



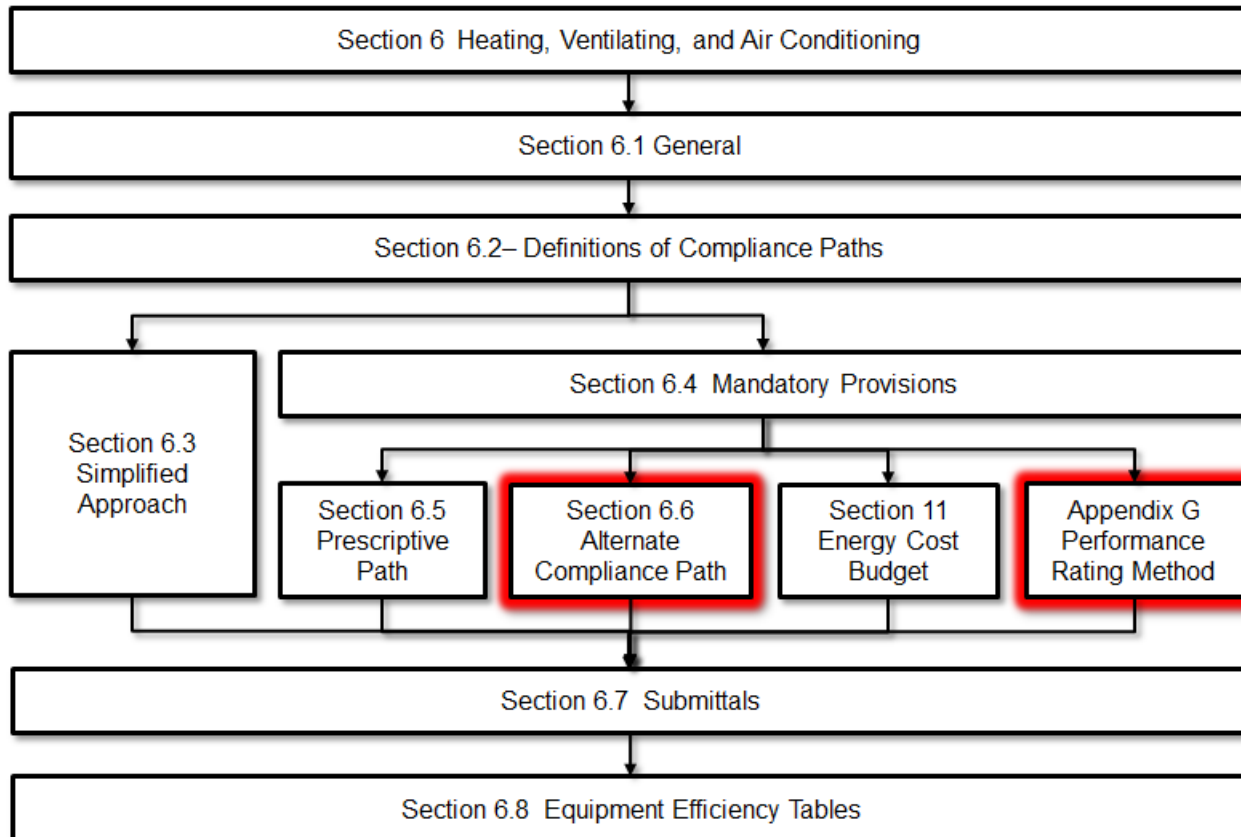
## ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-2016: HVAC

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# Section 6 Compliance Flowchart

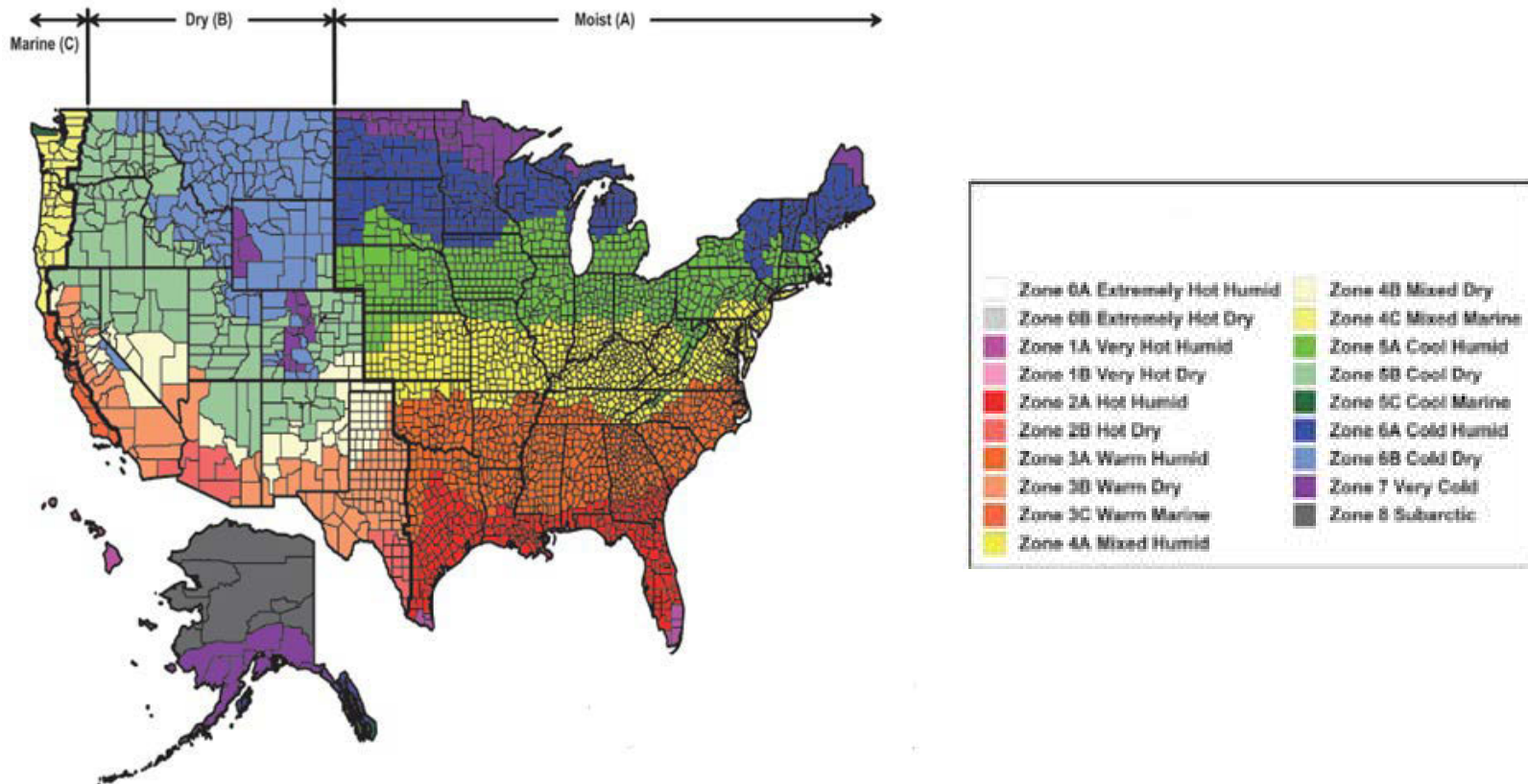
- Flowchart shows the overall structure and compliance paths for the requirements
- Updates shown in red



- Updated climate zone map
- Increased HVAC equipment efficiency requirements
- Requirements for replacement equipment
- Several others

# Updated Climate Zone Map

- ▶ Aligns with new ASHRAE Standard 169-2013
- ▶ Reflects global warming trends over the most recent 30 years
- ▶ Adds new Climate Zone 0 (extremely hot)
- ▶ Approximately 10% of U.S. counties reassigned to a warmer climate zone



# Climate Zone Requirements

With the ASHRAE 169 redefinition of climate zones and the addition of new climate zone 0A and 0B changes were made to the climate specific Section 6 requirements Climate zones are referenced to Section 5.1.4

Changes were made in the following tables and sections

- Table 6.4.3.4.3 Damper leakage
- Economizer requirements in 6.5.1
- Table 6.5.1-1 Minimum Fan Cooling Unit Size for which economizers are Required
- Table 6.5.1.1.3 High-Limit Shutoff Control Settings for Air Economizers
- Table 6.5.1.2.1 Fluid Economizer Sizing Dry-Bulb and Wet-Bulb Requirements for Computer Rooms (new table)
- Supply air temperature reset in section 6.5.3.5
- Table 6.5.4.2 Pump Flow Control Requirements (new table)
- Exhaust Air Energy Recovery in 6.5.6.1 and tables 6.5.6.1-1 & 2
- Table 6.6.1 Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE) Maximum
- Table 6.8.2 Minimum Duct Insulation R-Value
- Table 6.8.3-1 Minimum Piping Insulation Thickness Heating and Hot Water Systems

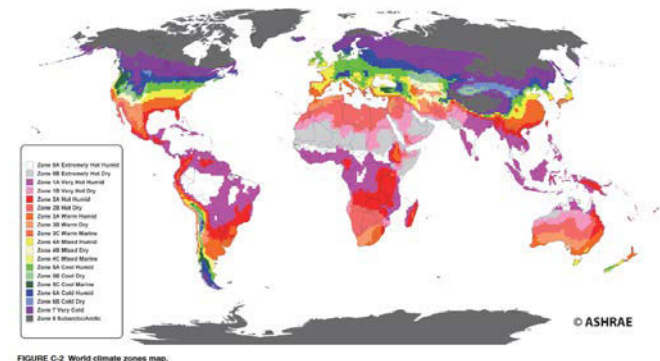
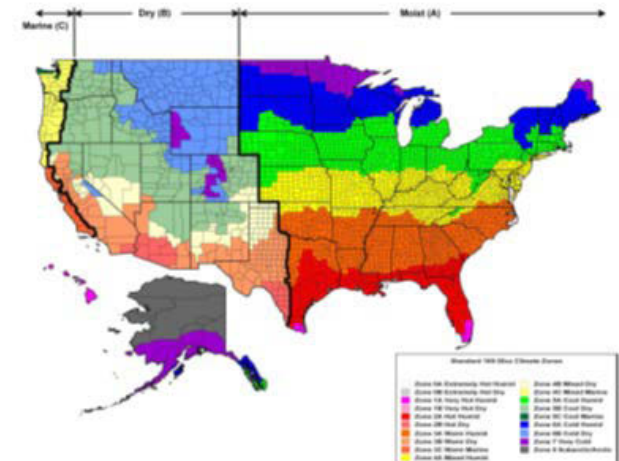


FIGURE C-2 World climate zones map.



## ► Increased HVAC Equipment Efficiency Requirements



Chillers  
(kW/Ton)



Heat  
Pumps  
(IEER)



Computer Room AC  
(SCOP)



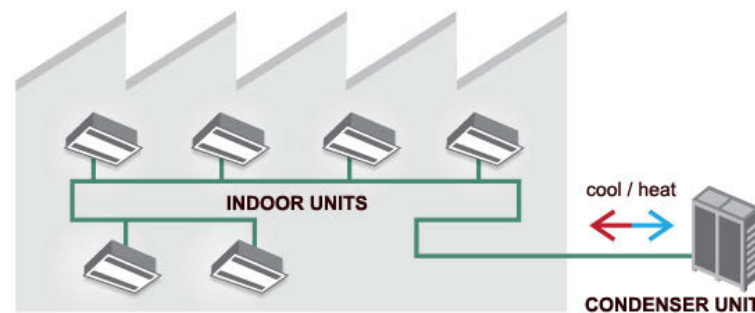
Dedicated Outdoor  
Air\* (ISMRE, ISCOP)



Rooftop AC  
Units  
(IEER)



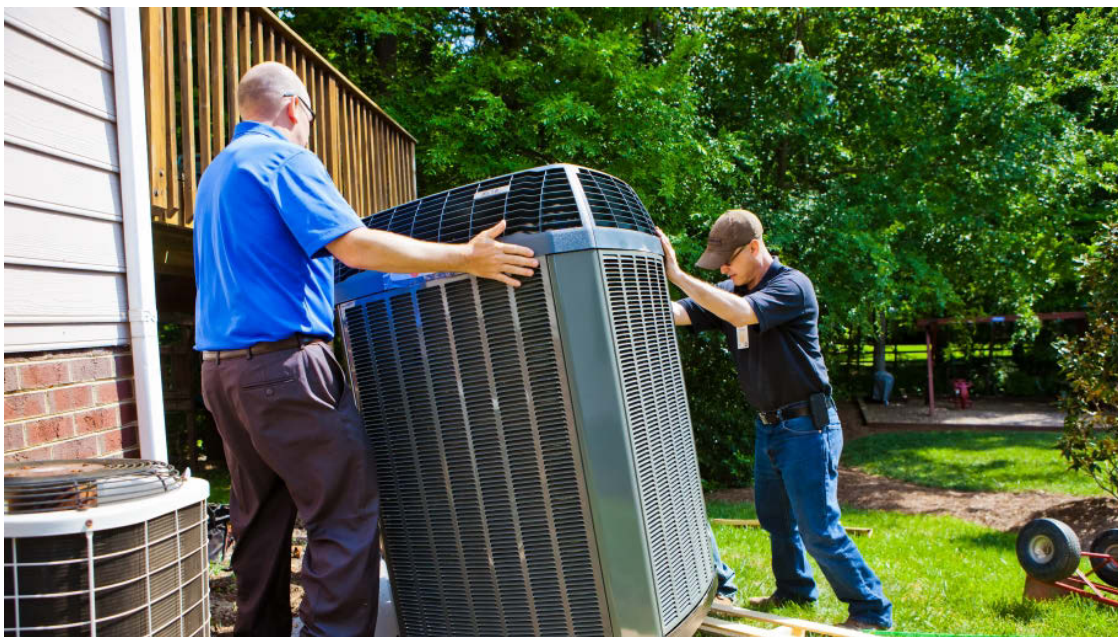
Cooling  
Towers  
(gpm/hp)



Variable Refrigerant Flow  
(EER, IEER)

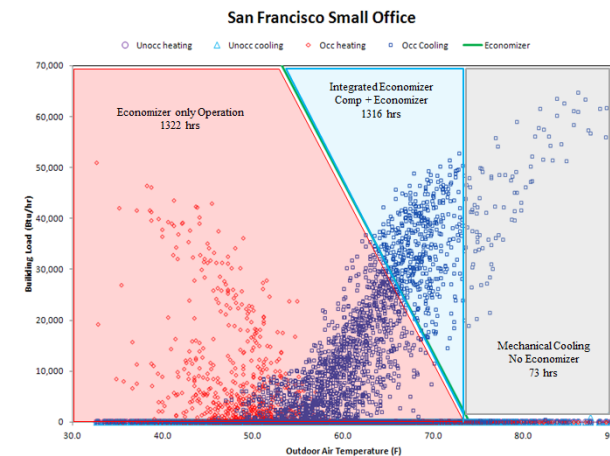
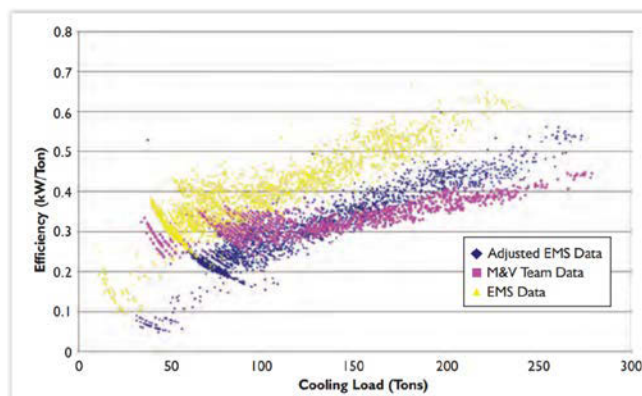
► Replacement equipment now needs to meet many of the requirements formerly for new equipment only. For example:

- Various controls requirements
- Economizer requirements
- Fan efficiency
- Boiler turndown





- ▶ Hotel/Motel Guest Room Controls
  - Heating, cooling, & ventilation automatically reduced when unoccupied
- ▶ Chilled Water Plant Metering
  - Large plants required to meter for electricity and efficiency
- ▶ Economizer Fault Detection and Diagnostics
  - Ensures that economizers using outdoor air for free cooling are configured and working correctly
- ▶ Miscellaneous Control Requirements



## Control Setpoint Configuration Requirements

- In many of the controls requirements it was stated that controls must be capable of some configuration. This has been changed to not only require that they are capable but they shall be configured to the defined requirement.

Example in 6.4.3.4 Ventilation outdoor air and exhaust/relief dampers shall be capable of and **configured to** automatically...

## Building System

Envelope

**HVAC**

SWH

Power

Lighting

Other

## Compliance Options

**Prescriptive  
Option**

**Trade Off  
Option**

**Energy Cost  
Budget**

**Simplified**

**Performance  
Rating  
Method**

**Mandatory  
Provisions**

(required for most  
compliance options)

**Energy Code  
Compliance**

- ✓ New Buildings
- ✓ Additions to Existing Buildings
- ✓ Alterations in Existing Buildings
- ✓ Throughout Section 6, when referring to controls requirements, replaces the words “capable of” with “**capable of and configured to**” so that controls will be set up at time of inspection.

## Section 6 – 6.1.1.3

### HVAC Alterations Scope

- **Equipment**
  - New equipment shall meet the minimum efficiency requirements
- **Cooling systems**
  - New cooling systems installed to serve previously uncooled spaces shall comply with this section
  - Alterations to existing cooling systems shall not decrease economizer capacity (unless economizer tradeoff is used)
- **Ductwork**
  - New and replacement ductwork shall comply with applicable requirements
- **Piping**
  - New and replacement piping shall comply with applicable requirements



Alterations to the building HVACR system shall comply with the requirements of Section 6

- **Exceptions** that are allowed:
  - Equipment being modified or repaired (not replaced)
    - provided such modifications will not result in an increase in the annual energy consumption
  - Equipment being replaced or altered which requires extensive revisions to other systems and such replaced or altered equipment is a like-for-like replacement
  - Refrigerant change of existing equipment
  - Relocation of existing equipment
  - Ducts and pipes where there is insufficient space or access to meet these requirements

Section 6.1.1.3 defines requirements for replacement equipment which in prior versions of 90.1 were only required on new construction

6.1.1.3.1 New HVACR *equipment* as a direct replacement of existing HVACR *equipment* shall comply with the following sections as applicable for the *equipment* being replaced:

- a. 6.3, “Simplified Approach Option for HVAC Systems”
- b. 6.4.1, “Equipment Efficiencies, Verification, and Labeling Requirements”
- c. 6.4.3.1, “Zone Thermostatic Controls”
- d. 6.4.3.2, “Set-Point Overlap Restrictions”
- e. 6.4.3.3, “Off-Hour Controls” except for Section 6.4.3.3.4, “Zone Isolation”
- f. 6.4.3.4, “Ventilation System Controls”
- g. 6.4.3.7, “Freeze Protection and Snow/Ice Melting Systems”
- h. 6.4.3.8, “Ventilation Controls for High-Occupancy Areas” only for single-zone equipment
- i. 6.4.3.9, “Heated or Cooled Vestibules”
- j. 6.4.5, “Walk-In Coolers and Walk-In Freezers”
- k. 6.5.1.1, “Air Economizers” for units located outdoors
- l. 6.5.1.3, “Integrated Economizer Control”
- m. 6.5.1.4, “Economizer Heating System Impact”
- n. 6.5.3.1.3, “Fan Efficiency”
- o. 6.5.3.2.1, “Supply Fan Airflow Control”
- p. 6.5.3.6, “Fractional Horsepower Fan Motors”
- q. 6.5.4.1, “Boiler Turndown”
- r. 6.5.4.3, “Chiller and Boiler Isolation”
- s. 6.5.5.2, “Fan Speed Control”



- ✓ You have to follow Sections
  - 6.1 **General**,
  - 6.7 **Submittals**, and
  - 6.8 **Minimum Equipment Efficiency**
- ✓ And then you can follow either
  - Section 6.3 **Simplified Approach**
  - Sections 6.4 **Mandatory Provisions** and 6.5 **Prescriptive Path**
  - Sections 6.4 **Mandatory Provisions** and 6.6 **Alternative Compliance Path (for Computer Rooms)**
- ✓ Alternatively, you can follow Section 11 (ECB), in which case Section 6.4 is mandatory

## Section 6 – 6.3

### Simplified Approach Option

The simplified approach is an optional path for compliance when the following are met:

- Buildings with 1 or 2 stories
- Buildings with gross floor area < 25,000 ft<sup>2</sup>
- System serving single HVAC zone
- Each system complies with 6.3.2



# Section 6 – 6.3

## Simplified Approach Criteria

- a. Single HVAC zone
- b. Variable flow requirements (6.5.3.2.1)
- c. Cooling equipment efficiency (6.8.1)
- d. Air economizers (6.5.1 and 6.4.3.12)
- e. Heating equipment efficiency (6.8.1)
- f. Exhaust air energy recovery (6.5.6.1)
- g. Dual setpoint thermostat or manual changeover
- h. Heat pump auxiliary heat control
- i. No reheat or simultaneous cooling and heating for humidity control
- j. Off-hour shutoff and temperature setback/setup
- k. **Systems serving hotel/motel guest rooms comply with Section 6.4.3.3.5**
- l. Piping insulation (**Tables 6.8.3-1 and 6.8.3-2**)
- m. Ductwork insulation and sealing (6.4.4.2.1)
- n. Air balancing of ducted system
- o. Outdoor air intake and exhaust systems (6.4.3.4)
- p. Zone thermostatic controls to prevent simultaneous heating and cooling
- q. Optimum start controls
- r. Demand control ventilation (**6.4.3.8 and 6.5.3.7**)
- s. Door switch requirements (**6.5.10**)



## Section 6 – 6.5.3.2 (6.3.2b)

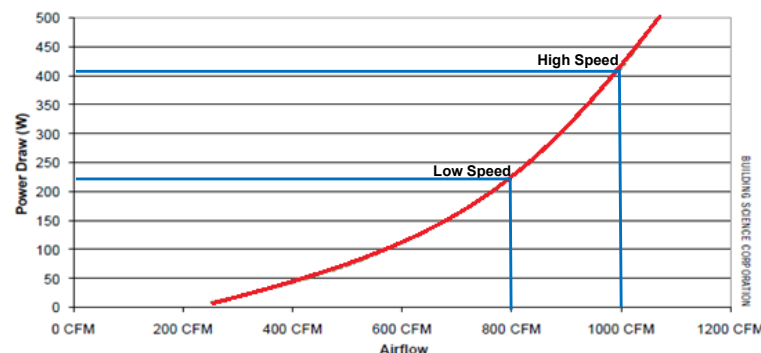
### Fan Control

- ✓ Air-handling and fan coil unit supply fans controlled by two-speed motors or variable speed drives
  - Chilled-water cooling coils where the supply fans have motors  $\geq 1/4$  hp
  - Direct expansion units  $\geq 65,000$  Btu/h cooling capacity
  - Two speeds of fan control required during economizer operation

Temperature Control	Typical Zones	Minimum fan speed	Fan power at min speed	Fan control
Supply Air	Multiple	$\leq 50\%$ *	$\leq 30\%$	Modulating
Room Temperature	Single	$\leq 66\%$ *	$\leq 40\%$	Two-speed, Multi-speed or Modulating

\* or volume of outdoor air required to meet Standard 62.1

Example: 1/2 HP Motor



**Reference 90.1-2016 Tables:  
6.8.1-1, 6.8.1-2, 6.8.1-4**

The system shall either have an economizer,  
Or use the economizer Trade-off Option

- Limited to unitary systems
- Requires higher minimum cooling efficiency (EER)
- Trade-off EER by
  - System size
  - Climate zone
- **Eliminated separate table for computer rooms. They must follow the same thresholds as other spaces.**



Reference Table 6.5.1-**2** on page 88 in 90.1-2016

- Climate and size dependent (*Tables 6.5.1-1 and -2*)
- There are LOTS of exceptions
- Can use air economizers
  - 100% of design supply air
  - Sequenced with mechanical cooling equipment
  - High limit shutoff
  - Dampers
  - Relief of excess outdoor air
  - Sensor accuracy



### Exceptions

- Small individual fan units: < Table 6.5.1-1
- Chilled-water cooling systems without a fan or that use induced airflow with certain capacity in certain climate zones
- Systems with nonparticulate air treatment per Standard 62.1
- Hospitals where >75% of the air must be humidified >35°Fdp
- Processes where >25% of the air must be humidified >35°Fdp
- Systems with condenser heat recovery per 6.5.6.2.2
- Residential systems <5X limits in Table 6.5.1-1
- Systems with a balance point ≤60°F
- Systems expected to operate < 20hrs/wk
- Systems serving zones with open refrigerated casework
- Where comfort cooling efficiency meets or exceeds Table 6.5.1-2
- Systems serving computer rooms under certain conditions
- Dedicated systems for computer rooms where a minimum of 75% of the design load serves various conditions

Required if:

- ✓ Supply air capacity  $\geq$  value listed in Tables 6.5.6.1-1 and 6.5.6.1-2
  - Values are based on climate zone and % of outdoor air flow rate at design conditions

*Table 6.5.6.1-1 used for all ventilation systems operating < 8,000 hrs/yr*

*Table 6.5.6.1-2 used for all ventilation systems operating  $\geq$  8,000 hrs/yr*

Recovery system effectiveness  $\geq$  50%

- required thresholds have changed to account for minimum size availability of small energy recovery products

A new definition was added for energy recovery efficiency

- **enthalpy recovery ratio**: change in the enthalpy of the *outdoor air* supply divided by the difference between the *outdoor air* and entering exhaust air enthalpy, expressed as a percentage
- **sensible energy recovery ratio**: change in the dry-bulb temperature of the outdoor air supply divided by the difference between the outdoor air and entering exhaust air dry-bulb temperatures, expressed as a percentage.

**Table 6.5.6.1-1 Exhaust Air Energy Recovery Requirements  
for Ventilation Systems Operating Less than 8000 Hours per Year**

Climate Zone	% Outdoor Air at Full Design Airflow Rate							
	≥10% and <20%	≥20% and <30%	≥30% and <40%	≥40% and <50%	≥50% and <60%	≥60% and <70%	≥70% and <80%	≥80%
	Design Supply Fan Airflow Rate, cfm							
3B, 3C, 4B, 4C, 5B	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
0B, 1B, 2B, 5C	NR	NR	NR	NR	≥26000	≥12000	≥5000	≥4000
6B	≥28,000	≥26,500	≥11000	≥5500	≥4500	≥3500	≥2500	≥1500
0A, 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A	≥26,000	≥16,000	≥5500	≥4500	≥3500	≥2000	≥1000	≥120
7,8	≥4500	≥4000	≥2500	≥1000	≥140	≥120	≥100	≥80

NR—Not required

**Table 6.5.6.1-2 Exhaust Air Energy Recovery Requirements  
for Ventilation Systems Operating Greater than or Equal to 8000 Hours per Year**

Climate Zone	% Outdoor Air at Full Design Airflow Rate							
	≥10% and <20%	≥20% and <30%	≥30% and <40%	≥40% and <50%	≥50% and <60%	≥60% and <70%	≥70% and < 80%	≥80%
	Design Supply Fan Airflow Rate, cfm							
3C	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
0B, 1B, 2B, 3B, 4C, 5C	NR	≥19,500	≥9000	≥5000	≥4000	≥3000	≥1500	≥120
0A, 1A, 2A, 3A, 4B, 5B	≥2500	≥2000	≥1000	≥500	≥140	≥120	≥100	≥80
4A, 5A, 6A, 6B, 7, 8	≥200	≥130	≥100	≥80	≥70	≥60	≥50	≥40

NR—Not required

## Section 6 – 6.5.6.1 (6.3.2f) Exhaust Air Energy Recovery Exceptions

- Lab systems meeting 6.5.7.3
- Systems serving uncooled spaces that are heated to  $< 60^{\circ}\text{F}$
- Where  $> 60\%$  of outdoor heating energy is provided from site-recovered or site solar energy
- Heating energy recovery in climate zones 0, 1 and 2
- Cooling energy recovery in climate zones 3c, 4c, 5b, 5c, 6b, 7, and 8
- Where **sum of airflow rates exhausted and relieved within 20 ft** of each other is  $< 75\%$  of the design outdoor airflow
- Systems requiring dehumidification that employ energy recovery in series with the cooling coil
- Systems operating  $< 20$  hrs/week at outdoor air % in Table 6.5.6.1-1

## Section 6 – 6.3

### Simplified Approach Option *(cont'd)*

- Manual changeover or dual set-point thermostat
- Heat pump supplementary heat lockout
- No reheat or simultaneous heating and cooling for humidity control
- Time clocks (*except hotel/motel guest rooms and systems requiring continuous operation*)
- **Systems serving hotel/motel guest rooms to comply with automatic control of HVAC (Section 6.4.3.3.5)**



## Section 6 – 6.3

### Simplified Approach Option *(cont'd)*

- Ductwork and plenum insulation
- Air balancing of ducted systems required
- Outdoor air intake and exhaust systems meet 6.4.3.4
- Interlocked thermostats for separate heating and cooling
- System > 10,000 cfm:
  - optimum start controls
- Demand control ventilation per 6.4.3.8
- Door switch requirements

## Piping and ductwork/plenum insulated



Piping Insulation - Reference Tables 6.8.3-1 and 6.8.3-2 on pages 127 and 128 in 90.1-2016

Duct Insulation - Reference Table 6.8.2 on page 127 in 90.1-2016

### Tables 6.8.3-1 and 6.8.3-2

#### Exceptions

- ✓ Factory-installed
- ✓ Piping conveying fluids
  - design operating temperature range between 60°F-105°F, inclusive
  - that haven't been heated or cooled through the use of fossil fuels or electricity
- ✓ Where heat gain or loss won't increase energy use
- ✓ For piping  $\leq 1$  in, No insulation required for strainers, control valves, and balancing valves

## Section 6 – 6.4.3.8 (6.3.2q)

### Demand Control Ventilation

*DCV* must be provided for each zone with an area  $> 500 \text{ ft}^2$  and the design occupancy  $> 25 \text{ people}/1000 \text{ ft}^2$  where the HVAC system has:

- ✓ air-side economizer,
- ✓ automatic modulating control of OSA dampers
- ✓ design outdoor airflow  $> 3,000 \text{ cfm}$



*Demand control ventilation (DCV):* a ventilation system capability that provides for the automatic reduction of outdoor air intake below design rates when the actual occupancy of spaces served by the system is less than design occupancy.

### Exceptions to DCV:

- Systems with exhaust air energy recovery meeting 6.5.6.1
- Multiple-zone systems without DDC of individual zones communicating with central control panel
- Systems with design outdoor air flow < 750 cfm
- Spaces where > 75% of space design outdoor airflow is required for makeup air exhausted from space or transfer air exhausted from other spaces
- Spaces with one of the following occupancy categories per ASHRAE 62.1
  - Correctional cells
  - Daycare sickrooms
  - Science labs
  - Barbers, beauty, and nail salons
  - Bowling alley seating

## Building System

Envelope

**HVAC**

SWH

Power

Lighting

Other

## Compliance Options

**Prescriptive  
Option**

**Trade Off  
Option**

**Energy Cost  
Budget**

**Simplified**

**Performance  
Rating  
Method**

**Mandatory  
Provisions**

(required for most  
compliance options)

**Energy Code  
Compliance**

- ✓ Minimum Equipment Efficiency (*Section 6.4.1*)
- ✓ Calculations (*Section 6.4.2*)
- ✓ Controls and Diagnostics (*Section 6.4.3*)
- ✓ HVAC System Construction and Insulation (*Section 6.4.4*)
- ✓ Walk-in Coolers and Walk in Freezers (*Section 6.4.5.*)
- ✓ Refrigerated Display Case (*Section 6.4.6*)



# Section 6 – 6.4.1.1

## Minimum Equipment Efficiency

### HVAC Equipment Covered

- ✓ Electrically operated unitary air conditioners and condensing units
- ✓ Electrically operated unitary and applied heat pumps (air, water, and ground source)
- ✓ Water-chilling packages (chillers)
- ✓ Electrically operated packaged terminal air conditioners and heat pumps, single-package vertical air conditioners, single-package heat pumps, room air conditioners, and room air conditioner heat pumps
- ✓ Warm-air furnaces, warm-air furnaces/AC units, warm-air duct furnaces and unit heaters
- ✓ Gas-and oil-fired boilers
- ✓ Performance requirements for heat rejection equipment (cooling towers)
- ✓ Heat transfer equipment (heat exchangers)
- ✓ Electrically operated variable refrigerant flow (VRF) air conditioners
- ✓ Electrically operated VRF air-to-air and applied heat pumps
- ✓ Air conditioners and condensing units serving computer rooms
- ✓ Commercial refrigerators and freezers
- ✓ Commercial refrigeration
- ✓ Vapor-Compression-Based Indoor Pool Dehumidifiers
- ✓ Electrically Operated DX-DOAS Units, Single-Package and Remote Condenser, without Energy Recovery
- ✓ Electrically Operated DX-DOAS Units, Single-Package and Remote Condenser with Energy Recovery

## Section 6 – 6.4.1.4

### Verification of Equipment Efficiencies

Equipment efficiency information from manufacturers verified by one of the following

- ✓ EPACT equipment – to comply with federal certification requirements
- ✓ If certification program exists for covered product and includes provisions for verification and challenge of equipment efficiency ratings, product listed in program
- ✓ If product not listed in program, ratings verified by an independent laboratory test report
- ✓ If no certification program exists, equipment efficiency ratings supported by data furnished by manufacturer
- ✓ Where components from different manufacturers are used, system designer specifies components whose combined efficiency meets Section 6.4.1
- ✓ Requirements for plate type liquid-to-liquid heat exchangers listed in Table 6.8.1-8

Mechanical equipment (6.4.1.5.1) – equipment not covered by NAECA to have a permanent label stating equipment complies with 90.1

Packaged terminal air conditioners (6.4.1.5.2) – packaged terminal air conditioners and heat pumps with sleeve sizes  $< 16$  in. high and 42 in. wide with a cross-sectional area  $< 670$  in<sup>2</sup> to be factory labeled as follows:

- ✓ *Manufactured for nonstandard size applications only: not to be installed in new construction projects*

## Section 6 – 6.4.2.1

### Load Calculations

Must calculate heating and cooling system design loads

Must determine calculations with ANSI/ASHRAE/ACCA Standard 183



- When sizing pumps, head to be determined in accordance with generally accepted engineering standards/handbooks acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction
- Must calculate the pressure drop through each device and pipe segment in the critical circuit at design conditions

## Section 6 – 6.4.3.1

### Controls – Zone Thermostatic & Dead Band

#### Required for each zone

- Perimeter can be treated differently

#### Dead band controls

- Thermostats must have at least a 5°F dead band

#### Exceptions

- Thermostats that require manual changeover between heating and cooling modes
- Special occupancy or applications where wide temperature ranges aren't acceptable (e.g., retirement homes) and approved by AHJ



## Section 6 – 6.4.3.2

### Controls – Setpoint Overlap Restriction

If heating and cooling for the same zone are controlled by separate thermostats or sensors:

- Means will be provided to prevent the heating setpoint from exceeding the cooling setpoint minus any applicable proportional band
- Means can include limit switches, mechanical stops, or software programming for DDC systems

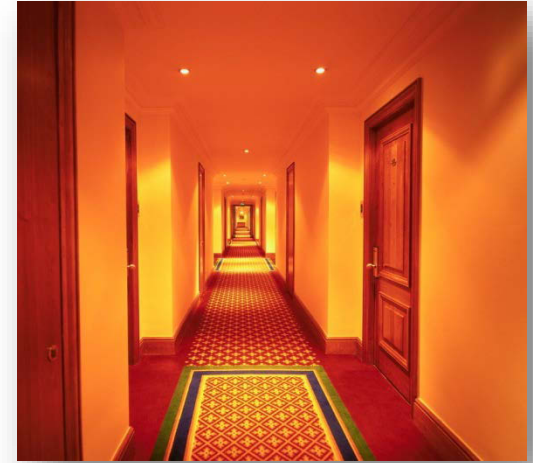


#### Temperature Control off-hour requirements

- Automatic shutdown
- Setback controls
- Optimum start
- Zone isolation
- Automatic control of HVAC in hotel/motel guest rooms

#### Exceptions, HVAC systems

- with heating and cooling capacity < 15,000 Btu/h
- intended to operate continuously



Each HVAC system needs one of the following:

- Automatic time clock or programmable thermostat with 7-day/week schedule and 10-hour battery backup with two-hour manual override, **OR**
- Occupant sensor, **OR**
- Manually-operated timer with maximum two hour duration, **OR**
- Security system interlock

### **Exception**

- Residential occupancies allowed to operate with only 2 different time schedules/wk

## Heating systems

- Maintain unoccupied zone temperatures at an adjustable setpoint at least 10°F below occupied heating setpoint

## Cooling systems

- Temporarily operate during unoccupied periods to
  - Maintain unoccupied zone temperatures at an adjustable setpoint at least 5°F above the occupied cooling setpoint
  - May operate cooling as needed to prevent high space humidity levels

## Exception

- Radiant heating systems with setback heating setpoint at least 4°F below occupied heating setpoint

Individual heating and cooling air distribution systems with setback controls and DDC

Control algorithm to be at least be a function of

- Difference between space temperature and occupied setpoint, OA temp, and amount of time prior to scheduled occupancy
- Mass radiant floor slab systems to incorporate floor temperature into the optimum start algorithm



#### Applies to

- Each floor in a multistory building
- Maximum 25,000 ft<sup>2</sup> zones

#### Requirements

- Central systems shall have devices and controls to ensure stable operation with only the smallest isolation zone being supplied
- Capable of separate time schedules for each isolation zone

#### Exceptions

- OSA and exhaust isolation when system supply air is < 5,000 cfm
- Exhaust isolation where single zone exhaust airflow less than 10% of system exhaust airflow
- Zones with continuous operation

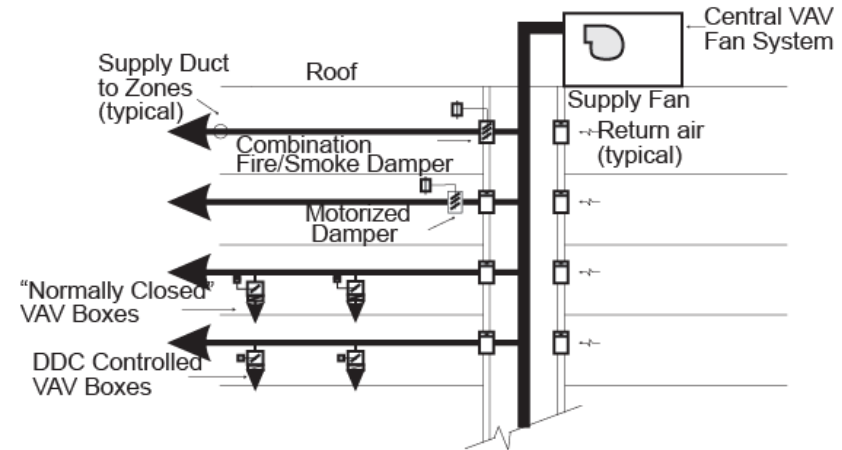


Figure 6-E

Isolation Methods for a Central VAV System  
(User's Manual – 90.1.-2007)

## Section 6 – 6.4.3.3.5

### Automatic Control of HVAC in Hotel/Motel Guest Rooms

Hotels and motels with > 50 guest rooms to have automatic HVAC controls to apply the following requirements within 30 minutes of all occupants leaving the room:

#### **Guest Room HVAC Setpoint Control**

- Automatically raised by  $\geq 4^{\circ}\text{F}$  from the occupant set point (cooling).
- Automatically lowered  $\geq 4^{\circ}\text{F}$  from the occupant set point (heating).
- Specific conditions for unrented and unoccupied rooms.

#### **Guest Room Ventilation Control**

- Ventilation and exhaust fans automatically be turned off, or isolation devices serving each guest room shall automatically shut off the supply of outdoor air to the guest room and shut off exhaust air from the guest room.

Captive key cards are permitted to be used for compliance

There are some exceptions so see the standard for further details

#### Stair and Shaft Vent dampers (6.4.3.4.1)

- Motorized dampers automatically closed during normal building operation
- Interlocked to open as required by fire and smoke detection systems

#### Shutoff Damper Controls (6.4.3.4.2)

- All outdoor air intake and exhaust systems require motorized damper
- Ventilation outdoor air and exhaust/relief dampers capable of automatically shutting off during
  - Preoccupancy building warm-up, cool down, and setback  
*(Except when ventilation reduces energy costs or when ventilation must be supplied due to code requirements)*

#### Exceptions

- Backdraft gravity dampers are allowed
  - For exhaust and relief in buildings < 3 stories in height **above grade**
  - Of any height in **climate zones 0 – 3**
  - Design intake or exhaust capacity of 300 cfm or less
- Ventilation systems serving unconditioned spaces
- Exhaust systems serving type 1 kitchen exhaust hoods



Table 6.4.3.4.3 provides maximum leakage rates for outdoor air supply and exhaust dampers

Where OA supply and exhaust air dampers are required by Section 6.4.3.4.1

- They shall have a maximum leakage rate when tested in accordance with AMCA Standard 500D as indicated in Table 6.4.3.4.3



## Section 6 – 6.4.3.4.3

### Controls – Damper Leakage

Reference Table 6.4.3.4.3 on page 80 in 90.1-2016

Fans with motors  $> 0.75$  hp shall have automatic controls complying with Section 6.4.3.3.1 that are capable of shutting off fans when not required

### **Exception**

- HVAC systems intended to operate continuously

Ventilation systems in enclosed parking garages

- automatically detect contaminant levels and stage fans or
- modulate fan airflow rates to  $\leq 50\%$ , provided acceptable contaminant levels are maintained

### Exception

- Garages  $< 30,000 \text{ ft}^2$  with ventilation systems that do not use mechanical cooling or heating
- Garages with a garage area to ventilation system motor nameplate hp ratio  $> 1500 \text{ ft}^2/\text{hp}$  and don't use mechanical cooling or heating
- Where permitted by AHJ

Controls to prevent supplemental heat when heat pump can handle the load both during operation and during setback recovery.

OK to operate supplemental heat during defrost.

### Exception

- ✓ Heat pumps
  - With minimum efficiency regulated by NAECA, AND
  - With HSPF rating meeting Table 6.8.1-2 (*and the rating Includes all usage of internal electric resistance heating*)



## Section 6 – 6.4.3.6

### Controls - Humidification and Dehumidification

General humidity control is limited:

- Prevent use of fossil fuel or electricity to produce  $RH > 30\%$  in warmest zone
- Reduce  $RH < 60\%$  in coldest zone
- Provide means to prevent simultaneous operation of humidification and dehumidification equipment
  - Limit switches, mechanical stops, or software programming (DDC systems)

#### Exceptions

- Zones served by desiccant systems, used with direct evaporative cooling in series
- Systems serving zones (museums and hospitals) where
  - specific humidity levels are required by accreditation or approved by AHJ, **and**
  - configured to maintain a deadband of at least 10% RH with no active humidification or dehumidification
- Humidity levels are required by accreditation or approved by AHJ to be maintained with precision of not more than  $\pm 5\%$  RH



#### Automatic controls to shut off for

- ✓ Freeze protection systems
  - outside air temperatures  $> 40^{\circ}\text{F}$  or
  - when conditions of protected fluid will prevent freezing;  
e.g, a glycol loop would have a lower shutoff setpoint
- ✓ Snow- and ice-melting systems
  - pavement temperature  $> 50^{\circ}\text{F}$  **and** no precipitation is falling
  - **Also** shutoff if outdoor temperature  $> 40^{\circ}\text{F}$

*Note that the setpoints shown are conservative upper limits, and a freeze protection system may be set to lower settings that are more energy efficient.*



## Section 6 – 6.4.3.9

### Heating and Cooling in Vestibules

Include automatic controls to

- shut off heating system when
  - OA temps are  $> 45^{\circ}\text{F}$
  - Also controlled by a thermostat in the vestibule with setpoint limited to maximum of  $60^{\circ}\text{F}$

*Note: a single heating thermostat in the vestibule limited to  $45^{\circ}\text{F}$  would meet the requirements*

- Shut off vestibule cooling system when
  - Controlled by a thermostat in the vestibule with setpoint limited to minimum of  $85^{\circ}\text{F}$

**Exceptions, vestibules:**

- heated or cooled by site-recovered energy
- tempered with transfer air that would otherwise be exhausted

## DDC provided in applications and for qualifications listed in Table 6.4.3.10.1

Where required in the table, the DDC system must be capable to provide control logic per section 6.5:

- Monitoring zone and system demand for fan pressure, pump pressure, heating, and cooling
- Transferring zone and system demand information from zones to air distribution system controllers and from air distribution systems to heating and cooling plant controllers
- Automatically detecting those zones and systems that may be excessively driving the reset logic and generate an alarm or other indication to the system operator
- Readily allowing operator removal of zone(s) from the reset algorithm

**DDC Display:** Where required in new buildings, DDC system to be capable of trending and graphically displaying input and output points

## Section 6 – 6.4.3.11

### Chilled-Water Plant Monitoring

- For electric-motor-driven chilled-water plants in new buildings, or for new plants in existing buildings, measurement devices shall be installed and shall measure the electric energy use and efficiency of the chilled-water plant for:
  - a. water-cooled chilled-water plants larger than 1500 tons peak cooling capacity for Climate Zones 5 through 8, 3C, and 4C, and larger than 1000 tons peak cooling capacity for all other zones; and
  - b. air-cooled chilled-water plants larger than 860 tons peak cooling capacity for Climate Zones 5 through 8, 3C, and 4C, and larger than 570 tons peak cooling capacity for all other zones.
- The efficiency shall be calculated in kW/ton or COP of cooling operating efficiency

## Section 6 – 6.4.3.12

### Economizer Fault Detection and Diagnostics (FDD)

Air-cooled direct-expansion cooling units in Tables 6.8.1-1 and 6.8.1-2 (if an air economizer is installed per Section 6.5.1) to include an FDD system complying with the following:

- Outdoor air, supply air, and return temperature sensors permanently installed to monitor system operation and the control to include a means to display values
- Economizer control to provide system status indication for:
  - Free cooling available
  - Economizer enabled
  - Compressor enabled
  - Heating enabled
  - Mixed-air low-limit cycle active
- Control system capable of and configured to display the following faults:
  - Air temperature sensor failure/fault
  - Not economizing when the unit should be economizing
  - Economizing when the unit should not be economizing
  - Damper not modulating
  - Excess *outdoor air*



## Section 6 – 6.4.4

### HVAC System Construction and Insulation

- ✓ Insulation installed in accordance with industry-accepted standards
- ✓ Insulation protection
- ✓ Duct and plenum insulation
- ✓ Piping insulation
- ✓ Sensible heating panel insulation
- ✓ Radiant floor heating
- ✓ Duct sealing
- ✓ Duct leakage tests



Insulation installed in accordance with industry-accepted standards

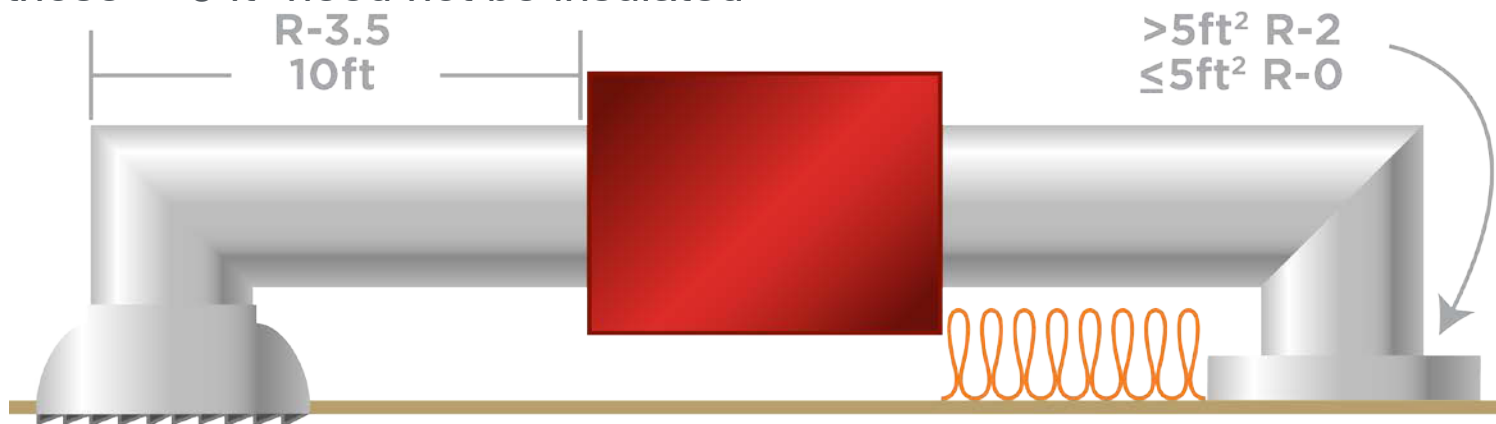
### Insulation

- Protected from damage due to sunlight, moisture, equipment maintenance, and wind
- Exposed to weather to be suitable for outdoor service
- Covering chilled water piping, refrigerant suction piping, or cooling ducts located outside the conditioned space to include a vapor retardant located outside the insulation, all penetrations and joints of which to be sealed

All supply and return ducts and plenums to be insulated per Table 6.8.2  
*Duct insulation requirement table was simplified with some increases.*

### Exceptions

- Factory-installed plenums, casings, or ductwork furnished as part of HVAC equipment
- Ducts located in heated, semiheated, or cooled spaces
- For runouts  $< 10$  ft in length to air terminals or air outlets, the R-value need not exceed R-3.5
- Backs of air outlets and outlet plenums exposed to unconditioned or indirectly conditioned spaces with face areas  $> 5$  ft<sup>2</sup> need not exceed R-2; those  $\leq 5$  ft<sup>2</sup> need not be insulated



## Section 6 – 6.4.4.2.2

### Duct Leakage Tests

Designed > 3 in. w.c.

- Leak tested
- Representative sections  $\geq 25\%$  of the total installed duct area shall be tested
- Ratings > 3 in. w.c. to be identified on drawings
- Maximum permitted duct leakage
  - $L_{\max} = C_L P^{0.65}$ 
    - Where  $L_{\max}$  = maximum permitted leakage in cfm/100 ft<sup>2</sup> duct surface area





Site assembled or site constructed walk-ins  $\leq 3000$  sq ft

- Automatic door closers that close doors within 1 inch of full closure for doors  $\leq 3$  ft 9 in. wide or  $\leq 7$  ft tall
- Strip doors (curtains), spring-hinged doors, or other way to minimize infiltration when doors are open
- Wall, ceiling and door insulation
  - Walk-in coolers  $\geq R-25$
  - Walk-in freezers  $\geq R-32$
  - Exception: glazed portions of doors or structural members
- Floor insulation
  - Walk-in freezers  $\geq R-28$

## Section 6 – 6.4.5

### Walk-in Coolers and Freezers (cont'd)

- Use electronically commutated motors or three-phase motors for evaporator fan motors < 1 hp and < 460 V
- Use light sources with efficacy  $\geq 40$  lm/W (including any ballast losses)
  - May use light sources with efficacy < 40 lm/W in conjunction with a timer or device to turn off the lights within 15 minutes of last occupation
- transparent reach-in doors and windows in walk-in doors either filled with inert gas or heat-reflective treated glass
  - freezers: triple-pane glass
  - coolers: double-pane glass
- for antisweat heaters without antisweat heater controls to have a total door rail, glass, and frame heater power draw
  - $\leq 7.1$  W/ft<sup>2</sup> of door opening for walk-in freezers
  - $\leq 3.0$  W/ft<sup>2</sup> of door opening for walk-in coolers
- Antisweat heater controls to reduce the energy use of the antisweat heater as a function of the RH in the air outside the door or condensation on the inner glass plane
- Use electronically commutated motors, permanent split capacitor-type motors, or three-phase motors for condenser fan motors < 1 hp
- Walk-in freezers to incorporate primary temperature-based defrost termination control with a secondary time limit

## Section 6 – 6.4.6

### Refrigerated Display Case

- Meet equipment efficiency requirements
- Lighting to be controlled by one of these:
  - automatic time-switch to turn off lights during non-business hours with timed overrides to turn lights on for  $\leq 1$  hr
  - Motion sensors that reduce lighting power by  $\geq 50\%$  within 3 minutes after sensor area is vacated
- Low-temperature cases to have primary temperature-based defrost termination control with secondary time-limit termination.
- Antisweat heater controls to reduce energy use of antisweat heater as function of RH in air outside the door or to condensation on inner glass pane

## Building System

Envelope

**HVAC**

SWH

Power

Lighting

Other

## Compliance Options

**Prescriptive  
Option**

**Trade Off  
Option**

**Energy Cost  
Budget**

**Simplified**

**Performance  
Rating  
Method**

**Mandatory  
Provisions**

(required for most  
compliance options)

**Energy Code  
Compliance**

- ✓ Economizers (*Section 6.5.1*)
- ✓ Simultaneous Heating and Cooling Limitation (*Section 6.5.2*)
- ✓ Air System Design and Control (*Section 6.5.3*)
- ✓ Hydronic System Design and Control (*Section 6.5.4*)
- ✓ Heat Rejection Equipment (*Section 6.5.5*)
- ✓ Energy Recovery (*Section 6.5.6*)
- ✓ Exhaust Systems (*Section 6.5.7*)
- ✓ Radiant Heating Systems (*Section 6.5.8*)
- ✓ Hot Gas Bypass Limitation (*Section 6.5.9*)
- ✓ Door Switches (*Section 6.5.10*)
- ✓ Refrigeration Systems (*Section 6.5.11*)

Large non-fan cooling systems now require a water economizer:

- Exception 2 to 6.5.1: Chilled-water cooling *systems* without a fan or that use induced airflow, where the total capacity of these *systems* is less than 1,000,000 Btu/h in Climate Zones 0, 1B, and 2 through 4; less than 1,400,000 Btu/h in Climate Zones 5 through 8; or any size in Climate Zone 1A.

Dampers capable of being sequenced with the mechanical cooling equipment and shall not be controlled by only mixed air temperature

*This prevents the economizer from operating when heating is required or only partial cooling is required*

### Exception

- Systems controlled from space temperature (*such as single-zone systems*)

*Single zone systems should still interlock the economizer operation with a call for cooling*

## Section 6 – 6.5.1.1.3

### High Limit Shutoff

- Automatically reduce outdoor air intake to minimum outdoor air quantity when outdoor air intake will no longer reduce cooling energy usage
- High limit control types for specific climate zones from Table 6.5.1.1.3
  - Allowed:
    - Fixed dry bulb temperature
    - Differential dry bulb temperature
    - Fixed or differential enthalpy requires dry-bulb high limit in combination
  - Not allowed:
    - Electronic hybrid enthalpy
    - Dew point and dry-bulb

## Section 6 – 6.5.1.1.3

### High-limit Shutoff Control Settings

**Reference Table 6.5.1.1.3 on page 89 in 90.1-2016**



Return, exhaust/relief and outdoor air dampers to meet the requirements in 6.4.3.4.3

Means to relieve excess outdoor air during economizer operation to prevent over pressurizing the building

Outlet located to avoid recirculation into the building

## Section 6 – 6.5.1.1.6

### Sensor Accuracy

Outdoor air, return air, mixed air, and supply sensors calibrated

*Certification of factory calibration is acceptable, field calibration is not required*

	Accuracy	Range
Dry-bulb and wet-bulb temperatures	$\pm 2^{\circ}\text{F}$	40°F-80°F
Enthalpy and value of differential enthalpy sensors	$\pm 3 \text{ Btu/lb}$	20-30 Btu/lb
Relative humidity	$\pm 5\%$	20%-80% RH

System capable of cooling supply air by indirect evaporation and providing up to 100% of expected system cooling load at outside air temperatures of 50°F dry bulb/45°F wet bulb and below

### Exceptions

- Systems primarily serving computer rooms
  - Where 100% of expected system cooling load at dry bulb and wet bulb in Table 6.5.1.2.1 is met with evaporative water economizers
  - With systems that satisfy 100% of expected system cooling load at the dry bulb in Table 6.5.1.2.1 is met with dry cooler water economizers
- If required for dehumidification, design can meet 100% of expected cooling load at 45°F dry bulb/40°F wet bulb with water-cooled fluid economizers

## Section 6 – 6.5.1.2.2

### Maximum Pressure Drop – Water Economizers

Precooling coils and water-to-water heat exchangers to have either

- Water-side pressure drop of <15 ft of water **OR**
- Bypassed when not in use

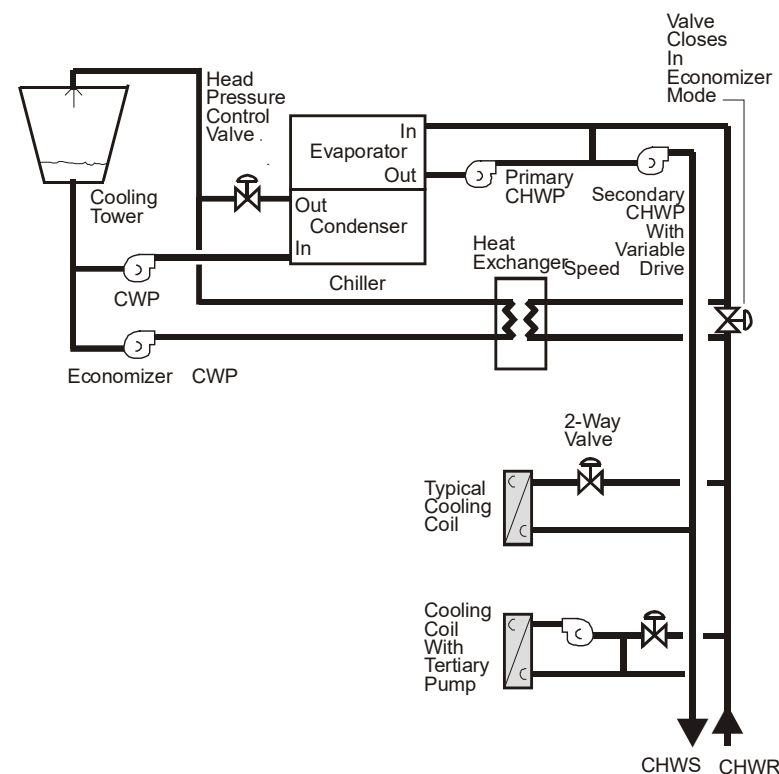


Figure 6-O from  
90.1 User's Manual

Economizers must be integrated with mechanical cooling systems and be capable of providing partial cooling even when additional mechanical cooling is required

Controls to not false load the mechanical cooling systems by limiting or disabling the economizer or any other means (e.g., hot gas bypass) except at lowest cooling stage

## Section 6 – 6.5.1.3

### Integrated Economizer Control *(cont'd)*

#### Units with air economizers

- Unit controls
  - Mechanical cooling capability interlocked with air economizer controls so outdoor air damper is at 100% open when mechanical cooling is on and outdoor air damper doesn't begin to close to prevent coil freezing due to minimum compressor run time until leaving air temperature is  $< 45^{\circ}\text{F}$
- DX units that control capacity of mechanical cooling based on occupied space temperature to have a minimum of 2 stages of mechanical cooling capacity if unit cooling capacity is  $\geq 65,000$  Btu/h

All other DX units, including those that control space temperature by modulating air flow to the space, to comply with Table 6.5.1.3

Rating Capacity, Btu/h	Min. # of Mechanical Cooling Stages	Min. Compressor Displacement
$\geq 65,000$ and $< 240,000$	3	$\leq 35\%$ of full load
$\geq 240,000$	4	$\leq 25\%$ full load



## Section 6 – 6.5.1.4

### Economizer Heating System Impact

Designed so economizer operation doesn't increase the building heating energy use during normal operation

### Exception

- ✓ Economizers on VAV systems that cause zone level heating to increase due to a reduction in supply air temperature



## Section 6 – 6.5.1.5

### Economizer Humidification System Impact

Systems with hydronic cooling and dehumidification systems designed to maintain inside humidity at a dewpoint > 35°F to use a fluid economizer (if 6.5.1 requires an economizer)

Capable of operating in sequence the supply of heating and cooling energy to the zone

### Controls prevent

- Reheating
- Recooling
- Mixing or simultaneously supplying air previously heated or cooled
- Other simultaneous operation of heating and cooling systems to the same zone

# Section 6 – 6.5.2.1

## Zone Thermostatic Controls – Exceptions

Simultaneous heating and cooling is allowed for the following 4 cases:

1. Zones for which volume of air that is reheated, recooled, or mixed is less than the larger of the following

- 20% of zone design peak supply for DDC and 30% for other systems
- Outside air flow rate to meet Standard 62.1 for the zone
- Any higher rate that can be demonstrated to jurisdiction to reduce overall system annual energy usage
- Air flow rate required to meet applicable codes or accreditation standards (pressure relationships or minimum air change rates)

2. Zones with DDC that comply with all of these

- Air flow rate in dead band that doesn't exceed larger of these
  - 20% of zone design peak supply
  - Outdoor air flow rate to meet Standard 62.1 for the zone
  - Any higher rate that can be demonstrated to jurisdiction to reduce overall system annual energy usage
  - Air flow rate required to comply with applicable codes or accreditation standards, such as pressure relationships or minimum air change rates
- Air flow rate that's reheated, recooled, or mixed in peak heating demand < 50% of zone design peak supply
- First stage of heating consists of modulating zone supply air temperature setpoint up to a maximum while air flow is maintained at deadband flow rate
- Second stage of heating consists of modulating air flow rate from deadband flow rate up to heating maximum flow rate while maintaining the maximum supply air temperature

3. Lab exhaust systems complying with 6.5.7.3

4. Zones where  $\geq 75\%$  of energy for reheating or providing warm air in mixing systems is from site-recovered or site-solar source

## Section 6 – 6.5.2.1.1

### Supply Air Temperature Reheat Limit

Zones with both supply and return/exhaust air openings > 6 ft above floor to not supply heating air > 20°F above space temperature

- Applies where reheating is allowed in other parts of the Standard

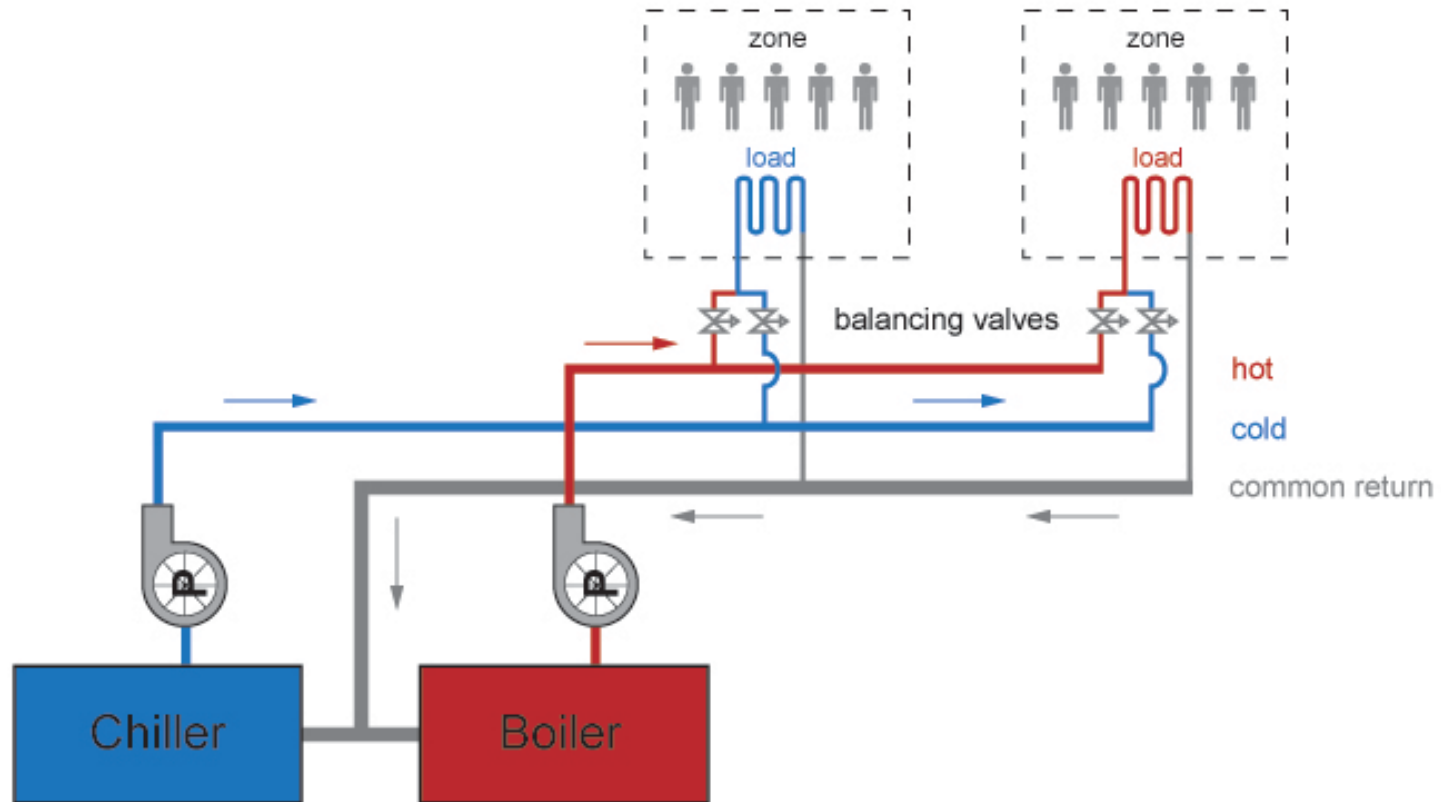
### Exceptions

- Laboratory exhaust systems complying with 6.5.7.3
- During preoccupancy building warm-up and setback

To prevent the simultaneous heating and cooling in hydronic systems

## Section 6 – 6.5.2.2.1 Three-Pipe System

No common return system for both hot and chilled water



## Section 6 – 6.5.2.2.2

### Two-Pipe Changeover System

Two-pipe changeover system is allowed if it meets the following requirements:

- Dead band from one mode to another is  $\geq 15^{\circ}\text{F}$  outdoor air temperature
- Controls to allow operation of  $\geq 4$  hours in one mode before changing to another mode
- Reset controls so heating and cooling supply temperatures at changeover point no more than  $30^{\circ}\text{F}$  apart

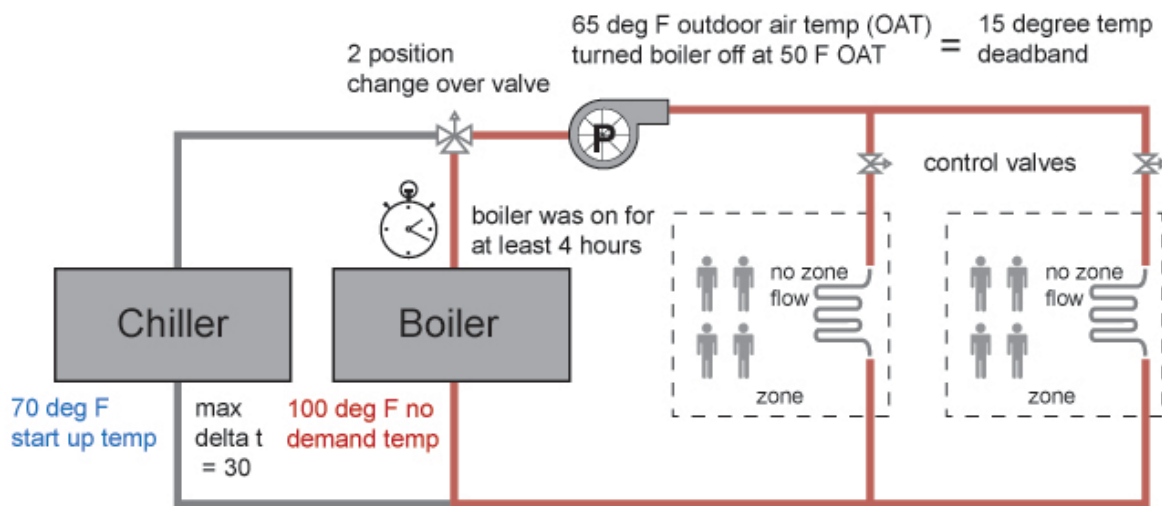


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## Section 6 – 6.5.2.2.3

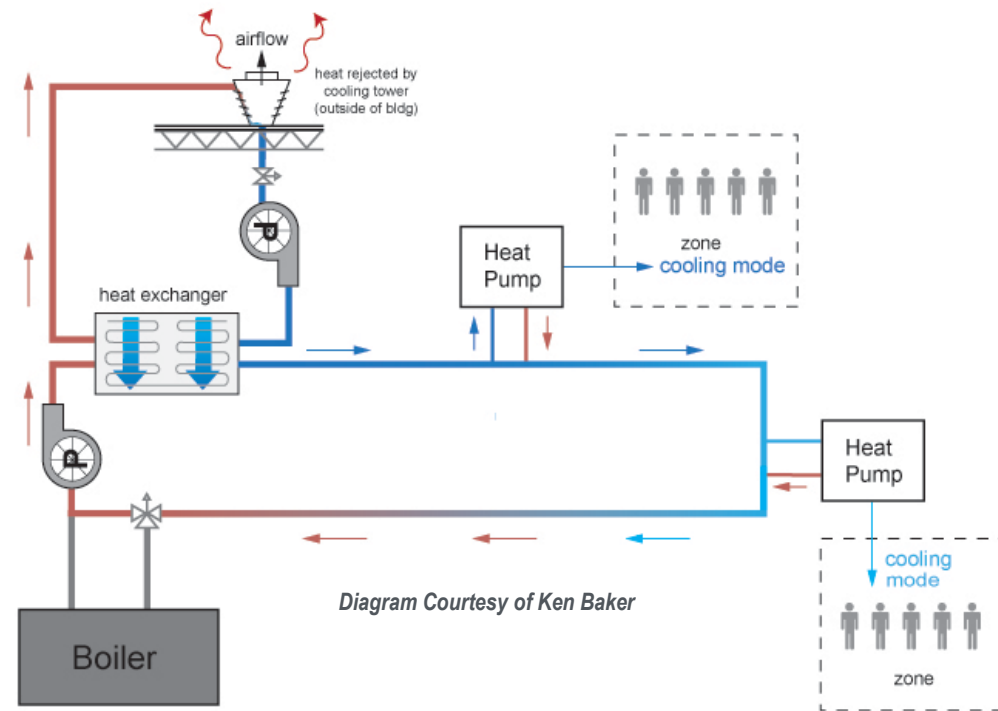
### Hydronic (Water Loop) Heat Pump Systems

Controls to provide heat pump water supply temperature deadband of at least 20°F between initiation of heat rejection and heat addition by central devices

#### Exception

- If system loop temperature optimization controller is used, deadband < 20°F is allowed

A two-position valve at each hydronic heat pump for hydronic systems having a total pump system power > 10 hp



In CZ 3-8, limit heat rejection during heating:

- Fluid cooler: provide automatic bypass or low leakage air dampers
- Open cooling tower: provide automatic bypass
- Open tower with heat exchanger (shown): automatic shutdown of tower pump

#### Humidistatic controls to prevent

- Reheating
- Mixing of hot and cold air streams
- Heating and cooling of same air stream

## Section 6 – 6.5.2.3

### Dehumidification Exceptions

- Systems reduces supply air flow to 50%, or to minimum ventilation
- Systems  $\leq 65,000$  Btu/h that can unload at least 50%
- Systems smaller than 40,000 Btu/h
- Process applications where building includes site-recovered or site solar energy source that provides energy equal to  $\geq 75\%$  of annual energy for reheating or providing war air in mixing systems (exception does NOT apply to computer rooms)
- 90% of reheat or re-cool annual energy is recovered or solar
- Systems where heat added to airstream is result of use of desiccant system and 75% of heat added by desiccant system is removed by a heat exchanger (either before or after desiccant system with energy recovery)

- Automatic valve to shut off preheat in humidifiers with preheating jackets mounted in airstream
- Insulate dispersion tube hot surfaces in airstreams of ducts or AHUs  $\geq R-0.5$ 
  - Except where mechanical cooling, including economizer operation, doesn't occur simultaneously with humidification

Controls to stop heat output whenever mechanical cooling, including economizer operation, is occurring

### Ventilation Air (DOAS) Heating Control

Units that provide *ventilation* air to multiple zones and operate in conjunction with zone heating and cooling *systems*

- shall not use heating or heat recovery to warm supply air above 60°F when
  - representative *building* loads or
  - *outdoor air* temperature
  - indicate that the majority of zones require cooling

Saves energy use by taking advantage of “free cooling”

- uses cool outside air when there is a benefit to many zones in the building
- avoids mechanically cooling air that was preheated at the DOAS unit

Each HVAC system with **total fan system power > 5 hp to meet 6.5.3.1**

- Fan System Power and Efficiency

**Appropriate fan systems to meet 6.5.3.2 through 6.5.3.7**

- Fan Control
  - Fan Airflow Control
  - VAV Static Pressure Sensor location
  - VAV Set Point Reset

#### Table 6.5.3.1-1

Two options:

nameplate hp (Option 1)

fan system bhp (Option 2)

#### **Exceptions**

- ✓ Hospital, vivarium, and laboratory systems that utilize flow control devices on exhaust and/or return to maintain space pressure relationships necessary for occupant health and safety or environmental control may use variable-volume fan power limitation
- ✓ Individual exhaust fans with motor nameplate hp  $\leq 1$  hp

## Section 6 – 6.5.3.1

### Fan Power Limitation

Reference Table 6.5.3.1-1 on page 95 in 90.1-2016



### Reference Table 6.5.3.1-2 on page 95 in 90.1-2016

#### Changes:

- Energy recovery credit referenced to **Enthalpy Recovery Ratio**
- **Fully ducted return air credit now only allowed for return or exhaust systems required by code or accreditation standards to be fully ducted, or systems required to maintain air pressure differentials between adjacent rooms.**

Selected fan motor to be no larger than first available motor size greater than bhp

Fan bhp on design documents

### Exceptions

- Fans  $< 6$  bhp, where first available motor larger than bhp has nameplate rating within 50% of bhp, next larger nameplate motor size may be selected
- Fans  $\geq 6$  bhp, where first available motor larger than bhp has nameplate rating within 30% of bhp, next larger nameplate motor size may be selected
- Systems complying with 6.5.3.1.1 Option 1
- Fans with motor nameplate hp  $< 1$ hp

- Fan efficiency grade (FEG) of  $\geq 67$  based on manufacturer's certified data as defined by AMCA 205
- Total efficiency of fan at design point of operation to be within 15 percentage points of maximum total efficiency of the fan

### Exceptions

- Single fans with motor nameplate hp  $\leq 5$  hp
- Multiple fans (e.g., fan arrays) with combined motor nameplate hp  $\leq 5$  hp and operated as functional equivalent of a single fan
- Fans
  - Part of equipment listed in 6.4.1.1
  - Included in equipment bearing third-party certified seal for air or energy performance of equipment package
  - Outside scope of AMCA 205
  - Intended to only operate during emergency conditions
- Powered wall/roof ventilators (PRV)

- DX cooling, chilled water, and evaporative cooling systems to be designed to vary indoor fan airflow as a function of load
- Cooling units that control capacity of mechanical cooling directly based on space temperature to have at least 2 stages of fan control
    - Low or minimum
      - Speed  $\leq 66\%$  of full speed
      - Draw  $\leq 40\%$  of fan power at full fan speed
      - Used during periods of low cooling load and ventilation-only operation
  - All other units, including DX cooling and chilled-water units that control space temperature by modulating airflow to have modulating fan control
    - Minimum speed
      - $\leq 50\%$  of full speed
      - Draw  $\leq 30\%$  of power at full fan speed
    - Low or minimum speed
      - Used during periods of low cooling load and ventilation-only operation
  - Exceptions for cycling fans without ventilation or fans that need a higher speed to meet 62.1 ventilation requirements

## Section 6 – 6.5.3.2.2

### VAV Static Pressure Sensor Location

Located so controller set point is  $\leq 1.2$  in. wc

- ✓ Except for systems complying with VAV setpoint reset requirements

Install multiple sensors in each major branch if sensor would be located downstream of a major duct split

For systems with direct digital control of individual zone reporting to the central control panel

- Static pressure set point reset based on zone requiring the most pressure
- Controls to:
  - Monitor zone damper positions or other indicator of need for static pressure
  - Automatically detect zones that may be excessively driving reset logic and generate alarm
  - Readily allow operator removal of zone(s) from reset algorithm

## Section 6 – 6.5.3.2.4

### Return and Relief Fan Control

Return and relief fans used to meet Section 6.5.1.1.5 shall comply with all of the following:

- a. Relief air rate shall be controlled to maintain building pressure either directly, or indirectly through differential supply-return airflow tracking.  
Systems with constant speed or multispeed supply fans shall also be allowed to control the relief system based on outdoor air damper position.
- b. Fans shall have variable-speed control or other devices that will result in total return/relief fan system demand of no more than 30% of total design power at 50% of total design fan flow.



### Exceptions

1. Return or relief fans with total motor size less than or equal to 0.5 hp.
2. Staged relief fans with a minimum of four stages.

## Section 6 – 6.5.3.3

### Multiple-zone VAV System Ventilation Optimization Control

In multiple-zone VAV systems with DDC of individual zone boxes reporting to central control panel

- Include means to automatically reduce outdoor air intake flow below design rates in response to changes in system ventilation efficiency as per Standard 62.1, Appendix A

### Exceptions

- VAV systems with zonal transfer fans that recirculate air from other zones without directly mixing it with outdoor air, dual-duct dual-fan VAV systems, and VAV systems with fan-powered terminal units
- Systems where total design exhaust airflow is  $> 70\%$  of total outdoor air intake flow requirements
- **Removed exception when there is ERV**



## Section 6 – 6.5.3.4

### Parallel-Flow Fan-Powered VAV Air Terminal Control

Parallel-flow fan-powered VAV air terminals shall have automatic controls configured to:

- a. turn off the terminal fan except when space heating is required or if required for ventilation;
- b. turn on the terminal fan as the first stage of heating before the heating coil is activated; and
- c. during heating for warmup or setback temperature control, either
  1. operate the terminal fan and heating coil without primary air or
  2. reverse the terminal damper logic and provide heating from the central air handler through primary air.

This control strategy reduces fan energy use while maintaining effective comfort control for the space. It will also reduce heating energy use, by recovering heat from return air.

## Section 6 – 6.5.3.5

### Supply Air Temperature Reset Controls

Multiple zone HVAC systems to have controls to automatically reset supply-air temperature in response to building loads or outdoor air temperature

Controls to reset supply air temperature at least 25% of difference between design supply-air temperature and design room air temperature

Controls that adjust the reset based on zone humidity are okay

Zones expected to experience relatively constant loads to be designed for fully reset supply temperature

#### **Exceptions**

- Climate zones 0a, 1a, 2a, and 3a
- Systems that prevent reheating, recooling or mixing of heated and cooled supply air
- 75% of energy for reheating is from site-recovered or site solar energy sources

## Section 6 – 6.5.3.6

### Fractional Horsepower Fan Motors

- Motors for fans  $\geq 1/12$  hp and  $< 1$ hp:
  - Electronically-commutate motors or have minimum motor efficiency of 70% when rated per 10 CFR 431
  - Have means to adjust motor speed for either balancing or remote control
    - Belt-driven fans may use sheave adjustments for airflow balancing in lieu of varying motor speed

### **Exceptions**, motors

- In airstream within fan-coils and terminal units that operate only when providing heat
- Installed in space conditioning equipment certified under 6.4.1
- Covered by Table 10.8-4 or 10.8-5

## Section 6 – 6.5.4

### Hydronic System Design and Control

- Boiler turndown for systems with design input of  $\geq 1,000,000$  Btu/h per Table 6.5.4.1; requirement can be met by using:
  - multiple single-input boilers,
  - one or more modulating boilers, or a
  - combination of single-input and modulating boilers
- HVAC hydronic systems with three or more control valves to have variable flow control
- Chiller and boiler isolation
- Chilled and Hot Water Temperature Reset
- Hydronic (water-loop) Heat Pumps and Water-Cooled Unitary Air-Conditioners
- Pipe Sizing minimum limits
- **Chilled-Water Coil Selection**

The required minimum *outdoor air* rate is the larger of the minimum *outdoor air* rate or the minimum exhaust air rate required by Standard 62.1, Standard 170, or applicable codes or accreditation standards. *Outdoor air ventilation systems* shall comply with one of the following:

- a. Design minimum *system outdoor air* provided shall not exceed 135% of the required minimum *outdoor air* rate.
- b. Dampers, *ductwork*, and *controls* shall be provided that allow the *system* to supply no more than the required minimum *outdoor air* rate with a single *set-point* adjustment.
- c. The *system* includes exhaust air *energy* recovery complying with Section 6.5.6.1.

HVAC pumping systems **with three or more control valves** to be

- Designed to modulate or step open and close as a function of load
- Designed for variable fluid flow
- Capable of reducing flow rates to  $\leq$  **25%** of design flow rate

Individual pumps serving variable flow systems with a motor hp **at least the power in Table 6.5.4.2**

*Threshold reduced in some climate zones, raised in others.*

- Have controls and/or devices resulting in pump motor demand  $\leq$  30% of design wattage at 50% of design water flow

Differential pressure setpoint to be  $\leq$  110% of that required to achieve design flow through the heat exchanger

If differential pressure control and DDC controls are used

- Reset setpoint downward based on valve positions until one valve is nearly wide open

**Exceptions added to clarify variable flow not required for primary pumps, preheat coils, or run around heat recovery coils**

If chilled water plant has more than one chiller or boiler  
plant has more than one boiler

- Provide for all fluid to be automatically shut off when chiller or boiler is shut down
- Pumps
  - Number of pumps  $\geq$  number of chillers or boilers
  - Staged on and off with chillers and boilers

## Section 6 – 6.5.4.4

### Chilled and Hot Water Temperature Reset Controls

Affects systems with design capacity > 300,000 Btu/h

- To include controls to automatically reset supply water temperatures by representative building loads (including return water temperature) or by outside air temperature
- Where DDC is used to control valves, the set point shall be reset based on valve positions until one valve is nearly wide open or setpoint limits of the system equipment or application have been reached

### Exceptions

- Where chilled-water supply is already cold such that blending would be required to achieve the rest chilled-water supply temperature
- Where a specific temperature is required for a process
- Water temperature reset is not required where valve position is used to comply with Section 6.5.4.1



## Section 6 – 6.5.4.5

### Hydronic Heat Pumps and Water-Cooled Unitary Air-Conditioners

Two-position valves at each hydronic heat pump must be provided and interlocked to shut off water flow to the heat pump when the compressor is off

#### **Exceptions**

- Units using fluid economizers

For hydronic heat pumps and water-cooled unitary ACs with total pump power > 5 hp

- Controls or devices must be provided to have pump motor demand  $\leq 30\%$  of design wattage at 50% of design water flow

Chilled-water and condenser-water piping so design flow rate in each segment doesn't exceed values in Table 6.5.4.6

This table presents the maximum allowed flow rates per section of pipe as a function of the following three criteria:

- Pipe size
- Annual hours of operation
- System flow and control

### **Exceptions**

- Rates exceeding the Table are allowed if the specific section of pipe in question isn't in the critical circuit > 30% of operating hours
- Piping systems with equivalent or lower total pressure drop than the same system with standard weight steel pipe with piping and fittings sized per the Table

## Section 6 – 6.5.4.7

### Chilled-Water Coil Selection

Chilled-water cooling coils provide a

- 15°F or higher temperature difference between leaving and entering water temperatures and
- minimum of 57°F leaving water temperature at design conditions

#### Exceptions

1. Coils with an air-side pressure drop exceeding 0.70 in. of water when rated at 500 fpm face velocity and dry conditions (no condensation).
2. Individual fan-cooling units with a design supply airflow rate 5000 cfm and less.
3. Constant-air-volume systems.
4. Coils selected at the maximum temperature difference allowed by the chiller.
5. Passive coils (no mechanically supplied airflow).
6. Coils with design entering chilled-water temperatures of 50°F and higher.
7. Coils with design entering air dry-bulb temperatures of 65°F and lower.

*Energy is saved by delivering the same cooling with less water flow. In some cases chiller efficiency may be enhanced as well.*

Applies to heat rejection equipment used in comfort cooling systems such as

- Air-cooled condensers
- Dry coolers
- Open-circuit cooling towers
- Closed-circuit cooling towers
- Evaporative condensers

### **Exceptions**

- Heat rejection devices included as an integral part of equipment listed devices whose energy usage is included in Tables 6.8.1-1 through 6.8.1-4

### Fan Speed Control

- Each fan powered by a motor  $\geq 5$  hp, including the motor service factor
  - Result in fan motor demand of no more than 30% of design wattage at 50% of design airflow
  - Have controls to automatically change the fan speed to control the leaving fluid temperature or condensing temperature/pressure of the heat rejection device

### Exceptions

- Condenser fans serving multiple refrigerant circuits or fluid cooling circuits
- Condenser fans serving flooded condensers

### Multicell heat rejection equipment with variable-speed fan drives

- Operate maximum number of fans allowed that comply with manufacturer's requirements for all fan system components
- Control all fans to same fan speed required for instantaneous cooling duty, as opposed to staged (on/off) operation, minimum fan speed to comply with minimum allowable fan drive system speed per manufacturer's recommendations

## Section 6 – 6.5.5.3

### Limitation on Centrifugal Fan Open-Circuit Cooling Towers

- If towers have a combined rated capacity  $\geq 1100$  gpm at 95°F condenser water return, 85°F condenser water supply, and 75°F outdoor air wet-bulb temperature
  - Must meet requirement for axial fan open-circuit cooling towers in Table 6.8.1-7

### Exceptions

- Ducted (inlet or discharge)
- Require external sound attenuation

- Open-circuit cooling towers used on water-cooled chiller systems configured with multiple- or variable-speed condenser water pumps designed so all open-circuit cooling tower cells can be run in parallel with larger of
  - Flow produced by smallest pump at its maximum expected flow rate or
  - 50% of design flow for the cell

## Section 6 – 6.5.6.2

### Heat Recovery for Service Water Heating

Condenser heat recovery for SWH required if

- Facility operates 24 hrs per day and
- Heat rejection > 6,000,000 Btu/h and
- SWH load > 1,000,000 Btu/h

The required heat recovery system shall have the capacity to provide the smaller of

- 60% of the peak heat rejection load at design conditions or
- preheat of the peak service hot water draw to 85°F

### Exceptions

- If condenser heat recovery is used for space heating with a heat recovery design > 30% of peak water-cooled condenser load at design conditions
- If 60% of service water heating is provided from site-solar or site-recovered energy or other sources



Conditioned supply air delivered to any space with mechanical exhaust to not exceed the greater of

- a. supply flow required to meet the space heating or cooling load;
- b. ventilation rate required by the AHJ, the facility Environmental Health and Safety department, or ASHRAE Standard 62.1; or
- c. mechanical exhaust flow minus the available transfer air from conditioned spaces or return air plenums on the same floor, not in different smoke or fire compartments, and that at their closest point are within 15 ft. of each other.

Available transfer air is that portion of outdoor ventilation air that

1. is not required to satisfy other exhaust needs,
2. is not required to maintain pressurization of other spaces, and
3. is transferable according to applicable codes and standards and to the class of air recirculation limitations in ASHRAE Standard 62.1.

*When transfer air is used instead of supply air, it means less fan energy and less heating and cooling of supply air.*

### Exceptions

1. Biosafety level classified laboratories 3 or higher.
2. Vivarium spaces.
3. Spaces required by applicable codes and standards to be maintained at positive pressure relative to adjacent spaces.
4. Spaces where demand for transfer air may exceed the available transfer airflow rate and where the spaces have a required negative pressure relationship.

**NOTE:** if exception 3 or 4 is used: any transferable air not directly transferred to be made available to the associated AHU and be used whenever economizer or other options do not save more energy.

- Replacement air introduced directly into hood cavity to be  $\leq 10\%$  of hood exhaust airflow rate
- If kitchen/dining facility has total kitchen hood exhaust airflow rate  $> 5,000$  cfm, each hood's exhaust rate must not exceed the rate shown in Table **6.5.7.2.2**
  - If a single hood or hood section is over appliances with different duty ratings, then the max. airflow rate for that can't exceed the Table values for highest appliance duty rating under that hood or hood section

### **Exception**

- If at least 75% of all replacement air is transfer air that would otherwise be exhausted

## Section 6 – 6.5.7.2

### Kitchen Exhaust Systems *(cont'd)*

- Kitchens/dining facilities with total kitchen hood exhaust airflow rate  $> 5,000$  cfm must have one of these:
  - At least 50% of all replacement air is transfer air that would otherwise be exhausted
  - Demand ventilation systems on at least 75% of exhaust air (capable of at least 50% reduction in exhaust and replacement air system airflow rates)
  - Listed energy recovery devices with sensible heat recovery effectiveness of not less than 40% on at least 50% of the total exhaust airflow

- Performance testing of design airflow rates and proper capture and containment must be done using an approved field test method
  - If demand control ventilation systems are used, additional testing is required at minimum airflows

Note: see *Kitchen Exhaust Code Notes* at

<http://www.energycodes.gov/kitchen-exhaust-code-notes>

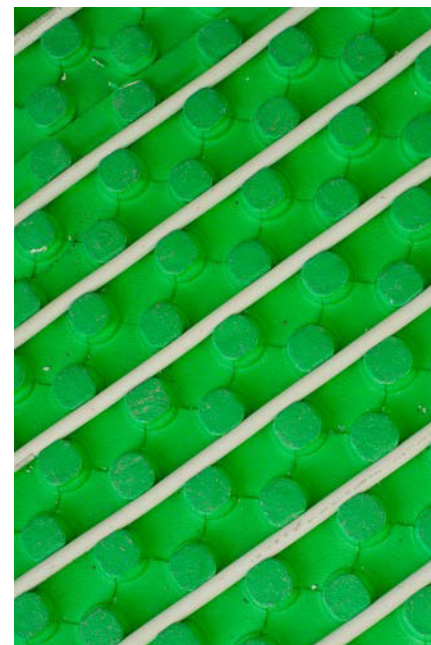
- Laboratory exhaust systems with total exhaust rate > 5,000 cfm to have one of the following
  - VAV lab exhaust and room supply system capable of reducing exhaust and makeup air flow rates and/or incorporate a heat recovery system
  - VAV lab exhaust and room supply systems required to have minimum circulation rates to comply with code to be capable of reducing zone exhaust and makeup air flow rates to the regulated minimum circulation values or minimum required to maintain pressurization relationship requirements
    - Non-regulated zones capable of reducing exhaust and makeup air flow rates to 50% of zone design values or minimum required to maintain pressurization relationship requirements
  - Direct makeup air supply to equal at least 75% of exhaust air flow rate, heated no warmer than 2°F below room setpoint, cooled to no cooler than 3°F above room setpoint, no humidification added, and no simultaneous heating and cooling used for dehumidification control

## Section 6 – 6.5.8 Radiant Heating Systems

Required for unenclosed spaces  
exception: loading docks with air curtains

Radiant heating systems that are used as primary or supplemental enclosed space heating must be in conformance with the governing provisions of the standard

- Radiant hydronic ceiling or floor panels
- Combination or hybrid systems with radiant heating (or cooling) panels
- Radiant heating (or cooling) panels used in conjunction with other systems such as VAV or thermal storage systems



## Section 6 – 6.5.9

### Hot Gas Bypass Limitation

Rated capacity of system	Maximum HGBP, % of total capacity
<b><math>\leq 240,000</math> Btu/h</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b><math>&gt; 240,000</math> Btu/h</b>	<b>10%</b>

- Applied in systems with stepped or continuous unloading
- Limitation also pertains to chillers
- Hot gas bypass not to be used on constant-volume units



Doors that open to the outdoors from a conditioned space must have controls to do the following when the doors are open:

- Disable mechanical heating or reset heating setpoint to  $\leq 55^{\circ}\text{F}$  within 5 minutes of door opening
- Disable mechanical cooling or reset cooling setpoint to  $\geq 90^{\circ}\text{F}$  within 5 minutes of door opening
  - Mechanical cooling can remain if outdoor air temperature is  $<$  space temperature

### Exceptions

- Building entries with automatic closing devices
- Spaces without thermostats
- Alterations to existing buildings
- Loading docks

When connected to remote compressors, condensers, or condensing units, these systems must meet 6.5.11.1 and 6.5.11.2

- Refrigerated display cases
- Walk-in coolers
- Walk-in freezers

### **Exception**

- systems with transcritical refrigeration cycle or ammonia refrigerant

#### Fan-powered condensers

- Design saturated condensing temperatures for air-cooled condensers  $\leq$  design dry bulb temperature
  - + 10°F for low-temperature systems
  - + 15°F for medium-temperature systems

Saturated condensing temperature for blend refrigerants TBD using average of liquid and vapor temperatures as converted from condenser drain pressure

- Condenser fan motors  $< 1$  hp to use
  - Electronically commutated motors
  - Permanent split capacitor-type motors, or
  - Three-phase motors

## Section 6 – 6.5.11.1

### Condensers Serving Refrigeration Systems (cont'd)

- Condenser fans for air-cooled, evaporatively cooled and air- or water-cooled fluid coolers or cooling towers
  - Reduce fan motor demand to  $\leq 30\%$  of design wattage at 50% of design air volume, and
  - Use either continuous variable-speed fan-control approach:
    - Air-cooled condensers – use variable setpoint control logic to reset condensing temperature setpoint in response to ambient dry-bulb temperature
    - Evaporatively-cooled condensers – use variable setpoint control logic to reset condensing temperature setpoint in response to ambient wet-bulb temperature
- Control multiple fan condensers in unison
- Minimum condensing temperature setpoint to be  $\leq 70^{\circ}\text{F}$

- Compressors and multiple-compressor systems suction groups
  - Include control systems using floating suction pressure control logic to reset target suction pressure temperature based on temperature requirements of attached refrigeration display cases or walk-ins

#### **Exceptions**

- Single-compressor systems without variable capacity capability
- Systems serving suction groups
  - With design saturated suction temperature  $\geq 30^{\circ}\text{F}$
  - Comprise the high stage of a two-stage or cascade system, or
  - Primarily serve chillers for secondary cooling fluids

- Liquid subcooling provided for all low-temperature compressor systems with design cooling capacity  $\geq 100,000$  Btu/h with design saturated suction temperature  $\leq -10^{\circ}\text{F}$
- Subcooled liquid temperature controlled at maximum temperature setpoint of  $50^{\circ}\text{F}$  at exit of subcooler using either compressor economizer (inter stage) or as a separate compressor suction group operating at a saturated suction temperature  $\geq 18^{\circ}\text{F}$ 
  - Subcooled liquid lines subject to insulation requirements in Table 6.8.3-2
- If internal or external crankcase heaters, provide a means to cycle the heaters off during compressor operation

## Section 6 – 6.6.1

### Alternative Compliance Path – Computer Rooms Systems

HVAC systems serving the heating, cooling, or ventilating needs of a computer room shall comply with Sections 6.1, 6.4, 6.6.1.1 or 6.6.1.2, 6.6.1.3, 6.7, and 6.8.

- **Annual Energy:**  $PUE_1 \leq$  the values listed in Table 6.6.1. Hourly simulation for calculating  $PUE_1$ , based on Appendix G simulation methodology.

**Exceptions:** This compliance path is not allowed for a proposed computer room design utilizing a combined heat and power system.

- **Peak Power:**  $PUE_0 \leq$  the values listed in Table 6.6.1. Limited to systems only utilizing electricity.  $PUE_0$  = the highest value determined at outdoor cooling design temperatures, calculated for two conditions: 100% design IT equipment energy and 50% design IT equipment energy.
- **Documentation required:** energy consumption or demand of IT equipment, power distribution losses, HVAC systems, and lighting.

# Section 6 – 6.7

## Submittals

- ✓ Record drawings
- ✓ Operating and maintenance manuals
- ✓ System balancing
- ✓ System commissioning



Record drawings of actual installation to building owner within 90 days of system acceptance and include, as a minimum

- Location and performance data on each piece of equipment
- General configuration of duct and pipe distribution system including sizes
- Terminal air or water design flow rates

Operating and maintenance manuals to building owner within 90 days of system acceptance and include several items

- Systems shall be balanced in accordance with accepted engineering standards
- Written report for conditioned spaces  $> 5000 \text{ ft}^2$
- Minimize throttling losses
- For fans with system power  $> 1 \text{ hp}$ 
  - Adjust fan speed to meet design flow conditions

Proportionately balanced to minimize throttling losses

Pump impeller trimmed or pump speed adjusted to meet design flow conditions

Each system to have either the ability to measure differential pressure increase across the pump or have test ports at each side of the pump

### Exceptions

- Pumps with pump motors  $\leq 10$  hp
- When throttling results in  $< 5\%$  of the nameplate hp draw, or 3 hp, whichever is greater, above that required if the impeller was trimmed

Control elements are calibrated, adjusted, and in proper working condition

> 50,000 ft<sup>2</sup> conditioned area

- Except warehouses and semiheated spaces
- Requires commissioning instructions

## Section 6 – 6.8.1

### Minimum Efficiency Requirement Listed Equipment – Standard Rating and Operating Conditions

Several changes were made to the equipment efficiency requirements defined in section 6.4.1.1 and in the tables 6.8.1-1 to 6.8.1-16

Table	Name	Change
6.8.1-1	Electrically Operated Unitary Air Conditioners and Condensing Units	<b>Effective Dates</b>
6.8.1-2	Electrically Operated Unitary and Applied Heat Pumps	<b>Effective Dates</b>
6.8.1-3	Water-Chilling Packages—Minimum Efficiency Requirements	<b>Effective Dates</b>
6.8.1-4	Electrically Operated Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners, Packaged Terminal Heat Pumps, Single-Package Vertical Air Conditioners, Single-Package Vertical Heat Pumps, Room Air Conditioners, and Room Air Conditioner Heat Pumps	No change
6.8.1-5	Warm-Air Furnaces and Combination Warm-Air Furnaces/Air-Conditioning Units, Warm-Air Duct Furnaces, and Unit Heaters	No change
6.8.1-6	Gas- and Oil-Fired Boilers	No change
6.8.1-7	Performance Requirements for Heat Rejection Equipment	<b>Higher levels</b>
6.8.1-8	Heat Transfer Equipment	No change

## Section 6 – 6.8.1

### Minimum Efficiency Requirement Listed Equipment – Standard Rating and Operating Conditions

Table	Name	Change
6.8.1-9	Electrically Operated Variable-Refrigerant-Flow Air Conditioners	<b>New levels effective 1/1/2017</b>
6.8.1-10	Electrically Operated Variable-Refrigerant-Flow and Applied Heat Pumps	<b>New levels effective 1/1/2017 &amp; 1/1/2018</b>
6.8.1-11	Air Conditioners and Condensing Units Serving Computer Rooms	<b>New categories and levels</b>
6.8.1-12	Commercial Refrigerator and Freezers	No change
6.8.1-13	Commercial Refrigeration	No change
6.8.1-14	Vapor Compression Based Indoor Pool Dehumidifiers	<b>New Table</b>
6.8.1-15	Electrically Operated DX-DOAS Units, Single-Package and Remote Condenser, without Energy Recovery	<b>New Table</b>
6.8.1-16	Electrically Operated DX-DOAS Units, Single Package and Remote Condenser, with Energy Recovery	<b>New Table</b>

## Table 6.8.1-1 & 2 – Unitary Equipment, Minimum Efficiency Requirements

- Table 6.8.1-1 - Electrically Operated Unitary Air Conditioners and Condensing
- Table 6.8.1-2 - Heat Pumps
- IEER values in 90.1-2013 were increased, but the EER levels remained the same
- Final rule released (under EPACT) for the federally covered products from 65,000 Btu/h to 760,000 Btu/h
  - Efficiency metric switched from EER to IEER (federal law allows only one required efficiency metric)
  - Rule aligns with the 90.1 levels effective as early as 1/1/2016 but with a federal preemptive effective date of 1/1/2018
  - Rule also defined higher levels that will be effective 1/1/2023
- The efficiency level (SEER and HSPF) for <65,000 3-phase products also increased efficiency in 90.1-2013



A/C & HP ≥ 65,000 TO 760,000 Btu/h, Gas Heat ≥ 225K Btu/h

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Minimum Cooling Efficiency Standards for Air-Cooled Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps

Equipment Category	Rated Cooling capacity	Sub-Category	Heating Type	Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard
Small Commercial Split and Single Package Air-Conditioners and Heat Pumps (Air-Cooled)	≥65,000 Btu/h and <135,000 Btu/h	AC	Electric Resistance Heating or No Heating	IEER = 12.9
			All Other Types of Heating	IEER = 12.7
		HP	Electric Resistance Heating or No Heating	IEER = 12.2
			All Other Types of Heating	IEER = 12.0
Large Commercial Split and Single Package Air-Conditioners and Heat Pumps (Air-Cooled)	≥135,000 Btu/h and <240,000 Btu/h	AC	Electric Resistance Heating or No Heating	IEER = 12.4
			All Other Types of Heating	IEER = 12.2
		HP	Electric Resistance Heating or No Heating	IEER = 11.6
			All Other Types of Heating	IEER = 11.4
Very Large Commercial Split and Single Package Air-Conditioners and Heat Pumps (Air-Cooled)	≥240,000 Btu/h and <760,000 Btu/h	AC	Electric Resistance Heating or No Heating	IEER = 11.6
			All Other Types of Heating	IEER = 11.4
		HP	Electric Resistance Heating or No Heating	IEER = 10.6
			All Other Types of Heating	IEER = 10.4

Minimum Heating Efficiency Standards for Air-Cooled Heat Pumps

Equipment Category	Rated Cooling capacity	Heating type	Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard
Small Commercial Split and Single Package Heat Pumps (Air-Cooled)	≥65,000 Btu/h and <135,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance Heating or No Heating	COP = 3.3
		All Other Types of Heating	
Large Commercial Split and Single Package Heat Pumps (Air-Cooled)	≥135,000 Btu/h and <240,000 Btu/h	Resistance Heating or No Heating	COP = 3.2
		All Other Types of Heating	
Very Large Commercial Split and Single Package Heat Pumps (Air-Cooled)	≥240,000 Btu/h and <760,000 Btu/h	Resistance Heating or No Heating	COP = 3.2
		All Other Types of Heating	

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Equipment Category	Rated Cooling capacity	Sub-Category	Heating Type	Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard
Small Commercial Split and Single Package Air-Conditioners and Heat Pumps (Air-Cooled)	≥65,000 Btu/h and <135,000 Btu/h	AC	Electric Resistance Heating or No Heating	IEER = 14.8
			All Other Types of Heating	IEER = 14.6
		HP	Electric Resistance Heating or No Heating	IEER = 14.1
			All Other Types of Heating	IEER = 13.9
Large Commercial Split and Single Package Air-Conditioners and Heat Pumps (Air-Cooled)	≥135,000 Btu/h and <240,000 Btu/h	AC	Electric Resistance Heating or No Heating	IEER = 14.2
			All Other Types of Heating	IEER = 14.0
		HP	Electric Resistance Heating or No Heating	IEER = 13.5
			All Other Types of Heating	IEER = 13.3
Very Large Commercial Split and Single Package Air-Conditioners and Heat Pumps (Air-Cooled)	≥240,000 Btu/h and <760,000 Btu/h	AC	Electric Resistance Heating or No Heating	IEER = 13.2
			All Other Types of Heating	IEER = 13.0
		HP	Electric Resistance Heating or No Heating	IEER = 12.5
			All Other Types of Heating	IEER = 12.3

Minimum Heating Efficiency Standards for Air-Cooled Heat Pumps

Equipment Category	Rated Cooling capacity	Heating type	Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard
Small Commercial Split and Single Package Heat Pumps (Air-Cooled)	≥65,000 Btu/h and <135,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance Heating or No Heating	COP = 3.4
		All Other Types of Heating	
Large Commercial Split and Single Package Heat Pumps (Air-Cooled)	≥135,000 Btu/h and <240,000 Btu/h	Resistance Heating or No Heating	COP = 3.3
		All Other Types of Heating	
Very Large Commercial Split and Single Package Heat Pumps (Air-Cooled)	≥240,000 Btu/h and <760,000 Btu/h	Resistance Heating or No Heating	COP = 3.2
		All Other Types of Heating	

January 1, 2023 all gas-fired commercial warm air furnaces ≥ 225K BTU/h input capacity minimum thermal efficiency at the maximum rated capacity (rated maximum input) is 81%

## Table 6.8.1-3 Chillers

In 90.1-2013 the efficiency levels for chillers were revised, including new levels for full load and part load with an effective date of 1/1/2015

- Because the effective date is now in the past (before 1/1/2015 levels were eliminated) there is an error in the table
  - The dates were removed but the effective 1/1/2015 values were not. This will be corrected with an Errata so the first two columns should be ignored as shown in the next slide.
- AHRI 550/590 (IP) standard and AHRI 551/591 (SI) standards have revised rating conditions to an entering and leaving temperature instead of a temperature and a flow rate.
- AHRI standard now uses different conditions for IP and SI so this is reflected in the ratings and a direct conversion of efficiency metrics can not be used. To reflect this IPLV values are now labeled IPLV.IP and IPLV.SI.

In addition to these changes, the Kadj equations used for centrifugal minimum efficiency adjustments have been changed in Section 6.4.1.2.1. A new spreadsheet tool will be provided with the Users Manual to be released in 2017, but the tool will also be available on the AHRI website.

# Table 6.8.1-3 Errata Change

These values are the old effective  
1/1/2010 values and should be ignored

Equipment Type	Size Category	Units	Path A	Path B	Path A	Path B	Test Procedure <sup>c</sup>
Air-cooled chillers	<150 tons	EER (Btu/Wh)	≥9.562 FL	NA <sup>d</sup>	≥10.100 FL	≥9.700 FL	AHRI 550/590
	≥12.50 IPLV/IP		≥13.700 IPLV/IP		≥15.800 IPLV/IP		
	≥150 tons		≥9.562 FL		≥10.100 FL	≥9.700 FL	
	≥12.750 IPLV/IP		≥14.000 IPLV/IP		≥16.100 IPLV/IP		
Air-cooled without condenser, electrically operated	All capacities	EER (Btu/Wh)	Air-cooled chillers without condenser must be rated with matching condensers and comply with air-cooled chiller efficiency requirements				AHRI 550/590
Water-cooled, electrically operated positive displacement	<75 tons	kW/ton	≤0.780 FL	≤0.800 FL	≤0.750 FL	≤0.780 FL	AHRI 550/590
			≤0.630 IPLV/IP	≤0.600 IPLV/IP	≤0.600 IPLV/IP	≤0.500 IPLV/IP	
	≥75 tons and <150 tons		≤0.775 FL	≤0.790 FL	≤0.720 FL	≤0.750 FL	
			≤0.615 IPLV/IP	≤0.586 IPLV/IP	≤0.560 IPLV/IP	≤0.490 IPLV/IP	
	≥150 tons and <300 tons		≤0.680 FL	≤0.718 FL	≤0.660 FL	≤0.680 FL	
			≤0.580 IPLV/IP	≤0.540 IPLV/IP	≤0.540 IPLV/IP	≤0.440 IPLV/IP	
	≥300 tons and <600 tons		≤0.620 FL	≤0.639 FL	≤0.610 FL	≤0.625 FL	
			≤0.540 IPLV/IP	≤0.490 IPLV/IP	≤0.520 IPLV/IP	≤0.410 IPLV/IP	
Water cooled, electrically operated centrifugal	<150 tons	kW/ton	≤0.634 FL	≤0.639 FL	≤0.610 FL	≤0.695 FL	AHRI 550/590
			≤0.596 IPLV/IP	≤0.450 IPLV/IP	≤0.550 IPLV/IP	≤0.440 IPLV/IP	
	≥150 tons and <300 tons		≤0.634 FL	≤0.639 FL	≤0.610 FL	≤0.635 FL	
			≤0.596 IPLV/IP	≤0.450 IPLV/IP	≤0.550 IPLV/IP	≤0.400 IPLV/IP	
	≥300 tons and <400 tons		≤0.576 FL	≤0.600 FL	≤0.560 FL	≤0.595 FL	
			≤0.549 IPLV/IP	≤0.400 IPLV/IP	≤0.520 IPLV/IP	≤0.390 IPLV/IP	
	≥400 tons and <600 tons		≤0.576 FL	≤0.600 FL	≤0.560 FL	≤0.585 FL	
			≤0.549 IPLV/IP	≤0.400 IPLV/IP	≤0.500 IPLV/IP	≤0.380 IPLV/IP	
	≥600 tons		≤0.570 FL	≤0.590 FL	≤0.560 FL	≤0.585 FL	
			≤0.539 IPLV/IP	≤0.400 IPLV/IP	≤0.500 IPLV/IP	≤0.380 IPLV/IP	

# Table 6.8.1-7 Heat Rejection Equipment

- One change was made to the table to increase the efficiency requirement for Propeller or axial fan closed-circuit cooling towers from 14.0 gpm/hp to 16.1 gpm/hp

Table 6.8.1-7 Performance Requirements for Heat Rejection *Equipment*—Minimum *Efficiency* Requirements

<i>Equipment Type</i>	<i>Total System Heat-Rejection Capacity at Rated Conditions</i>	<i>Subcategory or Rating Condition<sup>h</sup></i>	<i>Performance Required<sup>a,b,c,f,g</sup></i>	<i>Test Procedure<sup>d,e</sup></i>
Propeller or axial fan open-circuit cooling towers	All	95°F entering water 85°F leaving water 75°F entering wb	≥40.2 gpm/hp	CTI ATC-105 and CTI STD-201 RS
Centrifugal fan open-circuit cooling towers	All	95°F entering water 85°F leaving water 75°F entering wb	≥20.0 gpm/hp	CTI ATC-105 and CTI STD-201 RS
Propeller or axial fan closed-circuit cooling towers	All	102°F entering water 90°F leaving water 75°F entering wb	≥16.1 gpm/hp	CTI ATC-105S and CTI STD-201 RS

Also note in Section 6.5.5.2 there are new requirements for cooling tower fan control

# Table 6.8.1-9 &10 – VRF Equipment

- New higher IEER values were defined for air cooled cooling only and heat pump Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) equipment with an effective date of 1/1/2017
- EER values were not changed
- The IEER, EER and heating COP levels for water source heat pump VRFs were also changed and go into effect on 1/1/2018

**Table 6.8.1-10 Electrically Operated Variable-Refrigerant-Flow and Applied Heat Pumps—  
Minimum Efficiency Requirements**

<i>Equipment Type</i>	<i>Size Category</i>	<i>Heating Section Type</i>	<i>Subcategory or Rating Condition</i>	<i>Minimum Efficiency</i>	<i>Test Procedure</i>
VRF air cooled (cooling mode)	<65,000 Btu/h ≥65,000 Btu/h and <135,000 Btu/h	All <i>Electric resistance</i> (or none)	VRF multisplit system	13.0 SEER	AHRI 1230
				11.0 EER 12.9 IEER (before 1/1/2017) 14.6 IEER (as of 1/1/2017)	
			VRF multisplit system with heat recovery	10.8 EER 12.7 IEER (before 1/1/2017) 14.4 IEER (as of 1/1/2017)	

See standard for additional product categories

# Table 6.8.1-11 Computer Room Units

- Table 6.8.1-11 was totally revised to add 3 classifications of computer units
  - Class 1 – 75 F DB/52 F WB
  - Class 2 – 85 F DB/52 F WB
  - Class 3 – 95 F DB/52 F WB
- New COP<sub>C</sub> values were then defined for the various products and new categories
- This goes along with revisions to the AHRI 1360 rating standard

Table 6.8.1-11 Air Conditioners and Condensing Units Serving Computer Rooms—Minimum Efficiency Requirements

Equipment Type	Net Sensible Cooling Capacity	Standard Model	Minimum Net Sensible COP <sub>C</sub>			Test Procedure
			Return Air Dry-Bulb Temperature/ Dew-Point Temperature			
			Class 1 75°F/52°F	Class 2 85°F/52°F	Class 3 95°F/52°F	
Air cooled	<65,000 Btu/h	Downflow unit		2.30		AHRI 1360
		Upflow unit—ducted		2.10		
		Upflow unit—nonducted	2.09			
		Horizontal-flow unit			2.45	
	≥65,000 and <240,000 Btu/h	Downflow unit		2.20		
		Upflow unit—ducted		2.05		
		Upflow unit—nonducted	1.99			
		Horizontal-flow unit			2.35	
	≥240,000 Btu/h	Downflow unit		2.00		
		Upflow unit—ducted		1.85		
		Upflow unit—nonducted	1.79			
		Horizontal-flow unit			2.15	

# Table 6.8.1-14 Indoor Pool Dehumidifiers

- New table
- AHRI has developed a new standard for these products called AHRI 920 and this table now defines the minimum efficiency requirements
- A new metric – Moisture Removal Efficiency (MRE)
  - A ratio of the Moisture Removal Capacity expressed in kg/h to the total power input in kW at any given set of Rating Conditions expressed in kg of moisture/kWh. So a unit shown can remove 3.5 kg of moisture per 1 kWh of electricity used.

**Table 6.8.1-14 Vapor Compression Based Indoor Pool Dehumidifiers—Minimum Efficiency Requirements**

<i>Equipment Type</i>	<i>Subcategory or Rating Condition</i>	<i>Minimum Efficiency</i>	<i>Test Procedure</i>
Single package indoor <sup>a</sup> (with or without economizer)	Rating Conditions: A, B, or C	3.5 <i>MRE</i>	AHRI 910
Single package indoor water-cooled (with or without economizer)		3.5 <i>MRE</i>	
Single package indoor air-cooled (with or without economizer)		3.5 <i>MRE</i>	
Split system indoor air-cooled (with or without economizer)		3.5 <i>MRE</i>	

a. Units without air-cooled condenser.

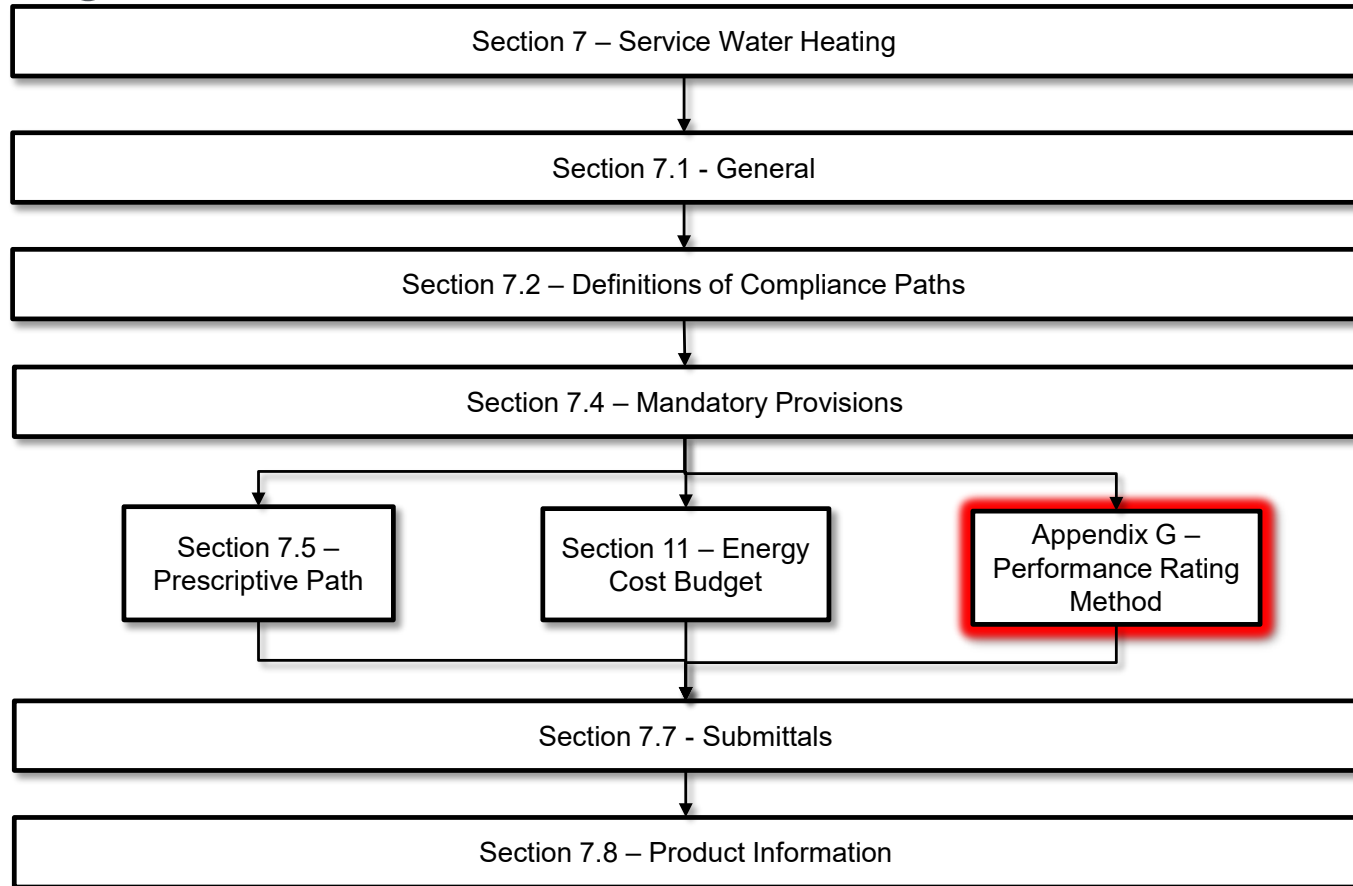
# Table 6.8.1-15 & 16 DX-DOAS Equipment

- Table 6.8.1-15 covers efficiency requirements for DX-DOAS Equipment based on the new AHRI 920 standard
- This is a new table and prior to this there were no efficiency requirements for DOAS equipment
- Similar to the Pool Dehumidifiers, this table uses a new metric base on moisture removal and this metric is an annual part load metric similar to IEER and IPLV
  - ***Integrated Seasonal Moisture Removal Efficiency (ISMRE)***. This seasonal efficiency number is a combined value based on the formula listed in AHRI Standard 920 of the four (4) dehumidification Moisture Removal Efficiency (MRE) ratings required for DX-DOAS Units expressed in lb. of moisture/kWh
- There are two tables, with table 15 covering units without energy recovery and table 16 covering units with energy recovery



# Section 7 Compliance Flowchart

Flowchart revised to clarify the compliance paths for service water heating



Changes

### Building System

### Compliance Options

Envelope

HVAC

SWH

Power

Lighting

Other

#### Mandatory Provisions

(required for most compliance options)

Prescriptive Option

Trade Off Option

Energy Cost Budget

Simplified

Performance Rating Method

## Energy Code Compliance

- Section 7.4.3 - Service hot water piping insulation
  - new requirement added to require the first 8 ft. of **branch piping** connecting to recirculated, heat-traced, or impedance heated *piping to be insulated*
- Table 7.8 which defines the minimum efficiency for water heating equipment the requirements for the following products was moved to an Informative Appendix and referenced to the federal requirements and applicable test procedures found in the Code of Federal Regulations 10 CFR Part 430
  - Electric table top water heaters with a storage capacity  $\geq 20$  gal
  - Electric water heaters  $< 12$  kW and with a storage capacity  $\geq 20$  gal
  - Heat pump water heaters with  $\leq 24$  amps power and  $\leq 250$  volts power supply
  - Gas storage water heaters  $< 75,000$  Btu/h and  $> 20$  gallons
  - Oil storage water heaters  $< 105,000$  Btu/h and  $> 20$  gallons

- ✓ Section 7.2
- ✓ You have to follow Sections
  - 7.1,
  - 7.4,
  - 7.5,
  - 7.7, and
  - 7.8
- ✓ Alternatively, you can follow Section 11 (ECB), in which case Section 7.4 is mandatory

# Section 7

## Service Water Heating

- ✓ General (*Section 7.1*)
- ✓ Compliance Path(s) (*Section 7.2*)
- ✓ Mandatory Provisions (*Section 7.4*)
  - Load calculations
  - Equipment efficiency
  - Service hot water piping insulation
  - Service water-heating system controls
  - Pools
  - Heat traps
- ✓ Prescriptive Path (*Section 7.5*)
  - Space heating and water heating
  - Service water-heating equipment
  - Buildings with high-capacity service water-heating systems
- ✓ Submittals (*Section 7.7*)
- ✓ Product Information (*Section 7.8*)



## Section 7 – 7.1.1

### SWH Scope

- New buildings
- Additions to existing buildings
- Alterations to existing buildings

SWH equipment installed as a direct replacement shall meet these requirements

### **Exception**

- Not sufficient space or access to meet requirements

In accordance with manufacturer's published sizing guidelines or generally accepted engineering standards and handbooks



Section 7.4.2 refers to Table 7.8 for equipment efficiencies

Equipment not listed in Table 7.8 has no minimum performance requirements, for example:

- Electric or oil water heaters < 20 gallons
- Gas instantaneous water heaters  $\leq$  50,000 Btu/h

### **Exception**

- Water heaters and hot water supply boilers > 140 gal storage capacity don't have to meet standby loss requirements when
  - Tank surface is thermally insulated to R-12.5, **and**
  - A standing pilot light isn't installed, **and**
  - Gas- or oil-fired water heaters have a flue damper or fan-assisted combustion

Reference Table 7.8 on page 133 in 90.1-2016

## Section 7 – 7.4.3

### Service Hot Water Piping Insulation

Insulate the following per Table 6.8.3-1

- Circulating water heater
  - Recirculating system piping, including supply and return piping
- Nonrecirculating storage system
  - First 8 ft of outlet piping
  - First 8 ft of branch piping connecting to recirculated, heat-traced, or impedance heated piping
  - Inlet pipe between storage tank and heat trap
- Externally-heated pipes (*heat trace or impedance heating*)



# Section 7 – Table 6.8.3-1

## Piping Insulation

Reference Table 6.8.3-1 on page 127 in 90.1-2016

## Section 7 – 7.4.4

### Service Water Heating System Controls

- ✓ Temperature Controls
- ✓ Temperature Maintenance Controls
- ✓ Outlet Temperature Controls
- ✓ Circulating Pump Controls



To allow for storage temperature adjustment from 120°F or lower to a maximum temperature compatible with the intended use

### **Exception**

- If manufacturer's installation instructions specify a higher minimum thermostat setting to minimize condensation and resulting corrosion

## Section 7 – 7.4.4.2

### Temperature Maintenance Controls

#### Automatic time switches or other controls

- Set to switch off usage temperature maintenance system during extended periods when hot water is not required

## Section 7 – 7.4.4.3

### Outlet Temperature Controls

#### Controls provided

- To limit maximum temperature of water delivered from lavatory faucets in public facility restrooms to 110°F



To limit operation to a period from the start of the heating cycle to a maximum of five minutes after the end of the heating cycle

## Section 7 – 7.4.5 Pools

- Pool heaters to have readily accessible on-off switch
- Pool heaters fired by natural gas can NOT have continuously burning pilot lights
- Vapor retardant pool covers required (unless recovered or solar heat)
- Time switches required for both heaters and pumps



## Section 7 – 7.4.6

### Heat Traps

Noncirculating systems to have heat traps on both the inlet and outlet piping as close as practical to storage tank (if no integral heat traps)

- Either a device specifically designed for this purpose or
- Arrangement of tubing that forms a loop of 360° or piping that from the point of connection to the water heater includes a length of piping directed downward before connection to the vertical piping of the supply water or hot water distribution system, as applicable



## Section 7 – 7.5.1

### Space Heating and Water Heating

Gas- or oil-fired space heating boiler system (complying with Section 6) is allowed to provide total space heating and water heating when ONE of the following conditions is met:

- Single boiler or component that is heating the service water has a standby loss in Btu/h not exceeding  
 $(13.3 \times pmd + 400) / n$ ; where *pmd* is probable maximum demand in gal/h and *n* is the fraction of the year when outdoor daily mean temperature is  $> 64.9^{\circ}\text{F}$
- Jurisdiction agrees use of a single heat source will consume less energy than separate units
- Energy input of the combined boiler and water heater system is  $< 150,000 \text{ Btu/h}$

Instructions for determining standby loss are included in this Section

## Section 7 – 7.5.2

### Service Water Heating Equipment

Equipment used to provide the additional function of space heating as part of a combination (integrated) system shall satisfy all requirements for service water heating equipment

New buildings with total installed gas water heating input capacity  $\geq 1,000,000$  Btu/h

- Minimal thermal efficiency of 90%

Multiple units are allowed to meet this requirement if water-heating input with thermal efficiency above and below 90% provides an input capacity-weighted average thermal efficiency of  $\geq 90\%$

## Exceptions

- Where 25% of annual SWH requirement is provided by site-solar or site-recovered energy
- Water heaters in individual dwelling units
- Individual gas water heaters with input capacity  $\leq \underline{100,000}$  Btu/h

AHJ may require submittal of compliance documentation and supplemental information in accordance with Section 4.2.2