

**TABLE 2**  
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**FILTER EFFICIENCIES FOR VENTILATION SYSTEMS IN**  
**AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS**

AREA DESIGNATION	NUMBER OF FILTER BEDS	FILTER BED NO. 1 EFFICIENCY	FILTER BED NO. 2 EFFICIENCY
Class B <sup>d</sup> and C <sup>e</sup> surgery and recovery areas, and those areas providing direct service or clean supplies such as sterile and clean processing, etc.	2	30% MERV 6	95% MERV 14
Class A <sup>c</sup> surgery and recovery areas, and those areas providing direct service or clean supplies such as sterile and clean processing, etc.; laboratories.	2	30% MERV 6	80% MERV 13
Class B <sup>d</sup> endoscopy, all other patient care areas, administrative, bulk storage, food preparation, and laundries.	1	30% MERV 6	--

- a. Efficiency ratings shall be based on ASHRAE Standard 52-1 and MERV (minimum efficiency reporting value) ratings shall be based on ASHRAE 52-2.
- b. Air handling systems with unitary equipment that serves only one room (non-central air handlers) shall be provided with a minimum of one filter bed of MERV 6 rating (30% efficiency) unless otherwise noted.
- c. Class A Operating Room. For the purpose of this rule, a Class A operating room is for surgery and other procedures that require “minimal” sedation including but not limited to minor surgical procedures performed under topical and local infiltration blocks with or without oral or intramuscular preoperative sedation. A surgical procedure performed in a Class A operating room could also be performed in Class B or C operating room.
- d. Class B Operating Room. For the purposes of this rule a Class B operating room is for surgery and other procedures that require “conscious” sedation, including but not limited to minor or major surgical procedures performed in conjunction with oral, parenteral, or intravenous sedation or under analgesic or dissociative drugs. A procedure performed in a Class B operating room could also be performed in a Class C operating room.
- e. Class C Operating Room. For the purpose of this rule a Class C operating room is for surgery and procedures that require general anesthesia or “deep” sedation, including but not limited to major surgical procedures that require general or regional block anesthesia and support of vital bodily functions.