ENERGY STAR® Residential New Construction Programs

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HVAC Designer Responsibilities:

- Complete one National HVAC Design Report for each building / project, which includes system design for all unique unit plans and common spaces.
- Obtain efficiency features (e.g., window performance, insulation levels, and infiltration rate) from the builder, architect, or Rater.²
- Provide the completed National HVAC Design Report to the Rater and the person / company completing the National HVAC Functional Testing Checklist.²

1. Design Overview								
1.1 Designer name: Designer company: Date: _								
1.2 Select which party you are providing these design sel	rvices to: 🗆 Bu	uilder / Develop	er 🗆 FT Ager	nt □ MEP / Cre	dentialed HVAC	contractor		
1.3 Name of company you are providing these design set	rvices to (if diffe	erent than Item	1.1):					
1.4 Project address:								
2a. Dwelling Unit & Common Space Mechanical Ve		sign ^{3, 4}				Designer Verified		
Airflow:								
2.1 Dwelling unit ventilation airflow design rate & run-time	meet the requ	irements of Se	ction 4 of ASHI	RAE 62.2. ⁵-□ 2	010 🗆 2013			
2.2 Common space outdoor airflow design rate meet the exceeding 2013 rates by more than 50%.	requirements o	of Section 6 of A	ASHRAE 62.1 ⁶	-□ 2010 □ 201	3, without			
2.3 Access points to measure airflow rate are provided ar	nd accessible b	y the Rater. 2						
List unique unit plan for which 62.2 ventilation rates were calculated in the spaces to the right: ⁷								
2.4 # of bedrooms:								
2.5 Square footage:								
2.6 Ventilation airflow rate required by ASHRAE 62.2:								
2.7 Ventilation airflow rate designed:								
2.7.1 If applicable, run-time per cycle (minutes):								
2.7.2 If applicable, cycle time (minutes):								
List common space for which 62.1 ventilation rates were calculated in the spaces to the right: 7								
2.8 Ventilation airflow rate required by ASHRAE 62.1:								
2.9 Ventilation airflow rate designed:								
System Type & Controls:		_						
List Ventilation System ID in the spaces to the right: 7								
2.10 Specified system type: (e.g., supply, exhaust, balanced, ERV, HRV)								
2.11 Specified system type: (e.g., in-unit, central)								
2.12 Manufacturer:								
2.13 Model Number:								
2.14 Area / space(s) that system serves: (e.g., Unit A kitchens, corridor, community room)								
2.15 Specified control location: (e.g., Master bath, utility):								
2.16 Specified controls allow the systems to operate automatically, without occupant intervention. In townhouses only, a readily-accessible ventilation override control is specified and also labeled if its function is not obvious (e.g., a label is required for a standalone wall switch, but not for a switch that's on the ventilation equipment). In all other multi-family dwelling units, the override control is not required to be readily accessible to the occupant. However, in such cases, EPA recommends but does not require that the control be readily accessible to others (e.g., building maintenance staff) in lieu of the occupant.								
2.17 No outdoor air intakes designed to connect to the re operate intermittently and automatically based on a timer								
Sound:								
2.18 If located in the dwelling unit, the fan of the specifie exempted. ⁹	d system is rat	ed ≤ 3 sones if	intermittent and	d ≤ 2 sones if co	ontinuous, or			
Efficiency:								
2.19 If system utilizes the dwelling unit HVAC fan, then the reduce the standalone ventilation run-time by accounting					ied controls will			
2.20 If in-unit bathroom fans or in-line fans are specified a ENERGY STAR certified. ¹⁰					en they are			
2.21 If central exhaust fans, ≤ 1 HP, are specified as part of the dwelling unit mechanical ventilation system, then they are direct-drive, ECM, with variable speed controllers. If > 1 HP, they are specified with NEMA Premium [™] Motors.								



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Air Inlet Loca	ations: (Co	omplete this secti	ion if system has s	pecified	air inlet location	on(s); otherv	vise ch	eck "N/A".) ¹¹			Designer Verified
											□ N/A
 2.22 Inlet(s) pull ventilation air directly from outdoors and not from attic, crawlspace, garage, or adjacent dwelling unit. 2.23 Inlet(s) are ≥ 2 ft. above grade or roof deck; ≥ 10 ft. of stretched-string distance from known contamination sources (e.g., stack, 											
			of deck; ≥ 10 ft. of oof, and ≥ 3 ft. from						ces (e	.g., stack,	
			Exhaust Design tly to the outdoors								
Location		Continuous R	ate		Intermittent	Rate ¹³				Exhaust F	an Type
Kitchen	Airflow	≥ 5 ACH, based	on kitchen volum	e ^{14, 15, 16}	\$ 400 OFM 1 'f 1' 1 1 1 1'						ous
	Sound	Recommended	if in-unit: ≤ 1 sone		Recommende	ed if in-unit:	≤ 3 son	es		□ In-unit fa□ Central a	an / shared fan
Bathroom	Airflow	≥ 20 CFM			≥ 50 CFM					☐ Continue	
	Sound	Required if in-u	nit: ≤ 2 sones		Recommende	ed if in-unit:	≤ 3 son	es		☐ Intermitt☐ In-unit fa	
			imum Exhaust F		System(s) are	designed th	nat med	chanically exhaus	t air f		
Location	e, as requ	1	62.1-2010 or 2013 Rate Design Ra		Location		ΙΛ C	HRAE 62.1 Rat	· o	Design Ra	ato.
Janitor Room		1 cfm/ft ²	Kate Design Ka	ie	Common spa	oo kitohoo 18		cfm / 100 cfm	Æ	Design N	ale
Trash / Recyc					Common spa			cfm per toilet / ui	rinal		
Trasit/ Recyc	Jilly Kooli	0.05 cfm/ft ² , sta	undhy		Common spa	be balliloon	1 30	ciiii per tollet / ui	IIIai		
Parking Gara		0.75 cfm/ft ² , full			☐ Garage ext	naust fan co	ntrols i	nclude CO and N	IO2 s	ensors.	
3. Heating 8			. 1. / 1				A OL 15	WOLLD COLLE			20 🗖 11/4
			ads (only required) ²⁰
Townhous	ses only: L	oads must be cal	ed ACCA Manual J Iculated room-by-re	oom.				·			
□ Unit-specif□ Worst-case	ic design e design (If	☐ Grou the top floor unit	ner the Dwelling Un p design ²³ to t with the greatest single-speed & <20	otal grou CFA and	ips for this pro d window area	ject, represe results in to	enting _ otal hea	units. t gain <18 kBtuh			t all other
3.3 Indoor de	sign tempe	eratures used in l	oads are 70°F for	heating	and 75°F for c	ooling.					
3.4 Outdoor o	lesign tem	peratures used ir	loads: (See Foot	note 23	and <u>www.ene</u>	gystar.gov/l	nvacde	signtemps.) 24			
County &	State sele	cted:			Cooling s	season:	°F	Heating seas	on: _	°F	
List the unit	plan for w	hich Loads wer	e calculated: 7								
3.5 Location of	of Unit: top	, mid, bottom, co	rner, interior								
3.6 Number of	of occupant	ts used in loads:	22, 25								
3.7 Total occi	upant gain:	s (Btuh): ²²									
3.8 Condition	ed floor ar	ea used in loads:	22, 26								
3.9 Window a	rea used i	n loads: ^{22, 27}									
3.10 Predomi	nant windo	w SHGC used in	n loads: ^{22, 25}								
3.11 Infiltration	n (ACH / A	ACH50 / CFM) us	ed in loads: 29								
3.12 Mechani	cal ventila	tion (CFM) used	in loads: 22								
		rnal gains (applia n loads (Btuh): ²²									
3.14 Orientati	on (N, NE	E, SE, S, SW, V	V, NW): ²³								
3.15 Sensible	Heat Gair	n At Design Cond	ditions (kBtuh): 22								
3.16 Latent H	eat Gain A	t Design Condition	ons (kBtuh):								
3.17 Total He	at Gain at	Design Condition	ns (kBtuh): ²²								
3.18 Total He	at Loss at	Design Condition	ns (kBtuh):								
3.19 Commo	on Space	Heating & Coo	ling Loads 7								
Common Spa	ce Name:		Design Conditi	ons: To	tal Heat Gain:	(kB	tuh)	Total Heat Los	ss:	(kBt	
Common Spa			Design Conditi			(kB	tuh)	Total Heat Los		(kBt	uh)
Common Spa	ce Name:		Design Conditi	ons: Tot	tal Heat Gain:	(kP	stuh)	Total Heat Los	SS:	(kBt	uh)



3.20 Building Heating & Cooling Loads ⁷ (only required when shared systems such as central boilers or chillers are specified.)							are	Designer Verified
· ,								□ N/A
System Name:	Design Condition			(kBtuh		Heat Loss: _	(kBtuh	,
System Name:	Design Condition	ns: Total Hea	t Gain:	(kBtuh	n) Total	Heat Loss: _	(kBtuh)
4. Heating & Cooling Equipment Sel								
4.1 Equipment selected per ACCA Manu								
4.2 Prescriptive Path: Equipment serving the National Rater Field Checklist. Electrical Path Path Path Path Path Path Path Path					levels spe	cified in the Ex	khibit X of	□ □ N/A
4.3 ERI Path: Equipment serving common spaces but not serving dwelling units meet the efficiency levels specified in the Exhibit X of the National Rater Field Checklist. Also see Exhibit X for restrictions on electric resistance.								□ □ N/A
Cooling Equipment 7 (Complete all ap	pplicable items; otl	nerwise chec	k "N/A".)					□ N/A
List Cooling Equipment ID in the spaces	to the right:							
4.4 Equipment type: (e.g., PTAC / AC, Cl WLHP / GSHP / ASHP / VRF)	niller / CT, PTHP /							
4.5 Area / Space(s) that system serves:								
4.6 Chiller / condenser / outdoor unit mar	nufacturer:							
4.7 Chiller / condenser / outdoor unit mod	del #:							
4.8 Evaporator / indoor unit manufacture	:							
4.9 Evaporator / indoor unit model #:								
4.10 AHRI reference #: 31								
4.11 AHRI listed efficiency:								
4.12 Evaporator fan type: PSC, ECM / IC	M Other:							
4.13 Compressor speed: Single, Two, Va	riable							
4.14 Turn down ratio (for variable speed	equipment):							
4.15 Latent capacity at design conditions	(kBtuh): 32							
4.16 Sensible capacity at design condition	ns (kBtuh): 32							
4.17 Total capacity at design conditions (kBtuh): ³²							
4.18 Cooling sizing % = Total capacity (It by Total Heat Gain of space(s) in Item 4.								
4.19 Meets cooling sizing limit: (see below N/A) 20	w for A, B, C, D or							
4.20 If "B", list Load sensible heat ratio = heat gain (Item 3.15) / Max. total heat ga								
4.21 If "B", calculate HDD / CDD ratio: 33								
			Compr	essor Type	(Per Item 4	1.13)		
Equipment Type & Climate Condition	Single-Sp	eed		Two-Speed		Va	riable-Speed	
A: For Cooling-Only Equipment or For Cooling Mode of Heat Pump in Condition A Climate ³³	Recommended Allowed: 90			nmended: 90 owed: 90 – 1	:		nmended: 90 - owed: 90 - 16	
B: For Cooling Mode of Heat Pump in Condition B Climate ³³	90% - 100%, pl	us 15 kBtuh	90% -	100%, plus	15 kBtuh	90% -	100%, plus 15	5 kBtuh
C: For low-load spaces (≤15 kBtuh) ³⁴	≤ 20 kE	Btuh						
D: For low-load spaces (≤18 kBtuh) ³⁴				≤ 25 kBtuh	1		≤ 25 kBtuh	



Heating Equipment ⁷ (Complete all applicable items; oth	nerwise cl	neck "N/A".)					Designer Verified
			_				□ N/A
List Heating Equipment ID in the spaces to the right:							
4.22 Electric equipment type: PTHP, WLHP, GSHP, ASHP, VRF, Boiler, Furnace, Electric Resistance							
4.23 Gas Equipment type: HW PTAC / fan coil, Gas-Fired PTAC, Boiler, Furnace							
4.24 Area / Space(s) that system serves:							
4.25 Manufacturer:							
4.26 Model Number:							
4.27 Listed efficiency:							
4.28 Equipment output capacity (kBtuh):							
4.29 Air-source heat pump output capacity (17°F) (kBtuh):							
4.30 Type of Venting: Natural Draft, Mechanically Drafted, Direct Vent 35							
4.31 Furnace heating sizing % = Total capacity (Item 4.28) divided by Total Heat Loss of space(s) in Item 4.24:							
4.32 Meets furnace sizing limit: (see below for A, B, C, or N/A) $^{\rm 20}$							
A: For low-load spaces	(≤ 10 kBtı	uh), furnace	output capaci	ty is ≤ 40 kB	tuh		
B: When Used for Heating Only			C: Whe	en Paired Wi	th Cooling		
100 – 400%		Rec	ommended: 1	00 – 140%	Allowed: 1	00 – 400%	
Equipment Controls							
4.33 All equipment controls below have been included where	e applicab	le in the HV	AC Design.				
4.34 All heating and cooling systems serving a dwelling unit exterior walls.	shall have	thermostati	c controls witl	nin the dwell	ing unit which	are not loca	ated on
4.34.1 Prescriptive Path: Dwelling unit thermostats are pro	grammab	le.					
4.35 Stair and elevator shaft vents shall be equipped with m operation and are interlocked to open as required by fire and				of being auto	matically clos	ed during no	rmal building
4.36 Freeze protection systems, such as heat tracing of pipi heaters shall include automatic controls capable of shutting Where heat tracing is specified for freeze protection, control required.	off the sys	stems when p	pipe wall or ga	arage / plenu	ım temperatui	res are abov	e 40°F.
4.37 Snow- and ice-melting systems shall include automatic 50°F and no precipitation is falling, and an automatic or mar the potential for snow or ice accumulation is negligible.							
Hydronic Distribution							□ N/A
4.38 All hydronic distribution requirements below have been	included	where applic	able in the H\	/AC Design.			
4.39 All terminal heating and cooling distribution equipment distribution pump, so that heated or cooled fluid is not delive thermostat.							
4.40 Terminal units must be equipped with pressure indeper	ndent bala	ncing valves	or pressure i	ndependent	control valves	S.	
4.41 Piping of a heating or cooling system (e.g., steam, hot ASHRAE 90.1-2007, Table 6.8.3. Construction documents in through planks or any other penetrations and shall specify the	nust acco	unt for piping	total thickness	ss including r	equired insul	ation when p	
Heating System: Pipe size: inches Insulation thic Cooling System: Pipe size: inches Insulation thic		_ inches _ inches	Pipe size: Pipe size:	inches inches	Insulation th		inches inches
4.42 For circulating pumps serving hydronic heating or cooli exceed efficiency standards for NEMA Premium™ motors. I							



5. Dwelling Unit Duct Design (Comp	lete if heating or cooling	equip	ment will be installed with ducts; otherv	vise check "N/A".)	Designer Verified
					□ N/A
5.1 Duct system designed for the equipment of the equipme					
5.2 Room-by-room design airflows docu	mented below (which shou	ıld sun	n to the mode with the higher Design HVA	AC fan airflow). 7, 36, 3	7
Name of the unit plan: Name of the unit plan:					
Design HVAC fan airflow: 38		Desig	n HVAC fan airflow: 38		
	ng mode CFM			de CFM	
Design HVAC fan speed setting (e.g., lo Cooling mode Heati	w, medium, high): ³⁹ ng mode	Cooli	n HVAC fan speed setting (e.g., low, meng mode Heating mo	de	
Design total external static pressure (corwith the higher airflow above): 40	responding to the mode _ IWC		n total external static pressure (correspo he higher airflow above): 40 IWC		
Room Name	Design Airflow (CFM)		Room Name	Design Airflo	w (CFM)
1		1			
2		2			
3		3			
4		4			
5		5			
6		6			
7		7			
8		8			
9		9			
10		10			
Total for all rooms			Total for all roon	ns	
6. Duct Quality Installation - Applies	to Heating, Cooling, Ver	ntilatio	n, Exhaust, & Pressure Balancing Duc	ts, Unless Noted in	Footnote
6.1 All duct quality installation requireme					
6.2 Ductwork specified without kinks, sha	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
6.3 All supply and return ducts not in cor					
6.3.1 Prescriptive Path: Dwelling unit Design.	ductwork meets the locati	ion and	I insulation requirements specified in the	ENERGY STAR MF	Reference
Dwelling Unit					
6.4 MERV 6+ filter(s) specified for each oby the occupant or building owner. Filter supplied outdoor air designed to pass the	access panel specified wit	h a ga			
6.5 Ductwork air-sealing specified such that at final, or if there are no ducted return Townhouses only, Rater-measured duct	s, \leq 3 CFM25 per 100 ft ² or	f CFA	at rough-in or ≤ 6 CFM25 per 100 ft² at fin	t rough-in or ≤ 8 CFI al. ⁴³ Additionally, for	M25 per 100
6.6 Bedrooms with a design supply airflo dedicated return ducts, and/or undercut of the dwelling unit when all air handlers	doors to achieve a Rater-r	d in Ite neasu	m 5.2) are specified with any combination red pressure differential ≥ - 5 Pa and ≤ 5	n of transfer grilles, ju Pa with respect to th	ump ducts, e main body
Common Space					
6.7 Duct design specifies that all supply, and duct wall penetrations.	return, and exhaust ducty	vork ar	nd all plenums shall be sealed at all trans	verse joints, longitud	inal seams,
6.8 Central exhaust systems (that serve exceed 25% of exhaust fan flow at rough ductwork between the fan and the grilles	n-in (e.g., including trunks,				



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Footnotes:

- 1. This report shall represent system design for all unique unit plans, common spaces, and where applicable, parking garages. The term 'common space' refers to any spaces in the building being certified that serve a function in support of the residential part of the building that is not part of a dwelling or sleeping unit. This includes spaces used by residents, such as corridors, stairs, lobbies, laundry rooms, exercise rooms, residential recreation rooms, and dining halls, as well as offices and other spaces used by building management, administration or maintenance in support of the residents. This report is designed to meet ASHRAE 62.1-2010 / 2013, ASHRAE 62.2-2010 / 2013, and ANSI / ACCA's 5 QI-2015 protocol, thereby improving the performance of HVAC equipment in new multifamily buildings when compared to multifamily buildings built to minimum code. However, these features alone cannot prevent all ventilation, indoor air quality, and HVAC problems (e.g., those caused by a lack of maintenance or occupant behavior). Therefore, system designs documented through the use of this report are not a guarantee of proper ventilation, indoor air quality, or HVAC performance.
- 2. The term 'Rater' refers to the person(s) completing the third-party verification required for certification. The person(s) shall: a) be a Certified Rater, Approved Inspector, or an equivalent designation as determined by a Verification Oversight Organization or Multifamily Review Organization and, b) have attended and successfully completed an EPA-recognized training class. See www.energystar.gov/mftraining.
- 3. The dwelling-unit mechanical ventilation system shall have at least one supply or exhaust fan with associated ducts and controls. Local exhaust fans are allowed to be part of a dwelling-unit mechanical ventilation system. Designers may provide supplemental documentation as needed to document the system design.
- 4. In "Warm-Humid" climates as defined by 2009 IECC Figure 301.1 (i.e., CZ 1 and portions of CZ 2 and 3A below the white line), it is recommended, but not required, that equipment be specified with sufficient latent capacity to maintain indoor relative humidity at ≤ 60%.
- 5. Airflow design rates and run-times shall be determined using ASHRAE 62.2-2010 or later. Designers are permitted, but not required, to use published addenda and/or the 2013 version of the standard to assess compliance.
- 6. Airflow design rates shall be determined using ASHRAE 62.1-2010 or later. Designers are permitted, but not required, to use published addenda and/or the 2013 version of the standard to assess compliance.
- 7. If the tables provided cannot accommodate all the unit plans, spaces, or systems in the project, use the tables in Appendix A to supplement the Design Report.
- 8. In addition, consult manufacturer requirements to ensure return air temperature requirements are met.
- 9. Dwelling-unit mechanical ventilation fans shall be rated for sound at no less than the airflow rate in Item 2.7. Fans exempted from this requirement include HVAC air handler fans, remote-mounted fans, and intermittent fans rated ≥ 400 CFM. To be considered for this exemption, a remote-mounted fan must be mounted outside the habitable spaces, bathrooms, toilets, and hallways and there shall be ≥ 4 ft. ductwork between the fan and intake grill. Per ASHRAE 62.2-2010, habitable spaces are intended for continual human occupancy; such space generally includes areas used for living, sleeping, dining, and cooking but does not generally include bathrooms, toilets, hallways, storage areas, closets, or utility rooms.
- 10. Bathroom fans with a rated flow rate ≥ 500 CFM are exempted from the requirement to be ENERGY STAR certified.
- 11. EPA requires rodent / insect screens with < 0.5 inch mesh to be installed at ventilation air inlets. Without proper maintenance, ventilation air inlet screens often become filled with debris. Therefore, EPA recommends, but does not require, that these ventilation air inlets be located so as to facilitate access and regular service by the building maintenance staff.
- 12. Continuous bathroom local mechanical exhaust fans shall be rated for sound at no less than the design airflow rate. Intermittent bathroom and both intermittent and continuous kitchen local mechanical exhaust fans are recommended, but not required, to be rated for sound at no less than the design airflow rate. Per ASHRAE 62.2-2010, an exhaust system is one or more fans that remove air from the building, causing outdoor air to enter by ventilation inlets or normal leakage paths through the building envelope (e.g., bath exhaust fans, range hoods, clothes dryers). Per ASHRAE 62.2-2010, a bathroom is any room containing a bathtub, shower, spa, or similar source of moisture.
- 13. An intermittent mechanical exhaust system, where provided, shall be designed to operate as needed by the occupant. Control devices shall not impede occupant control in intermittent systems.
- 14. Kitchen volume shall be determined by drawing the smallest possible rectangle on the floor plan that encompasses all cabinets, pantries, islands, peninsulas, ranges / ovens, and the kitchen exhaust fan, and multiplying by the average ceiling height for this area. In addition, the continuous kitchen exhaust rate shall be ≥ 25 CFM, per 2009 IRC Table M1507.3, regardless of the rate calculated using the kitchen volume. Cabinet volume shall be included in the kitchen volume.
- 15. While not required, the prescriptive duct sizing requirements in Table 5.3 of ASHRAE 62.2-2010 are recommended to be used for kitchen exhaust fans based upon the rated airflow of the fan at 0.25 IWC.
- 16. As an alternative, dwelling units are permitted to use a continuous kitchen exhaust rate of 25 CFM per 2009 IRC Table M1507.3, if they are either a) PHIUS+ or PHI certified, or b) provide both dwelling unit ventilation and local mechanical kitchen exhaust using a balanced system, and have a Rater-verified whole-building infiltration rate ≤ 0.05 CFM50 per ft² of Enclosure Area, and a Rater-verified dwelling unit compartmentalization rate ≤ 0.30 CFM50 per ft² of Enclosure Area if multiple dwelling units are present in the building. 'Enclosure Area' is defined as the area of the surfaces that bound the volume being pressurized / depressurized during the test.
- 17. All intermittent kitchen exhaust fans must be capable of exhausting at least 100 CFM. In addition, if the fan is not part of a vented range hood or appliance-range hood combination (i.e., if the fan is not integrated with the range), then it must also be capable of exhausting ≥ 5 ACH, based on the kitchen volume.
- 18. For continuous system operation, the lower rate may be used. Otherwise, use the higher rate. Commercial kitchens shall be designed to provide a minimum continuous rate of 0.70 cfm/ft².
- 19. As an alternative, for a toilet room intended to be occupied by one person at a time, a minimum continuous rate of 25 cfm is permitted.
- 20. This section / item applies to split air conditioners, unitary air conditioners, air-source heat pumps, and water-source (i.e., geothermal) heat pumps up to 65 kBtuh with forced-air distribution systems and to furnaces up to 225 kBtuh with forced-air distribution system serving individual

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dwelling units. Forced-air distribution systems are those that supply air through ductwork exceeding 0 ft. in length. This section / item therefore does not apply to non-ducted systems, such as non-ducted mini-splits, multi-splits, PTHP's, or PTAC's.

- 21. Select "2013 / 2017 ASHRAE Fundamentals" if using Chapter 17 of the 2013 or 2017 ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals. Select "Other per AHJ" if the Authority Having Jurisdiction where the unit will be certified mandates the use of a load calculation methodology other than Unabridged ACCA Manual J v8 or 2013 ASHRAE Fundamentals.
- 22. Check the box for "unit-specific design" if the design was created for the specific plan configuration (i.e., elevation, option, orientation, and county) of the unit to be certified. Check the box for "group design" if designs were created for unit plans that are repeated throughout the project / building with potentially different configurations (i.e., different elevations and/or orientations). Check the box for "worst-case design" if loads for the unit with the largest heat gain in the project / building are less than 18 kBtuh and are being used to represent all other units. Only one box may be checked. Regardless of the box checked, the system design as documented on this HVAC Design Report must fall within the following tolerances for the unit to be certified:
 - Item 3.4: The outdoor design temperature used in loads are within the limits defined at www.energystar.gov/hvacdesigntemps.
 - Item 3.6: The number of occupants used in loads is within ± 2 of the dwelling unit to be certified.
 - Item 3.7: Total occupant gains used in loads shall not exceed 645 Btuh per occupant.
 - Item 3.8: The conditioned floor area used in loads is between 100 ft² smaller and 300 ft² larger than the dwelling unit to be certified.
 - Item 3.9: The window area used in loads is between 15 ft² smaller and 60 ft² larger than the dwelling unit to be certified, or for dwelling units with > 500 ft² of window area, between 3% smaller and 12% larger.
 - Item 3.10: The predominant window SHGC is within 0.1 of the predominant value in the dwelling unit to be certified.
 - Item 3.12: The mechanical ventilation rate used in loads is the same as the value in Section 2a for the given unit plan.
 - Item 3.13: The sum of the internal gains associated with lighting and appliances used in loads shall not exceed 3,600 Btuh.
 - Items 3.15 & 3.17: The sensible & total heat gain are documented for the orientation of the dwelling unit to be certified.
 - Item 4.18: The cooling sizing % is within the cooling sizing limit selected.

Provide the National HVAC Design Report to the party you are providing these design services to (i.e., a builder / developer, Functional Testing Agent (FT Agent), and/or MEP / credentialed HVAC contractor) and to the Rater. The report is only required to be provided once per project / building. As long as a report has been provided that falls within these tolerances for the units to be certified, no additional work is required. However, if no report falls within these tolerances or if any aspect of the system design changes, then an additional report will need to be generated prior to certification.

Visit www.energystar.gov/hvacdesigntools for a tool to assist with group designs and for more information.

- 23. For each unique unit floorplan, determine the orientation with the largest and smallest Total Heat Gain. Orientation represents the direction that the front door of the dwelling unit is facing. The designer is only required to document the loads for the orientation(s) that the dwelling unit might be built in. For example, if a unit plan will only be built in a specific orientation (e.g., facing South), then the designer only needs to document the loads for this one orientation. Verify that the difference in Total Heat Gain between the orientation with the largest and smallest value is ≤ 6 kBtuh. If not, then treat that orientation as a unique unit plan.
- 24. Visit www.energystar.gov/hvacdesigntemps for the maximum cooling season design temperature and minimum heating season design temperature permitted for ENERGY STAR. For "County & State, or US Territory, selected", select the County and State or US Territory (i.e., Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, or US Virgin Islands), where the unit is to be certified. The same design report is permitted to be used in other counties, as long as the design temperature limits in those other counties meet or exceed the cooling and heating season temperature limits for the county selected. For example, if Fauquier County, VA, is used for the load calculations, with a 1% cooling temperature limit of 93°F, then the same report could be used in Fairfax County (which has a higher limit of 94°F) but not in Arlington County (which has a lower limit of 92°F). If a jurisdiction-specified design temperature is used that exceeds the limit in the ENERGY STAR Certified Homes Design Temperature Limit Reference Guide, designers must submit a Design Temperature Exception Request. Visit www.energystar.gov/hvacdesigntemps for a copy of this form.
- 25. To determine the number of occupants among all HVAC systems in the dwelling unit, calculate the number of bedrooms, as defined below, and add one. This number of occupants must be within ± 2 of the dwelling unit to be certified.

A bedroom is defined by ANSI / RESNET / ICC Standard 301-2014 as a room or space 70 ft² or greater size, with egress window and closet, used or intended to be used for sleeping. A "den", "library", or "home office" with a closet, egress window, and 70 ft² or greater size or other similar rooms shall count as a bedroom, but living rooms and foyers shall not.

An egress window, as defined in 2009 IRC section R310, shall refer to any operable window that provides for a means of escape and access for rescue in the event of an emergency. The egress window definition has been summarized for convenience. The egress window shall:

- have a sill height of not more than 44 inches above the floor; AND
- have a minimum net clear opening of 5.7 ft²; AND
- have a minimum net clear opening height of 24 in.; AND
- have a minimum net clear opening width of 20 in.; AND
- be operational from the inside of the room without the use of keys, tools or special knowledge.
- 26. The difference between the Conditioned Floor Area (CFA) used in the design and the actual dwelling unit to be certified must fall within the tolerance specified in Footnote 22, as verified by a Rater. Be advised, the Rater will calculate CFA using the definition in ANSI / RESNET / ICC Standard 301-2019, which defines this value, in part, as the floor area of the Conditioned Space Volume within a building or Dwelling Unit, not including the floor area of attics, crawlspaces, and basements below air sealed and insulated floors. See www.codes.iccsafe.org/content/chapter/16185/ for the complete definition.

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- 27. The difference between the window area used in the design and the actual dwelling unit to be certified must fall within the tolerance specified in Footnote 22, as verified by a Rater. Be advised, the Rater will calculate window area using the on-site inspection protocol provided in Normative Appendix B of ANSI / RESNET / ICC Standard 301-2019, which instructs the Rater to measure the width and height of the rough opening for the window and round to the nearest inch, and then to use these measurements to calculate window area, rounding to the nearest tenth of a square foot. See www.codes.iccsafe.org/content/chapter/16191/ for the complete protocol.
- 28. "Predominant" is defined as the SHGC value used in the greatest amount of window area in the dwelling unit.
- 29. Infiltration rate shall use "Tight" values for the cooling season infiltration rate and "Tight" values for the heating season infiltration rate, as defined by Table 5A or 5B of ACCA Manual J, Eighth Edition, Version Two. Alternatively, infiltration rate shall not exceed 0.24 air changes per hour.
- 30. Equipment shall be selected using the maximum total heat gain and the total heat loss in Section 3 per ACCA Manual S, Second Edition, except that cooling ranges above ACCA Manual S limits are temporarily allowed, per Item 4.19.
- 31. If an AHRI Reference # is not available, OEM-provided documentation shall be attached with the rated efficiency of the specific combination of indoor and outdoor components of the air conditioner or heat pump, along with confirmation that the two components are designed to be used together.
- 32. Capacity will be listed as the capacity at design conditions, from OEM expanded performance data, and shall include the capacity of all systems providing space cooling to the dwelling unit.
- 33. Per ACCA Manual S, Second Edition, if the load sensible heat ratio is ≥ 95% and the HDD / CDD ratio is ≥ 2.0, then the Climate is Condition B, otherwise it is Condition A.
- 34. As an alternative for low-load dwelling units, a system match-up including a single-speed compressor with a total capacity ≤ 20 kBtuh is permitted to be used in spaces with a total cooling load ≤ 15 kBtuh. A system match-up including a two-speed or variable-speed compressor with a total capacity ≤ 25 kBtuh is permitted to be used in spaces with a total cooling load ≤ 18 kBtuh.
- 35. Per the 2009 International Mechanical Code, a direct-vent furnace or boiler is one that is constructed and installed so that all air for combustion is derived from the outdoor atmosphere and all flue gases are discharged to the outside atmosphere; a mechanical draft system is a venting system designed to remove flue or vent gases by mechanical means consisting of an induced draft portion under non-positive static pressure or a forced draft portion under positive static pressure; and a natural draft system is a venting system designed to remove flue or vent gases under non-positive static vent pressure entirely by natural draft. Naturally drafted equipment is only allowed if located in a space outside the pressure boundary, where the envelope assemblies separating it from conditioned space are insulated and air-sealed.
- 36. Designers may provide supplemental documentation with room-by-room and total design airflows in lieu of completing Item 5.5. Sample supplemental documentation can be found at www.energystar.gov/hvacdesigntools.
- 37. Orientation-specific room-by-room design airflows are recommended, but not required, to distribute airflow proportional to load, thereby improving comfort and efficiency.
- 38. Design HVAC fan airflow is the design airflow for the blower in CFM, as determined using the manufacturer's expanded performance data.
- 39. Design HVAC fan speed setting is the fan speed setting on the control board (e.g., low, medium, high) that corresponds with the Design HVAC fan airflow.
- 40. Design total external static pressure is the pressure corresponding to the Design HVAC fan airflow, inclusive of external components (e.g., evaporator coil, whole-house humidifier, or ≥ MERV 6 filter).
- 41. Kinks are to be avoided and are caused when ducts are bent across sharp corners such as framing members. Sharp bends are to be avoided and occur when the radius of the turn in the duct is less than one duct diameter. Compression is to be avoided and occurs when flexible ducts in unconditioned space are installed in cavities smaller than the outer duct diameter and ducts in conditioned space are installed in cavities smaller than inner duct diameter. Ducts shall not include coils or loops except to the extent needed for acoustical control.
- 42. Item 6.3 does not apply to ducts that are a part of local mechanical exhaust or exhaust-only dwelling-unit ventilation systems. EPA recommends, but does not require, that all metal ductwork not encompassed by Section 6 (e.g., exhaust ducts, duct boots, ducts in conditioned space) also be insulated and that insulation be sealed to duct boots to prevent condensation.
- 43. Item 6.5 only applies to heating, cooling, and balanced ventilation ducts that only serve one dwelling unit. Duct leakage testing is not required if the ducts and air handler are in conditioned space and the total supply duct length of the system, including all supply trunks and branches, is ≤ 10 ft. For balanced ventilation ducts that are not connected to space heating or cooling systems, a Rater is permitted to visually verify, in lieu of duct leakage testing, that all seams and connections are sealed with mastic or metal tape and all duct boots are sealed to floor, wall, or ceiling using caulk, foam, or mastic tape.
- 44. Duct leakage shall be determined and documented by a Rater in accordance with ANSI / RESNET / ICC Std. 380. Leakage limits shall be assessed on a per-system, rather than per-dwelling unit, basis. For a duct system with one or two returns, the total Rater-measured duct leakage is permitted to be the greater of ≤ 4 CFM25 per 100 ft² of CFA or ≤ 40 CFM25 at 'rough-in' or the greater of ≤ 8 CFM25 per 100 ft² of CFA or ≤ 8 CFM25 at 'final'. For a duct system with three or more returns, the total Rater-measured duct leakage is permitted to be the greater of ≤ 6 CFM25 per 100 ft² of CFA or ≤ 60 CFM25 at 'rough-in' or the greater of ≤ 12 CFM25 per 100 ft² of CFA or ≤ 120 CFM25 at 'final'. For a duct system without any ducted returns, the total Rater-measured duct leakage is permitted to be the greater of ≤ 3 CFM25 per 100 ft² of CFA or ≤ 30 CFM25 at 'rough-in' or the greater of ≤ 6 CFM25 per 100 ft² of CFA or ≤ 60 CFM25 at 'final' and, the Rater-measured pressure difference between the space containing the air handler and the conditioned space, with the air handler running at high speed, is ≤ 5 Pa. For systems > 1 ton, increase by 1 Pa per half ton.
- 45. For the purpose of computing leakage allowance, exhaust fan flow shall be the lesser of the rated fan flow and at rough-in, 133% of the sum of the design exhaust airflow of the dwelling units that are exhausted by that central fan or at final, 143% of the sum of the design exhaust airflow of the dwelling units that are exhausted by that central fan. This test is not required of central exhaust systems serving clothes dryers.

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Appendix A – Supplementary tables for Section 2 and 3

2a. Dwelling Unit & Common Space Mechanical Ven	tilation De	sign ^{3, 4}						
List unique unit plan for which 62.2 ventilation rates were calculated in the spaces to the right:								
2.4 # of bedrooms:								
2.5 Square footage:								
2.6 Ventilation airflow rate required by ASHRAE 62.2:								<u> </u>
2.7 Ventilation airflow rate designed:								
2.7.1 If applicable, run-time per cycle (minutes):								
2.7.2 If applicable, cycle time (minutes):								
	-		•			•		
List common space for which 62.1 ventilation rates were calculated in the spaces to the right:								
2.8 Ventilation airflow rate required by ASHRAE 62.1:								
2.9 Ventilation airflow rate designed:								
<u> </u>		.	· ·			u u		
System Type & Controls:								
List Ventilation System ID in the spaces to the right:								
2.10 Specified system type: (e.g., supply, exhaust, balanced, ERV, HRV)								
2.11 Specified system type: (e.g., in-unit, central)								
2.12 Manufacturer:								
2.13 Model Number:								
2.14 Area / space(s) that system serves: (e.g., Unit A kitchens, corridor, community room)								
2.15 Specified control location: (e.g., Master bath, utility):								
3. Heating & Cooling Loads								
Dwelling Unit Heating & Cooling Loads (only required	d for ducted	split AC,	unitary A	C, ASHP, V	VSHP, GSI	HP, and fu	ırnaces)	¹⁹ □ N/A
List the unit plan for which Loads were calculated:								
3.5 Location of Unit: top, mid, bottom, corner, interior								
3.6 Number of occupants used in loads: ^{22, 25}								
3.7 Total occupant gains (Btuh): 22								
3.8 Conditioned floor area used in loads: ^{22, 26}								
3.9 Window area used in loads: ^{22, 27}								
3.10 Predominant window SHGC used in loads: ^{22, 25}								
3.11 Infiltration (ACH / ACH50) used in loads: ²⁹								
3.12 Mechanical ventilation (CFM) used in loads:								
3.13 Non-occupant Internal gains (appliance, equipment and lighting) used in loads (Btuh): ²²								
3.14 Orientation (N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW): ²³								
3.15 Sensible Heat Gain At Design Conditions (kBtuh): 22								
3.16 Latent Heat Gain At Design Conditions (kBtuh):								
3.17 Total Heat Gain at Design Conditions (kBtuh): 22								
3.18 Total Heat Loss at Design Conditions (kBtuh):				1				



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Appendix A – Supplementary tables for Section 3

3.19 Common Space Heating & 0	Cooling Loads			
Common Space Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:	(kBtuh)
Common Space Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:	(kBtuh)
Common Space Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:	(kBtuh)
Common Space Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:	(kBtuh)
Common Space Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:	(kBtuh)
Common Space Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:	(kBtuh)
Common Space Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:	(kBtuh)
Common Space Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:	(kBtuh)
Common Space Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:	(kBtuh)
Common Space Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:	(kBtuh)
Common Space Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:	(kBtuh)
Common Space Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:	(kBtuh)
Common Space Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:	(kBtuh)
Common Space Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:	(kBtuh)
Common Space Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:	(kBtuh)
Common Space Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:	(kBtuh)
Common Space Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:	(kBtuh)
Common Space Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:	(kBtuh)
Common Space Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:	(kBtuh)
Common Space Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:	(kBtuh)

3.20 Building Heating & Cooling Loads (only required when shared systems such as central boilers or chillers are specified)								
System Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:(kBtuh)					
System Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:(kBtuh)					
System Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:(kBtuh)					
System Name:	Design Conditions: Total Heat Gain:	(kBtuh)	Total Heat Loss:(kBtuh)					

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Appendix A – Supplementary tables for Section 4

4. Heating & Cooling Equipment So	election							
Cooling Equipment (Complete all a	pplicable items; oth	erwise check	("N/A".)					□ N/A
List Cooling Equipment ID in the spaces	s to the right:							
4.4 Equipment type: (PTAC / AC, Chille WLHP / GSHP / ASHP / VRF)	r / CT, PTHP /							
4.5 Area / Space(s) that system serves:								
4.6 Chiller / condenser / outdoor unit ma	anufacturer:							
4.7 Chiller / condenser / outdoor unit me	odel #:							
4.8 Evaporator / indoor unit manufactur	er:							
4.9 Evaporator / indoor unit model #:								
4.10 AHRI reference #: ³¹								
4.11 AHRI listed efficiency:								
4.12 Evaporator fan type: PSC, ECM / I	CM Other:							
4.13 Compressor speed: Single, Two, \								
4.14 Turn down ratio (for variable speed	d equipment):							
4.15 Latent capacity at design condition	ns (kBtuh): 32							
4.16 Sensible capacity at design condit	ions (kBtuh): 32							
4.17 Total capacity at design conditions	(kBtuh): 32							
4.18 Cooling sizing % = Total capacity by Total Heat Gain of space(s) in Item 4								
4.19 Meets cooling sizing limit: (A, B, C	, D or N/A) ²⁰							
4.20 If "B", list Load sensible heat ratio								
heat gain (Item 3.15) / Max. total heat g								
4.21 If "B", calculate HDD / CDD ratio: 3	33							
			Compre	essor Type	(Per Item 4	.13)		
Equipment Type & Climate Condition	Single-Spe	eed	,	Two-Speed		Va	riable-Speed	
A: For Cooling-Only Equipment or For Cooling Mode of Heat Pump in Condition A Climate ³³	Recommended: Allowed: 90		Recommended: 90 – 120% Allowed: 90 – 140%			Recommended: 90 – 130% Allowed: 90 – 160%		
B: For Cooling Mode of Heat Pump in Condition B Climate 33	90% - 100%, pl	us 15 kBtuh	90% - 100%, plus 15 kBtuh			90% - 100%, plus 15 kBtuh		
C: For low-load spaces (≤15 kBtuh) 34	≤ 20 kB	Btuh						
D: For low-load spaces (≤18 kBtuh) 34				≤ 25 kBtuh	1		≤ 25 kBtuh	
Heating Equipment (Complete all a	pplicable items: oth	erwise check	: "N/A")		<u> </u>			□ N/A
List Heating Equipment ID in the space	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· ,					
4.22 Electric equipment type: PTHP, W VRF, Boiler, Furnace, Electric Res	LHP, GSHP, ASHP,							
4.23 Gas Equipment type: HW PTAC / PTAC, Boiler, Furnace	fan coil, Gas-Fired							
4.24 Area / Space(s) that system serve	S:							
4.25 Manufacturer:								
4.26 Model Number:								
4.27 Listed efficiency:								
4.28 Equipment output capacity (kBtuh):								
4.29 Air-source heat pump output capa								
4.30 Type of Venting: Natural Draft, Mechanically Drafted, Direct Vent ³⁵								
4.31 Furnace heating sizing % = Total capacity (Item 4.28) divided by Total Heat Loss of space(s) in Item 4.24:								
4.32 Meets furnace sizing limit: (A, B, C	, or N/A) ²⁰							
A:	For low-load spaces	(≤ 10 kBtuh),	furnace o	utput capaci	ty is ≤ 40 kE	Btuh	•	
B: When Used for Heating Only C: When Paired With Cooling								
b. Wrien osed for nealing	9 01119	Recommended: 100 – 140% Allowed: 100 – 400%						



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Appendix A – Supplementary tables for Section 5

5. Dwelling-Unit Duct Design					
5.2 Room-by-room design airflows docur	mented below (which shou	ıld sun	n to the mode with the higher Desig	n HVAC	fan airflow). 7, 36, 37
Name of the unit plan:		Name	e of the unit plan:		
Design HVAC fan airflow: 38		Desig	ın HVAC fan airflow: ³⁸		
	ng mode CFM			ng mode	e CFM
Design HVAC fan speed setting (e.g., lov	w. medium. high): 39		ın HVAC fan speed setting (e.g., lo	w, mediı	um, high): ³⁹
Cooling mode Heating	ng mode			ng mode	
Design total external static pressure (cor		Desid	ın total external static pressure (co	rrespond	ling to the mode
with the higher airflow above): 40	_ IWC	with t	he higher airflow above): 40	_ IWC	
Room Name	Design Airflow (CFM)		Room Name		Design Airflow (CFM)
1		1			
2		2			
3		3			
4		4			
5		5			
6		6			
7		7			
8		8			
9		9			
10		10			
Total for all rooms			Total for a	Il rooms	
Name of the unit plan:			e of the unit plan:		
Design HVAC fan airflow: ³⁸			n HVAC fan airflow: ³⁸		
	ng mode CFM				e CFM
Design HVAC fan speed setting (e.g., lov		Desig	n HVAC fan speed setting (e.g., lo	w, mediı	um, high): ³⁹
	ng mode	Cooli		ng mode	
Design total external static pressure (cor	responding to the mode		n total external static pressure (co		ling to the mode
with the higher airflow above): 40	_ IWC	with t	he higher airflow above): 40	_ IWC	
Room Name	Design Airflow (CFM)		Room Name		Design Airflow (CFM)
1		1			
2		2			
3		3			
4		4			
5		5			
6		6			
7		7			
8		8			
9		9			
10		10			
Total for all rooms		l	Total for a	rooms	
			: otal ioi a		