

ENERGY STAR[®]

Residential New Construction Programs

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ENERGY STAR Multifamily New Construction

National ERI Target Procedure (ANSI 301-2014), Version 1.1 (Rev. 03)

National ERI Target Procedure for use with ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2014

This document provides detailed instructions for determining the ENERGY STAR ERI Target, the highest ERI value that each rated multifamily unit, excluding townhouses, may achieve to earn the ENERGY STAR. Note that, in addition to meeting the ENERGY STAR ERI Target for each unit, units shall also meet all Mandatory Requirements for All Multifamily New Construction Projects in Exhibit 2 of the National Program Requirements for ENERGY STAR Multifamily New Construction, Version 1.1. While Townhouses are eligible to earn ENERGY STAR Multifamily New Construction certification by meeting their ENERGY STAR ERI Target and also meeting all Mandatory Requirements for All Multifamily New Construction Projects in Exhibit 2 of the National Program Requirements, the instructions for determining their ENERGY STAR ERI Target is in the applicable ERI Target Procedure for ENERGY STAR Single-Family New Homes, which varies by location.

An EPA-recognized Home Certification Organization's (HCO) Approved Software Rating Tool shall automatically determine (i.e., without relying on a user-configured ENERGY STAR Multifamily Reference Design) this target for each Rated Unit. This shall be done by configuring the ENERGY STAR Multifamily Reference Design in accordance with Exhibit 1, the Expanded ENERGY STAR Multifamily Reference Design Definition, and calculating its associated ERI value. The ERI value shall be calculated using ANSI / RESNET / ICC 301-2014 including all Addenda and Normative Appendices, with new versions and Addenda implemented according to the implementation schedule defined by the HCO that the building is being certified under. Any exceptions shall be approved by EPA and reported at www.energystar.gov/ERIExceptions. This value, rounded to the nearest whole number, shall equal the ENERGY STAR ERI Target.

The National ERI Target Procedure (ANSI 301-2019) must instead be used to determine the ENERGY STAR ERI Target when using ANSI / RESNET / ICC 301-2019.



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Exhibit 1: Expanded ENERGY STAR Multifamily Reference Design Definition

Building Component	Expanded ENERGY STAR Multifamily Reference Design Definition ¹								
Foundations:	Construction Type & Structural Mass: Same as Rated Unit ² , except:								
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For masonry floor slabs, modeled with 80% of floor area covered by carpet and 20% of floor directly exposed to room air 								
	Conditioning Type: Same as Rated Unit ² , except:								
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crawlspaces shall be modeled as vented with net free vent aperture = 1sq. ft. per 150 sq. ft. of crawlspace floor area 								
	Gross Area: Same as Rated Unit ²								
Floors Over Unconditioned Spaces:	Insulation: ^{3,4} Choose appropriate insulation level below;								
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basement Wall Continuous Insulation R-Value only applies to conditioned basements; if applicable, insulation shall be located on interior side of walls Floor assemblies above crawlspace foundations shall be configured to meet the applicable floor assembly U-factor listed in the building component section for Floors Over Unconditioned Spaces Slab floors with a floor surface less than 24" below grade shall be insulated to the Slab Insulation R-value. The insulation shall extend downward from the top of the slab on the outside of the foundation wall and then vertically below-grade to the Slab Insulation Depth 								
	Climate Zone: ⁵	CZ 1	CZ 2	CZ 3	CZ 4	CZ 4 C & 5	CZ 6	CZ 7	CZ 8
	Slab Insulation R-Value:	0	0	0	10	10	15	15	20
	Slab Insulation Depth (ft):	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2
Above-Grade Walls, adjacent to Exterior or Garage:	Basement Wall Continuous Insulation R-Value:								
	0	0	0	7.5	7.5	7.5	10	12.5	
	Construction Type: Wood frame								
	Gross Area: Same as Rated Unit ²								
	Insulation: ^{3,4}								
Thermally Isolated Sunrooms:	Climate Zone: ⁵	CZ 1	CZ 2	CZ 3	CZ 4	CZ 4 C & 5	CZ 6	CZ 7	CZ 8
	Wood Framed Floor U-Factor:	0.066	0.033	0.033	0.033	0.033	0.033	0.033	0.033
	Mass Floor U-Factor:	0.322	0.087	0.076	0.074	0.064	0.057	0.051	0.051
	Interior and Exterior Construction Type: Wood frame								
	Gross Area: Same as Rated Unit ²								
Doors: ⁶	Solar Absorptance = 0.75								
	Emittance = 0.90								
	Insulation: ^{1,3}								
	Climate Zone: ⁵	CZ 1	CZ 2	CZ 3	CZ 4	CZ 4 C & 5	CZ 6	CZ 7	CZ 8
	Wall Assembly U-Factor:	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.051	0.051	0.036
Glazing: ⁶	None								
	Area: Same as Rated Unit ²								
	Orientation: Same as Rated Unit ²								
	Door Type:	Opaque			≤ 1/2-Lite	> 1/2-Lite CZ 1-3	> 1/2-Lite CZ 4-8		
	U-Factor:	0.17			0.25	0.30	0.30		
SHGC:	n/a			0.25	0.25	0.40			
Skylights:	Total Area: AG = 0.15 x CFA x FA x F, without exceeding available wall area ⁷								
	Orientation: Same as Rated Unit ² , by percentage of area								
	Interior Shade Coefficient: Same as Energy Rating Reference Home, as defined by ANSI / RESNET / ICC 301								
	External Shading: None								
	Climate Zone: ⁵	CZ 1	CZ 2	CZ 3	CZ 4	CZ 4 C & 5	CZ 6	CZ 7	CZ 8
	U-Factor:	0.40	0.40	0.30	0.30	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27
	SHGC:	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
	Class AW Assembly U-Factors (i.e., Structural) Windows based on 2015 IgCC								
	Climate Zone: ⁵	CZ 1	CZ 2	CZ 3	CZ 4	CZ 4 C & 5	CZ 6	CZ 7	CZ 8
	Fixed Window U-Factor:	0.48	0.48	0.44	0.36	0.36	0.34	0.28	0.28
Operable Window U-Factor:	0.62	0.62	0.57	0.43	0.43	0.41	0.35	0.35	
SHGC:	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	
Ceilings, adjacent to Exterior or Unconditioned Space Volumes:	None								
	Construction Type: Wood frame								
	Gross Area: Same as Rated Unit ²								
	Insulation: ^{1,3}								
	Climate Zone: ⁵	CZ 1	CZ 2	CZ 3	CZ 4	CZ 4 C & 5	CZ 6	CZ 7	CZ 8
Ceiling Assembly U-Factor:	0.027	0.027	0.027	0.027	0.021	0.021	0.021	0.021	
Attics:	Construction Type: Vented with aperture = 1sq. ft. per 300 sq. ft. ceiling area ^{1,8}								
	Radiant Barrier: None								
Roofs:	Construction Type: Composition shingle on wood sheathing								
	Gross Area: Same as Rated Unit ²								
	Solar Absorptance = 0.92								
	Emittance = 0.90								



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Lighting, Appliances, Fixtures & Internal Gains:	Lighting: Fraction of qualifying Tier I fixtures to all fixtures in qualifying light fixture locations 90% for interior; 0% for exterior and garage																																																																																
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Tank Temperature: Same as Energy Rating Reference Home, as defined by ANSI / RESNET / ICC 301																																																																																	
Service Water Heating Systems:	Recirculation Pump: 0 kWh per year																																																																																
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Duct Leakage to Outside: 0 CFM25 per 100 sq. ft. of conditioned floor area																																																																																	
Thermal Distribution Systems:	Duct Insulation: None, because 100% of ducts are in conditioned space																																																																																
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Dehumidifiers	Type, capacity, efficacy, and dehumidistat setpoint same as Energy Rating Reference Home, as defined by ANSI / RESNET / ICC 301, when dehumidification system is present in Rated Unit; otherwise none.																																																																																



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Thermostat:	Type: Programmable								
	Temperature Setpoints: Same as Energy Rating Reference Home, but with offsets for a programmable thermostat, as defined by ANSI / RESNET / ICC 301								
Infiltration & Mechanical Ventilation:	Compartmentalization Rates:								
	Floor Type:			100% Conditioned Space Below			All Other		
	cfm50/ft² Enclosure Area¹⁴			0.255			0.30		
	Mechanical ventilation system without heat recovery								
	Rate: CFM = 0.01 * CFA + 7.5 * (Nbr + 1), where CFA = Conditioned Floor Area and Nbr = Number of Bedrooms; Runtime: 24 Hours / Day								
	Fan Watts: Watts = CFM Rate / 2.8 CFM per Watt, where CFM Rate is determined above								
Climate Zone:⁵									
Ventilation Type:									
	CZ 1	CZ 2	CZ 3	CZ 4	CZ 4 C & 5	CZ 6	CZ 7	CZ 8	
	Supply	Supply	Supply	Supply	Exhaust	Exhaust	Exhaust	Exhaust	



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Footnotes:

1. Any parameter not specified in this exhibit shall be identical to the value entered for the Rated Unit. Where envelope building components do not exist in the Rated Unit, such as a foundation or slab, they should not be modeled in the ENERGY STAR Multifamily Reference Design, unless explicitly stated, such as vented attics where unvented attics are present in the Rated Unit. Where the envelope component is adiabatic in the Rated Unit, it shall also be adiabatic in the Multifamily Reference Design. Where the envelope component is not adiabatic but is adjacent to a space other than those specified in the Building Component column of Exhibit 1, model as uninsulated.
2. "Same as Rated Unit" indicates that the parameter shall be identical to the value entered for the Rated Unit.
3. Slab insulation R-values represent nominal insulation levels; and assembly U-factors for foundations, floors, walls, and ceilings represent the overall assembly, inclusive of sheathing materials, cavity insulation, installation quality, framing, and interior finishes.
4. If software allows the user to specify the thermal boundary location independent of the conditioned space boundary in the basement of the Rated Unit, then the thermal boundary of the ENERGY STAR Multifamily Reference Design shall be aligned with this boundary. For example, if the thermal boundary is located at the walls, then the wall insulation shall be configured as if it was a conditioned basement. If the thermal boundary is located at the floor above the basement, then the floor insulation shall be configured as if it was a floor over an unconditioned space.
5. 2012 IECC Climate Zone designations, as defined and illustrated in Section R301 of the code, shall be used to configure the ENERGY STAR Reference Design in National Version 1.1.
6. Note that the U-factor requirement applies to all fenestration while the SHGC only applies to the glazed portion.
7. When determining the ENERGY STAR ERI Target, the following formula shall be used to determine total window area of the ENERGY STAR Multifamily Reference Design:

$$AG = 0.15 \times CFA \times FA \times F$$

Where:

- AG = Total glazing area
- CFA = Total conditioned floor area
- FA = (Gross above-grade thermal boundary wall area) / (Gross above-grade boundary wall area + 0.5 x Gross below-grade thermal boundary wall area)
- F = $1 - 0.44 \times (\text{Gross common wall area}) / (\text{Gross above-grade thermal boundary wall area} + \text{Gross common wall area})$

And where:

- Thermal boundary wall is any wall that separates conditioned space from unconditioned space, outdoor environment, or the surrounding soil;
 - Above-grade thermal boundary wall is any portion of a thermal boundary wall not in contact with soil;
 - Below-grade boundary wall is any portion of a thermal boundary wall in soil contact; AND
 - Common wall is the total wall area of walls adjacent to other conditioned space, not including foundation walls.
8. A vented unconditioned attic shall only be modeled in the Multifamily Reference Design where attics (of any type) exist in the Rated Unit. Where the Rated Unit has more than one ceiling type, the ceiling area used to calculate the vent aperture area shall be the area of the ceiling that is exposed to exterior, under attics, and/or under other unconditioned common spaces. Where the Rated Unit is entirely located beneath another dwelling unit or conditioned common space, no attic is modeled in the Reference Design.
 9. Fuel type(s) shall be same as Rated Unit, including any dual-fuel equipment where applicable. For a Rated Unit with multiple heating, cooling, or water heating systems using different fuel types, the applicable system capacities and fuel types shall be weighted in accordance with the loads distribution (as calculated by accepted engineering practice for that equipment and fuel type) of the multiple systems.
 10. For a Rated Unit without a heating system, the ENERGY STAR Multifamily Reference Design shall be configured with a 78% AFUE gas furnace system, unless the Rated Unit has no access to natural gas or fossil fuel delivery. In such cases, the ENERGY STAR Reference Multifamily Design shall be configured with a 7.7 HSPF air-source heat pump.
 11. For a Rated Unit without a cooling system, the ENERGY STAR Multifamily Reference Design shall be configured with a 13 SEER electric air conditioner.
 12. That is to say, representative of standard-flow plumbing fixtures, reference clothes washer gallons per day, standard distribution system water use effectiveness, a hot water piping ratio of 1.0, no pipe insulation, and no drain water heater recovery.
 13. To determine domestic hot water (DHW) EF requirements for additional tank sizes, use the following equation: Oil DHW EF $\geq 0.70 - (0.002 \times \text{Tank Gallon Capacity})$.
 14. In accordance with the *RESNET Guidelines for Multifamily Energy Ratings*, for a Rated Unit with conditioned space below, software shall either automatically apply a 15% reduction to the compartmentalization results of the Rated Unit or instruct the Rater to apply the reduction. If automatically applied, the software shall make that known, such that the Rater does not also apply the same reduction. The 15% reduction shall not be applied if the Rated Unit is located in a building where outdoor air for the Rated Unit is supplied to the corridor and is not directly ducted either into the Rated Unit or into the Rated Unit's HVAC system.