ZONE 15

Single-Family Prescriptive Packages

1998/2000 IECC

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3	12%	0.40	R-38	R-21	R-21	R-11	R-13	R-22	Normal
4	12%	0.35	R-38	R-19	R-19	R-10	R-8	R-17	Normal
5	15%	0.35	R-49	R-21	R-21	R-11	R-13	R-20	Normal
6	15%	0.30	R-49	R-18	R-19	R-10	R-8	R-16	Normal
7	18%	0.35	R-49	R-21	R-30	R-15	—	—	Normal
8	18%	0.33	R-49	R-25	R-30	R-15	–	R-25	Normal
9	18%	0.30	R-38	R-19	R-26	R-14	—	—	Normal
10	20%	0.30	R-49	R-26	R-21	R-11	R-12	R-19	Normal
11	22%	0.30	R-49	R-22	R-30	R-15	—	—	Normal
12	25%	0.25	R-49	R-19	R-30	R-15	–	–	Normal
13	12%	0.65	R-38	R-18	R-19	R-10	R-4	R-22	High Heating
14	12%	0.50	R-38	R-13	R-19	R-9	R-4	R-20	High Heating
15	15%	0.55	R-38	R-17	R-21	R-11	R-7	—	High Heating
16	15%	0.40	R-38	R-13	R-19	R-9	R-3	R-18	High Heating
17	18%	0.50	R-49	R-19	R-21	R-11	R-7	R-28	High Heating
18	18%	0.40	R-38	R-17	R-15	R-8	R-2	R-14	High Heating
19	22%	0.40	R-38	R-19	R-21	R-11	R-6	R-28	High Heating
20	22%	0.35	R-38	R-13	R-26	R-12	R-13	—	High Heating
21	12%	0.65	R-38	R-17	R-19	R-10	R-4	R-22	High Heat/Cool
22	12%	0.50	R-38	R-13	R-19	R-9	R-3	R-19	High Heat/Cool
23	15%	0.55	R-38	R-19	R-19	R-10	R-4	R-22	High Heat/Cool
24	15%	0.45	R-38	R-13	R-21	R-11	R-6	R-28	High Heat/Cool
25	18%	0.45	R-38	R-17	R-19	R-10	R-4	R-22	High Heat/Cool
26	18%	0.40	R-38	R-13	R-26	R-11	R-8	—	High Heat/Cool
27	22%	0.40	R-49	R-18	R-19	R-10	R-4	R-22	High Heat/Cool
28	22%	0.35	R-49	R-15	R-19	R-10	R-4	R-22	High Heat/Cool

Footnotes

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2. **Glazing U-Factors** must be tested and documented by the manufacturer in accordance with the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) test procedure or taken from the glazing U-factor table in Appendix B of the Prescriptive Packages User's Guide located at **www.energycodes.gov**. Center-of-glass U-factors cannot be used.

3. The **Ceiling R-values** do not assume a raised or oversized truss construction. If the insulation achieves the full insualtion thickness over the plate lines of exterior walls, R-30 insulation may be substituted for R-38 insulation. R-38 insulation may be substituted for R-49 insulation. Ceiling R-values represent the sum of cavity insulation plus insulating sheathing (if used). For ventilated ceilings, insulating sheathing must be placed between the conditioned space and the ventilated portion of the roof.

4. **Wall R-Values** represent the sum of the wall cavity insulation plus insulating sheathing (if used). Do not include R-values for air films, exterior siding, "housewraps", structural sheathing, or interior drywall. For example, an R-19 requirement could be met EITHER by R-19 cavity insulation OR R-13 cavity insulation plus R-6 insulating sheathing. Wall requirements apply to wood-frame wall constructions. Metal-frame wall or mass (concrete, masonry, log) wall equivalent R-values can be found in the Prescriptive Packages User's Guide located at **www.energycodes.gov**.

5. The **Floor R-Value** requirements apply to floors over unconditioned spaces (such as unconditioned crawlspaces, basements, or garages). Floors over outside air (such as cantilevers, bay windows, etc.) must meet the ceiling requirements.

6. **Basement Wall R-Values** apply to walls of conditioned basements below uninsulated floors and must be insulated from the top of the basement wall to a depth of 10 ft below grade or to the level of the basement floor, whichever is less. The entire opaque portion of any individual basement wall with an average depth less than 50% below grade must meet the same R-value requirement as above-grade walls. Windows and sliding glass doors of conditioned basements must be included with the other glazing.

7. The **Slab Perimeter R-Value** requirements are for unheated slabs. Add an additional R-2 for heated slabs. For packages with a slab insulation requirement, the insulation must extend a total linear distance of at least 48 in. in Zones 13-15. The insulation must extend: 1) down from the top of the slab, or 2) down from the top of the slab to the bottom of the slab and then horizontally underneath the slab, or 3) down from the top of the slab to the bottom of the slab and then horizontally away from the slab, with pavement or at least 10 in. of soil covering the horizontal insulation. Exterior exposed insulation shall be protected.

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Notes:
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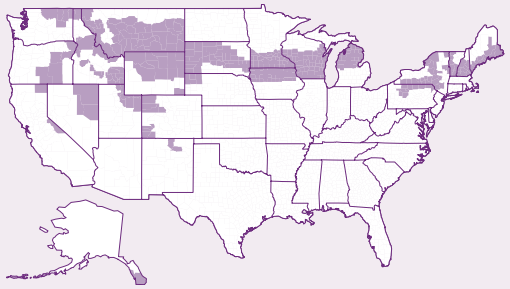

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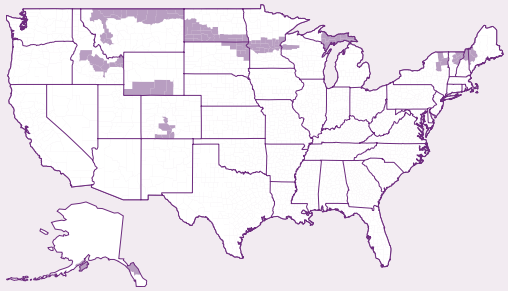

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