor are reported on the CF1R.~~

### 2.5.6.6 Fenestration

Fenestration is modeled with a U-factor and solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC). Acceptable sources of these values are National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC), default tables from Section 110.6 of the standards, and *Reference Appendix NA6*.

In limited cases for certain site-built fenestration that is field fabricated the performance factors (U-factor, SHGC) may come from *Nonresidential Reference Appendix NA6* as described in exception 4 to Section 150.1(c)3A.

There is no detailed model of chromogenic fenestration available at this time. As allowed by exception 3 to Section 150.1(c)3A, the lower rated labeled U-factor and SHGC may be used only when installed with automatic controls as noted in the exception. Chromogenic fenestration cannot be averaged with non-chromogenic fenestration.

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The compliance software allows users to enter individual skylights and fenestration types, the U-factor, SHGC, area, orientation, and tilt.

Performance data (U-factors and SHGC) is from NFRC values or from the Energy Commission default tables from Section 110.6 of the standards. In spaces other than sunspaces, solar gains from windows or skylights use the California simulation engine (CSE) default solar gain targeting.

Skylights are a fenestration with a slope of 60 degrees or more. Skylights are modeled as part of a roof.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

If the proposed design fenestration area is less than 20 percent of the conditioned floor area, the standard design fenestration area is set equal to the proposed design fenestration area. Otherwise, the standard design fenestration area is set equal to 20 percent of the conditioned floor area. The standard design fenestration area is distributed equally between the four main compass points—north, east, south and west.

The standard design has no skylights.

The net wall area on each orientation is reduced by the fenestration area and door area on each facade. The U-factor and SHGC performance factors for the standard design are taken from Section 150.1(c) and Table 150.1-A ~~or 150.1-B(Package A)~~, which is 0.30 U-factor in all climate zones. SHGC is 0.23 in climate zones 2, 4, and 6-15. Where ~~Package A has~~ there is no prescriptive requirement (climate zones 1, 3, 5, and 16), the SHGC is set to ~~0.50~~0.35.

#### **~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~Fenestration area, U-factor, SHGC, and orientation, and tilt are reported on the CF1R.~~

### 2.5.6.7 Overhangs and Sidesfins

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

Software users enter a set of basic parameters for a description of an overhang and sidesfin for each individual fenestration or window area entry. The basic parameters include fenestration height, overhang/sidesfin length, and overhang/sidesfin height. Compliance software user entries for

overhangs may also include fenestration width, overhang left extension, and overhang right extension. Compliance software user entries for sidefins may also include fin left extension and fin right extension for both left and right fins. Walls at right angles to windows may be modeled as sidefins.

Figure 3: Overhang Dimensions

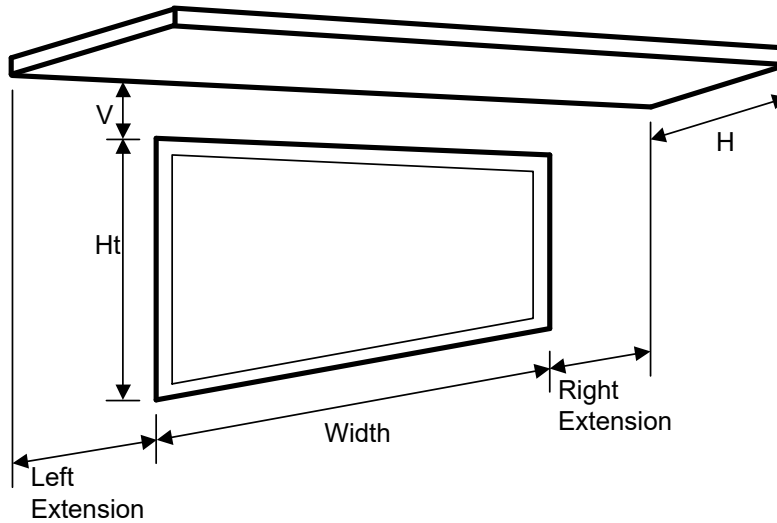
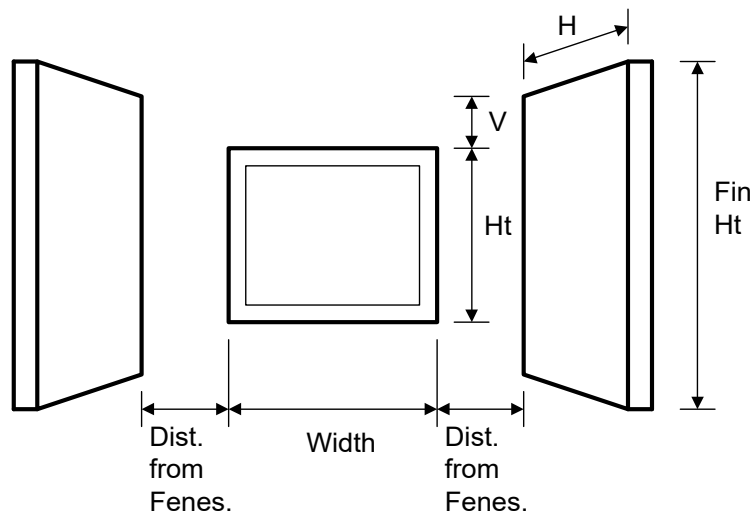


Figure 4: Sidefin Dimensions



**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design does not have overhangs or sidefins.

**VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

Overhang and fin dimensions are reported on the CF1R.

### 2.5.6.8 Interior Shading Devices

For both the proposed and standard design, all windows are assumed to have draperies and skylights are assumed to have no interior shading. Window medium drapes are closed at night and half open in the daytime hours. Interior shading is not a compliance variable and is not user editable.

### 2.5.6.9 Exterior Shading

For both the proposed and standard design, all windows are assumed to have bug screens and skylights are assumed to have no exterior shading. Exterior shading is modeled as an additional glazing system layer using the ASHWAT calculation.

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The compliance software shall require the user to accept the default exterior shading devices, which are bug screens for windows and none for skylights. Credit for shading devices that are allowable for prescriptive compliance are not allowable in performance compliance.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design shall assume bug screens. The standard design does not have skylights.

### 2.5.6.10 Slab on Grade Floors

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The software allows users to enter areas and exterior perimeter of slabs that are heated or unheated, covered or exposed, and with or without slab-edge insulation. Perimeter is the length of wall between conditioned space and the exterior, but it does not include edges that cannot be insulated, such as between the house and the garage. The default condition for the proposed design is that 80 percent of each slab area is carpeted or covered by walls and cabinets, and 20 percent is exposed. Inputs other than the default condition require that carpet and exposed slab conditions are documented on the construction plans.

When the proposed heating distribution is radiant floor heating (heated slab), the software user will identify that the slab is heated and model the proposed slab edge insulation. The mandatory minimum requirement is R-5 insulation in climate zones 1 through 15 and R-10 in climate zone 16 (Section 110.8(g), Table 110.8-A).

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design perimeter lengths and slab on grade areas are the same as the proposed design. Eighty percent of standard design slab area is carpeted and 20 percent is exposed. For the standard design, an unheated slab edge has no insulation with the exception of climate zone 16, which assumes R-7 to a depth of 16 inches. The standard design for a heated slab is a heated slab with the mandatory slab edge insulation of R-5 in climate zones 1 through 15 and R-10 in climate zone 16.

**VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

~~Slab areas, perimeter lengths, and inputs of other than the default condition are reported on the CF1R.~~

**2.5.6.11 Underground Floors****PROPOSED DESIGN**

The software allows users to enter areas and depth below grade of slab floors occurring below grade. Unlike slab-on-grade floors, there is no perimeter length associated with underground floors.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design underground floor areas are the same as the proposed design.

**2.5.6.112.5.6.12 Raised Floors****PROPOSED DESIGN**

The software allows the user to input floor areas and constructions for raised floors over a crawl space, over exterior (garage or unconditioned), over a controlled ventilation crawl space, and concrete raised floors. The proposed floor area and constructions are consistent with the actual building design.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design has the same area and type of construction as the proposed design. The thermal characteristics meet Section 150.1(c) and Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B. For floor areas that are framed construction, the standard design floor has R-19 in 2x6 wood framing, 16-in. on center (0.037 U-factor). For floor areas that are concrete raised floor, the standard design floor is 6 inches of normal weight concrete with R-8 continuous insulation in climate zones 1, 2, 11, 13, 14, 16; climate zones 12 and 15 have R-4; R 4 in climate zoned 12 and 15, and R 0 in climate zones 3 through 10 have R-0.

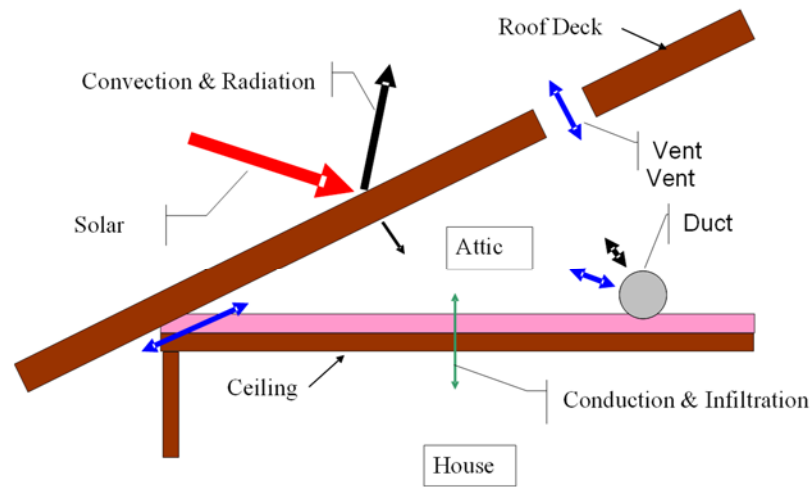
**VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

~~Raised floor areas and constructions are reported on the CF1R.~~

## 2.6 Attics

The compliance software models attics as a separate thermal zone and includes the interaction with the air distribution ducts, infiltration exchange between the attic and the house, the solar gains on the roof deck, and other factors. These interactions are illustrated in Figure 5.

Figure 5: Attic Model Components



## 2.6.1 Attic Components

### 2.6.1.1 Roof Rise

This is the ratio of rise to run (or pitch), and refers to the number of feet the roof rises vertically for every 12 feet horizontally. For roofs with multiple pitches, the roof rise that makes up the largest roof area is used.

### 2.6.1.2 Vent Area

This value is the vent area as a fraction of attic floor area. This value is not a compliance variable and is assumed to be a value equal to attic floor area/300.

### 2.6.1.3 Fraction High

The fraction of the vent area that is high due to the presence of ridge, roof, or gable end mounted vents. Soffit vents are considered low ventilation. Default value is zero for attics with standard ventilation. Attics with radiant barriers are required to have a vent high fraction of at least 0.3.

### 2.6.1.4 Roof Deck/Surface Construction

Typical roof construction types are concrete or clay tile, metal tile, or wood shakes, or other high or low sloped roofing types.

### 2.6.1.5 Solar Reflectance

This input is a fraction that specifies the certified aged reflectance of the roofing material or 0.1 default value for uncertified materials. The installed value must be equal to or higher than the value specified here. Roof construction with a roof membrane mass of at least 25 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> or a roof area that has integrated solar collectors is assumed to meet the minimum solar reflectance.



### 2.6.1.6 Thermal Emittance

The certified aged thermal emittance (or emissivity) of the roofing material, or a default value. The installed value must be equal to or greater than the value modeled here. Default value is 0.85 if certified aged thermal emittance value is not available from the Cool Roof Rating Council ([www.coolroofs.org](http://www.coolroofs.org)). Roof construction with a roof membrane mass of at least 25 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> or roof area incorporated integrated solar collectors are assumed to meet the minimal thermal emittance.

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The conditioning is either ventilated or unventilated. Each characteristic of the roof is modeled to reflect the proposed construction. Values for solar reflectance and thermal emittance shall be default or from the Cool Roof Rating Council.

Roofs with solar collectors or with thermal mass over the roof membrane with a weight of at least 25 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> may model the ~~Package A~~ prescriptive values for solar reflectance and thermal emittance.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design depends on the variables of the climate zone and roof slope. Low-sloped roofs (with a roof rise of 2 feet in 12 or less) in climate zones 13 and 15 will have a standard design aged solar reflectance of 0.63 and a thermal emittance of 0.85.

Steep-sloped roofs in climate zones 10 ~~through~~ 15 will have a standard design roof with an aged solar reflectance of 0.20 and a minimum thermal emittance of 0.85.

Roofs with solar collectors or with thermal mass over the roof membrane with a weight of at least 25 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> are assumed to meet the standard design values for solar reflectance and thermal emittance.

#### **~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~A reflectance of 0.20 or higher is reported as a cool roof, a value higher than the default but less than 0.20 is reported as a non-standard roof reflectance value.~~

## 2.6.2 Ceiling Below Attic

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

For each conditioned zone, the user enters the area and construction of each ceiling surface that is below an attic space. The compliance software shall allow a user to enter multiple ceiling constructions. Surfaces that tilt 60 degrees or more are treated as knee walls and are not included as ceilings. The sum of areas shall equal the overall ceiling area with conditioned space on the inside and unconditioned attic space on the other side.

The compliance software creates an attic zone with a floor area equal to the sum of the areas of all of the user input ceilings below an attic in the building. The user specifies the framing and spacing, the materials of the frame path, and the R-value of the insulation path for each ceiling construction.

The user inputs the proposed insulation R-value rounded to the nearest whole R-value. For simulation, all ceiling below attic insulation is assumed to have nominal properties of R-2.6 per inch, a density of 0.5 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> and a specific heat of 0.2 Btu/lb.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design shall have the same area of ceiling below attic as the proposed design. The ceiling/framing construction is based on the ~~Package A~~ prescriptive requirement and standard framing is assumed to be 2"x4" wood trusses at 24 inches on center.

#### **~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~The area, insulation R value, and layer of each construction are reported on the CF1R.~~

### 2.6.3 Attic Roof Surface and Pitch

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The roof pitch is the ratio of rise to run, (for example: 4:12 or 5:12). If the proposed design has more than one roof pitch, the pitch of the largest area is used.

The compliance software creates an attic zone roof. The roof area is calculated as the ceiling below attic area divided by the cosine of the roof slope where the roof slope is an angle in degrees from the horizontal. The roof area is then divided into four equal sections with each section sloping in one of the cardinal directions (north, east, south and west). Gable walls, dormers, or other exterior vertical surfaces that enclose the attic are ignored.

If the user specifies a roof with a pitch less than 2:12, the compliance software creates an attic with a flat roof that is 30 inches above the ceiling.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design shall have the same roof pitch, roof surface area, and orientations as the proposed design.

#### **~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~The roof pitch is reported on the CF1R.~~

### 2.6.4 Attic Conditioning

Attics may be ventilated or unventilated. Insulation in a ventilated attic is usually at the ceiling level, but could also be located at the roof deck. Unventilated attics usually have insulation located at the roof deck and sometimes on the ceiling (Section 150.0(a)).

In an unventilated attic, the roof system becomes part of the insulated building enclosure. Local building jurisdictions may impose additional requirements.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

A conventional attic is modeled as ventilated. When an attic will not be vented, attic conditioning is modeled as unventilated.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

Attic ventilation is set to ventilated for the standard design.

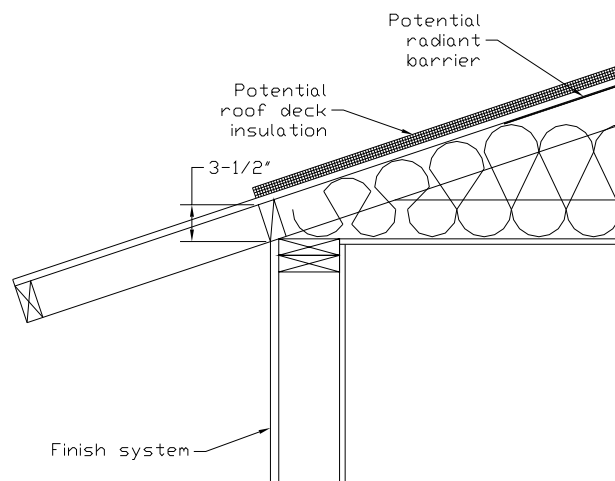
**~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~The attic conditioning (ventilated or unventilated) is reported on the CF1R.~~

**2.6.5 Attic Edge**

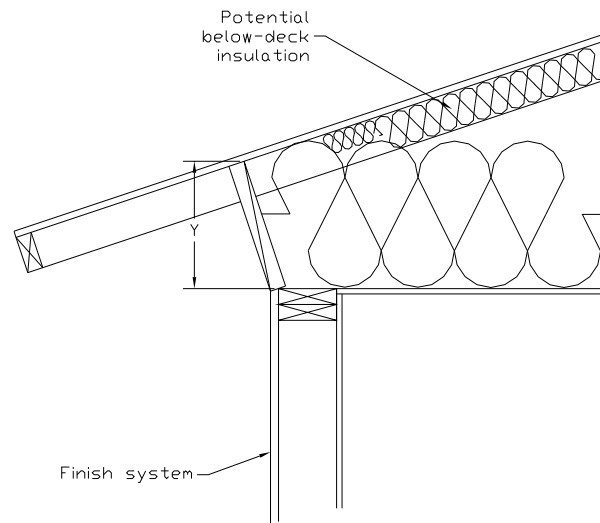
With a standard roof truss (Figure 6), the depth of the ceiling insulation is restricted to the space left between the roof deck and the wall top plate for the insulation path, and the space between the bottom and top chord of the truss in the framing path. If the modeled insulation completely fills this space, there is no attic air space at the edge of the roof. Heat flow through the ceiling in this attic edge area is directly to the outside both horizontally and vertically, instead of to the attic space. Measures that depend on an attic air space, such as radiant barriers or ventilation, do not affect the heat flows in the attic edge area.

Figure 6: Section at Attic Edge with Standard Truss



A raised heel truss (Figure 7) provides additional height at the attic edge that, depending on the height  $Y$  and the ceiling insulation  $R$ , can either reduce or eliminate the attic edge area and its thermal impact.

Figure 7: Section at Attic Edge with a Raised Heel Truss



For cases where the depth of insulation (including below deck insulation depth) is greater than the available height at the attic edge, the compliance software automatically creates cathedral ceiling surfaces to represent the attic edge area and adjusts the dimensions of the attic air space using the algorithms contained in the document *20162019 Residential Alternative Calculation Method Algorithms*. If above deck insulation is modeled, it is included in the attic edge cathedral ceiling constructions, but radiant barriers below the roof deck are not.

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The compliance software shall allow the user to specify that a raised heel truss will be used (as supported by construction drawings), with the default being a standard truss as shown in Figure 6. If the user selects a raised heel truss, the compliance software will require the user to specify the vertical distance between the wall top plate and the bottom of the roof deck (Y in Figure 7).

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design shall have a standard truss with the default vertical distance of 3.5 inches between wall top plate and roof deck.

#### **VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

~~A raised heel truss is a special feature and its vertical height above the top plate will be included on the CF1R.~~

## 2.6.6 The Roof Deck

The roof deck is the construction at the top of the attic and includes the solar optic properties of the exterior surface, the roofing type, the framing, insulation, air gaps, and other features. These are illustrated in Figure 8, which shows a detailed section through the roof deck.

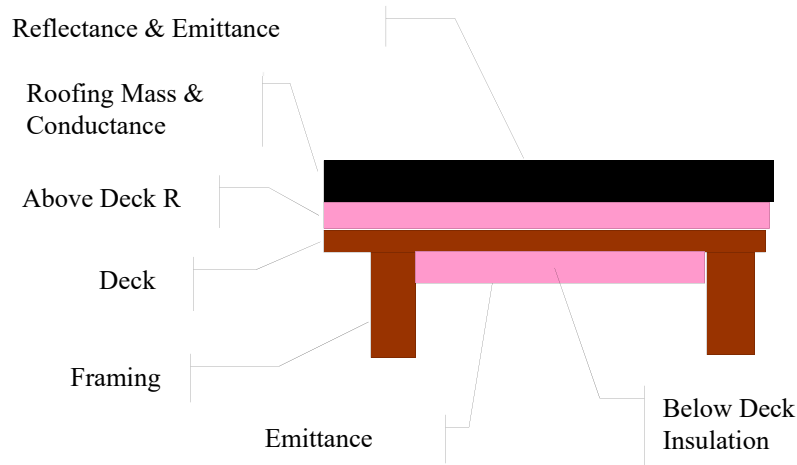


Figure 8: Components of the Attic Through Roof Deck

### 2.6.6.1 Radiant Barrier

Radiant barriers are used to reduce heat flow at the bottom of the roof deck in the attic. A 0.05 emittance is modeled at the bottom surface of the roof deck if radiant barriers are used. If no radiant barrier is used, the value modeled is 0.9. If radiant barrier is installed over existing skip sheathing in a reroofing application, 0.5 is modeled.

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The user shall specify whether or not the proposed design has a:

- Radiant Barrier
- No Radiant Barrier

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design shall have a radiant barrier if required by the prescriptive standards (Section 150.1(c) and Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B) for the applicable climate zone with Option B.

#### **VERIFICATION AND REPORTING**

~~Radiant barriers are reported as a special feature on the CF1R.~~

### 2.6.6.2 Below Deck Insulation

Below deck insulation is insulation that will be installed below the roof deck between the roof trusses or rafters.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

The compliance software shall allow the user to specify the R-value of insulation that will be installed below the roof deck between the roof trusses or rafters. The default is no below deck roof insulation.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design has below deck insulation.

**~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~The R-value of any below deck insulation is reported as a special feature on the CF1R.~~

**2.6.6.3 Roof Deck and Framing**

The roof deck is the structural surface that supports the roofing. The compliance software assumes a standard wood deck and this is not a compliance variable. The size, spacing, and material of the roof deck framing are compliance variables.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

The roof deck is wood siding/sheathing/decking. The compliance software shall default the roof deck framing to 2x4 trusses at 24 in. on center. The compliance software shall allow the user to specify alternative framing size, material, and framing spacing.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design is 2x4 trusses at 24 in. on center.

**~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~Non-standard roof deck framing or spacing is reported as a special feature on the CF1R.~~

**2.6.6.4 Above Deck Insulation**

Above deck insulation represents the insulation value of the air gap in “concrete or clay tile” or “metal tile or wood shakes.” The R-value of any user modeled insulation layers between the roof deck and the roofing is added to the air gap value.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

This input defaults to R-0.85 for “concrete or clay tile” or for “metal tile or wood shakes” to represent the benefit of the air gap, but no additional insulation. The compliance software shall allow the user to specify the R-value of additional above deck insulation in any roof deck construction assembly.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design accounts for the air gap based on roofing type, but has no additional above deck insulation.

**~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~Above deck insulation R-value is reported as a special feature on the CF1R.~~

### 2.6.6.5 Roofing Type and Mass

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The choice of roofing type determines the air gap characteristics between the roofing material and the deck, and establishes whether other inputs are needed, as described below. The choices for roof type are shown below.

- **Concrete or clay tile.** These have significant thermal mass and an air gap between the deck and the tiles.
- **Metal tile or wood shakes.** These are lightweight, but have an air gap between the tiles or shakes and the deck. Note that tapered cedar shingles do not qualify and are treated as a conventional roof surface.
- **Other high slope roofing types.** This includes asphalt and composite shingles, and tapered cedar shingles. These products have no air gap between the shingles and the structural roof deck.
- **Low slope membranes.** These are basically flat roofs with a slope of 2:12 or less.
- **Above deck mass.** The above deck mass depends on the roofing type. The mass is 10 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> for concrete and clay tile and 5 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> for metal tile, wood shakes, or other high slope roofing types. For low slope roofs the additional thermal mass is assumed to be gravel or stone and the user chooses one of the following inputs that is less than or equal to the weight of the material being installed above the roof deck:
  - No mass
  - 5 lb/ft<sup>2</sup>
  - 10 lb/ft<sup>2</sup>
  - 15 lb/ft<sup>2</sup>
  - 25 lb/ft<sup>2</sup>

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The roof slope shall match the proposed design. The roof type for a steep slope roof is 10 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> tile. The roof type for low-slope roof is lightweight roof.

#### **~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~The roof type is reported on the CF1R.~~

### 2.6.6.6 Solar Reflectance and Thermal Emittance

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The compliance software shall allow the user to default the solar reflectance and thermal emittance of the roofing. The solar reflectance product default is 0.10 for all roof types. The thermal emittance default is 0.85.

The compliance software shall allow the user to input aged solar reflectance and thermal emittance of roofing material that are rated by the Cool Roof Rating Council. The installed value must be equal to or higher than the value specified here. Roof construction with a roof membrane mass of at least

25 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> or roof area incorporated integrated solar collectors are assumed to meet the minimal solar reflectance.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The solar reflectance and thermal emittance of the standard design roofing are as specified in the prescriptive Standards.

#### **~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~Thermal emittance and solar reflectance shall be reported on the CF1R. A reflectance of 0.20 or higher is reported as a cool roof, a value higher than the default but less than 0.20 is reported as a non-standard roof reflectance value.~~

## **2.7 Crawl Spaces**

The crawl space type is either a (1) normal vented crawl space (has a conditioned space above with raised floor insulation), (2) insulated with reduced ventilation [as used in the Building Code], or (3) sealed and mechanically ventilated crawl space (also called a controlled ventilation crawl space or CVC).

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The software user will model the crawl space as a separate unconditioned zone, selecting the appropriate crawl space type, with the perimeter of the crawlspace (in linear feet) and the height of the crawl space.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design has a typical vented crawlspace when a crawl space is shown. Otherwise the raised floor is assumed to be over exterior or unconditioned space.

#### **~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~The crawl space zone type and characteristics shall be reported on the CF1R. A controlled ventilation crawl space shall be reported as a special feature on the CF1R.~~

## **2.8 Garage/Storage**

An attached unconditioned space is modeled as a separate unconditioned zone. While the features of this space have no effect on compliance directly, it is modeled to accurately represent the building. The modeling of the garage will shade the walls adjacent to conditioned space and will also have a lower air temperature (than the outside) adjacent to those walls. The walls and door that separate the conditioned zone from the garage are modeled as part of the conditioned zone.



**PROPOSED DESIGN**

The software user will model the area and type for the floor, exterior walls (ignore windows), large metal roll-up or wood doors (assume a 1.0 U-factor), and roof/ceiling (typically an attic or the same as the conditioned zone).

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design building has the same features as the proposed design.

**~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~**

~~The presence of an attached garage or unconditioned space is reported as general information on the CF1R. The general characteristics of the unconditioned zone are reported on the CF1R.~~

## 2.9 Domestic Hot Water (DHW)

Water heating energy use is based on the number of dwelling units, number of bedrooms, fuel type, distribution system, water heater type, and conditioned floor area. Detailed calculation information is included in Appendix B.

~~Beginning June 12, 2017, Energy Factor (EF) ratings are replaced with the new federal standard for water heating energy efficiency, Uniform Energy Factor (UEF). The classification of small and large water heater change to consumer and commercial heaters, respectively, and a new class of residential duty commercial water heater.~~

~~For the remainder of the 2016 Standards cycle, any UEF input is converted to EF by the software using methods described in Appendix B.~~

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

The water heating system is defined by the heater type (gas, electric resistance, or heat pump), tank type, dwelling unit distribution type, central system distribution, efficiency (either ~~EF~~, UEF or recovery efficiency with the standby loss), tank volume, exterior insulation R-value (only for indirect), rated input, and tank location (for electric resistance and heat pump water heater only).

Heat pump water heaters are defined by their energy factor, volume, and tank location or, for Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) rated heat pumps, by selecting the specific heater brand, model, and tank location.

Water heater and tank types include:

- Consumer/~~small~~ storage:  $\leq 75,000$  Btu/h gas/propane,  $\leq 12$  kW electric, or  $\leq 24$  amps heat pump. Rated with UEF ~~or EF~~.
- Consumer/~~small~~ instantaneous:  $\leq 200,000$  Btu/h gas or propane, or  $\leq 12$  kW electric. Instantaneous water heater is a water heater with an input rating of  $\geq 4,000$  Btu/h/gallon of stored water; rated with a UEF ~~or EF~~.

- Residential-D~~uty~~ C~~ommercial~~ storage: > 75,000 Btu/h, and ≤ 105,000 Btu/h gas/propane, ≤ 12 kW electric, ≤ 24 amps heat pump, and rated storage volume < 120 gallons; rated with a UEF.
- Residential-D~~uty~~ C~~ommercial~~ (large)-instantaneous: ≤ 200,000 Btu/h gas/propane, ≤ 58.6 kW electric, and rated storage volume ≤ 2 gallons; rated with a UEF.
- Commercial/Large storage: > 75,000 Btu/h gas/propane, >105,000 Btu/h oil, or > 12 kW electric; rated with thermal efficiency and standby loss.
- Commercial/Large instantaneous: >200,000 Btu/h gas/propane, > 12 kW electric.  
Instantaneous water heater is a water heater with an input rating of ≥ 4,000 Btu/h per gallon of stored water; rated with thermal efficiency.
- Heat pump water heater: ≤ 24 amps, Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) rating, or rated with UEF.
- Mini-tank (only modeled in conjunction with an instantaneous gas water heater): a small electric storage buffering tank that may be installed downstream of an instantaneous gas water heater to mitigate delivered water temperatures (e.g., cold water sandwich effect). If the standby loss of this aftermarket tank is not listed in the Energy Commission appliance database, a standby loss of 35 W must be assumed.
- Indirect: a tank with no heating element or combustion device used in combination with a boiler or other device serving as the heating element.
- Boiler: a water boiler that supplies hot water, rated with thermal efficiency or AFUE.

Heater element type includes:

- Electric resistance
- Gas
- Heat pump

For water heating systems serving a single dwelling unit, a dwelling unit distribution type must be specified. Dwelling unit distribution system types for systems serving individual dwelling units include:

- Standard (all distribution pipes insulated)
- Point of use
- Central parallel piping
- Recirculation with non-demand control (continuous pumping)
- Recirculation with demand control, push button
- Recirculation with demand control, occupancy/motion sensor
- HERS required pipe insulation, all lines

- HERS required central parallel piping
- HERS required recirculation, demand control, push button
- HERS required recirculation with demand control, occupancy/motion sensor
- ~~HERS required compact distribution system~~

When a multi-family building has central water heating, both a dwelling unit and a central system distribution type must be specified. Dwelling unit distribution types for this case include:

- Standard (~~a~~All distribution pipes insulated)
- HERS required pipe insulation, all lines

Multifamily central hot water heating central system distribution types include:

- No loops or recirculation system pump
- Recirculation with no control (continuous pumping)
- Recirculation demand control (standard design for new construction)
- Recirculation with temperature modulation control
- Recirculation with temperature modulation and monitoring

Some distribution systems have an option to increase the amount of credit received if the option for HERS verification is selected. See Appendix B for the amount of credit and *Reference Appendices, Residential Appendix Table RA2-1* for a summary of inspection requirements.

#### Distribution Compactness:

Applicable to single dwelling units or multifamily with individual water heater in each dwelling unit. Distribution Compactness identifies the proximity between the water heater and use points. The distribution compactness of the water heating system must be specified. The choices include:

- None
- Compact Distribution Basic Credit
- Compact Distribution Expanded Credit (HERS)

For both compact distribution basic credit and expanded credit, the plan view distance direct distance between the water heater and the master bedroom, kitchen, and furthest fixture must be specified. The software will automatically determine if the distances qualifies for the credit. If no compact distribution credit is specified, no additional information is needed.

#### Drain Water Heat Recovery:

Drain Water Heat Recovery (DWHR) is a system where waste heat from shower drains is used to preheat the cold inlet water. The preheat water can be routed to the served shower, water heater, or both.

The user specifies the DHWR device for the water heating system. The rated efficiency of the DWHR device, the number of shower(s) served, and the configuration must be specified. The configuration choices include:

- Equal flow to shower and water heater: Potable-side heat exchanger output feeds both the fixture and the water heater inlet. Potable and drain flow rates are equal assuming no other simultaneous hot water draws.
- Unequal flow to shower: Potable-side heat exchanger output feeds the inlet(s) of the water heater(s) that are part of the parent DHW system (inlet temperature is adjusted to reflect recovered heat).
- Unequal flow to water heater: Potable-side heat exchanger output feeds only the associated fixture.

Multiple DHWR devices can be used for a water heater system.

### **STANDARD DESIGN**

#### **2.9.1 Individual dwelling units**

~~For systems serving individual dwelling units~~If the proposed water heater is natural gas or propane, the standard design is a single gas or propane consumer instantaneous water heater for each dwelling unit. The standard design is natural gas except if the proposed water heater is propane; then the standard is modeled as propane. The single consumer instantaneous water heater is modeled with an input of 200,000 Btu/h, a tank volume of zero gallons, high draw pattern, and a UEF meeting the minimum federal standards. The current minimum federal standard for a high draw pattern instantaneous water heater is 0.81 UEF, or the equivalent of 0.82 energy factor for the standard system.

If the proposed water heater is an electric resistance or a heat pump water heater, the standard design is a single heat pump water heater with a 2.0 UEF, basic-compact distribution basic credit, and drain water heat recovery system.

#### **2.9.2 Multiple dwelling units**

When the proposed design is a central water heating system, the standard design consists of the water heating devices, a recirculation system, and solar systems as follows:

**Water heating device.** The standard design consists of the same number of water heating devices as the proposed design using the efficiencies required in the Appliance Efficiency Standards. The standard design is natural gas when the proposed device is natural gas. The standard design is propane except if the proposed water heater device is propane, then the standard is modeled as propane. Each water heating device in the proposed system is examined separately. If the proposed water heating device is gas or propane, the standard design is set to the same type and characteristics as the proposed design.

If the proposed water heating device is not natural gas or propane electric resistance or heat pump with no recirculating loops (less than eight dwelling units), then the standard design is a heat pump water heater with 2.0 Energy Factor/UEF converted to a gas or propane water heater of a

~~similar type and characteristics as the proposed design. If the proposed central water heating device is electric resistance or heat pump with recirculating loops, the standard design is natural gas or propane.~~

The appropriate efficiencies and standby losses for each standard water heating device are then assigned to match the minimum requirements of the definitions and ~~Tables F 2 and F 3 of the 2015 Appliance Efficiency Standards~~ Federal Register Volume 81, No. 250.

**Recirculating system.** The standard design includes a recirculation system with controls that regulate pump operation based on measurement of hot water demand and hot water return temperature, and capable of turning off the system as described in Appendix B4 Hourly Recirculation Distribution Loss for Central Water Heating Systems. ~~When a building has more than eight dwelling units, the standard design has one recirculation loop. When a building with eight or fewer dwelling units includes a recirculation system, the standard design has one recirculation loop.~~

**Solar thermal water heating system.** The standard design has a solar water heating system meeting the installation criteria specified in *Reference Residential Appendix RA4* and with a minimum solar savings fraction of 0.20 in climate zones 1 ~~through 9~~, or 0.35 in climate zones 10 ~~through 16~~.

#### ~~VERIFICATION AND REPORTING~~

~~All modeled features and the number of devices modeled for the water heating system are reported on the CF1R. Electric resistance and heat pump water heaters indicate the location of the water heater. NEEA-rated heat pumps are identified by the brand and model, which must be verified by the building inspector.~~

~~Where distribution systems specify HERS verification, those features are listed in the HERS required verification listings on the CF1R.~~

### 2.9.3 Solar Thermal Water Heating Credit

When a water heating system has a solar thermal system to provide part of the water heating, the Solar Fraction (SF) is determined using the Energy Commission Solar Water Heating Calculator, OG-100 calculation method, or the certified OG-300 rating. (Note: The OG-300 rating can only be used for system serving individual dwelling units and not central systems.) The calculation method requires that the user specify the climate zone and conditioned floor area, in addition to published data for the solar thermal water heating system.

## 2.10 Additions/Alterations

Addition and alteration compliance is based on standards Section 150.2. The energy budget for additions and alterations is based on TDV energy. Alterations must model the entire dwelling unit.

~~When there is no addition, Section 150.2(b)2 requires at least two components of the residence must be altered. Additions may be modeled as an entirely new building (whole building), addition alone, or as “existing+addition+alteration,” or the entire building may be modeled as an entirely new building (whole building, Section 150.2(c)).~~

Additions that are 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> or less are exempt from dwelling unit ventilation requirements of Section 150.0(o)1C, 150.0(o)1E, or 150.0(o)1F. When an addition to any building creates a new dwelling unit, this exception does not apply.

The standard design does not include:

- Cool roof when an addition is 300 ft<sup>2</sup> or less;
- Ventilation cooling for additions that are 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> or less; and
- Solar generation/PV requirements.

### ***2.10.1 Whole Building***

The entire proposed building, including all additions and/or alterations, is modeled the same as a newly constructed building. The building complies if the proposed design uses equal or less energy than the standard design. This is a difficult standard to meet as the existing building usually does not meet current standards and must be upgraded.

### ***2.10.2 Alteration Alone Approach***

The proposed alteration alone floor area is modeled. The alteration requirements of Section 150.2(b) are applied to any features that are not existing.

### ***2.10.2.2.10.3 Addition Alone Approach***

The proposed addition alone is modeled the same as a newly constructed building except that the internal gains are prorated based on the size of the dwelling. None of the exceptions included for prescriptive additions, which are implemented in the existing plus addition compliance approach (see Section 2.10.4), are given to the addition alone approach (see Standards Section 150.2(a)2.B.) The addition complies if the proposed design uses equal or less space heating, space cooling, and water heating TDV energy than the standard design.

The addition alone approach shall not be used when alterations to the existing building are proposed. Modifications to any surfaces between the existing building and the addition are part of the addition and are not considered alterations.

#### ***PROPOSED DESIGN***

The user shall indicate that an addition alone is being modeled and enter the conditioned floor area of the addition. Any surfaces that are between the existing building and the addition are

either not modeled or are treated as adiabatic surfaces. All other features of the addition shall be modeled the same as a newly constructed building.

When an existing HVAC system is extended to serve the addition, the proposed design shall assume the same efficiency for the HVAC equipment as the standard design (see Sections 2.4.1 and 2.4.5).

When a dual-glazed greenhouse or garden window is installed in an addition or alteration, the proposed design U-factor can be assumed to be 0.~~32~~30.

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The addition alone is modeled the same as a newly constructed building, with the following exceptions:

- A. When roofing requirements are included in Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B, they are included in the standard design if the added conditioned floor area is greater than 300 ft<sup>2</sup>.
- B. When ventilation cooling (whole-house fan) is required by Table 150.1-A or 150.1-B, it is included in the standard design when the added conditioned floor area is greater than 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>. The capacity shall be based on 1.5 ~~cfm~~CFM/ft<sup>2</sup> of conditioned floor area for the entire dwelling unit conditioned floor area.
- C. When compliance with indoor air quality requirements of Section 150.0(o) apply to an addition with greater than 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> added, the conditioned floor area of the entire dwelling unit shall be used to determine the required ventilation airflow. For additions with 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> or less of added conditioned floor area, no indoor air quality requirements ~~shall~~ apply.

~~E.D.PV requirements are not included.~~

#### **2.10.32.10.4 Existing + Addition + Alteration Approach**

Standards Sections 150.2(a)2 ~~and (b)2~~ contains the provisions for additions and Section (b)2 for alterations ~~to be modeled by including when~~ the existing building is included in the calculations. This is called the “Existing + Addition + Alteration” (or “E+A+A”) performance approach.

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

The proposed design is modeled by identifying each energy feature as part of the existing building (as existing, altered or new), or as part of the addition, or an alteration. The compliance software uses this information to create an E+A+A standard design using the rules in the standards that take into account whether altered components meet or exceed the threshold at which they receive a compliance credit and whether any related measures are triggered by altering a given component.

For building surfaces and systems designated below, all compliance software must provide an input field with labels for the proposed design, which define how the standard design requirements are established based on the option selected by the software user:

- **Existing:** remains unchanged within the proposed design (both standard design and proposed design have the same features and characteristics).
- **Altered:** the surface or system is altered in the proposed design. No verification of existing conditions is assumed with this designation.
- **Verified Altered:** the surface or system is altered in the proposed design and the original condition is verified by a HERS rater (an optional selection).
- **New:** a new surface or system is added in the proposed design (may be in the existing building or the addition).

~~Deleted f~~Features ~~removed~~ are not included in the proposed design.

~~The user chooses whether an altered feature includes “Third Party Verification” of an existing condition (see Section 150.2, Table 150.2-CB) specifies the details of the standard design for altered components based on whether verification of existing conditions is selected or not:~~

**Altered** with no third party verification of existing conditions (the default selection). This compliance path does not require an on-site inspection of existing conditions prior to the start of construction. The attributes of the existing condition is undefined, with the standard design for altered components based on Section 150.2, Table 150.2-B and the climate zone. Energy compliance credit or penalty is a function of the difference between the value for that specific feature allowed in Table 150.2-B and the modeled/installed efficiency of the feature.

**Verified Altered** existing conditions. This compliance path requires that a HERS rater perform an on-site inspection of pre-alteration conditions prior to construction. If an altered component or system meets or exceeds the prescriptive alteration requirements, the compliance software uses the user-defined and verified existing condition as the standard design value. Energy compliance credit is then based on the difference between the verified existing condition for that altered feature and the modeled/installed efficiency of the proposed design.

#### 2.10.4.1 QII

##### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design includes OII for additions greater than 700 square feet in any low-rise single family building in climate zones 1-16, and in any low-rise multifamily building in climate zones 1-6 and 8-16 (Section 150.2(a)1Bv).

The provisions of Section 150.2(a)1Aiv, as applied to converting an existing unconditioned space to conditioned space, are accommodations made by the HERS rater in the field. No adjustments to the energy budget are made.



**2.10.4.2 PV**

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design (Section 150.1(c)14) does not include PV for additions and alterations.

**2.10.3.12.10.4.3 Roof/Ceilings**

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design roof/ceiling construction assembly is based on the proposed design assembly type as shown in Table 24. For additions less than or equal to 700 square feet, radiant barrier requirements follow Option C (Section 150.1(c)9B). The standard design for unaltered ceilings and roofs is the existing condition.

**Table 24: Addition Standard Design for Roofs/Ceilings**

Proposed Design Roof/Ceiling Types	Standard Design Based on Proposed Roof/Ceiling Status				Verified Altered
	Add ≤ 300 ft <sup>2</sup>	Add > 300 ft <sup>2</sup> and ≤ 700 ft	Addition > 700 ft <sup>2</sup>	Altered	
Roof Deck Insulation	NR	NR	CZ 4, 8-16 = R- <del>13</del> <u>19</u> below deck	<del>NR</del> CZ 4, 8-16 = R- <u>19</u> below deck	Existing
Ceilings Below Attic	R-22 / U-0.043 CZ 1, 11-16 = R- <u>38</u> CZ 2-10 = R-30	R-22 / U-0.043 CZ 1, 11-16 = R- <u>38</u> CZ 2-10 = R-30	CZ 1, 2, 4, 8-16 = R-38 ceiling CZ 3, 5-7 = R-30 ceiling	R-19 / U-0.054	Existing
Non-Attic (Cathedral) Ceilings and Roofs	R-22 / U-0.043	R-22 / U-0.043	Same as above	R-19 / U-0.054	Existing
Radiant Barrier	CZ 2-15 REQ CZ 1, 16 NR	CZ 2-15 REQ CZ 1, 16 NR	CZ 2, 3, 5-7 REQ CZ 1, 4, 8-16 NR	NR	Existing
Roofing Surface (Cool Roof) Steep Slope	NR	CZ 10-15 >0.20 Reflectance, >0.75 Emittance	CZ 10-15 >0.20 Reflectance, >0.75 Emittance	CZ 10-15 >0.20 Reflectance >0.75 Emittance	Existing
Roofing Surface (Cool Roof) Low Slope	NR	CZ 13, 15 > 0.63 Reflectance, >0.75 Emittance	CZ 13, 15 > 0.63 Reflectance, >0.75 Emittance	CZ 13, 15 > 0.63 Reflectance >0.75 Emittance	Existing

### 2.10.3.22.10.4.4 Exterior Walls and Doors

#### **PROPOSED DESIGN**

Existing structures with ~~R-11 insulation~~ wood framed walls that are being ~~altered or are in an area being~~ converted to conditioned space using an E+A+A approach are allowed to show compliance using the existing R-11-wall insulation framing, without having to upgrade to ~~R-13 current mandatory cavity insulation requirements or prescriptive continuous insulation requirements~~. The walls are modeled as an assembly with ~~R-11~~ the existing framing and either R-15 (in 2x4 framing) or R-21 (in 2x6 framing) insulation (Exception to Section 150.0(c)1 and Section 150.2(a)1).

#### **STANDARD DESIGN**

The areas, orientation and tilt of existing, new, and altered net exterior wall areas (with windows and doors subtracted) are the same in the existing and addition portions of standard design as the proposed design.

If the proposed wall area is framed, the gross exterior wall area (excluding knee walls) is equally divided between the four building orientations: front, left, back and right. The gross exterior wall area of any unframed walls is also equally divided between the four orientations in the standard design.

The standard design exterior wall construction assembly is based on the proposed design assembly type as shown in Table 25. Framed walls are modeled as 16-in. on center wood framing. The standard design for unaltered walls is the existing condition. ~~The software does not implement the prescriptive provision that allows eliminating continuous insulation for walls being extended to an addition.~~

The standard design for exterior opaque or swinging doors is 0.02 U-factor. Fire-rated doors (from the house to garage) use the proposed design door U-factor as the standard design U-factor.

**Table 25: Addition Standard Design for ~~Exterior Walls~~ and Doors**

Proposed Design Exterior Wall Assembly Type or Door	Standard Design Values Based on Proposed Wall Status		
	Addition	Altered	Verified Altered
<b>Framed &amp; Non-Mass Exterior Walls – Single Family</b>	CZ 1-5, 8-16 = <del>R1921</del> +R5 in 2x6 (U0.05148) CZ 6-7 = R15+R4 in 2x4 (U-0.065)	R-13 in 2x4 <del>R-1920</del> in 2x6	Existing
<b>Framed &amp; Non-Mass Exterior Walls – Multifamily</b>	CZ 1-5, 8-16 = R21+R4 in 2x6 (U0.051) CZ 6-7 = R15+R4 in 2x4 (U-0.065)	R-13 in 2x4 <del>R-1920</del> in 2x6	Existing
<b>Wood framed existing walls where siding is not removed</b> <b>Extension of an existing wall</b>	R-15 in 2x4 R-21 in 2x6	R-13 in 2x4 <del>R-201</del> in 2x6	Existing
<b>Framed Wall Adjacent to Unconditioned (e.g., Demising or Garage Wall)</b>	R-15 in 2x4 <del>R-1921</del> in 2x6	R-13 in 2x4 <del>R-1920</del> in 2x6	Existing
<b>Mass Interior Insulation</b>	CZ 1-15 = R-13 (0.077) CZ 16 = R-17 (0.059)	N/R Mandatory requirements have no insulation for mass walls	Existing
<b>Mass Exterior Insulation</b>	<del>CZ 1-15 = R-8</del> <del>CZ 16 = R-13</del>		Existing
<b>Below Grade Mass Interior Insulation</b>	CZ 1-15 = R-13 CZ 16 = R-15		Existing
<b>Swinging Doors</b>	0.20	0.20	Existing

## 2.10.3.32.10.4.5 Fenestration

Table 26: Addition Standard Design for Fenestration (in Walls and Roofs)

Proposed Design Fenestration Type	Standard Design Based on Proposed Fenestration Status				
	Add ≤ 400 ft <sup>2</sup>	Add > 400 and ≤ 700 ft <sup>2</sup>	Add > 700 ft <sup>2</sup>	Altered	Verified Altered
Vertical Glazing: Area and Orientation	75 ft <sup>2</sup> or 30%	120 ft <sup>2</sup> or 25%	175 ft <sup>2</sup> or 20%	See full description below.	Existing
West Facing Maximum Allowed	CZ2, 4, 6 -16 <del>5</del> =60 ft <sup>2</sup>	CZ2, 4, 6 -16 <del>5</del> =60 ft <sup>2</sup>	CZ2, 4, 6 -16 <del>5</del> =70 ft <sup>2</sup> or 5%	NR	NR
Vertical Glazing: U-Factor	<del>0.32</del> <u>0.30</u>	<del>0.32</del> <u>0.30</u>	<del>0.32</del> <u>0.30</u>	0.40	See below
Vertical Glazing: SHGC	<del>CZ2, 4, 6 -16=0.25 CZ 2, 4, 6-15=0.235 CZ1,3 &amp; 5=0.50</del> <u>CZ1,3, 5 &amp; 16=0.35</u>	<del>CZ2, 4, 6 -16=0.25 CZ 2, 4, 6-15=0.235</del> <u>CZ1,3 &amp; 5=0.50</u> <u>CZ1,3, 5 &amp; 16=0.35</u>	<del>CZ2, 4, 6 -16=0.25 CZ 2, 4, 6-15=0.235</del> <u>CZ1,3 &amp; 5=0.50</u> <u>CZ1,3, 5 &amp; 16=0.35</u>	<del>CZ2, 4 &amp; 6-16=0.35 CZ 2, 4, 6-15=0.35</del> <u>CZ1,3 &amp; 5=0.50</u> <u>CZ1,3, 5 &amp; 16=0.35</u>	Existing
Skylight: Area and Orientation	No skylight area in the standard design	No skylight area in the standard design	No skylight area in the standard design	NR	Existing
Skylight: U-Factor	<del>0.32</del> <u>0.30</u>	<del>0.32</del> <u>0.30</u>	<del>0.32</del> <u>0.30</u>	0.55	Existing
Skylight: SHGC	<del>CZ2, 4, 6 -16<del>5</del>=0.235 CZ1,3 &amp; 5=0.350</del>	<del>CZ2, 4, 6 -16<del>5</del>=0.230 CZ1,3 &amp; 5=0.350</del>	<del>CZ2, 4, 6 -16<del>5</del>=0.230 CZ1,3 &amp; 5=0.350</del>	<del>CZ2, 4, 6 -16<del>5</del>=0.30 CZ1,3 &amp; 5=0.350</del>	Existing

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

Fenestration areas are modeled in the addition as new. In the existing building they may be existing, altered, or new. Altered (replacement) fenestration is defined in Section 150.2(b)1.B as “existing fenestration area in an existing wall or roof [which is] replaced with a new manufactured fenestration product...Up to the total fenestration area removed in the existing wall or roof...” Altered also includes fenestration installed in the same existing wall, even if in a different location on that wall. Added fenestration area in an existing wall or roof is fenestration that did not previously exist and is modeled as new.

**STANDARD DESIGN**

Standard design fenestration U-factor and SHGC are based on the proposed design fenestration as shown in Table 26. Vertical glazing includes all fenestration in exterior walls such as windows, clerestories, and glazed doors. Skylights include all glazed openings in roofs and ceilings.

New fenestration in an alteration is modeled with the same U-factor and SHGC as required for an addition.

West-facing limitations are combined with maximum fenestration allowed and are not an additional allowance.

The standard design is set for fenestration areas and orientations as shown in Table 26:

- **Proposed design  $\leq$  allowed % total fenestration area:**

In the existing building, the standard design uses the same area and orientation of each existing or altered fenestration area (in its respective existing or altered wall or roof.)

In the addition, new fenestration is divided equally between the four project compass points similar to new gross wall areas in the addition described above.

- **Proposed design  $>$  allowed % total fenestration area:**

The standard design first calculates the allowed total fenestration area as the total existing and altered fenestration area in existing or altered walls and roofs + % of the addition conditioned floor area.

**2.10.3.42.10.4.6 Overhangs, Sidesfins and Other Exterior Shading**

**STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design for a proposed building with overhangs, sidesfins, and/or exterior shades is shown in Table 27. Exterior shading (currently limited to bug screens) is treated differently than fixed overhangs and sidesfins as explained in Section 2.5.6.9.

**Table 27: Addition Standard Design for Overhangs, Sidesfins and Other Exterior Shading**

Proposed Design Shading Type	Standard Design Based on Proposed Shading Status		
	Addition	Altered	Verified Altered
<b>Overhangs and Sidesfins</b>	No overhangs or sidesfins	Proposed altered condition	Same as altered
<b>Exterior Shading</b>	Standard (bug screens on fenestration, none on skylights)	Proposed altered condition	Existing exterior shading
<b>Window Film</b>	No window film	Proposed altered condition	Existing exterior shading

**2.10.3.52.10.4.7 Window Film**

**PROPOSED DESIGN**

A window film must have at least a 10-year warranty and is treated as a window replacement. The values modeled are either the default values from Tables 110.6-A and 110.6-B or the NFRC Window Film Energy Performance Label.

**2.10.3.62.10.4.8 Floors**

**STANDARD DESIGN**

Table 150.2-C requires that the standard design is based on the mandatory requirements from Section 150.0(d). The standard design for floors is shown in Table 28.

**Table 28: Addition Standard Design for Raised Floor, Slab-on-Grade, and Raised Slab**

Proposed Design Floor Type	Standard Design Based on Proposed Floor Status-(Tag)		
	Addition	Altered (mandatory)	Verified Altered
<b>Raised Floor Over Crawl Space or Over Exterior</b>	R-19 in 2x6 16" o.c. wood framing	R-19 in 2x6 16" o.c. wood framing	If proposed $U \leq 0.037$ , standard design = existing raised; if proposed $U > 0.037$ , standard design = <del>Altered</del> <u>0.037</u>
<b>Slab-on-Grade: Unheated</b>	CZ1-15: R-0 CZ16: R-7 16" vertical	<del>Proposed design</del> <u>R-0</u>	Existing unheated slab-on-grade
<b>Slab-on-Grade: Heated</b>	CZ1-15: R-5 16" vertical CZ 16: R-10 16" vertical	<del>Proposed design</del> <u>CZ1-15: R-5 16" vertical</u> <u>CZ 16: R-10 16" vertical</u>	Existing heated slab-on-grade
<b>Raised Concrete Slab</b>	CZ1,2,11,13,14,16: R-8 CZ3-10: R-0 CZ12,15: R-4	<del>Proposed design</del> <u>R-0</u>	Existing raised concrete slab

**2.10.3.72.10.4.9 Thermal Mass****STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design for thermal mass in existing plus addition plus alteration calculations is the same as for all newly constructed buildings as explained in Section 2.5.4.1.

**2.10.3.82.10.4.10 Air Leakage and Infiltration****STANDARD DESIGN AIR LEAKAGE AND INFILTRATION**

The standard design for space-conditioning systems is shown in Table 29.

**Table 29: Addition Standard Design for Air Leakage and Infiltration**

Proposed Air Leakage and Infiltration	Standard Design Air Leakage Based on Building Type		
	Addition	Altered	Verified Altered
<b>Single Family Buildings</b>	5 ACH50	5 ACH50	Diagnostic testing of existing ACH50 value by HERS rater or 7.0 ACH50, whichever is less
<b>Multi-Family Buildings</b>	7 ACH50	7 ACH50	7 ACH50

**2.10.3.92.10.4.11 Space Conditioning System****STANDARD DESIGN**

The standard design for space-conditioning systems is shown in Table 29.

When cooling ventilation (whole house fan) is required by Sections 150.1 and 150.2, the capacity is 1.5 ~~cfm~~CFM/ft<sup>2</sup> of conditioned floor area for the entire dwelling unit.

When compliance with indoor air quality requirements of Section 150.0(o) apply to an addition with greater than 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> added, the conditioned floor area of the entire dwelling unit is used to

determine the required ventilation airflow. For additions with 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> or less of added conditioned floor area, no indoor air quality requirements shall apply.

**Table 30: Addition Standard Design for Space Conditioning Systems**

Proposed Design Space Conditioning System Type	Standard Design Based on Proposed Space Conditioning Status		
	Added	Altered	Verified Altered
<b>Heating System:</b>	See Section 2.4 and 2015 Federal Appliance Stds based on fuel source and equipment type	Same as Addition	Existing heating fuel type and equipment type/efficiency
<b>Cooling System:</b>	See Section 2.4 and 2015 Federal Appliance Stds based on fuel source and equipment type	Same as Addition	Existing cooling equipment type/efficiency
<b>Refrigerant Charge</b>	Climate zones 2, 8-15: Yes Climate zones 1, 3-7: No	Same as Addition	Existing
<b>Whole House Fan (WHF) applies only if addition &gt; 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup></b>	Climate zones 8-14; 1.5 cfmCFM/ft <sup>2</sup>		Existing condition. To count as Existing the WHF must be $\geq 1.5$ cfmCFM/ft <sup>2</sup> and be CEC-rated
<b>Indoor Air Quality applies only if addition is not a dwelling unit and &gt; 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup></b>	Meet mandatory ventilation for entire dwelling	N/A	N/A

2.10.3.102.10.4.12 Duct System

**STANDARD DESIGN**

**Table 31: Addition Standard Design for Duct Systems**

Proposed Design Duct System Type	Standard Design Based on Proposed Duct System Status	
	<del>Altered</del> Extending Existing Ducts	Verified Altered
<b>All Single Family</b>	CZ 1-10, 12-13: Duct insulation R-6 and duct sealing $\leq 15\%$ CZ 11, 14-16: Duct insulation R-8 and duct sealing $\leq 15\%$	Existing duct R-value and duct leakage of 15%
<b>New</b>	CZ 1-2, 4, 8-16: Duct insulation R-8 and duct sealing < 5% CZ 3, 5-7: Duct insulation R-6 and duct sealing < 5%	N/A

Based on Table 150.2-A

Note 1: Refer to Section 150.2(b)1Diia for definition of an “Entirely New or Complete Replacement Duct System”.

2.10.3.112.10.4.13 Water Heating System

**STANDARD DESIGN**

**Table 32: Addition Standard Design for Water Heater Systems**

Proposed Design Water Heating System Type	Standard Design Based on Proposed Water Heating Status		
	Addition (adding water heater)	Altered	Verified Altered
Single Family	<del>Package A</del> Prescriptive water heating system	Existing fuel type, proposed tank type, mandatory requirements (excluding any solar)	Existing water heater type(s), efficiency, distribution system.
Multi-family: Individual Water Heater for Each Dwelling Unit	<del>Package A</del> Prescriptive water heating system for each dwelling unit (see Section 2.9)	Existing fuel type, proposed tank type, mandatory requirements (excluding any solar)	Existing water heater type(s), efficiency, distribution system
Multi-family: Central Water Heating System	Central water heating system per Section 2.9	Mandatory and Prescriptive requirements (excluding any solar)	Existing water heater type(s), efficiency, distribution system

**2.11 Documentation**

The software shall be capable of displaying and printing an output of the energy use summary and a text file of the building features. These are the same features as shown on the CF1R when generated using the report manager.

See public domain software user guide or vendor software guide for detailed modeling guidelines.

**3 EDR Additional Details ~~Energy Design Rating~~**

~~The software can calculate an energy design rating (EDR) as required in the CALGreen energy provisions (Title 24, Part 11). The EDR implementation is limited to newly constructed single-family and multifamily dwellings.~~

The EDR is an alternate way to express the energy performance of a home using a scoring system where 100 represents the energy performance of a reference design building meeting the envelope requirements of the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). The EDR is similar to the energy rating index in the 2015 IECC and the 2014 Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) standard. Combining high levels of energy efficiency with generating renewable energy, a score of zero or less can be achieved.

Buildings complying with the current Building Energy Efficiency Standards are more efficient than the 2006 IECC, so most newly constructed buildings will have EDR scores below 100. Buildings with renewable generation like PV can achieve a negative score. If an EDR is calculated for an older inefficient home, the score would likely be well over 100.



~~When the user requests an EDR calculation, additional inputs are required specifying more details about PV systems, and an EDR screen is displayed at the end of a calculation and reported on the CF1R. EDR PV inputs and calculations are not used for compliance with the Title 24, Part 6.~~

### 3.1 EDR Adjustments~~Calculation Procedure~~

~~The software calculates an energy design ratings (EDR) as described in Section **Error! Reference source not found.** The EDR implementation is limited to newly constructed single-family and multifamily dwellings.~~

~~To calculate the EDR, the user enters the proposed home with additional inputs for PV, batteries and other flexibility measures as described in Section a.~~

The software then calculates the proposed design energy use and the standard design energy use in accordance with the normal compliance rules. Additional ~~third~~-annual simulations is~~are~~ performed to determine the reference design energy use as described in Section 2.1.41~~1~~.

~~EDR calculations are based on the total energy use with units of kTDV/ft<sup>2</sup> with an adjustment to maintain similar ratings with different fuel types. The total energy use includes the energy use associated with the space heating, space cooling, and water heating used in compliance calculations plus the energy use for inside lighting, appliances, plug loads, and exterior lighting.~~

There are adjustments made to these EDR calculations to address the issue that the 2006 IECC includes efficiency specifications that result in significantly different levels of total energy use in the reference design for gas and electric equipment, and appliances. These adjustments are needed to ensure that homes using gas water heating equipment and gas appliances are not penalized in the EDR results, as compared to homes using electric water heating equipment and electric appliances. This adjustment provides EDRs for gas and electric homes that implement a fuel neutral approach in the reference design total energy use.

Four quantities are reported for the EDR ratings. The EDR of the standard design building is provided to illustrate how the ~~2016~~2019 standard design compares with the reference design. The EDR score of the proposed design is provided separately from the EDR value of installed PV so that the effects of efficiency and renewable energy can both be seen. The final EDR for the proposed building includes both the effects of efficiency and PV.

The EDR values are calculated for each end use and fuel type for the standard and proposed designs. The general form of the adjustment is~~and then summed for the total EDR as follows:~~

$$\text{EDR}_{\text{standard}} = \text{EU}_{\text{standard}} / \text{EU}_{\text{referenceadjusted}} \times 100 \quad \text{Equation 11}$$

$$\text{EDR}_{\text{proposed without PV}} = (\text{EU}_{\text{proposed}} - \text{PV}_{\text{proposed}}) / \text{EU}_{\text{adjusted}} \times 100 \quad \text{Equation 12}$$

$$\text{EDR}_{\text{proposed PV}} = \text{PV}_{\text{proposed}} / \text{EU}_{\text{adjusted}} \times 100 \quad \text{Equation 13}$$

$$\text{EDR}_{\text{proposed final}} = \text{EU}_{\text{proposed}} / \text{EU}_{\text{adjusted}} \times 100 \quad \text{Equation 14}$$

Where:

$\text{EU}_{\text{standard}}$  = Proposed or Standard Design Energy Use (kTDV/ft<sup>2</sup>)

$\text{EU}_{\text{reference}}$  = Reference Design Energy Use (kTDV/ft<sup>2</sup>)

$\text{EU}_{\text{proposed}}$  = Proposed Design Energy Use (kTDV/ft<sup>2</sup>)

$\text{PV}_{\text{proposed}}$  = Proposed PV Energy Generation (kTDV/ft<sup>2</sup>)

$\text{EU}_{\text{adjusted}}$  =  $\text{EU}_{\text{reference}} / \text{Adjustment}$  (kTDV/ft<sup>2</sup>)

Adjustment = 1 for all end uses that are electric; or

Adjustment = Ratio from Table 33 for all end uses that are gas.

**Table 33: EDR Adjustments by End Use for Gas Fuel Type**

Climate Zone	Single Family Space Heating	Single Family Water Heating	Single Family Appliances	Multi Family Space Heating	Multi Family Water Heating	Multi Family Appliances
<u>1</u>	<u>0.85</u>	<u>0.37</u>	<u>0.57</u>	<u>0.84</u>	<u>0.46</u>	<u>0.56</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>0.91</u>	<u>0.39</u>	<u>0.57</u>	<u>0.89</u>	<u>0.48</u>	<u>0.56</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>0.39</u>	<u>0.57</u>	<u>1.01</u>	<u>0.47</u>	<u>0.56</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>0.92</u>	<u>0.41</u>	<u>0.57</u>	<u>0.90</u>	<u>0.49</u>	<u>0.56</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>0.91</u>	<u>0.38</u>	<u>0.57</u>	<u>0.91</u>	<u>0.48</u>	<u>0.56</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>1.02</u>	<u>0.44</u>	<u>0.58</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>0.53</u>	<u>0.56</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>1.09</u>	<u>0.43</u>	<u>0.57</u>	<u>1.23</u>	<u>0.51</u>	<u>0.56</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>1.06</u>	<u>0.47</u>	<u>0.58</u>	<u>1.07</u>	<u>0.55</u>	<u>0.57</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>1.03</u>	<u>0.48</u>	<u>0.58</u>	<u>1.02</u>	<u>0.54</u>	<u>0.57</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>0.98</u>	<u>0.47</u>	<u>0.58</u>	<u>0.96</u>	<u>0.53</u>	<u>0.56</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>0.89</u>	<u>0.45</u>	<u>0.57</u>	<u>0.88</u>	<u>0.52</u>	<u>0.56</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>0.94</u>	<u>0.43</u>	<u>0.57</u>	<u>0.92</u>	<u>0.52</u>	<u>0.56</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>0.92</u>	<u>0.44</u>	<u>0.57</u>	<u>0.90</u>	<u>0.53</u>	<u>0.56</u>

<u>14</u>	<u>0.87</u>	<u>0.47</u>	<u>0.58</u>	<u>0.85</u>	<u>0.55</u>	<u>0.57</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>0.99</u>	<u>0.52</u>	<u>0.58</u>	<u>0.96</u>	<u>0.61</u>	<u>0.56</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>0.70</u>	<u>0.39</u>	<u>0.57</u>	<u>0.67</u>	<u>0.46</u>	<u>0.56</u>

Climate Zone	Single Family Space Heating	Single Family Water Heating	Single Family Appliances	Multi Family Space Heating	Multi Family Water Heating	Multi Family Appliances
1	1.01	0.44	0.59	0.99	0.49	0.57
2	1.02	0.46	0.59	1.01	0.51	0.57
3	1.16	0.46	0.59	1.17	0.50	0.57
4	1.04	0.47	0.59	1.03	0.52	0.57
5	1.05	0.45	0.60	1.04	0.51	0.58
6	1.17	0.50	0.60	1.15	0.56	0.58
7	1.22	0.47	0.59	1.36	0.52	0.57
8	1.20	0.50	0.60	1.21	0.56	0.58
9	1.17	0.50	0.60	1.17	0.58	0.58
10	1.12	0.51	0.60	1.09	0.58	0.58
11	1.00	0.48	0.59	0.98	0.54	0.57
12	1.05	0.47	0.59	1.03	0.53	0.57
13	1.03	0.49	0.59	1.01	0.55	0.57
14	1.01	0.51	0.60	0.99	0.57	0.58
15	1.13	0.59	0.60	1.10	0.65	0.58
16	0.95	0.48	0.60	0.91	0.53	0.58

The ratios were calculated by using a prototype analysis once with gas fuel type for space heating, water heating, and appliances, and once with electric fuel types. The ratio is the end use energy for the EDR reference building run with gas (kTDV/ft<sup>2</sup>) divided by the run with electric (kTDV/ft<sup>2</sup>).

## **3.2 Reference Design**

The reference design is calculated using the same inputs, assumptions and algorithms as the standard design except for the following requirements:

~~Air handler power. The air handler power is 0.8 W/cfm~~CFM.

~~Air infiltration rate. The air infiltration rate is 7.2 ACH50.~~

Cooling airflow. The air handler airflow is 300 CFM/ton.

Duct R value. The duct R value is R-8.

Duct leakage rate. The duct leakage rate is modeled as an HVAC distribution efficiency of 80 percent.

Insulation Installation Quality (QII): QII is modeled as “improved”.

Wall construction. Climate zones 2-15 have 2x4 R-13 walls. Climate zones 1 and 16 have 2x6 R-19 walls.

Roof/ceiling construction. Climate zones 2-15 have R-30 ceiling. Climate zones 1 and 16 have R-38 ceiling. No climate zones include radiant barriers or cool roofs.

Floor construction. Climate zones 2-15 have 2x10 R-19 floors. Climate zones 1 and 16 have 2x10 R-30 floors.

Slab edge insulation. Climate zones 1 and 16 include R-10 insulation 24 inches deep.

Window U factors. Climate zones 2-15 have 0.65 U factor. Climate zones 1 and 16 have 0.35 U factor.

Window SHGC. All windows have 0.4 SHGC.

Window area. When the window area is below 18 percent of the floor area, the reference design has the same area as the proposed design. Above 18 percent, the reference design has 18 percent.

HVAC equipment efficiencies. HVAC equipment meets NAECA requirements in effect in 2006 such as 78 percent AFUE for gas central furnace, 13 SEER for central AC.

Water heating efficiency. Water heating modeled as a 40-gallon storage water with a 0.594 EF if gas or a 0.9172 EF if electric.

Appliance and plug load energy use and internal gains. Energy use and internal gains for appliance and miscellaneous plug loads are modeled as specified in the ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2014 Standard. Energy Design Rating PV System Credit

The PV credit reflected in the Energy Design Rating for both single-family and multifamily buildings uses calculations found in PVWatts technical documentation (see Appendix D). The PV system size and module type are required inputs. Users may select simplified or detailed inputs. With detailed inputs, the inverter efficiency must be included. The user can select either detailed installation information for the orientation and angle/tilt of the array or select California flexible installation.

Installation and verification must meet the requirements of *Residential Appendix RA4.6.1*.

### ~~3.3.2~~ Net Energy Metering

Net Energy Metering (NEM) sets rules for compensation of PV generated electricity. NEM sizing rules limit the PV size to a PV equal to the site annual kWh.

NEM compensation rules set the limits for compensating PV generation. Compensation varies by (1) behind the meter self-utilized kWh, (2) hourly exports, and (3) net annual surplus.

## ~~3.4~~ Battery Storage

The software provides an EDR credit for a battery storage system that is coupled with a PV array. If specified, the battery storage size must be 6 kWh or larger. For Part 6 compliance this credit has no impact on energy efficiency components. Including a battery storage system allows downsizing the PV system to reach a specific EDR target.

~~Three~~Two control options available are:

Basic (dDefault cControl). A simple control strategy that provides a modest EDR credit. With default control, ~~t~~The software assumes that the batteries are charged anytime PV generation (generation) is greater than the house load (load), and conversely, the batteries are discharged when load exceeds generation. No power goes to the utility grid.

Time of Use. Battery charges whenever there is excess PV. During peak summer months (July-September) at the beginning of the peak period (which varies by climate zone) the battery discharges at maximum rate until fully discharged. During non-peak summer months, the batteries run in basic control mode. Battery will put power into the grid after meeting house load if allowed by the discharge rate.

Advanced DR Control. During peak summer months demand response signals peak days and peak hours. On a peak day, the system uses all PV to charge the battery until full. Discharge is at the maximum rate during highest TDV hours. Otherwise battery operation is run in basic control mode. Battery will put power into the grid after meeting house load if allowed by the discharge rate.

Advanced/Utility or Aggregator Controlled. A more sophisticated control strategy maximizes the TDV value of stored kWh. With advanced control, the software assumes that the batteries are charged when generation exceeds the load; batteries only discharge during the highest “anticipated” TDV intervals to maximize the value of the stored kWh.

For Part 6 compliance, the proposed design EDR credit is limited to a PV size equal to the site annual kWh. The effect of a larger PV array has a minimal impact on the EDR score. For above code projects, the software allows oversizing the proposed design PV system by a factor of 1.6 for full credit if a battery system of at least 6 kWh is coupled with the PV system.

Software includes an option to allow excess PV generation EDR credit for above code programs. This allows exceeding the 1.6 size limit. When selected, the software allows any size PV with full EDR credit.