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Acronyms and Abbreviations

ACH	air changes per hour
AFUE	annual fuel utilization efficiency
AHRI	Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute
AHU	air handling unit
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
ARI	Air-conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute
ASHRAE	American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers
ASTM	American Society for Testing Materials
BDL	building design language
C-factor	thermal conductance
CCF	centum cubic feet
CEC	California Energy Commission
CRRC	Cool Roof Rating Council
CFA	conditioned floor area
cfm	cubic feet per minute
CHP	combined heat and power
CHW	chilled water
COMNET	Commercial Energy Services Network
COP	coefficient of performance
DCV	demand controlled ventilation
DDC	direct digital control
DOAS	dedicated outdoor air system
DV	displacement ventilation
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
DX	direct expansion
EA	effective aperture
E_c	combustion efficiency
EF	energy factor
EER	energy efficiency ratio
EFLH	equivalent full load hours
EIA	Energy Information Administration
EILP	exterior installed lighting power
EIR	energy input ratio
ELAP	exterior lighting power allowance
ERV	energy recovery ventilator
E_t	thermal efficiency

F-factor	heat transfer coefficient of a slab edge unit of perimeter length
FPLR	function of part load ratio
FT	function of temperature
HSPF	heating seasonal performance factor
HVAC	heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
HW	hot water
IES	Illuminating Engineering Society
ILPA	interior lighting power allowance
kBtu/hr	thousand British thermal units per hour
LPD	lighting power density
MBH	thousand British thermal units per hour
MCF	thousand cubic feet
MBtu	thousand British thermal units
MJ	megajoule
MMBtu	million British thermal units
NACM	Non-residential Alternate Calculation Method
NAECA	National Appliance Energy Conservation Act
NFRC	National Fenestration Rating Council
OA	outdoor air
OAT	outdoor air temperature
PAF	power adjustment factor
PCI	performance cost index
PFP	parallel fan powered
PIU	powered induction unit
PLF	part-load fraction
PNNL	Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
PSZ-AC	packaged single zone air conditioner
PTAC	packaged terminal air conditioner
PTHP	packaged terminal heat pump
PRM	Performance Rating Method
PVAV	packaged variable air volume
RCR	room cavity ratio
RDP	relative daylight potential
SAT	supply air temperature
SEER	seasonal energy efficiency ratio
SHGC	solar heat gain coefficient
SO	source orientation
SRR	skylight roof ratio

SSPC	Standing Standard Project Committee
TOU	time of use
U-factor	thermal transmittance
UFAD	underfloor air distribution system
UMLH	unmet load hours
VAV	variable air volume
VRP	ventilation rate procedure
VT	visible light transmittance
W	watt
w.c.	water column
WSHP	water source heat pump
WWR	window-to-wall ratio

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1.0 Overview

1.1 Purpose

This document is intended to be a reference manual for the Appendix G Performance Rating Method (PRM) of ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-2022 (Standard 90.1-2022). The PRM can be used to demonstrate compliance with the standard and to rate the energy efficiency of commercial and high-rise residential buildings with designs that exceed the requirements of Standard 90.1. Use of the PRM for demonstrating compliance with Standard 90.1 was a new feature of ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-2016 (Standard 90.1-2016). The procedures and processes described in the PRM reference manual (PRM-RM) are designed to provide consistency and accuracy by filling in gaps and providing additional details needed by users of the PRM. Note that this document has been created independently from ASHRAE and Standing Standard Project Committee (SSPC) 90.1 and is neither sanctioned nor approved by either of those entities.

Interpretations to Standard 90.1-2022 Code requirements can be found out here[1]. Users can also request official interpretations to code requirements out here[2]. In cases where the official interpretation conflicts with interpretations provided by the PRM-RM, the official interpretations should be used.

1.2 Applications of the PRM-RM

Users of this manual include energy modelers, software developers, and program administrators.

- **Energy Modelers**. When available, modelers can use software that automatically generates the baseline building, and refer to PRM-RM for rules on generating the model of the proposed design. Else, energy modeler can also manually apply the PRM-RM modeling rules and procedures to create the baseline buildings.
- **Software Developers**. Software developers can use the PRM-RM modeling guidelines to customize their software to automatically create the baseline building model and assure that schedules and other modeling assumptions are neutral. The PRM-RM also defines contents for a standard output reports that address the reporting requirements as defined for the PRM as well as United States Green Building Council’s (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.
- **Program Administrators**. Program administrators, code officials and rating authorities that administer incentive programs that are based on the PRM of Standard 90.1-2022. Program administrators can use this document to better understand the building modeling requirements.

1.3 Standard 90.1-2022 Performance Rating Method Compliance Calculations

The modeling procedures in the 2022 standard build upon the ‘fixed-baseline’ approach added for the 2016 edition of the standard. The baseline building is fixed to be roughly equal in stringency to Standard 90.1-2004 and compliance is determined through a metric called Performance Cost Index (PCI). Section 4.2.1 of Standard 90.1-2022 specifies the process to calculate the target PCI to demonstrate compliance with the Standard. Building Performance Factors (BPF) are defined in this section that are used to calculate a target PCI (PCI_t). Building Performance Factors for a particular edition of Standard 90.1 are

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[1] https://www.ashrae.org/technical-resources/standards-and-guidelines/standards-interpretations

[2] https://www.ashrae.org/standards-research--technology/standards-forms--procedures/how-to-request-an-interpretation

calculated as a ratio of the prototype building regulated energy cost for a given building prototype, climate zone and edition of Standard 90.1 to the proposed building regulated energy cost for the 2004 edition of Standard 90.1. BPF for all prototypes and climate zones are specified in Standard 90.1-2022.

$$BPF_{YearX} = \sum \frac{Prototype\ Building\ Regulated\ Energy\ Cost_{YearX}}{Prototype\ Building\ Regulated\ Energy\ Cost_{2004}} \Big/ N_p \tag{1}$$

where:

Prototype Building Regulated Energy Cost year x = The portion of annual energy cost due to regulated energy use from the PNNL prototype buildings for a given building prototype, climate zone and edition of Standard 90.1.

Prototype Building Regulated Energy Cost 2004 = The portion of annual energy cost due to regulated energy use from the PNNL prototype buildings for a given building prototype, climate zone and the 2004 edition of Standard 90.1.

N_p = Number of prototype buildings of a particular building type

The target PCI for 90.1-2022 code compliance is a function of the building type, the climate zone, prescriptive renewable energy requirements according to Section 10.5.1, and the proportion of regulated to unregulated energy projected to be used by the baseline building (Table 1). Unregulated energy use (defined in Section 2.2.4 of this document) is neutral for 90.1 code compliance. In order to demonstrate compliance with Standard 90.1-2022, the PCI of the proposed building is required to be less than or equal to the PCIt, when calculated using the equation below (Rosenberg & Hart 2016). PCI targets can also be associated with performance levels for beyond code programs. On-site renewable energy generated by systems included on the building permit that is used by the building shall be considered free and is not included in the proposed design energy cost. However, for the determining compliance with the standard only renewable energy up to a limit of 5% of the baseline energy cost can be credited towards complying with the PCI_t. The following rules apply for on-site renewable energy, site-recovered energy and on-site electricity generation systems. Applicability of the rules depends upon whether the building owns the on-site renewables, a lease agreement or a renewable purchase contract. This is discussed in further detail in Section 3.10 of this document.

1. On-Site Renewable Energy Systems
    a. Energy produced by an on-site renewable energy system that is part of a separate building permit may not be used. Credit can be taken for on-site renewable energy systems owned by the building owner.
    b. Energy produced by an on-site renewable energy system that is used by another building may not be included.
    c. Credit can be taken for on-site renewable energy systems where the building owner has signed a lease agreement for the on-site renewable energy system for at least 15 years.
    d. Credit can be taken for on-site renewable energy systems where the building owner has signed a contractual agreement to purchase energy generated by the on-site renewable energy system for at least 15 years.

2. On-Site Power Generation Systems
    a. Where the proposed design includes on-site electricity generation systems other than on-site renewable energy systems, the baseline design shall include the same generation systems excluding its site-recovered energy.
    b. Site-recovered energy shall not be considered purchased energy and shall be subtracted from the proposed design energy consumption prior to calculating the proposed building performance.

$$PCI = \frac{Proposed\ Building\ Performance}{Baseline\ Building\ Performance} \tag{2}$$

$$PCI_t = \frac{[BBUEC + (BPF\ x\ BBREC) - PRE]}{BBP} \tag{3}$$

Both the proposed and baseline building are required to include all end use load components when calculating the PCI. Where a building has multiple area types, the required BPF shall be equal to the area-weighted average of the building area types.

PCI = Performance Cost Index calculated in accordance with Equation (2).

BBUEC = Baseline Building Unregulated Energy Cost.

BBREC = Baseline Building Regulated Energy Cost

BPF = Building Performance Factors

PRE = PBP_{nre} - PBP_{pre}

BBP = Baseline Building Performance (*BBUEC* + *BBREC*)

PBP = Proposed Building Performance accounting for the reduced annual purchased energy cost associated with all on-site renewable energy generation systems

PBP_{nre} = Proposed Building Performance without any credit for reduced annual energy costs from on-site renewable energy generation systems.

PBP_{pre} = Proposed building performance, excluding any renewable energy system in the proposed design and including an on-site renewable energy system that meets but does not exceed the requirements of Section 10.5.1.1 modeled following the requirements for a budget building design in Table 12.5.1, row 15. See Section 3.10.1.4 for detail.

When,

$$(PBP_{pre} – PBP\ ) / BBP > 0.05$$

new buildings, additions to existing buildings and/or alterations to existing buildings shall comply with the following:

$$PCI + [(PBP_{pre} – PBP\ ) / BBP] - 0.05 < PCI_t$$

Regulated energy cost is calculated by multiplying the total energy cost by the ratio of regulated energy use to total energy use for each fuel type. Unregulated energy costs are calculated by subtracting regulated energy cost from total energy cost. For a complete description of regulated and unregulated cost, refer to Section 2.2.4 of this document.

For building area types not listed in Table 4.2.1.1 use “All others.” Where a building has multiple building area types, the required BPF shall be equal to the area-weighted average of the building area types.

Table 1. Building Performance Factors (BPF)[1]

	Climate Zone																
	0A and 1A	0B and 1B	2A	2B	3A	3B	3C	4A	4B	4C	5A	5B	5C	6A	6B	7	8
Multifamily	0.69	0.68	0.72	0.72	0.71	0.76	0.63	0.69	0.76	0.71	0.66	0.72	0.71	0.65	0.67	0.65	0.67
Healthcare/ hospital	0.69	0.69	0.67	0.65	0.65	0.66	0.64	0.64	0.66	0.63	0.67	0.65	0.65	0.66	0.67	0.68	0.70
Hotel/motel	0.66	0.66	0.65	0.64	0.64	0.65	0.65	0.63	0.65	0.63	0.62	0.63	0.62	0.61	0.62	0.59	0.58
Office	0.54	0.54	0.52	0.52	0.50	0.54	0.48	0.48	0.53	0.48	0.49	0.52	0.48	0.48	0.49	0.46	0.48
Restaurant	0.62	0.59	0.57	0.53	0.57	0.53	0.51	0.55	0.54	0.54	0.57	0.56	0.55	0.59	0.58	0.61	0.64
Retail	0.51	0.49	0.44	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.44	0.42	0.43	0.46	0.43	0.42	0.47	0.43	0.43	0.41	0.44
School	0.52	0.57	0.52	0.53	0.52	0.49	0.50	0.46	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.44	0.45	0.45
Warehouse	0.26	0.26	0.21	0.22	0.25	0.21	0.19	0.25	0.22	0.22	0.28	0.24	0.22	0.31	0.28	0.29	0.32
All others	0.62	0.60	0.55	0.51	0.53	0.52	0.55	0.53	0.52	0.55	0.53	0.53	0.56	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54

Notes: 1. Alterations that meet the criteria in Section G3.1.4(a) shall use the BPF from Table 1 multiplied by 1.05. All other alterations modeled following Section G3.3 shall use BPF = 1.

Prior to 2016, the Appendix G baseline building stringency changed with each version of Standard 90.1 and sometimes with each addendum. This created much confusion for software developers, energy modelers and program administrators. For many use-cases, an excessive amount of time was spent creating the baseline building and verifying its correctness. With the new procedure, the intent is that the baseline building stringency does not change. Instead, as the standard becomes more stringent, a greater level of improvement over the stable baseline is required. The 2004 version of the standard has been used for defining the baseline performance. This version of the standard has been used as a benchmark by ASHRAE and the US DOE for evaluating the stringency of more recent versions of Standard 90.1 and now it is used as a stable baseline for all performance calculations. Each consecutive version of the Standard would update the target PCI without modifying the stringency of the baseline building requirements.

Improvements in 90.1 2022

Modifications to Prototype Models used to Develop BPFs

The 2022 edition of Standard 90.1 PRM used an improved methodology for determining the BPFs. As discussed, BPFs represent the minimum improvement in regulated energy use of the proposed design relative to the baseline design that projects must demonstrate to comply with the energy code. The BPFs included in the 2016 and 2019 editions of 90.1 were based on the 90.1 2004 commercial building prototype models, which followed several but not all the modeling rules prescribed for the Appendix G baseline building. For example, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system types modeled for some occupancies deviated from the baseline PRM system types. Starting with 90.1 2022, a new set of commercial building prototypes that more closely follow the Appendix G baseline modeling rules were created and used to establish BPFs. This group of models will be used to establish BPFs for subsequent editions of 90.1.

Guidance for using Compliance Metrics other than Energy Cost

The 90.1 PRM currently uses energy cost as the compliance metric. Using energy cost as the compliance metric in jurisdictions with a high electricity cost relative to natural gas puts projects that use electricity for space and service water heating at a disadvantage compared to projects that use fossil fuels for these end uses. Informative Appendix I in 90.1 2022 provides sample language for using the PRM in conjunction with site energy, source energy, and greenhouse gas emission metrics to support local policies and goals, such as promoting electrification and decarbonization. Appendix I also includes a table with BPF values to be used with each alternative metric.

Inclusion of Limits on Envelope Tradeoffs

Another improvement in 90.1 2022 compared to earlier editions of 90.1 is the inclusion of rules that limit trade-offs between envelope and building systems for new buildings following the PRM. The backstop requires that the specified envelope does not increase whole building energy cost of the proposed design by more than 15% for multifamily, hotel/motel, and dormitory occupancies, and by more than 7% for all other occupancies compared to a design with the envelope minimally compliant with the prescriptive envelope requirements in 90.1 Section 5. The backstop margins are based on designs with opaque surfaces and fenestration minimally complying with prescriptive requirements but with fenestration area up to 70% of above grade wall.

Addition of New Rules for Alterations

Lastly, 90.1 2022 PRM includes updated modeling rules for alterations. The prescriptive path of compliance with 90.1 includes special rules for project alterations. In contrast, Appendix G modeling rules were the same for new construction and alteration projects, with no differences in the methodology used to establish compliance based on the simulation results for the baseline and proposed design model. As a result, alterations were held to the same standard as new construction projects and were penalized for having existing systems that are less efficient than the current requirements for new construction projects. 90.1 2022 addresses this issue. For substantial alteration projects, the modeling rules are the same as for new construction, but the BPF increased by 5%, resulting in a corresponding reduction in stringency. New construction and substantial alterations projects follow the modeling rules in Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.2. For limited alterations (i.e., minor alterations), the modeling rules are similar to the Energy Cost Budget method, requiring that the energy use of the proposed design does not exceed the energy use of the baseline design where all retrofitted systems are modeled as minimally complying with the applicable prescriptive and mandatory requirements of the Standard. Projects follow the modeling rules in Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.3. Alterations modeled following Section G3.3 use BPF = 1.

1.4 Organization

This document is organized into five chapters, as described below.

Table 2. Organization of the PRM-RM

Chapter	**Description**
1.0 Overview	The purpose, organization, content, and intent of the manual (this chapter).
2.0 General Modeling Procedures	An overview of the modeling process, outlining the modeling rules and assumptions that are implemented in the same way for both the baseline building and the proposed design, and procedures for determining system types and equipment sizes.
3.0 Building Descriptors Reference	The acceptable range of inputs for the proposed design and a specification for the baseline building.
4.0 Energy Price Data	Process for defining state average and custom utility rates.

5.0 Reporting	Standard output reports required to be generated from a software tool to meet Standard 90.1-2022 PRM reporting requirements.

This document references COMNET (COMNET 2017) for several appendices containing reference material that support definition of the baseline building. References appendices from the Nonresidential Alternative Calculation Method (NACM) can also be used for default assumptions for the proposed and baseline building (CEC 2016).

New buildings, additions, and alterations (i.e., New Construction/Major Alterations) meeting 90.1 2022 G3.1.4a follow the modeling requirements in Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.2. All other alterations (i.e., Minor Alterations) follow the modeling requirements in Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.3. In each section in this document where the modeling requirements differ across G3.2 and G3.3 separate headings are presented for G3.2 and G3.3 with a description of the requirements associated with each under the applicable heading.

Example of the format for distinguishing between 90.1 G3.2 and G3.3 requirements.

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Requirements for 90.1 G3.2 specifically will be included under this heading.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Requirements for 90.1 G3.3 specifically will be included under this heading.

1.5 Type of Project Submittal

The type of project could be any one or combination of the following:

- New building
- Addition to an existing building
- Alteration of an existing building that meets 90.1 2022 G3.1.4a (i.e., Major Alteration which follows Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.2)
- Alteration of an existing building that does not meet 90.1 2022 G3.1.4a (i.e., Minor Alteration which follows Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.3)

Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.1.4a requires alterations that include the replacement of two or more of the following develop models in accordance with Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.2.

1. HVAC systems that account for more than 50% of the capacity serving either the heating or cooling loads of the alteration area. This includes HVAC unitary systems, HVAC terminal units, or components of HVAC central heating or cooling equipment. HVAC terminal units, for the purposes of this section, can include VAV boxes, fan-coil units, VRF room units, or water-loop heat pumps;
2. 50% or more of the luminaires in the alteration area;
3. 25% or more of the building envelope area of the alteration portion of the building, including new exterior cladding, fenestration, or insulation.

All other alterations (i.e., minor alterations) are required to develop models in accordance with Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.3.

For projects following G3.2 the baseline for unmodified existing building systems or components is the same as the baseline for new systems and components except for vertical fenestration area in existing buildings, as described in Section 3.5.7.

Section G3.3 was added to 90.1 in 90.1 2022. It specifies that the baseline building systems and equipment in the scope of the retrofit be modeled at efficiency levels meeting the mandatory and prescriptive requirements in Section 5 through 10 and as described in Section G3.3.2. All other baseline systems and equipment are required to be modeled the same as in the proposed design.

Figure 1 below is a flowchart for determining the baseline requirement for alterations following 90.1-2022 Section G3.3.

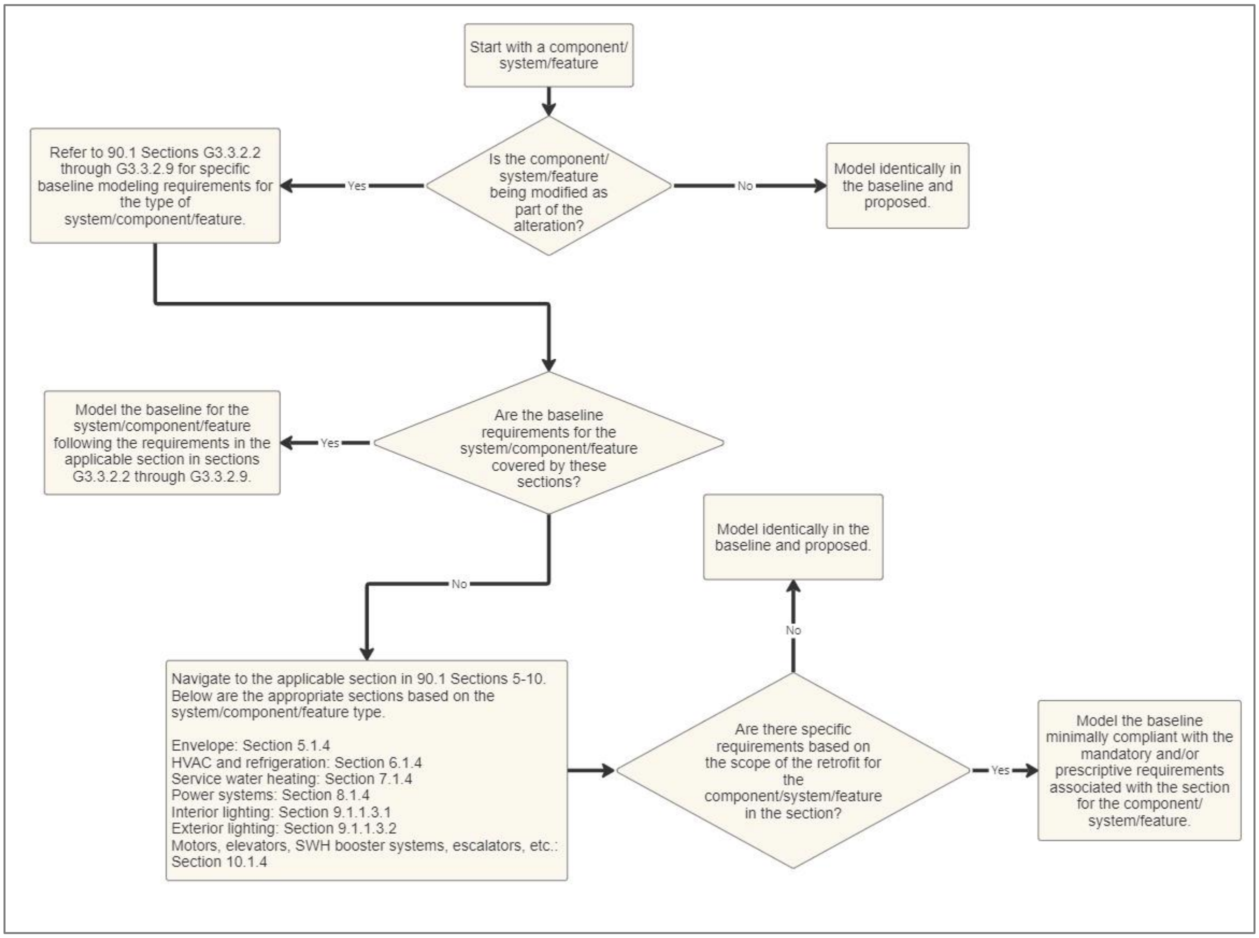

Figure 1: Flowchart for Determining the Baseline Requirement for Alterations Following G3.3

See examples below that illustrate when an alteration would be required to follow G3.2 versus G3.3.
Example 1
Question: A project is replacing a chiller that accounts for 75% of the project alteration area cooling capacity and is replacing 80% of the luminaires in the alteration area, would the project be required to following G3.2 or G3.3?

Answer: G3.2 because it meets the criteria associated with both G3.1.4a #1 and #2.
G3.1.4a #1 applies to the cooling OR heating capacity and because the chiller serves more than 50% of the cooling capacity associated with the alteration area cooling loads the project meets #1.
The project is replacing 50% or more of the luminaires in the alteration area so it meets #2.

Example 2
Question: A project is only replacing a chiller that accounts for 75% of the project alteration area cooling capacity, would the project be required to following G3.2 or G3.3?

Answer: G3.3 because it only meets the criteria associated with G3.1.4a #1. To be required to follow G3.2 the project would need to meet two or more of the scenarios described in G3.1.4a #s 1-3 and it only meets one.

Example 3
Question: A project is replacing a chiller that accounts for 75% of the project alteration area cooling capacity and is replacing 50% of luminaires in 25% of the alteration area covered by the chiller replacement, would the project be required to following G3.2 or G3.3?

Answer: G3.3 because it only meets the criteria associated with G3.1.4a #1. To be required to follow G3.2 the project would need to meet two or more of the scenarios described in G3.1.4a #s 1-3. The reason the project does not meet G3.1.4a #2 is because the luminaire replacement only applies to 25% of the alteration area so it does not meet the criteria of a 50% or more luminaire replacement in the alteration area.

Areas Allowed to be Excluded from the Energy Models
Regardless of whether a project is following G3.2 or G3.3, it is acceptable to predict performance using building models that exclude parts of the existing building, provided that all of the following conditions are met:

a. Work to be performed in excluded parts of the building shall meet the requirements of Sections 5 through 10 of Standard 90.1-2022.
b. Excluded parts of the building are served by HVAC systems that are entirely separate from those serving parts of the building that are included in the building model.
c. Design space temperature and HVAC system operating set points and schedules on either side of the boundary between included and excluded parts of the building are essentially the same.
d. If a declining block or similar utility rate is being used in the analysis, and the excluded and included parts of the building are on the same utility meter, the rate shall reflect the utility block or rate for the building plus the addition.

2.0 General Modeling Procedures and Requirements

The Baseline building design shall be developed by modifying the proposed design as described in 90.1 Section G3.

2.1 Simulation General Requirements

The proposed building performance and baseline building performance shall be calculated using the same

a. Simulation program.

b. Weather data.

c. Energy rates.

2.1.1 Simulation Program

The simulation program used for compliance with the PRM shall meet the following requirements-

a. The simulation program shall be a computer-based program for the analysis of energy consumption in buildings. It shall include calculation methodologies for the building components being modeled. When the simulation program does not explicitly model a design, material, or device of the proposed design, an exceptional calculation method shall be used if approved by the rating authority.

b. The simulation program shall be approved by the rating authority and shall, at a minimum, have the ability to explicitly model all of the requirements stated in Standard 90.1-2022 Section G2.2.1.

c. The simulation program shall have the ability to either directly determine the proposed building performance and baseline building performance or produce hourly reports of energy use by an energy source suitable for determining the proposed building performance and baseline building performance using a separate calculation engine.

d. The simulation program shall be capable of performing design load calculations to determine required HVAC equipment capacities and air and water flow rates in accordance with generally accepted engineering standards and handbooks.

The simulation program shall be tested according to ASHRAE Standard 140 (ASHRAE 2017) for the version of the simulation program used to calculate the proposed building performance and baseline building performance, except for Sections 7 and 8 of Standard 140. The required tests shall include building thermal envelope and fabric load tests (Sections 5.2.1, 5.2.2, and 5.2.3), ground coupled slab-on-grade analytical verification tests (Section 5.2.4), space-cooling equipment performance tests (Section 5.3), space-heating equipment performance tests (Section 5.4), and air-side HVAC equipment analytical verification tests (Section 5.5), along with the associated reporting (Section 6).

2.2 General Requirements for Data from the User

2.2.1 General

This document lists the building descriptors that are used in the simulation. Users must provide valid data for all descriptors that do not have defaults specified and that apply to parts of the building that must be modeled.

2.2.2 Definition of Building Descriptors

Building descriptors provide information about the proposed design and the baseline building. In this chapter, the building descriptors are discussed in the generic terms of engineering drawings and specifications. By using generic building descriptors, this manual avoids bias toward any particular energy simulation engine. The building descriptors in this chapter are compatible with commonly used simulation software.

Each energy simulation program has its own way of accepting building information. EnergyPlus, for instance, uses a comma delimited data file called an IDF file. DOE-2 uses BDL (building design language) to accept information. It is the software's responsibility to translate the generic terms used in this chapter into the "native language" of the simulation program. Figure 2 illustrates the flow of information.

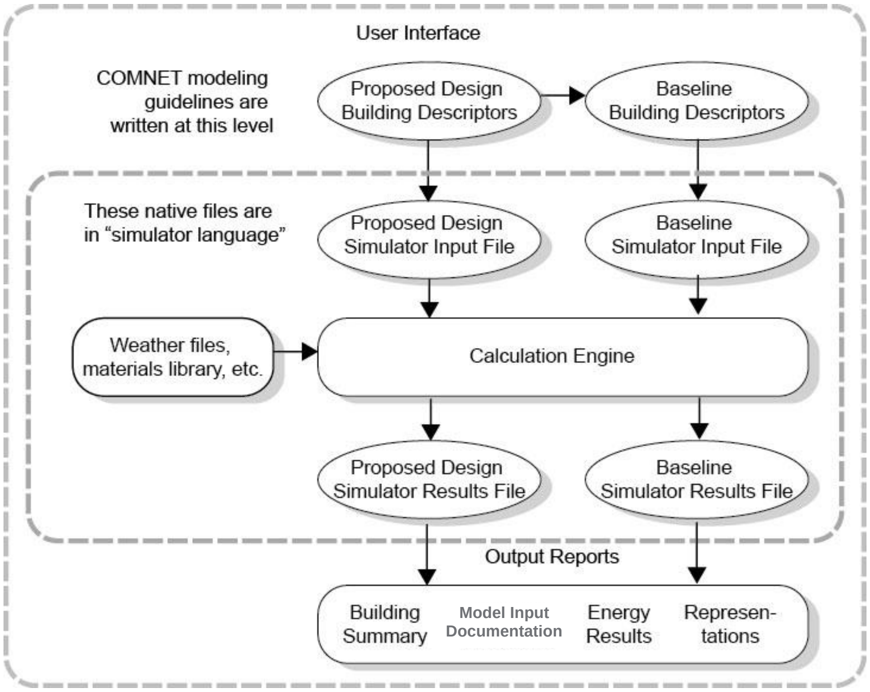

Figure 2. Information Flow

2.2.3 Treatment of Descriptors Not Fully Addressed by this Document

The goal of this document is to provide input and rating rules covering a full range of energy-related features encountered in commercial buildings. However, this goal is unlikely to ever be achieved due to the many features that must be covered and the continuous evolution of building materials and technologies. The baseline building design shall be developed by modifying the proposed design as described in this manual and Standard 90.1 Appendix G, Sections G3.1 and G3.2 or G3.3. All building systems and equipment shall be modeled identically in the proposed design and baseline building design, except when specifically noted in this manual. Where the baseline building systems and equipment are permitted to be different from the proposed design the baseline building shall be modeled to meet the mandatory and prescriptive requirements of Standard 90.1, Sections 5 through 10. If there are no mandatory or prescriptive requirements for a system or component in Standard 90.1, then those components shall be modeled as described in this document or it shall follow the requirements of other efficiency or equipment codes or standards applicable to the design of the building systems and equipment.

When the simulation program does not explicitly model a design, material, or device of the proposed design, an exceptional calculation method shall be used if approved by the rating authority.

2.2.4 Energy Components

ASHRAE Standard 90.1 has requirements to address the energy used for building systems and components including energy used for heating, cooling, ventilation, interior and exterior lighting, service water heating, motors, transformers, vertical transportation, refrigeration equipment, computer room cooling equipment and other building systems, components and processes with requirements prescribed in Standard 90.1 Sections 5 through 10.

Both the proposed and baseline building performance ratings must include all components of energy use, including receptacle loads, vertical transportation, garage ventilation, outdoor lighting, and process loads, such as refrigerated cabinets in supermarkets and cleanrooms in laboratories. Minimum efficiency requirements for many of these items are present in the prescriptive and mandatory sections of Standard 90.1 and should be modeled according to Standard 90.1-2022 Table G3.1.

When allowed by the rating authority or building official, energy end-uses considered noninteractive, meaning they have no significant interactions with the heating and cooling energy components, such as exterior lighting or garage ventilation, can be determined through a side calculation instead of being modeled through the simulation program.

2.2.5 Regulated and Unregulated Energy Use

Regulated energy is the energy used for components of the building with requirements in Standard 90.1 Sections 5 through 10. This includes the energy used for HVAC, lighting, service water heating, motors, transformers, vertical transportation, refrigeration equipment, computer-room cooling equipment, and other building systems, components, and processes with requirements prescribed in Standard 90.1 Sections 5 through 10.

Unregulated energy is the energy used for all other end-uses in the building, which are primarily process loads. Some process loads do have requirements specifically identified in the standard and those are regulated, for example: some refrigeration systems, computer room cooling systems, some cooking equipment, fume hoods, items plugged into convenience outlets such as personal computers, printers, refrigerators etc. There is a multitude of *unregulated energy* use within the building that is not addressed by the standard, including but not limited to:

- All the things that are plugged into convenience outlets such as personal computers, printers, coffee machines, and refrigerators; i.e. the receptacle is regulated but the downstream component of the receptacle is not regulated.
- Compressed air systems in manufacturing and warehouse facilities;

- Specialized equipment in laboratories, hospitals, and manufacturing plants.
- Cooking equipment including griddles, fryers, ovens etc.
- Process loads without requirements specifically identified in the standard. For example: computer equipment in the data center, manufacturing equipment, industrial equipment.
- If a chiller/boiler is used to provide chilled water or hot water to meet process loads and are covered by conditions in Standard 90.1-2022 Table 6.8.1-3 and Table 6.8.1-6, then for projects following ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.2 the baseline equipment used to model the chilled water and hot water should use the efficiency specified in Standard 90.1-2022 Table G3.5-3 and Table G3.5-6, otherwise it should be modeled as same as proposed. For projects following ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.3, the baseline equipment used to model the chilled water and hot water should use the efficiency specified in Standard 90.1-2022 Table 6.8.1-3 and Table 6.8.1-6, otherwise it should be modeled as same as proposed.
- Energy used to recharge or refuel vehicles that are used for on-building site transportation purposes are considered unregulated energy and shall be modeled to be the same in the baseline and proposed building model.
    - Energy used to recharge or refuel vehicles that are used for off-building site transportation purposes shall not be modeled in the baseline building or the proposed building model.

Energy modelers must be able to distinguish between regulated and unregulated energy use since this is an important factor in determining the PCI target for compliance with 90.1-2022. The target performance cost index (PCIt) assumes that the unregulated energy use is neutral for both the proposed design and the baseline building, and the procedure for determining PCIt has adjustments for the percent of unregulated energy.

2.3 Thermal Blocks, HVAC Zones, and Space Functions

2.3.1 Definitions

A *space* is a subcomponent of an HVAC zone that has values identified for lighting, outdoor air ventilation, occupancy, receptacle loads, and hot water consumption requirements. A space could be conditioned, semi-heated, or unconditioned. An *HVAC zone* may contain more than one *space type.*

A Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) *zone* is a space or collection of spaces within a building having space conditioning requirements that are similar enough to be maintained with a single thermal controlling device. An HVAC zone is a thermal and not a geometric concept: spaces need not be contiguous to be combined within a single HVAC zone. If individual spaces are not modeled but combined into a zone, the space type breakdown (floor area of each space) should be provided.

A thermal block is a collection of one or more HVAC zones grouped together for simulation purposes. HVAC zones need not be contiguous to be combined within a single thermal block.

Where HVAC Zones have been designed:

Similar HVAC zones can be combined into a single thermal block provided all of the following conditions are met:

a. Are served by the same HVAC system or the same type of HVAC system

b. The space use classification is the same throughout the thermal block or all of the zones have peak coincident internal loads that differ by less than 10 Btu/h·ft^2 from the average.
c. Have the same occupancy, equipment, lighting, and thermostat schedules and setpoints
d. All HVAC zones in the thermal block that are adjacent to glazed exterior walls and glazed semiexterior walls face the same orientation or their orientations vary by less than 45 degrees.
e. All of the zones have schedules that differ by 40 or less equivalent full-load hours per week

Residential spaces shall be modeled using at least one thermal block per dwelling unit, except that those units facing the same orientations may be combined into one thermal block. Corner units and units with roof or floor loads shall only be combined with units sharing these features.

Where the HVAC zones and systems have not yet been designed:

Thermal blocks shall be defined based on similar internal load densities, occupancy, lighting, thermal and space temperature schedules, and in combination with the following guidelines:

a. Separate thermal blocks shall be assumed for interior and perimeter spaces. Interior spaces shall be those located greater than 15 ft from an exterior wall. Perimeter spaces shall be those located within 15 ft of an exterior wall.
b. Separate thermal blocks shall be assumed for spaces adjacent to glazed exterior walls; a separate zone shall be provided for each orientation, except that orientations that differ by less than 45° may be considered the same orientation. Each zone shall include all floor area that is 15 ft or less from a glazed perimeter wall, except that floor area within 15 ft of glazed perimeter walls having more than one orientation shall be divided proportionately between zones.
c. Spaces having floors that are in contact with the ground or exposed to ambient conditions shall have separate thermal blocks from zones that do not share these features.
d. Floors with identical thermal blocks can be grouped for modeling purposes.
e. Spaces having exterior ceiling or roof assemblies shall have separate thermal blocks from zones that do not share these features.
f. Plenums are spaces typically located above the ceiling and/or below the floor above used to transfer air, where lighting fixtures, pipes, ducts and other building services are often located. Plenums are not used for occupancy or storage and are often used as part of a building’s return air pathway.

It is generally recommended that plenums be modeled as separate thermal blocks, but at the modeler’s discretion exercising caution because the air volume of conditioned zones is important for the accuracy of the model, they may be combined with conditioned space below for modeling simplicity. Figure 3 shows the hierarchy of *spaces and HVAC zones*.

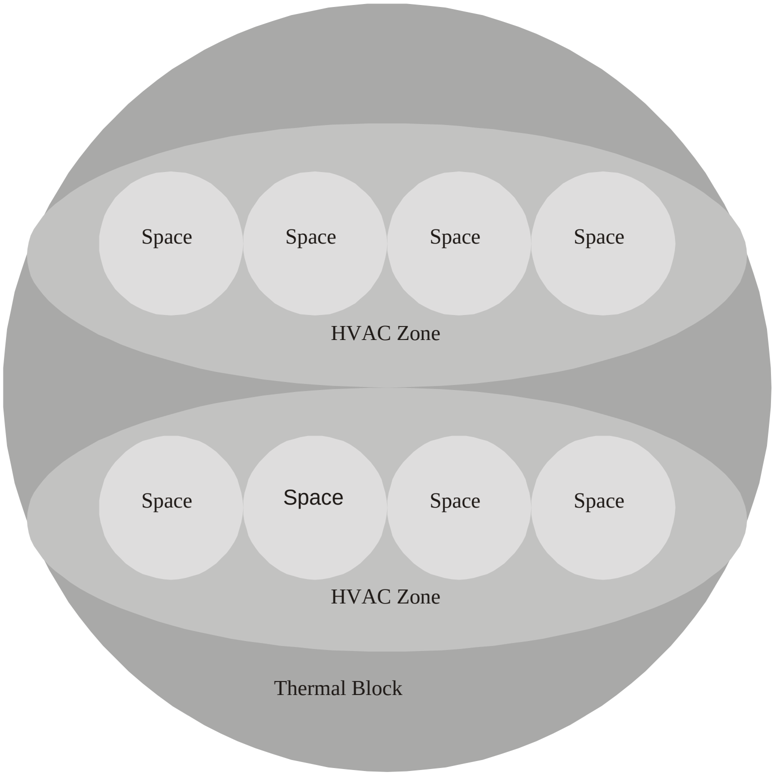

Figure 3. Hierarchy of Space, HVAC Zones, and Thermal Block

2.4 Modeling Requirements for Zones

2.4.1 Required Zone Modeling Capabilities

For use with the PRM of Standard 90.1-2022, software shall accept input for and be capable of modeling a minimum of 10 thermal zones, each with its own control of temperature. The simulation program shall be able to either (1) directly determine the proposed building performance and baseline building performance or (2) produce hourly reports of energy use by an energy source suitable for determining the proposed building performance and baseline building performance using a separate calculation engine. The simulation program shall be capable of performing design load calculations to determine required HVAC equipment capacities and air and water flow rates in accordance with generally accepted engineering standards and handbooks, for example, ASHRAE Handbook—Fundamentals (ASHRAE 2017).

2.4.2 Modeling Requirements for Unconditioned Spaces

An *unconditioned space* is an enclosed space that is neither directly nor indirectly conditioned. These spaces are not indirectly conditioned and either (1) neither have a heating nor a cooling system or (2) are not cooled and have a heating system output capacity less than 3.4 Btu/h-ft^2 (10 W/m^2) and a cooling system with sensible output capacity less than 3.4 Btu/h-ft^2 (10 W/m^2). Based on the definition of indirectly conditioned spaces in 90.1 2022 many spaces without direct heating or cooling systems are considered indirectly conditioned and are consequently not classed as unconditioned.

Indirectly conditioned spaces are enclosed spaces within a building that are not directly heated or cooled but are heated or cooled indirectly by being connected to adjacent space(s), provided that (1) the product of the U-factors and surface areas of the space adjacent to connected spaces exceeds the combined sum of the product of the U-factors and surface areas of the space adjoining the outdoors, unconditioned spaces, and to or from semiheated spaces (e.g., corridors) or (2) that air from heated or cooled spaces is intentionally transferred (naturally or mechanically) into the space at a rate exceeding 3 ach (e.g., atria).

Ventilated parking garages, attics, and crawlspaces that do not meet the definitions of either a conditioned or semiheated space are classified by Standard 90.1-2022 as unenclosed spaces and are not considered to be unconditioned spaces. Modeling requirements for such ventilated parking garages, attics, and crawlspaces are documented in the section below.

Unconditioned spaces shall be modeled if they are part of the permitted space. Permitted space includes all spaces in the building that are being analyzed for compliance with the use-case, which could be a beyond code program, a code compliance program or any other application which requires compliance with Standard 90.1-2022 PRM. All applicable envelope information shall be specified in a similar manner to conditioned space. If the unconditioned space is not a part of the permitted space, the space may be explicitly modeled or its impact on the permitted space may be approximated by modeling the space as outdoor space and turning off solar gains to the demising wall that separates the permitted space from the adjacent unconditioned space. The baseline envelope of conditioned, semi-heated, or plenum space adjacent to any other "unconditioned" enclosed space would be semi-exterior. Fenestration on these surfaces would be included in the fenestration area calculations for semi-exterior surfaces. For unconditioned spaces that are explicitly modeled, all internal gains and operational loads (occupants, water heating, receptacle, lighting and process loads) shall be modeled as designed if known or as specified in COMNET Appendix B (COMNET 2017) if unknown.

Return air plenums meeting the definition of indirectly conditioned space above shall be modeled with equipment, lighting power, and occupant loads at zero. Where recessed lights are used, heat from lights can be modeled to be transferred to the plenum.

Indirectly conditioned spaces can be either occupiable or not occupiable. For spaces that are not occupiable (such as plenums), lighting, receptacle, and occupant loads shall be zero. For indirectly conditioned spaces that are occupied, such as retail spaces, portions of restaurants etc., these loads shall be as designed. Indirectly conditioned zones will not have thermostat setpoint schedules. The allocation of zones into conditioned, indirectly conditioned, and unconditioned zones shall be the same in baseline and proposed building models.

Unconditioned spaces may not be located in the same thermal zone as conditioned spaces. Conditioned spaces and indirectly conditioned spaces may be located in the same zone; when this occurs, the indirectly conditioned spaces will assume the space thermostat schedule of the conditioned space.

2.4.3 Modeling Requirements for Parking Garages, Attics, and Crawlspaces that are Defined by Standard 90.1-2022 as Unenclosed Spaces

Space types such as ventilated parking garage, attics, and crawlspaces that do not meet the definitions of either a conditioned or semiheated space are defined by Standard 90.1-2022 as unenclosed spaces, and for the purposes of envelope requirements, envelope components adjacent to them are treated as exterior surfaces. Therefore, the following rules apply:

	Baseline	Proposed
Envelope	Demising Walls: The baseline envelope for spaces (conditioned, semi-heated, and plenum) adjacent to unenclosed spaces shall be considered exterior and modeled with the baseline exterior envelope requirements.	As designed
	Exterior Walls: Surfaces separating unenclosed spaces from the exterior shall be modeled to be the same as the proposed building.	As designed
	All Other Surfaces: All other surfaces, except those classified as 'Semi-Exterior' or 'Exterior' shall be modeled to be the same as proposed.	As designed
	Window-to-Wall Ratio (WWR) Calculation: As designed	As designed
	Skylight Roof Ratio (SRR) Calculation: Only exterior roofs for enclosed spaces are included in the calculation of skylight area, hence exterior roof area for parking garages, attics or crawlspaces shall not be considered in the calculation of the skylight area.	As designed
Lighting	The lighting power allowance for attics and crawlspaces shall be 0 W/ft^2 for the baseline building unless the space is used as a storage or mechanical room, in which case the lighting power density (LPD) would be the value defined in Table G3.7 of Standard 90.1-2022 for projects following Section G3.2 or, if the lighting in the space is included in the scope of the retrofit, per the requirements of Standard 90.1-2022 Section 9.1.4 for alterations following Section G3.3. For attics, LPDs should be used in conjunction with floor area that has headroom height of 7.5 ft or greater.[1] The lighting power allowance for parking garages is defined in Table G3.8 of Standard 90.1-2022 for projects following Section G3.2 or, if the lighting in the parking garage is included in the scope of the retrofit, per the requirements of Standard 90.1-2022 Section 9.1.4 for alterations following Section G3.3.	As designed
HVAC System	Ventilated parking garages, attics, and crawlspaces that do not meet the definitions of either a conditioned or semiheated space, shall be excluded from the floor area used to determine the baseline HVAC system.	As designed
	If these unenclosed spaces have space conditioning or a mechanical ventilation system, the systems are assumed to be the same in both proposed and baseline models.	

2.4.4 Modeling Requirements for Semi-Heated Spaces

A semi-heated space is defined as an enclosed space within a building that is heated by a heating system whose output capacity is greater than or equal to 3.4 Btu/h·ft^2 of floor area but is not a conditioned space. Semi-heated spaces are documented under Section 3.3.1 of this manual.

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[1] Definition of Gross Floor Area from Standard 90.1-2022 Section 3: floor area, gross: the sum of the floor areas of the spaces within the building, including basements, mezzanine and intermediate-floored tiers, and penthouses with a headroom height of 7.5 ft or greater.

2.4.5 Space Use Classification

Space use classifications determine the default or prescribed occupant density, occupant activity level, receptacle power, service water heating, lighting load, area-based minimum outdoor ventilation air, daylighting setpoints, and operating schedules used in the analysis. Process loads and refrigeration loads are also provided for applicable space types. The user shall designate space use classifications that best match the uses for which the building or individual spaces within the building are being designed.

The user may override the default assumptions for some building descriptors dependent on the space use classification with supporting documentation. Details are provided in Section 3.4.1 of this manual.

2.4.5.1 Space Use Classification Considerations

Space function inputs and how they translate to thermal zone and HVAC system analysis assumptions are defined by the following rules:

- Schedule Group: 14 different schedule groups are defined in COMNET Appendix C (COMNET 2017). Each schedule group defines building-specific hourly profiles for thermostat setpoints, HVAC system availability, occupancy, lighting, etc. The schedules of operation may be entered by the user or defaulted to the values defined in COMNET Appendix C (COMNET 2017).
- Space Functions: Each building space is assigned one space function. Design internal loads and other space function input assumptions, including the assigned schedule group described above, may be input by the user or can be defaulted to the values defined in COMNET Appendix B (COMNET 2017). This is discussed in Section 3.4 of this manual.
- HVAC Zones: The makeup of spaces in thermal zones shall match the proposed building design. If HVAC zones have not yet been designed, they shall be determined in accordance with Section 3.3.1. Where HVAC zones include different space types, peak internal loads and other design inputs for the HVAC zone are determined by weight-averaging the space function design inputs by floor area. Thermal zone schedules are based on the schedule group of the predominant space function (by floor area) included in the thermal zone

2.5 Unmet Load Hours

This manual uses the term *unmet load hours* (UMLH) as a criterion for sizing equipment, for qualifying natural ventilation systems, and for other purposes. For a thermal zone, it represents the number of hours during a year when the HVAC system serving the thermal zone is unable to maintain the setpoint temperatures for heating and/or cooling. During periods of unmet loads, the space temperature drifts above the cooling setpoint or below the heating setpoint. A thermal zone is considered to have an unmet load hour if the space temperature is below the heating temperature setpoint or above the cooling temperature setpoint by more than 50% of the temperature control throttling range (1°F with a 2°F throttling range). *Unmet load hours* for the *proposed design* or *baseline building designs* shall not exceed 300 (of the 8760 hours simulated). Alternatively, *unmet load hours* exceeding these limits may be accepted at the discretion of the *rating authority* provided that sufficient justification is given indicating that the accuracy of the simulation is not significantly compromised by these unmet loads. One hour with unmet loads in one or more thermal zones counts as a single unmet load hour for the building.

UMLH can occur because fans, airflows, coils, furnaces, air conditioners, or other equipment is undersized. UMLH can also occur due to user errors, including mismatches between the thermostat setpoint schedules and HVAC operating schedules, or from other input errors. It is the user’s responsibility to address causes of UMLH in the proposed design. There can be many reasons for UMLH; the following list is a starting point to help identify the reasons:

- The thermostat schedules should agree with schedules of HVAC system operation, occupant schedules, miscellaneous equipment schedules, outside air ventilation schedules, and other schedules of operation that could affect the HVAC system's ability to meet loads in the thermal block. The number of timesteps in an averaging window can be increased to adjust equipment sizing to address high UMLH.
- The inputs for internal gains, occupants, and outside air ventilation should be reasonable and consistent with the intended operation of the building.
- The simulated operation of controls can be examined to determine if primary or secondary heating or cooling equipment (pumps, coils, boilers, etc.) is activated. The control scheme for secondary equipment should be verified.

The ASHRAE 90.1 Energy Cost Budget and Performance Rating Method Submittal Review Manual (the Manual) is a comprehensive reference for reviewing modeling-based submittals. The Manual supports 2016, 2019, and 2022 editions of ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 90.1. The Manual includes further tips for troubleshooting UMLH and examples of when a *rating authority* may accept a submission with UMLH that exceed 300.

2.6 Calculation Procedures

The general calculation procedure is illustrated in Figure 4 and explained in the steps below.

1. The process begins with a detailed description of the proposed design. Information is required to be provided in enough detail to enable an estimate of annual energy use for a typical weather year. This information includes the building envelope, the lighting systems, the HVAC systems, the water heating systems, and other important energy-using systems. This collection of information is referred to in this manual as *building descriptors*. Details on the building descriptors are provided in Chapter 2.
2. If the values of occupant density, equipment power density, ventilation rates, and water heating loads for the proposed building are not known, defaults based on the building type (as specified in Section 2.4.5.1) shall be used. Each building descriptor shall be either a user-defined input or the default value for that input where a default is available.
3. The next step is to simulate the *proposed design* to determine how well the heating and cooling loads are being satisfied. The indicator is the total number of UMLH. Test the number of UMLH and proceed only if the hours are less than or equal to 300 for the year of the proposed design simulation.
4. If the UMLH are greater than 300 for the year, then the user adjusts the proposed building simulation model to reduce the UMLH to less than or equal to 300. See Sections 2.5 and 2.7 for discussion on how UMLHs can be reduced.
5. If the UMLH are less than or equal to 300, then the final simulation is performed. If no changes are made in the model, the simulation from step 3 may be considered final. These calculations produce the results that are compared to the baseline building, which is calculated in steps 7 through 16.
6. The next steps relate to the creation of the baseline building model. The baseline building is created following the rules in this manual. It has the same floor area, number of floors, and spatial configuration as the proposed design; however, systems and components are modified to be in minimum compliance with Standard 90.1-2022 PRM. The HVAC systems for the baseline

building are established according to rules in this manual and depend on the primary building activity (residential or non-residential), the floor area, and the number of stories. See Section 3.1.

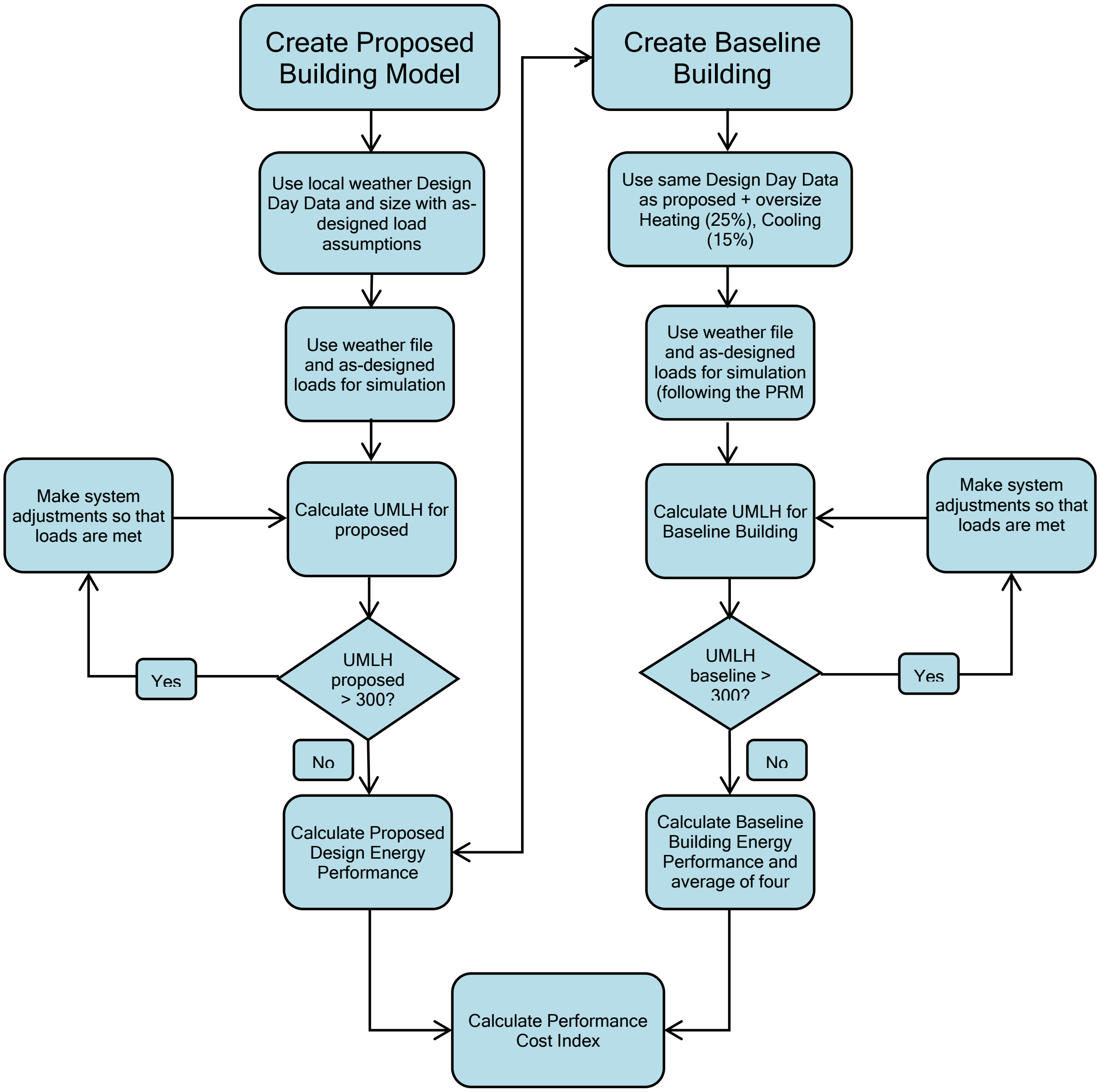

Figure 4. Calculation Process for Standard 90.1-2022 Performance Cost Index Using Performance Rating Method

7. Sizing calculations are performed for the baseline building, and for projects following ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.2 heating equipment is oversized by 25% and cooling equipment by 15%. For projects following ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.3 the baseline design is sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs—i.e., the ratio between the capacities used in the annual simulations and the capacities determined by the sizing runs are modeled the same for both the proposed design and baseline building design. A sizing run is done for each of the four orientations, and system properties (efficiency, controls, etc.) are specified based on equipment size determined through the corresponding sizing run. Equipment and plant capacities shall be based on coincident loads. This is further discussed in Section 2.7.2 of this manual.

8. The baseline building is simulated to determine the number of UMLH. This is the same as the process performed for the proposed design in step 3.
9. The number of UMLH for the baseline building is then tested to see if they are greater than 300. This is unlikely since the heating and cooling equipment is oversized as described in step 7.
10. If the UMLH are greater than 300, then steps need to be taken to reduce the unmet hours to less than or equal to 300. See Sections 2.5 and 2.7 for discussion on how UMLHs can be reduced.
11. Once the tests on UMLH are satisfied, the energy consumption of the baseline building is calculated. If the tests on unmet hours are satisfied the first time through, this step is the same as step 9.
12. The baseline building is rotated 90 degrees and modeled again. This is repeated for four orientations. Each time the building is rotated the equipment is resized. This step may be omitted if the building orientation is dictated by the site or if fenestration area on each orientation varies by less than 5%.
13. The baseline energy use for the baseline building is calculated as the average of the energy use for the four orientations.
14. Finally, the performance cost index is calculated as the ratio of the proposed design energy cost and baseline building energy cost.

The next two steps are followed if the PRM is being used for determination of compliance with Standard 90.1.

1. The PCI_t is calculated in accordance with Section 1.3.
2. The PCI is compared to the PCI_t to determine if the proposed building design is in compliance with Standard 90.1.

2.7 HVAC Capacity Requirements and Sizing

To ensure that the simulated space-conditioning loads are adequately met, adequate capacity must be available in each component of the HVAC system (e.g., supply-airflow rates, cooling coils, chillers, and cooling towers). If any component of the system is incapable of adequate performance, the simulation program will report UMLH, which need to be addressed following the steps in Section 2.6. Adequate capacities are required in the simulations of both the proposed design and the baseline building. If the equipment capacity is not sufficient to meet demands, then UMLH are evaluated at the building level by looking at the UMLH for each thermal zone being modeled. The subsections below describe the procedures that shall be followed to ensure that both the baseline and proposed building models are simulated with adequate space-conditioning capacities.

2.7.1 Specifying HVAC Capacities for the Proposed Design

If loads are not met for more than 300 hours, the software shall require the user to change the proposed design building description to bring the UMLH equal to or below 300. This process might not be automated by the software, in which case the user is required to modify the design model to bring the UMLH within acceptable limits. Two tests must be met:

- Space loads must be satisfied and space temperatures in all zones must be maintained within one half of the throttling range (1°F with a 2°F throttling range) of the scheduled heating or cooling thermostat setpoints. This criterion may be exceeded for no more than 300 hours for a typical year.

- System loads must be satisfied: Plant equipment must have adequate capacity to satisfy the HVAC system loads. This criterion may be exceeded for no more than 300 hours for a typical year.

Equipment sizes for the proposed design shall be entered into the model by the energy analyst and shall agree with the equipment sizes specified in the construction documents. When the simulations of these actual systems indicate that specified space conditions are not being adequately maintained in one or more thermal zone(s), the user shall verify that there are no mistakes in the model inputs and, if none are identified, consult with the design team regarding equipment sizing.

2.7.2 Sizing Equipment in the Baseline Building

System coil capacities in the baseline building are automatically oversized by the program (G3.2: 25% for heating and 15% for cooling, G3.3: the baseline design is sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs). Equipment is sized using design day data and weather files for the building location. These are discussed in Section 3.2.3 of this manual. The coil capacities shall be based on sizing runs for each orientation in accordance with Section 2.6 of this manual.

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Oversizing would be carried out at the zone level, where the sizing parameters would be applied to the zone design coil loads, but not to the supply airflow. The system sizing calculations would sum the zone design airflow rates to obtain a system level airflow rate. The design conditions and the outdoor airflow rate would be used by the simulation program to calculate a design mixed air temperature. The thermostat setpoint plus the design supply air temperatures (SATs) would allow for the calculation of system design heating and cooling capacities. The sizing option would be specified as “Coincident,” which specifies that the central system airflow rate will be sized on the sum of the coincident zone airflow rates. There would be no oversizing factor specified at the system level or the central plant level. Plant capacities shall be based on coincident loads.

For cooling sizing runs, schedules for internal loads including those used for infiltration, occupants, lighting, gas and electricity using equipment shall be equal to the highest hourly value used in the annual simulation runs and applied to the entire design day. Schedules for infiltration for the cooling sizing runs shall be equal to the highest hourly value used in the annual simulation runs and applied to the entire design day

For heating sizing runs, schedules for internal loads including those used for occupants, lighting, gas and electricity using equipment shall be equal to the lowest value used in the annual simulation runs. Schedules for infiltration for the heating sizing runs shall be equal to the highest hourly value used in the annual simulation runs and applied to the entire design day.

For the sizing run, thermostat schedules for heating and cooling should be set to the most typical 24-hour profile from the annual simulation run.

Exception: For cooling sizing runs in residential dwelling units, the infiltration, occupants, lighting, gas and electricity using equipment hourly schedule shall be the same as the most used hourly weekday schedule from the annual simulation.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

The equipment capacities for the baseline design are sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs—i.e., the ratio between the capacities used in the annual simulations and the capacities determined by the sizing runs are the same for both the proposed design and budget building design. The schedules used for the sizing runs should be those used for sizing in the design. If unknown, then use the sizing run schedules as described above for G3.2.

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations & G3.3 Minor Alterations
If the automatic sizing procedure is not sufficient to meet demands, then UMLH are evaluated at the building level by looking at the UMLH for each thermal zone being modeled. The first step would be to determine if the UMLH are high (>300) for the proposed building design as well as the baseline building. If that is the case, the issue is usually related to fan operation, HVAC availability, and occupancy schedules where the HVAC system has an incorrectly specified schedule that makes it unavailable during occupied hours. Optimal start controls, if a part of the building design, can also help eliminate UMLH during startup times. Since the same schedules are used for the baseline design, UMLH are seen in the baseline building as well. Other user inputs that could cause UMLH include incorrectly specified zone minimum airflows, which could result in unmet heating load hours. In this case, the software should notify the user and ask the user to verify schedules of operation. If a space is being conditioned via transfer air, it might be that the temperature of the transfer air is not sufficient to meet space conditioning requirements.

1. If this is not the case and UMLH are seen only with the baseline design, the user or software tool is required to incrementally increase system airflows and equipment capacities, following the steps outlined below.
    a. In the case where UMLH for cooling are a bigger problem, the equipment in the baseline building model is resized by first increasing the design airflow of all zones with significant UMLH (greater than 150 for an individual zone) by 10%, increasing the design airflow of all zones with some UMLH (between 50 and 150) by 5%. Then, the equipment capacity for the system(s) serving the affected zones is increased to handle the increased zone loads. For the central plant, the chiller(s) and towers are resized proportionally to handle the increased system loads.
    b. In the case where UMLH for heating are a bigger problem, the same procedure is followed, with zone airflows resized first, then heating secondary equipment capacity and then boiler capacity as necessary. The capacity of the boiler or furnace shall be increased in proportion to capacities of coils required to meet the increased airflows at the baseline supply air. For heat pumps, the capacity of the coil is increased so that the additional load is not met by auxiliary heat.

2.7.3 Proposed Design with No HVAC, Lighting, SHW System or Receptacle Loads

2.7.3.1 No HVAC System Intended

Standard 90.1-2022 PRM does not address buildings that are intended to have no HVAC system. Portions of a building with no heating and cooling system shall be simulated to be unconditioned for the baseline as well.

2.7.3.2 No Lighting System Designed

For proposed buildings, where lighting neither exists nor is submitted with design documents (including core and shell buildings), lighting shall comply with but not exceed the requirements of Standard 90.1-2022 Section 9.

- If space types are known, lighting power shall be determined in accordance with the Space-by-Space Method for the proposed building, as explained in Section 3.4.3 of this document.

If space types are not known, lighting power shall be determined in accordance with the Building Area Method for the proposed building. The lighting power for the baseline building in such cases shall be determined in accordance with Standard 90.1-2022 Table G3.8.

2.7.3.3 No HVAC System Designed

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations
When the PRM is applied to buildings for which systems have not been designed, such as core and shell office buildings, the systems in the proposed design must be modeled to comply with, but not exceed the requirements of Standard 90.1-2022 Table G3.1 part 10.

In accordance with Standard 90.1 G3.1 part 10, if no heating system exists or has been submitted with design documents, the system type shall be the same system as modeled in the baseline building design and is required to comply with but not exceed the prescriptive requirements as specified in 90.1-2022 Section 6. Similarly, if no cooling system exists or has been submitted with design documents, the system type shall be the same system as modeled in the baseline building design and is required to comply with but not exceed the prescriptive requirements as specified in 90.1-2022 Section 6

Spaces that are cooled but not heated, are required to be simulated with heating. Spaces that are heated but not cooled are required to be simulated with a cooling system, unless they qualify as heated only spaces in accordance with Section 3.1.1.1(d) of this document. Where the space classification for a space is not known, the space shall be categorized as an open office space.

G3.3 Minor Alterations
Each HVAC system in the proposed design has a corresponding system modeled in the baseline design. Consequently, if there is no HVAC system in the proposed design, no system will be modeled in the baseline.

2.7.3.4 No SHW System Designed

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations
In accordance with Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.1 part 11, proposed designs where no service water-heating system exists or has been designed and submitted with design documents but the building will have service water-heating loads, a service water-heating system is required to be modeled that matches the system type in the baseline building design, as specified in Standard 90.1-2022 Table G3.1.1-2. The SHW system specified in the proposed building should comply with but not exceed the requirements of Standard 90.1-2022 Section 7.

G3.3 Minor Alterations
Each service water heating system in the proposed design has a corresponding system modeled in the baseline design. Consequently, if there is no service water heating system in the proposed design, no system will be modeled in the baseline.

2.7.3.5 No Power Systems Designed

Where power and other systems covered by Standard 90.1-2022 Sections 8 and 10 are not submitted with design documents, these systems are required to comply with but not exceed the requirements specified in those sections.

2.7.4 Existing Systems

In some cases, a complete HVAC system already exists.

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations
An example might be an existing speculative building that is being built out for a tenant. In a case like this, the proposed building must match the existing systems and the baseline building must follow the baseline building modeling rules.

G3.3 Minor Alterations
If the systems are excluded from the scope of the retrofit, then the proposed building must match the existing systems and the baseline building must be modeled identically to the proposed.

System and equipment included in the scope of retrofit shall be modeled at efficiency levels meeting the mandatory and prescriptive requirements in Sections 5 through 10 and as described in Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.3. All other baseline systems and equipment shall be modeled the same as in the proposed design.

2.7.4.1 Incomplete HVAC System Design, Heating-Only or Cooling-Only

Some buildings, such as retail malls and speculative office buildings, are typically built in phases. For example, the core mechanical system may be installed with the base building while the ductwork and terminal units are installed later as part of tenant improvements. A similar situation can occur with the lighting system or other energy-related features of the building.

There are frequently spaces within a building where the temperature control is not required for occupant comfort but is required to maintain a minimum space temperature for equipment protection. This may require cooling-only or heating-only systems depending on the space needs. Some spaces are heated only to protect against freezing. Other spaces are cooled only to offset high internal heat gain associated with process loads. While these heated-only or cooled-only systems are permitted, they require special consideration when using the Performance Rating Method.

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations
In either of these situations, for the purpose of calculating the proposed building performance rating, the rule is simple: heating or cooling systems that do not exist or that are not yet designed or recorded in the construction documents are assumed to be of the same type that is used in the baseline with characteristics that minimally comply with the applicable mandatory provisions and prescriptive requirements from Standard 90.1 Chapter 6.

- In cases where the space use classification is not known, the default assumption is to classify it as office space.

For heated-only storage buildings, and for thermal zones designed with heating systems in the proposed building serving storage rooms, stairwells, vestibules, electrical/mechanical rooms, and restrooms not exhausting or transferring air from mechanically cooled thermal zones in the proposed design (Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2.1.2 c) the baseline HVAC system is a heating and ventilating system with no cooling. For these applications only, cooling is not modeled for the proposed design.

G3.3 Minor Alterations
Each HVAC system in the proposed design has a corresponding system modeled in the baseline design. Consequently, if there is no HVAC system in the proposed design, no system will be modeled in the baseline.

3.0 Building Descriptors Reference

3.1 Overview

This chapter specifies the rules that apply to the proposed design and to the baseline building for each building descriptor.

3.1.1 Standard 90.1 Section G3.2 HVAC System Map

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

The HVAC system in the baseline building depends on the primary building activity, the number of floors, conditioned floor area and climate zone. Details about these systems are provided in subsequent sections.

For many of the building descriptors there is a one-to-one relationship between the proposed design and the baseline building; for example, every wall in the proposed design has a corresponding wall in the baseline building. However, for HVAC systems, this one-to-one relationship generally does not hold. There may be a different number of HVAC systems serving the proposed design compared to the baseline building, and equipment such as cooling towers, circulation pumps, etc. may be present in the baseline but not proposed design.

The HVAC system in the baseline building shall be selected from Table 3, HVAC System Map, and be based on building type, number of floors in the building, conditioned floor area of the building type, and climate zone. The selected system shall conform to the descriptions in Table 4, HVAC System Descriptions.

For systems 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, each thermal zone shall be modeled with its own HVAC system. For systems 5, 6, 7, and 8, each floor shall be modeled with a separate HVAC system. Floors with identical thermal zones can be grouped for modeling purposes.

Table 3. Standard 90.1 Section G3.2 HVAC System Map

Building Area Type	Size (Combined gross conditioned floor area and semiheated floor area, of the building area type)	Baseline Building System Type	
		Cool Climates (3b, 3c, and 4-8)	Warm Climates (0 to 3A)
Residential	Any size	System 1 PTAC	System 2 PTHP
Public Assembly	< 120,000 ft^2	System 3 PSZ-AC	System 4 PSZ-HP
	≥ 120,000 ft^2	System 12 SZ-CV-HW	System 13 SZ-CV-ER
Retail	In a building that is 1 or 2 stories	System 3 PSZ-AC	System 4 PSZ-HP
	Other than 1 or 2 story building	Use “Other Nonresidential”	
Hospital	Larger than 150,000 ft^2 or in a building greater than 5 stories	System 7 VAV with Reheat	System 7 VAV with Reheat
	All other hospital	System 5 PVAV with Reheat	System 5 PVAV with Reheat
Heated-only Storage		System 9- Heating and Ventilation	System 10- Heating and Ventilation
Other Nonresidential	In a building 3 floors or less and <25,000 ft^2	System 3 PSZ-AC	System 4 PSZ-HP
	In a building with 4 or 5 floors and <25,000 ft^2	System 5 PVAV with Reheat	System 6 PVAV with PFP boxes
	In a building 5 floors or less and 25,000 ft^2 to 150,000 ft^2	System 5 PVAV with Reheat	System 6 PVAV with PFP boxes
	In a building more than 5 floors or >150,000 ft^2	7 VAV with Reheat	8 VAV with PFP boxes

Building Type Descriptions for Baseline System Definition:

- Residential

  HVAC zones that include dwelling units, guest rooms, living quarters, private living spaces, and sleeping quarters. Residential associated HVAC zones shall be classified as residential. Other space types, including patient rooms in hospitals, shall not be classified as residential.

- Residential Associated HVAC Zone

  Any HVAC zone that primarily includes nonresidential spaces designed to serve occupants of residential spaces, including but not limited to corridors, stairwells, elevator lobbies, and common restrooms, on a floor where over 75% of the gross conditioned floor area are residential spaces. This definition does not apply to HVAC zones within hospitals.

- Public Assembly

  Public assembly buildings include houses of worship, auditoriums, movie theaters, performance theaters, concert halls, arenas, enclosed stadiums, ice rinks, gymnasiums, convention centers, exhibition centers, museums, exercise centers and natatoriums. HVAC zones that include these area types in other buildings shall also be classified as public assembly.

- Heated Only

  This category applies to nonrefrigerated warehouse buildings. Ventilated parking garages that do not meet the definitions of either a conditioned or semiheated space are considered unenclosed spaces and do not apply to this category. The HVAC system types should be modeled identically in the baseline and proposed for such parking garages.

- Retail

  Retail buildings that are two floors or less including grocery stories, retail stores, and supermarket buildings. Retail buildings that are 3 or more stories are included in the Nonresidential category below. Restaurants are also included in the nonresidential category described below.

- Hospital

  Includes patents rooms and excludes outpatient medical buildings and offices.

- Other Non-Residential

  This category covers all buildings that are not included any other categories.

Table 4. Standard 90.1 Section G3.2 HVAC System Descriptions

System No.	System Type	Fan Control	Cooling Type[1]	Heating Type [1]
1 – PTAC	Package terminal air conditioner	Constant volume	Direct expansion	Hot water fossil fuel boiler
2 – PTHP	Packaged terminal heat pump	Constant volume	Direct expansion	Electric heat pump
3 – PSZ AC	Packaged roof top air conditioner	Constant volume	Direct expansion	Fossil fuel furnace
4 – PSZ HP	Packaged roof top heat pump	Constant volume	Direct expansion	Electric heat pump
5 – PVAV Reheat	Packaged rooftop VAV with reheat	Variable volume	Direct expansion	Hot water fossil fuel boiler
6 – Packaged VAV with PFP Boxes	Packaged rooftop VAV with PFP boxes and reheat	Variable volume	Direct expansion	Electric resistance
7 – VAV with Reheat	Rooftop VAV with reheat	Variable volume	Chilled water	Hot water fossil fuel boiler
8 – VAV with PFP Boxes	VAV with parallel fan-powered boxes and reheat	Variable volume	Chilled water	Electric resistance
9 – Heating and Ventilation	Warm air furnace, gas fired	Constant volume	None	Fossil fuel furnace
10 – Heating and Ventilation	Warm air furnace, electric	Constant volume	None	Electric resistance
11 – SZ-VAV	Single zone VAV	Variable air volume	Chilled Water	See Note 2
12 – SZ-CV-HW	Single zone with hot water heat	Constant volume	Chilled Water	Hot water fossil fuel boiler
13 – SZ-CV-ER	Single zone with electric resistance heat	Constant volume	Chilled Water	Electric resistance

Notes:

1. For purchased chilled water and purchased heat, see G3.2.1.3.
2. For Climate Zones 0 through 3A, the heating type shall be electric resistance. For all other climate zones the heating type shall be hot-water fossil-fuel boiler.

3.1.1.1 Additional Standard 90.1 Section G3.2 Rules for Determining Baseline HVAC System Types

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

There are several additional rules in 90.1 Section G3.2.1.2 for HVAC mapping that apply to zones with unusual internal heat gains, different schedules, or unique outside air needs. Baseline HVAC systems shall be added or adjusted for individual HVAC zones based on the order in Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.2.1.2 which is shown below.

3. (a) for internal loads
4. (b) for laboratory spaces
1. (c) for heated only zones
2. (d) for baseline system 9 and 10
5. (f) residential-associated HVAC zones
6. (e) for computer rooms

a. Internal Loads:

This rule is triggered for HVAC zones with total non-coincident peak internal gains (excluding ventilation or envelope loads) that differ by more than 12 Btu/h-ft^2 (31.5 W/m^2) from the average of the other HVAC zones served by the system or when the weekly operating hours of the HVAC system are different by more than 40 equivalent full load hours (EFLH) per week from the other HVAC zones served by the system. A full load hour is an hour during which the zone is occupied and supply and return fans operate continuously. The baseline system for such spaces would be system type 3 or 4, depending on the heating source for the main building. This rule does not apply to computer rooms, see (e) below for the rule related to computer rooms.

When multiple proposed systems with schedules varying for less than 40 hours are combined into a single baseline system as a whole floor variable air volume (VAV), the baseline system fan schedule is defined to include the earliest start hour and latest end hour, so that all HVAC zones are designated to have HVAC system availability. Section 3.7.2.1 has more details regarding HVAC availability.

This rule does not apply to computer rooms (see e below).

The process for calculating internal loads for spaces is defined below-

1. Step 1: Eliminate zones that meet both exceptions (internal loads and EFLH)
    a. Find all zones whose peak coincident internal loads are more than 12 Btu/ft^2 from the area-weighted average of all other zones and whose EFLH are more than 40 hrs from the average of all other zones. Remove all of those zones and assign them to baseline system 3 or 4 depending on the climate zone.
    b. Repeat until no zones meet this criteria.
2. Step 2: Eliminate zones that meet the EFLH exception
    a. Find any zones whose EFLH is more than 40 hrs from the average of all other zones. Remove the zone with the highest EFLH greater than 40, and assign to baseline system 3 or 4 depending on climate zone.
    b. Repeat until no zones meet this criteria
3. Step 3: Eliminate zones that meet the internal loads exception

a. Find any zones whose peak coincident internal loads are more than 12 Btu/ft^2 from the area-weighted average of all other zones. Remove the zone with the highest peak internal load greater than 12 Btu/ft^2 and assign system 3 or 4 depending on the climate zone.

b. Repeat until no zones meet this criteria

4. Step 4: Assign remaining zones to the appropriate multizone system.

Example 1: For a floor with zones with peak internal gains specified as 9 Btu/h-ft^2, 14 Btu/h-ft^2, 16 Btu/h-ft^2, and 34 Btu/h-ft^2. The difference between the zone's peak internal loads and the average for all other zones is shown in Table 5 . Zone D would be subject to this rule since its coincident peak internal gains differ by more than 12 Btu/h-ft^2 from the average for all other zones and the baseline system for this space would be system type 3 or 4 (depending on building heating source). Zone D would then be removed from the list and the difference between remaining zone's peak internal loads and average for all other zones would be calculated again. The difference is now below 12 Btu/h-ft^2 and would hence stay on the same baseline system.

Table 5. Example 1 Calculations

Zone	Internal Loads (Btu/hr)	Avg. of All Others Zones (Btu/hr)	Difference from the Average
A	10	21	11
B	14	20	6
C	16	19	3
D	34	13	-21

Example 2: An office building with baseline system 5 has the following thermal blocks on one floor:

- Thermal Block A: Zones with predominantly office occupancy, to be occupied 50 hours per week;
- Thermal Block B: Zones to be occupied 55 hrs per week;
- Thermal Block C: Zones for help desk, to be occupied 65 hours per week.
- Thermal Block D: Zones to be occupied 100 hours per week

Following the methodology outlined above, the difference between the zone's EFLHs and the average for all other zones is shown in Table 6. Since the difference from the average is greater than 40, Thermal Block D would be modeled with baseline system 3 and the difference between remaining zone's EFLH and average for all other zones would be calculated again. The difference is now under 40 hours and hence the remaining zones would hence stay on the same baseline system.

Table 6. Example 2 Calculations

Zone	EFLH	Avg. of All Others Zones (EFLH)	Difference from the Average
A	50	73	23
B	55	72	17
C	65	68	3
D	100	57	-43

Example 3: An office building with baseline system 5 has the following thermal zones on one floor:

- Zone A: Occupied 25 hours per week;
- Zone B: Occupied 30 hours per week;
- Zone C: Occupied 35 hours per week;
- Zone D: Occupied 45 hours per week;
- Zone E: Occupied 80 hours per week;
- Zone F: Occupied 90 hours per week;
- The coincident peak internal loads for these zones are 6 Btu/h-ft^2, 8 Btu/h-ft^2, 10 Btu/h-ft^2, 20 Btu/h-ft^2, 16 Btu/h-ft^2, and 28 Btu/h-ft^2 respectively.

Following the methodology outlined above, following would be the steps for elimination

1. Step 1: Eliminate zones that meet both rules (internal loads and EFLH)
    a. Based on this, zone F is eliminated and assigned baseline system 3 or 4 depending on the climate zone.
2. Step 2: Eliminate zones that meet the EFLH rule
3. Step 3: Eliminate zones that meet the internal loads rule

Table 7. Example 3 Calculations

Step 1						
	Schedule			Internal load		
Zone	EFLH	Avg. of All Others Zones (EFLH)	Difference from the Average	Internal loads (Btu/hr)	Avg. of All Others Zones (Btu/hr)	Difference from the Average
A	25	56.0	31	6	16	10
B	30	55.0	25	8	16	8
C	35	54.0	19	10	16	6
D	45	52.0	7	20	14	-6
E	80	45.0	-35	16	14	-2
F	90	43.0	-47	28	12	-16
Step 2						
	Schedule			Internal load		
Zone	EFLH	Avg. of All Others Zones (EFLH)	Difference from the Average	Internal loads (Btu/hr)	Avg. of All Others Zones (Btu/hr)	Difference from the Average
A	25	47.5	22.5	6	14	8
B	30	46.3	16.3	8	13	5
C	35	45.0	10.0	10	13	3
D	45	42.5	-2.5	20	10	-10
E	80	33.8	-46.3	16	11	-5
(Zone F is eliminated and assigned baseline system 3 or 4)						
Step 3						
	Schedule			Internal load		
Zone	EFLH	Avg. of All Others Zones (EFLH)	Difference from the Average	Internal loads (Btu/hr)	Avg. of All Others Zones (Btu/hr)	Difference from the Average
A	25	36.7	11.7	6	13	7
B	30	35.0	5.0	8	12	4
C	35	33.3	-1.7	10	11	1
D	45	30.0	-15.0	20	8	-12
(Zone E is eliminated and assigned baseline system 3 or 4)						
Step 4						
	Schedule			Internal load		
Zone	EFLH	Avg of Others	Diff	Btu/ h-sf	Avg of Others	Diff
A	25	17.7	-7.3	6	6	0
B	26	17.3	-8.7	8	5	-3
C	27	17.0	-10.0	10	5	-5
(Zone D is eliminated and assigned baseline system 3 or 4)						

b. Laboratory Spaces:

In a building having a total laboratory exhaust rate greater than 15,000 cfm, use a single system of type 5 or 7 serving only those HVAC zones that include laboratory spaces. The baseline system serving laboratory spaces shall be system 5 (PVAV with hot water reheat) or 7 (VAV with hot water reheat) depending on the size of the building. If the building is more than 5 floors or >150,000 ft^2 use system 7. Otherwise, use system 5. The lab exhaust fan shall be modeled as constant horsepower reflecting constant volume stack discharge with outdoor air bypass.

c. Heated Only Zones

Thermal zones designed with heating only systems in the proposed design, serving storage rooms, stairwells, vestibules, electrical/mechanical rooms, and restrooms not exhausting or transferring air from mechanically cooled thermal zones in the proposed design shall use system type 9 or 10 in the baseline building design. If a space type does not fall in the list of "storage, stairwells, vestibules, electrical/mechanical rooms or restrooms," then, despite being heated only, it would be modeled as heated and cooled. This rule applies even if the total area of such zones is below 20,000 ft^2.

d. Baseline System 9, 10:

If the baseline HVAC system type is 9 or 10, all zones that are mechanically cooled in the proposed building design shall be assigned to a separate baseline system determined according to Table 3 by using the climate zone, building area type, and floor area of the mechanically cooled zones in accordance with the steps described in Section 3.1.1.23.1.1. This rule applies even if the total area of such zones is below 20,000 ft^2.

e. Computer Rooms:

Standard 90.1-2022 defines computer rooms as a room whose primary function is to house equipment for the processing and storage of electronic data and that has a design electronic data equipment power density exceeding 20 W/ft^2 of conditioned floor area. This rule would also apply to server closets or telecom equipment closets if these requirements are met.

The baseline HVAC system serving HVAC zones that include computer rooms shall be modeled in accordance with one of the following:

  i. Computer rooms in buildings with a total computer room peak cooling load for the proposed building>3,000,000 Btu/h shall use baseline System 11.
  ii. Computer rooms in buildings with a total computer room peak cooling load for the proposed building >600,000 Btu/h where the baseline HVAC system type is 7 or 8 shall use System 11.
  iii. Baseline System 3 or 4 shall be used for all other HVAC zones that include computer rooms based on climate zone.

The system 11 heating source shall be determined by climate zone as described in footnote 2 to Table 4.

f. Residential associated HVAC zones

Residential associated HVAC zones shall use system type 3 or 4 based on climate zone.

These special systems serve just the HVAC zones containing spaces that trigger the rules. The rest of the building/floor is served by the baseline building HVAC system as indicated in Table 3.

3.1.1.2 Standard 90.1 Section G3.2 Process for Determining the Baseline System

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

This section provides guidance for determining the baseline HVAC system for a proposed design to address all requirements and exceptions specified in Section 3.1.1.

Step 1: Determine the combined gross conditioned and semi-heated floor area for each of the following building area types in the proposed design:

a. Residential and residential associated zones

b. Public Assembly

c. Heated-Only Storage

d. Retail

e. Hospital

f. Other Non-Residential

Step 2: Determine Predominant Nonresidential Building Area Type

Classify the nonresidential building area type with the largest combined area determined in step 1 as the predominant nonresidential building area type. Add the combined area of any remaining nonresidential building area types with less than 20,000 ft^2 to the combined area of the predominant nonresidential building area type.

Step 3: Select Baseline HVAC System Types

Select a baseline HVAC system type from Table 3, HVAC System Map, for each of the following building area types included in the proposed:

1. Residential + residential associated

2. Predominant nonresidential

3. Each additional nonresidential building area type with more than 20,000 ft^2 of combined area based on 90.1 G3.2.1.1.

For the purposes of selecting baseline HVAC system types from Table 3, HVAC System Map, the total number of stories (i.e., floors) in a building, includes above-grade and below-grade stories but does not include stories solely devoted to parking. A floor (above grade or below grade) with any conditioned area should be counted as a floor.

Step 4: Adjust Baseline HVAC System Types based on other Rules in 90.1 G3.2.1.2

As described in Section 3.1.1.1 above, the adjustments will be determined following order in 90.1 G3.2.1.2 shown below:

1. (a) for internal loads
2. (b) for laboratory spaces
3. (c) for heated only zones
4. (d) for baseline system 9 and 10
5. (f) residential-associated HVAC zones
4. (e) for computer rooms

Zones qualify for additional systems if they have unusual internal loads (Section 3.1.1.1 (a)), include certain laboratory spaces (Section 3.1.1.1 (b)), include certain computer rooms (Section 3.1.1.1 (e)), are certain heated only zones (Section 3.1.1.1 (c)), are cooled zones within a heated only building using systems 9 or 10 (Section 3.1.1.1 (d)), or are residential associated thermal zones (Section 3.1.1.1 (f)). The HVAC systems used for these exception areas is determined as described in Section 3.1.1.1.

Example scenarios:

- If a building qualifies for two baseline HVAC systems in accordance with Section G3.2.1 and both systems use hot-water boilers for heating; the same boiler(s) will serve both systems.
- If a building in climate zone 2A has two floors of retail at 30,000 ft^2 and 15 floors of high rise residential at 225,000 ft^2 it will have three system types. System 4 (PSZ-HP) will serve the residential associated zones on the residential floors, system 2 (PTHP) will serve the dwelling units on the residential floors, and System 8 (VAV with PFP boxes) will serve the retail floors since the number of stories in the building is greater than 5 stories.
- A 6 story dormitory building in climate zone 4a, includes 40,000 ft^2 of dorm rooms with 27,000 ft^2 of common spaces (corridors, lounge, library, common kitchen and dining, study rooms, etc.). The common space HVAC zones comprise more than 32 percent of the gross conditioned floor area on each floor of the building. 6,000 ft^2 of the common spaces are storage and mechanical spaces that are heated-only. The dorm rooms, which are classed as residential building area type, would be modeled with System 1 (PTAC). The common areas constitute over 32% of the gross conditioned floor area on each level, which means that that the dormitory room floor area (i.e., the residential gross conditioned floor area) does not exceed 75% of the total gross conditioned floor area on each floor. As a result, these common area HVAC zones fall under the category of nonresidential building area, as opposed to being classed as residential-associated HVAC zones and would be modeled with system 7 (VAV with reheat) because the building is greater than 5 stories. The heated only zones will be modeled with baseline system 9 (90.1 G3.2.1.2 (c)).
- A 6 story dormitory building in Climate Zone 4a, includes 140,000 ft^2 dorm rooms, 27,000 ft^2 common spaces (corridors, lounge, library, common kitchen and dining, study rooms, etc.). 6,000 ft^2 of the common spaces are storage and mechanical spaces that are heated-only. The common space HVAC zones comprise less than 20 percent of the gross conditioned floor area on each floor of the building. The dorm rooms, which are classed as residential building area type, would be modeled with System 1 (PTAC). The common areas constitute less than 20% of the gross conditioned floor area on each level, which means that that the dormitory room floor area (i.e., the residential gross conditioned floor area) exceeds 75% of the total gross conditioned floor area on each floor. As a result, these common area HVAC zones fall under the category of residential-associated HVAC zones, as opposed to being classed nonresidential building area, and would be modeled with system 3 (PSZ AC) per 90.1 G3.2.1.2 (f). The heated only zones will be modeled with baseline system 9 (90.1 G3.2.1.2 (c)).
- Project is a mixed use 9 story hotel and retail in climate zone 5a (each floor includes 55,000 ft^2 of gross conditioned floor area). The hotel portion includes 264,000 ft^2 of guest rooms, 99,000 ft^2 of common spaces (corridors, reception, restaurant, etc.), and 22,000 ft^2 of event spaces (convention center). On floors 5-9 the hotel rooms comprise 80% of the gross conditioned floor area. On floor 4 hotels rooms comprise 50% of the gross conditioned floor area with common space occupying the remainder. On floor 3 hotels rooms and common areas each comprise 30% of the gross conditioned floor area with the convention center occupying the remaining gross conditioned floor area. The two lower floors (110,000 ft^2) are occupied by various retail tenants.

The first step is to determine the combined gross conditioned floor area and semiheated floor area for residential, other nonresidential, retail, public assembly, and heated-only storage building area types in the proposed design (hospital is not relevant for this building).

1. Residential = 264,000 ft^2 + residential associated HVAC zones (55,000 ft^2/floor * 20% * 5 stories) = 319,000 ft^2
2. Public assembly = 22,000 ft^2
3. Retail = 0 ft^2 (this is because the building is more than two stories and so the retail building area is required to be classed as other nonresidential instead of retail)

4. Heat-only storage = 0 ft^2 (none was mentioned in the building description)
5. Other nonresidential = 110,000 ft^2 (retail floors) + (55,000 ft^2/floor * 50% * 1 story) + (55,000 ft^2/floor * 30% * 1 story) = 154,000 ft^2

Next identify the predominant nonresidential building area type which is “Other nonresidential”. The public assembly combined area is 20,000 ft^2 or greater so its building area does not get absorbed into “Other nonresidential” building area type.

Next select the baseline HVAC system types. The following are the baseline HVAC system type selections.

1. Residential – System 1 (PTAC)
2. Public assembly – System 3 (PSZ-AC)
3. Other nonresidential - system 7 (VAV with reheat)

Lastly, apply any adjustments to the baseline HVAC system types. Based on the internal loads for the restaurant space type, it might qualify for baseline system 3 (Standard 90.1-2022, Section G3.2.1.2a).

3.1.1.3 Purchased Heat and Purchased Chilled Water

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Purchased Heat

For systems using purchased hot water or steam, the heating source shall be modeled as purchased hot water or steam in both the proposed and baseline building designs. Hot water or steam costs shall be based on actual utility rates, and on-site boilers, electric heat, and furnaces shall not be modeled in the baseline building design.

Purchased Chilled Water

For systems using purchased chilled water, the cooling source shall be modeled as purchased chilled water in both the proposed and baseline building designs. Purchased chilled water costs shall be based on actual utility rates, and on-site chillers and DX equipment shall not be modeled in the baseline building design.

Baseline system requirements for proposed designs using purchased heat or chilled water for heating or cooling are mentioned in Table 8. Modeling requirements for on-site distribution pumps are documented in Section 3.8.5.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

The same HVAC system types are modeled in the baseline and proposed design with some minor exceptions. This means that if there are systems using purchased hot or chilled water in the proposed design then these same system types and energy sources will be modeled in the baseline design.

Table 8. Standard G3.2 Baseline Requirements for Purchased Heat and Purchased Chilled Water Systems

Proposed		
Heating	Cooling	Baseline System
Purchased heat	Chiller or DX	The baseline heating and cooling source shall be based on the applicable cooling system as determined by Table 3 and Table 4.
Boiler/electric resistance or gas furnace	Purchased chilled water	Table 3 and Table 4 shall be used to select the baseline HVAC system type, with the following modifications: • Purchased chilled water shall be substituted for the cooling source in Table 4. • Systems 1 and 2 shall be constant volume fan coil units with fossil fuel boiler(s). • Systems 3 and 4 shall be constant volume single zone air handlers with fossil fuel furnace(s). Refer to Section 3.7.6 of this document for details. • System 7 shall be used in place of System 5. Refer to Section 3.8.1 of this document for details. • System 8 shall be used in place of System 6. Refer to Section 3.8.2 of this document for details.
Purchased heat	Purchased chilled water	Table 3 and Table 4 shall be used to determine the baseline HVAC system type, with the following modifications: • Purchased heat and purchased chilled water shall be substituted for the heating types and cooling types in Table 4. • System 1 will be constant volume fan coil units. Refer to Section 3.7.5.5 of this document for details on this system type. • System 3 will be a constant volume single zone air handler. Refer to Section 3.7.5.2 of this document for details. • System 7 will be used in place of System 5. Refer to Section 3.8.2 of this document for details.

3.1.1.4 Standard 90.1 Section G3.3 Rules for Determining Baseline HVAC System Type

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Baseline HVAC system types shall be the same as the proposed design with the exception that if the proposed design includes variable refrigerant flow heat pumps or single-zone systems with electric resistance heat, then air source heat pumps shall be modeled in the baseline design.

3.1.2 Organization of Information

Building descriptors are grouped under objects or building components. A wall or exterior surface (an object) would have multiple building descriptors dealing with its geometry, thermal performance, etc. Each building descriptor contains the following information.

New buildings, additions, and alterations meeting 90.1 2022 G3.1.4a follow the modeling requirements in Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.2. All other alterations follow the modeling requirements in Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.3. For each descriptor where the modeling requirements differ across G3.2 and G3.3 separate headings are presented for G3.2 and G3.3 with a description of the requirements associated with each under the applicable heading. No separate headings were included for G3.2 and G3.3 where the requirements are the same.

Example of the format for distinguishing between 90.1 G3.2 and G3.3 requirements.

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Requirements for 90.1 G3.2 specifically will be included under this heading.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Requirements for 90.1 G3.3 specifically will be included under this heading.

3.2 Project Data

Building Descriptor Title	
Applicability	Information on when the building descriptor applies to the proposed design
Definition	A definition for the building descriptor
Units	The units that are used to prescribe the building descriptor. A "List" indicates that a fixed set of choices applies and the user shall only be allowed to enter one of the values in the list.
Input Restrictions	Any restrictions on information that may be entered for the proposed design. Restrictions are provided for Sections G3.2 and G3.3 separately if they differ.
Baseline Building	This defines the value for the "baseline building." A value of "Same as proposed" indicates that the value of the building descriptor is the same as that for the proposed building. In many cases, the value may be fixed, or may be determined from a table lookup. In some cases, the input may not be applicable. Baseline building requirements are provided for Sections G3.2 and G3.3 separately if they differ.

3.2.1 General Information

Project Name	
Applicability	All projects
Definition	Name used for the project, if one is applicable
Units	No units
Input Restrictions	Input is optional for the proposed design
Baseline Building	Not applicable

Project Address	
Applicability	All projects
Definition	Street address, city, state, and zip code
Units	No units
Input Restrictions	Input is mandatory for the proposed design
Baseline Building	Not applicable

Project Owner

Applicability	All projects
Definition	Owner(s) of the project or individual or organization for whom the building permit is sought. Information should include name, title, organization, email, and phone number.
Units	No units
Input Restrictions	Input is optional for the proposed design
Baseline Building	Not applicable

Architect

Applicability	All projects
Definition	Architect responsible for the building design. Information should include name, title, organization, email, and phone number.
Units	No units
Input Restrictions	Input is optional for the proposed design
Baseline Building	Not applicable

HVAC Engineer

Applicability	All projects
Definition	HVAC engineer responsible for the building design. Information should include name, title, organization, email, and phone number.
Units	No units
Input Restrictions	Input is mandatory for the proposed design
Baseline Building	Not applicable

Lighting Engineer/Designer

Applicability	All projects
Definition	Lighting engineer/designer responsible for the building design. Information should include name, title, organization, email, and phone number.
Units	No units
Input Restrictions	Input is mandatory for the proposed design
Baseline Building	Not applicable

Energy Modeler

Applicability	All projects
Definition	Individual responsible for performing the analysis. Information should include name, title, organization, email, and phone number.
Units	No units
Input Restrictions	Input is mandatory for the proposed design
Baseline Building	Not applicable

Date	
Applicability	All projects
Definition	Date of completion of the analysis or the date of its most-recent revision
Units	Date format
Input Restrictions	Input is mandatory for the proposed design
Baseline Building	Not applicable

3.2.2 Building Model Classification

Building Type	
Applicability	All Projects
Definition	A building type which is used to determine the performance cost index target.
Units	List: Choose from the following list Multifamily Healthcare/Hospital Hotel/Motel Office Restaurant Retail School Warehouse Grocery Store All Others
Input Restrictions	Required input
Baseline Building	Same as proposed. This choice would determine the baseline performance target for the project.

Building Classification for Lighting

Applicability	When the building area method is used instead of the space-by-space method of classifying lighting in the building
Definition	The building type or principal activity. One of two available classification methods for identifying the function of the building or the functions of spaces within the building, which in turn determine lighting-related requirements for the baseline building. Table 9 lists the building classifications that are available under the building area method.

Table 9. Building Area Types for Standard 90.1-2022

Building Area Type
Automotive facility
Convention center
Courthouse
Dining: Bar lounge/leisure
Dining: Cafeteria/fast food
Dining: Family
Dormitory
Exercise center
Fire station
Gymnasium
Health-care clinic
Hospital
Hotel/Motel
Library
Manufacturing facility
Motion picture theater
Multifamily
Museum
Office
Parking garage
Penitentiary
Performing arts theater
Police station
Post office
Religious facility
Retail
School/university
Sports arena
Town hall
Transportation
Warehouse
Workshop

Units	List: Choose a building activity from Table 9
Input Restrictions	For multi-use buildings, the building may be divided and a different building classification may be assigned to each part. Either the building area method or the space-by-space method must be used, but the two classification methods may not be mixed for lighting definitions within a single PRM run.
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Alteration Type	
Applicability	Alterations
Definition	•Alteration of an existing building that meets 90.1 2022 G3.1.4a. This type of alteration is referred to as a major alteration in this document. Major alterations are required to develop models in accordance with ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.2. •Alteration of an existing building that does not meet 90.1 2022 G3.1.4a. This type of alteration is referred to as a minor alteration in this document. Minor alterations are required to develop models in accordance with ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.3. Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.1.4a requires alterations that include the replacement of two or more of the following (i.e., major alteration) to develop models in accordance with Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.2. 1. HVAC systems that account for more than 50% of the capacity serving either the heating or cooling loads of the alteration area. This includes HVAC unitary systems, HVAC terminal units, or components of HVAC central heating or cooling equipment. HVAC terminal units, for the purposes of this section, can include VAV boxes, fan-coil units, VRF room units, or water-loop heat pumps; 2. 50% or more of the luminaires in the alteration area; 3. 25% or more of the building envelope area of the alteration portion of the building, including new exterior cladding, fenestration, or insulation. All other alterations (i.e., minor alterations) are required to develop models in accordance with Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.3.
Units	List: Choose from the following list Major alteration (meets 90.1 2022 G3.1.4a) Minor alteration (does not meet 90.1 2022 G3.1.4a)
Input Restrictions	For buildings with a combination of alterations and additions, the building may be divided and a different classification may be assigned to each part.
Baseline Building	Same as proposed.

3.2.3 Geographic and Climate Data

For the U.S. and U.S. territories, city, state, and county are required to determine climate data from the available data in Annex 1 of Standard 90.1-2022. In accordance with Section G2.3 of Standard 90.1-2022, the simulation program is required to perform the simulation using hourly values of climatic data, such as temperature and humidity from representative climatic data, for the site in which the proposed design is to be located.

For cities or urban regions with several climatic data entries, and for locations where weather data are not available, the designer shall select available weather data that best represent the climate at the construction site. The selected weather data are required to be approved by the rating authority.

Zip Code

Applicability	All projects
Definition	Postal designation
Units	List
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Not applicable

Latitude

Applicability	All projects
Definition	The latitude of the project site
Units	Degrees (°)
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Longitude

Applicability	All projects
Definition	The longitude of the project site
Units	Degrees (°)
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Elevation

Applicability	All projects
Definition	The height of the building site above sea level
Units	Feet (ft)
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

DOE Climate Zone

Applicability	All projects
Definition	One of the 17 U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) climate zones and subzones
Units	List
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Daylight Savings Time Observed

Applicability	All projects
Definition	An indication that daylight savings time is observed. The schedules of operation are shifted by an hour twice a year and this affects solar gains, temperature, and other factors.
Units	Boolean (True/False)
Input Restrictions	True
Baseline Building	True

County

Applicability	All projects
Definition	The county where the project is located
Units	List, N/A
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

City

Applicability	All projects
Definition	The city where the project is located
Units	List, N/A
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

State

Applicability	All projects
Definition	The state where the project is located
Units	List, N/A
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Design Day Data

Applicability	All projects
Definition	A data structure indicating design day information used for the sizing of the proposed system. Note that this information may not necessarily match the information used in the annual simulation.
Units	Data structure: contains the following: Cooling Design Dry-Bulb (1%), Cooling Design Wet-Bulb (1%), Heating Design Temperature (99.6%), 1% Enthalpy
Input Restrictions	Not applicable
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

Weather conditions used in sizing runs to determine baseline equipment capacities shall be based on design days developed using heating design temperatures, cooling design temperatures and cooling design wet-bulb temperature.

Heating design temperature is defined at the outdoor dry-bulb temperature equal to the temperatures that is exceeded at least 99.6% of the number of hours during a typical year.

Cooling design temperature is defined as the outdoor dry-bulb and wet-bulb temperature equal to the temperature that is exceeded by 1% of the number of hours during a typical weather year.

Refer to Section 2.7.2 of this manual for additional details on baseline equipment sizing.

Note: Standard 90.1-2022 requires the use of summer design day and winter design day. Use of monthly design days is not permitted.

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The weather conditions used for the sizing runs should be those used for sizing in the design. If unknown, then use the sizing run weather conditions as described above for 90.1 G3.2. Refer to Section 2.7.2 of this manual for additional details on baseline equipment sizing.

Weather File

Applicability	All projects
Definition	The hourly (i.e., 8,760 hour per year) weather data to be used in performing the building energy simulations. Weather data must include outside dry-bulb temperature, outside wet-bulb temperature, atmospheric pressure, wind speed, wind direction, cloud cover, cloud type (or total horizontal solar and total direct normal solar), clearness number, ground temperature, humidity ratio, density of air, and specific enthalpy.
Units	Data file
Input Restrictions	The weather file selected shall be in the same climate zone as the proposed design. If multiple weather files exist for one climate zone, then the weather file closest in distance to the proposed design and in the same climate zone shall be used, or a weather file that best represents the climate at the building site. The modeling professional can use their own discretion for selecting the weather file most representative of their location in this scenario.
Baseline Building	Weather data shall be the same for both the proposed design and baseline building

Ground Reflectance

Applicability	All projects
Definition	Ground reflectance affects daylighting calculations and solar gain. The reflectance can be specified as a constant for the entire period of the energy simulation or it may be scheduled, which might be appropriate to account for snow cover in the winter.
Units	Data structure: schedule, fraction
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Ground reflectance shall be the same for both the proposed design and the baseline building.

Local Terrain	
Applicability	All projects
Definition	An indication of how the local terrain shields the building from the prevailing wind. Estimates of this effect are provided in the ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals.
Units	List: the list shall contain only the following choices:

Description
Flat, open country
Rough, wooded country, Suburbs
Towns and cities
Ocean
Urban, industrial, forest

Input Restrictions	Local terrain should be representative of the long-term conditions at the site
Baseline Building	The baseline building terrain should be equal to the proposed design

3.2.4 Site Characteristics

Shading of Building Site	
Applicability	All projects
Definition	Shading of building fenestration, roofs, or walls by other structures, surrounding terrain, vegetation, and the building itself
Units	Data structure
Input Restrictions	The default is for the site to be unshaded. The effect that structures and significant vegetation or topographical features have on the amount of solar radiation being received by a structure shall be adequately reflected in the computer analysis. All elements whose effective height is greater than their distance from the proposed building and width facing the proposed building is greater than one-third of the proposed building are required to be accounted for in the analysis.
Baseline Building	The proposed design and baseline building are modeled with identical assumptions regarding shading of the building site.

3.2.5 Calendar

Year for Analysis	
Applicability	All projects
Definition	The calendar year to be used for the annual energy simulations. This input determines the correspondence between days of the week and the days on which weather events on the weather tape occur and has no other impact.
Units	List: choose a year (other than a leap year
Input Restrictions	Allow any year other than a leap year
Baseline Building	Same calendar year as the proposed design

Schedule of Holidays

Applicability	All projects
Definition	A list of dates on which holidays are observed and on which holiday schedules are used in the simulations
Units	Data structure
Input Restrictions	The following 10 holidays represent the default set for US holidays. When a holiday falls on a Saturday, the holiday is observed on the Friday preceding the Saturday. If the holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday is observed on the following Monday. The default holidays can be modified and additional holidays can be defined.

New Year’s Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Day	Third Monday in January
Presidents Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Columbus Day	Second Monday in October
Veterans Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Christmas Day	December 25

Baseline Building	The baseline building shall observe the same holidays specified for the proposed design

3.2.6 Simulation Control

Number of Timesteps	
Applicability	All projects
Definition	The timestep object specifies the “basic” timestep for the simulation. The value entered here is the number of timesteps to use within an hour. Longer timesteps have lower values for number of timesteps per hour. For example, a value of 6 entered here directs the program to use a zone timestep of 10 minutes and a value of 60 means a 1-minute timestep. The user’s choice for number of timesteps per hour must be evenly divisible into 60; the allowable choices are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30, and 60. If the model will include calculating the cost of electricity, then the user should be aware that many electric utility tariffs base charges on demand windows of a specified length of time. Demand windows are defined in Section 4.2 of this document. If the choice of number of timesteps per hour is not consistent with the demand window, then unexpected results may be obtained. For reasonable prediction of the maximum rates for electricity use in calculating demand charges, the length of the zone timestep needs to be consistent with the tariff’s demand window. The following table lists the values that are consistent with various demand windows.

Table 10. Acceptable Timesteps for Demand Window Values

Demand Window	Applicable Number of Timesteps per Hour
Quarter Hour	4, 12, 20 or 60
Half Hour	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 20, 30 or 60
Full Hour, Day, Week	Any

Units	None
Input Restrictions	Maximum of 1 hour. If demand window is specified to be less than 1 hour, the length of the zone timestep needs to be consistent with Table 10 to prevent inaccurate results.
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

3.3 HVAC Zones

An HVAC zone is a space or collection of spaces having similar space-conditioning requirements, the same heating and cooling setpoint, and is the basic thermal unit (or zone) used in modeling the building. An HVAC zone can include one or more spaces.

A thermal block is a virtual HVAC zone that consists of multiple actual HVAC zones that have similar characteristics. Section 2.3 of this document outlines the rules for defining HVAC zones and thermal blocks and specifies the rules for combining HVAC zones into thermal blocks. Where HVAC zones have been combined into thermal blocks, the descriptors applicable to HVAC zones below also apply to thermal blocks.

3.3.1 General Information

HVAC Zone Name

Applicability	All projects
Definition	A unique identifier for the thermal zone.
Units	Text
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Not applicable

HVAC Zone Associated Building Area Types

Applicability	All projects
Definition	An associated building area type for each HVAC zone. The permitted building area types are restricted to the building area types defined in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 9.5.1. This mapping is used to identify the baseline HVAC system, baseline SHW system and the WWR for the baseline building for projects following 90.1 G3.2.
Units	Text
Input Restrictions	HVAC zones in the proposed building model shall be assigned to a building area type.
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

HVAC Zone Description

Applicability	All projects
Definition	A brief description of the HVAC zone that identifies the spaces that makes up the HVAC zone or other descriptive information. The description should tie the HVAC zone to the building plans.
Units	Text
Input Restrictions	HVAC zones in the proposed building model shall match those in the proposed building design, with each temperature control device defining a separate thermal zone. Refer to Section 2.3 of this manual for guidance on how to define thermal blocks, HVAC zones, and spaces.
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Space Conditioning Category

Applicability	All projects
Definition	Designation of the zone as containing a directly conditioned space, semi-heated, unconditioned, or plenum (i.e., unoccupied but partially conditioned as a consequence of its role as a path for returning air). Conditioned Space: a space that has a heating and/or cooling system of sufficient size to maintain temperatures suitable for human comfort. Cooled zone, heated space, and indirectly conditioned space are conditioned spaces and are defined as follows: • Cooled space: an enclosed space within a building that is cooled by a cooling system whose sensible output capacity is greater than or equal to 3.4 Btu/h·ft^2 of floor area. • Heated space: an enclosed space within a building that is heated by a heating system whose output capacity relative to the floor area is greater than or equal to the criteria in Table 11.

- Indirectly conditioned space: an enclosed space within a building that is not a heated space or a cooled space, which is heated or cooled indirectly by being connected to adjacent space(s) provided:
  - The product of the U-factor(s) and surface area(s) of the space adjacent to connected space(s) exceeds the combined sum of the product of the U-factor(s) and surface area(s) of the space adjoining the outdoors, unconditioned spaces, and to or from semi-heated spaces (e.g., corridors) or
  - That air from heated or cooled spaces is intentionally transferred (naturally or mechanically) into the space at a rate exceeding 3 air changes per hour (ACH) (e.g., atria).

Semi-Heated Space: an enclosed space within a building that is heated by a heating system whose output capacity is greater than or equal to 3.4 $Btu/h\cdot ft^2$ of floor area but is not a conditioned space.

Unconditioned space**:** an enclosed space within a building that is not a conditioned space or a semi-heated space.

NOTE: Crawlspaces, attics, and parking garages that do not meet the definitions of either a conditioned or semiheated space with natural or mechanical ventilation are not considered enclosed spaces. Rules for unconditioned spaces, not considered enclosed, are documented in Section 2.4.3 of this document.

Table 11. Standard 90.1-202022 Heated Space Criteria

Heating Output ($Btu/h\cdot ft^2$)	Climate Zone
>5	0, 1 and 2
>9	3A, 3B
>7	3A, 3B
>10	4A, 4B
>8	4C
>12	5
>14	6
>16	7
>19	8

Units

List: Conditioned, Semi-heated, and Unconditioned

Input Restrictions

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As designed except spaces designed as semi-heated that are not storage, stairwells, vestibules, electrical/mechanical rooms or restrooms, shall be modeled as a cooled space. The cooling system type shall be the same as the modeled in the baseline building design and shall comply with requirements specified in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed.

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Same as proposed for all space types except when spaces are designated as semi-heated spaces in the proposed. The criteria for a semi-heated space must be verified in both the baseline building and the proposed building.

For spaces in the proposed building, the following should be verified:

- The proposed system capacity falls within the limits for a semi-heated space.

If these conditions are met, the spaces are designated as semi-heated for the proposed building, and baseline building sizing runs in accordance with Section 2.7.2 are then carried out where the space in the baseline building is simulated with semi-heated envelope requirements to verify heating and cooling system capacity.

If the heating system output capacity is greater than or equal to the values in Table 11 or the cooling capacity is greater than 5 Btu/h·ft^2 or the space is indirectly conditioned, then the space is considered conditioned in the baseline building and should be analyzed with the conditioned envelope requirements in Standard 90.1 Tables G3.4-1 to Tables G3.4-8. Otherwise, the space is considered a semi-heated space and the baseline building sizing run is complete.

Table 12. Heated Space Criteria for the Baseline Building

Heating Output (Btu/h·ft^2)	Climate Zone
>5	0, 1 and 2
>10	3
>15	4, 5
>20	6, 7
>25	8

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed.

HVAC Zone Type

Applicability	All projects
Definition	Designation of the thermal zone as directly conditioned, semi-heated, indirectly conditioned (i.e., conditioned only by passive heating or cooling from an adjacent thermal zone), or plenum (i.e., unoccupied but partially conditioned as a consequence of its role as a path for returning air). A thermal zone may include a single space or more than one space. Each thermal zone shall have a single temperature control device.
Units	List: Directly Conditioned, Indirectly Conditioned, Semi-Heated, Unconditioned or Plenum
Input Restrictions	The default thermal zone type is “directly conditioned”
Baseline Building	The descriptor is identical for the proposed design and baseline building

Occupancy Type

Applicability	All projects
Definition	Separate exterior building envelope requirements are specified for each of three categories of conditioned space: (a) nonresidential conditioned space, (b) residential conditioned space, and (c) semi-heated space. • Non-residential space conditioning category: all occupancies other than residential. • Residential space conditioning categories: spaces in buildings used primarily for living and sleeping. Residential spaces include, but are not limited to, dwelling units, hotel/motel guest rooms, dormitories, nursing homes, patient rooms in hospitals, lodging houses, fraternity/sorority houses, hostels, prisons, and fire stations. • Semi-heated: spaces that meet the semi-heated space criteria.
Units	Text, unique
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Same as proposed for all space types except semi-heated. A sizing run, with semi-heated envelope construction properties, would need to be done to determine heating capacity per unit area for the baseline building. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Ventilation System Name

Applicability	All projects
Definition	The name of the system that provides ventilation to the thermal zone. In most cases, the primary heating/cooling system provides the required ventilation air. For thermal zones served by a dedicated outdoor air system, this descriptor would be used to identify the same. The purpose of this building descriptor is to link the thermal zone to a system.
Units	Text, unique
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** NA **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Primary Heating/Cooling System Name	
Applicability	All projects
Definition	The name of the primary HVAC system that serves this thermal zone. The purpose of this building descriptor is to link the thermal zone to a system. For thermal zones served by a ventilation system like a dedicated outdoor air system (DOAS) and a separate HVAC system that meets the heating and cooling loads, the DOAS system would be defined as the ventilation system and the HVAC system would be defined as the primary heating/cooling system.
Units	Text, unique
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline building may have a different system mapping if the baseline building has a different HVAC type than the proposed design. Baseline system types 5-8 are required to be one system per floor. This could result in different system names as well. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Secondary Heating/Cooling System Name	
Applicability	All projects
Definition	The name of the secondary HVAC system that serves this thermal zone. This descriptor is used if more than one HVAC system serves a thermal zone. For example, a VAV with perimeter baseboards. The baseboards would be the secondary system. The purpose of this building descriptor is to link the thermal zone to a system.
Units	Text, unique
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** NA **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Floor Area	
Applicability	All projects
Definition	The gross floor area of a thermal zone, including walls and minor spaces for mechanical or electrical services such as chases not assigned to other thermal zones
Units	Square feet (ft²)
Input Restrictions	The floor area of the thermal zone is derived from the floor area of the individual spaces that make up the thermal zone
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

3.3.2 Interior Lighting

Inputs for interior lighting are specified at the space level (see specification below). In those instances when thermal zones contain just one space, the inputs here will be identical to the inputs for the single space that is contained within the thermal zone.

For those instances when a thermal zone contains more than one space, the software shall either model the lighting separately for each space and sum energy consumption and heat gain for each timestep of the analysis or it must incorporate a procedure to sum inputs or calculate weighted averages such that the lighting power used at the thermal zone level is equal to the combination of lighting power for each of the spaces contained in the thermal zone.

In some cases, combining lighting power at the space level into lighting power for the thermal zone may be challenging and would have to be done at the level of each timestep in the simulation. These cases include:

a. A thermal zone that contains some spaces that have daylighting and others that do not

b. A thermal zone that contains spaces with different schedules of operation

c. A thermal zone that contains some spaces that have a schedule adjusted for lighting controls and other spaces that do not

d. Combinations of the above

3.3.3 Receptacle and Process Loads

Inputs for receptacle and process loads are specified at the space level (see specification below). In those instances when thermal zones contain just one space, the inputs here will be identical to the inputs for the single space that is contained within the thermal zone.

For those instances when a thermal zone contains more than one space, the software shall either (1) model the receptacle and process loads separately for each space and sum energy consumption and heat gain for each timestep of the analysis or (2) incorporate a procedure to sum inputs or calculate weighted averages such that the receptacle and process loads used at the thermal zone level are equal to the combination of receptacle and process loads for each of the spaces contained in the thermal zone.

When the spaces contained in a thermal zone have different schedules, combining receptacle and process loads from the space level may be challenging and would have to be done at the level of each timestep in the simulation. See discussion above on lighting.

3.3.4 Occupants

Inputs for occupant loads are specified at the space level (see specification below). In those instances when thermal zones contain just one space, the inputs here will be identical to the inputs for the single space that is contained within the thermal zone.

For those instances when a thermal zone contains more than one space, the software shall either (1) model the occupant loads separately for each space and the heat gain for each timestep of the analysis or (2) incorporate a procedure to sum inputs or calculate weighted averages such that the occupant loads used at the thermal zone level are equal to the combination of occupant loads for each of the spaces contained in the thermal zone.

When the spaces contained in a thermal zone have different occupant schedules, rolling up occupant loads from the space level may be challenging and would have to be done at the level of each timestep in the simulation.

Additionally, for occupants, outside air ventilation is potentially impacted when the Ventilation Rate Procedure (VRP) is used accordance with ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2022 (ASHRAE 62.1 2022) or the

International Mechanical Code 2024 (IMC 2024), to determine system level ventilation rates. Demand controlled ventilation (DCV) can also affect the ventilation rates based on occupancy. Section 3.6.5.5 and Section 3.6.5.4 discuss the occupancy-based ventilation requirements for VRP and DCV controls.

3.3.5 Infiltration

Infiltration Method	
Applicability	All projects
Definition	Energy simulation programs have a variety of methods for modeling uncontrolled air leakage or infiltration. • Some procedures use the effective leakage area (ELA), which is generally applicable for small residential-scale buildings. • The component leakage method requires the user to specify the average leakage through the building envelope per unit area (ft^2). This could be a function of floor area or a function of area of the above-grade walls. • Other methods require the specification of a maximum rate (like air change hours), which is modified by a schedule.
Units	List: ELA, Component Leakage Method (function of floor area or function of above-grade wall area or function of all exterior surfaces), ACH
Input Restrictions	For Standard 90.1-2022, a fixed infiltration rate can be specified and calculated. • As a leakage per gross area of exterior envelope, including the lowest floor, any below-grade walls or above-grade walls, and roof (including vertical fenestration and skylights). • A zone ACH input • The default method is component leakage method; however, there are no restrictions on the use of other listed methods.
Baseline Building	The infiltration method used for the baseline building shall be the same as the proposed design

Infiltration Data	
Applicability	All projects
Definition	Information needed to characterize the infiltration rate in buildings. The required information will depend on the infiltration method selected above. Infiltration shall be modeled using the same methodology, and adjustments for weather and building operation in both the proposed design and the baseline building design. These adjustments shall be made for each simulation time step and must account for but not be limited to weather conditions and HVAC system operation, including strategies that are intended to positively pressurize the building. For the effective leakage area method, typical inputs are leakage per exterior wall area in square feet or other suitable units and information to indicate the height of the building and how shielded the site is from wind pressures. Only zones with exterior surfaces are assumed to be subject to infiltration.
Units	A *data structure* is required to define the effective leakage area model
Input Restrictions	When the infiltration rate is determined by whole building air leakage testing in accordance with ASHRAE 90.1 2022 Section 5.4.3.1.4, the air leakage rate of the building envelope (I_{75}Pa) at a fixed building pressure differential of 0.3 in. H_2O shall be as measured.

Note: This requires that the building be tested and the model updated post construction.

For buildings providing verification in accordance with 90.1 Section 5.9.1.2, the air leakage rate of the building envelope (I_{75}Pa) at a fixed building pressure differential of 0.3 in. H_2O shall be defaulted to be 0.45 cfm/ ft^2 of exterior building enclosure area When infiltration inputs are based on air leakage testing, test results shall be submitted with the other required documentation. The air leakage rate of the building envelope shall be converted to appropriate units for the simulation program using one of the two methods described below.

Any reasonable inputs may be specified, consistent with the chosen infiltration modeling method. Acceptable ranges for inputs should be defined for each method supported by rating software. The peak infiltration rate of the building envelope (I_{75}Pa) at a fixed building pressure differential of 0.3 in. H_2O will be defaulted to 0.45 cfm/ft^2 exterior building enclosure area, unless a different value is provided by the user and approved by the rating authority.

$$Infiltration = I_{design} \cdot F_{schedule} \cdot (A + B \cdot |t_{zone} - t_{odb}| + C \cdot ws + D \cdot ws^2)$$

Where:

$Infiltration$ = Zone infiltration airflow ($m^3/s\text{-}m^2$)

I_{design} = Design zone infiltration airflow ($m^3/s\text{-}m^2$)

$F_{schedule}$ = Fractional adjustment from a prescribed schedule, based on HVAC availability schedules in COMNET Appendix C (COMNET 2017) (unit less)

t_{zone} = Zone air temperature (°C)

t_{odb} = Outdoor dry bulb temperature (°C)

ws = Wind speed (m/s)

A = Overall coefficient (unitless)

B = Temperature coefficient (1/°C)

C = Wind speed coefficient (s/m)

D = Wind speed squared coefficient (s^2/m^2)

The DOE-2 Infiltration methodology coefficients would be used, where:

$A = 0$

$B = 0$

$C = 0.224$

$D = 0$

When Infiltration normalization per above grade wall area is used, the air leakage rate of the building envelope (I_{75Pa}), at a pressure differential of 0.3 in. H_2O shall be converted to appropriate units for the simulation program using the following formula describing infiltration as a function of exterior wall area:

$$I_{EW} = 0.112 \times I_{75Pa} \times S/A_{EW}$$

Source: (ANSI/ASHRAE/IES 2022)

When Infiltration normalization per floor area is used, the air leakage rate of the building envelope (I_{75Pa}), at a pressure differential of 0.3 in. H_2O shall be converted to appropriate units for the simulation program using the following formula describing infiltration as a function of floor area:

$$I_{FLR} = 0.112 \times I75Pa \times S/A_{FLR}$$

When using the measured air leakage rate of the building envelope at a pressure differential of 0.3 in. H_2O for the proposed design, the air leakage rate shall be calculated as follows:

$$I_{75pa} = Q/S$$

Where:

I_{75Pa} = Air leakage rate of the building envelope expressed in cfm/ft^2 at a fixed building pressure differential of 0.3 in. H_2O, or 75 Pa

Q = Volume of air in cfm flowing through the whole building envelope when subjected to an indoor/outdoor pressure differential of 0.3 in H_2O or 1.57 PSF in accordance with ASHRAE 90.1 2022 Section 5.4.3.1.4

S = Total area of the envelope air pressure boundary (expressed in ft^2), including the lowest floor, any below or above-grade walls, and roof (or ceiling) (including windows and skylights), separating the interior conditioned space from the unconditioned environment

I_{EW} = Adjusted air leakage rate (expressed in cfm/ft^2) of the building envelope at a reference wind speed of 10 mph and the above ground exterior wall area

A_{EW} = Total above-grade exterior wall area, ft^2

I_{FLR} = Adjusted air leakage rate (expressed in cfm/ft^2) of the building envelope at a reference wind speed of 10 mph and relative to gross floor area

A_{FLR} = Gross floor area. ft^2

Baseline Building

Infiltration modeling approach for the baseline building shall be identical to the proposed. The following aspects are required to be the same for baseline and proposed building models:

- The same methodology as defined in the section above
- Adjustments for weather. The coefficients A, B, C, D will be same as designed. If not provided by user, they would be the same as the default values outlined above.
- Building operation in both the proposed design and the baseline design
- HVAC system operation, including strategies that are intended to positively pressurize the building

NOTE: If a value for I_{75Pa} or Q is provided by the user for the proposed design, the infiltration value would be flagged and reported by the software tool.

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

The air leakage rate of the building envelope (I75Pa) at a fixed building pressure differential of 0.3 in. H2O shall be defaulted to be 1.0 cfm/ ft^2 of exterior building enclosure area.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

The leakage rate of the building envelope (I75Pa) at a fixed building pressure differential of 0.3 in. H_2O shall be defaulted to be 0.35 cfm/ ft2 of exterior building enclosure area.

Exception: the leakage rate should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 5.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 5.4.3.1.3 requirements are inapplicable.

Infiltration Schedule	
Applicability	When an infiltration method is used that requires the specification of a schedule to adjust the peak infiltration rate.
Definition	With the ACH method and other methods (see above), it may be necessary to specify a schedule that modifies the infiltration rate for each hour or time step of the simulation. Such schedules are typically used to account for building pressurization due to the HVAC system.
Units	Data structure: schedule, fractional
Input Restrictions	The schedules for infiltration can be specified by the user or the default schedule can be used. The default infiltration schedule shall be set equal to 1 when the fan system is off, and 0.25 when the fan system is on. This is based on the assumption that when the fan system is on it brings the pressure of the interior space above the pressure of the exterior, and decreases the infiltration of outside air. When the fan system is off, interior pressure drops below exterior pressure and infiltration increases. Schedules other than the default shall be permitted to account for building ingress and egress. Infiltration schedule shall be 1 for spaces that include fan systems that do not supply outside air and do not run continuously when the space is occupied in accordance with Standard 90.1-2022 Table G3.1(4) ‘Schedule’.
Baseline Building	The infiltration schedule for the baseline building shall be the same as the proposed design.

3.3.6 Natural Ventilation

Natural ventilation may be modeled for a thermal zone in the proposed design when the following conditions are met:

a. Outside air intake from natural ventilation systems shall not be less than the minimum required outdoor air ventilation rates during occupied times in the proposed building model.

b. Controls for cooling system operation and availability of natural ventilation are automatic.

c. Rating authority approves of the proposed procedure.

- **In the case when the thermal zone does not have a cooling system in the proposed design but has a cooling system in the baseline design:** The thermal zone in the proposed design is modeled with no cooling when the natural ventilation system maintains temperature. For periods when the space temperature is greater than the cooling setpoint, a cooling system like the one for the baseline building is assumed to operate to maintain temperature. The fans in this simulated system cycle with loads.
- **In the case where the thermal zone has a cooling system:** In the case where the thermal zone has an installed cooling system in the proposed design, the fans are required to operate when natural ventilation is insufficient to meet cooling or outdoor air ventilation loads. The cooling system comes on when natural ventilation is insufficient to maintain the temperature setpoint.

The corresponding thermal zone in the baseline building is not modeled with natural ventilation. In the baseline building, the fans are required to run constantly during occupied periods, and cycle with loads during unoccupied periods, same as the proposed building. The baseline building HVAC system provides cooling to maintain thermostat setpoint.

The infiltration rate for the proposed building will be as designed. If natural ventilation is modeled as an increased infiltration rate, it will be specified through two inputs: “Infiltration through building envelope” and “Infiltration as a result of automatically controlled natural ventilation system”. Infiltration as a result of automatically controlled natural ventilation is not modeled for the baseline building.

Outputs for the proposed building with natural ventilation need to demonstrate that minimum outdoor air requirements are being met during all occupied hours.

Natural Ventilation Method	
Applicability	All thermal zones with natural ventilation
Definition	The method used to model natural ventilation. The choices will depend to some extent on the capabilities of the energy simulation program. One procedure that could be used with most energy simulation programs would be to approximate the effect of natural ventilation by scheduling a high rate of infiltration when conditions are right. The schedule would typically be developed through computational fluid dynamic software or with other software that can estimate the cooling benefit of natural ventilation and relate it to climate so that the schedule can be developed.
Units	List: Choices depend on the capabilities of the energy simulation program
Input Restrictions	As designed. If natural ventilation is modeled as an increased infiltration rate, it shall be specified through two inputs: "Infiltration through building envelope" and "Infiltration as a result of Automatically Controlled Natural Ventilation System."
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline building is not modeled with natural ventilation. If natural ventilation is modeled as an increased infiltration rate in the proposed design, the component "Infiltration as a result of Automatically Controlled Natural Ventilation" is not modeled for the baseline building. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Automatic natural ventilation systems can earn credit where the baseline complies with Table G3.1(4) Baseline Building Performance column, Exceptions 1 through 3 as approved by the authority having jurisdiction. **NOTE**: If the effect of natural ventilation is approximated by scheduling a high rate of infiltration, additional documentation needs to be provided, supporting the calculation process.

Airflow Rate	
Applicability	All projects with natural ventilation that use a method that requires the specification of an airflow rate
Definition	The rate of airflow through the thermal zone when the natural ventilation system is operating
Units	ACH or cfm
Input Restrictions	The airflow rate for the proposed design shall be determined using sound engineering methods, and supporting documentation shall be provided. If not modeled directly by the simulation program, the exceptional calculation method shall be used, with proper documentation submitted.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline building is not modeled with natural ventilation **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Automatic natural ventilation systems can earn credit where the baseline complies with Table G3.1(4) Baseline Building Performance column, Exceptions 1 through 3 as approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

Natural Ventilation Schedule

Applicability	All projects with natural ventilation that use a method that requires a schedule
Definition	A schedule that modifies the airflow rate through the thermal zone dictates when natural ventilation is enabled
Units	Data structure: schedule, fractional
Input Restrictions	The schedule for the proposed design shall be determined using sound engineering methods and keyed to outdoor temperature and perhaps other conditions on the weather file used for the simulation
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline building is not modeled with natural ventilation **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Automatic natural ventilation systems can earn credit where the baseline complies with Table G3.1(4) Baseline Building Performance column, Exceptions 1 through 3 as approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

Minimum Indoor Temperature

Applicability	All projects with natural ventilation or mixed mode ventilation with automatic controls
Definition	The minimum indoor temperature below which natural ventilation is disabled
Units	°F
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Maximum Indoor Temperature

Applicability	All projects with natural ventilation or mixed mode ventilation with automatic controls
Definition	The maximum indoor temperature above which natural ventilation is disabled
Units	°F
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Minimum Outdoor Temperature

Applicability	All projects with natural ventilation or mixed mode ventilation with automatic controls
Definition	The minimum outdoor temperature below which natural ventilation is disabled
Units	°F
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Maximum Outdoor Temperature

Applicability	All projects with natural ventilation or mixed mode ventilation with automatic controls
Definition	The maximum outdoor temperature above which natural ventilation is disabled
Units	°F
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

3.3.7 Thermal Mass

This set of building descriptors characterizes the thermal mass that is not explicitly captured by the definition of exterior surfaces and interior partitions.

Thermal Response Characteristics

Applicability	All projects
Definition	This building descriptor only addresses the building structure’s response to changes in temperature and heat flux. Thermal mass associated with floors, interior walls, and other building envelope components is derived from the thermal properties and materials that make up these components. However, if interior partitions are not explicitly entered (see below) their effect may be captured with this input. The thermal capacitance of the building contents are typically specified in terms of the composite weight of the building contents in lb/ft^2 or absolute lb. In this instance, the software assumes an average specific heat for the contents. This input can also be specified as the mass of the contents multiplied by the specific heat of the contents. The latter method would be a summation, since each item may have a different specific heat.
Units	lb/ft^2 or lb
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	The interior thermal mass in the baseline building shall be the same as the proposed design

Furniture and Contents	
Applicability	All projects
Definition	A specification of the mass and heat capacity of furniture and other elements in the interior of the building. This includes information about the coverage and weight of furniture in the space as well as how much of the floor is covered by furniture. The latter affects how much of the solar gain that enters the space is directed to the floor with delayed heat gain and how much becomes a more instantaneous load.
Units	Data structure
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	The interior thermal mass and modeling assumptions in the baseline building shall be the same as the proposed design.

3.4 Space Uses

Each thermal zone discussed above may be subdivided into space uses. This section presents the building descriptors that relate to the space uses. Space uses and the defaults associated with them are listed in COMNET Appendix B (COMNET 2017). Every thermal zone shall have at least one space, as defined in this section. Daylit spaces should generally be separately defined.

3.4.1 General Information

Space Function

Applicability	All projects
Definition	Spaces need to be identified using the Space-by-Space method, when known. When space types are not known, the Building Area Method can be used for the space use classification. The building area types and space-by-space type classifications will be defined from Standard 90.1-2022, Section 9.5.1 and Section 9.5.2 respectively. More than one building type category may be used in a building if it is a mixed-use facility. If space type categories are used, the user may simplify the placement of the various space types within the building model, provided that building-total areas for each space type are accurate. The allowed building types in building area method or space-by-space method are documented in COMNET Appendix B (COMNET 2017). The building or space type provides default values for the following: • Number of Occupants (occupant density) • Equipment Power Density • Lighting Power Density • Hot Water Load • Ventilation Rate • Schedules When the space classification for a space is not known, the space is required to be classified as an office space.
Units	List
Input Restrictions	The space-by-space method is restricted to the space types defined in Section 9 of Standard 90.1 and listed in COMNET Appendix B (COMNET 2017) The user may simplify the placement of the various space types within the building model, provided that building total areas and orientation of glazed exterior walls for each space type are accurate
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Floor Area

Applicability	All projects that use the space-by-space classification method (see above)
Definition	The floor area of the space. The area of the spaces that make up a thermal zone shall sum to the floor area of the thermal zone.
Units	Square feet (ft²)
Input Restrictions	Area shall be measured to the outside of exterior walls and to the center line of partitions
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

3.4.2 Occupants

COMNET Appendix B (COMNET 2017) provides space level information on occupancy, lighting, and plug load schedules, as well as occupant density, allowed LPD, and occupant heat gain.

Number of Occupants	
Applicability	All projects
Definition	The number of persons in a space. The number of persons is modified by an hourly schedule (see below), which approaches but does not exceed 1.0. Therefore, the number of persons specified by the building descriptor is similar to design conditions as opposed to average occupancy.
Units	The number of persons may be specified in an absolute number, ft²/person, or persons/1000 ft²
Input Restrictions	The design occupancy is to be used when known. For cases where the design occupancy is not known, the number of occupants given by space function in COMNET Appendix B (COMNET 2017) can be used.
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Occupant Heat Rate	
Applicability	All projects
Definition	The sensible and latent heat produced by each occupant in an hour. This depends on the activity level of the occupants and other factors. Heat produced by occupants must be removed by the air conditioning system as well as the outside air ventilation rate and can have a significant impact on energy consumption.
Units	Btu/h, specified separately for sensible and latent gains
Input Restrictions	The occupant heat rate is determined by the user and, if unknown, can use the values in COMNET Appendix B (COMNET 2017)
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Occupancy Schedule	
Applicability	All projects
Definition	The occupancy schedule modifies the number of occupants to account for expected operational patterns in the building. The schedule adjusts the heat contribution from occupants to the space hourly to reflect time-dependent usage patterns. The occupancy schedule can also affect other factors such as outside air ventilation, depending on the control mechanisms specified.
Units	Data structure: schedule, fractional
Input Restrictions	The actual occupancy schedule is to be used when known. When actual schedules are not known, default values specified in COMNET Appendix C (COMNET 2017) may be used
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

3.4.3 Interior Lighting

For building descriptors related to exterior lighting, see Section 3.9.6 of this document.

Lighting Classification Method	
Applicability	Each space in the building
Definition	Indoor lighting power can be specified using the building area method, or the space-by-space method. The procedure specified in Standard 90.1-2022, Section 9.5.2 should be followed while determining applicable space types, and in Section 9.5.1 to determine applicable building types.
Units	List
Input Restrictions	When a lighting system exists or a lighting system has been designed, it is not applicable. Where lighting neither exists nor is submitted with design documents: • Where space types are known, lighting power shall be determined in accordance with the Space-by-Space Method (Standard 90.1-2022, Section 9.5.2). • Where space types are not known, lighting power shall be determined in accordance with the Building Area Method (Standard 90.1-2022, Section 9.5.1).
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Space by Space in accordance with Standard 90.1-2022 Table G3.7. However, where lighting neither exists nor is submitted with design documents and the proposed design lighting power is determined according to the Building Area Method, the baseline building design lighting power shall be determined in accordance with Standard 90.1-2022 Table G3.8. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Space-by-Space Method in accordance with Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.3.2.6 except when the total Wattage of all new and retrofitted luminaries is 2000 Watts or less the project shall comply with Section 9.1.1.3.1 item b and model baseline lighting power at least 50% below the original wattage of each altered lighting system. Lighting not included in the scope of the retrofit should be modeled identically in the baseline and proposed.

Regulated Interior Lighting Power

Applicability

All projects

Definition

Total connected lighting power for all regulated interior lighting power applications. This includes the loads for lamps and ballasts and task and furniture-mounted fixtures.

Units

Watts

Input Restrictions

As designed. Where a complete lighting system exists or has been submitted with the design documents, the lighting system power is determined by applying the rules of Standard 90.1-2022 Section 9.1.3 and 9.1.4 to the existing or designed fixtures and equipment excluding the applications described in the *Unregulated Lighting Power* subsection below. The modeled lighting power in each thermal block must be based on the fixtures within each thermal block.

For areas of the building where lighting neither exists nor is fully designed:

- Where space types are known, lighting power shall be determined in accordance with the Space-by-Space Method (Standard 90.1-2022, Section 9.5.2) using the values in Tables 9.5.2-1,2.
- Where space types are not known, lighting power shall be determined in accordance with the Building Area Method (Standard 90.1-2022, Section 9.5.1) using the values in Table 9.5.1.
- For dwelling units, hotel/motel guest rooms, and other spaces in which lighting systems are connected via receptacles and are not shown on design documents, lighting power used in the simulation shall be equal to the lighting power allowance in Standard 90.1-2022 Table 9.5.2-1,2 for the appropriate space type or as designed, whichever is greater. For the dwelling units, lighting power used in the simulation shall be equal to 0.60 W/ft^2 or as designed, whichever is greater. However, lighting use can be reduced for the portion of the space illuminated by the specified fixtures provided that they maintain illuminance levels demonstrated to meet generally accepted illuminance levels in engineering standards and handbooks approved by the adopting authority (e.g., 2020 edition of the Illuminating Engineering Society (IES) Lighting Applications Standards: Lighting Design Criteria and Illumination Recommendations). Such a reduction shall be demonstrated by calculations. The ENERGY STAR® Multifamily New Construction Program Simulation Guidelines-Appendix G 90.1-2016 Version 1, Revision 04 provides additional guidance on modeling dwelling unit lighting.

  Interior lighting power is not allowed to exceed the interior lighting power allowance determined using either

  1. Tables G3.7-1 and G3.7-2 and the methodology described in Section 9.5.2, or
  2. Table G3.8 and the methodology described in Section 9.5.1.

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Where the complete lighting system exists or have been submitted with the design documents, the modeled lighting power in each thermal block is the sum of the product of the LPDs for the space types from Standard 90.1-2022, Table G3.7 and the floor areas for the corresponding spaces.

For areas of the building where lighting neither exists nor is fully designed in the proposed building:

- Where space types are known, baseline lighting power shall be determined using the values in Standard 90.1-2022 Table G3.7 as described above. The baseline LPD for dwelling units shall be based on the LPD requirements as specified in Standard 90.1-2022 Table G3.7 which is 1.07 W/ft^2.

- Where space types are not known, the baseline lighting power in each thermal block is the sum of the product of the area of the block and the LPD in the Building Area Method, Table G3.8 of Standard 90.1-2022.

<u>G3.3 Minor Alterations</u>

The baseline modeled lighting power in each thermal block is the sum of the product of the LPDs for the space types from Standard 90.1-2022, Tables 9.5.2.1-1, 2 and the floor areas for the corresponding spaces plus any additional allowances for retail, decorative, or video conferencing lighting per Standard 90.1 2022 Table 9.5.2.2.

When the total Wattage of all new and retrofitted luminaries is 2000 Watts or less, baseline lighting power shall comply with Section 9.1.1.3.1 item b and be modeled as 50% below the original wattage of each altered lighting system.

The lighting power for lighting not included in the scope of the retrofit should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Additional Lighting Power: Retail Display Lighting Power

Applicability All projects that have display lighting in retail spaces when using the space-by-space classification

Definition Display lighting is special lighting to highlight merchandise. To qualify for display lighting under these standards, the lighting must be specifically designed and directed to highlight merchandise and separately controlled from the general lighting. ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2022 defines the following types of retail lighting:

Table 13. Retail Display Lighting Allowance

Area Type	Lighting Power Allowance	Notes
Retail Area Type 1	0.40 W/ft^2	Includes all retail sales floor area that does not qualify for Type 2, 3, or 4
Retail Area Type 2	0.40 W/ft^2	Includes the sales floor area for vehicles, sporting goods, and small electronics.
Retail Area Type 3	0.70 W/ft^2	Includes sales floor area for the sale of furniture, clothing, cosmetics, and artwork.
Retail Area Type 4	1.00 W/ft^2	Includes sales floor area for jewelry, crystal, and china.

The additional allowance is a base allowance of 750 W and additional allowance based on the retail area type and the total area being illuminated.

Units W/ft^2

Input Restrictions As designed. The default for lighting power for retail display wattage is 0.0 watts. The user is required to specify the purpose for additional interior lighting power allowance through retail display lighting. These are then required to be classified in one of the four categories mentioned above in Table 13.

Baseline Building Where retail display lighting is included in the proposed building design in accordance with 90.1 Section 9.5.2.2(b), additional lighting power shall be modeled in the baseline building design for the retail display lighting equal to the limits established using Table 13 or the same as the proposed, whichever is less.

For alterations subject to G3.3 where the total Wattage of all new and retrofitted luminaries is 2000 Watts or less baseline lighting power shall comply with Section 9.1.1.3.1 item b and be modeled at 50% below the original wattage of each altered lighting system, the retail display lighting allowance is not applicable in this case. In addition, a retail display allowance for lighting not included in the scope of the retrofit is not applicable.

Additional Lighting Power: Decorative Lighting

Applicability	All projects that have decorative lighting for highlighting art and exhibits in galleries, museums and monuments, when using the space-by-space classification
Definition	Decorative lighting is special and is an essential element for the function performed in galleries, museums, and monuments. To qualify for decorative lighting under these standards, the lighting must be specifically designed for the purpose of decorative appearance or for highlighting art or exhibits not exempted in Standard 90.1-2022 Table 9.2.2.1, Item 9 and separately controlled from the general lighting.
Units	W/ft^2
Input Restrictions	As designed. The default for lighting power for decorative lighting is 0.0 watts. The user is required to specify the purpose for additional interior lighting power allowance through decorative lighting.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The modeled Lighting Power in each thermal block in the baseline building is the sum of the product of the LPDs for the space types from Standard 90.1-2022, Table G3.7 and the floor areas for the corresponding spaces. There is no additional allowance for decorative lighting in the baseline building. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The baseline model Lighting Power in each thermal block is the sum of the product of the LPDs for the space types from Standard 90.1-2022, Tables 9.5.2.1-1,2 and the floor areas for the corresponding spaces plus any additional allowances for retail, decorative, or video conferencing lighting per Standard 90.1 2022 Table 9.5.2.2. According to 90.1 Table 9.5.2.2 the additional allowance for decorative lighting is equal to 0.70 W/ft^2 or the same as the proposed, whichever is less. The required control requirements in 90.1 2022 Table 9.5.2.2 must be met to claim this allowance. For alterations subject to G3.3 where the total Wattage of all new and retrofitted luminaries is 2000 Watts or less baseline lighting power shall comply with Section 9.1.1.3.1 item b and be modeled at 50% below the original wattage of each altered lighting system, the decorative lighting allowance is not applicable in this case. In addition, a decorative allowance for lighting not included in the scope of the retrofit is not applicable.

Additional Lighting Power: Video Conferencing Lighting

Applicability	All projects that have video conferencing lighting, when using the space-by-space classification
Definition	Video conferencing lighting is special lighting used for in a space specifically designed to provide video conferencing. The lighting controls must meet the lighting control requirements in Tables 9.5.2.1-1 and 9.5.2.1-2 for the space type in which the video conferencing lighting is specified.
Units	W/ft^2
Input Restrictions	As designed. The default for lighting power for decorative lighting is 0.0 watts. The user is required to specify the purpose for additional interior lighting power allowance through video conferencing lighting. This additional allowance is not applicable for alteration projects when the total wattage of all new and retrofitted luminaires is 2000 W or less.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The modeled Lighting Power in each thermal block in the baseline building. This is the sum of the product of the LPDs for the space types from Standard 90.1-2022, Table G3.7 and the floor areas for the corresponding spaces. There is no additional allowance for decorative lighting in the baseline building. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The baseline model Lighting Power in each thermal block is the sum of the product of the LPDs for the space types from Standard 90.1-2022, Tables 9.5.2.1-1, 2 and the floor areas for the corresponding spaces plus any additional allowances for retail, decorative, or video conferencing lighting per Standard 90.1 2022 Table 9.5.2.2. According to 90.1 Table 9.5.2.2 the additional allowance for decorative lighting is equal to 0.50 W/ft^2 or the same as the proposed, whichever is less. The required control requirements in 90.1 2022 Table 9.5.2.2 must be met in order to claim this allowance. For alterations subject to G3.3 where the total Wattage of all new and retrofitted luminaries is 2000 Watts or less baseline lighting power shall comply with Section 9.1.1.3.1 item b and be modeled at 50% below the original wattage of each altered lighting system, the video conferencing lighting allowance is not applicable in this case. In addition, a video conferencing allowance for lighting not included in the scope of the retrofit is not applicable.

Unregulated Interior Lighting Power

Applicability	All projects
Definition	This includes power for lighting equipment and applications exempt from LPD requirements. However, these exceptions apply only to lighting systems that are an addition to general lighting and are controlled by an independent control device. Standard 90.1-2022, Section 9.2.2.1, exempts the following lighting systems from all requirements, all exempt lighting has specific control requirements which are defined in 90.1 2022 Table 9.2.2.1: a. Lighting that is integral to equipment, medical equipment or instrumentation, and is installed by its manufacturer b. Power for only the germicidal function in luminaires or sources c. Lighting specifically designed for use only during medical or dental procedures d. Lighting specifically designed for the research or support of nonhuman life forms except for horticultural production or cultivation

e. Lighting for video broadcasting, video or film production, or live performance
f. Lighting that is an integral part of advertising or directional signage
g. Lighting integral to both open and glass-enclosed refrigerator and freezer cases
h. Lighting in retail display windows, provided the display area is enclosed by ceiling-height partitions
i. Display or accent lighting that is an essential element for the function performed in galleries, museums, and monuments
j. Lighting integral to food warming and food preparation equipment
k. Lighting that is for sale or lighting educational demonstration systems
l. Mirror lighting in makeup or dressing areas used for theatrical or broadcast functions
m. Accent lighting in religious pulpit and choir areas
n. Lighting in interior spaces that have been specifically designated as a registered interior historic landmark
o. Furniture-mounted supplemental task lighting

Units	W/ft² or watts
Input Restrictions	As designed. The unregulated lighting power should be cross-referenced to the type of exception and to the construction documents. The default for unregulated lighting power is zero.
Baseline Building	The unregulated interior lighting in the baseline building shall be the same as the proposed design.

Interior Lighting Power

Applicability	All spaces or projects
Definition	Interior lighting power is the power used by all installed electric lighting in each space.
Units	Watts
Input Restrictions	Derived – not a user input. The proposed value includes all lighting and is the sum of the proposed *Regulated Interior Lighting Power, Additional Lighting Power: Retail Display, Decorative, and Video Conferencing Lighting Power* and *Unregulated Interior Lighting Power*
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline value is the sum of the baseline *Regulated Interior Lighting Power*, the *Additional Lighting Power: Retail Display Lighting Power* and the *Unregulated Interior Lighting Power.* **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The baseline value is the sum of the baseline *Regulated Interior Lighting Power*, the *Additional Lighting Power: Retail Display, Decorative, and Video Conferencing Lighting Power* and the *Unregulated Interior Lighting Power.* When the total Wattage of all new and retrofitted luminaries is 2000 Watts or less, baseline lighting power shall comply with Section 9.1.1.3.1 item b and be modeled at 50% below the original wattage of each altered lighting system instead of as described directly above. The interior lighting power for lighting not included in the scope of the retrofit should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed

Automatic Interior Lighting Controls (including indoor parking garages)

Applicability All projects

Definition Automatic interior lighting controls include automatic daylight responsive controls for sidelighting and toplighting, occupancy sensors, and programmable controls such as scheduled shutoff controls. Lighting controls included in Section 9.4.1.1 of Standard 90.1-2022 are mandatory and must be included in the proposed building design (exception: for alterations lighting control requirements depend on the scope of the alteration, see Standard 90.1-2022 Section 9.1.4 for detail). Modeling of daylighting controls is discussed in Section 3.4.4. Modeling of occupancy sensors and other automatic controls is accomplished as described below.

Units List: Control types :

a. Occupancy Sensor with full automatic on

   All of the lighting is automatically controlled to turn on when occupants are detected and turn off within 20 minutes when no occupants are detected in the space

b. Occupancy Sensor restricted to partial automatic on

   Between 50% and less than 100% of lighting is automatically controlled to turn on when occupants are detected and 50-100% of the lighting is turned off within 20 minutes when no occupants are detected in the space

c. Occupancy Sensor restricted to manual on

   None of the lighting is automatically controlled to turn on when occupants are detected and 50-100% of the lighting is turned off within 20 minutes when no occupants are detected in the space

d. Automatic Daylight Responsive Controls for Sidelighting

   Refer to Section 3.4.4 for additional details related to daylighting controls.

e. Automatic Daylight Responsive Controls for Toplighting

   Refer to Section 3.4.4 for additional details related to daylighting controls.

f. Scheduled Shut-Off

   All lighting in a space automatically shut-off when a space is scheduled to be unoccupied, using either a time of day control device or a signal from an automatic control device or security system.

Input Restrictions For each space in the proposed building indicate which control types from the list above are included and the wattage of lighting that is controlled. For spaces where lighting neither exists nor is submitted with design documents, mandatory controls as specified in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 9.4 shall be included. Alterations, when the total Wattage of all new and retrofitted luminaries is 2000 Watts or less, only need to comply with control requirements of Sections 9.4.1.1(a), 9.4.1.1(h), 9.4.1.1(i) as applicable to each altered space as shown in Tables 9.5.2.1-1 and 9.5.2.1-2 and Section 9.5.2.2.

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations: Credit for lighting controls other than daylighting controls is taken by decreasing the lighting schedule in the proposed building design according to the following.

G3.3 Minor Alterations: Credit for lighting controls other than daylighting controls that exceed the mandatory requirements of Standard 90.1-2022 Section 9.1.3.1 is taken by decreasing the lighting schedule in the proposed building design according to the following.

- Scheduled shut-off in buildings 5,000 ft^2 or greater – no credit.

- Scheduled shut-off in buildings < 5,000 ft^2 – decrease lighting schedule by 10% for all hours in spaces without occupancy sensor controls.
- Occupancy sensors with full automatic on – decrease the lighting schedule by the occupancy sensor reduction factor from Table G3.7 in each space with full automatic on occupancy sensors.
- Occupancy sensors with manual on or partial automatic on - decrease the lighting schedule by the occupancy sensor reduction factor from Table G3.7 multiplied by 1.25 in each space with manual on or partial on occupancy sensors.
- Occupancy sensors of any configuration controlling individual office work stations - decrease the lighting schedule by 30% for lighting with occupancy sensors controlling individual work stations in open office areas.

Baseline Building	The lighting schedule for the baseline building shall be the same as proposed before lighting control credits described above are taken.

Lighting Schedules

Applicability	All projects
Definition	Schedule of operation for interior lighting power used to adjust the energy use of lighting systems hourly to reflect time-dependent patterns of lighting usage. Different schedules may be defined for different lighting circuits, depending on the capabilities of the software.
Units	Data structure: schedule, fractional (not exceeding 1.0)
Input Restrictions	Actual schedules are required to be used when available. For cases where design schedules are not available, an appropriate schedule from COMNET Appendix C (COMNET 2017) may be used. The schedules for the proposed building shall be modified according to *Automatic Interior Lighting Controls* and *Daylighting Modeling Method*
Baseline Building	The baseline building shall use the same lighting schedules as the proposed design, previous to any adjustments made for automatic lighting controls or daylighting controls.

Fixture Type

Applicability	All interior lighting fixtures
Definition	The type of lighting fixture, which is used to determine the light heat gain distribution
Units	List: one of three choices: Recessed with Lens, Recessed/Downlight, Not in Ceiling
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	As designed

Luminaire Type

Applicability	All interior lighting fixtures
Definition	The type of lighting luminaire, which is used to determine the light heat gain distribution The dominant luminaire type determines the daylight dimming characteristics, when there is more than one type of luminaire in the space.
Units	List: Linear Fluorescent, Compact Fluorescent Lighting (CFL), Incandescent, Light Emitting Diode (LED), Metal Halide, Mercury Vapor, High Pressure Sodium
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	As designed

Light Heat Gain Distribution

Applicability	All projects
Definition	The distribution of the heat generated by the lighting system that is directed to the space, the plenum, the HVAC return air, or other locations. This input is a function of the luminaire type and location. Luminaires recessed into a return air plenum contribute more of their heat to the plenum or the return air stream if the plenum is used for return air; while pendant mounted fixtures hanging in the space contribute more of their heat to the space. Common luminaire type/space configurations are listed in Table 3, Chapter 18, 2009 ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals, summarized in Table 14 below. Typically the data will be linked to a list of common luminaire configurations similar to Table 14 so that the user chooses a luminaire type category and heat gain is automatically distributed to the appropriate locations.
Units	List (of luminaire types) or data structure consisting of a series of decimal fractions that assign heat gain to various locations
Input Restrictions	Default values listed in Table 14 shall be used as a default when the luminaire categories apply. Where lighting fixtures having different heat venting characteristics are used within a single space, the wattage weighted average heat-to-return-air fraction shall be used. When lighting is entered through the LPD input, this value can be specified by the user for the proposed building.
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Table 14. Light Heat Gain Parameters for Typical Operating Conditions (Based on Table 3, Chapter 18, 2009 ASHRAE Handbook – Fundamentals)

		Ducted/Direct Return		Plenum Return	
Luminaire	Lamp	Space Fraction	Radiative Fraction	Space Fraction	Radiative Fraction
Recessed with Lens	Fluorescent	1.00	0.67	0.45	0.67
Recessed/Downlight	Fluorescent	1.00	0.58	0.69	0.58
	CFL	1.00	0.97	0.20	0.97
	Incandescent	1.00	0.97	0.75	0.97
	LED	1.00	0.97	1.00	0.97
	Metal Halide	1.00	0.97	0.75	0.97
Not Recessed	All	1.00	0.54	1.00	0.54

In this table, the Space Fraction is the fraction of the lighting heat gain that goes to the space; the radiative fraction is the fraction of the heat gain to the space that is due to radiation, with the remaining heat gain to the space due to convection.

Hence:

Return Air Fraction = 1 – Space Fraction
Fraction Radiant = Space Fraction × Radiative Fraction

The ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals does not distinguish between the short wave and long wave portions of the radiant fraction. For implementation using EnergyPlus (USDOE 2015), 100% of the radiant fraction is assigned to the long wave property in the tool (Field:Fraction Radiant), and the short wave portion (Field:Fraction Visible) is left as default, which is zero.

In addition, the only difference in implementation for fraction radiant vs. fraction visible is that:

- For the long wave portion, the heat absorbed by room surfaces is calculated as the long wave radiation multiplied by the thermal absorptance of the room materials.
- For the short wave portion, the heat absorbed is the short wave radiation multiplied by the solar absorptance of the room materials. For most materials, these values are close, i.e., for gypsum board thermal absorptance = 0.9 and solar absorptance = 0.7.

3.4.4 Daylighting Control

This group of building descriptors is applicable for spaces that have daylighting controls or daylighting control requirements. Spaces that have daylighting should be defined separately from spaces that do not.

Daylight Modeling Method

Applicability	Daylighted spaces
Definition	The method used to model daylighting. Building descriptors are provided in this section for an internal daylighting model, two variations of an external daylighting model, and a simplified approach based on power adjustment factors (PAFs):

Internal daylighting model. With this method, the simulation model has the capability to model the daylighting contribution for each hour of the simulation and make an adjustment to the lighting power for each hour, taking into account factors such as daylighting availability, geometry of the space, daylighting aperture, control type and the lighting system. The assumption is that the geometry of the space, the reflectance of surfaces, the size and configuration of the daylight apertures, and the light transmission of the glazing are taken from other building descriptors.

External daylighting model. An external daylighting model may be used in combination with an hourly simulation program to calculate daylighting savings as long as it produces consistent results and makes use of the key assumptions described below for internal daylighting models. Exterior daylight models include, but are not limited to, the following types of methods:

Schedule adjustments. With this method, a space is modeled in a standalone daylighting program to determine the amount of interior daylight available different times of the year and for different times of the day. In addition, this program has an electric lighting model that calculates the electricity savings by hour based on interior illuminance and the daylighting control type (switching, dimming etc.). These savings values are converted into a schedule of electric lighting power reduction multipliers. This lighting power reduction schedule is applied to the proposed design energy simulation model and results in reduced electric lighting energy consumption and reduced internal heat gain, both of which are reflected in the proposed design energy consumption.

Daylight ratio. With this method, an outside program pre-calculates a relationship between outdoor daylight conditions (illuminances or luminance) and interior illuminance. Within the rating software, interior illuminance is calculated from the daylighting ratios and the daylight conditions derived from data on the local weather file. The remainder of the calculations are the same as for an internally calculated daylight model where the interior illuminances are compared to an illuminance setpoint and electric lighting power is calculated based on control type. The two most widely used methods of pre-calculating daylighting ratios are the modified daylight factor method and the daylight coefficients method.

a. The modified daylight factor method uses pre-calculated diffuse and direct illuminance daylight factors and multiplies these by diffuse and direct beam outdoor illuminance from the weather file to calculate interior illuminance (Winkelmann & Selkowitz 1985). Daylight factors are calculated from a simulation of the space that relies on user entered information about the space modeled such as orientation, geometry, material properties (transmittances and reflectance), etc. For any given hour, the interior illuminance at the reference point is calculated by the direct beam angle specific daylight factor multiplied by the outdoor direct beam and clear sky illuminance and this is added to the overcast daylight factor multiplied by the overcast sky illuminance. Outdoor direct beam, clear sky and overcast sky illuminances are calculated from the weather data used in the proposed building energy simulation.

b. The daylight coefficients method is essentially a similar but more accurate method that relates internal illuminance to the luminance of patches of the sky (Tregenza & Waters 1983). The sky is divided up into patches as defined by altitude and azimuth. The daylight coefficients are ratios of interior illuminance to luminance for patches or areas on the sky dome. An outside daylight simulation program uses information about the space modeled: its orientation, geometry, material properties (transmittances and reflectance), etc., and calculates daylight coefficients for each sky patch. The precalculated daylight coefficients are then used to calculate interior illuminances for each hour. The illuminance for a location with the space at any point in time is the product of the luminance for each sky patch multiplied by the specific daylight coefficient for each sky patch integrated over the entire sky dome. The luminance for each sky patch is calculated from the weather data used in the proposed building energy simulation.

Units Not applicable

Input Restrictions As designed

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

Not applicable

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed.

Daylight Areas

Applicability All daylighted spaces

Definition The floor area that is daylighted. The skylit area is the portion of the floor area that gets daylighting from a skylight. Two types of sidelighted daylighted areas are recognized. The primary daylighted area is the portion that is closest to the daylighting source and receives the most illumination. The secondary daylighted area is an area farther from the daylighting source, but still receives useful daylight.

Sidelighted Areas:

Primary Sidelighted Area: The primary daylight area for sidelighting is the area near the window with a width equal to the width of the vertical fenestration plus the smaller of

a. One half of the vertical fenestration head height (where head height is the distance from the floor to the top of the glazing) or

b. The distance to any 5 ft or higher opaque vertical obstruction.

The primary sidelighted area depth is the horizontal distance perpendicular to the vertical fenestration, which is the smaller of

a. One vertical fenestration head height or

b. The distance to any 5 ft or higher opaque vertical obstruction.

Secondary Sidelighted Area: The total secondary sidelighted area is the combined secondary sidelighted area within a space. Each secondary sidelighted area is directly adjacent to a primary sidelighted area The secondary sidelighted area width is the width of the vertical fenestration plus, on each side, the smaller of-

a. One half of the vertical fenestration head height o

b. the distance to any 5 ft or higher opaque vertical obstruction.

The secondary sidelighted area depth is the horizontal distance perpendicular to the vertical fenestration, which begins at the edge of the primary sidelighted area depth and ends at the smaller of-

a. One vertical fenestration head height or,

b. The distance to any 5 ft or higher opaque vertical obstruction.

If the adjacent primary sidelighted area ends at a 5 ft or higher opaque vertical obstruction, there is no secondary sidelighted area beyond such obstruction.

Toplighted Areas under Skylights:

The daylight area under skylights is the combined daylight area under each skylight within a space. The daylight area under each skylight is bounded by the opening beneath the skylight and horizontally in each direction, the smaller of

a. 70% of the ceiling height (0.7 × CH) or

b. the distance to the nearest face of any opaque vertical obstruction, where any part of the obstruction is farther away than 70% of the distance between the top of the obstruction and the ceiling (0.7 × [CH – OH], where CH = the height of the ceiling at the lowest edge of the skylight and OH = the height to the top of the obstruction)

Toplighted Areas under Roof Monitors:

The daylight area under roof monitors is the combined daylight area under each roof monitor within each space. The daylight area under each roof monitor is the product of

a. The width of the vertical fenestration above the ceiling level plus, on each side, the smallest of
    - 2 ft,
    - The distance to any 5 ft or higher vertical obstruction, or
    - The distance to the edge of any primary sidelighted area

And

b. the smaller of the following horizontal distances inward from the bottom edge of the vertical fenestration:
    - The monitor sill height (MSH) (the vertical distance from the floor to the bottom edge of the monitor glazing).
    - The distance to the nearest face of any opaque vertical obstruction, where any part of the obstruction is farther away than the difference between the height of the obstruction and the monitor sill height (MSH – OH).

Units ft²

Input Restrictions The daylit areas in a space are derived using other modeling inputs like dimensions of the fenestration and ceiling height of the space.

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

Not applicable

G3.3 Minor Alterations

For alterations in which the total wattage of all new and retrofitted luminaires is greater than 2000 W, the daylight area in a space shall be derived based on the minimum daylighting control requirements in 90.1 2022 Tables 9.5.2.1-1, 2 and other modeling inputs like dimensions of the fenestration and ceiling height of the space.

All other 90.1 G3.3 alterations, model the same in the baseline and proposed.

Daylight Control Requirements

Applicability All spaces with daylighting controls

Definition The conditions that determine if daylighting has to be modeled in a space.

Standard 90.1-2022 identifies several types of daylighted areas: primary sidelighted area, toplighted areas under roof monitors, toplighted areas under skylights, and secondary sidelighted areas.

Primary Sidelighted Area Control Requirements:

The daylighting control system is required to have the following characteristics:

a. The calibration adjustment control shall be located no higher than 11 ft above the finished floor.

b. The photocontrol shall reduce electric lighting power in response to available daylight using continuous daylight dimming to 20% or less and off.

c. When an automatic reduction control has reduced the lighting power to the unoccupied set point in accordance with automatic reduction control requirements (90.1 9.4.1.1 (g)), as applicable, the daylight responsive control shall adjust the electric light in response to available daylight, but it shall not allow the lighting power to be above the unoccupied set point.

d. The calibration shall not require the physical presence of a person at the sensor while the calibration is processing.

Toplighted Area Control Requirements:

The toplighting daylighting control system is required to have the following characteristics:

a. The calibration adjustment control shall be located no higher than 11 ft above the finished floor.

b. The photocontrol shall reduce electric lighting power in response to available daylight using continuous daylight dimming to 20% or less and off.

c. When an automatic reduction control has reduced the lighting power to the unoccupied set point in accordance with automatic reduction control requirements (90.1 9.4.1.1 (g)), as applicable, the daylight responsive control shall adjust the electric light in response to available daylight, but it shall not allow the lighting power to be above the unoccupied set point.

d. The calibration shall not require the physical presence of a person at the sensor while the calibration is processing.

e. General lighting in overlapping toplighted and sidelighted daylight areas shall be controlled together with general lighting in the daylight area under skylights or daylight area under roof monitors.

Alterations, when the total wattage of all new and retrofitted luminaires is 2000 W or less, are not required to comply with daylight control requirements.

:Units List:

- Primary Sidelighting Controls
- Secondary Sidelighting Controls
- Toplighting controls

Input Restrictions As designed

Input restrictions for sidelighted area:

In accordance with Standard 90.1-2022, daylighting controls are required for the primary sidelighted area when the input power of all general lighting completely or partially within the primary sidelighted area is 75W or greater.

In any space where the general lighting completely or partially within the primary sidelighting area and secondary sidelighting area is 150W or greater, daylighting controls are required to be installed in both primary and secondary sidelighting area. The control system is required to have characteristics as defined in the ‘Definitions’ section above.

Exceptions to Primary Sidelighted Area Requirements:

a. Primary sidelighted areas where the tops of the existing adjacent structures are twice as high above the windows as their distance from the windows

b. Sidelighted areas where the total glazing area is less than 20 ft^2

c. Primary sidelighted areas adjacent to vertical fenestration that have external projections and no vertical fenestration above the external projection, where the external projection has a projection factor greater than 1.0 for north-oriented projections or where the external projection has a projection factor greater than 1.5 for all other orientations.

In accordance with Standard 90.1-2022, Section 9.4.1.1(f), automatic controls are required for toplighted areas when the combined input power for all general lighting completely or partially within daylight area under skylights and daylight area under roof monitors is 75 W or greater, The control system is required to have characteristics as defined in the ‘Definitions’ section above.Exceptions to Toplight Area Control Requirements:

a. Daylighted areas under skylights where it is documented that existing adjacent structures or natural objects block direct beam sunlight for more than 1500 daytime hours per year between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

b. Daylighted areas where the skylight EA is less than 0.006 (0.6%).

$$Skylight\ Effective\ Aperture = \frac{0.85\ \times Skylight\ Area\ \times Skylight\ VT\ \times WF}{Daylit\ Area\ under\ Skylight}$$

Where:

Skylight Area = Total fenestration area of skylights

Skylight VT = Area weighted average visible transmittance of skylights as determined in accordance with Standard 90.1-2022, Section 5.8.2.6

WF = Area weighted average well factor, where well factor is 0.9 if light well depth is less than 2 ft, or 0.7 if light well depth is 2 ft or greater. Light well depth is measured vertically from the underside of the lowest point on the skylight glazing to the ceiling plane under the skylight.

c. Buildings in climate zone 8 where the input power of the general lighting within daylight areas is less than 200W.

Alterations, when the total wattage of all new and retrofitted luminaires is 2000 W or less, are not required to comply with daylight control requirements.

Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Daylighting controls are not modeled for the baseline building. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Alterations, when the total wattage of all new and retrofitted luminaires is 2000 W or less, according to 9.1.1.3.1 item b are not required to comply with daylight control requirements and therefore daylighting controls should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed. For all other 90.1 G3.3 alterations, daylighting controls should be modeled in the baseline as minimally required by Tables 9.5.2.1-1 and 9.5.2.1-2.

Installed General Lighting Power in the Primary and Toplight Daylit Zone

Applicability	Daylighted spaces
Definition	The installed lighting power of general lighting in the primary and toplight daylit zone. The primary and toplight daylit zone shall be defined on the plans and be consistent with the definition of the primary and toplight daylit zone in the Standard. Note that a separate building descriptor, Fraction of Controlled Lighting, defines the fraction of the lighting power in the space that is controlled by daylighting.
Units	Watts
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** For alterations when the total wattage of all new and retrofitted luminaires exceeds 2000 W, daylighting controls are modeled in the baseline as minimally required by 90.1 2022 Tables 9.5.2.1-1 and 9.5.2.1-2 and corresponding Sections 9.4.1.1(e) and 9.4.1.1(f). All other 90.1 G3.3 alterations, same in baseline and proposed.

Installed General Lighting Power in the Secondary Daylit Zone

Applicability	Daylighted spaces
Definition	The installed lighting power of general lighting in the secondary daylit zone. The secondary daylit zone shall be defined on the plans and be consistent with the definition of the secondary daylit zone in the Standard. Note that a separate building descriptor, Fraction of Controlled Lighting, defines the fraction of the lighting power in the space that is controlled by daylighting.
Units	Watts
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** For alterations when the total wattage of all new and retrofitted luminaires exceeds 2000 W, daylighting controls are modeled in the baseline as minimally required by 90.1 2022 Tables 9.5.2.1-1 and 9.5.2.1-2 and corresponding Sections 9.4.1.1(e) and 9.4.1.1(f). All other 90.1 G3.3 alterations, same in baseline and proposed.

Reference Position for Illuminance Calculations

Applicability	All spaces or thermal zones, depending on which object is the primary container for daylighting controls
Definition	The position of the two daylight reference points within the daylit space. Lighting is maintained at or above the illuminance setpoint. Thus the combined daylight illuminance plus uncontrolled electric light illuminance at the reference position must be greater than the setpoint illuminance before the controlled lighting can be dimmed or turned off.
Units	Data structure
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** For alterations when the total wattage of all new and retrofitted luminaires exceeds 2000 W, daylighting controls are modeled in the baseline as minimally required by 90.1 2022 Tables 9.5.2.1-1 and 9.5.2.1-2 and corresponding Sections 9.4.1.1(e) and 9.4.1.1(f). Reference positions for the baseline design shall be selected using the same procedure as those selected for the proposed design. All other 90.1 G303 alterations, daylighting controls are modeled identically in the baseline and proposed.

Daylight Illuminance Setpoint

Applicability	Spaces with daylighting controls
Definition	The design illuminance for the daylit space for purposes of daylighting control
Units	Footcandles
Input Restrictions	As designed but should be consistent with the visual tasks in the space and the recommendations of Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IES) or other lighting design guidance.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** As designed where daylighting controls are required to be modeled in the baseline: **NOTE:** If the user input for illumination setpoint is above or below the IESNA specification, the input should be flagged and reported in the compliance reports. The user needs to provide documentation in support of the illumination setpoint specified for the proposed design.

Fraction of Zone Controlled Lighting Power

Applicability	Spaces with daylighting controls
Definition	The fraction of the zone's electric lighting power that is controlled by the daylight illuminance through all the first and second reference points
Units	Numeric: fraction
Input Restrictions	If there is only one reference point, then a fraction equal to: 1.0 – (Fraction of Zone Controlled by First Reference Point) is assumed to have no lighting control. If there are 2 reference points: 1.0 – ([Fraction of Zone Controlled by First Reference Point] + [Fraction of Zone Controlled by Second Reference Point]) is assumed to have no lighting control.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** For alterations where daylighting controls are required to be modeled in the baseline: If there is only one reference point, then a fraction equal to: 1.0 – (Fraction of Zone Controlled by First Reference Point) is assumed to have no lighting control. If there are 2 reference points: 1.0 – ([Fraction of Zone Controlled by First Reference Point] + [Fraction of Zone Controlled by Second Reference Point]) is assumed to have no lighting control.

Daylighting Control Type

Applicability	Spaces with daylighting controls
Definition	The type of control that is used to control the electric lighting in response to daylight available at the reference point. 90.1 2022 allows the following type of control: • Continuous daylighting dimming controls: lights are dimmed continuously or using at least four preset levels with at least a five-second fade between levels, where the control turns the lights off when sufficient daylight is available.
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	
Baseline Building	**<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>** Not applicable **<u>G3.3 Minor Alterations</u>** For alterations when the total wattage of all new and retrofitted luminaires exceeds 2000 W, continuous daylighting dimming controls as described above should be modeled when daylighting controls are required in primary sidelighted and toplight daylight zones. All other 90.1 G3.3 alterations, daylighting controls are modeled identically in the baseline and proposed.

Minimum Dimming Power Fraction

Applicability	Spaces with daylighting controls
Definition	The minimum power fraction when controlled lighting is fully dimmed. Minimum power fraction = (Minimum power) / (Full rated power). 90.1 2022 requires this value to be 0 (i.e., full off when sufficient daylight is available) when daylighting controls are required in primary sidelighted and toplight daylight zones.
Units	Numeric: fraction
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>** Not applicable **<u>G3.3 Minor Alterations</u>** For alterations when the total wattage of all new and retrofitted luminaires exceeds 2000 W, 0 (i.e., full off when sufficient daylight is available) when daylighting controls are required in primary sidelighted and toplight daylight zones. All other 90.1 G3.3 alterations, daylighting controls are modeled identically in the baseline and proposed.

Minimum Dimming Light Fraction

Applicability	Spaces with daylighting controls
Definition	Minimum light output of controlled lighting when fully dimmed. Minimum light fraction = (Minimum light output) / (Rated light output) 90.1 2022 requires this value to be 0 (i.e., full off when sufficient daylight is available) when daylighting controls are required in primary sidelighted and toplight daylight zones.
Units	Numeric: fraction
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>** Not applicable. **<u>G3.3 Minor Alterations</u>** For alterations when the total wattage of all new and retrofitted luminaires exceeds 2000 W, 0 (i.e., full off when sufficient daylight is available) when daylighting controls are required in primary sidelighted and toplight daylight zones. All other 90.1 G3.3 alterations, daylighting controls are modeled identically in the baseline and proposed.

Number of Control Levels

Applicability	Daylighted spaces
Definition	Number of control levels. Identifies number of levels that require fraction of rated light output and rated power fraction. 90.1 2022 requires at least four preset levels with at least a five-second fade between levels, where the control turns the lights off when sufficient daylight is available.
Units	Numeric: integer
Input Restrictions	As designed.
Baseline Building	**<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>** Not applicable **<u>G3.3 Minor Alterations</u>** For alterations when the total wattage of all new and retrofitted luminaires exceeds 2000 W and when daylighting controls are required in primary sidelighted and toplight daylight zones, at least four preset levels, where the control turns the lights off when sufficient daylight is available. All other 90.1 G3.3 alterations, daylighting controls are modeled identically in the baseline and proposed.

3.4.5 Receptacle and Process Loads

Receptacle loads contribute to heat gains in spaces and directly use energy.

Receptacle Power

Applicability	All building projects
Definition	Receptacle power is power for typical general service loads in the building. Receptacle power includes equipment loads normally served through electrical receptacles, such as office equipment and printers, but does not include either task lighting or equipment used for HVAC purposes. Receptacle power values are generally higher than the largest hourly

receptacle load that is actually modeled because the receptacle power values are modified by the receptacle schedule, which approaches but does not exceed 1.0.

The equipment plugged into receptacles are considered unregulated loads, hence no credit is given for improvements to the efficiency of that equipment, when the PRM is used for compliance with the standard. However, when quantifying performance that exceeds the requirements of Standard 90.1, credit for reductions in receptacle power may be granted as described below under *Baseline Building*.

Control of those receptacles is regulated by Standard 90.1 and that is discussed in descriptor *Automatic Receptacle Control.*

Units Total power (W) for the space or power density (W/ft^2)

Software shall also use the prescribed values below to specify the latent heat gain fraction and the radiative/convective heat gain split.

For software that specifies the fraction of the heat gain that is lost from the space, this fraction shall be prescribed at 0 unless the equipment is located under an exhaust hood.

Input Restrictions Receptacle and process loads, such as those for office and other equipment, shall be estimated based on the building type or space type category. These loads shall be included in simulations of the building and shall be included when calculating the baseline building performance and proposed building performance.

For Standard 90.1-2022, receptacle loads in the proposed design may be calculated in one of two ways:

- As designed or assumed by the design team for loads calculation. Great care must be used in the application of space design receptacle loads from HVAC or electrical designers as these may not include appropriate diversity to represent annual operation.
- Appropriate defaults may be used, in which case the same values must be used for the baseline building and there is no credit for reductions.

Baseline Building The receptacle power and process loads in the baseline building shall be the same as the proposed design.

However, when quantifying performance that exceeds the requirements of Standard 90.1 (but not when using the Performance Rating as an alternative path for minimum standard compliance), with approval of the rating authority, variations of the power requirements, schedules, or control sequences of the equipment modeled in the baseline building from those in the proposed design shall be allowed by the rating authority based upon documentation that the equipment installed in the proposed design represents a significant verifiable departure from documented conventional practice. In such bases, the baseline shall be determined based on prescriptive requirements in Standard 90.1-2022. When no such prescriptive requirements exist, it shall be equal to requirements of other efficiency or equipment codes or standards applicable to the design of the building systems and equipment.

The burden of this documentation is to demonstrate that accepted conventional practice would result in baseline building equipment different from that installed in the proposed design. If baseline building plug loads differ from the proposed building, this input must be flagged and instructions given to provide the proper documentation.

Receptacle Heat Gain Fraction

Applicability	All projects
Definition	The electrical input to the equipment ultimately appears as heat that contributes to zone loads. This heat can be divided into four different fractions. These are given by the input fields: • Fraction Latent: This field is a decimal number between 0.0 and 1.0 and is used to characterize the amount of latent heat given off by electric equipment in a zone. The number specified in this field will be multiplied by the total energy consumed by electric equipment to give the amount of latent energy produced by the electric equipment. This energy affects the moisture balance within the zone. • Fraction Radiant: This field is a decimal number between 0.0 and 1.0 and is used to characterize the amount of long-wave radiant heat being given off by electric equipment in a zone. The number specified in this field will be multiplied by the total energy consumed by electric equipment to give the amount of long wavelength radiation gain from electric equipment in a zone. • Fraction Lost: This field is a decimal number between 0.0 and 1.0 and is used to characterize the amount of “lost” heat being given off by electric equipment in a zone. The number specified in this field will be multiplied by the total energy consumed by electric equipment to give the amount of heat that is “lost” and does not impact the zone energy balances. This might correspond to electrical energy converted to mechanical work or heat that is vented to the atmosphere. • Fraction Convected: This field is a decimal number between 0.0 and 1.0 and is used to characterize the fraction of the heat from electric equipment convected to the zone air. The sum of all 4 of these fractions should be 1.
Units	Data structure: fraction
Input Restrictions	As designed. If not specified by the user, default values for receptacle power heat gain fractions will be used. Radiative = 0.20, Latent = 0.00, Convective = 0.80, Lost =0.00
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Receptacle Schedule

Applicability	All projects
Definition	Schedule for receptacle power loads used to adjust the intensity hourly to reflect time-dependent patterns of usage. These schedules are assumed to reflect the mandatory automatic receptacle control requirements.
Units	Data structure: schedule, fraction
Input Restrictions	Actual schedules shall be used when known. Default schedules documented in COMNET Appendix C (COMNET 2017) can be used when design schedules are not available.
Baseline Building	Schedules for the baseline building shall be identical to those for the proposed design except when- Receptacle controls are installed in spaces not required by Standard 90.1-2022 Section 8.4.2. In this case the schedule can differ between baseline and proposed and the receptacle schedule for the proposed building can be modified as explained in the descriptor 'Automatic Receptacle Control'. Or, when quantifying performance that exceeds the requirements of Standard 90.1 (but not when using the Performance Rating as an alternative path for minimum standard compliance),with approval of the rating authority, variations of the power requirements, schedules, or control sequences of the equipment modeled in the baseline building from those in the proposed design shall be allowed based upon documentation that the equipment installed in the proposed design represents a significant verifiable departure from documented conventional practice. The burden of this documentation is to demonstrate that accepted conventional practice would result in baseline building equipment different from that installed in the proposed design. If baseline building plug loads differ from the proposed building, this input must be flagged, and instructions given to provide the proper documentation.

Computer Room Equipment Schedule

Applicability	All projects with computer rooms
Definition	Schedule for computer room equipment loads used to adjust the intensity hourly to reflect time-dependent patterns of usage. Standard 90.1-2022 requires the use of a prescribed schedule for computer rooms, see the *Input Restriction* for the schedule. The prescribed computer room equipment schedule is intended to capture part load system performance in the proposed and base case models. While it is not realistic to have computer room loads vary drastically month to month, it is common for loads to vary gradually over months or years. The schedule shown here captures this effect in a single annual simulation. It also allows the various load conditions to be simulated under the various weather conditions.
Units	Data structure: schedule, fraction
Input Restrictions	Computer room equipment schedules shall be modeled as a constant fraction of the peak design load per the following monthly schedule: Month 1, 5, 9—25% Month 2, 6, 10—50% Month 3, 7, 11—75% Month 4, 8, 12—100%
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Automatic Receptacle Control

Applicability

All projects

Definition

Automatic receptacle controls include devices that control receptacles based on time of day, occupancy sensors or a central control signal based on occupancy as required by Standard 90.1-2022, Section 8.4.2 requires that 50% of all applicable receptacle and 25% of applicable branch circuit feeders to be controlled using automatic receptacle controls which function on either:

a. A scheduled basis using a time-of-day operated control device that turns receptacles off at specific programmed times. This shall be provided for controlled areas of no more than 5000 ft^2 and not more than one floor (the occupant shall be able to manually override the control device for up to two hours);

b. An occupant sensor that shall turn receptacles off within 20 minutes of all occupants leaving a space; or

c. An automated signal from another control or alarm system that shall turn receptacles off within 20 minutes after determining that the area is unoccupied.

All controlled receptacles should be uniformly distributed throughout the space.

Plug-in controls devices cannot be used to comply with these requirements.

Exceptions to this requirement include:

a. Receptacles specifically designated for equipment requiring continuous operation (24/day, 365 days/year).

b. Spaces where an automatic control would endanger the safety or security of the room or building occupants.

Units

No units

Input Restrictions

As designed. For each space in the proposed building indicate which receptacle control strategies from the list above are included and the percentage of receptacles that are controlled. .

When receptacle controls are installed in spaces not required by Standard 90.1-2019 Section 8.4.2, credit for receptacle controls in the proposed design can be taken by decreasing the receptacle schedule in the proposed building design according to the following.

$RPC = RC \times 10\%$

Hence, the receptacle schedule for each hour for the proposed building =

$$EPSpro = EPSbas\ x\ (1- RPC)$$

Where:

RPC = Receptacle power credit

RC = Percentage of receptacles controlled according to one of the methods described above.

$EPSbas$ = Baseline equipment power hourly schedule (fraction)

$EPSpro$ = Proposed equipment power hourly schedule (fraction)

Baseline Building

Same as proposed before the automatic receptacle control credit is applied

3.4.6 Commercial Refrigeration Equipment

Commercial refrigeration equipment includes the following:

- Walk-in refrigerators
- Walk-in freezers
- Refrigerated casework

Walk-in refrigerators and freezers typically have remote condensers. Some refrigerated casework has remote condensers, while some has a self-contained condenser built into the unit. Refrigerated casework with built-in condensers rejects heat directly to the space while remote condensers reject heat in the remote location, typically on the roof or behind the building.

Refrigerated casework can be further classified by the purpose, the type of doors and, when there are no doors, the configuration: horizontal, vertical, or semi-vertical. DOE has developed standards for refrigerated casework. Table 15 shows these classifications along with the standard level of performance, expressed in kWh/d, which depends on the class of equipment, the total display area, and the volume of the casework. Table 16 shows the performance requirements for walk-in refrigerators and freezers.

Table 15. Standard 90.1 Section G3.2 Performance Rating Method for Commercial Refrigerators and Freezers

Equipment Type	Application	Energy Use Limits kWh/day	Test Procedure
Refrigerator with solid doors	Holding temperature	0.125 × V + 2.76	AHRI 1200
Refrigerator with transparent doors		0.172 × V + 4.77	
Freezers with solid doors		0.398 × V + 2.28	
Freezers with transparent doors		0.94 × V + 5.10	
Refrigerators/freezers with solid doors		0.12 × V + 4.77	
Commercial refrigerators	Pulldown	0.181 × V + 5.01	

Note: V is the chiller or frozen compartment volume (ft^3) as defined in Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers Standard HRF-1.

Table 16. Standard 90.1 Section G3.2 Performance Rating Method for Commercial Casework

Equipment Class(a)	Family Code	Operating Mode	Rating Temperature	Energy Use Limits, (b),(c) kWh/day	Test Procedure
VOP.RC.M	Vertical open	Remote condensing	Medium temperature	1.01 × TDA + 4.07	AHRI 1200
SVO.RC.M	Semivertical open	Remote condensing	Medium temperature	1.01 × TDA + 3.18	
HZO.RC.M	Horizontal open	Remote condensing	Medium temperature	0.51 × TDA + 2.88	
VOP.RC.L	Vertical open	Remote condensing	Low temperature	2.84 × TDA + 6.85	
HZO.RC.L	Horizontal open	Remote condensing	Low temperature	0.68 × TDA + 6.88	
VCT.RC.M	Vertical transparent door	Remote condensing	Medium temperature	0.48 × TDA + 1.95	

Equipment Class[(a)]	Family Code	Operating Mode	Rating Temperature	Energy Use Limits, [(b),(c)] kWh/day	Test Procedure
VCT.RC.L	Vertical transparent door	Remote condensing	Low temperature	1.03 × TDA + 2.61	AHRI 1200
SOC.RC.M	Service over counter	Remote condensing	Medium temperature	0.62 × TDA + 0.11	
VOP.SC.M	Vertical open	Self-contained	Medium temperature	2.34 × TDA + 4.71	
SVO.SC.M	Semivertical open	Self-contained	Medium temperature	2.23 × TDA + 4.59	
HZO.SC.M	Horizontal open	Self-contained	Medium temperature	1.14 × TDA + 5.55	
HZO.SC.L	Horizontal open	Self-contained	Low temperature	2.63 × TDA + 7.08	
VCT.SC.I	Vertical transparent door	Self-contained	Ice Cream	1.63 × TDA + 3.29	
VCS.SC.I	Vertical solid door	Self-contained	Ice Cream	0.55 × V + 0.88	
HCT.SC.I	Horizontal transparent door	Self-contained	Ice Cream	1.33 × TDA + 0.43	
SVO.RC.L	Semivertical open	Remote condensing	Low temperature	2.84 × TDA + 6.85	
VOP.RC.I	Vertical open	Remote condensing	Ice Cream	3.6 × TDA + 8.7	
SVO.RC.I	Semivertical open	Remote condensing	Ice Cream	3.6 × TDA + 8.7	
HZO.RC.I	Horizontal open	Remote condensing	Ice Cream	0.87 × TDA + 8.74	
VCT.RC.I	Vertical transparent door	Remote condensing	Ice Cream	1.2 × TDA + 3.05	
HCT.RC.M	Horizontal transparent door	Remote condensing	Medium temperature	0.39 × TDA + 0.13	
HCT.RC.L	Horizontal transparent door	Remote condensing	Low temperature	0.81 × TDA + 0.26	
HCT.RC.I	Horizontal transparent door	Remote condensing	Ice Cream	0.95 × TDA + 0.31	
VCS.RC.M	Vertical solid door	Remote condensing	Medium temperature	0.16 × V + 0.26	
VCS.RC.L	Vertical solid door	Remote condensing	Low temperature	0.33 × V + 0.54	
VCS.RC.I	Vertical solid door	Remote condensing	Ice Cream	0.39 × V + 0.63	
HCS.RC.M	Horizontal solid door	Remote condensing	Medium temperature	0.16 × V + 0.26	
HCS.RC.L	Horizontal solid door	Remote condensing	Low temperature	0.33 × V + 0.54	
HCS.RC.I	Horizontal solid door	Remote condensing	Ice Cream	0.39 × V + 0.63	
SOC.RC.L	Service over counter	Remote condensing	Low temperature	1.3 × TDA + 0.22	
SOC.RC.I	Service over counter	Remote condensing	Ice Cream	1.52 × TDA + 0.26	
VOP.SC.L	Vertical open	Self-contained	Low temperature	5.87 × TDA + 11.82	
VOP.SC.I	Vertical open	Self-contained	Ice Cream	7.45 × TDA + 15.02	

Equipment Class(a)	Family Code	Operating Mode	Rating Temperature	Energy Use Limits, (b),(c) kWh/day	Test Procedure
SVO.SC.L	Semivertical open	Self-contained	Low temperature	5.59 × TDA + 11.51	
SVO.SC.I	Semivertical open	Self-contained	Ice Cream	7.11 × TDA + 14.63	
HZO.SC.I	Horizontal open	Self-contained	Ice Cream	3.35 × TDA + 9.0	
SOC.SC.I	Service over counter	Self-contained	Ice Cream	2.13 × TDA + 0.36	
HCS.SC.I	Horizontal solid door	Self-contained	Ice Cream	0.55 × V + 0.88	

(a) Equipment class designations consist of a combination (in sequential order separated by periods [AAA].[BB].[C]) of the following:
(AAA) An equipment family code (VOP = vertical open, SVO = semivertical open, HZO = horizontal open, VCT = vertical transparent doors, VCS = vertical solid doors, HCT = horizontal transparent doors, HCS = horizontal solid doors, and SOC = service over counter); (BB) An operating mode code (RC = remote condensing and SC = self-contained); and (C) A rating temperature code (M = medium temperature [38°F], L = low temperature [0°F], or I = ice cream temperature [15°F]). For example, "VOP.RC.M" refers to the "vertical open, remote condensing."

(b) V is the volume of the case (ft^3) as measured in AHRI Standard 1200, Appendix C.

(c) TDA is the total display area of the case (ft2) as measured in AHRI Standard 1200, Appendix D.

The PRM does not include standard levels of performance for walk-in refrigerators and freezers. COMNET (COMNET 2017) default values for these are given in Table 17. These values are expressed in W/ft^2 of refrigerator or freezer area. This power is assumed to occur continuously. Some walk-ins have glass display doors on one side so that products can be loaded from the back. Glass display doors increase the power requirements of walk-ins. Additional power is added when glass display doors are present. The total power for walk-in refrigerators and freezers is given in Equation (4).

$$P_{Walk-in} = \left(A_{\mathrm{Ref}} \cdot \mathrm{PD}_{\mathrm{Ref}} + N_{Re\,f} \cdot D_{Re\,f}\right) + \left(A_{\mathrm{Frz}} \cdot \mathrm{PD}_{\mathrm{Frz}} + N_{\mathrm{Frz}} \cdot D_{\mathrm{Frz}}\right) \qquad (4)$$

Where:

$P_{Walk\text{-}in}$ = The estimated power density for the walk-in refrigerator or freezer in (W)
A_{xxx} = The area of the walk-in refrigerator or freezer (ft^2)
N_{xxx} = The number of glass display doors (unitless)
PD_{xxx} = The power density of the walk-in refrigerator or freezer taken from Table 17 (W/ft^2)
D_{xxx} = The power associated with a glass display door for a walk-in refrigerator or freezer (W/door)
$_{xxx}$ subscript indicating a walk-in freezer (Frz) or refrigerator (Ref)

Table 17. Default Power for Walk-In Refrigerators and Freezers (W/ft²)

Floor Area	Refrigerator	Freezer
100 ft² or less	8.0	16.0
101 ft² to 250 ft²	6.0	12.0
251 ft² to 450 ft²	5.0	9.5
451 ft² to 650 ft²	4.5	8.0
651 ft² to 800 ft²	4.0	7.0
801 ft² to 1,000 ft²	3.5	6.5
More than 1,000 ft²	3.0	6.0
Additional Power for Each Glass Display Door	105	325

Source: These values are determined using the procedures of the Heatcraft Engineering Manual, Commercial Refrigeration Cooling and Freezing Load Calculations and Reference Guide, August 2006. The energy efficiency ratio (EER) is assumed to be 12.39 for refrigerators and 6.33 for freezers. The specific efficiency is assumed to be 70 for refrigerators and 50 for freezers. Operating temperature is assumed to be 35°F for refrigerators and -10°F for freezers.

Refrigeration Modeling Method	
Applicability	All buildings that have commercial refrigeration for cold storage or display
Definition	The method used to estimate refrigeration energy and to model the thermal interaction with the space where casework is located. Three methods are included in this manual: • Modeling Defaults COMNET defaults. With this method, the methodology described above can be used for modeling walk-in refrigerators and freezers. Schedules are assumed to be continuous operation. • Performance rating method. With this method, the energy modeler takes inventory of the refrigerated casework in the rated building and sums the rated energy use (typically in kWh/day). All refrigeration equipment is then assumed to operate continuously. • Explicit refrigeration model. With this method, all components of the refrigeration system are explicitly modeled in DOE-2.2R or another hourly simulation program with this capability. This method is not covered by this manual. • AHRI Rated Energy. Rated energy use in accordance with AHRI 1200. • 10 CFR 431 Rated Energy. Rated energy use in accordance with 10 CFR 431.
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	When refrigeration equipment in the proposed design is rated in accordance with AHRI 1200 or 10 CFR 431, the rated energy use shall be modeled. For all other refrigeration equipment shall be modeled using actual equipment capacities and efficiencies using the performance rating method. If actual equipment capacities and efficiencies are not known, COMNET defaults can be used.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** If refrigeration equipment is listed in Table 15 and Table 16 of this manual, then the baseline building design shall be modeled according to Table 15 and Table 16. For refrigeration equipment not listed in either of these two tables, the baseline building shall be modeled to be the same as the proposed design. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** If refrigeration equipment is listed in Standard 90.1 2022 Tables 6.8.1-11, 18, 19, or 20, then the baseline building design shall be modeled according to these tables. For refrigeration equipment not listed in these tables and where projects are modeling credit for exceeding the minimum requirements in 90.1-2022 Sections 6.4.5 and/or 6.5.11 projects must demonstrate savings by explicitly modeling refrigeration systems or by providing exceptional calculations that meet the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section G2.5 subject to AHJ approval. **Exception:** refrigeration equipment should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Sections 6.4.1, 6.4.5, and 6.5.11 requirements are inapplicable.

Refrigeration Power

Applicability	All buildings or spaces that have commercial refrigeration for cold storage or display and do not use the explicit refrigeration model
Definition	Commercial refrigeration power is the average power for all commercial refrigeration equipment, assuming constant year-round operation. Equipment includes walk-in refrigerators and freezers, open refrigerated casework, and closed refrigerated casework. It does not include residential type refrigerators used in kitchenettes or refrigerated vending machines. These are covered under *receptacle power*.
Units	Kilowatts (kW) or W/ft^2
Input Restrictions	With the performance rating method, refrigeration power is estimated by summing the kWh/day for all the refrigeration equipment in the space and dividing by 24 hours. The refrigeration power for walk-in refrigerators and freezers is added to this value.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** When the performance rating method is used, refrigeration power for casework shall be determined from Table 15 and Table 16; the power for walk-in refrigerators and freezers shall be the same as the proposed design. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** If refrigeration equipment is listed in Standard 90.1 2022 Tables 6.8.1-11, 18, or 19, then refrigeration power for casework shall be determined from Standard 90.1 2022 Tables 6.8.1-11, 18, or 19; the power for walk-in refrigerators and freezers shall be the same as the proposed design except when adjusting for an efficiency improvement over the minimum required efficiency from Standard 90.1 2022 Table 6.8.1-20 and/or when claiming credit for exceeding the minimum requirements associated with 90.1-2022 Sections 6.4.5 and/or 6.5.11. For refrigeration equipment not listed in Tables 6.8.1-11, 18, or 19 and where projects are modeling credit for exceeding the minimum requirements in 90.1-2022 Sections 6.4.5 and/or 6.5.11 projects must demonstrate savings by explicitly modeling refrigeration systems or by providing exceptional calculations that meet the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section G2.5 subject to AHJ approval. **Exception:** refrigeration equipment should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Sections 6.4.1, 6.4.5, and 6.5.11 requirements are inapplicable. **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations and G3.3 Minor Alterations** Variations of the power requirements, schedules, or control sequences of the refrigeration equipment modeled in the baseline building from those in the proposed design shall be allowed by the rating authority based upon documentation that the refrigeration equipment installed in the proposed design represents a significant verifiable departure from documented conventional practice. The burden of this documentation is to demonstrate that accepted conventional practice would result in Baseline Building refrigeration equipment different from that installed in the proposed design. Occupancy and occupancy schedules shall not be changed. **NOTE:** Any variation between proposed and baseline refrigeration power should be reported for rating authority approval and inspection.

Remote Condenser Fraction

Applicability	All buildings that have commercial refrigeration for cold storage or display and use the DOE performance ratings methods

Definition

The fraction of condenser heat that is rejected to the outdoors. For self-contained refrigeration casework, this value will be zero. For remote condenser systems, this value is 1.0 and the heat gain fraction to the space through the condenser is zero. For combination systems, the value should be weighted according to refrigeration capacity.

For refrigeration with self-contained condensers and compressors, the heat that is removed from the space is equal to the heat that is rejected to the space, since the evaporator and condenser are both located in the same space. There may be some latent cooling associated with operation of the equipment, but this may be ignored with the DOE performance ratings methods. The operation of self-contained refrigeration units may be approximated by adding a continuously operating electric load to the space that is equal to the energy consumption of the refrigeration units. Self-contained refrigeration units add heat to the space that must be removed by the HVAC system. Hence, in the scenario where the compressor or compressor rack for the case is separate from the case itself but still within the conditioned zone of the display cases, the remote condenser fraction is zero and all the heat ends up in the zone. For self contained cases, the heat added to the zone is calculated as shown below,

$$Q_{sensible\ credit} = -(kW \times 3.413)$$

Where

kW = The power of the refrigeration system determined by using the DOE performance rating method (kW)

$Q_{sensible\text{-}credit}$ = The rate of heat removal from the space due to the continuous operation of the refrigeration system (Btu/h). A positive number means that heat is being removed from the space. A negative number means heat is being added to the space.

When the condenser is remotely located, heat is removed from the space but rejected outdoors. In this case, the refrigeration equipment functions in a manner similar to a continuously running split system air conditioner. Some heat is added to the space for the evaporator fan, the anti-fog heaters, and other auxiliary energy uses, but refrigeration systems with remote condensers remove more heat from the space where they are located than they add. The HVAC system must compensate for this imbalance.

For remotely located condensers using the DOE performance rating method, the heat that is removed from the space, i.e. the $Q_{sensible\ credit}$, is determined as follows:

$Q_{sensible\text{-}credit} = [Q_{rated} * (1\text{-}LHR_{ratio}) * RTF – (Q_{rated} * Elec_{ratio})] * L_{case}$

Where

$Q_{sensible-credit}$ = The rate of heat removal from the space due to the continuous operation of the refrigeration system (Btu/h). A positive number means that heat is being removed from the space.

Q_{rated} = case gross rated total refrigeration cooling capacity per unit length (Btu/h)

LHR_{ratio} = latent heat ratio of the refrigerated case at rated conditions

RTF = runtime fraction of the refrigerated case

$Elec_{ratio}$ = Ratio of cooling capacity required due to cooling load associated with use of lights, fans, anti-sweat heaters divided by Qrated. Depending on case design, not all electric power per unit length may contribute to cooling load.

L_{case} = length of the case, ft

Use manufacturer data where available. If unavailable, use the defaults below. Note: these defaults are based on data from a single manuafcturer.

Type	**$Elec_{ratio}$, Average Ratio of Elec Input to Total BTUH**	**LHR_{ratio}, Average Ratio of Latent Heat to Total BTUH**	**RTF, Average Calculated RTF (runtime fraction of the refrigerated case)**
HZO-M	0.15	0.31	0.69
HZO-L	0.29	0.18	0.74
HZO-I	0.28	0.18	0.74
SOC-M	0.70	0.09	0.86
SOC-L	0.71	0.09	0.89
SOC-I	0.67	0.08	0.85
SVO-M	0.14	0.28	0.68
SVO-L	0.21	0.24	0.71
SVO-I	0.12	0.35	0.67
VCT-M	0.54	0.11	0.78
VCT-L	0.70	0.07	0.86
VCT-I	0.67	0.08	0.85
VOP-M	0.17	0.25	0.69
VOP-L	0.21	0.24	0.71
VOP-I	0.12	0.35	0.67
HCT-M	0.54	0.11	0.78
HCT-L	0.70	0.07	0.86
HCT-I	0.67	0.08	0.85
VCT-M	0.62	0.10	0.82
VCT-L	0.71	0.08	0.88
VCT-I	0.67	0.08	0.85
HCS-M	0.62	0.10	0.82
HCS-L	0.71	0.08	0.88
HCS-I	0.67	0.08	0.85

Units	Fraction
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed design

Refrigeration COP	
Applicability	All buildings that have commercial refrigeration for cold storage or display and use the DOE performance ratings methods
Definition	The coefficient of performance (COP) of the refrigeration system. This is used only to determine the heat removed or added to the space, not to determine the refrigeration power or energy.
Units	Fraction
Input Restrictions	This value is prescribed to be 3.6 for refrigerators and 1.8 for freezers[1]
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed design

Refrigeration Schedule	
Applicability	All buildings that have commercial refrigeration for cold storage or display
Definition	The schedule of operation for commercial refrigeration equipment. This is used to convert refrigeration power to energy use.
Units	Data structure: schedule, fractional
Input Restrictions	Continuous operation is prescribed
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed design

3.4.7 Elevators, Escalators, and Moving Walkways

Elevators, escalators, and moving walkways account for 3% to 5% of electric energy use in buildings.[2] Buildings up to about five to seven stories typically use hydraulic elevators because of their lower initial cost. Mid-rise buildings commonly use traction elevators with geared motors, while high-rise buildings typically use gearless systems where the motor directly drives the sheave. The energy using components include the motors and controls as well as the lighting and ventilation systems for the cabs.

Elevators are custom designed for each building. In this respect they are less like products than they are engineered systems, e.g., they are more akin to chilled water plants where the engineer chooses a chiller, a tower, pumping, and other components, which are field engineered into a system. The main design criteria are safety and service. Some manufacturers have focused on energy efficiency of late and introduced technologies such as advanced controls that optimize the position of cars for minimum travel and regeneration motors that become generators when a loaded car descends or an empty car rises. These technologies can result in 35% to 40% savings.[2]

The motors and energy using equipment is often located within the building envelope so it produces heat that must be removed by ventilation or by air conditioning systems. In energy models, a dedicated thermal zone (elevator shaft) will typically be created and this space can be indirectly cooled (from adjacent

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[1] These values are consistent with the assumptions for the default values for walk-ins, which assume an EER of 12.39 for refrigerators and 6.33 for freezers.

[2] Sachs, Harvey M., Opportunities for Elevator Energy Efficiency Improvements, American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, April 2005.

spaces) or positively cooled. Motors, drives, and braking equipment are usually located in a separate space that is often cooled by independent cooling equipment. The elevator energy use should be divided equally between the shaft and the equipment room. In the scenario, where geometrically modeling a separate elevator shaft is complicated, it is acceptable to model separate “virtual” shaft space/zones on each floor. These spaces need to be identified so that they’re not included in the gross floor area calculation.

Elevator/Escalator Power

Applicability	All buildings that have elevators, escalators, or moving walkways
Definition	The power for elevators, escalators, and moving walkways for different modes of operation. Elevators typically operate in three modes: active (when the car is moving passengers), ready (when the lighting and ventilation systems are active but the car is not moving), and standby (when the lights and ventilation systems are off). Escalators and moving walkways are either active or turned off.
Units	W/unit
Input Restrictions	The power values for different modes of operation for elevators, escalators, and moving walkways can be defined by the user if that information is available for the specific equipment being installed. ISO 25745-2, Table 7 includes a methodology for quantifying the elevator consumption for the different elevator energy efficiency classes which can be used to establish as-designed energy consumption. The DOE/PNNL ASHRAE 90.1 Performance Based Compliance Form posted on the DOE Energy Codes website includes a calculator on the “Plug, Process, and Other Loads” tab in Tables 6a, 6b, and 6c that can be used to establish model inputs including schedules and power for modeling elevators. The calculator utilizes concepts and equations from the methodology in ISO 25745-2.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Escalator power shall be the same as the proposed. However, when quantifying performance that exceeds the requirements of Standard 90.1 (but not when using the Performance Rating as an alternative path for minimum standard compliance), with approval of the rating authority, variations of the power requirements, schedules, or control sequences of escalators modeled in the baseline building from those in the proposed design shall be allowed by the rating authority based

upon documentation that the equipment installed in the proposed design represents a significant verifiable departure from documented conventional practice.

The elevator peak motor power shall be calculated as follows:

$$\text{bhp} = (\text{Weight of Car} + \text{Rated Load} - \text{Counterweight}) \times \text{Speed of Car}/(33{,}000 \times hmechanical) \quad (5)$$

$$Pm = \text{bhp} \times 746/hmotor \quad (6)$$

Where:

Weight of Car = the proposed design elevator car weight, lb

Rated Load = the proposed design elevator load at which to operate, lb

Counterweight of Car = the elevator car counterweight, from Table 18, lb

Speed of Car = the speed of the proposed elevator, ft/min

hmechanical = the mechanical efficiency of the elevator from Table 18

hmotor = the motor efficiency from Table G3.9.2

Pm = peak elevator motor power, W

The percent of peak power for each mode of operation specified in Table 18 shall be the same as proposed.

Table 18. Baseline Elevator Motor

Number of Stories (Including Basement)	Motor Type	Counterweight	Mechanical Efficiency	Motor Efficiency
≤ 4	Hydraulic	None	58%	Table 19
>4	Traction	Proposed design counterweight, if not specified use weight of the car plus 40% of the rated load	64%	Table 20

Table 19. Motor Efficiency Requirements for Hydraulic Motors

Horsepower	Full-Load Efficiency
10	72%
20	75%
30	78%
40	78%
100	80%

Table 20. Motor Efficiency Requirements for Traction Motors

Motor Horsepower	Minimum Nominal Full-Load Efficiency, %
1	82.5
1.5	84
2	84
3	87.5
5	87.5
7.5	89.5
10	89.5
15	91

20	91
25	92.4
30	92.4
40	93
50	93
60	93.6
75	94.1
100	94.5
125	94.5
150	95
200	95

The DOE/PNNL ASHRAE 90.1 Performance Based Compliance Form posted on the DOE Energy Codes website includes a calculator on the “Plug, Process, and Other Loads” tab in Tables 6a, 6b, and 6c that can be used to establish model inputs including schedules and power for modeling elevators. The calculator utilizes concepts and equations from the methodology in ISO 25745-2.

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Elevators and escalators included in the scope of the retrofit should be modeled as minimally compliant with Standard 90.1 Section 10.4.3.4 in the baseline. ISO 25745-2, Table 7 includes a methodology for quantifying Class E elevator consumption which can be used in the baseline model.

Elevators and escalators not included in the scope of the retrofit should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Elevator/Escalator Schedule

Applicability	All buildings that have commercial elevators, escalators, or moving walkways
Definition	The schedule of operation for elevators, escalators, and moving walkways. This is used to convert elevator/escalator power to energy use.
Units	Data structure: schedule, state
Input Restrictions	The schedule specified for the building should match the operation patterns of the building. If no schedules are present, defaults based NACM[1] (CEC 2016) on the building area type or space type may be used or the scheduling parameters calculated in the DOE/PNNL ASHRAE 90.1 Performance Based Compliance Form posted on the DOE Energy Codes website on the “Plug, Process, and Other Loads” tab in Table 6c may be used. The calculator utilizes concepts and equations from the methodology in ISO 25745-2.
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed design However, with approval of the rating authority variations of the schedules, or control sequences of elevators, escalators, and moving walkways modeled in the baseline building from those in the proposed design shall be allowed based upon documentation that operation of the elevators, escalators, and moving walkways installed in the proposed design represent a significant verifiable departure from documented conventional practice. **NOTE**: If elevators, escalators, and moving walkways loads/schedule for the baseline building differ from the proposed design, this needs to be flagged and reported in the compliance reports.

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[1] http://www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2016standards/ACM_Supporting_Content//

Elevator/Escalator Ventilation Fan Power

Applicability	All buildings that have commercial elevators
Definition	The schedule of operations for elevator ventilation fans
Units	Watts
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline elevator cab ventilation shall be 0.33 W/cfm and will be modeled with the same airflow as the proposed design. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The baseline elevator cab ventilation shall be 0.25 W/cfm according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 10.4.3.2 and will be modeled with the same airflow as the proposed design. Elevators and escalators not included in the scope of the retrofit should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Elevator/Escalator Ventilation Fan Schedule

Applicability	All buildings that have commercial elevators
Definition	The schedule of operation for the ventilation fan for the elevator cab
Units	Data structure: schedule, state
Input Restrictions	As designed. The elevator cab ventilation is required to be de-energized while the elevator is in standby mode or off. Therefore, ventilation fans shall be modeled with the same schedule as the elevator motor.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline elevator ventilation fan shall be modeled to run continuously **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as designed. The elevator cab ventilation is required to be de-energized when the elevator is in standby mode or off. Elevators and escalators not included in the scope of the retrofit should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Elevator/Escalator Lighting Power	
Applicability	All buildings that have commercial elevators
Definition	The lighting power density for the elevator cab
Units	Watts
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline elevator cab lighting power density shall be 3.14 W/ft^2 and based on the same size elevators as the proposed design. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The baseline elevator cab lighting power density shall be 0.24 W/ft^2 and based on the same size elevators as the proposed design. Elevators and escalators not included in the scope of the retrofit should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Elevator/Escalator Lighting Schedule	
Applicability	All buildings that have commercial elevators
Definition	The schedule of operation for the elevator cab lighting
Units	Data structure: schedule, state
Input Restrictions	As designed. The elevator cab lighting is required to be de-energized while the elevator is in standby mode or off. Therefore, cab lighting shall be modeled with the same schedule as the elevator motor.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline elevator cab lighting shall be modeled to run continuously **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as designed. The elevator cab lighting is required to be de-energized when the elevator is in standby mode or off. Elevators and escalators not included in the scope of the retrofit should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

3.4.8 Gas Process Equipment

Commercial gas equipment includes the following:

- Ovens
- Fryers
- Grills
- Other equipment

The majority of gas equipment is located in the space, but is often placed under an exhaust hood, and may contribute both sensible and latent heat. Gas equipment is typically modeled by specifying the rate of peak gas consumption and modifying this with a fractional schedule. Energy consumption data for gas equipment is only beginning to emerge.

Because of these limits, the procedure for commercial gas is limited. The procedure consists of default values for power density for both the proposed design and the baseline building. These defaults can be overridden if actual values are known. No credit for commercial gas energy efficiency features is offered.

COMNET Appendix B (COMNET 2017) specifies default values that can be used for process and gas loads. Schedules are specified in COMNET Appendix C (COMNET 2017) that reflect diversity in equipment operation. Process and gas loads can also be specified through an input for peak equipment power and associated diversity schedule.

Gas Equipment Power and Power Density

Applicability	All buildings that have commercial gas equipment
Definition	Commercial gas power density is the peak power for commercial gas equipment, with operation schedules defined through a separate descriptor. The gas equipment energy use can also be defined through an input of peak gas equipment power with operation schedules defined through a separate descriptor.
Units	Btu/h or Btu/h-ft^2
Input Restrictions	As designed. For cases where design values are not available, defaults specified in COMNET Appendix B (COMNET 2017) may be used.
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed design. However, when quantifying performance that exceeds the requirements of Standard 90.1 (but not when using the Performance Rating as an alternative path for minimum standard compliance), variations of the power requirements, schedules, or control sequences of the gas equipment modeled in the baseline building from those in the proposed design shall be allowed by the rating authority based upon documentation that the gas equipment installed in the proposed design represents a significant verifiable departure from documented conventional practice. The burden of this documentation is to demonstrate that accepted conventional practice would result in baseline building gas equipment different from that installed in the proposed design. Occupancy and occupancy schedules shall not be changed. **NOTE: ANY VARIATION BETWEEN PROPOSED AND BASELINE GAS EQUIPMENT POWER SHOULD BE FLAGGED FOR RATING AUTHORITY APPROVAL AND INSPECTION.**

Gas Equipment Heat Gain Fractions

Applicability	All projects
Definition	The fuel input to the gas equipment ultimately appears as heat that contributes to zone loads. This heat can be divided into four different fractions. These are given by the input fields. • Fraction Latent: This field is a decimal number between 0.0 and 1.0 and is used to characterize the amount of latent heat given off by the gas equipment in a zone. The number specified in this field will be multiplied by the total energy consumed by gas equipment to give the amount of latent energy produced by the gas equipment. This energy affects the moisture balance within the zone. • Fraction Radiant: This field is a decimal number between 0.0 and 1.0 and is used to characterize the amount of long-wave radiant heat being given off by gas equipment in a zone. The number specified in this field will be multiplied by the total energy consumed by gas equipment to give the amount of long wavelength radiation gain from electric equipment in a zone.

- Fraction Lost: This field is a decimal number between 0.0 and 1.0 and is used to characterize the amount of “lost” heat being given off by gas equipment in a zone. The number specified in this field will be multiplied by the total energy consumed by gas equipment to give the amount of heat that is “lost” and does not impact the zone energy balances. This might correspond to gas energy converted to mechanical work or heat that is vented to the atmosphere.
- Fraction Convected: This field is a decimal number between 0.0 and 1.0 and is used to characterize the fraction of the heat from gas equipment convected to the zone air.

The sum of all 4 of these fractions should be 1.

Units	Data structure: fraction
Input Restrictions	As designed. If not specified by the user, default values for gas equipment heat gain fractions will be used. For software that specifies the fraction of the heat gain that is lost from the space, this fraction shall be defaulted to 0.70. The default values for fraction radiant, fraction latent, and fraction convected will be specified as 0.15, 0.05, and 0.10 respectively.
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Gas Equipment Schedule

Applicability	All buildings that have commercial gas equipment
Definition	The schedule of operation for commercial gas equipment. This is used to convert gas power to energy use.
Units	Data structure: schedule, fractional
Input Restrictions	As determined by building owner or design professional
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed design

Gas Equipment Location

Applicability	All buildings that have commercial gas equipment
Definition	The assumed location of the gas equipment for modeling purposes. Choices are in the space or external.
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed design

3.5 Building Envelope Data

The user shall provide accurate descriptions for all building envelope assemblies including exterior walls, windows, doors, roofs, exterior floors (including floors above unconditioned spaces), slab-on-grade floors, below grade walls, and below grade floors. The user shall provide data for all of the required descriptors listed in Section 3.5 of this document that correspond with these assemblies. However, the following exception applies:

- Exterior surfaces whose azimuth orientation and tilt differ by no more than 45° and are otherwise the same may be described as a single surface or described using multipliers. This specification would permit a circular form to be described as an octagon.

For unenclosed spaces such as parking garages, crawlspaces and attics, refer to Section 2.4.3 of this manual for modeling requirements.

New buildings are required to comply with Section G1.2.1d which is known as the “Envelope Backstop”. There are two options to comply (1) meet the requirements of Section 5.5, “Prescriptive Building Envelope Compliance Path.” or (2) using Section 5.6, “Building Envelope Trade-Off Compliance Path,” demonstrate that the proposed envelope performance factor does not exceed the base envelope performance factor by more than 15% for multifamily residential, hotel/motel, and dormitory building area types. For all other building area types, the limit is set at 7%. For buildings with both residential and nonresidential occupancies, the limit is established based on the area-weighted average of the gross conditioned floor area. This “Envelope Backstop” requirement only applies to new buildings.

Orientation	
Applicability	All projects
Definition	The building orientation
Units	Degrees (°)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	The baseline building performance shall be generated by simulating the building with its actual orientation and again after rotating the entire building 90, 180, and 270 degrees, then averaging the results. The building shall be modeled so that it does not shade itself. Exceptions: a. If it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Program Evaluator that the building orientation is dictated by site considerations. b. Buildings where the vertical fenestration area on each orientation varies by less than 5%. **NOTE**: Exception ‘a’ would need a flag on the software tool user interface, and if checked, it would need to be supported through documentation.

3.5.1 Materials

Energy simulation programs commonly define construction assemblies by listing a sequence of material layers that make up the construction assembly. Typical construction assemblies and their respective material layers are defined in Normative Appendix A of Standard 90.1-2022.

Material Name	
Applicability	When construction assemblies reference materials that are not standard
Definition	The name of a construction material used in the exterior envelope of the building
Units	Text, unique
Input Restrictions	Material name is a required input for materials not available from the standard list. The user may not modify entries for predefined materials.
Baseline Building	Not applicable

Density	
Applicability	All non-standard materials
Definition	The density (or mass per unit of volume) of the construction material
Units	lb/ft^3
Input Restrictions	Density is a required input when non-standard materials are specified as documented in an ASHRAE handbook, a comparably reliable reference, or manufacturers’ literature
Baseline Building	Not applicable

Specific Heat	
Applicability	All non-standard materials
Definition	The specific heat capacity of a material is numerically equal to the quantity of heat that must be supplied to a unit mass of the material to increase its temperature by 1°F
Units	Btu/lb·°F
Input Restrictions	Specific heat is a required input when non-standard materials are specified. The specific heat capacity of the construction material as documented in an ASHRAE handbook, a comparably reliable reference, or manufacturers’ literature.
Baseline Building	Not applicable

Thermal Conductivity	
Applicability	All non-standard materials
Definition	The thermal conductivity of a material of unit thickness is numerically equal to the quantity of heat that will flow through a unit area of the material when the temperature difference through the material is 1 °F.
Units	Btu/h·ft·°F
Input Restrictions	Thermal conductivity is a required input for non-standard materials as documented in an ASHRAE handbook, a comparably reliable reference, or manufacturers’ literature.
Baseline Building	Not applicable

Thickness	
Applicability	All non-standard materials
Definition	The thickness of a material
Units	ft or in.
Input Restrictions	Thickness is a required input for non-standard materials
Baseline Building	Not applicable

3.5.2 Construction Assemblies

Construction assemblies for the proposed design shall be created by selecting from a library of building construction layers in Standard 90.1-2022, Appendix A. The software shall specify all composite layers that consist of both framing and insulation and shall use established methods defined in the Standard 90.1- 2022 Appendix A or the ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals for calculating effective R-values of composite layers.

In accordance with ASHRAE 90.1-2022, it is mandatory for projects to identify each linear and point thermal bridge associated with the proposed design, as required in Section 5.5.5. The impact of these thermal bridges must be captured in the proposed energy model using one of the following methods:

1. Inclusion of a Separate Model: A separate model of the assembly can be incorporated within the energy simulation model.
2. Adjustment of Clear-Field U-Factors: Alternatively, clear-field U-factors can be adjusted in accordance with Section A10.2.

The inclusion of thermal bridging requirements in 90.1-2022 stems from the findings of ASHRAE Research Project (RP) 1365 "Thermal Performance of Building Envelope Details for Mid- and High-Rise Buildings." This research highlighted that thermal bridges can significantly increase annual energy consumption when compared to buildings without such bridges.

Alterations other than additions are exempt from thermal bridging requirements according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 5.5.5 exception #6.

Example of a project that is adjusting the clear-field U-factor in accordance with Section A10.2
A 33,000 square foot, 4-story multifamily building includes thermal bridging due to brick shelf angle cladding support, a parapet that follows the entire perimeter of the roof, and wall to vertical fenestration intersections. Below is a high-level graphical depiction showing the location of these thermal bridges. The length of the parapet would equal the perimeter of the building since it runs along the edge of the roof, the brick shelf angles run continuously along the perimeter once per floor so the total linear length would be the perimeter of the building multiplied by 4-stories, and the length of the wall to vertical fenestration would be the sum of the perimeter of each window as depicted with the yellow lines around the perimeter of the window shown in the graphic below.

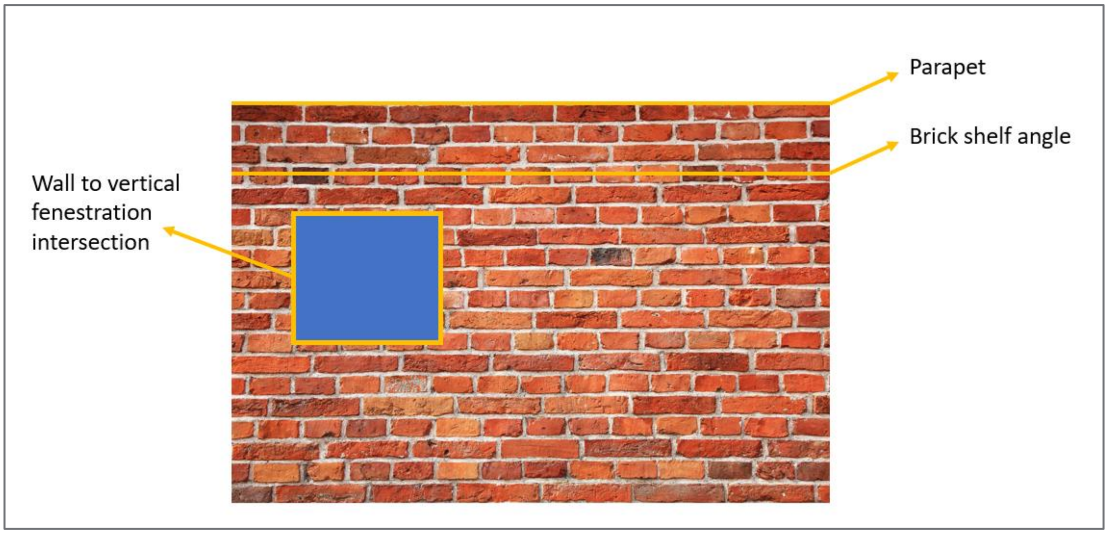

Figure 5. Location of Thermal Bridging

The design team needs to quantify the length of each linear thermal bridge as measured on the outside surface of the building envelope (Li) and the number of occurrences of each type of point thermal bridge (ni). Below is an example of the minimum information needed to determine the proposed U-factor to model (Utot) for example assembly EW-1. This process would need to be completed for all above grade wall assemblies. This example only includes linear thermal bridges. Project teams can use the built-in functionality in COMcheck for 90.1 2022 to complete and document these calculations.

Table 21. Calculation of Linear Thermal Bridging

Assembly ID	Class of Construction	Uo Proposed Design		Atotal
EW-1	Steel framed and metal buildings	0.055		13,294
	Thermal Bridge Type	Li	ni	Meets 90.1 5.5.5 Prescriptive Requirements?
	Cladding support	1,162.0	0	Yes
	Parapet	415.0	0	No
	Wall to vertical fenestration intersection	1,387.2	0	Yes

The proposed Utot is calculated using equation 90.1 2022 A10.2 which is shown directly below.

$$Utot = \{[(\sum \psi i \times Li) + (\sum \chi j \times nj)]/Atotal) + Uo\} \tag{7}$$

Where:

Utot = overall thermal transmittance, including the effect of linear thermal bridges and point thermal bridges not included in the construction assembly Uo-factor, Btu/(h·ft^2·°F)

Uo = clear-field thermal transmittance of the construction assembly as determined in accordance with Section 5, Btu/(h·ft^2·°F)

Atotal = total opaque projected surface area of the construction assembly, ft^2

ψi = psi-factor, thermal transmittance for each type of linear thermal bridge from 90.1 2022 Table A10.1. The default column shall be used where the thermal bridge meets 90.1 Section 5.5.5 prescriptive requirements. The unmitigated column shall be used where the thermal bridge does not meet the prescriptive requirements., Btu/(h·ft·°F)

Li = length of a particular linear thermal bridge as measured on the outside surface of the building envelope, ft

χi = chi-factor, thermal transmittance for each detail type of point thermal bridge from 90.1 2022 Table A10.1. The default column shall be used where the thermal bridge meets 90.1 Section 5.5.5 prescriptive requirements. The unmitigated column shall be used where the thermal bridge does not meet the prescriptive requirements., Btu/(h·°F)

ni = number of occurrences a particular type of point thermal bridge

The “Proposed Design Psi-Factor, Btu/(h·ft·°F) per Table A10.1” column in the graphic below shows the Psi-factor used in the calculation of Utot for the proposed design for this example assembly. This is determined based on whether the specified thermal bridging mitigation techniques (if any are specified) meet the prescriptive requirements in 90.1 Section 5.5.5. If the specified thermal bridging mitigation techniques do not meet prescriptive requirements, then the unmitigated column in Table A10.1 must be used. For reference, the “Unmitigated/Default Psi-Factor, Btu/(h·ft·°F) per Table A10.1” column below shows both the Unmitigated and Default columns from 90.1 2022 Table A10.1 (left value is unmitigated and right is default). The chi-factors are not shown because they are not applicable to the thermal bridging types shown in the table.

Table 22. Psi-Factor Calculations for Linear Thermal Bridge

Assembly ID	Class of Construction	Uo Proposed Design		Atotal		
EW-1	Steel framed and metal buildings	0.055		13,294		
	Thermal Bridge Type	Li	ni	Meets 90.1 5.5.5 Prescriptive Requirements?	Proposed Design Psi-Factor, Btu/(h·ft·°F) per Table A10.1	Unmitigated/ Default Psi-Factor, Btu/(h·ft·°F) per Table A10.1
	Cladding support	1,162.0	0	Yes	0.217	0.314/0.217
	Parapet	415.0	0	No	0.289	0.289/0.151
	Wall to vertical fenestration intersection	1,387.2	0	Yes	0.112	0.262/0.112

Using equation A10.2 the proposed Utot required to be modeled in the proposed design model for this example assembly is calculated as follows:

Utot proposed for EW-1 = 0.055 + [(1,162 ft * 0.217 Btu/(h·ft·°F)) + (415 ft* 0.289 Btu/(h·ft·°F)) + (1,387.2 ft * 0.112 Btu/(h·ft·°F))]/13,294 ft^{2} = 0.055 + 0.0353 = 0.095 Btu/(h·ft^{2}·°F)

Below is an example format for complete documentation/supporting calculations. These, or similar, calculations would need to be submitted for each above grade wall assembly. The chi-factors are not shown because they are not applicable to the thermal bridging types shown in the table. Project teams can use the built in functionality in COMcheck for 90.1 2022 to complete and document these calculations.

Table 23. Utot Calculations for Linear Thermal Bridge

Assembly ID	Class of Construction	Uo Proposed Design		Atotal	90.1 2022 A10.2 Utot Proposed Using Actual Default or Unmitigated Psi and Chi Factors	
EW-1	Steel framed and metal buildings	0.055		13,294	0.095	
	Thermal Bridge Type	Li	ni	Meets 90.1 5.5.5 Prescriptive Requirements?	Proposed Design Psi-Factor, Btu/(h·ft·°F) per Table A10.1	Unmitigated/ Default Psi-Factor, Btu/(h·ft·°F) per Table A10.1
	Cladding support	1,162.0	0	Yes	0.217	0.314/0.217
	Parapet	415.0	0	No	0.289	0.289/0.151
	Wall to vertical fenestration intersection	1,387.2	0	Yes	0.112	0.262/0.112

Assembly Name

Applicability	All projects
Definition	The name of a construction assembly that describes a roof, wall, or floor assembly. The name generally needs to be unique so it can be referenced precisely by surfaces.
Units	Text: unique
Input Restrictions	Construction name is a required input
Baseline Building	Not applicable

Specification Method

Applicability	All projects
Definition	The method of describing a construction assembly. The simpler method is to describe the U-factor of the construction assembly, which can account for thermal bridging and other factors. However, this method does not account for the time delay of heat transfer through the construction assembly. Generally, with the U-factor method, heat transfer is assumed to occur instantly. The more complex method is to describe the construction assembly as a series of layers, each layer representing a material. With this method, heat transfer is delayed in accord with the thermal mass and other properties of the assembly. For below-grade constructions, a C-factor can be specified; for slab-on-grade constructions, an F-factor is specified.
Units	List: layers, U-factor, C-factor, F-factor, R-value
Input Restrictions	The layers method shall be used for all constructions except for metal building or similar constructions with negligible thermal mass may use the U-factor method
Baseline Building	Construction assembly for the baseline building will be defined in layers

Layers

Applicability	All construction assemblies that use the layers method of specification
Definition	A structured list of material names that describe a construction assembly, beginning with the exterior finish and progressing through the assembly to the interior finish. Materials are described in Section 3.5.1
Units	List: layers of construction assembly
Input Restrictions	The user is required to describe all layers in the actual assembly and model the proposed design based on the layer descriptions
Baseline Building	See building descriptors for roofs, exterior walls, exterior floors, doors, fenestration, and below-grade walls

3.5.3 Roofs

Geometry

The geometry of roofs, walls, floors, doors, and fenestration should match the construction documents or as-built drawings as accurately as possible. Curved surfaces such as a dome or semi-circular walls may be approximated by a series of flat constructions with orientation or tilt differences of no more than 45 degrees from the actual surface.

Roof Name	
Applicability	All roof surfaces
Definition	A unique name or code that identifies the roof and ties it to the construction documents submitted for energy code review. It is not mandatory to name roofs.
Units	Text: unique
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	None

Roof Type	
Applicability	All roof surfaces
Definition	One of three classifications of roofs defined in Standard 90.1-2022, i.e., insulation entirely above deck, metal building, and attic and other. The prescriptive U-factor requirements for roofs depend on the type. Section G3.2 in the PRM fixes the type for the baseline building to “insulation entirely above deck.”
Units	List: Attic and Other Roofs; Metal Building Roofs; and Roofs with Insulation Entirely Above Deck
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline building roof type is of the type “insulation entirely above deck.” Refer to descriptor ‘Roof Construction’ for more details. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The baseline building roof type shall be the same as proposed.

Roof Geometry

Applicability	All roofs, required input
Definition	Roof geometry defines the position, orientation, azimuth, tilt, and dimensions of the roof surface. The geometry of roofs should match the construction documents or as-built drawings as accurately as possible. Unusual curved surfaces such as a dome or semi-circular wall may be approximated by a series of flat constructions with orientation or tilt differences of no more than 45 degrees from the actual surface. The details of how the coordinate system is implemented may vary among software programs. The data structure for surfaces is described in Section 3.11.3 of this manual.
Units	Data structure: surface
Input Restrictions	The only restriction is that the surfaces defined must agree with the building being modeled, as represented on the construction drawings or as-built drawings
Baseline Building	Roof geometry will be identical in the proposed and baseline building designs

Roof Construction

Applicability	All roofs, required input
Definition	A specification containing a series of layers that result in a construction assembly for the proposed design. The first layer in the series represents the outside (or exterior) layer and the last layer represents the inside (or interior) layer. See the building descriptors above for roof construction type.
Units	List: layers
Input Restrictions	The construction assembly, as designed, defined by a series of layers. Each layer specified must consist of materials as described in Section 3.5.1. In addition, projects must account for linear and point thermal bridges identified according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 5.5.5, see Section 3.5.2 for detail. New buildings are required to comply with the ‘Envelope Backstop” according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section G1.2.1d. See Section 3.5 for detail. **NOTE**: Table A9.2A in Standard 90.1-2022 Appendix A specifies the effective insulation/framing layer R-values for roof and floor insulation installed between metal framing 4’ OC. These values are intended to be used for all other framing, 16”, 2’ and 3’.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Roofs in the baseline building are of the type “insulation entirely above deck.” The insulation requirement is determined by climate zone and baseline standard. The baseline building roof construction shall be modeled as layers. For new construction, the baseline building roof type is insulation above deck. The U-factor required for baseline roof construction is defined in Table 24. The layer-by-layer

construction corresponding to each U-factor shall be modeled as shown in Table 25. For existing buildings, the baseline roof shall follow the same rules as new buildings.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Roofs in the baseline building are of the same type as the proposed. The baseline building roof constructions shall be modeled as layers.

For roofs included in the scope of the retrofit, the U-factor required for baseline roof constructions are defined in Standard 90.1 2022 Tables 5.5-0 through 8 based on climate zone, conditioning category, and roof type.

The following are relevant exceptions to 90.1 Section 5.1.4 and in these scenarios the roof shall be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed models.

- Alterations to roof, wall, or floor cavities that are insulated to full depth with insulation having a minimum nominal value of R-3.0/in.
- Roof recovering.
- Roof replacements, where the existing roof insulation is integral to or is located below the roof deck.

Table 24. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 Requirements for Baseline Roof Insulation for each Space Conditioning Category

	U-Factor (Btu/ ft²·°F·h/)		
	Nonresidential	Residential	Semiheated
Climate Zone 0 and 1	0.063	0.063	1.282
Climate Zone 2	0.063	0.063	0.218
Climate Zone 3	0.063	0.063	0.218
Climate Zone 4	0.063	0.063	0.218
Climate Zone 5	0.063	0.063	0.173
Climate Zone 6	0.063	0.063	0.173
Climate Zone 7	0.063	0.063	0.173
Climate Zone 8	0.048	0.048	0.093

Table 25. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 Baseline Building Roof Construction Assemblies

Construction	Layer	Thickness (inch)	Conductivity (Btu/h ft F)	Density (lb/ft²)	Specific Heat (Btu/lb F)	R-value (ft²·°F·h/ Btu)	U-Factor
Roof R-20 c.i.	Exterior air film					0.17	
	Roofing membrane					0.00	
	R-20 continuous insulation	4.8	0.02	1.8	0.29	20.00	
	Steel deck	0.06	26	480	0.10	0.00	
	Interior air film					0.61	
	Total for assembly					20.78	0.048
Roof R-15 c.i.	Exterior air film					0.17	
	Roofing membrane					0.00	
	R-15 continuous insulation	3.6	0.02	1.8	0.29	15.00	
	Steel deck	0.06	26	480	0.10	0.00	
	Interior air film					0.61	
	Total for assembly					15.78	0.063
Roof R-10 c.i.	Exterior air film					0.17	
	Roofing membrane					0.00	
	R-10 continuous insulation	2.4	0.02	1.8	0.29	10.00	
	Steel deck	0.06	26	480	0.10	0.00	
	Interior air film					0.61	
	Total for assembly					10.78	0.093
Roof R-5 c.i.	Exterior air film					0.17	
	Roofing membrane					0.00	
	R-5 continuous insulation	1.2	0.02	1.8	0.29	5.00	
	Steel deck	0.06	26	480	0.10	0.00	
	Interior air film					0.61	
	Total for assembly					5.78	0.173
Roof R-3.8 c.i.	Exterior air film					0.17	
	Roofing membrane					0.00	
	R-3.8 continuous insulation	0.9	0.02	1.8	0.29	3.80	
	Steel deck	0.06	26	480	0.10	0.00	
	Interior air film					0.61	
	Total for assembly					4.58	0.218
NR	Exterior air film					0.17	
	Roofing membrane					0.00	
	Steel deck	0.06	26	480	0.10	0.00	
	Interior air film					0.61	
	Total for assembly					116.18	1.28

Roof Solar Reflectance and Thermal Emittance

Applicability	All opaque exterior roof surfaces exposed to ambient conditions
Definition	The solar reflectance of a material. For roofing materials, the 3-year-aged reflectance value from a laboratory accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation organization such as the Cool Roof Rating Council (CRRC) testing should be used.
Units	
Input Restrictions	For roof surfaces: The default value is prescribed to be 0.3 for solar reflectance and 0.9 for emittance. For roofs these defaults may be overridden when 3-year-aged data for reflectance and emittance is determined according to CCR-1 Standard.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Roofs in the baseline building shall be modeled with a solar reflectance shall be 0.30 and thermal emittance of 0.90. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

3.5.4 Exterior Wall

Exterior Wall Name

Applicability	All walls, optional input
Definition	A unique name or code that relates the exterior wall to the design documents. This is an optional input since there are other acceptable ways to key surfaces to the construction documents.
Units	
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	None

Wall Type

Applicability	All wall surfaces, optional
Definition	One of four categories of above-grade wall assemblies used to determine minimum insulation requirements for walls. The four wall type categories are as follows: a. Mass walls b. Metal building walls c. Steel framed walls d. Wood framed and other A mass wall is defined as a wall with total heat capacity greater than (1) 7 Btu/ft^2·°F or (2) 5 Btu/ft^2·°F, provided that the wall has a material unit weight not greater than 120 lb/ft^3. (Heat capacity is defined as the product of the specific heat in Btu/lb -F, the thickness in ft, and the density in lb/ ft^3.) Opaque spandrel panels are considered opaque wall and not fenestration. Standard 90.1-2022 defines fenestration as an assembly in the building envelope which allows light to pass. Hence an opaque spandrel wall is considered an exterior wall and not fenestration.
Units	
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** All walls in the baseline building are modeled as "steel framed" **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The baseline building wall type shall be the same as proposed.

Wall Geometry

Applicability	All walls, required input
Definition	Wall geometry defines the position, orientation, azimuth, and tilt of the wall surface. The geometry of roofs should match the construction documents or as-built drawings as accurately as possible. Curved surfaces such as a dome or semi-circular wall may be approximated by a series of constructions. The details of how the coordinate system is implemented may vary between simulation engines. The data structure for surfaces is described in Section 3.11.3 of this manual.
Units	
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Wall geometry in the baseline building is identical to the proposed design

Wall Solar Reflectance

Applicability	All opaque exterior surfaces exposed to ambient conditions
Definition	The solar reflectance of a material
Units	
Input Restrictions	For walls and other non-roof surfaces, the default reflectance is 0.25. The default values may be overridden only when the lower reflectance can be documented by manufacturers' literature or tests.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Exterior walls in the baseline building shall be modeled with a solar reflectance of 0.25. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Wall Thermal Emittance

Applicability	All opaque exterior surfaces exposed to ambient conditions
Definition	The thermal emittance of a material. For roofing materials, the 3-year-aged emittance value from CRRC testing should be used if available.
Units	
Input Restrictions	For walls and other non-roof surfaces: The default value is prescribed to be 0.9. The default values may be overridden only in cases when the lower emittance can be documented by manufacturers' literature or tests.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Exterior walls in the baseline building shall be modeled with a thermal emittance of 0.9. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Wall Construction

Applicability	All walls that use the layers method
Definition	A specification containing a series of layers that result in a construction assembly for the proposed design. The first layer in the series represents the outside (or exterior) layer and the last layer represents the inside (or interior) layer. See the building descriptors above for wall construction type. Several software tools add the interior and exterior air films automatically to an envelope assembly. The interior and exterior air films should not be included in the construction in such cases.
Units	
Input Restrictions	As designed, with the construction assembly defined by a series of layers. Each layer specified, must consist of materials as described in Section 3.5.1. In addition, projects must account for linear and point thermal bridges identified according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 5.5.5, see Section 3.5.2 for detail. New buildings are required to comply with the ‘Envelope Backstop” according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section G1.2.1d. See Section 3.5 for detail.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline building wall type is steel framed where the insulation is installed within the cavity of the steel stud framing. The baseline building wall construction shall be modeled as layers. The U-factor required for baseline wall construction is defined in Table 26. The layer-by-layer construction corresponding to each U-factor shall be modeled as shown in Table 27. For existing buildings, the baseline walls shall follow the same rules as new buildings. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The baseline building wall type is the same as the proposed design. The baseline building wall construction shall be modeled as layers. For walls included in the scope of the retrofit, the U-factor required for baseline wall constructions are defined in Standard 90.1 2022 Tables 5.5-0 through 8 based on the climate zone, conditioning category, and wall type. The following are relevant exceptions to 90.1 Section 5.1.4 and in these scenarios the walls shall be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed models. • Alterations to roof, wall, or floor cavities that are insulated to full depth with insulation having a minimum nominal value of R-3.0/in. • Alterations to walls and floors, where the existing structure is without framing cavities and no new framing cavities are created.

Table 26. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 Requirements for Baseline Wall Construction for Non-Residential Space Conditioning Categories

	U-Factor (Btu/ft^2. °F. h)		
	Nonresidential	Residential	Semiheated
Climate Zone 0 and 1	0.124	0.124	0.352
Climate Zone 2	0.124	0.084	0.352
Climate Zone 3	0.124	0.084	0.352
Climate Zone 4	0.124	0.064	0.124
Climate Zone 5	0.084	0.064	0.124
Climate Zone 6	0.084	0.064	0.124
Climate Zone 7	0.064	0.064	0.124
Climate Zone 8	0.064	0.055	0.124

Table 27. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 Baseline Building Wall Construction Assemblies

Construction	Layer	Thickness (inch)	Conductivity (Btu/h ft °F)	Density (lb/ft^2)	Specific Heat (Btu/lb °F)	R-value (ft^2·°F·h/ Btu)	U-factor (Btu/ft^2. °F. h)
Wall R-13 + R-15.6	Air film					0.17	
	Stucco	0.400	0.4167	116	0.2	0.08	
	R-15.6 continuous insulation	1.800	0.0200	1.8	0.29	15.6	
	Gypsum board	0.625	0.0930	50	0.2	0.56	
	R-13 insulation/steel framing					6.00	
	Gypsum board	0.625	0.0930	50	0.2	0.56	
	Interior air film					0.68	
	Total for assembly					23.65	0.055
Wall R-13 + R-7.5	Air film					0.17	
	Stucco	0.400	0.4167	116	0.2	0.08	
	R-7.5 continuous insulation	1.800	0.0200	1.8	0.29	7.50	
	Gypsum board	0.625	0.0930	50	0.2	0.56	
	R-13 insulation/steel framing					6.00	
	Gypsum board	0.625	0.0930	50	0.2	0.56	
	Interior air film					0.68	
	Total for assembly					15.55	0.064
Wall R-13 + R-3.8	Air film					0.17	
	Stucco	0.400	0.4167	116	0.2	0.08	
	R-3.8 continuous insulation	0.912	0.0200	1.8	0.29	3.80	
	Gypsum board	0.625	0.0930	50	0.2	0.56	
	R-13 insulation/steel framing					6.00	
	Gypsum board	0.625	0.0930	50	0.2	0.56	
	Interior air film					0.68	
	Total for assembly					11.85	0.084
Wall R-13	Air film					0.17	
	Stucco	0.400	0.4167	116	0.2	0.08	
	Gypsum board	0.625	0.0930	50	0.2	0.56	
						6.00	
	Gypsum board	0.625	0.0930	50	0.2	0.56	
	Interior air film					0.68	0.124
	Total for assembly					8.05	
NR	Air film					0.17	
	Stucco	0.400	0.4167	116	0.2	0.08	
	Gypsum board	0.625	0.0930	50	0.2	0.56	
	Cavity/steel framing					0.79	
	Gypsum board	0.625	0.0930	50	0.2	0.56	
	Interior air film					0.68	
	Total for assembly					2.84	0.352

3.5.5 Exterior Floors

Floor Name	
Applicability	All floor surfaces
Definition	A unique name or code that relates the exposed floor to the design documents. Exposed floors include floors exposed to the outdoors and floors over unconditioned spaces, but do not include slab-on-grade floors, below-grade floors, or interior floors.
Units	
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	None

Floor Type	
Applicability	All exterior floor surfaces, optional
Definition	The category that defines the baseline building prescriptive floor requirements
Units	
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline building floors shall be of type “steel-joist”. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The baseline building floor type shall be the same as the proposed.

Floor Geometry	
Applicability	All exterior floors, required input
Definition	Floor geometry defines the position, orientation, azimuth, and tilt of the floor surface. The details of how the coordinate system is implemented may vary among software programs. The data structure for surfaces is described in the reference section of this chapter.
Units	
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Baseline building floor geometry is identical to the proposed design

Floor Construction

Applicability	All floors, required input
Definition	A specification containing a series of layers that result in a construction assembly for the proposed design. The first layer in the series represents the outside (or exterior) layer and the last layer represents the inside (or interior) layer. See the building descriptors above for floor construction type.
Units	
Input Restrictions	As designed, with the construction assembly defined by a series of layers. Each layer specified, must consist of materials as described in Section 3.5.1. In addition, projects must account for linear and point thermal bridges identified according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 5.5.5, see Section 3.5.2 for detail. New buildings are required to comply with the ‘Envelope Backstop” according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section G1.2.1d. See Section 3.5 for detail. **NOTE**: Standard 90.1-2022, Table A9.2-1 in Appendix A specifies the effective insulation/framing layer R-values for roof and floor insulation installed between metal framing 4’ OC. These values are intended to be used for all other framing, 16”, 2’, and 3’.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The exterior floor type for the baseline building is steel joist. The baseline building floor construction shall be modeled as layers. The U-factor required for baseline floor construction is defined in Table 28. The layer-by-layer construction corresponding to each U-factor shall be modeled as shown in Table 29. For existing buildings, the baseline floors shall follow the same rules as new buildings. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The exterior floor type for the baseline building shall be the same as the proposed design. The baseline building floor construction shall be modeled as layers. For floors included in the scope of the retrofit, the U-factor required for baseline floor constructions are defined in Standard 90.1 2022 Tables 5.5-0 through 8 based on climate zone, conditioning category, and floor type. The following are relevant exceptions to 90.1 Section 5.1.4 and in these scenarios the floor shall be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed models. • Alterations to roof, wall, or floor cavities that are insulated to full depth with insulation having a minimum nominal value of R-3.0/in. • Alterations to walls and floors, where the existing structure is without framing cavities and no new framing cavities are created.

Table 28. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 Requirements for Baseline Steel Joist Floors for Non-Residential Space Conditioning Categories

	U-factor (Btu/ft^2. °F. h)		
	Nonresidential	Residential	Semiheated
Climate Zone 0 and 1	U-0.35	U-0.35	U-0.35
Climate Zone 2	U-0.052	U-0.052	U-0.35
Climate Zone 3	U-0.052	U-0.052	U-0.069
Climate Zone 4	U-0.052	U-0.038	U-0.069
Climate Zone 5	U-0.052	U-0.038	U-0.069
Climate Zone 6	U-0.038	U-0.038	U-0.069
Climate Zone 7	U-0.038	U-0.038	U-0.052
Climate Zone 8	U-0.038	U-0.032	U-0.052

Table 29. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 Baseline Building Exterior Floor Construction Assemblies

Construction	Layer	Thickness (inch)	Conductivity (Btu/h ft °F)	Density (lb/ft²)	Specific Heat (Btu/lb °F)	R-value (ft²·°F·h/Btu)	U-value (Btu /ft²·°F·h)
Floor R-38	Interior air film (flow down)					0.92	
	Carpet and pad					1.23	
	4" concrete	4	1.3333	140	0.2	0.25	
	R-38 insulation between joists					28	
	Metal deck	0.06	26	480	0.1	0.00	
	Semi-exterior air film					0.46	
	Total for assembly					30.86	0.032
Floor R-30	Interior air film (flow down)					0.92	
	Carpet and pad					1.23	
	4" concrete	4	1.3333	140	0.2	0.25	
	R-30 insulation between joists					23.5	
	Metal deck	0.06	26	480	0.1	0.00	
	Semi-exterior air film					0.46	
	Total for assembly					26.36	0.038
Floor R-19	Interior air film (flow down)					0.92	
	Carpet and pad					1.23	
	4" concrete	4	1.3333	140	0.2	0.25	
	R-19 insulation between joists					16.37	
	Metal deck	0.06	26	480	0.1	0.00	
	Semi-exterior air film					0.46	
	Total for Assembly					19.23	0.052
Floor R-13	Interior air film (flow down)					0.92	
	Carpet and pad					1.23	
	4" concrete	4	1.3333	140	0.2	0.25	
	R-13 insulation between joists					11.63	
	Metal deck	0.06	26	480	0.1	0.00	
	Semi-exterior air film					0.46	
	Total for assembly					14.49	0.069
NR	Interior air film (flow down)					0.92	
	Carpet and pad					1.23	
	4" concrete	4	1.3333	140	0.2	0.25	
	Metal deck	0.06	26	480	0.1	0.00	
	Semi-exterior air film					0.46	
	Total for assembly					2.86	0.35

3.5.6 Doors

Door Name	
Applicability	All exterior doors, optional input
Definition	A unique name or code that relates the door to the design documents submitted. Doors that are more than 50% glass are treated as windows and must be determined and entered by using the fenestration building descriptors.
Units	
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	None

Door Type	
Applicability	All exterior doors, required input
Definition	For the purposes of determining building envelope requirements, the classifications are defined as follows: 1. Non-swinging: roll-up, metal coiling, sliding, and all other doors that are not swinging doors. 2. Swinging: all operable opaque panels with hinges on one side and opaque revolving doors. The prescriptive U-factor requirements depend on door type and climate. This building descriptor may be derived from other building descriptors, in which case a specific input is not necessary.
Units	
Input Restrictions	The door type shall be consistent with the type of door represented on the construction documents or as-built drawings
Baseline Building	The baseline building door type shall be the same as the proposed design

Door Geometry	
Applicability	All exterior doors
Definition	Door geometry defines the position and dimensions of the door surface relative to its parent wall surface. The azimuth and tilt (if any) of the door are inherited from the parent surface. The position of the door within the parent surface is specified through X,Y coordinates. The size is specified as a height and width (all doors are generally assumed to be rectangular). The details of how the geometry of doors is specified may vary for each energy simulation program.
Units	
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Door geometry in the baseline building is identical to the proposed design

Door U-factor

Applicability	All exterior doors
Definition	The thermal transmittance of the door, including the frame
Units	Btu/h·ft^2·°F
Input Restrictions	Door U-factors shall be taken from the default values in Appendix A of Standard 90.1-2022 or shall be obtained from National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) test procedures. Projects must account for linear and point thermal bridges identified according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 5.5.5, see Section 3.5.2 for detail. New buildings are required to comply with the 'Envelope Backstop" according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section G1.2.1d. See Section 3.5 for detail.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The U-factor required for door constructions are defined in Table 30. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** For doors included in the scope of the retrofit, the U-factor required for door constructions are defined in Standard 90.1 2022 Tables 5.5-0 through 8 based on climate zone, conditioning category, and floor type.

Table 30. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 Requirements for Doors for Baseline Building

Swinging or Non-swinging	Climate Zone	Space Conditioning Category		
		Nonresidential U-Value	Residential U-Value	Semi-Heated U-Value
Swinging	Climate Zone 0 and 1	0.7	0.7	0.7
	Climate Zone 2	0.7	0.7	0.7
	Climate Zone 3	0.7	0.7	0.7
	Climate Zone 4	0.7	0.7	0.7
	Climate Zone 5	0.7	0.7	0.7
	Climate Zone 6	0.7	0.5	0.7
	Climate Zone 7	0.7	0.5	0.7
	Climate Zone 8	0.5	0.5	0.7
Non-swinging	Climate Zone 0 and 1	1.45	1.45	1.45
	Climate Zone 2	1.45	1.45	1.45
	Climate Zone 3	1.45	0.5	1.45
	Climate Zone 4	1.45	0.5	1.45
	Climate Zone 5	1.45	0.5	1.45
	Climate Zone 6	0.5	0.5	1.45
	Climate Zone 7	0.5	0.5	1.45
	Climate Zone 8	0.5	0.5	1.45

3.5.7 Fenestration

Note that fenestration includes windows, doors that have more than 50% glazed area, and skylights. A skylight is a fenestration that has a tilt of less than 60° from horizontal.

Fenestration Name	
Applicability	All fenestration, optional input
Definition	A unique name or code that relates the fenestration to the design documents and a parent surface
Units	Text: unique
Input Restrictions	Not restrictions
Baseline Building	Not applicable

Vertical Fenestration Geometry and Area

Applicability All fenestration

Definition Fenestration geometry defines the position and dimensions of the fenestration surface within its parent surface and the identification of the parent surface. The orientation and tilt are inherited from the parent surface. The details of how the coordinate system is implemented may vary between software programs.

Units Data structure: opening

Input Restrictions As designed. The defined fenestration should match with the construction drawings or as-built drawings. Specification of the fenestration position within its parent surface is required for the following conditions:

- Exterior shading is modeled from buildings, vegetation, and other objects. All elements whose effective height is greater than their distance from a proposed building and whose width facing the proposed building is greater than one-third that of the proposed building shall be accounted for in the analysis.
- If daylighting is modeled within the adjacent space.

Baseline Building The geometry of the vertical fenestration shall be similar to the proposed design but each fenestration shall be increased or reduced in size in proportion to the proposed design size such that the overall fenestration area as a percentage of the above-grade exterior wall area is equal to the values in Table 31. For building areas not shown in Table 31, vertical fenestration areas shall equal that in the proposed design or 40% of gross above-grade wall area, whichever is smaller, and shall be distributed on each face of the building in the same proportions in the proposed design.

If the gross area of all windows (including framing) in each space conditioning category in the building exceeds the value specified in Table 31 of the gross above-grade exterior wall area for that building area type, the dimensions of each window shall be reduced such that the window to wall ration is equal to the value specified in Table 31. This reduction needs to be done by increasing the sill height until the limit is reached for each building area type.

If the WWR of the proposed building design is less than the value specified in Table 31, the dimensions of each window shall be increased equally from the center of the window until a wall or partition is reached. If window area needs to be increased further, then the sill height will be reduced will the maximum WWR limit is reached. If reaching the maximum WWR limit in Table 31 would cause the combined vertical fenestration and opaque door area on a given face to exceed the gross above-grade wall area on that face, then the vertical fenestration area on other faces shall be increased in proportion to the gross above-grade wall area of these faces such that the total baseline building vertical fenestration area is equal to that calculated to achieve the WWR in Table 31.

The fenestration area for an existing building shall equal the existing fenestration area prior to the proposed work and shall be distributed on each face of the building in the same proportions as the existing building.

Table 31. Baseline Building Vertical Fenestration Area

Building Area Types[a]	Baseline Building Gross Above-Grade-Wall Area
Grocery Store	7%
Healthcare (outpatient)	21%
Hospital	27%
Hotel/motel (≤75 rooms)	24%
Hotel/motel (>75 rooms)	34%
Office (≤5000 ft^2)	19%
Office (5000 to 50,000 ft^2)	31%
Office (>50,000 ft^2)	40%
Restaurant (quick service)	34%
Restaurant (full service)	24%
Retail (standalone)	11%
Retail (strip mall)	20%
School (primary)	22%
School (secondary and university)	22%
Warehouse (non-refrigerated)	6%

Horizontal Fenestration (Skylight) Geometry and Area

Applicability All horizontal fenestration (skylights)

Definition Fenestration geometry defines the position and dimensions of the fenestration surface within its parent surface and the identification of the parent surface. The orientation and tilt is inherited from the parent surface. The details of how the coordinate system is implemented may vary between rating software programs.

Units Data structure: opening

Input Restrictions There are no restrictions, other than a match with the construction drawings or as-built drawings. Specification of the fenestration position within its parent surface is required for the following conditions:

- exterior shading is modeled from buildings, vegetation, other objects
- if daylighting is modeled within the adjacent space.

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

The geometry of the horizontal fenestration shall be equal to the proposed design or 3% of gross roof area, whichever is smaller.

If the skylight area of the proposed design exceeds 3%, the baseline skylight area shall be decreased by an identical percentage in all roof components in which skylights are located to reach 3%. Skylight orientation as tilt shall be the same as the proposed design.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

The fenestration area [vertical and skylights] shall equal the existing fenestration area prior to the proposed work and shall be distributed on each face of the building in the same proportions as the existing building.

Fenestration Construction

Applicability All fenestration

Definition A collection of values that together describe the performance of a fenestration system. The values that are used to specify the criteria are U-factor, solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC), and visible light transmittance (VT). U-factor and SHGC inputs are whole-window values.

Units

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Input Restrictions The U-factor, SHGC, and VT for fenestration shall be modeled as certified and labeled in accordance with NFRC 100, 200, and 300, respectively. Unlabeled skylights shall be assigned the U-factors in Standard 90.1-2022, Normative Appendix A, Table A8.1-1 for the SHGCs and Table A8.1-2 for VTs. In addition, projects must account for linear and point thermal bridges identified according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 5.5.5, see Section 3.5.2 for detail.

Unlabeled vertical fenestration, both operable and fixed, shall be assigned the U-factors, SHGCs, and VTs in Normative Appendix A, Table A8.2.

New buildings are required to comply with the ‘Envelope Backstop” according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section G1.2.1d. See Section 3.5 for detail.

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

The requirements for vertical fenestration U factor and SHGC are specified in Table 32 and Table 33 (Standard 90.1-2022 Tables G3.4-1 to Tables G3.4-8). The visible transmittance for horizontal and vertical fenestration is specified are specified in Table 35 and Table 36 (Standard 90.1-2022 Tables G3.4-1 to Tables G3.4-8).

G3.3 Minor Alterations

For fenestration included in the scope of the retrofit, the requirements for vertical and horizontal fenestration U factor, SHGC and visible transmittance are specified in Standard 90.1-2022 Tables 5.5-0 through 8 based on climate zone, conditioning category, and fenestration type unless exceptions apply. If an exception applies, then the relevant parameter shall be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed. For example, Standard 90.1-2022 Section 5.5.4.4.1 includes SHGC related exceptions for permanent shading, orientation, and location.

The following are relevant exceptions to 90.1 Section 5.1.4 and in these scenarios the fenestration shall be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed models.

- Installation of storm windows or glazing panels over existing glazing, provided the storm window or glazing panel contains a low-emissivity coating. However, a low-emissivity coating is not required where the existing glazing already has a low-emissivity coating. Installation is permitted to be either on the inside or outside of the existing glazing.
- Replacement of glazing in existing sash and frame, provided the U-factor and SHGC will be equal to or lower than before the glass replacement.
- Replacement of existing fenestration, provided that the area of the replacement fenestration does not exceed 25% of the total fenestration area of an existing building and that the U-factor and SHGC will be equal to or lower than before the fenestration replacement.

Table 32. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 U-factor Requirement for Vertical and Horizontal Fenestration

Climate Zone	Nonresidential		Residential		Semi-Heated	
	Vertical	Horizontal	Vertical	Horizontal	Vertical	Horizontal
0 and 1	1.22	1.36	1.22	1.36	1.22	1.36
2	1.22	1.36	1.22	1.36	1.22	1.36
3	0.57	0.69	0.57	0.69	1.22	1.36
3C	1.22	1.36	1.22	1.36	1.22	1.36
4	0.57	0.69	0.57	0.58	1.22	1.36
5	0.57	0.69	0.57	0.69	1.22	1.36
6	0.57	0.69	0.57	0.58	1.22	1.36
7	0.57	0.69	0.57	0.69	1.22	1.36
8	0.46	0.58	0.46	0.58	1.22	0.81

Table 33. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 SHGC Requirement for Vertical Fenestration

	Nonresidential				Residential				Semi-Heated
Climate Zone	0-10%	10.1-20%	20.1-30%	30.1-40%	0-10%	10.1-20%	20.1-30%	30.1-40%	0-10%
0 and 1	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.40
2	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.39	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.40
3	0.39	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.39	0.39	0.25	0.25	0.40
3C	0.61	0.39	0.39	0.34	0.61	0.61	0.39	0.34	0.40
4	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.40
5	0.49	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.49	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.40
6	0.49	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.49	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.40
7	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.40
8	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40

Table 34. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 SHGC Requirement for Horizontal Fenestration

Climate Zone	Nonresidential		Residential		Semi-Heated	
	0-2%	2.1-5%	0-2%	2.1-5%	0-2%	2.1-5%
0 and 1	0.36	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.55	0.55
2	0.36	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.55	0.55
3	0.39	0.19	0.36	0.19	0.55	0.55
3C	0.61	0.39	0.39	0.19	0.55	0.55
4	0.49	0.39	0.36	0.19	0.55	0.55
5	0.49	0.39	0.49	0.39	0.55	0.55
6	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.39	0.55	0.55
7	0.68	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.55	0.55
8	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55

Table 35. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 VT Requirement for Vertical Fenestration

	Nonresidential				Residential				Semi-Heated
Climate Zone	0-10%	10.1-20%	20.1-30%	30.1-40%	0-10%	10.1-20%	20.1-30%	30.1-40%	0-10%
0 and 1	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.44
2	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.44
3	0.43	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.43	0.43	0.28	0.28	0.44
3C	0.67	0.43	0.43	0.34	0.61	0.61	0.39	0.34	0.44
4	0.43	0.43	0.43	043	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.44
5	0.54	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.54	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.44
6	0.54	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.54	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.44
7	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.44
8	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44

Table 36. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 VT Requirement for Horizontal Fenestration

Climate Zone	Nonresidential		Residential		Semi-Heated	
	0-2%	2.1-5%	0-2%	2.1-5%	0-2%	2.1-5%
0 and 1	0.40	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.61	0.61
2	0.40	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.61	0.61
3	0.43	0.21	0.40	0.21	0.61	0.61
3C	0.67	0.43	0.43	0.21	0.61	0.61
4	0.54	0.43	0.40	0.21	0.61	0.61
5	0.54	0.43	0.54	0.43	0.61	0.61
6	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.43	0.61	0.61
7	0.75	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.61	0.61
8	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.61

External Shading Devices

Applicability	All fenestration
Definition	Devices or building features that are documented in the construction documents and shade the glazing, such as overhangs, fins, shading screens, and setbacks of windows from the exterior face of the wall. Objects that shade the building but are not part of the building and parts of the building that cause the building to shade itself are also modeled, but are not a part of this building descriptor. The software shall be capable of modeling vertical fins and overhangs. Recessed windows may also be modeled with side fins and overhangs.
Units	
Input Restrictions	No restrictions other than the inputs must match the construction documents
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline building is modeled without external shading devices and as flush with the exterior wall. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** External shading devices shall be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed models.

Internal Shading Devices

Applicability	All fenestration
Definition	Curtains, blinds, louvers, or other devices that are applied on the room side of the glazing material. Glazing systems that use blinds between the glazing layers are also considered internal shading devices. Glass coatings, components, or treatments of the glazing materials are addressed through the fenestration construction building descriptor.
Units	
Input Restrictions	Manual fenestration shading devices such as blinds or shades may be modeled or not, but if they are, they are required to be modeled the same in the baseline building, so that there is no credit. Automatically controlled fenestration shades or blinds may be modeled in the proposed design.
Baseline Building	Manual shades or blinds shall be modeled the same as in the proposed building. **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Automatically controlled fenestration shades or blinds will not be modeled in the baseline building. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Automatically controlled fenestration shades or blinds shall be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed models.

Dynamic Glazing

Applicability	Fenestration with dynamic glazing
Definition	Dynamic glazing can vary the SHGC and VT of the glazing in response to a signal from an energy management system, direct sunlight on the glazing, or other inputs
Units	
Input Restrictions	Dynamic glazing can be modeled for the proposed design and controlled according to sequences specified in the construction documents. If controlled manually, then the proposed model is required to use the average of the minimum and maximum SHGC and VT.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3** For fenestration included in the scope of the retrofit, the requirements for vertical and horizontal fenestration SHGC and visible transmittance are specified in Standard 90.1-2022 Tables 5.5-0 through 8 based on climate zone, conditioning category, and fenestration type unless exceptions apply. These can be modeled as fixed at the requirements in Standard 90.1-2022 Tables 5.5-0 through 8 in the baseline.

SHGC Dim Fraction

Applicability	Fenestration with dynamic glazing
Definition	For dynamic glazing, this is the fraction of the SHGC when darkened to the SHGC during normal operation. This can be applied when the solar heat gain exceeds a specified threshold, or controlled by an electrical signal.
Units	

Input Restrictions	Between 0 and 1
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**
	Not applicable
	G3.3 Minor Alterations
	Not applicable

VT Dim Fraction

Applicability	Fenestration with dynamic glazing
Definition	For dynamic glazing, this is the fraction of the visible transmittance when darkened to the visible transmittance during normal operation. This can be applied when the solar heat gain exceeds a specified threshold, or controlled by an electrical signal.
Units	
Input Restrictions	Between 0 and 1
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**
	Not applicable
	G3.3 Minor Alterations
	Not applicable

Dynamic Solar Heat Gain Threshold

Applicability	Fenestration with automatically controlled dynamic glazing
Definition	For dynamic glazing, this is the solar heat gain threshold above which the dynamic glazing is active (darkened). When the solar heat gain drops below this threshold, the glazing is switched back to being inactive (clearest setting). Indoor and outdoor air temperatures (OATs) can also be used as setpoints for controlling the switchable solar heat gain threshold. This may be used in combination with the solar heat gain and illuminance thresholds for control. A flag may be used to indicate that this control is not used.
Units	Incident solar threshold (Btu/h-ft^2)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**
	Not applicable
	G3.3 Minor Alterations
	Not applicable

Switchable Space Temperature Threshold

Applicability	Fenestration with automatically controlled dynamic glazing
Definition	For dynamic glazing, this is the space temperature above which the dynamic glazing is active (darkened). When the space temperature drops below this threshold, the glazing is switched back to being inactive (clearest setting). Indoor and outdoor air temperatures are the setpoints required for controlling the dynamic solar heat gain threshold. This may be used in combination with the solar heat gain and illuminance thresholds for control. A flag may be used to indicate that this control is not used.
Units	°F

Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**
	Not applicable
	G3.3 Minor Alterations
	Not applicable

Dynamic Illuminance Threshold

Applicability	Fenestration with automatically controlled dynamic glazing
Definition	For dynamic glazing, this is the illuminance threshold above which the dynamic glazing is regulated between active (darkened) and inactive (clearest setting). With a single illuminance setpoint, the dynamic glazing will adjust between the clearest and darkest setting to allow the desired illuminance level. A flag may be used to indicate that this control is not used.
Units	lux
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**
	Not applicable
	G3.3 Minor Alterations
	Not applicable

Dynamic Glazing Schedule

Applicability	Fenestration with dynamic glazing controlled by an electrical signal
Definition	For dynamic glazing, this is an hourly schedule for when the dynamic glazing is darkened, when controlled by an electrical signal
Units	Boolean: 1 if dynamic glazing is active (darkened); 0 if not active
Input Restrictions	0 or 1 for schedule values. As designed.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**
	Not applicable
	G3.3 Minor Alterations
	Not applicable

3.5.8 Below-Grade Walls

Below-Grade Wall Name

Applicability	All projects, optional input
Definition	A unique name that keys the below-grade wall to the construction documents
Units	Text: unique
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Not applicable

Below-Grade Wall Geometry

Applicability	All projects
Definition	A geometric construct that describes the dimensions and placement of walls located below grade. Below-grade walls have soil or crushed rock on one side and interior space on the other side. Some simulation models account for the depth below grade when estimating heat transfer, so the geometry may include height and width.
Units	Data structure: below-grade wall geometry
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Below-Grade Wall Construction

Applicability	All projects, required input
Definition	A specification containing a series of layers that result in a construction assembly for the proposed design. The first layer in the series represents the outside (or exterior) layer and the last layer represents the inside (or interior) layer. See the building descriptors above for below-grade wall construction type.
Units	Data structure: construction assembly The construction can be described as a C-factor, which is similar to a U-factor, except that the outside air film is excluded, or the construction can be represented as a series of layers, like exterior constructions.
Input Restrictions	As designed, with the construction assembly defined by a series of layers. Each layer specified, must consist of materials as described in Section 3.5.1. In addition, projects must account for linear and point thermal bridges identified according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 5.5.5, see Section 3.5.2 for detail. New buildings are required to comply with the 'Envelope Backstop" according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section G1.2.1d. See Section 3.5 for detail.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline below grade wall construction shall be modeled as layers. The C-factor required for baseline wall construction is defined in Table 37. The layer-by-layer construction corresponding to each U-factor shall be modeled as shown in Table 38. For existing buildings, the baseline walls shall follow the same rules as new buildings. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The baseline below grade wall construction shall be modeled as layers. For below grade walls included in the scope of the retrofit, the C-factor required for baseline wall construction is defined in Standard 90.1 2022 Tables 5.5-0 through 8 based on climate zone and conditioning category.

Table 37. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 Requirements for Baseline Wall Construction for Non-Residential Space Conditioning Categories

Climate Zone	Non-Residential C-factor (Minimum Insulation)	Residential C-factors (Minimum Insulation)	Semi Heated C-factors (Minimum Insulation)
Climate Zone 1	C-1.140 (NR)	C-1.140 (NR)	C-1.140 (NR)
Climate Zone 2	C-1.140 (NR)	C-1.140 (NR)	C-1.140 (NR)
Climate Zone 3	C-1.140 (NR)	C-1.140 (NR)	C-1.140 (NR)
Climate Zone 4	C-1.140 (NR)	C-1.140 (NR)	C-1.140 (NR)
Climate Zone 5	C-1.140 (NR)	C-1.140 (NR)	C-1.140 (NR)
Climate Zone 6	C-1.140 (NR)	C-0.119 (R-7.5 c.i.)	C-1.140 (NR)
Climate Zone 7	C-0.119 (R-7.5 c.i.)	C-0.119 (R-7.5 c.i.)	C-1.140 (NR)
Climate Zone 8	C-0.119 (R-7.5 c.i.)	C-0.119 (R-7.5 c.i.)	C-1.140 (NR)

Table 38. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 Baseline Building Below-Grade Wall Construction Assemblies

Insulation R-Value	Layer	Thickness (inch)	Conductivity (Btu/h ft °F)	Density (lb/ft²)	Specific Heat (Btu/lb °F)	R-value (ft²·°F·h/Btu)	C-factor (Btu/ft²·°F·h)
NR	115 lb/ft^3 CMU, solid grout	8	0.45	115	0.20	0.87	1.140
R-7.5 c.i.	115 lb/ft^3 CMU, solid grout	8	0.45	115	0.20	0.87	
	R-7.5 continuous insulation	1.8	0.02	1.8	0.29	7.50	
	0.5 in. gypsum board	0.5				0.45	
	Total assembly					8.82	0.119

3.5.9 Slab Floors in Contact with Ground

These building descriptors apply to slab-on-grade floors that are in direct contact with the ground.

Slab Floor Name

Applicability	All slab floors, optional
Definition	A unique name or code that relates the exposed floor to the construction documents
Units	Text: unique
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Not applicable

Slab Floor Type

Applicability	All slab floors, required
Definition	One of two classes for floors in contact with ground. The classes are: 1. Heated slab-on-grade floors 2. Unheated slab-on-grade floors Heated slab-on-grade floors include all floors that are heated directly to provide heating to the space. Unheated slab-on-grade floors are all other floors in contact with the ground.
Units	List: Heated or Unheated
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline building slab floor type is unheated. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The baseline building slab floor type shall be the same as the proposed design.

Slab Floor Geometry

Applicability	All slab floors, required
Definition	A geometric construct representing a slab floor in contact with the earth. The geometric representation can vary depending on how the energy simulation software models slabs-on-grade. Some models require that only the perimeter of the slab be entered. Other models divide the slab into a perimeter band within 2 ft of the edge and the interior portion or core area, such that the perimeter area and the core area sum to the total area of the slab.
Units	Data structure: as appropriate for the simulation tool This may include: area, perimeter exposed
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	The geometry of the slab floor in the baseline building is identical to the slab floor in the proposed design

Slab Floor Construction

Applicability	All slab floors, required input
Definition	A specification containing a series of layers that result in a construction assembly for the proposed design. The first layer in the series represents the outside (or exterior) layer and the last layer represents the inside (or interior) layer. See the building descriptors above for slab floor type. A description of how the slab is insulated (or not). How the construction is described will depend on the energy simulation model. The construction can be represented by an F-factor that represents the entire construction (floor and insulation). Simple models may include just an F-factor, representing an instantaneous heat loss/gain to outside air. The F-factor could be related to the configuration of insulation in the proposed design. Other slab loss models may require that the surface area of the slab floor be divided between the perimeter and the interior. The insulation conditions then define heat transfer between both outside air and ground temperature. The insulation condition for slabs includes the R-value of the insulation and the distance it extends into the earth at the slab edge and how far it extends underneath the slab.

Units List (depends on the model that is used)

For F-factor method: F-factor from Standard 90.1-2022 Normative Appendix A, Table A6.3.1; this is one selection from list 1 and one selection from list 2. Note that some combinations from list 1 and list 2 are not allowed – see Normative Appendix A, Table A6.3.1.

List 1: None, 12 in horizontal, 24 in horizontal, 36 in horizontal, 48 in horizontal, 12 in vertical, 24 in vertical, 36 in vertical, 48 in vertical, Fully insulated slab

List 2: R-0, R-5, R-7.5, R-10, R-15, R-20, R-25, R-30, R-35, R-40, R-45, R-50, R-55

Input Restrictions For new construction, F-factors shall be taken from Table A6.3.1 of Standard 90.1-2022, Normative Appendix A for both heated slab floors and unheated slab floors. For all methods, inputs shall be consistent with the construction documents. For alterations the same requirements apply. In addition, projects must account for linear and point thermal bridges identified according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 5.5.5, see Section 3.5.2 for detail.

New buildings are required to comply with the 'Envelope Backstop" according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section G1.2.1d. See Section 3.5 for detail.

Baseline Building Slab loss shall be modeled in the same manner in the baseline building as in the proposed design.

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Slab loss can be modeled with the simple method (F-factor) for unheated slabs. A layer-by-layer input can also be used. The base assembly is a slab floor of 6-inch concrete poured directly onto the earth (Concrete 140lb/ft^3 – 6 in.), the bottom of the slab is at grade line and soil conductivity is 0.75 Btu/h-ft °F.

The configuration of insulation and the F-factors for the baseline building unheated slab floors are shown in Table A6.3 in Normative Appendix A. The F-factors for the baseline building have been listed in the table below.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Slab loss can be modeled with the simple method (F-factor) for unheated slabs. A layer-by-layer input can also be used. For slab on grade floors included in the scope of the retrofit, the F-factors for the baseline building shall be modeled according to Standard 90.1 2022 Tables 5.5-0 through 8 based upon the slab type, climate zone, and conditioning category.

Table 39. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 Baseline Building Slab on Grade Envelope Requirements

	Non Residential		Residential		Semi-Heated	
Climate Zone	Insulation	F-Factor	Insulation	F-Factor	Insulation	F-Factor
Climate Zone 1	NR	0.73	NR	0.73	NR	0.73
Climate Zone 2	NR	0.73	NR	0.73	NR	0.73
Climate Zone 3	NR	0.73	NR	0.73	NR	0.73
Climate Zone 4	NR	0.73	NR	0.73	NR	0.73
Climate Zone 5	NR	0.73	NR	0.73	NR	0.73
Climate Zone 6	NR	0.73	NR	0.73	NR	0.73
Climate Zone 7	NR	0.73	R-10 for 24 in. vertical	0.54	NR	0.73
Climate Zone 8	R-10 for 24 in. vertical	0.54	R-15 for 24 in. vertical	0.52	NR	0.73

3.5.10 Heat Transfer between Thermal Zones

Partition Geometry	
Applicability	All partitions
Definition	A geometric construct that defines the position and size of partitions that separate one thermal zone from another. The construct shall identify the thermal zones on each side of the partition. Since solar gains are not generally significant for interior partitions,.
Units	Data structure: surface with additional information identifying the two thermal zones that the partition separates
Input Restrictions	No restrictions other than agreement with the construction documents
Baseline Building	The geometry of partitions in the baseline building shall be identical to the proposed design

Partition Construction	
Applicability	All partitions
Definition	A description of the construction assembly for the partition
Units	Data structure: construction assembly
Input Restrictions	No restrictions other than the need for agreement with the construction documents. However, “virtual” air walls may be used to separate zones, where real perimeter zones and interior zones are defined within an open space.
Baseline Building	Interior walls for baseline should be same as proposed. Interior floors/ceilings shall be same as proposed

3.6 HVAC Zone Level Systems

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

This group of building descriptors relates to HVAC systems at the zone level. There is not a one-to-one relationship between HVAC components in the proposed design and the baseline building since the baseline building system is determined from building type, size, and climate zone. Additions and alterations subject to 90.1 G3.2 should follow the same requirements stated for new construction proposed designs and new construction baseline buildings, unless otherwise noted in the descriptor. For unenclosed spaces such as parking garages, crawlspaces and attics, refer to Section 2.4.3 of this manual for modeling requirements.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

This group of building descriptors relates to HVAC systems at the zone level. There is a one-to-one relationship between HVAC components in the proposed design and the baseline building because the baseline building system type is modeled the same as the proposed with the only exception being if the proposed design includes variable refrigerant flow heat pumps or single-zone systems with electric resistance heat, then air source heat pumps are modeled in the baseline design. This exception is intended for single zone systems with electric resistance coils and not single zone systems served by central hot water systems.

3.6.1 Zone Temperature Control

Building Zone Thermostat Throttling Range	
Applicability	All HVAC zones
Definition	The number of degrees that the room temperature must change to cause the HVAC system to go from no heating or cooling (i.e., space temperatures floating) to full heating or cooling
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed with a default of 2°F*
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed design

* For simulation using EnergyPlus, the reporting tolerances would be set as 1°F to simulate a throttling range of 2°F.

Zone Temperature Schedule	
Applicability	All HVAC zones
Definition	An hourly space thermostat schedule
Units	Data structure: temperature schedule
Input Restrictions	Design temperature schedules are required to be used when available. When design temperature schedules are not available, the schedules specified in COMNET Appendix C (COMNET 2017) can be used as a default.
Baseline Building	Schedules in the baseline building shall be identical to the proposed design. However, dry bulb temperature setpoint may be allowed to differ if a user can demonstrate via the simulation program that equivalent thermal comfort is being maintained in accordance with ASHRAE Standard 55, Section 5.3.3, “Elevated Air Speed,” or Standard 55, Appendix B, “Computer Program for Calculation of PMV-PPD.”

3.6.2 Terminal Device Data

Terminal Type	
Applicability	All HVAC zones
Definition	A terminal unit includes any device serving a zone (or group of zones collected in a thermal zone) that has the ability to reheat or re-cool in response to the zone thermostat. This includes: • None (the case for single zone units) • VAV box • Series fan-powered VAV box • Parallel fan-powered VAV box • Induction-type VAV box • Dual-duct mixing box (constant volume and VAV) • Two- and three-duct mixing dampers (multi-zone systems) • Reheat coil (constant volume systems) • Perimeter induction units • Chilled beams • Radiant heating and cooling • Fan coil units • Variable refrigerant flow terminal units
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Table 40 specifies the HVAC terminal device for each of the baseline building systems. See Table 3 for a summary of the HVAC mapping. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed except if the proposed design includes variable refrigerant flow heat pumps or single-zone systems with electric resistance heat, in these cases air source heat pumps shall be modeled in the baseline design in which case the terminal type is None.

Table 40. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 Baseline Building HVAC Terminal Devices

Baseline System HVAC Terminal Type		
Baseline Building System		Terminal Type
System 1	PTAC	None
System 2	PTHP	None
System 3	PSZ AC	None
System 4	PSZ HP	None
System 5	PVAV reheat	VAV with hot water reheat
System 6	Packaged VAV with PFP boxes	Parallel fan-powered boxes with electric reheat
System 7	VAV with Reheat	VAV with hot water reheat
System 8	VAV with PFP boxes	Parallel fan-powered boxes with electric reheat
System 9	Heating and ventilation	None
System 10	Heating and ventilation	None
System 11	SZ-VAV	None
System 12	SZ-CV-HW	None
System 13	SZ-CV-ER	None

3.6.3 Terminal Heating

This group of building descriptors applies to proposed design systems that have reheat coils at the zone level. The building descriptors are applicable for baseline building systems 5, 6, 7, and 8 following 90.1 G3.2.

Terminal Heat Type

Applicability	Systems that have reheat coils at the zone level
Definition	The heating source for the terminal unit. This includes: • Electric resistance • Gas furnace • Oil furnace • Hot water • Steam • Refrigerant (for VRF)
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>** Table 41 shows the terminal heat type for each baseline building system **<u>G3.3 Minor Alterations</u>** Same as proposed except if the proposed design includes variable refrigerant flow heat pumps or single-zone systems with electric resistance heat, in these cases air source heat pumps shall be modeled in the baseline design in which case the terminal type is None.

Table 41. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 Baseline Building Terminal Heat Type

Baseline Building System		Terminal Heat Type
System 1	PTAC	None
System 2	PTHP	None
System 3	PSZ AC	None
System 4	PSZ HP	None
System 5	PVAV reheat	Hot water
System 6	Packaged VAV with PFP boxes	Electric resistance
System 7	VAV with reheat	Hot water
System 8	VAV with PFP boxes	Electric resistance
System 9	Heating and ventilation	None
System 10	Heating and ventilation	None
System 11	SZ-VAV	None
System 12	SZ-CV-HW	None
System 13	SZ-CV-ER	None

Terminal Heat Capacity

Applicability	Systems that have reheat coils at the zone level
Definition	The heating capacity of the terminal heating source
Units	Btu/h
Input Restrictions	As designed. However, if the UMLH exceed 300, the energy analyst and design team may have to increase the size of the equipment so that the UMLH are less than 300. See Figure 4 and Section 2.7.1.
Baseline Building	Sizing would be carried out at zone level where the oversizing parameters would be applied to the zone design loads. **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The software shall automatically size the terminal heating capacity to be 25% greater than the design loads. Refer to Section 2.7.2 of this document for more details. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The terminal heating capacities for the baseline design shall be sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs—i.e., the ratio between the capacities used in the annual simulations and the capacities determined by the sizing runs shall be the same for both the proposed design and baseline building design.

Reheat Delta T

Applicability	Systems that have reheat coils at the zone level
Definition	This is an alternate method to enter the terminal heat capacity. It can be calculated as follows:

$$\Delta T_{reheat} = T_{reheat} - T_{cool\_supply} \qquad (8)$$

$$\Delta T_{reheat} = Q_{coil} / (CFM * Cp * \rho)$$

Where:

ΔT_{reheat} = Heat rise across the terminal unit heating coil (°F)

T_{reheat} = Heating air temperature at design (°F)

T_{cool_supply} = Supply air temperature at the heating coil (°F)

Q_{coil} = Heating coil capacity (Btu/h)

CFM = Standard airflow rate (cfm)

Cp = Specific heat of air (Btu/lb-°F)

ρ = Density of air (lb/ft^3)

Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed, but may need to be increased if UMLH are greater than 300
Baseline Building	Same as proposed. If the proposed building does not have a reheat system, then the reheat delta T shall be based on a supply-air-to-room-air temperature difference of 20°F and shall be no more than 40°F

3.6.4 Baseboard Heat

Baseboard Capacity	
Applicability	All HVAC zones
Definition	The total heating capacity of the baseboard unit(s)
Units	Btu/h
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable to the baseline building **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The baseboard heating capacities for the baseline design shall be sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs.

Baseboard Heat Control	
Applicability	All HVAC zones
Definition	Defines the control scheme of base board heating as either: • Controlled by a space thermostat • Controlled based on outdoor air temperature
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable to the baseline building. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as designed.

3.6.5 Zone Level Airflow

3.6.5.1 VAV Airflow

This group of building descriptors applies to proposed and 90.1 G3.3 baseline design systems that vary the volume of air at the zone level. For projects following 90.1 G3.2 the building descriptors are applicable for baseline building systems 5 through 8 and system 11.

Design Airflow	
Applicability	Multizone variable volume systems. Section G3.2 systems 5 through 8 and 11 that vary the volume of air at the zone level
Definition	The air delivery rate to each zone at design conditions
Units	cfm
Input Restrictions	As designed. If the UMLH in the proposed design are greater than 300, the simulation should not proceed and the user may have to modify the design airflow value.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** For systems 5 through 8 and 11, the software shall automatically size the system airflow to meet the baseline building loads based on • a supply-air-to-room-air temperature difference of 17°F for systems serving laboratory spaces and 20°F for all other spaces • or the minimum outdoor airflow rate, • or the airflow rate required to comply with the applicable codes or accreditation standards, whichever is greater. The baseline system airflow is determined by the load to be met by the airflow and the 20°F (11°C) temperature difference. The loads to be used would be the design load as determined by the sizing runs specified in Section G3.1.2.2, not the cooling or heating capacity of the system as determined using the sizing factors, also specified in G3.1.2.2. Using the system cooling and heating capacity will result in oversized baseline system airflows and energy cost because of the oversizing factors used in G3.1.2.2. For zones served by baseline systems with multiple zone thermostat setpoints (systems 5 to 8), the design set points used should result in either the lowest supply air cooling setpoint or highest heating supply air heating setpoint. If the proposed design HVAC system airflow rate based on latent loads greater than the same based on sensible loads, then the same supply-air-to-room humidity ratio difference (gr/lb) used to calculate the proposed design airflow should be used to calculate the design airflow rates for the baseline building. For baseline systems 9 and 10, the design supply airflow rates shall be based on the temperature difference between a SAT setpoint of 105°F and the design space heating temperature setpoint, the minimum outdoor airflow rate or the airflow rate required to comply with applicable codes, whichever is greater. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Autosize using the as-designed supply-air-to-room-air temperature difference used for sizing, the minimum outdoor airflow rate, or the airflow rate required to comply with the applicable codes or accreditation standards, whichever is greater. If the as-designed supply-air-to-room-air temperature difference used for sizing is unavailable, follow the rules above for G3.2.

Terminal Minimum Stop

Applicability	Systems that vary the volume of air at the zone level
Definition	The minimum airflow that will be delivered to a zone. For systems with reheat (90.1 G3.2 system 5 to 8) the minimum flow before reheating occurs
Units	Unitless fraction of airflow (cfm) or specific airflow (cfm/ft²)
Input Restrictions	This input must be greater than or equal to the outside air ventilation rate
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** For systems 5 to 8, the minimum airflow for the VAV reheat boxes should be set to 30% of the zone peak supply air volume or the outside air ventilation rate, or the airflow rate required to comply with applicable codes or accreditation standards, whichever is larger. Refer to the section Zone Exhaust for requirements related to systems serving laboratory spaces. For baseline system 11, minimum volume setpoint shall be 50% of the maximum design airflow rate, the minimum ventilation outdoor airflow rate, or the airflow rate required to comply with applicable codes or accreditation standards, whichever is larger. Fan volume shall be reset from 100% airflow at 100% cooling load to minimum airflow at 50% cooling load. In heating mode, supply air temperature shall be modulated to maintain space temperature and fan volume shall be fixed at the minimum airflow. Systems serving laboratory spaces shall reduce the exhaust and makeup air volume during unoccupied periods to the largest of 50% of zone peak airflow, the minimum outdoor airflow rate, or the airflow rate required to comply with applicable codes or accreditation standards. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** As-designed.

Terminal Heating Control Type

Applicability	VAV boxes with reheat
Definition	The control strategy for the heating mode. The nomenclature in simulation programs to simulate this may differ from that provided below. Single Maximum In the single maximum control mode, the airflow is set to a minimum constant value in both the deadband and heating mode. This airflow can vary but is typically 30% to 50% of

maximum. This control mode typically has a higher minimum airflow than the minimum used in the dual maximum below, resulting in more frequent reheat.

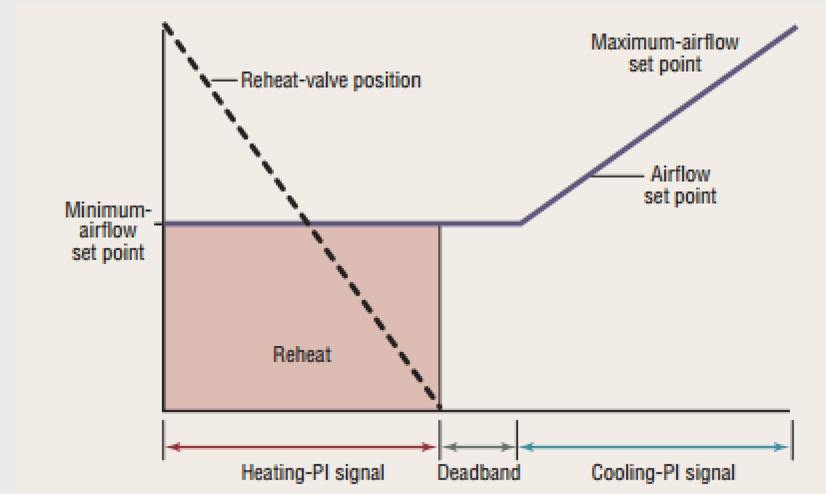

Figure 6. Single Maximum VAV Box Control (*Courtesy: Taylor Engineering)*

Dual Maximum: raises the SAT as the first stage of heating and increases the airflow to the zone as the second stage of heating.

1. The first stage of heating consists of modulating the zone SAT setpoint up to a maximum setpoint no larger than 95ºF while the airflow is maintained at the dead band flow rate.
2. The second stage of heating consists of modulating the airflow rate from the dead band flow rate up to the heating maximum flow rate (50% of design flow rate) while maintaining the maximum setpoint temperature.

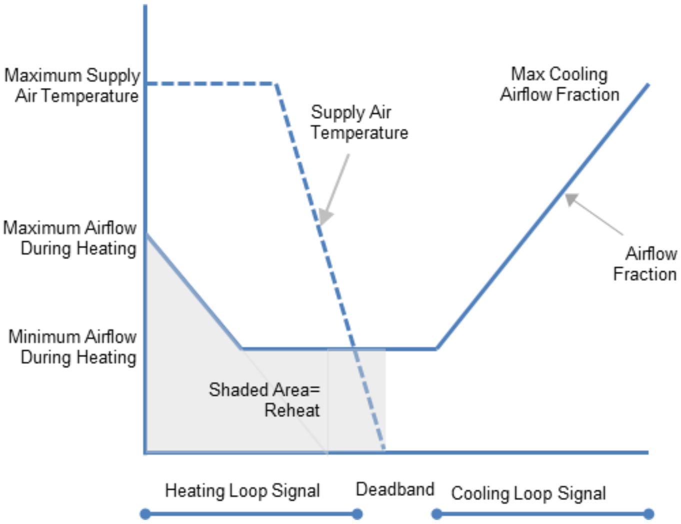

Figure 7. Dual Maximum Control Sequence

Units	List: Single Maximum, Dual Maximum
Input Restrictions	As designed

Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Single maximum at 30% of zone peak airflow or the outside air ventilation rate, or the airflow rate required to comply with applicable codes or accreditation standards, whichever is larger. The ventilation outdoor air and exhaust/relief dampers should be shut-off during preoccupancy building warm-up, cool down and setback except for economizer operation. Refer to the section Zone Exhaust for requirements related to laboratory spaces. For baseline system 11, fan volume shall be reset from 100% airflow at 100% load to minimum airflow at 50% cooling load. The minimum airflow shall be 50% of the maximum design airflow rate, the minimum ventilation rate or the airflow required to comply with applicable codes or accreditation stations, whichever is larger. Systems serving laboratory spaces shall reduce the exhaust and makeup air volume during unoccupied periods to the largest of 50% of zone peak airflow, the minimum outdoor airflow rate, or the airflow rate required to comply with applicable codes or accreditation standards. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

3.6.5.2 Overhead Fan-Powered Boxes

This group of building descriptors applies to terminal equipment that includes zone fans for overhead VAV systems.

For projects subject to Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 (i.e., New Construction/Major Renovation projects), the building descriptors are applicable for baseline building systems 6 and 8. When parallel fan powered boxes are required for the baseline building, terminal fans shall run as the first stage of heating before the reheat coil is energized. Fans in parallel VAV fan-powered boxes shall be sized for 50% of the peak design primary air (from the VAV air-handling unit) flow rate and shall be modeled with 0.35 W/cfm fan power. Minimum volume setpoints for fan-powered boxes shall be equal to 30% of peak design primary airflow rate or the rate required to meet the minimum outdoor air ventilation requirement, whichever is larger. The supply air temperature setpoint shall be constant at the design condition.

Fan-Powered Box Type	
Applicability	HVAC zones that have fan-powered boxes
Definition	Defines the type of fan-powered induction box. This is either: • Series, constant volume box fan; or • Parallel, constant volume box fan
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Applicable to baseline systems 6 and 8 and the fan-powered box type is parallel, with a constant volume fan **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same a proposed design.

Fan Power

Applicability	HVAC zones that have fan-powered boxes
Definition	The rated power input of the fan in a fan-powered box
Units	W or W/cfm
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** For baseline building systems 6 and 8, power is prescribed at 0.35 W/cfm. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** 90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d) requires that for systems included in the scope of the retrofit, including fan powered box fans, fan system efficiency (bhp per cfm of supply air, including the effect of belt losses but excluding motor and motor drive losses) shall be the same as the proposed design or up to the limit prescribed in Section 6.5.3.1, whichever is smaller. If this limit is reached, each fan shall be proportionally reduced in brake horsepower until the limit is met. Fan electrical power shall then be determined by adjusting the calculated fan hp by the minimum motor efficiency prescribed by Section 10.4.1 for the appropriate motor size for each fan. **Exception to 90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d):** When a proposed design includes energy recovery, and all the following conditions are met, 1. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6 requirements are applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the language in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4, and 2. Exhaust air energy recovery is not required to be modeled in the baseline according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6 then the fan power of the baseline system shall be equal to either the proposed design system or the fan power limit in Section 6.5.3.1 calculated without fan power credit for energy recovery, whichever is less. Fans not included in the scope of the alteration should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Parallel Fan-Powered Box-Induced Air Zone

Applicability	HVAC zones that have fan-powered boxes
Definition	Zone from which a series or parallel fan-powered box draws its air
Units	List (of zones)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	If the proposed design has a plenum, then induced air will be drawn from that plenum. If the proposed design does not have a plenum, then induced air will be drawn from the space.

Parallel Fan-Powered Box- Induction Ratio

Applicability	HVAC zones that have fan-powered boxes
Definition	The ratio of induction-side airflow of a fan-powered box at design heating conditions to the design primary airflow
Units	Ratio
Input Restrictions	As designed

Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** 50% **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed design.

Parallel Fan Box Thermostat Setpoint

Applicability	HVAC zones that have parallel fan-powered boxes
Definition	The temperature difference above the heating setpoint at which the parallel fan is turned on
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	2°F above the heating setpoint schedule
Baseline Building	2°F above the heating setpoint schedule

Fan-Powered Boxes: Terminal Heating Control Type

Applicability	HVAC zones that have parallel fan-powered boxes
Definition	Fan Control: With parallel style fan-powered VAV boxes, the constant volume terminal unit fan is only on when the primary airflow is at design minimum and the zone temperature is less than 2°F above the heating setpoint schedule. When the system is scheduled to operate and the zone terminal fan is running, the box mixes plenum air with primary air. Heating Operation: During heating mode, the terminal unit discharge air temperature is increased from minimum to the design heating temperature. Throughout occupied heating the cooling, primary airflow is kept at design minimum and the terminal unit fan is running. Deadband Operation: The cooling primary airflow is kept at minimum airflow and the heating valve is closed. The terminal unit fan will energize as the first stage of heating when the zone temperature drops to 2°F below heating setpoint. Cooling Operation: As the space temperature increases, the cooling supply airflow is increased from minimum to design cooling maximum. Throughout cooling the box fan is off. To comply with Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.2.1, Exception (1), the minimum

primary airflow for this control logic must be no larger than 30% of the zone design cooling airflow or the minimum airflow for ventilation.

Night Cycle Heating Control: A call for heating during night cycle control shall be met by running the terminal fan and increasing the terminal unit discharge air temperature from minimum to the design heating temperature without the use of primary air.

Single Maximum Parallel Fan Powered VAV Box Control:

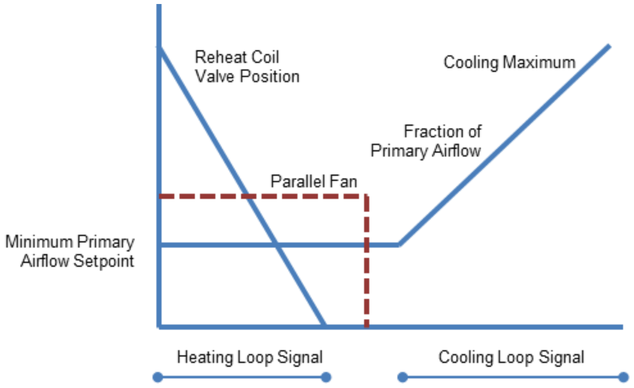

Figure 8. Single Maximum Control Sequence for Parallel Fan Powered VAV with Reheat Boxes

Units	List: Single Maximum, Other
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Single maximum with minimum airflow rate set to 30% of peak design primary airflow rate or the outside air ventilation rate, whichever is larger. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed design.

3.6.5.3 Zone Exhaust

This group of building descriptors describes the rate of exhaust and the schedule or control for this exhaust. An exhaust system can serve one thermal zone or multiple thermal zones.

Kitchen: Exhaust Hood Length	
Applicability	Exhaust fans in spaces of type kitchen
Definition	The exhaust hood length
Units	ft
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed design

Kitchen: Exhaust Hood Style

Applicability	Exhaust fans in spaces of type kitchen
Definition	This input defines the style of the kitchen hood
Units	List: Wall-Mounted Canopy, Single Island, Double Island, Eyebrow, Backshelf/Passover
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed design

Kitchen: Exhaust Hood Cooking Duty

Applicability	Exhaust fans in spaces of type kitchen
Definition	The hood cooking duty as defined in Table 6.5.7.2.2 of Standard 90.1-2019
Units	List: Light Duty, Medium Duty, Heavy Duty, Extra Heavy Duty
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed design

Kitchen: Exhaust Airflow Rate

Applicability	Exhaust fans in spaces of type kitchen
Definition	Rate of exhaust from a thermal zone. Standard 90.1-2022, Section 6.5.7.2.2, requires each hood in a kitchen/dining facility with a total kitchen hood exhaust airflow rate greater than 5,000 cfm to have an exhaust rate that complies with Table 42. If a single hood, or hood section, is installed over appliances with different duty ratings, then the maximum allowable flow rate for the hood or hood section shall not exceed the Table 42 values for the highest appliance duty rating under the hood or hood section.

Table 42. Maximum Net Exhaust Flow Rate, cfm per Linear Foot of Hood Length

Type of Hood	Light Duty Equipment	Medium Duty Equipment	Heavy Duty Equipment	Extra Heavy Duty Equipment
Wall-mounted canopy	140	210	280	385
Single island	280	350	420	490
Double island (per side)	175	210	280	385
Eyebrow	175	175	Not allowed	Not allowed
Backshelf/passover	210	210	280	Not Allowed

Units	cfm
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Same as designed not exceeding the maximum allowed CFM from Table 42 (for projects following Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.3 this maximum only applies to exhaust systems included in the scope of the retrofit and only if, based on Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 language, the 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.7.2.2 requirements are applicable.).

Kitchen: Demand Ventilation

Applicability	All kitchen HVAC zones
Definition	A demand ventilation system uses a light beam and a photo detector to detect the presence of smoke. It also has a temperature sensor to detect heat. The exhaust fan slows down below design levels and both exhaust and replacement airflow rates are reduced when the system detects no smoke or heat.
Units	Unitless
Input Restrictions	As designed.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The baseline shall be modeled as minimally compliant with 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.7.2.3 using the same strategy as specified in the proposed design. Where the proposed design does not include one of these strategies it is recommended that 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.7.2.3 option b be modeled in the baseline. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.7.2.3 requirements translated into modeling requirements are as follows. If a kitchen/dining facility has a total kitchen hood exhaust airflow rate greater than 5000 cfm then it shall be modeled with one of the following strategies: a. At least 50% of all replacement air is transfer air that would otherwise be exhausted. b. Demand ventilation systems on at least 75% of the exhaust air. Such systems shall be modeled to provide at least a 50% reduction in exhaust and replacement air system airflow rates. c. With an energy recovery device that results in a sensible energy recovery ratio of not less than 40% on at least 50% of the total exhaust airflow. A 40% sensible energy recovery ratio shall mean a change in the dry-bulb temperature of the outdoor air supply equal to 40% of the difference between the outdoor air and entering exhaust air dry-bulb temperatures at design conditions. **Exception:** the system should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, the 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.7.2.3 requirements are inapplicable.

Laboratory: Exhaust Minimum Airflow Rate

Applicability	All laboratory zones
Definition	Rate of exhaust from a zone
Units	cfm
Input Restrictions	As designed

Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Same as proposed except for the unoccupied periods, where systems serving laboratory spaces shall reduce the exhaust and makeup air volume during unoccupied periods to the largest of 50% of zone peak airflow, the minimum outdoor airflow rate, or the airflow rate required to comply with applicable codes or accreditation standards. Baseline systems serving only laboratory spaces that are prohibited from recirculating return air by code or accretion standard, the baseline system shall be modeled with 100% outdoor air. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The baseline shall be modeled as minimally compliant with 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.7.3 using the same feature as specified in the proposed design. Where the proposed design does not include one of these features it is recommended that 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.7.3 option a be modeled in the baseline. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.7.3 requirements translated into modeling requirements are as follows. Buildings with laboratory exhaust systems having a total exhaust rate greater than 5000 cfm shall be modeled with at least one of the following features: a. VAV laboratory exhaust and room supply system modeled to reduce exhaust and makeup airflow rates and/or incorporate a heat recovery system to precondition makeup air from laboratory exhaust that meets the following: $A + B \times (E/M) \geq 50\%$ where A = percentage that the exhaust and makeup airflow rates can be reduced from design conditions B = sensible energy recovery ratio E = exhaust airflow rate through the heat recovery device at design conditions M = makeup airflow rate of the system at design conditions b. VAV laboratory exhaust and room supply systems shall be modeled to reduce exhaust and makeup airflow rates to 50% of the zone design values or the minimum required to maintain pressurization relationship requirements during unoccupied periods. c. Modeled such that direct makeup (auxiliary) air supply is equal to at least 75% of the exhaust airflow rate, heated no warmer than 2°F below room set point, cooled to no cooler than 3°F above room set point with no humidification added, and no simultaneous heating and cooling used for dehumidification control. **Exception:** the system should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, the 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.7.3 requirements are inapplicable.

Exhaust Fan Name

Applicability	All HVAC zones
Definition	A reference to an exhaust fan system that serves the thermal zone
Units	Text or other unique reference to an exhaust fan system defined in the secondary systems section
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed design

Exhaust Fan Operation Schedule

Applicability	All HVAC zones
Definition	Schedule indicating the pattern of use for exhaust air from the thermal zone. For laboratory exhaust hoods, this input should consider the position of fume hood sash opening. For toilets and other exhaust applications, the schedule may coincide with the operation of the exhaust fan system.
Units	Data structure: schedule, fraction
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Same as proposed except for the unoccupied periods, where systems serving laboratory spaces shall reduce the exhaust and makeup air volume during unoccupied periods to the largest of 50% of zone peak airflow, the minimum outdoor airflow rate, or the airflow rate required to comply with applicable codes or accreditation standards. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed except where a modeled efficiency/control strategy necessitates the use of an alternative baseline schedule for when complying with the baseline building requirements for the *Kitchen: Demand Ventilation* and *Laboratory: Exhaust Minimum Airflow Rate* descriptors above.

3.6.5.4 Outdoor Air Ventilation

Outdoor Air Ventilation Source

Applicability	All HVAC zones
Definition	The source of outdoor air ventilation for an HVAC system. The choices are: • Natural (by operable openings) • Mechanical (by fan)
Units	List: Natural or mechanical
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Ventilation is set to mechanical for the baseline building **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed design except if modeling credit for natural ventilation according to Standard 90.1 Table G3.1 #4 Baseline Building Performance column exceptions 1-3.

Minimum Outdoor Air Ventilation Rate

Applicability	All HVAC zones
Definition	The minimum quantity of outdoor ventilation air that must be provided to the space when it is occupied
Units	cfm or cfm/ft²
Input Restrictions	As designed

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Minimum ventilation system outdoor air intake flow shall be the same for the proposed and baseline building designs. Except in the following conditions:

- Demand control ventilation shall not be modeled in zones served by systems with outdoor air less than 3000 cfm and occupant density of 100 people per 1000 ft^2 or less.
- If the minimum outdoor air intake flow in the proposed design is provided in excess of the amount required by the rating authority or building official, then the baseline building design shall be modeled to reflect the greater of that required by the rating authority or building official and will be less than the proposed design.
- For systems serving kitchens, the minimum outside air ventilation rate is the exhaust air ventilation rate minus available transfer air. Refer to building descriptor Kitchen Exhaust.
- For systems serving laboratories, refer to building descriptor Laboratory Exhaust, Section 3.6.5.3.
- When designing systems in accordance with Standard 62.1, Section 6.2, “Ventilation Rate Procedure”. Refer to Section 3.6.5.5 of this document for requirements.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

The baseline shall be modeled as minimally compliant with Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.8 with the same feature as the proposed design. Where the proposed design does not include one of these features it is recommended that the baseline be modeled according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.8 option a with no more than 135% of the required minimum outdoor air rate modeled in the baseline.

Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.8 states that 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 62.2, Standard 170, or applicable codes or accreditation standards. The section also requires that outdoor air ventilation systems 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.

Exception: the minimum outdoor air ventilation rate should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, the 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.8 requirements are inapplicable.

If the following conditions are met,

1. DCV is specified in the proposed design,
2. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.4.3.8 is applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4, and
3. DCV is <u>not</u> required to be modeled in the baseline according to 90.1 Section 6.4.3.8

then ventilation air flow may differ between the baseline and proposed due to DCV. See the *Design Ventilation Rate: Demand Control Ventilation* descriptor for the requirements of 6.4.3.8.

Example

Standard 90.1 G3.2 Example 1: Should DCV be required in the following case? Can a savings credit be taken?

- Proposed Design: Every other floor DOAS air handlers with 8,000 cfm of OSA controlled by demand-controlled ventilation, average design occupant density is 110 people per 1000 ft^2.
- Baseline: System 7 VAV, floor by floor with 4,000 cfm of OSA

Answer: No, the design does not meet the exceptions listed above, therefore both designs should be modeled with DCV. If the design airflow of the system in question was less than 3000 CFM or the average design occupant density was 100 people per 1000 ft^2 or less, then DCV would only be modeled in the proposed case and credit could be taken.

Design Outdoor Air Ventilation Rate and Schedule

Applicability

All HVAC zones

Definition

The quantity of outdoor air ventilation that is provided to the space for the specified thermal zone at maximum occupancy

Units

cfm or cfm/occupant

Input Restrictions

The outdoor air ventilation rate would be as designed.

Outdoor air ventilation schedule for proposed building can be either of the two:

a. As designed
b. The outdoor air ventilation schedule follows the HVAC availability schedule. In this case outdoor air isn’t supplied during unoccupied times or during night cycling operation.

Some proposed building designs might bring in ventilation air during unoccupied hours for night flush or economizer operation. Due to these reasons, an option for user input of schedule for outdoor air availability is provided.

Baseline Building

<u>**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**</u>

Same as proposed, except:

- When designing systems in accordance with ASHRAE Standard 62.1, Section 6.2, Ventilation Rate Procedure, where the proposed design has a zone air distribution effectiveness greater than 1.0, the baseline ventilation shall be calculated using the proposed design ventilation rate procedure calculation with the zone air distribution effectiveness changed to 1.0. Refer to Section 3.6.5.5 for details on the ventilation rate procedure.

- If the proposed design ventilation rate exceeds that required by the rating authority or building official, then the baseline design ventilation rate shall be only what is required by the rating authority or building official, whichever is greater.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

The baseline shall be modeled as minimally compliant with Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.8 with the same feature as the proposed design. Where the proposed design does not include one of these features it is recommended that the baseline be modeled according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.8 option a with no more than 135% of the required minimum outdoor air rate modeled in the baseline.

Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.8 states that 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 62.2, Standard 170, or applicable codes or accreditation standards. The section also requires that outdoor air ventilation systems 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.

Exception: the minimum outdoor air ventilation rate should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, the 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.8 requirements are inapplicable.

If the following conditions are met,

1. DCV is specified in the proposed design,
2. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.4.3.8 is applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4, and
3. DCV is not required to be modeled in the baseline according to 90.1 Section 6.4.3.8

then ventilation air flow may differ between the baseline and proposed due to DCV. See the *Design Ventilation Rate: Demand Control Ventilation* descriptor for the requirements of 6.4.3.8.

Ventilation Control Method

Applicability	All HVAC zones
Definition	The method used to determine outside air ventilation needed for each hour in the simulation. This information is reported to the system serving the zone. The method of controlling outside air at the system level in response to this information is discussed under secondary systems. Options at the zone level are: • Occupant sensors: When the space is occupied, the outside air requirement is equal to the *design ventilation rate*; otherwise, the outside air requirement is the *minimum ventilation rate*. • CO_2 sensors in the space: The outside air is varied to maintain a maximum CO_2 concentration in the space. This shall be approximated by multiplying the ventilation rate per occupant by the number of occupants for that hour. (When turnstile counts are used to automatically adjust ventilation levels based on occupancy, this method may also be used.) • Fixed ventilation rate: Outside air is delivered to the zone at a constant rate and is equal to the design ventilation rate (see above).
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Baseline building shall be modeled with a fixed ventilation rate which would be equal to the design ventilation rate (see above). No ventilation control methods shall be modeled for the baseline building design except for the following: • Demand control ventilation shall be modeled in zones served by systems with outdoor air greater than 3000 cfm and occupant density of greater than 100 people per 1000 ft^2. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Baseline building shall be modeled with a fixed ventilation rate which would be equal to the design ventilation rate unless demand control ventilation is required by Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4, based on the scope of the alteration, according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.4.3.8. See the *Design Ventilation Rate: Demand Control Ventilation* descriptor for the requirements of 6.4.3.8.

Design Ventilation Rate: Demand Control Ventilation

Applicability	All HVAC zones
Definition	Demand control ventilation is a mandatory requirement for spaces larger than the floor area in Table 43 based on an occupant outdoor airflow component in cfm per 1000 ft^2 and served by systems with one or more of the following: a. An air-side economizer b. Automatic modulating control of the outdoor air damper c. A design outdoor airflow greater than 3000 cfm

The occupant outdoor airflow component in cfm per 1000 ft^2 in Table 43 is required to be calculated as the product of the default occupant density and outdoor airflow rate per occupant(Rp) as shown in ASHRAE Standard 62.1, Table 6.2.2.1.

Exceptions:

a. Multiple-zone systems without dynamic demand control (DDC) of individual zones communicating with a central control panel

b. Spaces where >75% of the space design outdoor airflow is required for makeup air that is exhausted from the space or transfer air that is required for makeup air that is exhausted from other spaces.

c. Spaces with one of the following occupancy categories as defined in ASHRAE Standard 62.1: correctional cells, daycare sickrooms, science labs, barbers, beauty and nail salons, and bowling alley seating.

d. Spaces where the requirements of ASHRAE Standard 170, applicable codes, or applicable accreditation standards do not allow the reduction of outdoor airflow.

Table 43. Demand Control Ventilation Floor Area Thresholds

Climate Zone	Occupant Outdoor Airflow Component (cfm/1000 ft^2)					
	100 to 199	200 to 399	≥400	100 to 199	200 to 399	≥400
	Minimum Space Floor Area in ft^2 where DCV Is Required					
	Areas without Exhaust Air Energy Recovery			Areas with Exhaust Air Energy Recovery (where required by Section 6.5.6.1)		
7, 8	400	200	150	800	400	250
5A, 6A, 6B	600	250	150	1400	900	400
0A, 0B, 1B, 3A, 4A, 5B, 5C	800	400	250	2000	1000	500
2A, 2B, 4C	1100	600	300	2300	1100	600
3B, 4B	1500	700	400	5200	2350	1250
1A	2400	1100	600	5800	2600	1400
3C	7000	3000	1700	12,000	6000	3000

Units

cfm or cfm/occupant

Input Restrictions

As designed.

Baseline Building

<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>

DCV is not modeled for the baseline building except for zones served by systems with outdoor air greater than or equal to 3000 cfm and occupant density of 100 people per 1000 ft^2 or less.

<u>G3.3 Minor Alterations</u>

Demand control ventilation shall be modeled for spaces as required by Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.4.3.8 if applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the language in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4. See the Definition for this descriptor for the requirements of 6.4.3.8. Where Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.4.3.8 is not applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the language in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 DCV should be modeled identically in the baseline and proposed.

3.6.5.5 Ventilation Rate Procedure

Ventilation Standard

Applicability	All projects
Definition	The ventilation standard used for the calculation of minimum ventilation rate required. The ventilation rates are defined based on the ventilation standard selected. This should be specified at the project level.
Units	List. ASHRAE Standard 62.1, IMC, Title-24, ASHRAE 170, Other
Input Restrictions	No restrictions. Any of the defined standards can be selected.
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Ventilation Specification Method

Applicability All HVAC zones

Definition The method used to calculate total ventilation rates to a zone. The input must be either “Sum,” “Maximum,” or “No Ventilation.”

- Sum means that the flows calculated from the fields Outdoor Airflow per Person and Outdoor Airflow per Area will be added to obtain the zone outdoor airflow rate.
- Maximum means that the maximum flow derived from Outdoor Airflow per Person, Outdoor Airflow per Area, and Air Changes per Hour (using the associated conversions to cfm for each field) will be used as the zone outdoor airflow rate.
- No ventilation indicates that the zone doesn’t receive any outdoor air.

Units List: Sum, Maximum, No Ventilation

Input Restrictions As designed.

For ventilation standard specified as = “62.1” and “IMC,” the only available specification method would be “Sum.” For “T24,” the only available specification method is “Maximum.” For ventilation standard specified as “Other,” the specification method can be specified as either Sum or Maximum and includes all components.

Baseline Building Same as proposed

Zone Air Distribution Effectiveness

Applicability All HVAC zones and spaces

Definition The zone air distribution effectiveness (*Ez*) shall be no greater than the default value determined using Table 44.

Table 44. Air Distribution Effectiveness (ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2010)

Air Distribution Configuration	Ez
Ceiling supply of cool air	1.0
Ceiling supply of warm air and floor return	1.0
Ceiling supply of warm air 15°F (8°C) or more above space temperature and ceiling return	0.8
Ceiling supply of warm air less than 15°F (8°C) above space temperature and ceiling return provided that the 150 fpm (0.8 m/s) supply air jet reaches to within 4.5 ft (1.4 m) of floor level. Note: For lower velocity supply air.	1.0

Floor supply of cool air and ceiling return provided that the 150 fpm (0.8 m/s) supply jet reaches 4.5 ft (1.4 m) or more above the floor. Note: Most underfloor air distribution systems (UFADs) comply with this provision.	1.0
Floor supply of cool air and ceiling return, provided low-velocity displacement ventilation (DV) achieves unidirectional flow and thermal stratification	1.2
Floor supply of warm air and floor return	1.0
Floor supply of warm air and ceiling return	0.7
Makeup supply drawn in on the opposite side of the room from the exhaust and/or return	0.8
Makeup supply drawn in near to the exhaust and/or return location	0.5

Units None

Input Restrictions As designed

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

Same as proposed except when the proposed zone air distribution effectiveness (Ez) > 1.0 as defined by Standard 62.1, Table 6-2. In this scenario Ez should equal 1 in the baseline according to 90.1 2022 Section G3.2.2.4 Exception 2.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed.

Ventilation Multiplier

Applicability All projects

Definition The ventilation multiplier is defined at the project level. This multiplier is applied to the user’s design component ventilation rates (Ra and Rp) to uniformly increase the component ventilation rates entered. The principal purpose of the multiplier is to facilitate simulating a uniform increase in proposed design ventilation rates, such as for buildings pursuing the LEED credit for 30% increased ventilation.

Units No units

Input Restrictions As designed. The default value is 1.

Baseline Building The ventilation multiplier is always 1 for the baseline building

Ventilation Rates

Applicability All HVAC zones

Definition The method used to calculate total ventilation rates to a zone. The input must be either flow/person, flow/area, flow/zone, air changes/hour, sum, or maximum.

- Flow/Person (Rp) means the program will use the input from the field Outdoor Airflow per Person and the actual zone occupancy to calculate a zone outdoor airflow rate.
- Flow/Area (Ra) means that the program will use the input from the field Outdoor Airflow per Zone Floor Area and the actual zone floor area as the zone outdoor airflow rate. Flow/Zone means that the program will use the input of the field Outdoor Airflow per Zone as the zone outdoor airflow rate.

- Air changes per hour (ACH) means that the program will use the input from the field Air Changes per Hour and the actual zone volume (divided by 3600 seconds per hour) as the zone outdoor airflow rate.
- For non-occupied spaces, the values for Ra, Rp and ACH can be zero for the proposed and baseline building. Software tools can allow a check-box for indicating spaces that would be non-occupied and hence are permitted to have a value for zero for Ra and Rp.

Units List: Flow/Person, Flow/Area, Air Changes per Hour

Input Restrictions As designed.

If the user specifies ventilation standard as 'Other' and DCV is used, a non-zero value for Rp must be specified for the ventilation air flow to vary with occupancy.

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

The ventilation rates for the baseline building are determined by the ventilation standard and the space function.

For zones/spaces with ventilation standard specified as 'Other'

- The code minimum ventilation rates are required to be specified by the user.
- If DCV controls are not specified for the proposed but are required for the baseline, the ventilation rate for the area component is determined based on Standard 62.1 and the balance of the user's total design air flow is allocated to the Rp component for the baseline.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed.

Total Design Zone Ventilation Airflow

Applicability All HVAC zones

Definition The total design outdoor air supplied to a zone ($V_{z\text{-design}}$).

Minimum outdoor air supplied to a zone ($V_{bz\text{-min}}$) is calculated based on the user input values of the ventilation multiplier (V_m), Ez, Ra and Rp. The method used to calculate total minimum ventilation airflow to a zone is specified below-

$$V_{bz-min} = V_m \times [(R_p \times P_z \ + \ R_a \times A_z)/E_z] \qquad (9)$$

Where,

$V_{bz\text{-min}}$ = Total Breathing Zone Outdoor Airflow (CFM)

V_m = Ventilation Multiplier

R_p = Outdoor Airflow Rate per Person (CFM/person)

R_a = Outdoor Airflow Rate per unit Area (CFM/ft^2)

P_z = Zone Population: The number of people in the zone during typical occupancy

A_z = Zone Floor Area (ft^2): the net occupiable floor area of the zone.

Units List: CFM

Input Restrictions As designed. The total design ventilation airflows should also include the impact of Ez and the ventilation multiplier. The user entered value for space/zone design ventilation airflow is required to be within 3% of the value calculated from the user entered R_a, R_p, E_z and V_m values. The user is required to modify the values for R_a, R_p or E_z such that the total airflow calculated from the components and the user defined airflow is within the tolerance limit. Similarly, if DCV controls are used in the proposed building design, the user entered value for $V_{z\text{-design}}$ should be within 3% tolerance of the value calculated by the design area rate component (Ra) and Ez.

Exhaust airflows are checked at the building story level. If the sum of proposed total design ventilation airflows for all spaces on a building story level (excluding spaces with ventilation standard specified as 'Other') is not within 10% of the calculated total code minimum ventilation airflow. To proceed, either the ventilation airflows for spaces that are under-ventilated, need to be increased or alternatively, the ventilation standard should be specified as 'Other' for spaces that are under-ventilated. For zones/spaces with DCV controls, the minimum ventilation airflow is the airflow when the space is unoccupied, calculated using the area component and Ez.

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

The baseline *design* ventilation airflow rates for all spaces/thermal zones equal the proposed with the exception of the following:

a. The zone distribution effectiveness for the proposed building (Ez) > 1. In this case, Ez = 1 for the baseline building.

b. The proposed design ventilation airflow, on a building story basis, exceeds the code minimum ventilation airflow for the building story. In this case, the baseline ventilation rates will be calculated by uniformly reducing the proposed rates such that the total ventilation airflow to spaces on the building story equals the code minimum flow. This maintains a proportional distribution of ventilation air to spaces/zones on the building story between the proposed and baseline designs. Spaces with ventilation standard specified as "Other" are excluded from adjustments, and the baseline design ventilation rate equals the proposed.

c. The proposed design ventilation multiplier is greater than 1. In this case, the baseline design ventilation airflow is not increased by the multiplier. Instead, the total baseline design ventilation airflow is adjusted, as described in exception b, to be equal to the code minimum ventilation airflow.

d. The total proposed design ventilation airflow (excluding spaces with ventilation standard specified as "Other"), on a building story basis, is greater than 110% of the total building story exhaust airflow. In this case, the baseline design ventilation airflows will be calculated by uniformly reducing the proposed inputs (excluding spaces with ventilation standard specified as "Other") such that the total ventilation airflow on the building story equals 110% of the total building story exhaust airflow. This maintains a proportional distribution of ventilation air (at design conditions) to spaces on the building story, while allowing sufficient additional ventilation air for pressurization.

e. Laboratory spaces that are prohibited from recirculating return air by code or accreditation standards, are modeled as 100% outdoor air in the baseline. Because the baseline airflow is autosized this could result in a scenario in which greater OA cfm rates are modeled in the baseline compared to the proposed.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

The baseline shall be modeled as minimally compliant with Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.8 with the same feature as the proposed design. Where the proposed design does not include one of these features it is recommended that the baseline be modeled according to

Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.8 option a with no more than 135% of the required minimum outdoor air rate modeled in the baseline.

Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.8 states that 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 62.2, Standard 170, or applicable codes or accreditation standards. The section also requires that outdoor air ventilation systems 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.

Exception: the minimum outdoor air ventilation rate should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, the 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.8 requirements are inapplicable.

If the following conditions are met,

1. DCV is specified in the proposed design,
2. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.4.3.8 is applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4, and
3. DCV is not required to be modeled in the baseline according to 90.1 Section 6.4.3.8

then ventilation air flow may differ between the baseline and proposed due to DCV. See the *Design Ventilation Rate: Demand Control Ventilation* descriptor for the requirements of 6.4.3.8.

Total System Design Ventilation Airflow

Applicability	All HVAC systems.
Definition	The design outdoor air intake at the system level ($V_{s\text{-design}}$)
Units	CFM
Input Restrictions	As designed Software tools are required to verify the input value for $V_{s\text{-design}}$. For all the zones served by the system, software tools are required to sum the zone level ventilation ($V_{bz\text{-min}}$) to calculate the minimum ventilation at the system level ($V_{s\text{-min}}$). If the design outdoor air intake ($V_{s\text{-design}}$) is less than the minimum ventilation airflow ($V_{s\text{-min}}$), the input should be flagged and the user should be required to increase the value for $V_{s\text{-design}}$ until it is equal to or greater than $V_{s\text{-min}}$.
Baseline Building	The total system ventilation airflow for the baseline building is the sum of the zone level ventilation for the baseline building

System Ventilation Efficiency

Applicability	All HVAC systems
Definition	The efficiency of the ventilation system (Ev). This is the ratio of the minimum system ventilation airflow to the design ventilation airflow. $E_v = V_{s\text{-}min} / V_{s\text{-}design}$ (10)
Units	Ratio (unitless)
Input Restrictions	Calculated by software tool Software tools are required to calculate and verify the input value for Ev. The maximum value of Ev=1 (for single zone systems). If Ev is greater than 1, an error should be displayed to the user and the user is required to increase the value of $V_{s\text{-}design}$ until the value of Ev is less than or equal to 1.
Baseline Building	In the scenario where the building has a multizone system in the proposed case, but single zone system in the baseline case, all the zones served by the multizone system in the proposed case have Ev same as the proposed system. Similarly, if the proposed system is single zone and the baseline building has multizone systems, then the corresponding zones would have Ev specified as 1, same as the proposed building. This approach ensures that the ventilation rates are the same between the baseline and the proposed building.

3.7 HVAC Secondary Systems

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

This group of building descriptors relate to the secondary HVAC systems. There is not a one-to-one relationship between secondary HVAC system components in the proposed design and the baseline building for projects subject to 90.1 2022 G3.2 since the baseline building system is determined from building type, size, and heating source. Depending on the nature of the proposed design, any of the building descriptors could apply.

The HVAC baseline systems are described in the summary tables below for reference. The details of individual building descriptor definitions can be found in Sections 3.8 and 3.9.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

There is a one-to-one relationship between secondary HVAC system components in the proposed and the baseline because the baseline HVAC system types are modeled the same as the proposed design except if the proposed design includes variable refrigerant flow heat pumps or single-zone systems with electric resistance heat, then air source heat pumps shall be used in the baseline design. This exception is intended for single zone systems with electric resistance coils and not single zone systems served by central hot water systems.

The tables below apply to Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.2 (New Construction/Major Renovations) only.

Table 45. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 System 1 and System 2 Descriptions

System Description	Packaged terminal air conditioner (#1) or packaged terminal heat pump (#2)
Supply Fan Power	Fan power integral to unit efficiency. Fan power = $0.3 \times \text{cfm}_s$. Refer to building descriptor Fan Systems. Ventilation is provided through the system.
Supply Fan Control	Constant volume
Min Supply Temp	20°F below occupied space cooling setpoint
Cooling System	DX
Cooling Efficiency	Minimum seasonal energy efficiency ratio (SEER) or EER based on equipment type and output capacity of proposed unit(s). Adjusted EER is calculated to account for supply fan energy.
Maximum Supply Temp	20°F above occupied space heating setpoint
Heating System	Hot water boiler (#1) or heat pump (#2)
Heating Efficiency	Minimum annual fuel utilization efficiency (AFUE), thermal efficiency, COP, or heating seasonal performance factor (HSPF) based on equipment type and output capacity of baseline unit(s)
Economizer	None
Ducts	N/A (not ducted)

Table 46. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 System 3 and System 4 Descriptions

System Description	Packaged single zone with gas furnace/electric air conditioning (#3) or heat pump (#4)
Supply Fan Power	See building descriptor Fan Systems, Section 3.7.3 of this document
Supply Fan Control	Constant volume
Min Supply Temp	20°F below occupied space cooling setpoint
Cooling System	DX
Cooling Efficiency	Minimum SEER or EER based on equipment type and output capacity of baseline unit(s). Adjusted EER is calculated to account for supply fan energy.
Maximum Supply Temp	20°F above occupied space heating setpoint
Heating System	Fossil fuel furnace (#3) or heat pump (#4)
Heating Efficiency	Minimum AFUE, thermal efficiency, COP, or HSPF based on equipment type and output capacity of baseline unit(s)
Economizer	Integrated economizer with dry-bulb high limit by climate zone. Refer to building descriptor Outside Air Controls and Economizer, Section 3.7.4, for details.

Table 47. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 System 5 Description

System Description	Packaged VAV with DX cooling, fossil fuel boiler and hot-water reheat
Supply Fan Power	See building descriptor Fan Systems, Section 3.7.3 of this document
Supply Fan Control	• Variable speed controlled by variable speed drives • The part load performance of VAV fans is required to be modeled in accordance to section Fan Part Load Curve in Fan Systems, Section 3.7.3 of this document
Return Fan Control	Same as supply fan
Minimum Supply Temp	20°F below occupied space cooling setpoint
Supply Temp Control	The air temperature for cooling shall be reset higher by 5°F under minimum cooling load conditions. This strategy is described in Section 3.7.2.2 of this document.
Cooling System	DX
Cooling Efficiency	Minimum efficiency based on average output capacity of equipment unit(s)
Maximum Supply Temp	20°F above occupied space heating setpoint
Heating System	Hot water boiler, with hot water (HW) reheat
Reheat Terminal Airflow	System 5: Minimum volume setpoint for reheat is highest of 30% of zone peak flow, minimum outdoor airflow rate or airflow rate required by applicable rating authority. See Section 3.7.5 for details.
Hot Water Pumping System	The pumping system shall be modeled as primary-only with continuous variable flow and a minimum of 25% of the design flow rate. Hot-water systems serving 120,000 ft^2 or more shall be modeled with variable-speed drives, and systems serving less than 120,000 ft^2 shall be modeled as riding the pump curve. See Section 3.8.5 of this document for details.
Heating Efficiency	Minimum efficiency based on average output capacity of baseline equipment unit(s)
Economizer	Integrated economizer with dry-bulb high limit by climate zone. Refer to building descriptor Outside Air Controls and Economizer, Section 3.7.4, for details.

Table 48. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 System 6 Description

System Description	Packaged VAV, with DX cooling, electric heating and parallel fan-powered boxes with electric heat
Supply Fan Power	See building descriptor Fan Systems, Section 3.7.3 of this document
Supply Fan Control	• Variable speed controlled by variable speed drives • The part load performance of VAV fans is required to be modeled in accordance to section Fan Part Load Curve in Fan Systems • Power induction unit (PIU) fan would be constant volume
Return Fan Control	Same as supply fan
Minimum Supply Temp:	20°F below occupied space cooling setpoint
Supply Temp Control	The air temperature for cooling shall be reset higher by 5°F under minimum cooling load conditions. This strategy is described in Section 3.7.2.2 of this document.
Cooling System	DX cooling
Cooling Efficiency	Minimum efficiency based on average output capacity of equipment unit(s)
Maximum Supply Temp	20°F above occupied space heating setpoint
Heating System	Electric resistance, electric reheat terminals
Heating Efficiency	NA
Reheat Terminal Airflow	Fans for PIU units are sized for 50% of peak design primary air. Minimum volume setpoint for reheat is highest of 30% of peak design primary airflow rate, minimum outdoor airflow rate or airflow rate required by applicable rating authority. See Section 3.7.5 for details.
Economizer	Integrated economizer with dry-bulb high limit by climate zone. Refer to building descriptor Outside Air Controls and Economizer, Section 3.7.4, for details.

Table 49. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 System 7 Description

System Description	VAV system with HW boiler, HW reheat and chilled water (CHW) cooling
Supply Fan Power	See building descriptor Fan Systems, Section 3.7.3 of this document.
Supply Fan Control	Variable speed controlled by variable speed drives. The part load performance of VAV fans is required to be modeled in accordance with Fan Part Load Curve in Fan Systems.
Minimum Supply Temp	20°F below occupied space cooling setpoint
Supply Temp Control	The air temperature for cooling shall be reset higher by 5°F under minimum cooling load conditions. This strategy is described in Section 3.7.2.2 of this document.
Cooling System	Chiller
Cooling Efficiency	Minimum efficiency based on the output capacity of specific equipment unit(s)
Chilled Water Pumping System	The baseline building design pump power shall be 22 W/gpm. Chilled-water systems with a cooling capacity of 300 tons or more shall be modeled as primary/secondary systems with variable-speed drives on the secondary pumping loop and a minimum flow of 25% of the design flow rate. Chilled-water pumps in systems serving less than 300 tons cooling capacity shall be modeled as a primary/ secondary system with secondary pump riding the pump curve. See Section 3.8.5 of this document for details.
Chiller Type and Number	Electric chillers shall be used in the baseline building design. The baseline building design's chiller plant shall be modeled with chillers having the number and type as indicated in Standard 90.1-2022, Table G3.2.3.7, as a function of building peak coincident cooling load.
Maximum Supply Temp	20°F above occupied space heating setpoint
Reheat Terminal Flow	System 5: Minimum volume setpoint for reheat is highest of 30% of zone peak flow, minimum outdoor airflow rate or airflow rate required by applicable rating authority. See Section 3.7.5 for details.
Heating System	Hot water boiler (system 8), hot water reheat
Hot Water Pumping System	The pumping system shall be modeled as primary-only with continuous variable flow and a minimum flow of 25% of the design flow rate. Hot-water systems serving 120,000 ft^2 or more shall be modeled with variable-speed drives, and systems serving less than 120,000 ft^2 shall be modeled as riding the pump curve.
Heating Efficiency	Minimum efficiency based on the output capacity of specific baseline equipment unit(s)
Economizer	Integrated economizer with dry-bulb high limit by climate zone. Refer to building descriptor 'Outside Air Controls and Economizer', Section 3.7.4, for details.

Table 50. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 System 8 Description

System Description	VAV with CHW cooling, electric resistance heating, and PFP boxes with electric heat
Supply Fan Power	See building descriptor Fan Systems, Section 3.7.3 of this document
Supply Fan Control	Variable speed controlled by variable speed drives. The part load performance of VAV fans is required to be modeled in accordance with section Fan Part Load Curve in Fan Systems.
Minimum Supply Temp	20°F below occupied space cooling setpoint
Supply Temp Control	The air temperature for cooling shall be reset higher by 5°F under minimum cooling load conditions. This strategy is described in Section 3.7.2.2 of this document.
Cooling System	Chiller
Cooling Efficiency	Minimum efficiency based on the proposed output capacity of specific equipment unit(s)
Chilled Water Pumping System	The baseline building design pump power shall be 22 W/gpm. Chilled-water systems with a cooling capacity of 300 tons or more shall be modeled as primary/secondary systems with variable-speed drives on the secondary pumping loop and a minimum flow of 25% of the design flow rate. Chilled-water pumps in systems serving less than 300 tons cooling capacity shall be modeled as a primary/secondary system with secondary pump riding the pump curve. See Section 3.8.5 of this document for details.
Chiller Type and Number	Electric chillers shall be used in the baseline building design. The baseline building design's chiller plant shall be modeled with chillers having the number and type as indicated in Standard 90.1-2022, Table G3.2.3.7, as a function of building coincident peak cooling load.
Maximum Supply Temp	20°F above occupied space heating setpoint
Heating System	Electric resistance, electric resistance reheat
Reheat Terminal Airflow	Fans for PIU units are sized for 50% of peak design primary air. Minimum volume setpoint for reheat is highest of 30% of peak design primary airflow rate, minimum outdoor airflow rate or airflow rate required by applicable rating authority. See Section 3.7.5 for details.
Hot Water Pumping System	N/A
Heating Efficiency	N/A
Economizer	Integrated dry bulb economizer with dry-bulb high limit based on climate zone. Refer to building descriptor Outside Air Controls and Economizer, Section 3.7.4, for details.

Table 51. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 System 9 and System 10 Description

System 9 Description	Heating and ventilation only system
Supply Fan Power	See building descriptor Fan Systems, Section 3.7.3 of this document
Supply Fan Control	Constant volume
Minimum Supply Temp	N/A
Cooling System	None
Cooling Efficiency	N/A
Maximum Supply Temp	20°F above occupied space heating setpoint
Heating System	Gas furnace
Hot Water Pumping System	N/A
Heating Efficiency	Minimum efficiency based on the baseline output capacity of specific equipment unit(s)
Economizer	Not required for system 9
System 10 Description	Heating and ventilation only system
Supply Fan Power	See building descriptor ‘Fan Systems’
Supply Fan Control	Constant volume
Minimum Supply Temp:	N/A
Cooling System	None
Cooling Efficiency	N/A
Maximum Supply Temp	20°F above occupied space heating setpoint
Heating System	Electric resistance
Hot Water Pumping System	N/A
Heating Efficiency	N/A
Economizer	Not required for system 10

Table 52. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 System 11 Description

System 11 Description	Single zone variable air volume system
Supply Fan Power	See building descriptor Fan Systems, Section 3.7.3 of this document
Supply Fan Control	Variable speed controlled by variable speed drives. The part load performance of VAV fans is required to be modeled in accordance with section Fan Part Load Curve in Fan Systems
Minimum Supply Temp	20°F below occupied space cooling setpoint
Cooling System	Chiller
Cooling Efficiency	Minimum efficiency based on the proposed output capacity of specific equipment unit(s)
Chilled Water Pumping System	The baseline building design pump power shall be 22 W/gpm. Chilled-water systems with a cooling capacity of 300 tons or more shall be modeled as primary/secondary systems with variable-speed drives on the secondary pumping loop and a minimum flow of 25% of the design flow rate. Chilled-water pumps in systems serving less than 300 tons cooling capacity shall be modeled as a primary/secondary system with secondary pump riding the pump curve. See Section 3.8.5 of this document for details.
Chiller Type and Number	Electric chillers shall be used in the baseline building design. The baseline building design's chiller plant shall be modeled with chillers having the number and type as indicated in Standard 90.1-2022, Table G3.2.3.7, as a function of building peak coincident cooling load.
Maximum Supply Temp	20°F above occupied space heating setpoint
Heating System	For climate zones 0 to 3A, the baseline system shall be modeled with electric resistance heating. For all other climate zones, the heating system shall be hot-water fossil-fuel boiler.
Hot Water Pumping System	When boilers are required, the pumping system shall be modeled as primary-only with continuous variable flow and a minimum flow of 25% of the design flow rate. Hot-water systems serving 120,000 ft^2 or more shall be modeled with variable-speed drives, and systems serving less than 120,000 ft^2 shall be modeled as riding the pump curve.
Heating Efficiency	NA for electric resistance heating. For hot-water boilers, the minimum efficiency based on the output capacity of specific baseline equipment unit(s)
Reheat Terminal Flow	N/A
Economizer	Integrated dry bulb economizer with dry-bulb high limit based on climate zone. Refer to building descriptor Outside Air Controls and Economizer, Section 3.7.4, for details.

Table 53. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 System 12 and 13 Description

System 12, 13 Description	Single-zone system
Supply Fan Power	See building descriptor Fan Systems, Section 3.7.3 of this document
Supply Fan Control	Constant volume
Minimum Supply Temp	N/A
Cooling System	Chilled Water
Cooling Efficiency	Minimum efficiency based on the proposed output capacity of specific equipment unit(s)
Chilled Water Pumping System	The baseline building design pump power shall be 22 W/gpm. Chilled-water systems with a cooling capacity of 300 tons or more shall be modeled as primary/secondary systems with variable-speed drives on the secondary pumping loop and a minimum flow of 25% of the design flow rate. Chilled-water pumps in systems serving less than 300 tons cooling capacity shall be modeled as a primary/secondary system with secondary pump riding the pump curve. See Section 3.8.5 of this document for details.
Chiller Type and Number	Electric chillers shall be used in the baseline building design. The baseline building design's chiller plant shall be modeled with chillers having the number and type as indicated in Standard 90.1-2022, Table G3.2.3.7, as a function of building peak cooling load.
Maximum Supply Temp	20°F above occupied space heating setpoint
Heating System	Hot-water fossil fuel boiler for system 12 and electric resistance heating for system 13.
Hot Water Pumping System	When boilers are required, the pumping system shall be modeled as primary-only with continuous variable flow and a minimum flow of 25% of the design flow rate. Hot-water systems serving 120,000 ft^2 or more shall be modeled with variable-speed drives, and systems serving less than 120,000 ft^2 shall be modeled as riding the pump curve.
Heating Efficiency	NA for electric resistance heating. For hot-water boilers, the minimum efficiency based on the output capacity of specific baseline equipment unit(s)
Reheat Terminal Flow	N/A
Economizer	Integrated dry bulb economizer with dry-bulb high limit based on climate zone. Refer to building descriptor 'Outside Air Controls and Economizer', Section 3.7.4, for details.

Table 54. Summary of Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 Baseline Building Secondary HVAC System Properties

System	Fan Control	Economizer	Cooling Type	Cooling Efficiency	Minimum Supply T.	Heating Type	Heating Efficiency	Maximum Supply T.
System 1-PTAC	Constant volume	Not required	Direct Expansion	Minimum SEER EER, COP or kW/ton based on equipment type and output capacity of proposed unit(s). Adjusted EER is calculated to account for supply fan energy.	20 °F below occupied space cooling setpoint	Hot-water fossil fuel boiler	Minimum AFUE, Thermal Efficiency , COP or HSPF based on equipment type and output capacity of baseline unit(s).	20 °F above space temperature setpoint for systems 1-4 and 11-13. Same as maximum reset cooling supply air temperature for systems 5-8 and 105 °F for systems 9 and 10
System 2-PTHP						Electric heat pump		
System 3-PSZ-AC		Integrated economizer with dry-bulb high limit by climate zone.				Fossil fuel furnace		
System 4-PSZ-HP						Electric heat pump		
System 5-PVAV	Variable volume					Hot-water fossil fuel boiler		
System 6-PVAV / PFP						Electric resistance		
System 7-VAV			Chilled water			Hot-water fossil fuel boiler		
System 8-VAV / PFP						Electric resistance		
System 9/10-HV Furnace	Constant volume	Not required	None	None		Fossil fuel furnace		
HV Electric						Electric resistance		
System 11-SZ-VAV	Variable volume	Integrated economizer with dry-bulb high limit by climate zone.	Chilled water	See 6.8 Primary Systems		See note.		
System 12-SZ-CV-HW	Constant Volume					Hot-water fossil fuel boiler		
System 13-SZ-CV-ER						Electric resistance		

3.7.1 Basic System Information

HVAC System Name

Applicability	All system types
Definition	A unique descriptor for each HVAC system
Units	Text, unique
Input Restrictions	When applicable, this input should match the tags that are used on the plans
Baseline Building	None

System Type

Applicability All system types

Definition A unique descriptor that identifies the following attributes of an HVAC system:

- Number of air decks (one to three);
- Constant or variable airflow;
- Type of terminal device; and
- Fan configuration for multiple deck systems.

Units List:

- PTAC – Packaged Terminal Air Conditioner

- PTHP – Packaged Terminal Heat Pump
- PSZ-AC – Packaged Single Zone Air Conditioner
- PSZ-HP – Packaged Single Zone Heat Pump
- PVAV – Packaged VAV with Reheat
- VAV – VAV with Reheat
- PSZVAV – Packaged Single Zone VAV
- PSZVAVHP – Packaged Single Zone VAV Heat Pump
- HV – Heating and Ventilation Only
- CRAC – Computer Room Air Conditioner
- CRAH – Computer Room Air Handler
- FPFC – Four-Pipe Fan Coil
- TPFC- Two Pipe Fan Coil
- SFDD – Single Fan Dual Duct
- DFDD – Dual-Fan Dual Duct
- RADFLR – Radiant Floor Heating And Cooling
- WSHP – Water-Source Heat Pump
- ACB- Active Chilled Beams
- PCB- Passive chilled Beams
- SSHP - Split System Heat Pump
- Other

Input Restrictions As designed

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

Based on the prescribed system type in the HVAC system map. The baseline system types for projects subject to 90.1-2022 G3.2 are shown in the table below.

Table 55. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 Baseline Building System Type

System Number	System Type
1	PTAC
2	PTHP
3	PSZ AC
4	PSZ HP
5	PVAV reheat
6	Packaged VAV with PFP boxes
7	VAV with reheat
8	VAV with PFP boxes
9	Heating and ventilation
10	Heating and ventilation
11	SZ VAV
12	SZ-CV-HW
13	SZ-CV-ER

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Baseline system types are the same as the proposed except if the proposed design includes variable refrigerant flow heat pumps or single-zone systems with electric resistance heat, then air source heat pumps shall be used in the baseline design. This exception is intended for single zone systems with electric resistance coils and not single zone systems served by central hot water systems.

Total Cooling Capacity

Applicability	All system types
Definition	The installed cooling capacity of the project. This includes all: • Chillers, • Built-up DX, and • Packaged cooling units.
Units	Cooling tons
Input Restrictions	As designed.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Autosize. The cooling capacity shall be oversized by 15%. Refer to Section 2.7.2 for baseline equipment sizing procedure. If the number of UMLH exceeds 300, increase the cooling capacity according to the procedures in Chapter 2, Section 2.5. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Autosize. The cooling capacity shall be sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs—i.e., the ratio between the capacities used in the annual simulations and the capacities determined by the sizing runs shall be the same for both the proposed design and baseline building design. If the number of UMLH exceeds 300, increase the cooling capacity according to the procedures in Chapter 2, Section 2.5.

Total Heating Capacity	
Applicability	All system types
Definition	The installed cooling capacity of the project. This includes all: • Boilers, • Electric Resistance, • Heat Pumps, • Gas Furnaces.
Units	Btu/hr
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Autosize. The heating capacity shall be oversized by 25%. Refer to Section 2.7.2 for baseline equipment sizing procedure. If the number of UMLH exceeds 300, increase the heating capacity according to the procedures in Chapter 2, Section 2.5. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Autosize. The heating capacity shall be sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs—i.e., the ratio between the capacities used in the annual simulations and the capacities determined by the sizing runs shall be the same for both the proposed design and baseline building design. If the number of UMLH exceeds 300, increase the heating capacity according to the procedures in Chapter 2, Section 2.5

3.7.2 System Controls

3.7.2.1 Schedules

Cooling Schedule	
Applicability	All cooling systems
Definition	A schedule that represents the availability of cooling
Units	Data structure: schedule, on/off
Input Restrictions	Schedules should be typical of the proposed building type or as assumed for the building design. The cooling availability schedule shall be consistent with the supply fan schedule and thermostat schedules to reduce the likelihood of UMLH. This schedule is not needed for all simulation tools. Other methods (outdoor conditions, zone conditions) may be used to control cooling availability in most systems. If cooling is truly not available during certain times (school vacations, weekends) the zone thermostat cooling setpoints need to be modified to reflect this and the HVAC availability schedule (see below), which defines fan operation based on occupancy, needs to be set to zero.
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed design. However, setpoints and schedules can differ between proposed and baseline design: • For HVAC systems that automatically provide occupant thermal comfort via means other than directly controlling the air dry-bulb and wet-bulb temperature, provided that equivalent levels of occupant thermal comfort are demonstrated via

the methodology in ASHRAE Standard 55, Section 5.3.3, “Elevated Air Speed,” or Standard 55, Appendix B, “Computer Program for Calculation of PMV-PPD.”

- When necessary to model nonstandard efficiency measures, provided that the revised schedules have been approved by the rating authority.

Heating Schedule

Applicability	All systems
Definition	A schedule that represents the availability of heating
Units	Data structure: schedule, on/off
Input Restrictions	Schedules should be typical of the proposed building type or assumed for the building design. COMNET Appendix C (COMNET 2017) can be used as a default. The heating availability schedule shall be consistent with the supply fan schedule.
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed design However, setpoints and schedules can differ between proposed and baseline design: • For HVAC systems that automatically provide occupant thermal comfort via means other than directly controlling the air dry-bulb and wet-bulb temperature, provided that equivalent levels of occupant thermal comfort are demonstrated via the methodology in ASHRAE Standard 55, Section 5.3.3, “Elevated Air Speed,” or Standard 55, Appendix B, “Computer Program for Calculation of PMV-PPD.” • When necessary to model nonstandard efficiency measures, provided that the revised schedules have been approved by the rating authority.

HVAC Availability Schedule

Applicability	All systems
Definition	A schedule that indicates when the air handler operates continuously
Units	Data structure: schedule, on/off
Input Restrictions	Schedules should be typical of the proposed building type or assumed for the building design. The fan schedule can be defaulted to the applicable schedule from COMNET Appendix C (COMNET 2017). Other schedules may be used when detailed information is known about the proposed design.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Same as the proposed design unless one baseline HVAC system serves a combination of systems in the proposed design with varying HVAC availability schedules. For those systems the HVAC availability schedule is determined by the most inclusive schedule represented in the proposed building design. If the most inclusive schedule does not cover the full range of availability, a hybrid schedule that does shall be created. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Air Handler Fan Cycling

Applicability All fan systems

Definition This building descriptor indicates whether the system supply fan operates continuously or cycles with building loads. The fan systems in most commercial buildings operate continuously during occupied hours.

Units List: Continuous or Cycles with Loads

Input Restrictions Schedules for HVAC fans shall run continuously whenever HVAC zones are occupied and shall be cycled on and off to meet heating and cooling loads during unoccupied hours. Hours with occupancy >5% are considered to be occupied hours and require continuously operated fans.

Exceptions:

- HVAC fans that do not provide outdoor air for ventilation shall cycle on and off to meet heating and/or cooling loads. This requires that outdoor air is introduced through some other approved means such as natural ventilation or another fan system.
- Where no heating and/or cooling system is to be installed and a heating or cooling system is being simulated only to meet the requirements described in Standard 90.1-2022 PRM, heating and/or cooling system fans shall not be simulated as running continuously during occupied hours but shall be cycled on and off to meet heating and cooling loads during all hours.
- HVAC fans shall remain on during occupied and unoccupied hours in HVAC zones that have health and safety mandated minimum ventilation requirements during unoccupied hours.
- HVAC fans shall remain on during occupied and unoccupied hours in systems primarily serving computer rooms.
- Dedicated outdoor air supply fans shall stay off during unoccupied hours.
- For hotel guest rooms and high-rise residential, continuous operation is the default, however, the option to let the fan cycle with loads may be used when the following conditions are met and documented:
  - The spaces served by the system are located within 25 ft of an operable window.
  - The openable window area is at least 4% of the floor space.
  - Other requirements for natural ventilation specified in ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2022 are satisfied.

    OR
  - The system providing heating and cooling is decoupled from the system providing minimum outside air ventilation requirements. In this case, the heating and cooling system fans can cycle with loads with the ventilation system operating continuously.

Baseline Building HVAC fans shall run continuously whenever HVAC zones are occupied and shall be cycled on and off to meet heating and cooling loads during unoccupied hours.

Except:

- HVAC fans shall remain on during occupied and unoccupied hours in systems primarily serving computer rooms
- HVAC fans shall remain on during occupied and unoccupied hours in HVAC Zones that have health and safety mandated minimum ventilation requirements during unoccupied hours.

  - Fan schedules may be allowed to differ when Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.2.1.2 (a) applies (applies to Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.2 only).
  - Dedicated outdoor air supply fans shall stay off during unoccupied hours.

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Optimal Start Control

Applicability	Systems with the control capability for flexible scheduling of system start time based on building loads
Definition	Optimal start control adjusts the start time of the HVAC unit such that the space is brought to setpoint just prior to occupancy. This control strategy modifies the heating, cooling, and fan schedules.
Units	Boolean (Yes/No)
Input Restrictions	As designed Heating and cooling systems with setback controls and DDC except residential spaces are required to have optimum start controls.
Baseline Building	Same as proposed.

Optimal Start Control: Control Zone

Applicability	Systems with optimal start controls that serve multiple zones
Definition	The zone that governs the start time for applying optimal start controls
Units	Boolean (Yes/No)
Input Restrictions	List: “Any Zone,” all zones served by the system
Baseline Building	Same as proposed.

3.7.2.2 Cooling Control

Cooling Supply Air Temperature

Applicability	Applicable to all systems
Definition	The SAT setpoint at design cooling conditions
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** 20°F below the zone temperature setpoint, except in laboratories, where it is to be set at 17°F below the zone temperature. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Cooling Supply Air Temperature Control

Applicability Any cooling system

Definition The method of controlling the SAT. Choices are:

- No control – for this scheme the cooling coils are energized whenever there is a call for cooling
- Fixed (constant)
- Reset by warmest zone, airflow first

  This control strategy resets the cooling SAT of a central forced air HVAC system according to the cooling demand of the warmest zone. The airflow first control approach tries to find the lowest supply airflow rate that will satisfy all the zone cooling loads at the maximum setpoint temperature. If this flow is greater than the maximum, the flow is set to the maximum and the setpoint temperature is reduced to satisfy the cooling loads. The airflow first strategy minimizes zone reheat coil energy (or overcooling) and central chiller energy consumption at the cost of possible increased fan energy.
- Reset by warmest zone, temperature first

  This control strategy resets the cooling SAT of a central forced air HVAC system according to the cooling demand of the warmest zone. The temperature first control approach tries to find the highest setpoint temperature that will satisfy all the zone cooling loads at the minimum supply airflow rate. If this setpoint temperature is less than the minimum, the setpoint temperature is set to the minimum, and the supply airflow rate is increased to meet the loads.

  The temperature first strategy minimizes fan energy consumption at the cost of possible increased zone reheat coil energy (or overcooling) and central chiller energy consumption.
- Reset by outside air dry-bulb temperature
- Scheduled setpoint
- Staged setpoint (for single zone VAV and DX with multiple stages)

Units List (see above)

Input Restrictions As designed

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

For baseline building systems 1 through 4, there is no SAT control. The cooling coil modulates based on the zone thermostat setpoint.

For systems 5 through 8, the air temperature for cooling shall be reset higher by 5°F under the minimum cooling load conditions using a reset by warmest zone, airflow first strategy.

For system 11, the supply air temperature setpoint shall be reset from minimum supply air temperature at 50% cooling load to space temperature at 0% cooling load.

For systems 9, 10, 12, and 13 (heating and ventilation and single zone systems), this input is not applicable.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Baseline shall be modeled as minimally compliant with Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.5. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.5 requires that multiple zone HVAC systems be modeled to automatically reset the supply air temperature in response to representative building loads or outdoor air temperature. The controls should be modeled to reset the supply air temperature at least 25% of the difference between the design supply air temperature and the design room air temperature. Controls that adjust the reset based on zone humidity are allowed to be modeled in Climate Zones 0B, 1B, 2B, 3B, 3C, and 4 through 8. HVAC zones that are expected to experience relatively constant loads should be modeled to have a maximum air-flow to accommodate the fully reset supply air temperature.

Exceptions to 6.5.3.5:

1. Systems in Climate Zones 0A, 1A, and 3A with less than 3000 cfm of design outdoor air.

2. Systems in Climate Zone 2A with less than 10,000 cfm of design outdoor air.

3. Systems in Climate Zones 0A, 1A, 2A, and 3A with at least 80% outdoor air and employing exhaust air energy recovery complying with Section 6.5.6.1.

4. Systems that prevent reheating, recooling, or mixing of heated and cooled supply air.

5. Systems in which at least 75% of the energy for reheating (on an annual basis) is from site recovered energy or on-site renewable energy

Exception: the cooling supply air temperature control should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.5 requirements are inapplicable.

Cooling Reset Schedule by Outside Air Temperature

Applicability When the proposed design resets SAT by outside air dry-bulb temperature

Definition A linear reset schedule that represents the SAT setpoint as a function of outdoor air dry-bulb temperature. This schedule is defined by the following data points (see Figure 9):

- The coldest cooling SAT
- The corresponding (hot) outdoor air dry-bulb setpoint
- The warmest cooling SAT
- The corresponding (cool) outdoor air dry-bulb setpoint

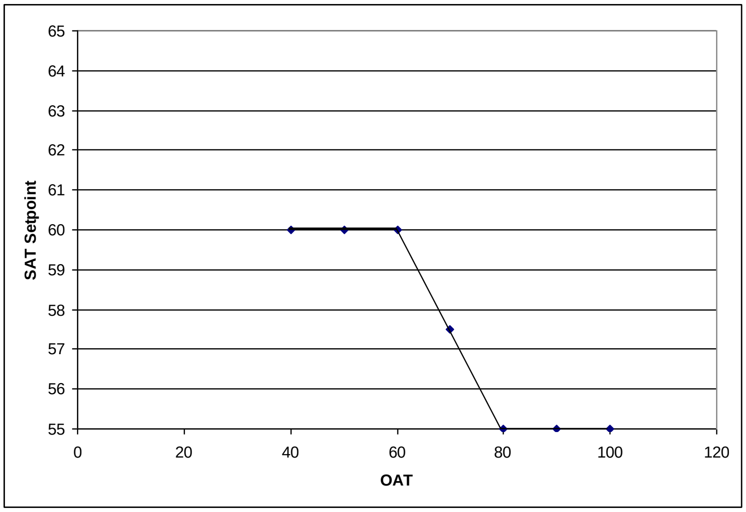

Figure 9. SAT Cooling Setpoint Reset based on Outdoor Air Temperature (OAT)

Units Data structure (two matched pairs of SAT and OAT, see above)

Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** See the *Cooling Supply Air Temperature Control* descriptor for baseline requirements.

3.7.2.3 Heating Control

This section addresses building descriptors related to heating and preheating control. Section 3.7.6 addresses all other details related to heating systems.

Preheat Setpoint

Applicability	Systems 5 though 8
Definition	The control temperature leaving the preheat coil
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline will be modeled with preheat coil in the mixed air stream controlled to a fixed setpoint 20°F less than the design room heating temperature setpoint. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Baseline shall be modeled such that the preheat coils have controls that stop their heat output whenever mechanical cooling, including economizer operation, is occurring. **Exception:** the preheat setpoint should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.2.5 requirements are inapplicable.

Heating Supply Air Temperature

Applicability	All systems
Definition	The SAT leaving the air handler when the system is in design heating mode (not the air temperature leaving the reheat coils in VAV boxes)
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** 20°F above zone temperature setpoint for systems 1 through 4 and 12 through 13. Same as maximum reset cooling SAT for systems 5 through 8 and 105°F for systems 9 and 10. For baseline system 11, the heating supply air temperature shall be modulated to maintain space temperature and fan volume shall be fixed at minimum airflow. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Heating Supply Air Temperature Controls

Applicability Systems with the capability to vary heating SAT setpoint

Definition The method of controlling heating SAT. Choices are:

- No control – the heating coil is energized on a call for heating, and the SAT is not directly controlled, but instead is dependent on the entering air temperature, the heating capacity and the airflow rate
- Fixed (constant)
- Reset by coldest zone, airflow first
- Reset by coldest zone, temperature first
- Reset by outside air dry-bulb temperature
- Staged setpoint
- Scheduled setpoint

Units Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)

Input Restrictions As designed

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

No control is specified for heating SAT for systems 1 through 4, 9, 10, and 11 through 13. For systems 5 through 8, the heating SAT is fixed to the maximum reset cooling SAT.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Baseline shall be modeled as minimally compliant with Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.5. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.5 requires that multiple zone HVAC systems be modeled to automatically reset the supply air temperature in response to representative building loads or outdoor air temperature. The controls should be modeled to reset the supply air temperature at least 25% of the difference between the design supply air temperature and the design room air temperature. Controls that adjust the reset based on zone humidity are allowed to be modeled in Climate Zones 0B, 1B, 2B, 3B, 3C, and 4 through 8. HVAC zones that are expected to experience relatively constant loads should be modeled to have a maximum air-flow to accommodate the fully reset supply air temperature.

Exceptions to 6.5.3.5:

1. Systems in Climate Zones 0A, 1A, and 3A with less than 3000 cfm of design outdoor air.

2. Systems in Climate Zone 2A with less than 10,000 cfm of design outdoor air.

3. Systems in Climate Zones 0A, 1A, 2A, and 3A with at least 80% outdoor air and employing exhaust air energy recovery complying with Section 6.5.6.1.

4. Systems that prevent reheating, recooling, or mixing of heated and cooled supply air.

5. Systems in which at least 75% of the energy for reheating (on an annual basis) is from site recovered energy or on-site renewable energy

Exception: the heating supply air temperature control should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.5 requirements are inapplicable.

Heating Reset Schedule by Outside Air

Applicability	Systems that reset the heating SAT by outside dry-bulb temperature (this typically applies to dual-duct systems or to single zone systems with hydronic heating coils)
Definition	A linear reset schedule that represents the heating SAT or hot deck SAT (for dual duct systems) as a function of outdoor air dry-bulb temperature. This schedule is defined by the following data points (see Figure 10): • The hottest heating SAT • The corresponding (cold) outdoor air dry-bulb threshold • The coolest heating SAT • The corresponding (mild) outdoor air dry-bulb threshold

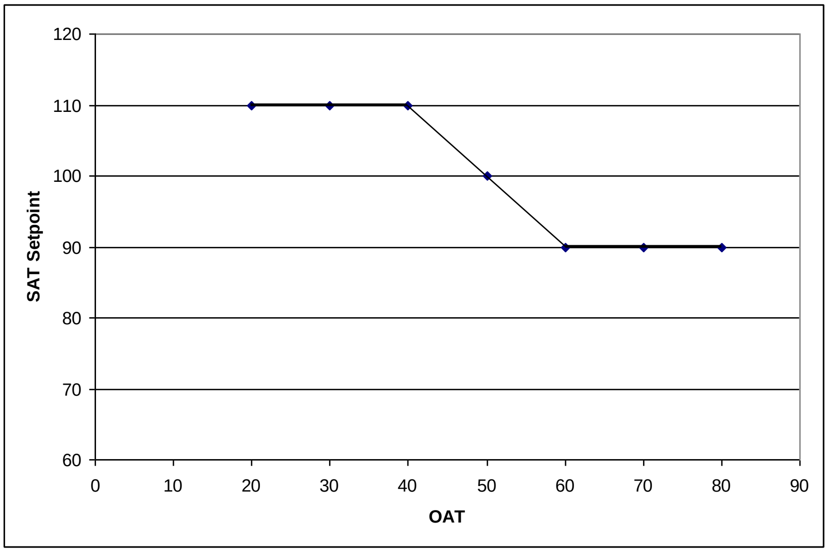

Figure 10. Example of SAT Heating Setpoint Reset based on Outdoor Air Temperature.

Units	Data structure (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** See the *Heating Supply Air Temperature Controls* descriptor for baseline requirements.

3.7.2.4 Night Purge

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

The baseline building does not have night purge controls. If the software supports it and the proposed design has the features, the following keywords may be used to model night purge. Note that night purge is coupled with thermal mass in the building, which is specified by other building descriptors.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Standard 90.1 Section G3.3.2.2 Schedules allows schedules to differ across the baseline and proposed models following 90.1 Table G3.1(4), Baseline Building Performance column, Exceptions 1 through 3. Based on this allowance the baseline can be modeled without night purge when it is specified in the proposed design with authority having jurisdiction approval.

Night Purge Availability Schedule

Applicability	Systems that operate the fans for nighttime purge of heat gains
Definition	A schedule that represents the availability of night purge controls
Units	Data structure: schedule, on/off
Input Restrictions	As designed. The default is no night purge control.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed except if modeling credit for night purge based on 90.1 Table G3.1(4), Baseline Building Performance column, Exceptions 1 through 3.

Night Purge Control

Applicability	Systems that operate the fans for nighttime purge of heat gains
Definition	The control strategy for operation of nighttime purge. The control strategy may account for indoor temperature, season, and other factors.
Units	Data structure
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed except if modeling credit for night purge based on 90.1 Table G3.1(4), Baseline Building Performance column, Exceptions 1 through 3.

Night Purge Fan Ratio

Applicability	Systems that operate the fans for nighttime purge of heat gains
Definition	The ratio of fan speed for a night purge cycle
Units	Fraction (0 to 1)
Input Restrictions	As designed. The default is 100% (or fans available at full speed).
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed except if modeling credit for night purge based on 90.1 Table G3.1(4), Baseline Building Performance column, Exceptions 1 through 3.

3.7.3 Fan Systems

3.7.3.1 Baseline Building Fan System Summary

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations
The baseline building fan system is summarized in this section. See Table 3 for the HVAC baseline building system mapping for projects subject to 90.1 2022 G3.2.

Total baseline building fan system power for the baseline building fan systems projects subject to 90.1 2022 G3.2 is given in the following sections as well as Table 57 and Table 58.

When the proposed design has return fans, exhaust fans (toilets or kitchens), or fume hood exhaust systems, the baseline building has the same systems. Fan power will be allocated to the baseline supply, return, and exhaust fans based on the Fan System Power described below and the ratio of each fans power in the proposed design to the proposed design fan system power.

G3.3 Minor Alterations
90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d) requires that for fan systems included in the scope of the retrofit fan system efficiency including fan powered box fans (bhp per cfm of supply air, including the effect of belt losses but excluding motor and motor drive losses) shall be the same as the proposed design or up to the limit prescribed in Section 6.5.3.1, whichever is smaller. If this limit is reached, each fan shall be proportionally reduced in brake horsepower until the limit is met. Fan electrical power shall then be determined by adjusting the calculated fan hp by the minimum motor efficiency prescribed by Section 10.4.1 for the appropriate motor size for each fan.

Exception to 90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d): When a proposed design includes energy recovery, and all the following conditions are met,

1. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6 requirements are applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the language in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4, and
2. Exhaust air energy recovery is not required to be modeled in the baseline according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6

then the fan power of the baseline system shall be equal to either the proposed design system or the fan power limit in Section 6.5.3.1 calculated without fan power credit for energy recovery, whichever is less.

Fans not included in the scope of the alteration should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations & G3.3 Minor Alterations
Table 4 summarizes inputs for each of the three approaches for imputing system fan power (fan power method, brake horsepower method, and design pressure drop method).

- In these tables, CFMs is the baseline fan supply fan airflow at peak design conditions.
- The fan system power includes the supply fan, the return fan, and exhaust fans.
- Exhaust fans include kitchen hoods, toilets, fume hoods, and other miscellaneous fans that operate at design conditions.

Table 56 summarizes all descriptors for fan systems and their applicability to supply, return/relief, and exhaust fans.

Table 56. Building Descriptor Applicability for Fan Systems

Inputs	Supply Fan	Return/Relief Fan	Exhaust Fans (Hoods)
Modeling Method	✓	Same as supply	✓
Air Rated Capacity	✓	✓	✓
Plenum Zone	n/a	✓	n/a
Return Air Path	n/a	✓	n/a
Fan Control Method	✓	Same as supply	✓
Brake Horsepower	✓	✓	✓
Static Pressure	✓	✓	✓
Fan Efficiency	✓	✓	✓
Motor Efficiency	✓	✓	✓
Fan Position	✓	n/a	n/a
Motor Position	✓	✓	n/a
Part-Load Power Curve	✓	✓	✓
Fan KW	✓	✓	✓

Table 57. Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 Baseline Fan System Details for Fan System Power

System	Fan Power Method (W/cfm)	Brake Horsepower Method (bhp/cfm)	Design Pressure Drop (DPD) Method	Fan Motor Efficiency ŋm[b]	Fan Mech Efficiency	DPD (If no additional pressure drop credits) [d]
1 & 2	0.3	W/cfm x ŋm x 0.00134	bhp/cfm x fan mech efficiency x 6356	80%	65%	1.33 in. w.g.
3, 4, 12. & 13	(bhp x 746)/ŋm	0.00094 x CFMs + A	bhp/cfm x fan mech efficiency x 6356	Standard 90.1-2022, Table G3.9.1[a]	65%	3.88 in. w.g.
5 through 8	(bhp x 746)/ŋm	0.0013 x CFMs + A	bhp/cfm x fan mech efficiency x 6356	Standard 90.1-2022, Table G3.9.1[a]	65%	5.37 in. w.g.
9 & 10 supply fan	0.3	W/cfm x ŋm x 0.00134	bhp/cfm x fan mech efficiency x 6356	Standard 90.1-2022, Table G3.9.1[a]	65%	1.33 in. w.g.
9 & 10 non-mechanical cooling fan[c]	0.054	W/cfm x ŋm x 0.00134	bhp/cfm x fan mech efficiency x 6356	80%	65%	0.24 in. w.g.
11	(bhp x 746)/ŋm	0.00062 x CFMs + A	bhp/cfm x fan mech efficiency x 6356	Standard 90.1-2022, Table G3.9.1[a]	65%	2.56 in. w.g.

The term “A” for system types 3 through 8 is calculated based on equipment included in the proposed design using the procedure in Table 6.5.3.1-1 of ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2022 and the airflows from the baseline design. This accounts for various additional fan pressure drops associated with special conditions.

(b) Fan motor efficiency is the efficiency from Table G3.9.1 of Standard 90.1-2022 for the next motor size greater than the bhp.
(c) This alternate equation is only used if there is a non-mechanical cooling fan in place in the proposed design.
(d) If system qualified for additional pressure drop credits DPD should be calculated based on adjusted bhp.

Pressure Drop Adjustment

Applicability	Any system serving zones served by systems in the proposed design which qualify for pressure drop adjustments in Table 58
Definition	Adjustments to fan power limitations related to application-specific requirements as allowed by Standard 90.1-2022 Table 6.5.3.1-1
Units	List
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Calculated from Section 6.5.3.1-1 of Standard 90.1-2022 for baseline system fans. Pressure drop adjustment is based on the device from Table 58 being present in the proposed design.

Table 58. Baseline Building: Fan Power Limitation Pressure Drop Adjustment

Device	Adjustment
Credits	
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.	0.5 in. w.c. (2.15 in. w.c. for laboratory and vivarium systems)
Return and/or exhaust airflow control devices	0.5 in. w.c.
Exhaust filters, scrubbers, or other exhaust treatment	The pressure drop of device calculated at fan system design condition
Particulate filtration credit: MERV 9 through 12	0.5 in. w.c.
Particulate filtration credit: MERV 13 through 15	0.9 in. w.c.
Particulate filtration credit: MERV 16 and greater and electronically enhanced filters	Pressure drop calculated at 2x clean filter pressure drop at fan system design condition
Carbon and other gas-phase air cleaners	Clean filter pressure drop at fan system design condition
Biosafety cabinet	Pressure drop of device at fan system design condition
Energy recovery device and other coil runaround loop	(2.2 × Energy Recovery Effectiveness)—0.5 in w.c. for each airstream
Coil runaround loop	0.6 in. w.c. for each airstream
Evaporative humidifier/cooler in series with another cooling coil	Pressure drop of device at fan system design condition
Sound attenuation section	0.15 in. w.c.
Exhaust systems serving fume hoods	0.35 in. w.c.
Laboratory and vivarium exhaust systems in high-rise buildings	0.25 in. w.c./100 ft of vertical duct exceeding 75 ft.
Deductions	
Systems without central cooling device	–0.6 in. w.c.
Systems without central heating device	–0.3 in. w.c.
Systems with central electric resistance heat	–0.2 in. w.c.

Fan Power Adjustment

Applicability	All fan systems qualifying for pressure drop adjustments as described above.
Definition	Standard 90.1-2022 specifies a “pressure drop adjustment” for fan systems with requirements for filtration or other process requirements.
Units	List
Input Restrictions	Derived from other building descriptors
Baseline Building	Pressure drop adjustment is calculated separately for each applicable device. Credit for each device is specified in the section above.

$$A = \text{sum of zones } (PD\_sum \times CFM_{d\_baseline}/4131)$$

Where:

PD = Each applicable pressure drop adjustment from the proposed design

CFM_d = The design airflow through each applicable device in cfm from the baseline building

Note: For projects subject to 90.1 G3.2, in scenarios where the proposed and baseline building have varying zone to system assignment, the pressure drop credit ‘A’ shall be calculated for each thermal zone in the proposed building, using the design flow rates in the proposed building design. For multi-zone systems in the proposed building, the pressure drop adjustment will be split for each zone based on the zone to system airflow ratio. The pressure drop adjustment for the baseline building will then be calculated by adjusting the calculated PDA by the ratio of baseline building design airflow rate to proposed building design air flow rate for each zone. The baseline system pressure drop adjustment will be a sum of the individual pressure drop adjustments of the applicable zones.

Supply Fan Ratio	
Applicability	Systems that serve thermal blocks that have exhaust, fume hoods, kitchen exhaust, or return fans
Definition	The ratio of supply fan brake horsepower in the proposed design to total fan system brake horsepower for the proposed design at design conditions.
Units	Unitless fraction (0 to 1)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Return Fan Ratio	
Applicability	Systems that serve thermal blocks that have exhaust, fume hoods, kitchen exhaust, or return fans
Definition	The ratio of return fan brake horsepower in the proposed design to total fan system brake horsepower for the proposed design at design conditions
Units	Unitless fraction (0 to 1)
Input Restrictions	Derived from other building descriptors
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Exhaust Fan Ratio	
Applicability	Systems that serve thermal blocks that have exhaust, fume hoods, kitchen exhaust, or return fans
Definition	The ratio of exhaust fan brake horsepower in the proposed design to total fan system brake hp for the proposed design at design conditions. Exhaust fans include toilet exhaust, kitchen hoods, and other miscellaneous exhaust. For fan systems with multiple exhaust fans, the exhaust fan ratios shall be calculated separately for each exhaust fan.
Units	Unitless ratio
Input Restrictions	Derived from other building descriptors. In the event that a common exhaust system serves thermal blocks that are served by different HVAC systems, the brake horsepower shall be divided in proportion to design cfm.
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

3.7.3.2 Supply Fans

Fan System Modeling Method	
Applicability	All fan systems
Definition	Software commonly models fans in three ways. The simple method is for the user to enter the electric power per unit of flow (W/cfm). This method is commonly used for unitary equipment and other small fan systems. A more detailed method is to model the fan as a system whereby the static pressure, fan efficiency, and motor efficiency are specified at design conditions. A third method is to specify brake horsepower at design conditions instead of fan efficiency and static pressure. This is a variation of the second method whereby brake horsepower is specified in lieu of total static pressure and fan efficiency.
Units	List: Power-Per-Unit-Flow, Design Pressure Drop, or Brake Horsepower
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Systems 1, 2, 9, and 10 should use power per unit flow if allowed by the software. If not allowed used one of the other methods as described in Table 57. All other baseline system shall use the brake horsepower method. If that method is not available, static pressure method should be used. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Use one of the methods. The same method should be used in the baseline and proposed.

Supply Fan Design Air Rated Capacity	
Applicability	All fan systems
Definition	The design airflow rate of the supply fan(s) at design conditions. This building descriptor sets the 100% point for the fan part-load curve.
Units	cfm
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The software shall automatically size the system airflow to meet the baseline building loads based on • a supply-air-to-room-air temperature difference of 20°F, • or the minimum outdoor airflow rate, • or the airflow rate required to comply with the applicable codes or accreditation standards, whichever is greater. The baseline system airflow is determined by the load to be met by the airflow and the 20°F (11°C) temperature difference. The loads to be used would be the design load as determined by the sizing runs specified in Section G3.2.2.2, not the cooling or heating capacity of the system as determined using the sizing factors, also specified in G3.2.2.2.

Using the system cooling and heating capacity will result in oversized baseline system airflows and energy cost because of the oversizing factors used in G3.2.2.2.

See additional discussion in Section 3.6.5.1 for VAV systems. Spaces with special process requirements.) The supply fan design airflow rate shall be the sum of the calculated design airflow for the thermal zones served by the fan system.

For laboratory spaces, the design airflow rate calculation shall be based on a 17°F temperature differential rather than 20°F.

For baseline systems 9 and 10, the design supply airflow rates shall be based on the temperature difference between a SAT setpoint of 105°F and the design space heating temperature setpoint, the minimum outdoor airflow rate or the airflow rate required to comply with applicable codes, whichever is greater.

If the proposed design HVAC system airflow rate based on latent loads greater than the same based on sensible loads, then the same supply-air-to-room humidity ratio difference (gr/lb) used to calculate the proposed design airflow should be used to calculate the design airflow rates for the baseline building.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Use as designed sizing assumptions. If unknown, default to the assumptions described under G3.2 for this descriptor.

Fan Control Method

Applicability

All fan systems

Definition

A description of how the supply (and return/relief) fan(s) is controlled. The options include:

- Constant volume
- Variable-flow, inlet or discharge dampers
- Variable-flow, inlet guide vanes
- Variable-flow, variable speed drive (VSD)
- Variable-flow, variable pitch blades
- Variable-flow, other
- Two-speed
- Constant volume, cycling (fan cycles with heating and cooling)

Units

List (see above)

Input Restrictions

As designed

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Based on the baseline system type, summarized in Table 59

G3.3 Minor Alterations

The baseline should be modeled as minimally compliant with Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.2.1. According to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.2.1 each baseline cooling system listed in Table 75 shall be modeled to vary the supply airflow as a function of load with the following requirements:

- DX and chilled-water cooling units that control the capacity of the mechanical cooling directly based on space temperature shall be modeled with a minimum of two stages of fan control. Low or minimum speed shall not exceed 66% of full speed. At low or minimum speed, the fan system shall be modeled such that the fan power is no more than 40% of the fan power at full fan speed. Low or minimum speed shall be used during periods of low cooling load and ventilation-only operation.

- All other units, including DX cooling units and chilled-water units that control the space temperature by modulating the airflow to the space, shall be modeled with modulating fan control. Minimum speed shall not exceed 50% of full speed. At minimum speed, the fan power shall be modeled at 30% of the fan power at full fan speed. Low or minimum speed shall be modeled during periods of low cooling load and ventilation-only operation.
- Units that include an air economizer to meet the requirements of Section 6.5.1 shall be modeled with a minimum of two speeds of fan control during economizer operation.

Exceptions to 6.5.3.2.1:

1. Modulating fan control is not required to be modeled in the baseline for chilled-water and evaporative cooling units with <1 hp fan motors if the units are not used to provide ventilation air and if the indoor fan cycles with the load.
2. If the volume of outdoor air required to meet the ventilation requirements of Standard 62.1 at low speed exceeds the air that would be delivered at the speed defined above then the minimum speed shall be modeled to provide the required ventilation air.

Exception: the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.2.1 requirements are inapplicable.

Table 59. G3.2 Baseline Building Fan Control Method

System No.	System Type	Fan Control
System 1	Package terminal air conditioner	Constant volume
System 2	Packaged terminal heat pump	Constant volume
System 3	Packaged roof top air conditioner	Constant volume
System 4	Packaged roof top heat pump	Constant volume
System 5	Packaged rooftop VAV with reheat	Variable volume, variable speed drive (VSD)
System 6	Packaged rooftop VAV with PFP boxes and reheat	Variable volume, VSD
System 7	Packaged rooftop VAV with reheat	Variable volume, VSD
System 8	VAV with parallel fan-powered boxes and reheat	Variable volume, VSD
System 9	Warm air furnace, gas fired	Constant volume
System 10	Warm air furnace, electric	Constant volume
System 11	Single zone VAV	Variable volume, VSD
System 12	Single zone system (CHW and HW boiler)	Constant volume
System 13	Single zone system (CHW and electric resistance)	Constant volume

Supply Fan Brake Horsepower

Applicability	All fan systems, except those specified using the power-per-unit-flow method
Definition	The design shaft brake horsepower of the supply fan(s). This input does not need to be supplied if the supply fan kW is supplied.
Units	Horsepower (hp)
Input Restrictions	As designed. If this building descriptor is specified for the proposed design, then the *static pressure* and *fan efficiency* are not required.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Fans for parallel fan-powered boxes are not included in fan power calculations. Table 57 of this document gives the baseline building fan system brake horsepower. The brake horsepower for the supply fan is this value times the supply fan ratio (see above). **G3.3 Minor Alterations** 90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d) requires that for fan systems included in the scope of the retrofit using the BHP method of modeling proposed fan power, BHP should be the same as the proposed design up to the limit prescribed in Section 6.5.3.1, whichever is smaller. **Exception to 90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d):** When a proposed design includes energy recovery, and all the following conditions are met, 1. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6 requirements are applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the language in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4, and 2. Exhaust air energy recovery is not required to be modeled in the baseline according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6 then the fan power of the baseline system shall be equal to either the proposed design system or the fan power limit in Section 6.5.3.1 calculated without fan power credit for energy recovery, whichever is less. Fans not included in the scope of the alteration should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Supply Fan Static Pressure

Applicability	All fan systems, except those specified using the power-per-unit-flow method
Definition	The design static pressure for the supply fan. This is important for both fan electric energy usage and duct heat gain calculations.
Units	Inches of water column (in. H_2O)
Input Restrictions	As designed. The design static pressure for the supply fan does not need to be specified if the supply fan brake horsepower (bhp) is specified.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline building is defined by Table 57. This approach only works if the system has only a supply fan. If return/exhaust fans are also present in the system, then the supply fan bhp needs to be calculated and divided amongst the supply, return, and exhaust fans. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** 90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d) requires that for fan systems included in the scope of the retrofit using the using the pressure drop method of modeling proposed fan power, the pressure drop

should be the same as the proposed design up to the limit that corresponds to fan power allowances prescribed in Section 6.5.3.1, whichever is smaller.

Exception to 90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d): When a proposed design includes energy recovery, and all the following conditions are met,

1. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6 requirements are applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the language in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4, and
2. Exhaust air energy recovery is not required to be modeled in the baseline according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6

then the fan power of the baseline system shall be equal to either the proposed design system or the fan power limit in Section 6.5.3.1 calculated without fan power credit for energy recovery, whichever is less.

Fans not included in the scope of the alteration should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Supply Fan Efficiency

Applicability	All fan systems, except those specified using the power-per-unit-flow and BHP methods
Definition	The efficiency of the fan at design conditions; this is the static efficiency and does not include motor losses
Units	Unitless
Input Restrictions	As designed. The supply fan efficiency does not need to be specified if the supply fan brake horsepower (bhp) is specified.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline supply fan efficiency shall be 65%. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** If using the pressure drop method of modeling proposed fan power, same as proposed. If unknown, a default of 65% can be used.

Supply Motor Efficiency

Applicability	All supply fans, except those specified using the power-per-unit-flow method
Definition	The full-load efficiency of the motor serving the supply fan
Units	Unitless
Input Restrictions	As designed. Not applicable when the power-per-unit-flow method is used. Motor efficiency is required to meet the mandatory efficiency requirements in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 10.4.1 as applicable.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

For systems 1, 2, 9, and 10, motor efficiency is assumed to be 80%. The motor efficiency for systems 3 through 8 is determined from Table G3.9.1 of ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2022 (Table 60 below).

Table 60. Minimum Nominal Efficiency for Electric Motors (%) per Table G3.9.1

Shaft Input Power	Full-Load Motor Efficiency, %
1	82.5
1.5	84
2	84
3	87.5
5	87.5
7.5	89.5
10	89.5
15	91
20	91
25	92.4
30	92.4
40	93
50	93
60	93.6
75	94.1
100	94.5
125	94.5
150	95
200	95

G3.3 Minor Alterations

For fan systems included in the scope of the retrofit, motor efficiency should be modeled with the minimum efficiency requirement of Standard 90.1-2022 Section 10.4.1 as applicable. Fractional horsepower fan motors (motors 1/12 hp or greater and less than 1 hp) shall be modeled with a motor efficiency of 70%. If any of the exceptions apply, then it shall be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Fans not included in the scope of the alteration should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Fan Position

Applicability	All supply fans
Definition	The position of the supply fan relative to the cooling coil. The configuration is either draw through (fan is downstream of the coil) or blow through (fan is upstream of the coil).
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Draw through. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed design.

Motor Position

Applicability	All supply fans
Definition	The position of the supply fan motor relative to the cooling air stream. The choices are: in the air stream or out of the air stream.
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** In the air stream. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as the proposed design.

Fan Part-Flow Power Curve

Applicability	All variable flow fan systems
Definition	A part-load power curve that represents the percentage full-load power draw of the supply fan as a function of the percentage full-load airflow. The curve is typically represented as a cubic equation with an absolute minimum power draw specified.
Units	Unitless ratio
Input Restrictions	The fan curve shall be selected from Equation (10) and Table 61 for the type of fan specified in the proposed design.

$$\begin{aligned}&Greater\ of\\&PLR = a + b \cdot FanRatio + c \cdot FanRatio^2 + d \cdot FanRatio^3\\&PLR = PowerMin\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Where:

PLR = Ratio of fan power at part load conditions to full load fan power
PowerMin = Minimum fan power ratio
FanRatio = Ratio of cfm at part-load to full-load cfm
a, b, c and *d* = Constants from Table 61

Table 61. Fan Curve Default Values

Fan Type - Control Type	A	B	c	d	%Power$_{Min}$
Multi Zone VAV with Airfoil (AF) or Backward Incline (BI) riding the curve(a)	0.1631	1.5901	-0.8817	0.1281	70%
Multi Zone VAV with AF or BI with inlet vanes(a)	0.9977	-0.659	0.9547	-0.2936	50%
Multi Zone VAV with Forward Curved (FC) fans riding the curve(a)	0.1224	0.612	0.5983	-0.3334	30%
Multi Zone VAV with FC with inlet vanes(a)	0.3038	-0.7608	2.2729	-0.8169	30%
Multi Zone VAV with vane-axial with variable pitch blades(a)	0.1639	-0.4016	1.9909	-0.7541	20%
Multi Zone VAV with VSD and fixed SP setpoint(b)	0.0013	0.1470	0.9506	-0.0998	20%
Multi zone VAV with static pressure reset(c)	0.04076	0.0881	-0.0729	0.9437	10%
Single zone VAV fan(d)	0.027828	0.026583	-0.087069	1.030920	10%

Data Sources:

(a) ECB Compliance Supplement, public review draft, Version 1.2, March 1996, but adjusted to be relatively consistent with the curve specified in the PRM.

(b) The fan curve for VSD is specified in Table G3.2.3.15.

(c) This is the good SP reset VSD fan curve from the advanced VAV design guide used for MZVAV systems.

(d) This is the perfect SP reset VSD fan curve from the advanced VAV design guide used for SZVAV systems.

http://www.energy.ca.gov/2003publications/CEC-500-2003-082/CEC-500-2003-082-A-11.PDF

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Not applicable for baseline building systems 1 through 4. Baseline systems 5 through 8 will use the curve for "Multi zone VAV with fixed static pressure setpoint" curve. System 11 shall use the "Single zone VAV fan" curve. Constant volume fans are used for systems 9, 10, 12, and 13 and hence the descriptor is not applicable.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

The baseline shall be modeled using the "Multi zone VAV with static pressure reset(c)" curve.

Exception: the fan part load curve should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.2.3 requirements are inapplicable.

Supply Fan Power Index (kW/cfm)

Applicability	Fan systems that use the power-per-unit-flow method
Definition	The supply fan power per unit of flow
Units	kW/cfm
Input Restrictions	As designed or specified in the manufacturers’ literature

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Applicable when the baseline building uses the power-per-unit-flow method. Fan power is determined using Table 57 of this document. This power is then multiplied by the supply fan ratio.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d) requires that for fan systems included in the scope of the retrofit using the power-per-unit-flow method of modeling proposed fan power, the kW/CFM should be the same as the proposed design up to the limit that corresponds to fan power allowances prescribed in Section 6.5.3.1, whichever is smaller.

Exception to 90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d): When a proposed design includes energy recovery, and all the following conditions are met,

1. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6 requirements are applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the language in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4, and
2. Exhaust air energy recovery is not required to be modeled in the baseline according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6

then the fan power of the baseline system shall be equal to either the proposed design system or the fan power limit in Section 6.5.3.1 calculated without fan power credit for energy recovery, whichever is less.

Fans not included in the scope of the alteration should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Static Pressure Reset Controls

Applicability	All VAV fan systems. Baseline systems 5 through 8.
Definition	Static pressure reset controls, reset the fan static pressure for VAV systems-based zone damper position. For systems with DDC of individual zone boxes reporting to the central control panel, static pressure setpoint shall be reset based on the zone requiring the most pressure.
Units	Unitless
Input Restrictions	As designed. If static pressure reset is implemented in the proposed system, the curve for “Multi zone VAV with static pressure reset curve” shall be used.
Baseline Building	**<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>** Not applicable for baseline building systems 1 through 4 or 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13. The curve for “Multi Zone VAV with VSD and fixed SP setpoint”’ shall be used for baseline building systems 5 through 8. **<u>G3.3 Minor Alterations</u>** The baseline shall be modeled using the “Multi zone VAV with static pressure reset(c)” curve. **Exception:** the fan part load curve should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.2.3 requirements are inapplicable.

3.7.3.3 Return/Relief Fans

<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>

System design supply airflow rates for the baseline building design shall be based on a supply-air-to room-air temperature difference of 20°F or the minimum outdoor airflow rate, or the airflow rate required to comply with applicable codes or accreditation standards, whichever is greater. For systems 3, 4, and 11 through 13, if return or relief fans are specified for systems serving the corresponding zones in the proposed design, the baseline building design shall also be modeled with fans serving the same functions. For systems 5 through 8, if return or relief fans are specified in the proposed building, then the baseline systems serving the corresponding zones will be modeled with a return/relief fan.

<u>G3.3 Minor Alterations</u>

System design supply airflow rates for the baseline building design shall be based on the design sizing supply-air-to room-air temperature difference (or 20°F if this is unknown) or the minimum outdoor airflow rate, or the airflow rate required to comply with applicable codes or accreditation standards, whichever is greater.

HVAC system type is modeled the same in the baseline and proposed with the exception that if the proposed design includes variable refrigerant flow heat pumps or single-zone systems with electric resistance heat, then air source heat pumps shall be used in the baseline design. This means that all fans specified in the proposed design (return, relief, exhaust, supply fans) should also be modeled in the baseline design. This exception is intended for single zone systems with electric resistance coils and not single zone systems served by central hot water systems.

Plenum Zone

Applicability	Any system with return ducts or return air plenum
Definition	A reference to the thermal zone that serves as return plenum or where the return ducts are located
Units	Text, unique
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Applicable when the baseline building has a return fan. Same as the proposed design when the proposed design has a plenum; otherwise, the return air ducts are assumed to be located in the space.

Return Air Path

Applicability	Any system with return ducts or return air plenum
Definition	Describes the return path for air. This can be one of the following: ducted return; plenum return; or direct-to-unit.
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** For baseline building systems 1 and 2, the return air path shall be direct-to-unit. For baseline building systems 3 through 8 and 11 through 13 and when the proposed design is direct-to-unit, the baseline building shall be ducted return, otherwise the baseline building return air path shall be the same as proposed design. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as the proposed design.

Return/Relief Air Rated Capacity

Applicability	All systems with a return or relief fan
Definition	The design airflow fan capacity of the return or relief fan(s). This sets the 100% fan flow point for the part-load curve (see below).
Units	cfm
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Applicable when the baseline building has a return fan. Return or relief fans shall be sized for the baseline system supply fan air quantity less the minimum outdoor air, or 90% of the supply fan air quantity, whichever is larger. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The return/relief air capacities for the baseline design shall be sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs—i.e., the ratio between the capacities used in the annual simulations and the capacities determined by the sizing runs shall be the same for both the proposed design and baseline building design.

Return/Relief Fan Brake Horsepower

Applicability	Any system with return or relief fans that uses the brake horsepower method
Definition	The design shaft brake horsepower of the return/relief fan(s)
Units	Brake horsepower (bhp)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Applicable when the baseline building has a return fan. The bhp of the return fan shall be the system fan brake horsepower multiplied by the return fan ratio. In other words, brake horsepower is allocated in proportion to the proposed design. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** 90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d) requires that for fan systems included in the scope of the retrofit using the BHP method of modeling proposed fan power, BHP should be the same as the proposed design up to the limit prescribed in Section 6.5.3.1, whichever is smaller. **Exception to 90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d):** When a proposed design includes energy recovery, and all the following conditions are met, 1. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6 requirements are applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the language in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4, and 2. Exhaust air energy recovery is not required to be modeled in the baseline according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6 then the fan power of the baseline system shall be equal to either the proposed design system or the fan power limit in Section 6.5.3.1 calculated without fan power credit for energy recovery, whichever is less. Fans not included in the scope of the alteration should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Return/Relief Design Static Pressure

Applicability	Any system with return or relief fans that uses the static pressure method
Definition	The design static pressure for return fan system. This is important for both fan electric energy usage and duct heat gain calculations.
Units	Inches of water column (in. H_2O gauge)
Input Restrictions	As designed. The design static pressure for the return fan does not need to be specified if the return fan brake horsepower (bhp) is specified.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Return fan static pressure = (Return fan BHP × 6356 × 0.65)/cfm return **G3.3 Minor Alterations** 90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d) requires that for fan systems included in the scope of the retrofit using the using the pressure drop method of modeling proposed fan power, the pressure drop

should be the same as the proposed design up to the limit that corresponds to fan power allowances prescribed in Section 6.5.3.1, whichever is smaller.

Exception to 90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d): When a proposed design includes energy recovery, and all the following conditions are met,

1. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6 requirements are applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the language in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4, and
2. Exhaust air energy recovery is not required to be modeled in the baseline according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6

then the fan power of the baseline system shall be equal to either the proposed design system or the fan power limit in Section 6.5.3.1 calculated without fan power credit for energy recovery, whichever is less.

Fans not included in the scope of the alteration should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Return/Relief Fan Efficiency

Applicability	Any system with return or relief fans that uses the static pressure method
Definition	The efficiency of the fan at design conditions; this is the static efficiency and does not include the efficiency loss of the motor
Units	Unitless
Input Restrictions	As designed. The return/relief fan efficiency does not need to be specified if the return fan brake horsepower (bhp) is specified.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** 65% **G3.3 Minor Alterations** If using the pressure drop method of modeling proposed fan power, same as the proposed design. If unknown, a default of 65% can be used.

Return/Relief Motor Efficiency

Applicability	All return fans, except those specified using the power-per-unit-flow method
Definition	The full-load efficiency of the motor serving the supply fan
Units	Unitless
Input Restrictions	As designed. Not applicable when the power-per-unit-flow method is used.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** For baseline systems 1, 2, 9, 10, 12, and 13 is 80%. For baseline systems 3 through 8 and 11, fan motor efficiency is determined from Table G3.9.1 of Standard 90.1-2022 for the next motor size greater than the bhp calculated, through the process described above, using a totally enclosed fan motor at 1800 rpm. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** For fan systems included in the scope of the retrofit, motor efficiency should be modeled with the minimum efficiency requirement of Standard 90.1-2022 Section 10.4.1 as applicable. Fractional horsepower fan motors (motors 1/12 hp or greater and less than 1 hp)

shall be modeled with a motor efficiency of 70%. If any of the exceptions apply, then it shall be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Fans not included in the scope of the alteration should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Motor Position

Applicability	All return fans
Definition	The position of the supply fan motor relative to the cooling air stream. The choices are in the air stream or out of the air stream.
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** In the air stream **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as the proposed design.

Fan Part-Flow Power Curve

Applicability	All return fans for variable flow fan systems
Definition	A part-load power curve that represents the percentage full-load power draw of the return fan as a function of the percentage full-load airflow
Units	Unitless ratio
Input Restrictions	As designed. The default fan curve shall be selected from Equation (11) and Table 61 for the type of fan specified in the proposed design.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable for baseline building systems 1 through 4. The curve for “Multi zone VAV with fixed static pressure setpoint” shall be used for baseline building systems 5 through 8. System 11 shall use the “Single zone VAV fan” curve. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The baseline shall be modeled using the “Multi zone VAV with static pressure reset(c)” curve. **Exception:** the fan part load curve should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.2.3 requirements are inapplicable.

Return/Relief Fan Power Index	
Applicability	Any system with a return fan
Definition	The return fan power per unit of flow
Units	kW/cfm
Input Restrictions	As specified in the manufacturers' literature
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Applicable when the baseline building uses the power-per-unit-flow method. Fan power is determined using Table 57. This power is then multiplied by the return fan ratio. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** 90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d) requires that for fan systems included in the scope of the retrofit using the power-per-unit-flow method of modeling proposed fan power, the kW/CFM should be the same as the proposed design up to the limit that corresponds to fan power allowances prescribed in Section 6.5.3.1, whichever is smaller. **Exception to 90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d):** When a proposed design includes energy recovery, and all the following conditions are met, 1. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6 requirements are applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the language in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4, and 2. Exhaust air energy recovery is not required to be modeled in the baseline according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6 then the fan power of the baseline system shall be equal to either the proposed design system or the fan power limit in Section 6.5.3.1 calculated without fan power credit for energy recovery, whichever is less. Fans not included in the scope of the alteration should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

3.7.3.4 Exhaust Fan Systems

Exhaust fans include toilet, kitchen and laboratory exhaust. Some systems typically operate at constant flow, while flow varies for other systems depending on, for instance, the position of the sash for fume hoods. Exhaust fan flow is specified and scheduled for each thermal zone. An exhaust fan system may serve multiple thermal zones. The baseline building has exhaust fans when the proposed design has exhaust fans. The design exhaust airflow is the same for the baseline building and the proposed building.

Exhaust Fan Name	
Applicability	All exhaust systems serving multiple thermal zones
Definition	A unique descriptor for each exhaust fan. This should be keyed to the construction documents, if possible, to facilitate plan checking. Exhaust rates and schedules at the thermal zone level refer to this name.
Units	Text, unique
Input Restrictions	Where applicable, this should match the tags that are used on the plans
Baseline Building	The baseline building will have an exhaust system that corresponds to the proposed design. The name can be identical to that used for the proposed design or some other appropriate name may be used.

Exhaust Fan System Modeling Method

Applicability	All exhaust fan systems
Definition	Software commonly models fans in three ways. See definition for supply system modeling method.
Units	List: Power-Per-Unit-Flow, Static Pressure, or Brake Horsepower
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** If the proposed design uses the power-per-unit-flow method, the baseline building shall also use this method, otherwise the baseline building shall use the static pressure method. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Use one of the methods. The same method should be used in the baseline and proposed.

Exhaust Fan Rated Capacity

Applicability	All exhaust systems
Definition	The rated design airflow rate of the exhaust fan system. This building descriptor defines the 100% flow case for the part-flow curve. Actual airflow is the sum of the flow specified for each thermal zone, as modified by the schedule for each thermal zone.
Units	cfm
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Same as the proposed design except that baseline building kitchen exhaust rate may not exceed the maximum levels defined by Section 3.6.5.3 of this document. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as the proposed design except that baseline building kitchen exhaust rate may not exceed the maximum levels defined by Section 3.6.5.3 of this document (this maximum only applies to exhaust systems included in the scope of the retrofit and only if, based on the language of Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4, the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.7.2.2 are applicable).

Fan Control Method

Applicability	All exhaust fan systems
Definition	A description of how the exhaust fan(s) are controlled. The options include: • Constant volume • Two-speed • Variable-flow, inlet or discharge dampers • Variable-flow, inlet guide vanes • Variable-flow, VSD • Variable-flow, variable pitch blades
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed, however, when exhaust fan flow at the thermal zone level is varied through a schedule, one of the variable-flow options shall be specified
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline building exhaust fan control shall generally be the same as the proposed design. Exceptions: Exhaust fans s serving laboratory spaces shall reduce the exhaust air volume during unoccupied periods to the largest of 50% of zone peak airflow, the minimum outdoor airflow rate, or the airflow rate required to comply with applicable codes or accreditation standards as described in Section 3.6.5.3 under descriptor *Laboratory: Exhaust Minimum Airflow Rate*. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Baseline shall be modeled as minimally compliant with Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.7. See the *Kitchen: Demand Ventilation* and *Laboratory: Exhaust Minimum Airflow Rate* descriptors in Section 3.6.5.3 for guidance. **Exception:** the fan control method should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.7 requirements are inapplicable.

Exhaust Fan Schedule

Applicability	All exhaust fan systems
Definition	A schedule that indicates when the exhaust fan system is available for operation. Exhaust fan flow is specified at the thermal zone level.
Units	Data structure: schedule, on/off
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Same as the proposed design for exhaust fans not serving kitchen or laboratory spaces For kitchen and laboratory zone exhaust, refer to Section 3.6.5.3 of this document. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Baseline shall be modeled as minimally compliant with Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.7. See the *Kitchen: Demand Ventilation* and *Laboratory: Exhaust Minimum Airflow Rate* descriptors in Section 3.6.5.3 for guidance. **Exception:** the fan control method should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.7 requirements are inapplicable.

Exhaust Fan Brake Horsepower

Applicability	All exhaust fan systems
Definition	The design shaft brake horsepower of the exhaust fan(s)
Units	Brake horsepower (bhp)
Input Restrictions	As designed

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

The bhp for the baseline building is the total system fan horsepower from Table 57 of this document multiplied by the exhaust fan ratio.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d) requires that for fan systems included in the scope of the retrofit using the BHP method of modeling proposed fan power, BHP should be the same as the proposed design up to the limit prescribed in Section 6.5.3.1, whichever is smaller.

Exception to 90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d): When a proposed design includes energy recovery, and all the following conditions are met,

1. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6 requirements are applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the language in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4, and
2. Exhaust air energy recovery is not required to be modeled in the baseline according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6

then the fan power of the baseline system shall be equal to either the proposed design system or the fan power limit in Section 6.5.3.1 calculated without fan power credit for energy recovery, whichever is less.
Fans not included in the scope of the alteration should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Exhaust Fan Design Static Pressure

Applicability	Any system with return or relief fans that uses the static pressure method
Definition	The design static pressure for exhaust fan system. This is important for both fan electric energy usage and duct heat gain calculations.
Units	Inches of water column (in. H_2O)
Input Restrictions	As designed for exhaust fans not serving kitchens. The design static pressure for the exhaust fan does not need to be specified if the exhaust fan bhp is specified.

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

The exhaust fan static pressure for the baseline building would be equal to the total fan system static pressure (specified in section Supply Fan Static Pressure) multiplied by the exhaust fan ratio

Exhaust Fan Static Pressure = (Exhaust Fan BHP × 6356 × 0.65)/cfm exhaust

G3.3 Minor Alterations

90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d) requires that for fan systems included in the scope of the retrofit using the pressure drop method of modeling proposed fan power, the pressure drop should be the same as the proposed design up to the limit that corresponds to fan power allowances prescribed in Section 6.5.3.1, whichever is smaller.

Exception to 90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d): When a proposed design includes energy recovery, and all the following conditions are met,

1. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6 requirements are applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the language in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4, and
2. Exhaust air energy recovery is not required to be modeled in the baseline according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6

then the fan power of the baseline system shall be equal to either the proposed design system or the fan power limit in Section 6.5.3.1 calculated without fan power credit for energy recovery, whichever is less.
Fans not included in the scope of the alteration should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Exhaust Fan Efficiency

Applicability	Any exhaust fan system that uses the static pressure method
Definition	The efficiency of the exhaust fan at rated capacity; this is the static efficiency and does not include losses through the motor
Units	Unitless
Input Restrictions	As designed. The exhaust fan efficiency does not need to be specified if the return fan bhp is specified.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** For baseline system, fan efficiency is 65% **G3.3 Minor Alterations** If using the pressure drop method of modeling proposed fan power, same as the proposed design. If unknown, a default of 65% can be used.

Exhaust Fan Motor Efficiency

Applicability	All exhaust fan systems
Definition	The full-load efficiency of the motor serving the exhaust fan
Units	Unitless
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** From Table G3.9.1 of Standard 90.1-2022 for the next motor size greater than the bhp calculated, through the process described above, using a totally enclosed fan motor at 1800 rpm **G3.3 Minor Alterations** For fan systems included in the scope of the retrofit motor efficiency should be modeled with the minimum efficiency requirement of Standard 90.1-2022 Section 10.4.1 as applicable. Fractional horsepower fan motors (motors 1/12 hp or greater and less than 1 hp) shall be modeled with a motor efficiency of 70%. If any of the exceptions apply, then it shall be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed. Fans not included in the scope of the alteration should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Fan Part-Flow Power Curve

Applicability	All variable flow exhaust fan systems
Definition	A part-load power curve that represents the power draw of the exhaust fan as a function of the airflow
Units	Unitless ratio
Input Restrictions	As designed. The default fan curve shall be selected from Equation (11) and Table 61 for the type of fan specified in the proposed design.
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Exhaust Fan Power Index

Applicability	All exhaust systems
Definition	The fan power of the exhaust fan per unit of flow. This building descriptor is applicable only with the power-per-unit-flow method.
Units	kW/cfm
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The fan system power from Table 57 multiplied by the exhaust fan ratio. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** 90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d) requires that for fan systems included in the scope of the retrofit using the power-per-unit-flow method of modeling proposed fan power, the kW/CFM should be the same as the proposed design up to the limit that corresponds to fan power allowances prescribed in Section 6.5.3.1, whichever is smaller. **Exception to 90.1 G3.3.2.8 (d):** When a proposed design includes energy recovery, and all the following conditions are met, 1. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6 requirements are applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the language in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4, and 2. Exhaust air energy recovery is not required to be modeled in the baseline according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6 then the fan power of the baseline system shall be equal to either the proposed design system or the fan power limit in Section 6.5.3.1 calculated without fan power credit for energy recovery, whichever is less. Fans not included in the scope of the alteration should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

3.7.4 Outdoor Air Controls and Economizers

3.7.4.1 Outside Air Controls

Maximum Outside Air Ratio	
Applicability	All systems with modulating outside air dampers
Definition	The descriptor is used to limit the maximum amount of outside air that a system can provide as a percentage of the design supply air. It is used where the installation has a restricted intake capacity.
Units	Ratio
Input Restrictions	As designed. Maximum of 1.0.
Baseline Building	1.0 for all systems with economizers. For others, equal to the ratio of required outdoor air to the peak supply airflow at design conditions.

Design Outside Airflow	
Applicability	All systems with outside air dampers
Definition	The rate of outside air that needs to be delivered by the system at design conditions. This input may be derived from the sum of the design outside airflow for each of the zones served by the system.
Units	cfm
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Same as proposed unless exceptions in 90.1 G3.2.2.4 apply. This input along with occupant density determines if the zones served by this system are required to have demand control ventilation. This value might also be different for buildings using the ASHRAE 62.1 Ventilation Rate Procedure as described in Section 3.6.5.5 of this document. See Section 3.6.5.4 of this document for ventilation control method at the zone level. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The baseline shall be modeled as minimally compliant with Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.8 with the same feature as the proposed design. Where the proposed design does not include one of these features it is recommended that the baseline be modeled according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.8 option a with no more than 135% of the required minimum outdoor air rate modeled in the baseline. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.8 states that 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 62.2, Standard 170, or applicable codes or accreditation standards.

The section also requires that outdoor air ventilation systems 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.

Exception: the minimum outdoor air ventilation rate should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, the 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.8 requirements are inapplicable.

If the following conditions are met,

1. DCV is specified in the proposed design,
2. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.4.3.8 is applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4, and
3. DCV is not required to be modeled in the baseline according to 90.1 Section 6.4.3.8

then ventilation air flow may differ between the baseline and proposed due to DCV. See the *Design Ventilation Rate: Demand Control Ventilation* descriptor for the requirements of 6.4.3.8.

Outdoor Air Control Method

Applicability	All HVAC systems that deliver outside air to multiple zones. (These requirements don't apply to systems supplying air to single zones.)
Definition	The method of determining the amount of outside air that needs to be delivered by the system. Each of the zones served by the system reports its outside air requirements hourly. The options for determining the outside air at the zone level are discussed above. This control method addresses how the system responds to this information hourly. Options include: • Average flow: The outside air delivered by the system is the sum of the outside air requirement for each zone, without taking into account the position of the VAV damper in each zone. The assumption is that there is mixing between zones through the return air stream. • Critical zone: The critical zone is the zone with the highest ratio of outside air to supply air. The assumption is that there is no mixing between zones. This method will provide greater outside air than the average flow method because when the critical zone sets the outside air fraction at the system, the other zones are getting more outside air than required. The quantity of outside air can be controlled in a number of ways, but a common method is to install a flow station at the outside air supply that modulates the position of the outside air and return dampers to maintain the desired outside airflow. With the average flow, a CO_2 sensor in the return air duct is another way to control the position of the outside air and return dampers.
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Same as proposed. See Section 3.6.5.5 for details.

Outdoor Air Minimum Flow Schedule

Applicability	All HVAC systems that deliver outside air
Definition	The schedule shall allow the system to provide the minimum system outdoor air requirements based on a time-of-day schedule. This input is specifically helpful when ventilation intake needs to be modified for fan cycling operation during unoccupied hours. This schedule would be an “on/off” schedule that determines when the design outside air is supplied by the system.
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	Schedules for HVAC system fans that provide outdoor air for ventilation shall run continuously whenever spaces are occupied and shall be cycled ON and OFF to meet heating and cooling loads during unoccupied hours. Exceptions: 1. Where no heating and/or cooling system is to be installed, and a heating or cooling system is being simulated only to meet the requirements described in Table G3.1 #10 proposed column, heating and/or cooling system fans shall not be simulated as running continuously during occupied hours but shall be cycled ON and OFF to meet heating and cooling loads during all hours. 2. HVAC system fans shall remain on during occupied and unoccupied hours in spaces that have health- and safety-mandated minimum ventilation requirements during unoccupied hours. 3. HVAC system fans shall remain on during occupied and unoccupied hours in systems primarily serving computer rooms. 4. Dedicated outdoor air supply fans shall stay off during unoccupied hours.
Baseline Building	Same as proposed.

3.7.4.2 Air Side Economizers

Economizer Control Type

Applicability	All systems with an air-side economizer
Definition	An air-side economizer increases outside air ventilation during periods when cooling loads can be reduced from increased outside airflow. The control types include: • No economizer. • Fixed dry-bulb. The economizer is enabled when the temperature of the outside air is lower than a fixed setpoint. • Differential dry-bulb. The economizer is enabled when the temperature of the outside air is lower than the return air temperature. • Fixed enthalpy. The economizer is enabled when the enthalpy of the outside air is lower than a fixed setpoint • Differential enthalpy. The economizer is enabled when the enthalpy of the outside air is lower than the return air enthalpy. • Differential dry-bulb and enthalpy. The economizer is enabled when the outside air dry-bulb is less than the return air dry-bulb AND the outside air enthalpy is less than the return air enthalpy.

- Fixed dewpoint and dry-bulb. The economizer is enabled when the dewpoint and dry-bulb temperature of the outside air are below the specified setpoints.

Units List (see above)

Input Restrictions As designed

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

Outdoor air economizers shall not be included in baseline HVAC systems 1, 2, 9, and 10. Outside air economizers shall be included in baseline HVAC systems 3 through 8, 11, 12, and 13, in climate zones 2B, 3B, 3C, 4C, 5B, 5C, 6B, 7, and 8. Economizers are not required in other climate zones. Economizer control shall be fixed dry bulb with a temperature setpoint as indicated under *Economizer High-Temperature Lockout* below.

Exceptions: Economizers shall not be included for systems meeting one or more of the exceptions listed below.

a. Systems that include gas-phase air cleaning to meet the requirements of Section 6.1.2 in Standard 62.1. In the scenario, where there isn’t a one-to-one mapping between the systems in the proposed and baseline building, all systems serving the zones that qualify for the exception in the proposed building will not have economizers.

b. Where the use of outdoor air for cooling will affect supermarket open refrigerated casework systems. This exception shall only be used if the system in the proposed design does not use an economizer.

c. Systems serving computer rooms which are baseline systems 3-4 shall not have an economizer. Systems that server computer rooms that are baseline system 11 shall include an integrated fluid economizer meeting the requirements of Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1.2, also summarized below and in Section 3.8.4 of this manual.

   Fluid Economizers

   Fluid economizer systems shall be capable of providing up to 100% of the expected system cooling load at outdoor air temperatures of 50°F dry bulb/45°F wet bulb and below. Exceptions:

   - Systems primarily serving computer rooms in which 100% of the expected system cooling load at the dry-bulb and wet-bulb temperatures listed in Table 6.5.1.2.1 of Standard 90.1-2022 is met with water-cooled fluid economizers.
   - Systems primarily serving computer rooms in which 100% of the expected system cooling load at the dry-bulb temperatures listed in Table 6.5.1.2.1 of Standard 90.1-2022 is met with air-cooled fluid economizers.
   - Systems where dehumidification requirements cannot be met using outdoor air temperatures of 50°F dry-bulb/45°F wet-bulb and where 100% of the expected system cooling load at 45°F dry-bulb/40°F wet-bulb is met with water-cooled fluid economizers.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Economizer control type shall be modeled as minimally compliant with Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1 with the same type as the proposed. Where the proposed does not include an economizer, it is recommended that an air economizer be modeled in the baseline. However, according to Standard 90.1 Section 6.5.1.5, when applicable based on the scope of the retrofit and the language in Standard 90.1 Section 6.1.4, if the proposed design includes hydronic cooling and humidification systems designed to maintain inside humidity at a dew-point temperature greater than 35°F, then a fluid economizer is specifically required to be modeled in the baseline to meet 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1.

Exceptions to 90.1 Section 6.5.1:

1. Individual fan-cooling units with a supply capacity less than the minimum listed in 90.1 Table 6.5.1-1

2. 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.

3. Systems that include nonparticulate air treatment as required by Standard 62.1, Section 6.2.1.

4. In hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers, where more than 75% of the air designed to be supplied by the system is to spaces that are required to be humidified above 35°F dew-point temperature to comply with applicable codes or accreditation standards; in all other buildings, where more than 25% of the air designed to be supplied by the system is to spaces that are designed to be humidified above 35°F dew-point temperature to satisfy process application needs. This exception does not apply to computer rooms.

5. Systems that include a condenser heat recovery system with a minimum capacity as defined in 90.1 Section 6.5.6.2.2.

6. Systems that serve residential spaces where the system capacity is less than five times the requirement listed in 90.1 Table 6.5.1-1.

7. Systems that serve spaces whose sensible cooling load at design conditions, excluding transmission less than or equal to transmission losses at an outdoor temperature of 60°F.

8. Systems expected to operate fewer than 20 hours per week.

9. Where the use of outdoor air for cooling will affect supermarket open refrigerated casework systems.

10. For comfort cooling, where the cooling efficiency meets or exceeds the efficiency improvement requirements in 90.1 Table 6.5.1-2.

11. Systems primarily serving computer rooms where

    a. the total design cooling load of all computer rooms in the building is less than 3,000,000 Btu/h and the building in which they are located is not served by a centralized chilled-water plant;

    b. the room total design cooling load is less than 600,000 Btu/h and the building in which they are located is served by a centralized chilled-water plant;

    c. the local water authority does not allow cooling towers; or

    d. less than 600,000 Btu/h of computer-room cooling equipment capacity is being added to an existing building.

12. Dedicated systems for computer rooms, where a minimum of 75% of the design load serves

    a. those spaces classified as an essential facility,

    b. those spaces having a design of Tier IV as defined by ANSI/TIA-942,

    c. those spaces classified under NFPA 70 Article 708—Critical Operations Power Systems (COPS)

    d. those spaces where core clearing and settlement services are performed such that their failure to settle pending financial transactions could present systemic risk as described in

“The Interagency Paper on Sound Practices to Strengthen the Resilience of the U.S. Financial System” (April 7, 2003).

Exception: the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1 requirements are inapplicable.

Economizer Integration

Applicability Airside economizers

Definition This input specifies whether the economizer is integrated with mechanical cooling. It is up to the modeling software to translate this into software-specific inputs to model this feature. The input could take the following values:

- Non-integrated: The system runs the economizer as the first stage of cooling. When the economizer is unable to meet the load, the economizer returns the outside air damper to the minimum position and the compressor turns on as the second stage of cooling.
- Integrated: The system can operate with the economizer fully open to outside air and mechanical cooling active (compressor running) simultaneously, even on the lowest cooling stage.

Units List: Non-integrated, Integrated

Input Restrictions As designed

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

Integrated

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Integrated according to 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1.3.

Exception: the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1.3 requirements are inapplicable.

Economizer High-Temperature Lockout

Applicability	Systems with fixed dry-bulb economizer
Definition	The outside air setpoint temperature above which the economizer will return to minimum position
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>** Economizer control shall be fixed dry bulb with a temperature setpoint of 70°F in climate zones 5A and 6A and 75˚F in all other climate zones where economizers are required **<u>G3.3 Minor Alterations</u>** According to 90.1 2022 Table 6.5.1.1.3 based on climate zone. The requirements are summarized directly below. 0B, 1B, 2B, 3B, 3C, 4B, 4C,5B, 5C, 6B, 7, 8: 75°F 5A, 6A: 70°F 0A, 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A: 65°F **Exception:** the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1.1.3 requirements are inapplicable.

Economizer Low-Temperature Lockout

Applicability	Systems with air-side economizers
Definition	A feature that permits the lockout of economizer operation (return to minimum outside air position) when the outside air temperature is below the lockout setpoint
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>** None **<u>G3.3 Minor Alterations</u>** Same as proposed if applicable, otherwise none.

Economizer High Enthalpy Lockout

Applicability	Systems with fixed enthalpy or differential enthalpy economizers
Definition	The outside air enthalpy above which the economizer will return to minimum position
Units	Btu/lb
Input Restrictions	As designed. The default is 28 Btu/lb. (High altitude locations may require different setpoints.) The software shall apply a fixed offset and add 2 Btu/lb to the user-entered value.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable since no baseline building system has an enthalpy economizer. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** 28 Btu/lb according to Standard 90.1-2022 Table 6.5.1.1.3. **Exception:** the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1.1.3 requirements are inapplicable.

3.7.5 Cooling Systems

3.7.5.1 General

This group of building descriptors applies to all cooling systems.

Cooling Source

Applicability	All systems
Definition	The source of cooling for the system. The choices are: • Chilled water • DX • Other
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline building cooling source is shown in Table 62. See Section 3.1.1.4 of this document for HVAC system mapping.

Table 62. Cooling Source for Baseline Building System

Baseline Building System	Cooling Type
1 – PTAC	Direct expansion
2 – PTHP	Direct expansion
3 – PSZ AC	Direct expansion
4 – PSZ HP	Direct expansion
5 – Packaged VAV with Reheat	Direct expansion
6 – Packaged VAV with PFP Boxes	Direct expansion
7 – VAV with Reheat	Chilled water
8 – VAV with PFP Boxes	Chilled water
9 – Heating and Ventilation	None
10 – Heating and Ventilation	None

11- Single Zone VAV	Chilled Water
12- Single Zone CAV HW	Chilled Water
13- Single Zone CAV ER	Chilled Water

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed except if the proposed design includes variable refrigerant flow heat pumps or single-zone systems with electric resistance heat, in these cases air source heat pumps shall be modeled in the baseline design in which case the cooling type is direct expansion.

Total Cooling Capacity

Applicability All cooling systems

Definition The total cooling capacity (both sensible and latent) of a cooling coil or packaged DX system at Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) conditions. The building descriptors defined in this chapter assume that the fan is modeled separately, including any heat it adds to the air stream. The cooling capacity specified by this building descriptor should not consider the heat of the fan.

Note that most CHW coils, and coils in custom DX equipment, particularly those serving high outside air fractions, will have capacities provided in HVAC schedules and submittals at entering air conditions very different from AHRI conditions. For these units, when entered in software using the following simulation methods, custom performance curves will generally be needed, or the capacities and efficiencies recalculated at the AHRI conditions.

Units kBtu/h

Input Restrictions As designed. For packaged equipment that has the fan motor in the air stream such that it adds heat to the cooled air, the software shall adjust the *total cooling capacity* as follows:

$$Q_{t,net,rated} = Q_{t,gross,rated} - Q_{fan,rated} \tag{12}$$

Where:

$Q_{t,net,rated}$ = The net total cooling capacity of a packaged unit as rated by AHRI (Btu/h)

$Q_{t,gross,rated}$ = The AHRI rated total cooling capacity of a packaged unit (Btu/h)

$Q_{t,fan,\ rated}$ = The heat generated by the fan and fan motor (if fan motor is in airstream) at AHRI rated conditions

If the gross and net total cooling capacities at AHRI conditions are known, the fan heat at rated conditions is the difference between the two values. If the either the gross or net total cooling capacity is unknown, the fan heat at rated conditions shall be accounted for by using equation below :

$$W_{fan} = \frac{Q_{t.gross.rated} - Q_{t.net.rated}}{3.412\ [\frac{Btu}{h})/W]}$$

Source: Standard 90.1-2019 User’s Manual (unpublished)

Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The total cooling capacity of the systems in the baseline building is oversized by 15%. Sizing calculations shall be based on the heating design day and cooling design day conditions, as defined in Section 3.2.3 of this document. Oversizing would be carried out at zone level where the sizing parameters would be applied to the zone design cooling coil loads, but not the airflow rates. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The total cooling capacity for the baseline design shall be sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs—i.e., the ratio between the capacities used in the annual simulations and the capacities determined by the sizing runs shall be the same for both the proposed design and baseline building design.

Sensible Cooling Capacity

Applicability	All cooling systems
Definition	The sensible cooling capacity of the coil or packaged equipment at Air-conditioning and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) conditions. The building descriptors defined in this chapter assume that the fan is modeled separately, including any heat it adds to the air stream. The cooling capacity specified by this building descriptor should not consider the heat of the fan. Note that the sensible heat ratio (SHR) used by some energy simulation tools can be calculated from the sensible cooling capacity and total cooling capacity: SHR = Sensible Cooling Capacity / Total Cooling Capacity
Units	kBtu/h
Input Restrictions	As designed. For packaged equipment that has the fan motor located in the air stream such that it adds heat to the cooled air, the software shall adjust the *sensible cooling capacity* as follows: $Q_{s,adj} = Q_{s,rated} + BHP_{supply} \times 2.545$ (13) Where: $Q_{s,adj}$ = The adjusted sensible cooling capacity of a packaged unit (kBtu/h) $Q_{s,rated}$ = The ARI rated sensible cooling capacity of a packaged unit (kBtu/h) BHP_{supply} = The supply fan brake horsepower (bhp) in the proposed building design. If the number of UMLH in the proposed design exceeds 300, the software shall warn the user to resize the equipment.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The sensible cooling capacity of the systems serving baseline building is oversized by 15%. Sizing calculations shall be based on the heating design day and cooling design day conditions, as defined in Section 3.2.3 of this document. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The sensible cooling capacity for the baseline design shall be sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs—i.e., the ratio between the capacities used in the annual simulations and the capacities determined by the sizing runs shall be the same for both the proposed design and baseline building design.

Cooling Capacity Adjustment Curves

Applicability All cooling systems

Definition The sensible cooling capacity of the coil or packaged equipment at AHRI conditions. The building descriptors defined in this chapter assume that the fan is modeled separately, including any heat it adds to the air stream. The cooling capacity specified by this building descriptor should not consider the heat of the fan.

Note that the SHR used by some energy simulation tools can be calculated from the sensible cooling capacity and total cooling capacity:

SHR = Sensible Cooling Capacity / Total Cooling Capacity

A curve that represents the available total cooling capacity as a function of rated cooling coil capacity and/or condenser conditions. The common form of these curves is given as follows:

$$Q_{t,available} = CAP\_FT \times Q_{t,adj} \tag{14}$$

For air-cooled DX

$$\begin{aligned} CAP\_FT = a + b \times t_{wb} + c \times {t_{wb}}^2 + d \times t_{odb} \\ + e \times {t_{odb}}^2 + f \times t_{wb} \times t_{odb} \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

For water-cooled DX

$$\begin{aligned} CAP\_FT = a + b \times t_{wb} + c \times {t_{wb}}^2 + d \times t_{wt} \\ + e \times {t_{wt}}^2 + f \times t_{wb} \times t_{wt} \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

For chilled water coils

$$\begin{aligned} CAP\_FT = a + b \times t_{wb} + c \times {t_{wb}}^2 + d \times t_{db} \\ + e \times {t_{db}}^2 + f \times t_{wb} \times t_{db} \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Where:

Qt,available = Available cooling capacity at specified evaporator and/or condenser conditions (thousand British thermal units per hour [MBH])

Qt,adj = Adjusted capacity at ARI conditions (Btu/h) (see Equation 5)

CAP_FT = A multiplier to adjust Qt,adj

twb = The entering coil wet-bulb temperature (°F)

tdb = The entering coil dry-bulb temperature (°F)

twt = The water supply temperature (°F)

todb = The outside-air dry-bulb temperature (°F)

Note: If an air-cooled unit employs an evaporative condenser, todb is the effective dry-bulb temperature of the air leaving the evaporative cooling unit.

Software may represent the relationship between cooling capacity and temperature in ways other than the equations given above.

Table 63. Cooling Capacity Curve Coefficients

	Air Cooled DX		Liquid Cooled DX		Chilled Water Coils	
Coefficient	Air-Source (PTAC)	Air-Source (Other DX)	Water-Source (Heat Pump)	Water-Source (Other DX)	Fan-Coil	Other Chilled Water
a	1.1839345	0.8740302	-0.2780377	0.9452633	0.5038866	2.5882585
b	-0.0081087	-0.0011416	0.0248307	-0.0094199	-0.0869176	-0.2305879
c	0.0002110	0.0001711	-0.0000095	0.0002270	0.0016847	0.0038359
d	-0.0061435	-0.0029570	-0.0032731	0.0004805	0.0336304	0.1025812
e	0.0000016	0.0000102	0.0000070	-0.0000045	0.0002478	0.0005984
f	-0.0000030	-0.0000592	-0.0000272	-0.0000599	-0.0010297	-0.0028721

Note: These curves are the DOE-2.1E defaults, except for Water-Source (Other DX), which is taken from the ECB Compliance Supplement, public review draft prepared by the SSPC 90.1 ECB Panel, Version 1.2, March 1996.

Units	Data structure
Input Restrictions	Where publicly accessible performance curves are available for as-designed equipment they may be used for the proposed design otherwise the default equations and coefficients given above should be used. If custom performance curves are used documentation needs to be provided.
Baseline Building	Default curves will be used for baseline building

Coil Latent Modeling Method

Applicability	All DX cooling systems
Definition	The method of modeling coil latent performance at part-load conditions
Units	List
Input Restrictions	One of the following values: Bypass factor – used by DOE-2 based programs NTU-effectiveness – used by EnergyPlus
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Coil Bypass Factor

Applicability	All DX cooling systems (optional input)
Definition	The ratio of air that bypasses the cooling coil at design conditions to the total system airflow
Units	Ratio
Input Restrictions	Prescribed values as shown in Table 64

Table 64. Default Coil Bypass Factors

System Type	Default Bypass Factor
Packaged Terminal Air-conditioners and Heat Pumps	0.241
Other Packaged Equipment	0.190
Multi-Zone Systems	0.078
All Other	0.037

Baseline Building	Defaults

Coil Bypass Factor Adjustment Curve

Applicability	All DX cooling systems (optional input)
Definition	Adjustments for the amount of coil bypass due to the following factors: • Coil airflow rate as a percentage of rated system airflow • Entering air wet-bulb temperature • Entering air dry-bulb temperature • Part load ratio
Units	Data structure
Input Restrictions	Where applicable, prescribed (fixed) simulation engine defaults based on HVAC system type. The following default values shall be used for the adjustment curves:

$$CBF_{adj} = CBF_{rated} \times COIL - BF - FFLOW \times COIL - BF - FT \times COIL - BF - FPLR \quad (18)$$

$$\text{COIL-BF-FFLOW} = a + b \times CFMR + c \times CFMR^2 + d \times CFMR^3 \quad (19)$$

$$\text{COIL-BF-FT} = a + b \times T_{wb} + c \times {T_{wb}}^2 + d \times T_{db} + e \times {T_{db}}^2 + f \times T_{wb} \times T_{db} \quad (20)$$

$$COIL - BF - FPLR = a + b \times PLR \quad (21)$$

Where:

CBF_{rated}

CBF_{rated} = The coil bypass factor at ARI rating conditions

CBF_{adj} = The coil bypass factor adjusted for airflow and coil conditions

CFMR = The ratio of airflow to design airflow

COIL-BF-FFLOW = A multiplier on the rated coil bypass factor to account for variation in airflow across the coil (take coefficients from Table 65)

COIL-BF-FT = A multiplier on the rated coil bypass factor to account for a variation in coil entering conditions (take coefficients from Table 66)

COIL-BF-FPLR = A multiplier on the rated coil bypass factor to account for the part load ratio (take coefficients from Table 67)

T_{wb} = The entering coil wet-bulb temperature (°F)

T_{db} = The entering coil dry-bulb temperature (°F)

PLR = Part load ratio

And the coefficients are listed in the tables below.

Table 65. Coil Bypass Factor Airflow Adjustment Factor

Coefficient	COIL-BF-FFLOW (PTAC)	COIL-BF-FFLOW (HP)	COIL-BF-FFLOW (PSZ/other)
a	-2.277	-0.8281602	-0.2542341
b	5.21140	14.3179150	1.2182558
c	-1.93440	-21.8894405	0.0359784
d		9.3996897	

Table 66. Coil Bypass Factor Temperature Adjustment Factor

Coefficient	COIL-BF-FT (PTAC)	COIL-BF-FT (HP)	COIL-BF-FT (PSZ, other)
a	-1.5713691	-29.9391098	1.0660053
b	0.0469633	0.8753455	-0.0005170
c	0.0003125	-0.0057055	0.0000567
d	-0.0065347	0.1614450	-0.0129181
e	0.0001105	0.0002907	-0.0000017
f	-0.0003719	-0.0031523	0.0001503

Table 67. Coil Bypass Factor Part Load Adjustment Factor

Coefficient	COIL-BF-FPLR (All Systems)
a	0.00
b	1.00

Source: (CEC 2013)

Baseline Building Use defaults as described above

3.7.5.2 Direct Expansion

Direct Expansion Cooling Efficiency

Applicability Packaged DX equipment

Definition The cooling efficiency of a DX cooling system at AHRI rated conditions as a dimensionless ratio of output over input, excluding fan energy. The abbreviation used for this full-load efficiency is $COP_{nf.cooling}$.

Fan energy shall be modeled separately according to Section 3.7.3 of this document.

Units Unitless

Input Restrictions As designed. Calculated as follows:

$$COP_{nf.cooling} = \frac{Q_{t.gross.rated}}{\left(Total\ Input\ Power[\mathrm{W}] - W_{fan}\ \right) \times 3.412\ [(\mathrm{Btu/h})/\mathrm{W}]} \qquad (22)$$

Where:

$Q_{t.gross.rated}$ = The AHRI rated total cooling capacity of a packaged unit

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

For Baseline Systems 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6:

Use the $COP_{nf.cooling}$ from Table 68 (Standard 90.1-2022, Table G3.5.4) packaged terminal air conditioners for System 1 or packaged terminal heat pumps for System 2.Where multiple HVAC zones or residential spaces are combined into a single thermal block, the efficiencies for baseline HVAC Systems shall be taken from Standard 90.1-2022 Tables G3.5.1, G3.5.2, and G3.5.4, and shall be based on the equipment capacity of the thermal block divided by the number of HVAC zones or residential spaces.

Table 68. Efficiency Requirements for Baseline Systems with PTAC and PTHPs (efficiency ratings excluding supply fan power)

Equipment Capacity	Rated Efficiency (EER cooling, COP heating)
PTAC All Capacities (cooling mode)	3.2 $COP_{nfcooling}$
PTHP All Capacities (cooling mode)	3.1 $COP_{nfcooling}$
PTHP All Capacities (heating mode)	3.1 $COP_{nfheating}$

For Baseline Systems 3, 4, 5, 6:

Equipment cooling efficiencies for DX coils shall be modeled in accordance to Table 69 and Table 70 (Standard 90.1-2022 Table G3.5.2 for System 4 and Table G3.5.1 for Systems 3, 5 and 6), which specify $COP_{nf.cooling}$ for packaged air conditioners. Baseline HVAC system types 5 or 6 efficiencies taken from Table 69 shall be based on the cooling equipment capacity of a single floor when grouping identical floors.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

All direct expansion HVAC equipment included in the scope of the retrofit shall be modeled at the minimum efficiency levels, both part load and full load, in accordance with Sections 6.4. Where the efficiency rating includes supply fan energy, calculate the minimum COPnfcooling using the equation from Standard 90.1-2022 Section 12.5.2(c). Where multiple HVAC zones or residential spaces are combined into a single thermal block, the efficiencies for baseline HVAC Systems shall be based on the equipment capacity of the thermal block divided by the number of HVAC zones or residential spaces.

Applicable equations from Standard 90.1-2022 Section 12.5.2(c):

$COPnfcooling = 7.84E\text{-}8 \times EER \times Q + 0.338 \times EER$

$COPnfcooling = –0.0076 \times SEER^2 + 0.3796 \times SEER$

$COPnfcooling = 0.3322 \times EER – 0.2145$ (for use with packaged terminal air conditioning (PTAC) and heat pump (PTHP) units)

Where:

COPnfcooling = Packaged equipment DX cooling energy efficiency

Q = AHRI-rated cooling capacity in Btu/h.

EER and SEER shall be at AHRI test conditions.

Table 69. Performance Rating Method Air Conditioners: G3.2 System 3 (efficiency ratings excluding supply fan power)

Equipment Type	Size Category	Heating Section Type	Subcategory or Rating Condition	Minimum Efficiency
Air conditioners, air cooled	<65,000 Btu/h	All	Single Package	3.0 $COP_{nf.cooling}$
	≥65,000 Btu/h and <135,000 Btu/h		Split-system and single-package	3.5 $COP_{nf.cooling}$
	≥135,000 Btu/h and<240,000 Btu/h			3.4 $COP_{nf.cooling}$
	≥240,000 Btu/h and <760,000 Btu/h			3.5 $COP_{nf.cooling}$
	≥760,000 Btu/h			3.6 $COP_{nf.cooling}$

Table 70. Performance Rating Method Electrically Operated Unitary and Applied Heat Pumps: G3.2 System 4

Equipment Type	Size Category	Heating Section Type	Subcategory or Rating Condition	Minimum Efficiency
Air-cooled, (cooling mode)	<65,000 Btu/h	All	Single-package	3.0 $COP_{nf.cooling}$
	≥65,000 Btu/h and <135,000 Btu/h		Split-system and single-package	3.4 $COP_{nf.cooling}$
	≥135,000 Btu/h and<240,000 Btu/h			3.2 $COP_{nf.cooling}$
	≥240,000 Btu/h			3.1 $COP_{nf.cooling}$
Air-Cooled (heating-mode)	<65,000 Btu/h (cooling capacity)	All	Single-package	3.4 $COP_{nfheating}$
	≥65,000 Btu/h and <135,000 Btu/h (cooling capacity)		47°F db/43°F wb outdoor air	3.4 $COP_{nfheating}$
			17°F db/15°F wb outdoor air	2.3 $COP_{nfheating}$
	≥135,000 Btu/h (cooling capacity)		47°F db/43°F wb outdoor air	3.4 $COP_{nfheating}$
			17°F db/15°F wb outdoor air	2.1 $COP_{nfheating}$

Direct Expansion Cooling Efficiency Temperature Adjustment Curve

Applicability Packaged DX equipment

Definition A curve that varies the cooling efficiency of a DX coil as a function of evaporator conditions, condenser conditions. For air cooled DX systems:

$$EIR\_FT = a + b \times t_{wb} + c \times {t_{wb}}^2 + d \times t_{odb} + e \times {t_{odb}}^2 + f \times t_{wb} \times t_{odb} \tag{23}$$

For liquid cooled DX systems:

$$EIR\_FT = a + b \times t_{wb} + c \times {t_{wb}}^2 + d \times t_{wt} + e \times {t_{wt}}^2 + f \times t_{wb} \times t_{wt} \tag{24}$$

$$P_{operating} = P_{rated} \times EIR\_FPLR \times EIR\_FT \times CAP\_FT \tag{25}$$

Where:

PLR = Part load ratio based on available capacity (not rated capacity)

$EIR\text{-}FT$ = A multiplier on the EIR to account for the wet-bulb temperature entering the coil and the outdoor dry-bulb temperature

$Q_{operating}$ = Present load on heat pump (Btu/h)

$Q_{available}$ = Heat pump available capacity at present evaporator and condenser conditions (in Btu/h)

t_{wb} = The entering coil wet-bulb temperature (°F)

t_{wt} = The water supply temperature (°F)

t_{odb} = The outside-air dry-bulb temperature (°F)

P_{rated} = Rated power draw at ARI conditions (kW)

$P_{operating}$ = Power draw at specified operating conditions (kW)

Note: If an air cooled unit employs an evaporative condenser, t_{odb} is the effective dry-bulb temperature of the air leaving the evaporative cooling unit.

Table 71. Cooling System Coefficients for EIR-FT

Coefficient	Water-Source (Heat Pump)	Water-Source (Other)	Air-Source (PTAC)	Air-Source (Other)
a	2.0280385	-1.8394760	-0.6550461	-1.0639310
b	-0.0423091	0.0751363	0.0388910	0.0306584
c	0.0003054	-0.0005686	-0.0001925	-0.0001269
d	0.0149672	0.0047090	0.0013046	0.0154213
e	0.0000244	0.0000901	0.0001352	0.0000497
f	-0.0001640	-0.0001218	-0.0002247	-0.0002096
Rated $_{CWT}$	Max 85°F, Min 60°F	Max 85°F, Min 60°F	NA	NA
Rated $_{EWBT}$	Max 57°F, Min 77°F	Max 57°F, Min 77°F	Max 77°F, Min 57°F	Max 77°F, Min 57°F
Rated $_{OADBT}$	NA	NA	Max 115°F, Min 75°F	Max 115°F, Min 75°F

Source: (CEC 2013)

Units Data structure

Input Restrictions Where publicly accessible performance curves are available for as-designed equipment they may be used for the proposed design otherwise the default equations and coefficients given above should be used. If default curves are not used, supporting documentation is required.

Baseline Building Use default curves specified above, also documented in COMNET Appendix H (COMNET 2017)

Direct Expansion Part-Load Efficiency Adjustment Curve

Applicability Packaged systems with DX cooling

Definition A normalized performance adjustment curve to the rated efficiency (energy input ratio [EIR]) that describes how the efficiency varies at part-load conditions. At a value of 1 (full load), the normalized efficiency is 1.

The default curves are given as follows as adjustments to the EIR[1]:

$$PLR = \frac{Q_{operating}}{Q_{available}\left(t_{wb}, t_{odb/wt}\right)} \tag{26}$$

$$EIR_{FPLR} = a + b \times PLR + c \times PLR^2 + d \times PLR^3$$

(27)

$$PLF_{FPLR} = a + b \times PLR + c \times PLR^2 \; + d \times PLR^3$$

Where:

PLR = Part load ratio based on available capacity (not rated capacity)

EIR-FPLR = A multiplier on the EIR to account for the part load ratio

$Q_{operating}$ = Present load on heat pump (Btu/h)

$Q_{available}$ = Heat pump available capacity at present evaporator and condenser conditions (in Btu/h)

twb = The entering coil wet-bulb temperature (°F)

twt = The water supply temperature (°F)

todb = The outside-air dry-bulb temperature (°F)

This curve may take the form of a part-load factor (PLF) or EIR-FLPR, which is the fraction of time the unit must run to meet the part-load for that hour. For example, at 40% of full load, the equipment might need to run 50% of the hour (for cycling losses).

Note that for small packaged equipment with SEER ratings <65,000 Btu/h, the part-load efficiency curve is set to no degradation, since the part-load degradation is built-into the DX cooling efficiency temperature adjustment curve (Air Source, other)

Default curves are provided for the different major classes of equipment.

Units Coefficients

Input Restrictions The coefficients should sum to 1 (within a small tolerance). This corresponds to a curve output of 1 for an input of 1. Where publicly accessible performance curves are available for as-designed equipment they may be used for the proposed design otherwise the default equations and coefficients given above should be used. If default curves are not used, supporting documentation is required.

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[1] The EIR is the ratio of energy used by the system to cooling capacity in the same units. It is the reciprocal of the coefficient of performance (COP). EnergyPlus uses a part-load factor correlation for PLF as a function of PLR. The EnergyPlus PLF is related to the DOE-2 EIR(PLR) by the following: EIR-FPLR = PLR / PLF.

Baseline Building

The baseline part-load efficiency adjustment curves are shown in the tables below:

Table 72.Cooling System Coefficients for EIR-FPLR

Coefficient	Water-Source (Heat Pump)	Water-Source (Other)	Air-Source (PTAC)	Air-Source (PSZ with Cap<65,000 Btu/h)	Air-Source (Other)
a	0.1250000	0.2012301	0.1250000	0	0.2012301
b	0.8750000	-0.0312175	0.8750000	1	-0.0312175
c	0.0000000	1.9504979	0.0000000	0	1.9504979
d	0.0000000	-1.1205105	0.0000000	0	-1.1205105

Table 73. Cooling System Coefficients for Part-Load Factor (PLF) Correlation (EnergyPlus)

Coefficient	Water-Source (Heat Pump)	Water-Source (Other)	Air-Source (PTAC)	Air-Source (PSZ with Cap<65,000 Btu/h)	Air-Source (Other)
a	0.85	0	0.85	1	0
b	0.15	5.1091	0.15	0	5.1091
c	0	-8.5515	0	0	-8.5515
d	0	4.4744	0	0	4.4744

Source: (CEC 2013)

Direct Expansion Number of Cooling Stages

Applicability DX systems with multiple stages

Definition This applies to systems with multiple compressors or multiple discrete stages of cooling. This system is a packaged unit with multiple stages of cooling. Systems with unequally sized compressors may have additional cooling stages.

Units None (integer)

Input Restrictions As designed

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

All baseline DX systems are single stage

G3.3 Minor Alterations

The number of stages modeled in the baseline for systems in which an air-side economizer is modeled must minimally comply with the requirement of Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1.3c Table 6.5.1 in the baseline. Table 74 below includes these requirements.

Exception: the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1.3c requirements are inapplicable.

Table 74. DX Cooling Stage Requirements for Modulating Airflow Units

Rating Capacity, Btu/h	Minimum Number of Mechanical Cooling Stage	Minimum Compressor Displacement[a]
≥65,000 and <240,000	3	≤35% of full load
≥240,000	4	≤25% of full load

a. For mechanical cooling stage control that does not use variable compressor displacement the percent displacement shall be equivalent to the mechanical cooling capacity reduction evaluated at the full load rating conditions for the compressor.

Total Cooling Capacity by Stage

Applicability	DX systems with multiple stages
Definition	This provides the total cooling capacity of each cooling stage, at AHRI rated conditions. The capacity is expressed as an array, with each entry a fraction of the total rated cooling capacity for the unit. For example, if the stage cooling capacity is 4 tons (48,000 Btu/h) and the total cooling capacity is 8 tons (96,000 Btu/h), the capacity is expressed as “0.5” for that stage.
Units	Array of fractions
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable for baseline systems. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The number of stages modeled in the baseline for systems in which an air-side economizer is modeled must minimally comply with the requirement of Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1.3c Table 6.5.1 in the baseline. Table 74 above includes these requirements. **Exception:** the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1.3c requirements are inapplicable.

Sensible Cooling Capacity by Stage

Applicability	DX systems with multiple stages
Definition	Provides the sensible cooling capacity of each cooling stage, at AHRI rated conditions. The capacity is expressed as an array, with each entry a fraction of the total rated sensible cooling capacity for the unit. For example, if the stage sensible cooling capacity is 3.5 tons (42,000 Btu/h) and the total sensible cooling capacity is 7 tons (72,000 Btu/h), the capacity is expressed as “0.5” for that stage.
Units	Array of fractions
Input Restrictions	As designed.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The number of stages modeled in the baseline for systems in which an air-side economizer is modeled must minimally comply with the requirement of Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1.3c Table 6.5.1 in the baseline. Table 74 above includes these requirements. **Exception:** the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1.3c requirements are inapplicable.

Supply Fan Low Speed Ratio

Applicability	Single zone DX systems with multiple stages and two-speed fans or VAV fans
Definition	Specifies the low fan speed setting on a single zone VAV system or DX system with multiple cooling stages
Units	None (fraction)
Input Restrictions	As designed

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Not applicable

G3.3 Minor Alterations

The baseline should be modeled as minimally compliant with Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.2.1. According to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.2.1 each baseline cooling system listed in Table 75 shall be modeled to vary the supply airflow as a function of load and with the following requirements:

- DX and chilled-water cooling units that control the capacity of the mechanical cooling directly based on space temperature shall be modeled with a minimum of two stages of fan control. Low or minimum speed shall not exceed 66% of full speed. At low or minimum speed, the fan system shall be modeled such that the fan power is no more than 40% of the fan power at full fan speed. Low or minimum speed shall be used during periods of low cooling load and ventilation-only operation.
- All other units, including DX cooling units and chilled-water units that control the space temperature by modulating the airflow to the space, shall be modeled with modulating fan control. Minimum speed shall not exceed 50% of full speed. At minimum speed, the fan power shall be modeled at 30% of the fan power at full fan speed. Low or minimum speed shall be modeled during periods of low cooling load and ventilation-only operation.
- Units that include an air economizer to meet the requirements of Section 6.5.1 shall be modeled with a minimum of two speeds of fan control during economizer operation.

  Exceptions to 6.5.3.2.1:

  1. Modulating fan control is not required to be modeled in the baseline for chilled-water and evaporative cooling units with <1 hp fan motors if the units are not used to provide ventilation air and if the indoor fan cycles with the load.
  2. If the volume of outdoor air required to meet the ventilation requirements of Standard 62.1 at low speed exceeds the air that would be delivered at the

speed defined above then the minimum speed shall be modeled to provide the required ventilation air.

Exception: the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.3.2.1 requirements are inapplicable.

Table 75. Fan Airflow Control Thresholds

Cooling System Type	Fan Motor Size, hp	Mechanical Cooling Capacity, Btu/h
DX cooling	Any	≥65,000
Chilled-water and evaporative cooling	≥1/4	Any

Supply Fan Low Power Ratio

Applicability	Single zone DX systems with multiple stages and two-speed fans or VAV fans
Definition	Specifies the fraction of full load fan power corresponding to low fan speed operation on a single zone VAV system or DX system with multiple cooling stages
Units	None (fraction)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** See the *Supply Fan Low Speed Ratio* descriptor directly above for modeling requirements.

Piping Insulation

Applicability	All projects
Definition	Thermal insulation on piping systems for service hot water, steam piping, chilled water for cooling, and hot water for space heating
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	Not modeled
Baseline Building	Not modeled

Minimum Unloading Ratio

Applicability

Packaged systems that use hot-gas bypass during low load conditions

Definition

The minimum unloading ratio is where the equipment capacity can no longer be reduced by unloading and must be false loaded to meet smaller cooling loads. A typical false loading strategy is hot-gas bypass.

The minimum unloading ratio is the upper end of the hot-gas bypass operating range. This is the percentage of peak cooling capacity below the range in which hot-gas bypass will operate.

The actual unloading ratio shall be set to 50% of the user-entered minimum unloading ratio, with hot-gas-bypass operating below this level.

Units

Ratio

Input Restrictions

As designed. The user must enter this descriptor for each DX cooling system. If hot-gas bypass is not employed, a value of 0 may be entered.

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Not applicable

G3.3 Minor Alterations

The baseline should be modeled as minimally compliant with Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.9. 0 shall be used in the baseline if hot-gas bypass is not allowed according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.9. According to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.9, cooling systems shall not be modeled with hot-gas bypass or other evaporator pressure control systems unless the system is designed with multiple steps of unloading or continuous capacity modulation. The capacity of the modeled hot-gas bypass shall be limited as indicated in Table 76 for VAV units. Hot-gas bypass shall not be modeled for constant-volume units.

Exception: the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.9 requirements are inapplicable.

Table 76. Hot-Gas Bypass Limitation

Rated Capacity	Maximum Hot-Gas Bypass, % of Total Capacity
≤240,000 Btu/h	15%
>240,000 Btu/h	10%

Minimum HGB Ratio

Applicability	Packaged systems that use hot-gas bypass during low load conditions
Definition	The lower end of the hot-gas bypass operating range. The percentage of peak cooling capacity below which hot-gas bypass will no longer operate (i.e., the compressor will cycle).
Units	Fraction (between 0 and 1)
Input Restrictions	As designed. The user must enter this descriptor for each DX cooling system. If hot-gas bypass is not employed, a value of 0 may be entered.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The baseline should be modeled as minimally compliant with Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.9. 0 shall be used in the baseline if hot-gas bypass is not allowed according to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.9. According to Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.9, cooling systems shall not be modeled with hot-gas bypass or other evaporator pressure control systems unless the system is designed with multiple steps of unloading or continuous capacity modulation. The capacity of the modeled hot-gas bypass shall be limited as indicated in Table 76 for VAV units. Hot-gas bypass shall not be modeled for constant-volume units. **Exception:** the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.9 requirements are inapplicable.

Condenser Type

Applicability	All DX systems including heat pumps
Definition	The type of condenser for a DX cooling system. The choices are: • Air-cooled • Water-cooled • Air-cooled with evaporative pre-cooler
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Based on prescribed system type

Table 77. Baseline Building Condenser Type

Baseline Building System	Condenser Type
1 – PTAC	Air cooled
2 – PTHP	Air cooled
3 – PSZ AC	Air cooled
4 – PSZ HP	Air cooled
5 – PVAV reheat	Air cooled
6 – Packaged VAV with PFP Boxes	Air cooled
7 – VAV with Reheat	N/A
8 – VAV with PFP Boxes	N/A
9 – Heating and Ventilation	N/A
10 – Heating and Ventilation	N/A
11 – Single Zone VAV	N/A
12- Single Zone CAV HW	N/A
13- Single Zone- CAV ER	N/A

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed except if the proposed design includes variable refrigerant flow heat pumps or single-zone systems with electric resistance heat, in these cases air source heat pumps shall be modeled in the baseline design in which case the condenser type is air cooled.

Condenser Flow Type

Applicability	All DX systems including heat pumps
Definition	Describes water flow control for a liquid cooled condenser. The choices are: • Fixed flow • Two-position • Variable flow
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed. For variable or staged capacity equipment, the minimum-unload ratio must be set properly for the simulation program. **NOTE**: If the variable-flow is selected, the software must indicate that supporting documentation is required on the output forms.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as the proposed design.

3.7.5.3 Evaporative Cooler

This is equipment that pre-cools the outside air that is brought into the building. It may be used with any type of cooling system that brings in outside air. The analyst must be careful to input evaporative cooler and outside air controls, as allowed by the software that reasonably reflect anticipated operation as indicated in sequences of operation, and review the simulation outputs, particularly zone or return air relative humidity, to ensure that the simulated sensible cooling from the evaporative cooler is realistic. This equipment is not applicable for the baseline building for projects subject to Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.2.

Evaporative Cooling Type

Applicability	Systems with evaporative pre-cooling
Definition	The type of evaporative pre-cooler, including: • None • Non-integrated indirect • Non-integrated direct/indirect • Integrated indirect • Integrated direct/indirect An integrated pre-cooler can operate together with the compressor or CHW cooling. A non-integrated pre-cooler will shut down the evaporative cooling whenever it is unable to provide 100% of the cooling required. In all cases, the evaporative pre-cooler must be modeled with 100% of the outside air routed through the pre-cooler.
Units	None
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Evaporative Cooling System Capacity

Applicability	Systems with evaporative cooling
Definition	The total sensible cooling capacity of the evaporative cooling system at design outdoor dry-bulb conditions. This value may be derived from other inputs of supply fan design air rated capacity (5.7.3), direct stage effectiveness, indirect stage effectiveness, and design outdoor conditions.
Units	None
Input Restrictions	Not applicable. This is a derived input. If there are excessive UMLH in any zone served by the evaporative cooling system, a supplementary DX cooling unit must be defined by the user. See Section 3.7.5.2 of this document for descriptors related to DX cooling units.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Direct Stage Effectiveness

Applicability Systems with evaporative pre-cooling

Definition The effectiveness of the direct stage of an evaporative cooling system. Effectiveness is defined as follows:

$$DirectEFF = \frac{Tdb - Tdirect}{Tdb - Twb} \quad (28)$$

Where:

DirectEFF = The direct stage effectiveness

T_{db} = The entering air dry-bulb temperature

T_{wb} = The entering air wet-bulb temperature

T_{direct} = The direct stage leaving dry-bulb temperature

Units Numeric (0 <= eff <=1)

Input Restrictions As designed

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Not applicable

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as the proposed design.

Indirect Stage Effectiveness

Applicability	Systems with evaporative pre-cooling
Definition	The effectiveness of the indirect stage of an evaporative cooling system. Effectiveness is defined as follows:

$$IndEFF = \frac{Tdb - Tind}{Tdb - Twb} \qquad (29)$$

Where:

IndEFF = The indirect stage effectiveness

Tdb = The entering air dry-bulb temperature of the supply air

Twb = The entering air wet-bulb temperature of the "scavenger air"

Tind = The supply air leaving dry-bulb temperature

Units	Numeric (0 <= eff <=1)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>** Not applicable **<u>G3.3 Minor Alterations</u>** Same as the proposed design.

Evaporative Cooling Performance Curves

Applicability Systems with evaporative cooling

Definition A curve that varies the evaporative cooling effectiveness as a function of primary air stream airflow. The default curves are given as follows:

$$PLR = \frac{CFM_{operating}}{CFM_{design}} \tag{30}$$

$$EFF\_FFLOW = a + b \times PLR + c \times PLR^2$$

Where:

PLR = Part load ratio of airflow based on design airflow

EFF-FFLOW = A multiplier on the evaporative cooler effectiveness to account for variations in part load

$CFM_{operating}$ = Operating primary air stream airflow (cfm)

CFM_{design} = Design primary air stream airflow (cfm)

Table 78. Part Load Curve Coefficients – Evaporative Cooler Effectiveness

Coefficient	Direct	Indirect
a	1.1833000	1.0970000
b	-0.2575300	-0.1650600
c	0.0742450	0.0680690
Source: COMNET 2017		

Units Data structure

Input Restrictions Where publicly accessible performance curves are available for as-designed equipment they may be used for the proposed design otherwise the default equations and coefficients given above should be used. If default curves are not used, supporting documentation is required.

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

Not used

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Default curves.

Auxiliary Evaporative Cooling Power

Applicability Systems with evaporative cooling

Definition The auxiliary energy of the indirect evaporative cooler fan, and the pumps for both direct and indirect stages

Units Watts

Input Restrictions As designed

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

Not used

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed except for evaporative cooling system auxiliary fan and pumping systems included in the scope of the retrofit, motor efficiency should be modeled with the minimum efficiency requirement of Standard 90.1-2022 Section 10.4.1 as applicable. Fractional horsepower fan motors (motors 1/12 hp or greater and less than 1 hp) shall be modeled with a motor efficiency of 70%. If any of the exceptions apply, then it shall be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Evaporative Cooling Scavenger Air Source	
Applicability	Systems with evaporative cooling
Definition	The source of scavenger air for an indirect section of an evaporative cooler. Options include: • Return air • Outside air
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not used **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

3.7.5.4 Evaporative Condenser

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations
Not applicable to the baseline.

G3.3 Minor Alterations
If applicable based on the scope of the alteration, model the baseline efficiency according to 90.1 2022 Tables 6.8.1-1, 7 as applicable.

3.7.5.5 Four-Pipe Fan Coil Systems

This section contains building descriptors required to model four-pipe fan coil systems. Note that this system requires an outside air ventilation source to serve the zones. Note that additional HVAC components (chiller, boiler, pumps) are needed to fully define this system.

Capacity Control Method

Applicability	Four-pipe fan coil systems
Definition	The control method for the fan coil unit at the zone. The following choices are available: • Constant fan variable flow: The fan speed is held constant to produce a fixed airflow rate whenever the unit is scheduled on. The hot water or chilled flow rate is varied so that the unit output matches the zone heating or cooling requirement. • Constant fan constant flow: The fan speed is held constant to produce a fixed flow rate whenever the unit is scheduled on. The chilled water and hot water flow rates are kept constant at full flow. • Cycling fan: The fan speed is chosen so that the unit capacity is greater than or equal to the heating/cooling load and the fan is cycled to match unit output with the load. • Variable fan constant flow: The water flow rate is at full flow and the fan speed varies to meet the load. • Variable fan variable flow: Both air and water flow rates are varied to match the load.
Units	List (with choices above)
Input Restrictions	Not a user input – derived from building descriptors for fan control and chiller loop flow control
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Four pipe fan coil systems are applicable for proposed buildings with the system type defined in Table 79. The capacity control for the baseline building will be specified as "Constant Fan Constant Flow." **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as the proposed design.

Table 79. Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.2 Baseline Systems Using Fan Coil Units

Proposed		
Heating	Cooling	Baseline System Type
Boiler/Electric Resistance or Gas Furnace	Purchased Chilled Water	Proposed buildings qualifying for System 1 and 2 will be constant volume fan coil units
Purchased Heat	Purchased Chilled Water	Proposed buildings qualifying for System 1 will be constant volume fan coil units

3.7.5.6 Radiant Cooling

This section describes a floor-based radiant cooling system and the inputs required for Standard 90.1-2022 evaluation.

Hydronic Tubing Length

Applicability	Floor-based radiant cooling systems
Definition	The length of the hydronic tubing in the slab
Units	ft
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**
	Not applicable
	G3.3 Minor Alterations
	Same as the proposed design.

Hydronic Tubing Inside Diameter

Applicability	Floor-based radiant cooling systems
Definition	The inside diameter of the hydronic tubing in the slab
Units	ft
Input Restrictions	As designed, between a minimum of 1/2 in. and a maximum of 3/4 in.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**
	Not applicable
	G3.3 Minor Alterations
	Same as the proposed design.

Temperature Control Type

Applicability	Floor-based radiant cooling systems
Definition	Can be “constant”, “outside air-based reset” or “demand-based reset”
Units	None
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**
	Not applicable
	G3.3 Minor Alterations
	Same as the proposed design.

Rated Flow Rate

Applicability	Floor-based radiant cooling systems
Definition	The rated GPM flow rate of the system.
Units	GPM
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The GPM for the baseline design shall be sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs.

Cooling Control Temperature

Applicability	Variable flow systems
Definition	The temperature used for control (operative temperature, mean air temperature, mean radiant temperature, ODB, OWB)
Units	None
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as the proposed design.

Condensation Control Dewpoint Offset

Applicability	Floor-based radiant cooling systems
Definition	The temperature difference above dewpoint that is the minimum cold water supply temperature
Units	None
Input Restrictions	As design. Default: Fixed at 2°F above dewpoint
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Rated Pump Power Consumption

Applicability	Floor-based radiant cooling systems
Definition	The rated pump power at design conditions
Units	Watts
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** For pumps included in the scope of the retrofit, as designed except with a motor efficiency minimally compliant with Standard 90.1-2022 Section 10.4.1 based on motor nameplate hp. Pumps not included in the scope of the alteration should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Motor Efficiency

Applicability	Floor-based radiant cooling systems
Definition	The pump motor efficiency
Units	Decimal fraction
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** For pump motors included in the scope of the retrofit, motor efficiency minimally compliant with Standard 90.1-2022 Section 10.4.1. based on motor nameplate hp. Pumps not included in the scope of the alteration should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Fraction of Motor Heat to Fluid

Applicability	Floor-based radiant cooling systems
Definition	Fraction of the heat from the motor inefficiencies that enters the fluid stream
Units	None
Input Restrictions	As designed. Default is 0.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed. Default is 0.

Cooling High Water Temperature	
Applicability	Floor-based radiant cooling systems
Definition	The high temperature used for control. If the water temperature is above the high temperature, the control temperature is set to the low control temperature.
Units	°F
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Cooling Low Water Temperature	
Applicability	Floor-based radiant cooling systems
Definition	The temperature used for control of the water temperature. If the water temperature of the radiant cooling is below this temperature, cooling is disabled.
Units	°F
Input Restrictions	As designed. Default: Fixed at 55°F
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Condensation of Control Type	
Applicability	Floor-based radiant cooling systems
Definition	The simulation program may have a means of detecting when condensation is likely to occur on floor surfaces in the space. When this occurs, the simulation can shut off the system to prevent condensation from occurring.
Units	List: None, Simple, Variable
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

3.7.5.7 Chilled Beams

Building descriptors will be added to define how chilled beams can be modeled for the proposed design. Chilled beams are not applicable to Standard 90.1 Section G3.2 baseline building system.

3.7.5.8 Ground-Source Heat Pumps

Building descriptors will be added to define how ground-source heat pumps can be modeled for the proposed design. Ground source heat pumps are not applicable to the Standard 90.1 Section G3.2 baseline building system.

3.7.5.9 Variable Refrigerant Flow

Building descriptors will be added to define how VRF systems can be modeled for the proposed design. Variable refrigerant flow systems are not applicable to the baseline building systems for both Standard 90.1 Sections G3.2 and G3.3.

3.7.5.10 Underfloor Air Distribution

Building descriptors will be added to define how UFAD systems can be modeled for the proposed design. Underfloor air distribution systems are not applicable to the Standard 90.1 Section G3.2 baseline building system.

3.7.6 Heating Systems

3.7.6.1 General

Heating Source

Applicability All systems that provide heating

Definition The source of heating for the heating and preheat coils. The choices are:

- Hot water
- Steam
- Electric resistance
- Electric heat pump
- Gas furnace
- Gas heat pump
- Oil furnace
- Heat recovery

Units List (see above)

Input Restrictions As designed

Baseline Building **<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>**

Based on the prescribed system type

Table 80. Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.2 Heating Source for Baseline Building

Baseline Building System	Heating Type
1 – PTAC	Hot water fossil fuel boiler
2 – PTHP	Electric heat pump
3 – PSZ AC	Fossil fuel furnace
4 – PSZ HP	Electric heat pump
5 – PVAV reheat	Hot water fossil fuel boiler
6 – Packaged VAV with PFP Boxes	Electric resistance
7 – VAV with Reheat	Hot water fossil fuel boiler

8 – VAV with PFP Boxes	Electric resistance
9– Heating and Ventilation	Fossil fuel furnace
10 – Heating and Ventilation	Electric Resistance
11- Single Zone VAV	For climate zones 0-3A, the heating system will be electric resistance. All other will be hot-water fossil fuel boilers.
12- Single Zone CAV HW	Hot water fossil fuel boiler
13- Single Zone CAV ER	Electric resistance

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed except if the proposed design includes variable refrigerant flow heat pumps or single-zone systems with electric resistance heat, in these cases air source heat pumps shall be modeled in the baseline design in which case the heating type is electric heat pump. This exception is intended for single zone systems with electric resistance coils and not single zone systems served by central hot water systems.

Total Heating Coil Capacity

Applicability	All systems with heating coils
Definition	The heating capacity of a heating coil at AHRI conditions
Units	Btu/h
Input Restrictions	As designed. The capacity would need to be adjusted if the number of UMLH exceeds 300.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Autosize with a heating oversizing factor of 25%. Sizing calculations shall be based on the heating design day and cooling design day conditions, as defined in Section 3.2.3 of this document. Oversizing would be carried out at zone level where the sizing parameters would be applied to the zone design heating loads, but not the airflow rates. Refer to Section 2.7.2 of this document for more details. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The total heating coil capacity for the baseline design shall be sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs.

Number of Heating Stages

Applicability	Heating systems with multiple stages
Definition	The number of heating stages provided by the system. Multiple stages could be provided via a heat pump or via a multiple-stage gas furnace.
Units	Integer
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Single stage **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed design.

Heating Capacity by Stage

Applicability	Heating systems with multiple stages
Definition	Provides the total heating capacity of each heating stage, at AHRI rated conditions. The capacity is expressed as an array, with each entry a fraction of the total rated cooling capacity for the unit. For example, if the stage heating capacity is 48,000 Btu/h and the heating capacity is 96,000 Btu/h, the capacity is expressed as “0.5” for that stage.
Units	Array of fractions
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Single stage **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as the proposed design.

3.7.6.2 Preheat Coil

For Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.2 systems 5 through 8, the baseline will be modeled with preheat coil in the mixed air stream controlled to a fixed setpoint 20°F less than the design zone heating temperature setpoint.

For Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.3, a preheat coil is modeled in the baseline if there is a preheat coil in the proposed design.

Preheat Coil Capacity

Applicability	Proposed buildings with preheat coils and baseline systems 5 through 8
Definition	The heating capacity of a preheating coil at design conditions
Units	Btu/h
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** For baseline systems 5 through 8, the baseline will be modeled with preheat coil controlled to a fixed setpoint 20°F less than the design zone heating temperature setpoint. If there are multiple zone heating setpoints, the preheat setpoint will be determined by the zone with the highest heating temperature setpoint. The preheat coil capacity will be oversized by 25%. Sizing calculations shall be based on the heating design day and cooling design day conditions, as defined in Section 3.2.3 of this document. Oversizing would be carried out at zone level where the sizing parameters would be applied to the zone design’s heating coil loads. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The baseline shall be modeled with a preheat coil if there is a preheat coil specified in the proposed. Baseline shall be modeled such that the preheat coils have controls that stop their heat output whenever mechanical cooling, including economizer operation, is occurring. **Exception:** the preheat setpoint should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.2.5 requirements are inapplicable. Preheat coil capacity for the baseline design shall be sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs—i.e., the ratio between the capacities used in the

annual simulations and the capacities determined by the sizing runs shall be the same for both the proposed design and baseline building design.

Preheat Coil Type	
Applicability	Baseline systems 5 through 8
Definition	The heating source of a preheating coil. The preheat coil could be electric resistance, gas fired, or a hydronic heating coil.
Units	List: Electric Resistance, Gas Fired, Hydronic
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The heating source for baseline systems 5 and 7 will be hydronic. Buildings with baseline systems 6 and 8 will be modeled with electric resistance preheat coils. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as the proposed design.

Preheat Coil Efficiency	
Applicability	Systems with a preheat coil with gas heating
Definition	The heating efficiency of a preheating coil at design conditions
Units	Percentage
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable. Baseline building would have preheat coils only for systems 5 through 8 that would either be electric resistance or hydronic. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** All preheat coil equipment in the baseline building design that is included in the scope of the alteration shall be modeled at the minimum efficiency levels, both part load and full load, in accordance with Sections 6.4. Where the efficiency rating includes supply fan energy, calculate the minimum COPnfheating using the equation from Standard 90.1-2022 Section 12.5.2(c) as applicable. Where multiple HVAC zones or residential spaces are combined into a single thermal block, the efficiencies for baseline HVAC systems should be based on the equipment capacity of the thermal block divided by the number of HVAC zones or residential spaces.

3.7.6.3 Hydronic/Steam Heating Coils

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Systems with boilers have heating coils, including baseline building systems 1, 5, 7, 11 (for climate zones 3B to 8), and system 12. Two-way valves are assumed at the baseline system heating coils with a single three-way bypass valve at the end of the loop.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Hydronic/steam heating coils are applicable to the baseline where they are specified in the proposed design.

Heating Coil Capacity	
Applicability	All systems with a heating coil
Definition	The heating capacity of a heating coil at AHRI conditions
Units	But/h
Input Restrictions	As designed. Adjust the capacity if the number of UMLH exceeds 300.
Baseline Building	**<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>** Autosized, with a heating oversizing factor of 25%. Sizing calculations shall be based on the heating design day and cooling design day conditions, as defined in Section 3.2.3 of this document. Oversizing would be carried out at zone level where the sizing parameters would be applied to the zone design heating loads, but not the airflow rates. If the number of UMLH for the baseline exceeds 300, heating coil capacity may need to be increased along with system airflow as described in Section 2.7.2 of this document. **<u>G3.3 Minor Alterations</u>** Heating coil capacity for the baseline design shall be sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs—i.e., the ratio between the capacities used in the annual simulations and the capacities determined by the sizing runs shall be the same for both the proposed design and baseline building design.

3.7.6.4 Furnace

Furnace Capacity	
Applicability	Systems with a furnace
Definition	The full load heating capacity of the unit
Units	Btu/h
Input Restrictions	As designed. Adjust the capacity if the number of UMLH exceeds 300.
Baseline Building	**<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>** Autosized, with a heating oversizing factor of 25%. Sizing calculations shall be based on the heating design day and cooling design day conditions, as defined in Section 3.2.3 of this document. Oversizing would be carried out at zone level where the sizing parameters would be applied to the zone design heating loads, but not the airflow rates. If the number of UMLH for the baseline exceeds 300, heating coil capacity may need to be increased along with system airflow as described in Section 2.7.2 of this document. **<u>G3.3 Minor Alterations</u>** Furnace heating capacity for the baseline design shall be sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs.

Furnace Fuel Heating Efficiency

Applicability Systems with a furnace

Definition The full load thermal efficiency of either a gas or oil furnace at design conditions. The software must accommodate input in either *Thermal Efficiency* (E_t) or *Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency* (AFUE). Where AFUE is provided, E_t shall be calculated as follows for both packaged and split systems:

$$E_t = (0.0051427 \ * \ \text{AFUE} \ ) + 0.3989 \tag{31}$$

Source: (CEC 2013)

For furnaces with efficiency rating prescribed as combustion efficiency, 2% jacket losses will be assumed. Hence:

$$Et = Ec - 2\%$$

Where:
AFUE = The annual fuel utilization efficiency (%)
Et = The thermal efficiency (fraction)
Ec = Combustion efficiency

Units Fraction

Input Restrictions As designed

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

This is applicable to baseline systems 3 and 9. The baseline efficiency requirement is located in Table G3.5.5 of Standard 90.1-2022 and Table 81 of this manual. Where multiple HVAC zones or residential spaces are combined into a single thermal block, the efficiencies for baseline HVAC Systems shall be based on the equipment capacity of the thermal block divided by the number of HVAC zones or residential spaces.

Table 81. Efficiency Requirements for Standard 90.1 Section G3.2 Baseline Systems with Fossil Fuel Furnace

Equipment Type	Size	Efficiency	Test Procedure
Furnace	<225,000 Btu/h ≥225,000 Btu/h	78% AFUE or 80% E_t 80% E_c	DOE 10 CFR Part 430 or ANSI Z21.47 ANSI Z21.47
Unit Heater	All	80% E_c	ANSI Z83.8

G3.3 Minor Alterations

All furnace fuel heating equipment included in the scope of the retrofit shall be modeled at the minimum efficiency levels, both part load and full load, in accordance with Standard 90.1 Section 6.4 Table 6.8.1-5.

Where multiple HVAC zones or residential spaces are combined into a single thermal block, the efficiencies for baseline HVAC systems should be based on the equipment capacity of the thermal block divided by the number of HVAC zones or residential spaces.

Furnaces not included in the scope of the alteration should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Furnace Fuel Heating Part Load Efficiency Curve

Applicability Systems with furnaces

Definition An adjustment factor that represents the percentage of full load fuel consumption as a function of the percentage full load capacity. This curve shall take the form of a quadratic equation as follows:

$$Fuel_{partload} = Fuel_{rated} \times FHeatPLC \tag{32}$$

$$FHeatPLC = \left(a + b \times \frac{Q_{partload}}{Q_{rated}} + c \times \left(\frac{Q_{partload}}{Q_{rated}}\right)^2\right) \tag{33}$$

Where:

$FHeatPLC$ = The fuel heating part load efficiency curve

$Fuel_{partload}$ = The fuel consumption at part load conditions (Btu/h)

$Fuel_{rated}$ = The fuel consumption at full load (Btu/h)

$Q_{partload}$ = The capacity at part load conditions (Btu/h)

Q_{rated} = The capacity at rated conditions (Btu/h)

Table 82. Furnace Efficiency Curve Coefficients

Coefficient	Furnace
a	0.0186100
b	1.0942090
c	-0.1128190
Source: COMNET 2017	

Units Data structure

Input Restrictions Where publicly accessible performance curves are available for as-designed equipment they may be used for the proposed design otherwise the default equations and coefficients given above should be used. If default curves are not used, supporting documentation is required.

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

Default curves are required to be used

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Default curves.

Furnace Fuel Heating Pilot

Applicability Systems that use a furnace for heating

Definition The fuel input for a pilot light on a furnace

Units Btu/h

Input Restrictions As designed

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

Zero (pilotless ignition)

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as the proposed design.

Furnace Fuel Heating Fan/Auxiliary Power

Applicability	Systems that use a furnace for heating
Definition	The fan energy in forced draft furnaces and the auxiliary (pumps and outdoor fan) energy in fuel-fired heat pumps
Units	kilowatts (kW)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as the proposed design.

3.7.6.5 Electric Heat Pump

Electric Heat Pump Heating Capacity

Applicability	All heat pumps
Definition	The full load heating capacity of the unit, excluding supplemental heating capacity at AHRI rated conditions
Units	Btu/h
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Autosized, with a heating oversizing factor of 25%. Sizing calculations shall be based on the heating design day and cooling design day conditions, as defined in Section 3.2.3 of this document. Oversizing would be carried out at zone level where the sizing parameters would be applied to the zone design heating loads, but not the airflow rates. If the number of UMLH for the baseline exceeds 300, heating coil capacity may need to be increased along with system airflow as described in Section 2.7.2 of this document. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Heat pump heating capacity for the baseline design shall be sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs.

Electric Heat Pump Supplemental Heating Source

Applicability All heat pumps

Definition The auxiliary heating source for a heat pump heating system. The common control sequence is to operate the heat pump when the auxiliary heat is activated, until the low temperature limit, at which the compressor is turned off. Other building descriptors may be needed if this is not the case. Choices for supplemental heat include:

- Electric resistance
- Gas furnace
- Oil furnace
- Hot water
- Other

Units List (see above)

Input Restrictions As designed

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

Electric resistance

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as the proposed design. Where air source heat pumps are modeled in accordance with exception (a) to Standard 90.1 G3.3.2.8 electric resistance should be modeled.

Electric Heat Pump Heating Efficiency

Applicability All heat pumps

Definition The heating efficiency of a heat pump at AHRI rated conditions as a dimensionless ratio of output over input. The abbreviation used for this full-load efficiency is $COP_{\text{nf heating}}$. Fan energy shall be modeled separately according to Section 3.7.3 of this document.

Units Unitless

Input Restrictions As designed

$$COP_{nf\ heating} = \frac{Gross\ Heating(\text{Btu/h})}{\left(Total\ Input\ Power[\text{W}] - W_{fan}\ \right) \times 3.412\ [(\text{Btu/h})/\text{W}]} \tag{34}$$

Where:

$Q_{t,gross,rated}$ = The AHRI rated total cooling capacity of a packaged unit (Btu/h)

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

For Baseline System 2:

The heat pump efficiency for baseline system 2 shall be determined using the heating mode COP from Table 68 (Standard 90.1-2022 Table G3.5.2 and G3.5.4). Use the total net heating capacity of the baseline design to determine the size. $COP_{\text{nfcooling}}$ and $COP_{\text{nfheating}}$ are the packaged HVAC equipment cooling and heating energy efficiency, respectively, to be used in the baseline building design, which excludes supply fan power. Fan energy shall be modeled separately according to Section 3.7.3 of this document.

Where multiple HVAC zones or residential spaces are combined into a single thermal block, the efficiencies for baseline HVAC Systems shall be based on the equipment capacity of the thermal block divided by the number of HVAC zones or residential spaces.

For Baseline System 4:

Equipment heating efficiencies for heat pumps shall be modeled in accordance to Table 70, which specify $COP_{nfheating}$ for unitary heat pumps.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

All electric heat pump equipment included in the scope of the retrofit shall be modeled at the minimum efficiency levels, both part load and full load, in accordance with Sections 6.4 Tables 6.8.1-2, 4 and 15 as applicable. Where the efficiency rating includes supply fan energy, calculate the minimum COPnfheating using the equation from Standard 90.1-2022 Section 12.5.2(c). Where multiple HVAC zones or residential spaces are combined into a single thermal block, the efficiencies for baseline HVAC systems should be based on the equipment capacity of the thermal block divided by the number of HVAC zones or residential spaces.

Applicable equations from Standard 90.1-2022 Section 12.5.2(c):

$\text{COPnfheating} = 1.48\text{E-}7 \times COP_{47} \times Q + 1.062 \times COP_{47}$

$\text{COPnfheating} = –0.0296 \times \text{HSPF}^2 + 0.7134 \times \text{HSPF}$

$\text{COPnfheating} = 1.1329 \times \text{COP} – 0.214$ (for use with PTHP equipment)

Where:

COPnfheating = Packaged equipment heating energy efficiency

Q = AHRI-rated heating capacity in Btu/h.

EER and SEER shall be at AHRI test conditions.

Electric Heat Pump Heating Capacity Adjustment Curve(s)

Applicability	All heat pumps

Definition

A curve or group of curves that represent the available heat-pump heating capacity as a function of evaporator and condenser conditions. The default curves are given as follows:

$$Q_{available} = CAP\_FT \times Q_{rated} \tag{35}$$

(applies to heat-pump heating efficiency only)

For air cooled heat pumps:

$$CAP\_FT = a + b \times t_{odb} + c \times {t_{odb}}^2 + d \times {t_{odb}}^3 \tag{36}$$

For liquid cooled heat pumps:

$$CAP\_FT = a + b \times t_{db} + d \times t_{wt} \tag{37}$$

Where:

Qavailable = Available heating capacity at present evaporator and condenser conditions (kBtu/h)

tdb = The entering coil dry-bulb temperature (°F)

twt = The water supply temperature (°F)

todb = The outside-air dry-bulb temperature (°F)

Qrated = Rated capacity at ARI conditions (in kBtu/h)

Table 83. Heat Pump Capacity Adjustment Curves (CAP-FT)

Coefficient	Water-Source	Air-Source
a	0.4886534	0.2536714
b	-0.0067774	0.0104351
c	N/A	0.0001861
d	0.0140823	-0.0000015

Source: COMNET 2017

Units Data structure

Input Restrictions Where publicly accessible performance curves are available for as-designed equipment they may be used for the proposed design otherwise the default equations and coefficients given above should be used. If defaults are overridden, supporting documentation is required.

Baseline Building Use default curves

Electric Heat Pump Heating Efficiency Adjustment Curve(s)

Applicability All heat pumps

Definition A curve or group of curves that varies the heat-pump heating efficiency as a function of evaporator conditions, condenser conditions and part-load ratio. The default curves are given as follows:

$$PLR = \frac{Q_{operating}}{Q_{available}\left(t_{db}, t_{odb/wt}\right)} \tag{38}$$

$$EIR\_FPLR = a + b \times PLR + c \times PLR^2 + d \times PLR^3 \tag{39}$$

Air source heat pumps:

$$EIR\_FT = a + b \times t_{odb} + c \times {t_{odb}}^2 + d \times {t_{odb}}^3 \tag{40}$$

Water source heat pumps:

$$P_{operating} = P_{rated} \times EIR\_FPLR \times EIR\_FT \times CAP\_FT \tag{41}$$

$$EIR\_FT = a + b \times t_{odb} + c \times {t_{odb}}^2 + d \times {t_{odb}}^3 \tag{42}$$

Source: PRM-RM 2010

Where:

PLR = Part load ratio based on available capacity (not rated capacity)

EIR-FPLR = A multiplier on the EIR of the heat pump as a function of part load ratio

EIR-FT = A multiplier on the EIR of the heat pump as a function of the wet-bulb temperature entering the coil and the outdoor dry-bulb temperature

$Q_{operating}$ = Present load on heat pump (Btu/h)

$Q_{available}$ = Heat pump available capacity at present evaporator and condenser conditions (Btu/h)

t_{db} = The entering coil dry-bulb temperature (°F)

t_{wt} = The water supply temperature (°F)

t_{odb} = The outside air dry-bulb temperature (°F)

P_{rated} = Rated power draw at ARI conditions (kW)

$P_{operating}$ = Power draw at specified operating conditions (kW)

Table 84. Heat Pump Heating Efficiency Adjustment Curves

Coefficient	Air-and Water-Source EIR-FPLR	Water-Source EIR-FT	Air-Source EIR-FT
a	0.0856522	1.3876102	2.4600298
b	0.9388137	0.0060479	-0.0622539
c	-0.1834361	N/A	0.0008800
d	0.1589702	-0.0115852	-0.0000046
Rated T_{odb}			Max = 50°F, Min = -10 °F
Rated T_{wt}			NA
Source: CEC 2013			

Units None

Input Restrictions Where publicly accessible performance curves are available for as-designed equipment they may be used for the proposed design otherwise the default equations and coefficients given above should be used. If defaults are overridden, supporting documentation is required.

Baseline Building Use default curves

Electric Heat Pump Supplemental Heating Capacity

Applicability	All heat pumps
Definition	The design heating capacity of a heat pump supplemental heating coil at AHRI conditions
Units	Btu/h
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Autosize **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Electric heat pump supplemental heating capacity for the baseline design shall be sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs—i.e., the ratio between the capacities used in the annual simulations and the capacities determined by the sizing runs shall be the same for both the proposed design and baseline building design.

Electric Supplemental Heating Control Temp

Applicability	All heat pumps
Definition	The outside dry-bulb temperature below which the heat pump supplemental heating is allowed to operate
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed. Default to 40°F.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The space is required to be controlled with multistage space thermostats and an outdoor air thermostat that would energize the auxiliary heat on the last thermostat stage and when the OAT is less than 40°F. The air-source heat pump shall be modeled to continue to operate when auxiliary heat is energized below 40°F. **G3.3** Same as in the proposed design. Where air source heat pumps are modeled in accordance with exception (a) to Standard 90.1 G3.3.2.8 a default of 40°F should be modeled.

Heat Pump Compressor Minimum Operating Temp

Applicability	All heat pumps
Definition	The outside dry-bulb temperature below which the heat pump compressor is disabled
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed. Default to 35°F.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** For baseline system 4, the compressor minimum operating temperature is 0°F, and for system 2 it is 35°F **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as in the proposed design. Where air source heat pumps are modeled in accordance with exception (a) to Standard 90.1 G3.3.2.8 a default of 0°F should be modeled.

Coil Defrost

Applicability	Air cooled electric heat pump
Definition	The defrost control mechanism for an air cooled heat pump. The choices are: • Hot-gas defrost, on-demand • Hot-gas defrost, timed 3.5 minute cycle • Electric resistance defrost, on-demand • Electric resistance defrost, timed 3.5 minute cycle Defrost shall be enabled whenever the outside air dry-bulb temperature drops below 40°F.
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	Default to use hot-gas defrost, timed 3.5 minute cycle. User may select any of the above.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline building uses the default **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as in the proposed design. Where air source heat pumps are modeled in accordance with exception (a) to Standard 90.1 G3.3.2.8 default to use hot-gas defrost, timed 3.5 minute cycle.

Coil Defrost kW

Applicability	Heat pumps with electric resistance defrost
Definition	The capacity of the electric resistance defrost heater
Units	kilowatts (kW)
Input Restrictions	As designed. This descriptor defaults to 0 if nothing is entered.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed. Where air source heat pumps are modeled in accordance with exception (a) to Standard 90.1 G3.3.2.8 0 kW should be modeled.

Crank Case Heater kW

Applicability	All heat pumps
Definition	The capacity of the electric resistance heater in the crank case of a DX compressor. The crank case heater operates only when the compressor is off.
Units	kilowatts (kW)
Input Restrictions	As designed. This descriptor defaults to 0 if nothing is entered.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not modeled. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed. Where air source heat pumps are modeled in accordance with exception (a) to Standard 90.1 G3.3.2.8 crank case heater kW should not be modeled.

Crank Case Heater Shutoff Temperature

Applicability	All heat pumps
Definition	The outdoor air dry-bulb temperature above which the crank case heater is not permitted to operate
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed. This descriptor defaults to 50°F.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not modeled. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed. Where air source heat pumps are modeled in accordance with exception (a) to Standard 90.1 G3.3.2.8 crank case heater kW should not be modeled.

3.7.6.6 Energy Recovery

For projects subject to Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.2 baseline systems requiring energy recovery, the heat exchanger is assumed to be integral with the AHU. For projects subject to Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.3 baseline systems, the energy recovery system type is the same as designed. The system fan power or pressure drop will be adjusted according to the methods in Section 3.7.3.1 of this document.

For proposed systems with heat recovery, the analyst must be careful to set all descriptors, particularly those for control, parasitic energy, and exhaust airflows, to realistically represent the equipment components, operation, and maintenance of building pressurization.

When exhaust air energy recovery systems are installed in cold climates, frost control may significantly affect total recovered energy during subfreezing conditions. Pumps and dedicated fans will consume parasitic energy. Simulation program inputs and hourly reports should be reviewed to ensure all items are represented as close as possible to the actual result of the proposed control sequences.

Requirements related to condenser heat recovery are documented in Section 3.8.7 of this manual.

Exhaust Air Energy Recovery

Applicability	Any system with outside air heat recovery
Definition	Provision of exhaust air energy recovery system. Provisions shall be made to bypass heat recovery system to permit air-side economizer operation as specified in Section 3.7.4.2 of this document.
Units	Unitless
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Required for fan systems with a design supply air flow rate of 5,000 cfm or greater, if the minimum outside air quantity is 70% of the design air flow rate. Energy recovery is not required for the following situations: • Systems serving spaces that are not cooled and that are heated to less than 60°F. • Systems exhausting toxic, flammable, paint, or corrosive fumes or dust. This exception shall only be used if heat recovery is not used in the proposed design.

- Commercial kitchen hoods used for collecting and removing grease vapors and smoke classified as Type 1 my NFPA 96. This exception shall only be used if heat recovery is not used in the proposed design.
- Heating systems in climate zones 0 through 3
- Cooling systems in climate zones 3c, 4c, 5b, 5c, 6b, 7 and 8
- Where the largest source of air exhausted at a single location at the building exterior is less than 75% of the design outdoor air flow rate. This exception shall only be used if heat recovery is not used in the proposed design.
- Systems requiring dehumidification that employ energy recovery in series with the cooling coil. This exception shall only be used if heat recovery is not used in the proposed design.
- Systems serving laboratory HVAC zones with a total laboratory exhaust volume greater than 15,000 cfm.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

The baseline should be modeled as minimally compliant with the exhaust air recovery requirements Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6.1.

Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6.1 requires nontransient dwelling units to include outdoor air energy recovery ventilation systems and that each fan system serving spaces other than nontransient dwelling units to have an energy recovery system when the design supply fan airflow rate exceeds the value listed in Standard 90.1-2022 Tables 6.5.6.1.2-1 and 6.5.6.1.2-2, based on the climate zone and percentage of outdoor air at design airflow conditions.

Exceptions to 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6.1.

1. Nontransient dwelling units in Climate Zone 3C.

2. Nontransient dwelling units with no more than 500 ft^2 of gross conditioned floor area in Climate Zone 0, 1, 2, 3, 4C, and 5C.

Applicable to nontransitent dwelling units:

3. Laboratory systems meeting Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.7.3.

4. Systems serving spaces that are not cooled and that are heated to less than 60°F.

5. Heating energy recovery where more than 60% of the outdoor air heating energy is provided from site-recovered energy or on-site renewable energy in Climate Zones 5 through

6. Where the sum of the airflow rates exhausted and relieved within 20 ft of each other is less than 75% of the design outdoor airflow rate, excluding exhaust air that is

a. used for another energy recovery system,

b. not allowed by ASHRAE/ASHE Standard 170 for use in energy recovery systems with leakage potential, or

c. of Class 4 as defined in ASHRAE Standard 62.1.

7. Systems in Climate Zones 0 through 4 requiring dehumidification that employ series energy recovery and have a minimum SERR of 0.40.

8. Systems expected to operate less than 20 hours per week at the outdoor air percentage covered by Standard 90.1-2022 Table 6.5.6.1.2-1.

9. Indoor pool dehumidifiers meeting Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6.4

Exception: the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6.1 requirements are inapplicable.

Enthalpy Recovery Ratio

Applicability Any system with outside air heat recovery

Definition The general effectiveness of an air-to-air heat exchanger as characterized by the reduction in heating or cooling load between the building exhaust and entering outside air streams. Enthalpy Recovery Ratio is defined as follows:

$$ERRH = \frac{(OSAH - OSLAH)}{(OSAH - ELAH)} \tag{43}$$

Where:

ERR_H = The air-to-air heat exchanger enthalpy recovery

OSA_H = The total enthalpy of the outside air entering the exchanger

$OSLA_H$ = The total enthalpy of the outside air leaving the heat exchanger

ELA_H = The total enthalpy of the exhaust air entering the heat exchanger

Units Fraction (between 0 and 1)

Input Restrictions As designed in accordance with the formula above.

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

A 50% enthalpy recovery ratio is required to be modeled. Various combinations of latent and sensible effectiveness values can result in an enthalpy recovery ratio of 50% depending on the exact specification of the energy recovery device. By definition a 50% latent and sensible energy recovery effectiveness is equivalent to a 50% enthalpy recovery ratio. In the absence of a manufacturer specification establishing a combination of latent and sensible effectiveness values that result in a 50% enthalpy recovery ratio, a 50% latent and sensible energy recovery effectiveness should be modeled in the baseline. A fifty percent enthalpy recovery ratio means that the change in the enthalpy of the outdoor air supply divided by the difference between the outdoor air and entering exhaust air enthalpies at design conditions equals fifty percent.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

When exhaust air energy recovery is included in the scope of the alteration and required to be modeled in the baseline based on the language in 90.1 Sections 6.1.4 and 6.5.6.1 the following enthalpy recovery ratios shall be modeled.

50% enthalpy recovery ratio at cooling design conditions for both nontransient dwelling unit and other spaces.

For Nontransient Dwelling Units:

At the heating design condition, energy recovery performance shall be as follows:

a. Where active humidification is provided to spaces served by the system, energy recovery systems shall result in an enthalpy recovery ratio of at least 60%.

b. Where active humidification is not provided to spaces served by the system, energy recovery systems shall result in a sensible energy recovery ratio of at least 60%.

Exceptions for nontransient dwelling units:

1. Energy recovery performance requirements at heating design condition in Climate Zones 0, 1, and 2.

2. Enthalpy recovery ratio requirements at cooling design condition in Climate Zones 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

Spaces Other than Nontransient Dwelling Units:

At the heating design condition, energy recovery performance shall be as follows:

a. Where active humidification is provided to spaces served by the system, energy recovery systems shall result in an enthalpy recovery ratio of at least 50%.

b. Where active humidification is not provided to spaces served by the system, energy recovery systems shall result in a sensible energy recovery ratio of at least 50%

The energy recovery system shall provide the required enthalpy recovery ratio or sensible energy recovery ratio at both heating and cooling design conditions unless one mode is not required for the climate zone by the exception to Section 6.5.6.1.

Exceptions for spaces other than nontransient dwelling units:

1. Enthalpy recovery ratio requirements at heating design condition in Climate Zones 0, 1, and 2.

2. Enthalpy recovery ratio requirements at cooling design condition in Climate Zones 3C, 4C, 5B, 5C, 6B, 7, and 8.

See the G3.2 section for a discussion on establishing the model inputs to model the required enthalpy recovery ratios.

Otherwise, model the exhaust air energy recovery enthalpy ratio identically in the baseline and proposed.

Exhaust Air Energy Recovery Economizer Interaction

Applicability	Any system with outside air enthalpy heat recovery
Definition	Energy recovery control during economizer operation
Units	Lockout, no lockout
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>**
	Lockout. The baseline system should bypass the energy recovery device during economizer operation. Refer to Section 3.7.4 of this document for baseline economizer requirements. During economizer operation, parasitic losses of energy recovery device and fan energy impact of pressure drop through energy recovery device should not occur.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

When exhaust air energy recovery is part of the scope of the alteration and is required to be modeled in the baseline based on the language in 90.1 Sections 6.1.4 and 6.5.6.1 lockout should be modeled unless the energy recovery system includes 80% or more outdoor air at full design air-flow rate and does not exceed 10,000 cfm (Exception to 90.1-2022 6.5.6.1.2.2).

Otherwise, model the exhaust air energy recovery economizer interaction identically in the baseline and proposed.

Heat Exchanger Parasitic Energy

Applicability Systems that use heat recovery

Definition This input is used to model electric power consumption by controls (transformers, relays, etc.) and/or a motor for a rotary heat exchanger. None of this electric power contributes thermal load to the supply or exhaust air streams.

Units Watts (W)

Input Restrictions As designed. A default of 50W is assumed which can be overridden by the user.

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

50W

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed.

Heat Exchanger Fan Energy Consumption

Applicability Systems that use heat recovery

Definition The additional fan energy needed for the energy recovery device.

For all energy recovery ventilator (ERV) systems that include a bypass during economizer operations, the fan energy consumption for ERV systems should only be modeled when the ERV runs and should not be considered when the ERV is bypassed for economizer operation.

Units Watts (W)

Input Restrictions As designed

Baseline Building The ERV fan power for the baseline system (only applies when exhaust air energy recovery is required to be modeled in the baseline) can be calculated as follows:

$$Bhp = [\ (0.6 \times \text{OAcfm}) + (0.6 \times 0.9 \times \text{OAcfm})]\ /4131$$

$$W = bhp \text{ x } 746/nm$$

This has been calculated from:

$$Bhp = [((2.2 \times HREFF) - dp_{oa}) \times \text{OAcfm}]/4131 + [\ ((2.2 \times HREFF \times E_f\ ) - \text{dp}_{\text{ex}}) \times \text{OAcfm}\ ]/4131$$

Where:

Bhp = Fan brake horse power

HREFF = Heat exchanger effectiveness

dp_{oa} = ERV pressure drop on the outdoor air side (is assumed to be 0.5 in. w.c.)

dp_{ex} = ERV pressure drop on the exhaust air side (is assumed to be 0.5 in. w.c.)

E_f = Exhaust airflow fraction (exhaust airflow is 90% of outdoor airflow after considering leakage and zone exhaust)

W = Fan power

nm = Fan motor efficiency of supply fan. For EnergyPlus fan, energy for an ERV is not an input of the ERV module and the ERV fan energy should not simply be added to the system supply fan if the ERV includes a bypass during economizer operations as required in the baseline. The following workaround should be used instead. The fan energy associated with energy recovery is modeled as additional ERV parasitic power. This results in the ERV fan energy occurring only when the ERV runs, which is the desired behavior. If there is not a bypass in the proposed design, ERV fan energy shall be included in the HVAC system fan so that its impact is accounted for whenever the fans are running.

3.7.7 Humidity Controls and Devices

Humidity control, devices, and sources are not represented fully in many simulation programs, but humidification and dehumidification can result in significant energy consumption. A simulation program should be chosen that most adequately represents the components, or has adequate workarounds implemented, or supplemental calculations employed to determine the associated energy use. These methods should be documented in the manner required for "exceptional calculations."

3.7.7.1 General

Humidifier Type	
Applicability	Optional humidifier
Definition	The type of humidifier employed. Choices include: • Hot water • Steam • Electric • Evaporative humidification • Adiabatic humidification
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** For systems serving zones where humidification is included in the proposed design, the baseline shall include the same humidifier type unless the proposed humidifier does not include automatic shutoff valves, insulated dispersion tubes meeting the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.2.4. In that case, adiabatic humidification shall be used in the baseline. In either case, the baseline humidification system uses the same schedule and setpoints as the proposed building.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed in accordance with 90.1-2022 Section 6.4.3.6.2 requirements which are that humidistatic controls shall not use fossil fuel or electricity to produce relative humidity above 30% in the warmest zone served by the system.

Humidistat Maximum Setting

Applicability	Systems with humidity control
Definition	The control setpoint for dehumidification
Units	Percent relative humidity (%)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

If the proposed design HVAC system(s) have humidistatic controls, then the baseline building design shall use mechanical cooling for dehumidification and shall have reheat available to avoid overcooling. Systems serving computer rooms shall not have reheat for dehumidification. The reheat type shall be the same as the system heating type. Only 25% of the system reheat energy shall be included in the baseline building performance, when the baseline building does not comply with any of the exceptions listed below (Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.2.3). The requirements and exceptions to the same are listed below-

Humidity controls shall prevent reheating, mixing of hot and cold airstreams, or other means of simultaneous heating and cooling of the same airstream.

Exceptions :

1. The system is capable of and configured to reduce supply air volume to 50% or less of the design airflow rate or the minimum outdoor air ventilation rate specified in ASHRAE Standard 62.1 or other applicable federal, state, or local code or recognized standard, whichever is larger, before simultaneous heating and cooling takes place.
2. The individual fan cooling unit has a design cooling capacity of 65,000 Btu/h or less and is capable of and configured to unload to 50% capacity before simultaneous heating and cooling takes place.
3. The individual mechanical cooling unit has a design cooling capacity of 40,000 Btu/h or less. An individual mechanical cooling unit is a single system comprising a fan or fans and a cooling coil capable of providing mechanical cooling.
4. Systems serving spaces where specific humidity levels are required to satisfy process needs, such as vivariums; museums; surgical suites; pharmacies; and buildings with refrigerating systems, such as supermarkets, refrigerated warehouses, and ice arenas, and where the building includes site-recovered energy or site-solar energy that provide energy equal to at least 75% of the annual energy for reheating or for providing warm air in mixing systems. This exception does not apply to computer rooms.
5. At least 90% of the annual energy for reheating or for providing warm air in mixing systems is provided from site-recovered energy (including condenser heat) or site-solar energy.
6. Systems where the heat added to the airstream is the result of the use of a desiccant system, and 75% of the heat added by the desiccant system is removed by a heat exchanger, either before or after the desiccant system, with energy recovery.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed in accordance with 90.1-2022 Section 6.4.3.6.1 requirements which are that mechanical cooling shall not be used to reduce humidity below the lower of a dew point of 55°F or relative humidity of 60% in the coldest zone served by the system except when systems serving zones where humidity levels are required to be maintained with precision of not more than ±5% rh to comply with applicable codes or accreditation standards or as approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

Exception: the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.4.3.6.1 requirements are inapplicable.

Humidistat Minimum Setting

Applicability	Systems with humidity control
Definition	The control setpoint for dehumidification
Units	Percent relative humidity (%)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Same as proposed **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed in accordance with 90.1-2022 Section 6.4.3.6.2 requirements which are that humidistatic controls shall not use fossil fuel or electricity to produce relative humidity above 30% in the warmest zone served by the system.

3.7.7.2 Desiccant

Desiccant Type

Applicability	Systems with desiccant dehumidification
Definition	Describes the configuration of desiccant cooling equipment The following configurations for desiccant systems are allowed: • A liquid desiccant dehumidifying unit • A liquid desiccant dehumidifying unit combined with a gas-fired absorption chiller • A solid desiccant dehumidifying unit • No desiccant – the default, which indicates that no desiccant system is present
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Desiccant Control Mode

Applicability	Systems with desiccant dehumidification
Definition	The method of controlling the operation of the desiccant unit. For liquid-based systems this can be either: • Dry-bulb: The desiccant unit is turned on whenever the outside air dry-bulb exceeds a set limit. • Evaporative cooling: Cycles the desiccant unit on when an evaporative cooler is on to maintain a dewpoint setpoint. • Dewpoint: Cycles the desiccant unit on and off to maintain the dewpoint temperature of the supply air. For solid-based systems the following configurations are possible: • Dehumidification only: The desiccant unit cycles on and off to maintain indoor humidity levels. • Sensible heat exchanger plus regeneration: The desiccant unit includes a sensible heat exchanger to precool the hot, dry air leaving the desiccant unit. The air leaving the exhaust side of the heat exchanger is directed to the desiccant unit. • Sensible heat exchanger: The desiccant unit includes a heat exchanger, but the air leaving the exhaust side of the heat exchanger is exhausted to the outdoors.
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Desiccant Air Fraction

Applicability	Systems with desiccant dehumidification
Definition	The fraction of the supply air that passes through the desiccant unit. Typically, either the minimum outside air fraction or all of the air passes through the desiccant system.
Units	Fraction (between 0 and 1)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Desiccant Heat Source

Applicability Systems with desiccant dehumidification

Definition The source of heat that is used to dry out the desiccant. This can be either:

- Gas: The regeneration heat load is met with a gas-fired heater.
- Hot water: The heat load is met with hot water from the plant.

Units List (see above)

Input Restrictions As designed

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

Not applicable

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed.

Liquid Desiccant Performance Curves

Applicability Systems with liquid-based desiccant dehumidification

Definition A set of performance curves apply to liquid desiccant systems:

$$DESC-T-FTW = a + b \times T + c \times T^2 + d \times w + e \times w^2 + f \times T \times w \tag{44}$$

$$DESC-W-FTW = a + b \times T + c \times T^2 + d \times w + e \times w^2 + f \times T \times w \tag{45}$$

$$DESC-Gas-FTW = a + b \times T + c \times T^2 + d \times w + e \times w^2 + f \times T \times w \tag{46}$$

$$DESC-kW-FTW = a + b \times T + c \times T^2 + d \times w + e \times w^2 + f \times T \times w \tag{47}$$

Where:

DESC-T-FTW = Temperature leaving desiccant unit

DESC-W-FTW = Humidity ratio leaving desiccant unit

DESC-Gas-FTW = Gas usage of desiccant unit

DESC-kW-FTW = Electric usage of desiccant unit

T = Entering air temperature

w = Entering humidity ratio

Table 85. Liquid Desiccant Unit Performance Curves

Coefficient	DESC-T-FTW	DESC-W-FTW	DESC-Gas-FTW	DESC-kW-FTW
a	11.5334997	11.8993998	58745.8007813	3.5179000
b	0.6586730	-0.2695580	-1134.4899902	-0.0059317
c	-0.0010280	0.0044549	-3.6676099	0.0000000
d	0.2950410	0.0830525	3874.5900879	0.0040401
e	-0.0001700	0.0006974	-1.6962700	0.0000000
f	-0.0008724	0.0015879	-13.0732002	0.0000000

Source: COMNET 2017

Units Data structure

Input Restrictions	Where publicly accessible performance curves are available for as-designed equipment they may be used for the proposed design otherwise the default equations and coefficients given in Table 85. If default curves are not used, supporting documentation is required.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Default curves.

Desiccant Dewpoint Temperature Setpoint

Applicability	Systems with desiccant dehumidification
Definition	The setpoint dewpoint temperature of the air leaving the desiccant system
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed. Defaults to 50°F.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Desiccant Heat Exchanger Effectiveness

Applicability	Systems with desiccant dehumidification
Definition	The effectiveness of a sensible heat exchanger used with a desiccant system
Units	Fraction (between 0 and 1)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Desiccant Heat Exchanger Pressure Drop

Applicability	Systems with desiccant dehumidification
Definition	The pressure drop across a sensible heat exchanger used with a desiccant system
Units	in. H_2O
Input Restrictions	As designed. Defaults to 1.0 in. H_2O.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

3.8 HVAC Primary Systems

This section covers the building descriptors for the primary HVAC systems. The baseline building HVAC system may or may not have a primary system.

See Table 3.8-1 for a summary of the properties of the Standard 90.1-2022 G3.2 baseline building primary system. More detail is provided in subsequent sections.

For projects subject to Standard 90.1-2022 G3.3 the baseline will include a primary HVAC system same as proposed.

Table 86. Summary of Standard 90.1 Section G3.2 Baseline Primary HVAC Properties

System	Cooling Primary System Applicability	Heating Primary System Applicability
1 PTAC		✓
2 PTHP		
3 PSZ-AC		
4 PSZ-HP		
5 PVAV		✓
6 PVAV / PFP		
7 VAV	✓	✓
8 VAV / PFP	✓	
9 HV Furnace		
10 HV Electric		
11 SZ-VAV	✓	✓
12 SZ-CV-HW	✓	✓
13 SZ-CV-ER	✓	

3.8.1 Boilers

Boiler Name	
Applicability	All boilers
Definition	A unique descriptor for each boiler, heat pump, central heating heat-exchanger, or heat recovery device
Units	None
Input Restrictions	User entry
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Boilers are only designated in the baseline model if the baseline system is of type 1 (PTAC), type 5 (Packages VAV with reheat) or type 7 (VAV with reheat) and system 11 for climate zones 3B to 8 and system 12. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Boilers are designated when they are included in the proposed design.

Boiler Fuel

Applicability	All boilers
Definition	The fuel source for the central heating equipment. The choices are: • Gas • Oil • Electricity
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Buildings located in climate zones 3B, 3C and 4 through 8 shall use hot-water fossil fuel boilers. Boilers are not used for the baseline HVAC system for climate zones 0 to 3A. For fossil fuel systems where natural gas is not available for the proposed building site as determined by the rating authority, the baseline HVAC systems shall be modeled using propane as their fuel. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Boiler Type

Applicability	All boilers
Definition	The boiler type. Choices include: • Steam boiler • Hot water boiler • Heat-pump water heater
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The boiler type will be a hot water boiler for baseline systems 1, 5, 7, 11, and 12. All other baseline system types do not have a boiler **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Boiler Draft Type

Applicability	All boilers
Definition	How combustion airflow is drawn through the boiler. Choices are: • Natural (sometimes called atmospheric) • Mechanical Natural draft boilers use natural convection to draw air for combustion through the boiler. Natural draft boilers are subject to outside air conditions and the temperature of the flue gases. Mechanical draft boilers enhance the airflow in one of three ways: 1) induced draft, which uses ambient air, a steam jet, or a fan to induce a negative pressure that pulls flow through the exhaust stack; 2) forced draft, which uses a fan and ductwork to create a positive pressure that forces air into the furnace; or 3) balanced draft, which uses both induced draft and forced draft methods to bring air through the furnace, usually keeping the pressure slightly below atmospheric.
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed. Default is natural draft.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The boiler for the baseline system shall be natural draft boiler. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Number of Identical Boiler Units

Applicability	All boilers
Definition	The number of identical units for staging
Units	Numeric: integer
Input Restrictions	As designed. Default is 1.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline building shall have one boiler when the baseline plant serves a conditioned floor area of 15,000 ft^2 or less, and have two equally size boilers for plants serving more than 15,000 ft^2. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Boiler Heat Loss

Applicability	All boilers
Definition	The boiler or heat-exchanger heat loss expressed as a percentage of full load output capacity. This loss only occurs when the boiler is firing.
Units	Percent (%)
Input Restrictions	Default is 2% for electric boilers and heat-exchangers and 0% for fuel-fired boilers. If the user overrides the default, supporting documentation is required.

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Prescribed at 2% for electric boilers and heat-exchangers. Prescribed at 0% for fuel-fired boilers, since this loss is already incorporated into the overall thermal efficiency, or AFUE of the boiler.

For boilers with efficiency rating prescribed as combustion efficiency, 2% jacket losses will be assumed. Hence:

$$Et = Ec - 2\%$$

Where:

Et = Thermal efficiency

Ec = Combustion efficiency

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed.

Boiler Design Capacity

Applicability	All boilers
Definition	The heating capacity at design conditions
Units	Btu/h
Input Restrictions	UMLH shall not exceed 300. If they do, the proposed boiler capacity shall be increased incrementally until the unmet loads are reduced to 300 or less.

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Autosized. Sizing calculations shall be based on the heating design day and cooling design day conditions, as defined in Section 3.2.3 of this document. Oversizing would be carried out at zone level where the sizing parameters would be applied to the zone design heating loads, but not the airflow rates. Refer to Section 2.7.2 of this document for more details. If the number of UMLH for the baseline exceeds 300, heating coil capacity may need to be increased along with system airflow as described in Section 2.7.2 of this document.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

The boiler capacity for the baseline design shall be sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs—i.e., the ratio between the capacities used in the annual simulations and the capacities determined by the sizing runs shall be the same for both the proposed design and baseline building design.

Boiler Efficiency Type

Applicability All boilers

Definition The full load efficiency of a boiler is expressed as one of the following:

- Annual fuel utilization efficiency (AFUE) is a measure of the boiler's efficiency over a predefined heating season.
- Thermal efficiency (Et) is the ratio of the heat transferred to the water divided by the heat input of the fuel.
- Combustion efficiency (Ec) is the measure of how much energy is extracted from the fuel and is the ratio of heat transferred to the combustion air divided by the heat input of the fuel.

Units List (see above)

Input Restrictions AFUE for all gas and oil-fired boilers with less than 300,000 Btu/h capacity

Et for all gas and oil-fired boilers with capacities between 300,000 and 2,500,000 Btu/h

Ec for all gas and oil-fired boilers with capacities above 2,500,000 Btu/h

Baseline Building Same efficiency type relationship with capacity as described for proposed design

Boiler Efficiency

Applicability All boilers

Definition The full load efficiency of a boiler at rated conditions (see efficiency type above) expressed as a dimensionless ratio of output over input. The software must accommodate input in either thermal efficiency (Et), combustion efficiency (Ec), or annual fuel utilization efficiency (AFUE).

Where AFUE is provided, Et shall be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} &1)\ 75\% \le \text{AFUE} < 80\% \\ &E_t = 0.1 \times AFUE + 72.5\% \\ &2)\ 80\% \le \text{AFUE} \le 100\% \\ &E_t = 0.875 \times AFUE + 10.5\% \end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

Where Ec is provided, Et shall be calculated as follows:

$$E_t = Ec - 2\% \tag{49}$$

All electric boilers will have an efficiency of 100%.

For applicable software, heat input ratio shall be defined as the inverse of thermal efficiency.

Units Ratio

Input Restrictions As designed

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

Boilers for the baseline design are assumed to have the minimum efficiency as listed below (Standard 90.1-2022 Table G3.5.6)

Size	Minimum Efficiency	Test Procedure
<300,000 Btu/h	80% AFUE	DOE 10 CFR Part 430
≥300,000 Btu/h and ≤2,500,000 Btu/h	75% E_t	DOE 10 CFR Part 431
>2,500,000 Btu/h	80% E_c	

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Boilers included in the scope of the retrofit shall be modeled with the minimum efficiency as listed below (Standard 90.1-2022 Table 6.8.1-6).

Size	Minimum Efficiency	Test Procedure
<300,000 Btu/h	82% AFUE	DOE 10 CFR Part 430 App N
≥300,000 Btu/h and ≤2,500,000 Btu/h	80% E_t	DOE 10 CFR Part 431.86
>2,500,000 Btu/h	82% E_c	

Boiler Part-Load Performance Curve

Applicability All boilers

Definition An adjustment factor that represents the percentage full load fuel consumption as a function of the percentage full load capacity. This curve shall take the form of a quadratic equation as follows:

$$\begin{gathered} Fuel_{partload} = Fuel_{design} \times FHeatPLC\left(Q_{partload}, Q_{rated}\right) \\ FHeatPLC = \left(a + b \times \frac{Q_{partload}}{Q_{rated}} + c \times \left(\frac{Q_{partload}}{Q_{rated}}\right)^2\right) \end{gathered} \tag{50}$$

Where

$FHeatPLC$ = The fuel heating part load efficiency curve

$Fuel_{partload}$ = The fuel consumption at part load conditions (Btu/h)

$Fuel_{design}$ = The fuel consumption at design conditions (Btu/h)

$Q_{partload}$ = The boiler capacity at part load conditions (Btu/h)

Q_{rated} = The boiler capacity at design conditions (Btu/h)

a = Constant, 0.082597

b = Constant, 0.996764

c = Constant, -0.079361

Units Ratio

Input Restrictions As designed. Supporting documentation is required for use of different curves. Default part load performance curves provided in COMNET Appendix H (COMNET 2017) can be used based on draft type.

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

The baseline building uses natural draft curve specified in Equation (50) above.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Default part load performance curves provided in COMNET Appendix H (COMNET 2017) can be used based on draft type.

Boiler Forced Draft Fan Power

Applicability	All mechanical draft boilers
Definition	The fan power of the fan motor inducing a draft for a boiler with force draft.
Units	Horsepower
Input Restrictions	As designed The software shall convert the user entry of motor HP to fan power in watts by the following equation: Fan Power (W) = Motor HP × 746 x 0.5
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Boiler Minimum Unloading Ratio

Applicability All boilers

Definition The minimum unloading capacity of a boiler expressed as a percentage of the rated capacity. Below this level the boiler must cycle to meet the load.

Table 87. Default Minimum Unloading Ratios

Boiler Type	Default Unloading Ratio
Electric Steam	1%
Electric Hot Water	1%
Fuel-Fired Steam	25%
Fuel-Fired Hot Water	25%

Units Percent (%)

Input Restrictions As designed. If the user does not use the default value, the software must indicate that supporting documentation is required on the output forms.

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

Use Table 87

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Boilers with a design input of at least 1,000,000 Btuh should model the baseline as minimally compliant with the unloading ratios in Table 88.

Exception: the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.4.1 requirements are inapplicable.

Table 88. 90.1 2022 Table 6.5.4.1 Minimum Unloading Ratios

Boiler System Design Input, Btuh	Default Unloading Ratio
≥1,000,000 and ≤ 5,000,000	33%
>5,000,000 and ≤10,000,000	25%
>10,000,000	20%

Boiler Minimum Flow Rate

Applicability	All boilers
Definition	The minimum flow rate recommended by the boiler manufacturer for stable and reliable operation of the boiler
Units	gpm
Input Restrictions	As designed If the boiler(s) is piped in a primary only configuration in a variable flow system, then the software shall assume there is a minimum flow bypass valve that allows the HW pump to bypass water from the boiler outlet back to the boiler inlet to maintain the minimum flow rate when boiler is enabled. Note that the boiler entering water temperature must accurately reflect the mixed temperature (colder water returning from the coil(s) and hotter bypass water) in order to accurately model boiler efficiency as a function of boiler entering water temperature.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** 25% of design flow rate. Pumping configuration as described in Section 3.8.5. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** 25% of design flow rate should be modeled as this represents minimum compliance with 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.4.2. **Exception:** the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.4.2 requirements are inapplicable.

Hot Water Supply Temperature

Applicability	All boilers
Definition	The temperature of the water produced by the boiler and supplied to the hot water loop
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Use 180°F for baseline boiler **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Hot Water Return Temperature

Applicability	All boilers
Definition	The temperature of the water returning to the boiler from the hot water loop
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Use 130°F for baseline boiler design

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed.

Hot Water Supply Temperature Reset

Applicability	All boilers
Definition	Variation of the hot water supply temperature with OAT
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The hot water supply temperature should vary according to the following: • 180°F when outside air is < 20°F • ramp linearly between 180°F and 150°F when outdoor air is between 20°F and 50°F • 150°F when outdoor air is > 50°F **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Baseline should be modeled as minimally compliant with 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.4.4. **Exception:** the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.4.4 requirements are inapplicable.

3.8.2 Chillers

Chiller Name

Applicability	All chillers
Definition	Unique descriptor for each chiller
Units	Text, unique
Input Restrictions	User entry. Where applicable, this should match the tags that are used on the plans.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Chillers are only designated when the baseline system is of type 7 (VAV with reheat), 8 (VAV with PFP boxes) 11, 12, and 13 **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Chiller Type

Applicability	All chillers

Definition

The type of chiller, either a vapor-compression chiller or an absorption chiller.

Vapor compression chillers operate on the reverse-Rankine cycle, using mechanical energy to compress the refrigerant, and include:

- Positive displacement: Includes reciprocating (piston-style), scroll and screw compressors.
- Centrifugal: Uses rotating impeller blades to compress the refrigerant and impart velocity.
- Single effect absorption: Uses a single generator and condenser.
- Double effect absorption: Uses two generators/concentrators and condensers, one at a lower temperature and the other at a higher temperature. It is more efficient than the single effect, but it must use a higher temperature heat source.
- Double effect absorption, indirect-fired.
- Gas engine driven chiller.
- Positive displacement: Includes reciprocating (piston-style), scroll and screw compressors.

Units List (see above)

Input Restrictions As designed

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

The baseline building will use electric chillers regardless of the cooling energy source. The baseline building chiller is based on the baseline building peak cooling load, as follows:

Table 89. Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.2 Type and Number of Chillers

Building Peak Cooling Load	Number and Type of Chiller(s)
<= 300 tons	1 liquid-cooled screw chiller
>300 tons, < 600 tons	2 liquid-cooled screw chillers, sized equally
>= 600 tons	A minimum of two (2) liquid-cooled centrifugal chillers, sized to keep the unit size below 800 tons, all sized equally.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed.

Number of Identical Chiller Units

Applicability All chillers

Definition The number of identical units for staging

Units None

Input Restrictions As designed. Default is 1.

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

From Table 89 above, there is one chiller if the baseline system peak coincident cooling load is 300 tons or less and two equally sized chillers for baseline system peak coincident loads between 300 and 600 tons. For peak coincident loads above 600 tons, two or more chillers of equal size are used, with no chiller larger than 800 tons.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed.

Chiller Fuel

Applicability All chillers

Definition The fuel source for the chiller. The choices are:

- Electricity (for all vapor-compression chillers)
- Gas (absorption units only, designated as direct-fired units)
- Oil (absorption units only, designated as direct-fired units)
- Hot Water (absorption units only, designated as indirect-fired units)
- Steam (absorption units only, designated as indirect-fired units)

Units List (see above)

Input Restrictions As designed

This input is restricted, based on the choice of chiller type, according to the following rules:

	Electricity	Gas	Hot Water	Steam
Reciprocating	Allowed			
Scroll	Allowed			
Screw	Allowed			
Centrifugal	Allowed			
Single effect absorption		Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Direct fired double effect absorption		Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Indirect fired absorption		Allowed	Allowed	Allowed

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

Electricity

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed.

Chiller Capacity

Applicability All chillers

Definition The cooling capacity of a chiller at rated conditions

Units Btu/h or tons

Input Restrictions As designed. If UMLH are greater than 300, the chiller may have to be made larger.

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

The zone cooling coils are oversized by 15% and the chiller is sized to the sum of the individual oversized zone peak loads. The zones shall be sized using weather files containing 1% dry-bulb and 1% wet-bulb cooling design temperatures. Section 0 has more details regarding design day data to be used for equipment sizing.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

The chiller capacity for the baseline design shall be sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs—i.e., the ratio between the capacities used in the annual simulations and the capacities determined by the sizing runs shall be the same for both the proposed design and baseline building design.

Chiller Rated Efficiency

Applicability All chillers

Definition The efficiency of the chiller: EER for air cooled chillers, kW/ton for liquid-cooled, positive displacement chillers, and COP for fuel-fired and heat driven chillers at AHRI 550/590/560 rated full-load conditions. The test conditions for the full load (FL) rating are summarized below:

- 44°F leaving chilled-fluid temperature
- 2.4 gpm/ton evaporator fluid flow
- 85°F entering condenser-fluid temperature
- 2.58 gpm/ton condenser-fluid flow

Units Ratio (kW/ton, EER, or COP based on chiller type and condenser type)

Input Restrictions As designed. Must meet the minimum requirements of Table 6.8.1-3 of Standard 90.1-2022.

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

Use the minimum efficiency requirements EER or kW/ton values from Table 90 (Standard 90.1-2022 Table G3.5.3).

Table 90. Minimum Efficiency Requirements for Water Chilling Packages

	Size Category	Sub Category	Minimum Efficiency	Test Procedure
Liquid-cooled, Electrically Operated, Positive Displacement (rotary screw and scroll)	<150 tons	kW/ton	0.790 FL 0.676 IPLV.IP	AHRI 550/590
	≥150 tons and <300 tons	kW/ton	0.718 FL 0.629 IPLV.IP	
	≥300 tons	kW/ton		
	Allowed		0.639 FL 0.572 IPLV.IP	
Liquid-cooled, Electrically Operated, Centrifugal	<150 tons	kW/ton	0.703 FL 0.670 IPLV.IP	AHRI 550/590
	≥150 tons and <300 tons	kW/ton	0.634 FL 0.596 IPLV.IP	
	≥300 tons	kW/ton	0.576 FL 0.549 IPLV.IP	

FL= Full Load; IPLV = Integrated Part Load Value

G3.3 Minor Alterations

According to 90.1 Section G3.3.2.8b, for chillers included in the scope retrofit use the minimum efficiency requirements EER or kW/ton values from Standard 90.1-2022 Table 6.8.1-3 based on the chiller type and capacity using Path A or Path B, the same as the proposed design. If the proposed design meets both Path A and Path B requirements, Path A shall be used.

90.1 Section G3.3.2.8b does not specifically address heat pump and heat recovery water-chilling packages covered in 90.1 Table 6.8.1-16 which are often informally referred to as heat pump or heat recovery chillers. For these use Path A or Path B, the same as the proposed design.

Integrated Part Load Value

Applicability	All chillers
Definition	The part-load efficiency of a chiller developed from a weighted average of four rating conditions, according to AHRI Standard 550
Units	Ratio (kW/ton, COP, or EER, depending on chiller type and condenser type) Liquid-cooled electric chiller: kW/ton Air cooled or evaporatively cooled electric chiller: EER All non-electric chillers: COP
Input Restrictions	As designed. Must meet the minimum requirements of Table 6.8.1-3 of Standard 90.1-2022.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline building is analyzed with the minimum full load efficiency as specified in Table 90. The IPLV is calculated by the simulation software according to ANSI/AHRI Standard 550/590 based on the full load efficiency and the performance curves. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** According to 90.1 Section G3.3.2.8b, for chillers included in the scope retrofit the baseline building is analyzed with the minimum full load efficiency as specified in 90.1 2022 Table 6.8.1-3 based on the chiller type and capacity using Path A or Path B, the same as the proposed design. If the proposed design meets both Path A and Path B requirements, Path A shall be used. The IPLV is calculated by the simulation software according to ANSI/AHRI Standard 550/590 based on the full load efficiency and the performance curves. 90.1 Section G3.3.2.8b does not specifically address heat pump and heat recovery water-chilling packages covered in 90.1 table 6.8.1-16 which are often informally referred to as heat pump or heat recovery chillers. For these use Path A or Path B, the same as the proposed design.

Chiller Minimum Unloading Ratio

Applicability All chillers

Definition The minimum unloading capacity of a chiller expressed as a fraction of the rated capacity. Below this level the chiller must cycle to meet the load.

Table 91. Default Minimum Unloading Ratios

Chiller Type	Default Unloading Ratio
Reciprocating	25%
Screw	15%
Centrifugal	10%
Scroll	25%
Single Effect Absorption	10%
Double Effect Absorption	10%

Units Percent (%)

Input Restrictions As designed. If the user does not employ the default values, supporting documentation is required.

Baseline Building Same as proposed (if the proposed includes a chiller). Else, use defaults listed above.

Chiller Minimum Part Load Ratio

Applicability All chillers

Definition The minimum unloading capacity of a chiller expressed as a fraction of the rated capacity. Below this level the chiller must cycle to meet the load. If the chiller minimum part-load ratio (PLR) is less than the chiller minimum unloading ratio, then the software shall assume hot-gas bypass operation between the minimum PLR and the minimum unloading ratio. Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.9 specifies a limit for maximum hot-gas bypass as a percentage of the total cooling capacity of the cooling system. The difference between the maximum unloading ratio and minimum part load ratio cannot exceed this limit for hot gas bypass operation.

Units Percent (%)

Input Restrictions As designed, but constrained to a minimum value of 10%. If the user does not employ the default values, supporting documentation is required.

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

When the baseline design has a screw chiller, the minimum part load ratio is 15%. When the baseline design has a centrifugal chiller, the minimum part load ratio is 10%.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed.

Chiller Cooling Capacity Adjustment Curve

Applicability All chillers

Definition A curve or group of curves or other functions that represent the available total cooling capacity as a function of evaporator and condenser conditions and perhaps other operating conditions.

$$Q_{available} = CAP\_FT \times Q_{rated} \tag{51}$$

For air cooled chillers:

$$CAP\_FT = a + b \times t_{chws} + c \times {t_{chws}}^2 + d \times t_{odb} + e \times {t_{odb}}^2 \\ + f \times t_{chws} \times t_{odb} \tag{52}$$

For liquid-cooled chillers:

$$CAP\_FT = a + b \times t_{chws} + c \times {t_{chws}}^2 + d \times t_{cws} + e \times {t_{cws}}^2 \\ + f \times t_{chws} \times t_{cws} \tag{53}$$

Where:

Qavailable = Available cooling capacity at present evaporator and condenser conditions (MBH)

t_{chws} = The chilled water supply temperature (°F)

t_{cws} = The condenser water supply temperature (°F)

t_{odb} = The outside air dry-bulb temperature (°F)

Qrated = Rated capacity at AHRI conditions (MBH)

Note: If an air cooled unit employs an evaporative condenser, t_{odb} is the effective dry-bulb temperature of the air leaving the evaporative cooling unit.

Separate curves are provided for Path A and Path B the source of the curves below is ASHRAE 90.1 Appendix J Table J-1 with exceptions noted below the table.

Table 92. Default Capacity Coefficients – Electric Air-Cooled Chillers

Coefficient	Path A		Path B	
	<150 tons	≥150 tons	<150 tons	≥150 tons
a	–1.347697	–1.153535	–1.325652	–0.939345
b	0.070674	0.075066	0.07416	0.074488
c	–0.000566	–0.000622	–0.000607	–0.000615
d	0.016793	0.009777	0.013871	0.005127
e	–0.000104	–0.000071	–0.000088	–0.000048
f	–0.000076	–0.000057	–0.000069	–0.000048
Tchws	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F
Todb	Min = 55°F, Max = 126°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 126°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F

Table 93. Default Capacity Coefficients – Path A Electric Positive Displacement Liquid-Cooled

Coefficient	<75 tons	≥75 tons and <150 tons	≥150 tons and <300 tons	≥300 tons and <600 tons	≥600 tons
a	–0.907598	–0.857791	–0.424942	0.012766	0.122304
b	0.0733	0.074596	0.047087	0.033086	0.024081
c	–0.000653	–0.000670	–0.000458	–0.000350	–0.000293
d	0.0037	0.001523	0.006232	0.004004	0.006302
e	–0.000054	–0.000042	–0.000070	–0.000061	–0.000081
f	0.000006	0.000012	0.000058	0.000083	0.000116
Tchws	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F
Tcws	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F

Table 94. Default Capacity Coefficients – Path B Electric Positive Displacement Liquid-Cooled

Coefficient	<75 tons	≥75 tons and <150 tons	≥150 tons and <300 tons	≥300 tons and <600 tons	≥600 tons
a	–0.913752	–0.840342	–0.451749	–0.063852	0.13188
b	0.073361	0.071938	0.051393	0.038321	0.023312
c	–0.000654	–0.000641	–0.000490	–0.000388	–0.000286
d	0.003787	0.002703	0.004351	0.002935	0.006699
e	–0.000054	–0.000047	–0.000058	–0.000054	–0.000084
f	0.000006	0.000007	0.00005	0.000072	0.000116
Tchws	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F
Tcws	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F

Table 95. Path A Electric Centrifugal Liquid-Cooled

Coefficient	<150 tons	≥150 tons and <300 tons	≥300 tons and <400 tons	≥400 tons and <600 tons	≥600 tons
a	–0.454052	–0.454052	0.947009	–0.702242	–0.702242
b	0.056252	0.056252	0.032913	0.077132	0.077132
c	–0.000669	–0.000669	–0.000354	–0.000785	–0.000785
d	0.000736	0.000736	–0.020151	–0.005637	–0.005637
e	–0.000099	–0.000099	0.000062	–0.000033	–0.000033
f	0.000249	0.000249	0.000148	0.000145	0.000145
Tchws	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F
Tcws	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F

Table 96. Path B Electric Centrifugal Liquid-Cooled

Coefficient	<150 tons	≥150 tons and <300 tons	≥300 tons and <400 tons	≥400 tons and <600 tons	≥600 tons
a	–0.062772	0.015941	0.127596	–0.487422	–0.487422
b	0.054642	0.049796	0.046709	0.071558	0.071558
c	–0.000550	–0.000573	–0.000538	–0.000737	–0.000737
d	–0.008072	–0.007266	–0.006247	–0.006964	–0.006964
e	0.000004	–0.000041	–0.000047	–0.000032	–0.000032
f	0.000101	0.000219	0.000195	0.000158	0.000158
Tchws	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F
Tcws	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F

Table 97. Default Capacity Coefficients – Fuel- and Steam-Source Liquid-Cooled Chillers

Coefficient	Single Stage Absorption	Double Stage Absorption	Direct-Fired Absorption	Engine Driven Chiller
A	0.723412	-0.816039	1.000000	0.573597
B	0.079006	-0.038707	0.000000	0.0186802
C	-0.000897	0.000450	0.000000	0.000000
D	-0.025285	0.071491	0.000000	-0.00465325
E	-0.000048	-0.000636	0.000000	0.000000
F	0.000276	0.000312	0.000000	0.000000
Source: COMNET 2017				

Units Data structure

Input Restrictions The user may input curves using manufacturers' full and part-load data for the HVAC system without fan power; supporting documentation must be provided. Where part-load performance of chillers is unavailable and the design temperature across the condenser is 10°F, default curves from 90.1 2022 Table J-1 can used based on the chiller type (These coefficients are included in Table 92, Table 93, Table 94, Table 95, and Table 96. Table 97 includes coefficients from COMNET 2017). When using performance curves from 90.1 2022 Normative Appendix J, chiller minimum part-load ratio (ratio of load to available capacity at a given simulation time step) and minimum compressor unloading ratio (part-load ratio below which the chiller capacity cannot be reduced by unloading and chiller is false loaded) shall be equal to 0.25.

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

Use curves from 90.1 2022 Table J-2 shown in Table 98 and Table 99.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Default curves from 90.1 2022 Table J-1 should be used based on the chiller type. These coefficients are included in Table 92, Table 93, Table 94, Table 95, and Table 96. Table 97 includes coefficients from COMNET 2017. When using performance curves from 90.1 2022 Normative Appendix J, chiller minimum part-load ratio (ratio of load to available capacity at a given simulation time step) and minimum compressor unloading ratio (part-load ratio below which the chiller capacity cannot be reduced by unloading and chiller is false loaded) shall be equal to 0.25.

Table 98. Capacity Coefficients – Water-cooled, Electrically Operated, Positive Displacement (Rotary screw and scroll)

Coefficient	<150 tons	≥150 tons and <300 tons	≥300 tons
a	–0.981909	–0.683858	–0.160681
b	0.076674	0.065283	0.04439
c	–0.000687	–0.000602	–0.000429
d	0.00392	0.002347	0.001024
e	–0.000058	–0.000050	–0.000035
f	0.000006	0.000036	0.000055
Tchws	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F
Tcws	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F

Table 99. Capacity Coefficients – Water-cooled, Electrically Operated, Centrifugal

Coefficient	<150 tons	≥150 tons and <300 tons	≥300 tons
a	–0.061958	–0.128081	0.117208
b	0.054739	0.050459	0.04294
c	–0.000550	–0.000581	–0.000478
d	–0.008177	–0.004297	–0.003930
e	0.000005	–0.000049	–0.000045
f	0.000101	0.0002	0.000155
Tchws	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F
Tcws	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F

Electric Chiller Cooling Efficiency Adjustment Curves

Applicability	All chillers
Definition	A curve or group of curves that varies the cooling efficiency of an electric chiller as a function of evaporator conditions, condenser conditions, and part-load ratio. Note that for variable-speed chillers, the part-load cooling efficiency curve is a function of both part-load ratio and leaving condenser water temperature. The default curves from 90.1 2022 Table J-1 are shown below:

$$PLR = \frac{Q_{operating}}{Q_{available}\left(t_{chws}, t_{cws/odb}\right)}$$

$$EIR\_FPLR = a + b \times PLR + c \times PLR^2$$

Variable-Speed:

$$EIR\_FPLR = a + b \times PLR + c \times PLR^2 + d \times t_{cws} + e \times {t_{cws}}^2 +$$

$$f \times PLR \cdot t_{cws} + g \times PLR^3 + h \times {t_{cws}}^3 + i \times PLR^2 \cdot t_{cws} + j \times {t_{cws}}^2 \cdot PLR$$

Air-Cooled: (54)

$$EIR\_FT = a + b \times t_{chws} + c \times {t_{chws}}^2 + d \times t_{odb} + e \times {t_{odb}}^2$$

$$+ f \times t_{chws} \times t_{odb}$$

Liquid-Cooled :

$$EIR\_FT = a + b \times t_{chws} + c \times {t_{chws}}^2 + d \times t_{cws} + e \times {t_{cws}}^2$$

$$+ f \times t_{chws} \times t_{cws}$$

$$P_{operating} = P_{rated} \times EIR\_FPLR \times EIR\_FT \times CAP\_FT$$

Where:

PLR = Part load ratio based on available capacity (not rated capacity)

$Q_{operating}$ = Present load on chiller (Btu/h)

$Q_{available}$ = Chiller available capacity at present evaporator and condenser conditions (Btu/h)

t_{chws} = The chilled water supply temperature (°F)

t_{cws} = The condenser water supply temperature (°F)

t_{odb} = The outside air dry-bulb temperature (°F)

P_{rated} = Rated power draw at ARI conditions (kW)

$P_{operating}$ = Power draw at specified operating conditions (kW)

Note: If an air cooled chiller employs an evaporative condenser, t_{odb} is the effective dry-bulb temperature of the air leaving the evaporative cooling unit.

Table 100. Default Efficiency EIR-FT Coefficients – Electric Air Cooled Chillers

Coefficient	Path A		Path B	
	<150 tons	≥150 tons	<150 tons	≥150 tons
a	1.777758	1.872341	2.054048	1.673814
b	–0.038258	–0.041886	–0.042406	–0.041178
c	0.000431	0.000442	0.00045	0.000429
d	–0.005368	–0.006710	–0.009813	–0.003424
e	0.000118	0.000123	0.00014	0.000109
f	–0.000115	–0.000086	–0.000093	–0.000084
Tchws	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F
Todb	Min = 55°F, Max = 126°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 126°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F

Table 101. Default Efficiency EIR-FT Coefficients – Path A Electric Positive Displacement Liquid-Cooled

Coefficient	<75 tons	≥75 tons and <150 tons	≥150 tons and <300 tons	≥300 tons and <600 tons	≥600 tons
a	2.001725	1.679306	1.136125	1.161349	0.874461
b	–0.044957	–0.041960	–0.034608	–0.040557	–0.041390
c	0.000484	0.000456	0.000401	0.000431	0.00043
d	–0.008296	–0.002081	0.008006	0.013567	0.022262
e	0.000168	0.000128	0.000058	0.000003	–0.000058
f	–0.000125	–0.000125	–0.000131	–0.000103	–0.000097
Tchws	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F
Tcws	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F

Table 102. Default Efficiency EIR-FT Coefficients – Path B Electric Positive Displacement Liquid-Cooled

Coefficient	<75 tons	≥75 tons and <150 tons	≥150 tons and <300 tons	≥300 tons and <600 tons	≥600 tons
a	2.018167	1.849951	1.020192	1.189071	0.916144
b	–0.045111	–0.043409	–0.030046	–0.038585	–0.041541
c	0.000485	0.000467	0.000363	0.000415	0.000436
d	–0.008503	–0.005187	0.008504	0.011574	0.020987
e	0.000168	0.000146	0.000053	0.000017	–0.000047
f	–0.000124	–0.000123	–0.000135	–0.000108	–0.000100
Tchws	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F
Tcws	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F

Table 103. Default Efficiency EIR-FT Coefficients – Path A Electric Centrifugal Liquid-Cooled

Coefficient	<150 tons	≥150 tons and <300 tons	≥300 tons and <400 tons	≥400 tons and <600 tons	≥600 tons
a	0.474969	0.474969	0.596868	0.551957	0.551957
b	–0.036087	–0.036087	–0.022768	–0.036196	–0.036196
c	0.000223	0.000223	0.000131	0.0003	0.0003
d	0.030749	0.030749	0.023536	0.028396	0.028396
e	–0.000178	–0.000178	–0.000130	–0.000147	–0.000147
f	0.000094	0.000094	0.000024	0.000029	0.000029
Tchws	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F
Tcws	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F

Table 104. Default Efficiency EIR-FT Coefficients – Path B Electric Centrifugal Liquid-Cooled

Coefficient	<150 tons	≥150 tons and <300 tons	≥300 tons and <400 tons	≥400 tons and <600 tons	≥600 tons
a	0.860442	0.582513	0.63461	0.593414	0.593414
b	–0.036414	–0.033786	–0.033472	–0.028948	–0.028948
c	0.000317	0.000227	0.00026	0.000224	0.000224
d	0.022419	0.027678	0.026148	0.024197	0.024197
e	–0.000108	–0.000157	–0.000130	–0.000126	–0.000126
f	0.000001	0.000067	0.000015	0.000027	0.000027
Tchws	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F
Tcws	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F

Table 105. Default Efficiency EIR-FPLR Coefficients – Electric Air Cooled Chillers

Coefficient	Path A		Path B	
	<150 tons	≥150 tons	<150 tons	≥150 tons
a	0.087789	0.118081	0.036849	0.095711
b	0.185696	0.107477	0.100792	0.009903
c	1.561411	1.570838	1.614142	1.543396
d	–0.832304	–0.794051	–0.748013	–0.646737

Table 106. Default Efficiency EIR-FPLR Coefficients – Path A Electric Positive Displacement Liquid-Cooled

Coefficient	<75 tons	≥75 tons and <150 tons	≥150 tons and <300 tons	≥300 tons and <600 tons	≥600 tons
a	0.24373	0.208982	0.246644	0.244926	0.264371
b	0.165972	0.224001	0.184576	0.21889	0.263302
c	0.586099	0.561479	0.566463	0.532972	0.47169

Table 107. Default Efficiency EIR-FPLR Coefficients – Path B Electric Positive Displacement Liquid-Cooled

Coefficient	<75 tons	≥75 tons and <150 tons	≥150 tons and <300 tons	≥300 tons and <600 tons	≥600 tons
a	0.1072	0.183811	0.090936	0.103665	0.061706
b	0.182611	–0.044417	0.207812	0.148024	0.261711
c	0.705182	0.85566	0.696735	0.744887	0.677017

Table 108. Default Efficiency EIR-FPLR Coefficients – Path A Electric Centrifugal Liquid-Cooled

Coefficient	<150 tons	≥150 tons and <300 tons	≥300 tons and <400 tons	≥400 tons and <600 tons	≥600 tons
a	0.304206	0.304206	0.276961	0.290891	0.290891
b	0.073866	0.073866	0.101749	0.059366	0.059366
c	0.621457	0.621457	0.621383	0.649421	0.649421

Table 109. Default Efficiency EIR-FPLR Coefficients – Path B Electric Centrifugal Liquid-Cooled

Coefficient	<150 tons	≥150 tons and <300 tons	≥300 tons and <400 tons	≥400 tons and <600 tons	≥600 tons
a	0.072183	0.064979	0.082812	0.058583	0.058583
b	0.10865	0.151829	0.152816	0.205486	0.205486
c	0.818174	0.779131	0.764822	0.736345	0.736345

Units Data structure

Input Restrictions

The user may input curves using manufacturers' full and part-load data for the HVAC system without fan power; supporting documentation must be provided. Where part-load performance of chillers is unavailable and the design temperature across the condenser is 10°F, default curves from 90.1 2022 Table J-1 can used based on the chiller type (These coefficients are included in Table 100, Table 101, Table 102, Table 103, Table 104, Table 105, Table 106, Table 107, Table 108, and Table 109). When using performance curves from 90.1 2022 Normative Appendix J, chiller minimum part-load ratio (ratio of load to available capacity at a given simulation time step) and minimum compressor unloading ratio (part-load ratio below which the chiller capacity cannot be reduced by unloading and chiller is false loaded) shall be equal to 0.25.

Baseline Building

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Use curves from 90.1 2022 Table J-2 shown in Table 110, Table 111, Table 112, and Table 113.

G3.3

Default curves from 90.1 2022 Table J-1 should be used based on the chiller type. These coefficients are included in Table 100, Table 101, Table 102, Table 103, Table 104, Table 105, Table 106, Table 107, Table 108, and Table 109. When using performance curves from 90.1 2022 Normative Appendix J, chiller minimum part-load ratio (ratio of load to available capacity at a given simulation time step) and minimum compressor unloading ratio (part-load ratio below which the chiller capacity cannot be reduced by unloading and chiller is false loaded) shall be equal to 0.25.

Table 110. Efficiency EIR-FT Coefficients – Water-cooled, Electrically Operated, Positive Displacement (Rotary screw an scroll)

Coefficient	<150 tons	≥150 tons and <300 tons	≥300 tons
a	2.044998	1.037805	1.188945
b	–0.047515	–0.024695	–0.039426
c	0.000505	0.000329	0.000413
d	–0.008787	0.00313	0.012888
e	0.000175	0.000102	0.000002
f	–0.000120	–0.000159	–0.000098
Tchws	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F
Tcws	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F

Table 111. Efficiency EIR-FT Coefficients - Water-cooled, Electrically Operated, Centrifugal

Coefficient	<150 tons	≥150 tons and <300 tons	≥300 tons
a	0.857485	0.479847	0.74721
b	–0.036148	–0.035964	–0.038874
c	0.000314	0.000225	0.000313
d	0.022356	0.031377	0.027638
e	–0.000108	–0.000183	–0.000133
f	0.000001	0.000085	–0.000008
Tchws	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F	Min = 39°F, Max = 60°F
Tcws	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F	Min = 55°F, Max = 104°F

Table 112. Efficiency EIR-FPLR Coefficients - Water-cooled, Electrically Operated, Positive Displacement (Rotary screw an scroll)

Coefficient	<150 tons	≥150 tons and <300 tons	≥300 tons
a	0.276037	0.250801	0.320097
b	0.253577	0.345915	0.074356
c	0.466353	0.399138	0.602938

Table 113. Efficiency EIR-FPLR Coefficients - Water-cooled, Electrically Operated, Centrifugal

Coefficient	<150 tons	≥150 tons and <300 tons	≥300 tons
a	0.281669	0.339494	0.309752
b	0.202762	0.04909	0.153649
c	0.515409	0.611582	0.536462

Chilled Water Supply Temperature

Applicability	All chillers
Definition	The chilled water supply temperature of the chiller at design conditions
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline chilled water supply temperature is set to 44°F **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Chilled Water Return Temperature

Applicability	All chillers
Definition	The chilled water return temperature setpoint
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline chilled water return temperature is set to 56°F. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Chilled Water Supply Temperature Control Type

Applicability	All chillers
Definition	The method by which the chilled water setpoint temperature is reset. The chilled water setpoint may be reset based on demand or OAT.
Units	List
Input Restrictions	None, can be either “outside air-based reset” or “demand-based reset”
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Outside air-based reset **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Baseline should be modeled as minimally compliant with 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.4.4. **Exception:** the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.4.4 requirements are inapplicable.

Chilled Water Supply Temperature Reset

Applicability	All chillers
Definition	The reset schedule for the chilled water supply temperature. The chilled water setpoint may be reset based on demand or OAT.
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed. The default is as shown in the figure below.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

The baseline chilled water supply temperature is reset from 44°F to 54°F based on OAT as shown in the figure below.

The figure depicts a linear reset schedule that represents the chilled water setpoint as a function of outdoor air dry-bulb temperature. This schedule is defined by the following data points:

- 44°F at OAT 80°F and above
- 54°F at OAT 60°F and below
- Ramped linearly between 44°F and 54°F at temperatures between 80°F and 60°F

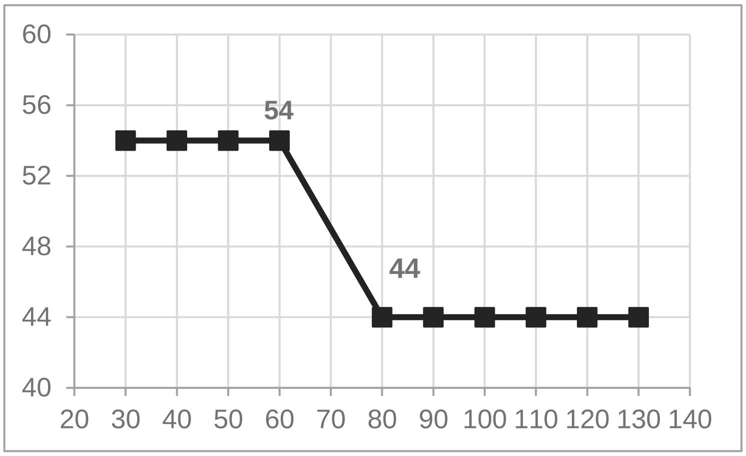

Figure 11. Chilled Water Supply Temperature Reset Schedule

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Baseline should be modeled as minimally compliant with 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.4.4.

Exception: the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.4.4 requirements are inapplicable.

Air Cooled Condenser Power	
Applicability	All chillers with air cooled condensers where fan energy is not part of the COP
Definition	The energy usage of the condenser fan(s) at design conditions on an air cooled chiller. This unit should only be used for chillers composed of separate evaporator and condenser sections where the fan energy is not part of the chiller COP.
Units	Kilowatts (kW)
Input Restrictions	As designed. The user must enter data for remote air cooled condensing units.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable, since all baseline chillers have water cooled condensers **G3.3 Minor Alterations** According to 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.5.2, the baseline should be modeled such that the fan motor demand is no more than 30% of design wattage at 50% of the design airflow with the automatic modulation of fan speed to control the leaving fluid temperature or condensing temperature/pressure of the heat-rejection device. **Exception:** the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.5.2 requirements are inapplicable.

3.8.3 Cooling Towers

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Baseline building systems 7, 8, and 11 through 13, have one or more cooling towers. One tower is assumed to be matched to each baseline building chiller. Each baseline building chiller has its own condenser water pump that operates when the chiller is brought into service. The range between the condenser water return (CWR) and condenser water supply (CWS) is 10°F so that condenser water flow is a constant 2.5 gpm per cooling ton.[1] The baseline building pumping energy is assumed to be 19 W/gpm. The baseline building cooling tower is assumed to have a variable speed fan that is controlled to provide a CWS equal to the temperature in Table 111 based on climate zone when weather permits floating up to the design leaving water temperature for the cooling tower of 85°F or 10°F above the design wet-bulb temperature, whichever is lower.

The baseline building condenser water design supply temperature shall be calculated using the cooling tower approach to the 0.4% evaporation design wet-bulb temperature as generated by the formula below, with a design temperature rise of 10°F.

$$\text{Approach } 10°\text{F Range} = 25.72 - (0.24 \times \text{WB})$$

where WB is the 0.4% evaporation design wet-bulb temperature in °F; valid for wet bulbs from 55°F to 90°F.

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[1] Cooling capacity is related to flow and delta-T through the equation Q = 500 * GPM * Delta-T. When Q is one ton (12,000 Btu/h), GPM = 24 / Delta-T and Delta-T = 24 / GPM

Table 114. Heat-Rejection Leaving Water Temperature

Climate Zone	Leaving Water Temperature
5B, 5C, 6B, 8	65°F
0B, 1B, 2B, 3B, 3C, 4B, 4C, 5A, 6A, 7	70°F
3A,4A	75°F
0A, 1A, 2A	80°F

G3.3 Minor Alterations

The same cooling tower type shall be modeled as specified in the design.

All other cooling tower components, setpoints and controls shall be modeled as follows:

- Cooling towers not included in the scope of the retrofit should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.
- The baseline should be modeled such that the fan motor demand is no more than 30% of design wattage at 50% of the design airflow with the automatic modulation of fan speed to control the leaving fluid temperature or condensing temperature/pressure of the heat-rejection device.
- Centrifugal fan open-circuit cooling towers modeled in the baseline should be modeled to meet the energy efficiency requirement for axial fan open-circuit cooling towers listed in 90.1 2022 Table 6.8.1-7

  Exception: the baseline should be modeled to meet the energy efficiency requirement for centrifugal fan open-circuit cooling towers listed in 90.1 2022 Table 6.8.1-7 if 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.5.3 requirements are inapplicable.
- Open-circuit cooling towers used on water-cooled chiller systems that are configured with multiple- or variable-speed condenser water pumps shall be modeled so that all open-circuit cooling tower cells can be run in parallel with the larger of (1) the flow that is produced by the smallest pump at its minimum expected flow rate or (2) 50% of the design flow for the cell.

  Exception: the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.5.4 requirements are inapplicable.

Cooling Tower Name

Applicability	All cooling towers
Definition	A unique descriptor for each cooling tower
Units	Text, unique
Input Restrictions	User entry. Where applicable, this should match the tags that are used on the plans.
Baseline Building	Descriptive name that keys the baseline building plant

Cooling Tower Type

Applicability	All cooling towers
Definition	The type of cooling tower employed. The choices are: • Open tower, centrifugal fan • Open tower, axial fan • Closed tower, centrifugal fan • Closed tower, axial fan Open cooling towers collect the cooled water from the tower and pump it directly back to the cooling system. Closed towers circulate the evaporated water over a heat exchanger to indirectly cool the system fluid.
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline cooling tower is an open tower axial fan device with a two-speed fan. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Cooling Tower Capacity

Applicability	All cooling towers
Definition	The tower thermal capacity per cell adjusted to CTI (Cooling Technology Institute) rated conditions of 95°F condenser water return, 85°F condenser water supply, and 78°F wet-bulb with a 3 gpm/nominal ton water flow. The default cooling tower curves below are at unity at these conditions.
Units	But/h
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline building chiller is autosized. The tower is sized to supply 85°F condenser water or 10°F approach to wet bulb, whichever is lower, at design conditions for the oversized chiller. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The cooling tower thermal capacity for the baseline design shall be sized proportionally to the capacities in the proposed design based on sizing runs—i.e., the ratio between the capacities used in the annual simulations and the capacities determined by the sizing runs shall be the same for both the proposed design and baseline building design.

Cooling Tower Number of Cells

Applicability	All cooling towers
Definition	The number of cells in the cooling tower. Each cell will be modeled as equal size. Cells are subdivisions in cooling towers, each with its own fan and water flow, and allow the cooling system to respond more efficiently to lower load conditions.
Units	Numeric: integer
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline building shall be modeled with one cooling tower with one cell. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Cooling Tower Total Fan Horse Power

Applicability	All cooling towers
Definition	The sum of the nameplate rated horsepower (hp) of all fan motors on the cooling tower. Pony motors should not be included
Units	gpm/hp or unitless if EIR is specified. (If the nominal tons but not the condenser water flow is specified, the condenser design water flow shall be 2.4 gpm per nominal cooling ton.)
Input Restrictions	As designed, but the cooling towers shall meet minimum performance requirements in Table 6.8.1-7 of Standard 90.1-2022 and must be at least 40.2 gpm/hp for an axial fan, open circuit cooling tower and at least 20 gpm/hp for a centrifugal fan open-circuit cooling tower
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** 38.2 gpm/hp at the conditions specified in 90.1 Table 6.8.1-7 for an axial fan open-circuit cooling tower. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Baseline cooling towers included in the scope of the retrofit shall be modeled to meet minimum performance requirements in Table 6.8.1-7 of Standard 90.1-2022 based on the cooling tower type with the exception that centrifugal fan open-circuit cooling towers modeled in the baseline should be modeled to meet the energy efficiency requirement for axial fan open-circuit cooling towers listed in 90.1 2022 Table 6.8.1-7 if 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.5.3 requirements are applicable **Exception:** the baseline should be modeled to meet the energy efficiency requirement for centrifugal fan open-circuit cooling towers listed in 90.1 2022 Table 6.8.1-7 if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.5.3 requirements are inapplicable.

Cooling Tower Design Wet-Bulb

Applicability	All cooling towers
Definition	The design wet-bulb temperature that was used for selection and sizing of the cooling tower
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** 1% wet-bulb design conditions.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed.

Cooling Tower Design Leaving Water Temperature

Applicability	All cooling towers
Definition	The design condenser water supply temperature (leaving tower) that was used for selection and sizing of the cooling tower
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed. Default to 85°F.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** 85°F or 10°F above the design wet-bulb temperature, whichever is lower. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Cooling Tower Design Entering Water Temperature

Applicability	All cooling towers
Definition	The design leaving condenser water temperature (entering tower) that was used for selection and sizing of the cooling tower
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed. Default to 95°F.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Set to 10°F above the cooling tower design leaving water temperature. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Cooling Tower Capacity Adjustment Curve(s)

Applicability	All cooling towers
Definition	A curve or group of curves that represent the available total cooling capacity as a function of outdoor air wet-bulb, condenser water supply and condenser water return temperatures. The default curves are given as follows: Option 1 (DOE-2 based performance curves) $t_R = t_{cwr} - t_{cws}$ (55)

$$\begin{aligned} FWB = a + b \times FRA + c \times FRA^2 + d \times t_{owb} + e \times {t_{owb}}^2 \\ + f \times FRA \times t_{owb} \end{aligned}$$

$$Q_{available} = Q_{rated} \times FWB \times \left(\frac{t_R}{10}\right)$$

Where:

$Q_{available}$ = Available cooling capacity at present outside air and condenser water conditions (MBH)

Q_{rated} = Rated cooling capacity at CTI test conditions (MBH)

t_{cws} = The condenser water supply temperature (in °F)

tcwr = The condenser water return temperature (in °F)

t_{owb} = The outside air wet-bulb temperature (°F)

t_R = The tower range (in °F)

t_A = The tower approach (in °F)

FRA = An intermediate capacity curve based on range and approach

FWB = The ratio of available capacity to rated capacity (gpm/gpm)

Table 115. Default Capacity Coefficients – Cooling Towers

Coefficient	FRA	FWB
a	-2.22888899	0.60531402
b	0.16679543	-0.03554536
c	-0.01410247	0.00804083
d	0.03222333	-0.02860259
e	0.18560214	0.00024972
f	0.24251871	0.00490857

Option 2: CoolTools performance curve (EnergyPlus)

Approach = Coeff(1) + Coeff(2)•FRair + Coeff(3)•(FRair)2 +Coeff(4)•(FRair)3 + Coeff(5)•FRwater +
Coeff(6)•FRair•FRwater + Coeff(7)•(FRair)2•FRwater + Coeff(8)•(FRwater)2 +
Coeff(9)•FRair•(FRwater)2 +
Coeff(10)•(FRwater)3 + Coeff(11)•Twb + Coeff(12)•FRair•Twb + Coeff(13)•(FRair)2•Twb +
Coeff(14)•FRwater•Twb + Coeff(15)•FRair•FRwater•Twb + Coeff(16)•(FRwater)2•Twb +
Coeff(17)•(Twb)2 + Coeff(18)•FRair•(Twb)2 + Coeff(19)•FRwater•(Twb)2 + Coeff(20)•(Twb)3 +
Coeff(21)•Tr + Coeff(22)•FRair•Tr + Coeff(23)•FRair•FRair•Tr + Coeff(24)•FRwater•Tr +
Coeff(25)•FRair•FRwater•Tr +
Coeff(26)•(FRwater)2•Tr + Coeff(27)•Twb•Tr + Coeff(28)•FRair•Twb•Tr +
Coeff(29)•FRwater•Twb•Tr +
Coeff(30)•(Twb)2•Tr + Coeff(31)•(Tr)2 + Coeff(32)•FRair•(Tr)2 + Coeff(33)•FRwater•(Tr)2 +
Coeff(34)•Twb•(Tr)2 + Coeff(35)•(Tr)3

Where:

FRair = Ratio of airflow to airflow at design conditions

FRwater = Ratio of water flow to water flow at design conditions

Tr = Tower range (°F)

Twb = Wet-Bulb temperature

Coefficients for this performance curve are provided in COMNET Appendix H (COMNET 2017).

Units	Data structure
Input Restrictions	Where publicly accessible performance curves are available for as-designed equipment they may be used for the proposed design otherwise the default equations and coefficients given above should be used. If defaults are overridden, supporting documentation is required.
Baseline Building	Use one of the two default curves

Cooling Tower Set Point Control

Applicability All cooling towers

Definition The type of control for the condenser water supply. The choices are:

- Fixed
- Wet-bulb reset

A fixed control will modulate the tower fans to provide the design condenser water supply temperature at all times when possible. A wet-bulb reset control will reset the condenser water setpoint according to the following control scheme:

$t_{cws}=t_{owb} + t_A + RR * (t_{dwb}-t_{owb})$

Where:

tcws = The condenser water supply setpoint (in °F)

towb = The outside air wet-bulb temperature (°F)

tdwb = The design outside air wet-bulb temperature (°F)

tA = The tower design approach (in °F)

RR = The reset ratio (default is 0.29)

A reset ratio (*RR*) of 0 will force the tower to always attempt a fixed approach to the outdoor wet-bulb temperature. An *RR* of 1 will cause the system to perform as if it had fixed condenser water controls.

Units List (see above)

Input Restrictions As designed. If the user uses a wet-bulb reset, supporting documentation is required.

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

The baseline building cooling tower shall be controlled to provide a CWS equal to the temperature in Table 114 based on climate zone when weather permits floating up to the design leaving water temperature for the cooling tower of 85°F or 10°F above the design wet-bulb temperature, whichever is lower.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed.

Cooling Tower Capacity Control

Applicability	All cooling towers
Definition	Describes the modulation control employed in the cooling tower. Choices include: • Fluid bypass: Provides a parallel path to divert some of the condenser water around the cooling tower at part-load conditions. • Fan cycling: A simple method of capacity control where the tower fan is cycled on and off. This is often used on multiple-cell installations. • Two-speed fan/pony motor: From an energy perspective, these are the same. A lower horsepower pony motor is an alternative to a two-speed motor; the pony motor runs at part-load conditions (instead of the full sized motor) and saves fan energy when the tower load is reduced. Additional building descriptors are triggered when this method of capacity control is selected. • Variable Speed fan: A variable frequency drive is installed for the tower fan so that the speed can be modulated.
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Variable speed fans **G3.3 Minor Alterations** According to 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.5.2, the baseline should be modeled such that the fan motor demand is no more than 30% of design wattage at 50% of the design airflow with the automatic modulation of fan speed to control the leaving fluid temperature or condensing temperature/pressure of the heat-rejection device. **Exception:** the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.5.2 requirements are inapplicable.

Cooling Tower Low-Speed Airflow Ratio

Applicability	All cooling towers with variable speed, two-speed, or pony motors
Definition	The percentage full load airflow that the tower has at low speed or with the pony motor operating. This is equivalent to the percentage full load capacity when operating at low speed.
Units	Fraction (between 0 and 1)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** 0.50 **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Baseline should be modeled with 0.5. **Exception:** the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.5.2 requirements are inapplicable.

Cooling Tower Low-Speed kW Ratio

Applicability	All cooling towers
Definition	The percentage full load power that the tower fans draw at low speed or with the pony motor operating
Units	Fraction (between 0 and 1)
Input Restrictions	Calculated, using the as-designed flow ratio and the cooling tower power adjustment curve below
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** 0.30 **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Baseline should be modeled with 0.3. **Exception:** the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.5.2 requirements are inapplicable.

Cooling Tower Fan Power Adjustment Curve

Applicability All cooling towers with VSD control

Definition A curve that varies the cooling tower fan energy usage as a function of part-load ratio for cooling towers with variable speed fan control. The default curve is given as follows:

$$PLR = \frac{Q_{operating}}{Q_{available}(t_R, t_A, t_{OWB})}$$
$$TWR\_FAN\_FPLR = a + b \times PLR + c \times PLR^2 + d \times PLR^3 \qquad (56)$$
$$P_{operating} = P_{rated} \times TWR\_FAN\_FPLR$$

Where:

PLR = Part load ratio based on available capacity (not rated capacity)

$Q_{operating}$ = Present load on tower (in Btu/h)

$Q_{available}$ = Tower available capacity at present range, approach, and outside wet-bulb conditions (in Btu/h).

t_{owb} = The outside air wet-bulb temperature (°F)

t_R = The tower range (°F)

t_A = The tower approach (°F)

P_{rated} = Rated power draw at CTI conditions (kW)

$P_{operating}$ = Power draw at specified operating conditions (kW)

Table 116. Default Efficiency TWR-FAN-FPLR Coefficients – VSD on Cooling Tower Fan

Coefficient	TWR-FAN-FPLR
a	0.33162901
b	-0.88567609
c	0.60556507
d	0.9484823

Units Data structure

Input Restrictions Where publicly accessible performance curves are available for as-designed equipment they may be used for the proposed design otherwise the default equations and coefficients given above should be used. If defaults are overridden, supporting documentation is required.

Baseline Building Use default curves, given above.

3.8.4 Fluid Economizers

Baseline Building Summary:

Additional inputs to those below may be required to simulate actual control sequences.

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Baseline building system 11 would include an integrated fluid economizer, meeting the requirements as specified in this section, also in Section 6.5.1.2 of Standard 90.1-2022.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Economizers shall be modeled as minimally compliant with Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1 with the same type as the proposed. Where the proposed does not include an economizer, it is recommended that an air economizer be modeled in the baseline. However, according to Standard 90.1 Section 6.5.1.5, when applicable based on the scope of the retrofit and the language in Standard 90.1 Section 6.1.4, if the proposed design includes hydronic cooling and humidification systems designed to maintain inside humidity at a dew-point temperature greater than 35°F, then a fluid economizer is specifically required to be modeled in the baseline to meet 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1.

Exceptions to 90.1 Section 6.5.1:

1. Individual fan-cooling units with a supply capacity less than the minimum listed in 90.1 Table 6.5.1-1

2. 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.

3. Systems that include nonparticulate air treatment as required by Standard 62.1, Section 6.2.1.

4. In hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers, where more than 75% of the air designed to be supplied by the system is to spaces that are required to be humidified above 35°F dew-point temperature to comply with applicable codes or accreditation standards; in all other buildings, where more than 25% of the air designed to be supplied by the system is to spaces that are designed to be humidified above 35°F dew-point temperature to satisfy process application needs. This exception does not apply to computer rooms.

5. Systems that include a condenser heat recovery system with a minimum capacity as defined in 90.1 Section 6.5.6.2.2.

6. Systems that serve residential spaces where the system capacity is less than five times the requirement listed in 90.1 Table 6.5.1-1.

7. Systems that serve spaces whose sensible cooling load at design conditions, excluding transmission less than or equal to transmission losses at an outdoor temperature of 60°F.

8. Systems expected to operate fewer than 20 hours per week.

9. Where the use of outdoor air for cooling will affect supermarket open refrigerated casework systems.

10. For comfort cooling, where the cooling efficiency meets or exceeds the efficiency improvement requirements in 90.1 Table 6.5.1-2.

11. Systems primarily serving computer rooms where

   a. the total design cooling load of all computer rooms in the building is less than 3,000,000 Btu/h and the building in which they are located is not served by a centralized chilled-water plant;

   b. the room total design cooling load is less than 600,000 Btu/h and the building in which they are located is served by a centralized chilled-water plant;

c. the local water authority does not allow cooling towers; or

d. less than 600,000 Btu/h of computer-room cooling equipment capacity is being added to an existing building.

12. Dedicated systems for computer rooms, where a minimum of 75% of the design load serves

a. those spaces classified as an essential facility,

b. those spaces having a design of Tier IV as defined by ANSI/TIA-942,

c. those spaces classified under NFPA 70 Article 708—Critical Operations Power Systems (COPS)

d. those spaces where core clearing and settlement services are performed such that their failure to settle pending financial transactions could present systemic risk as described in “The Interagency Paper on Sound Practices to Strengthen the Resilience of the U.S. Financial System” (April 7, 2003).

Exception: the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1 requirements are inapplicable.

Fluid Economizer Name	
Applicability	All fluid economizers
Definition	The name of a fluid economizer for a cooling system
Units	Text, unique
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** A water side fluid economizer will be modeled for baseline system 11, for computer rooms. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Economizers shall be modeled as minimally compliant with Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1 with the same type as the proposed. Where the proposed does not include an economizer, it is recommended that an air economizer be modeled in the baseline. However, according to Standard 90.1 Section 6.5.1.5, when applicable based on the scope of the retrofit and the language in Standard 90.1 Section 6.1.4, if the proposed design includes hydronic cooling and humidification systems designed to maintain inside humidity at a dew-point temperature greater than 35°F, then a fluid economizer is specifically required to be modeled in the baseline to meet 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1. **Exceptions to 90.1 Section 6.5.1:** 1. Individual fan-cooling units with a supply capacity less than the minimum listed in 90.1 Table 6.5.1-1 2. 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.

3. Systems that include nonparticulate air treatment as required by Standard 62.1, Section 6.2.1.

4. In hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers, where more than 75% of the air designed to be supplied by the system is to spaces that are required to be humidified above 35°F dew-point temperature to comply with applicable codes or accreditation standards; in all other buildings, where more than 25% of the air designed to be supplied by the system is to spaces that are designed to be humidified above 35°F dew-point temperature to satisfy process application needs. This exception does not apply to computer rooms.

5. Systems that include a condenser heat recovery system with a minimum capacity as defined in 90.1 Section 6.5.6.2.2.

6. Systems that serve residential spaces where the system capacity is less than five times the requirement listed in 90.1 Table 6.5.1-1.

7. Systems that serve spaces whose sensible cooling load at design conditions, excluding transmission less than or equal to transmission losses at an outdoor temperature of 60°F.

8. Systems expected to operate fewer than 20 hours per week.

9. Where the use of outdoor air for cooling will affect supermarket open refrigerated casework systems.

10. For comfort cooling, where the cooling efficiency meets or exceeds the efficiency improvement requirements in 90.1 Table 6.5.1-2.

11. Systems primarily serving computer rooms where

a. the total design cooling load of all computer rooms in the building is less than 3,000,000 Btu/h and the building in which they are located is not served by a centralized chilled-water plant;

b. the room total design cooling load is less than 600,000 Btu/h and the building in which they are located is served by a centralized chilled-water plant;

c. the local water authority does not allow cooling towers; or

d. less than 600,000 Btu/h of computer-room cooling equipment capacity is being added to an existing building.

12. Dedicated systems for computer rooms, where a minimum of 75% of the design load serves

a. those spaces classified as an essential facility,

b. those spaces having a design of Tier IV as defined by ANSI/TIA-942,

c. those spaces classified under NFPA 70 Article 708—Critical Operations Power Systems (COPS)

d. those spaces where core clearing and settlement services are performed such that their failure to settle pending financial transactions could present systemic risk as described in “The Interagency Paper on Sound Practices to Strengthen the Resilience of the U.S. Financial System” (April 7, 2003).

Exception: the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1 requirements are inapplicable.

Water Economizer Type

Applicability	All fluid economizers
Definition	The type of fluid economizer. Choices include: • None • Heat exchanger in parallel with chillers: This would be used with an open cooling tower combined with a heat exchanger or evaporative cooler (closed circuit cooling tower) and is a non-integrated economizer, because the chillers are locked out when the plant is in economizer mode. • Heat exchanger in series with chillers: This would be used with an open cooling tower and heat exchanger or evaporative cooler (closed circuit cooling tower) and is integrated because the piping is arranged so the chilled water return is precooled and chillers can operate simultaneously with water economizer operation. Depending on the proportion of water economizer capacity compared to chiller capacity, the water economizer heat exchanger may see the full chilled water flow, or be in a “sidecar” arrangement where only a portion of the chilled water flow goes through the heat exchanger. • Direct water economizer: In this system, the condenser and chilled-water systems are connected. When the outdoor wet bulb temperature is low enough, cold water from the cooling tower is routed directly into the chilled-water loop. This would be used with filtration of the condenser water. In this case, a heat exchanger is not needed. This type can work as either an integrated or a non-integrated economizer, depending on piping arrangement. Although the strainer cycle is the most efficient water economizer option, it greatly increases the risk of fouling in the chilled-water system and cooling coils with the same type of contamination that is common in open cooling-tower systems. A strainer or filter can be used to minimize this contamination, but the potential for fouling prevents widespread use of the strainer-cycle system (Trane, 2016).
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

The baseline water side economizer should be a ‘heat exchanger in series with chillers’.

It shall be modeled for HVAC system 11 that serve computer rooms. The baseline system will be modeled with a heat exchanger in series with the chiller that pre-cools the chilled water return. The flow through the heat exchanger shall match the required water economizer capacity. The fluid economizer shall be capable of providing up to 100% of the expected system cooling load at outdoor air temperatures listed in Table 117.

Table 117. Fluid Economizer Sizing Dry-Bulb and Wet-Bulb Requirements for Computer Rooms

Climate Zone		Dry Bulb °F	Wet Bulb °F
0	A	NR	NR
0	B	NR	NR
1	A	NR	NR
1	B	NR	NR
2	A	40	35
2	B	35	30
3	A	40	35
3	B	30	25
3	C	30	25
4	A	40	35
4	B	30	25
4	C	30	25
5	A	40	35
5	B	30	25
5	C	30	25
6	A	35	30
6	B	30	25
7		30	25
8		30	25

NR = Not Required

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed. If there is no fluid economizer in the proposed and it is required to be modeled in the baseline, then the baseline water side economizer is recommended to be modeled as a ‘heat exchanger in series with chillers’.

If it is required by Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4, based on the scope of the alteration, to meet Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1.2.1, then the fluid economizer shall be capable of providing up to 100% of the expected system cooling load at outdoor air temperatures listed in Table 118.

Table 118. Fluid Economizer Sizing Dry-Bulb and Wet-Bulb Requirements for Computer Rooms

		Water Cooled		Air Cooled
Climate Zone		Dry Bulb °F	Wet Bulb °F	Dry Bulb °F
0	A	NR	NR	NR
0	B	NR	NR	NR
1	A	NR	NR	NR
1	B	NR	NR	NR
2	A	40	35	30
2	B	35	30	30
3	A	40	35	25
3	B	30	25	25
3	C	30	25	30
4	A	40	35	25
4	B	30	25	25
4	C	30	25	25
5	A	40	35	20
5	B	30	25	20
5	C	30	25	25
6	A	35	30	20
6	B	30	25	20
7		30	25	20
8		30	25	20

: Not Required

Fluid Economizer Approach

Applicability	All fluid economizers
Definition	The design temperature difference between the chilled water temperature leaving the heat exchanger and the condenser water (tower leaving) inlet to the heat exchanger.
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed. Defaults to 2°F.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** This will be specified as 2°F for the baseline building. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed. If there is no fluid economizer in the proposed and it is required to be modeled in the baseline, then use 2°F for the baseline building.

Fluid Economizer Activation Temperature Difference

Applicability	All fluid economizers
Definition	The minimum temperature difference between the tower leaving temperature and the chilled water return below which the fluid economizer is disabled.
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed. Defaults to 3.5°F below the chilled water return temperature.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** This will be specified as 3.5°F below the chilled water return temperature for the baseline building. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed. If there is no fluid economizer in the proposed and it is required to be modeled in the baseline, then use 3.5°F below the chilled water return temperature for the baseline building.

Fluid Economizer Tower Leaving Temperature Setpoint

Applicability	All fluid economizers
Definition	The temperature setpoint for the water side economizer heat exchanger entering temperature (tower leaving temperature).
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	As designed.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** This will be the 2°F below the chilled water supply temperature for the baseline building. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed. If there is no fluid economizer in the proposed and it is required to be modeled in the baseline, then use 2°F below the chilled water supply temperature for the baseline building.

Fluid Economizer Availability Schedule

Applicability	All fluid economizers
Definition	A schedule that represents the availability of the fluid economizer
Units	Data structure: schedule, on/off
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The waterside economizer will be simulated to be ‘Always On’ for the baseline building. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The availability schedule in conjunction with controls must be modeled such that the requirements of Standard 90.1-2022 Sections 6.5.1.3 and 6.5.1.4 are met in the baseline. The requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1.3 make it such that the economizer should be modeled such that it is integrated with the mechanical cooling systems and such that it is able to provide partial cooling even when additional mechanical cooling is required to meet the remainder of the cooling load.

The requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1.4 require that the economizer controls shall be such that economizer operation does not increase the building heating energy use during normal operation.

> **Exception to 6.5.1.4:** Economizers on VAV systems that cause zone-level heating to increase due to a reduction in supply air temperature.

Exception: the baseline and proposed should be modeled identically if, based on the requirements of 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 and the scope of the alteration, 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.1.3 and 6.5.1.4 requirements are inapplicable.

Fluid Economizer Hydronic Pressure Drop

Applicability	All fluid economizers
Definition	Pressure drop of the pre-cooling coils of the fluid to water heat exchanger.
Units	ft of water
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Refer to Section 3.8.5 for baseline system hydronic pressure drop requirements.

3.8.5 Pumps

The building descriptors in this section are repeated for each pumping system. See the Pump Service building descriptor for a list of common pump services.

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Hot water pumping in the baseline building (systems 1, 5, 7, 11, and 12) shall be modeled as a primary only system with continuous variable flow, and a minimum of 25% of design flow rate of the baseline building. When the spaces served by the hot water system are greater than or equal to 120,000 ft², the pump shall have a variable speed drive; otherwise, the pump "rides the curve." Pumping energy shall be assumed to be 19 W/gpm. Two-way valves are assumed at the heating coils with a modulating bypass valve at the end of the loop. The bypass valve shall open as necessary to maintain minimum flow through the boiler when the system is activated. This will establish the minimum flow through the system.

District hot water systems shall follow the same rules as hot water pumps, except for pump energy, which shall be equal to 14 W/gpm.

Chilled water pumping in the baseline building (systems 7, 8, 11, 12, and 13) is a primary/secondary system with constant flow primary loop and variable flow secondary loop. The minimum flow of the secondary loop is 25% of the design flow rate. Each chiller has its own primary and condenser water pumps that operate when the chiller is activated. All primary pumps shall be 9 W/gpm and secondary pump shall be 13 W/gpm, and the condenser water pump is assumed to be 19 W/gpm. For plants less than or equal to 300 tons, the secondary pump "rides the curve," for larger plants, the pump has a variable speed drive. The primary chilled water pump is constant speed and the condenser water pump is fixed speed. District chilled water system pumps shall follow the same rules as secondary chilled water pumps and pump energy shall be assumed to be 16 W/gpm. For computer room systems using system 11 with an integrated fluid economizer, the baseline building design both primary chilled water pump and condenser water pump power shall be increased by 3 W/gpm for flow associated with the fluid economizer.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Pumping power should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed with the exception that, if the pump motor system is being altered, the pump motor efficiency should be modeled as minimally compliant with 90.1 Section 10.4.1 in the baseline and as designed in the proposed.

If it is required by Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4, based on the scope of the alteration, to meet Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.4.2, then pumps should be modeled as riding the pump curve or with variable-speed drives as required by 90.1 Section 6.5.4.2. Otherwise, they should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Pump Name	
Applicability	All pumps
Definition	A unique descriptor for each pump
Units	Text, unique
Input Restrictions	User entry. Where applicable, this should match the tags that are used on the plans.
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed design. If there is no equivalent in the proposed design, assign a sequential tag to each piece of equipment. The sequential tags should indicate the pump service as part of the descriptor (e.g., CW for condenser water, CHW for chilled water, or HHW for heating hot water).

Pump Service	
Applicability	All pumps
Definition	The service for each pump. Choices include: • Chilled water • Chilled water (primary) • Chilled water (secondary) • Heating water • Heating water (primary) • Heating water (secondary) • Service hot water • Condenser water • Loop water (for hydronic heat pumps)
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** As needed by the baseline building system. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Number of Pumps

Applicability	All pumps
Definition	The number of identical pumps in service in a particular loop, e.g., the heating hot water loop, chilled water loop, or condenser water loop
Units	Numeric: integer
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>** The number of pumps will be defined as specified below: • One primary-only heating hot water pump • One primary chilled water pump for each chiller and one secondary chilled water pump for the chilled water loop • One condenser water pump for each chiller • One district hot water pump for each building served by a district hot water system • One district chilled water pump for each building served by a district chilled water system **<u>G3.3 Minor Alterations</u>** Same as proposed.

Water Loop Design

Applicability	All pumps
Definition	The heating and cooling delivery systems can consist of a simple primary loop system, or more complicated primary/secondary loops or primary/secondary/tertiary loops
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>** Heating water systems shall be modeled with primary loops only. Chilled water systems shall be modeled with primary/secondary loops. **<u>G3.3 Minor Alterations</u>** Same as proposed.

Pump Motor Modeling Method

Applicability	All pumps
Definition	Software commonly models pumps in one of two ways: The simple method is for the user to enter the electric power per unit of flow (W/gpm). This method is commonly used for smaller systems. A more detailed method requires a specification of the pump head, design flow, impeller, and motor efficiency.
Units	List: Power-Per-Unit-Flow or Detailed
Input Restrictions	Either method may be used, as appropriate
Baseline Building	Same method as used for the proposed design.

Pump Motor Power-Per-Unit-Flow

Applicability	All proposed design pumps that use the power-per-unit-flow method
Definition	The electric power of the pump divided by the flow at design conditions
Units	W/gpm
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Same method as used for the proposed design.

Pump Motor Horsepower

Applicability	All pumps
Definition	The nameplate motor horsepower
Units	horsepower
Input Restrictions	Constrained to be a value from the following list of standard motor sizes: A standard motor size table (hp) is defined as: 1/12, 1/8, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 1, 1.5, 2, 3, 5, 7.5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 75, 100, 125, 150, 200
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Pump Design Head

Applicability	All baseline building pumps and proposed design pumps that use the detailed modeling method
Definition	The head of the pump at design flow conditions
Units	ft or wg
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** For the baseline building: • District chilled water – Pressure drop is 55 ft head • District hot water – Pressure drop is 44 ft head • Chilled water system – Pressure drop is 31 ft of head for the primary loop and 45 ft of head for the secondary loop – For pumps serving baseline system 11, pressure drop is 41 ft of head for the primary loop and 45 feet of head for the secondary loop. • Condenser water system – Pressure drop is 60 ft of head – For pumps serving baseline system 11, pressure drop is 70 ft of head.

- Hot water system
  - Pressure drop is 60 ft of head

G3.3

Same as proposed.

Impeller Efficiency	
Applicability	All pumps in proposed design that use the detailed modeling method
Definition	The full load efficiency of the impeller
Units	Ratio (between 0 and 1)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** For the baseline building: • District chilled water system – Impeller efficiency = 72% (assuming motor efficiency of 90% and a total pump efficiency of 65%) • District hot water system – Impeller efficiency = 66.67% (assuming motor efficiency of 90% and a total pump efficiency of 60%) • Chilled water system – Impeller efficiency = 72% (assuming motor efficiency of 90% and total pump efficiency of 65%) • Condenser water system – Impeller efficiency = 66.67% (assuming motor efficiency of 90% and total pump efficiency of 60%) • Hot water system – Impeller efficiency = 66.67% (assuming motor efficiency of 90% and total pump efficiency of 60%) **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Motor Efficiency

Applicability	All pumps in proposed design that use the detailed modeling method
Definition	The full load efficiency of the pump motor
Units	Ratio (between 0 and 1)
Input Restrictions	As designed

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

- District chilled water system
  - Motor efficiency = 90%
- District hot water system
  - Motor efficiency = 90%
- Chilled water system
  - Motor efficiency = 90%
- Condenser water system
  - Motor efficiency = 90%
- Hot water system
  - Motor efficiency = 90%

G3.3 Minor Alterations

If the pump motor system is being altered, the pump motor efficiency should be modeled as minimally compliant with 90.1 Section 10.4.1 in the baseline and as designed in the proposed. Otherwise, it should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Pumps not included in the scope of the alteration should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Pump Minimum Speed

Applicability	All two-speed or variable-speed pumps
Definition	The minimum pump speed for a two-speed or variable-speed pump. A fraction of the pump design head. For two-speed pumps this is typically 0.67 or 0.5. Note that the pump minimum speed is not necessarily the same as the minimum flow ratio, since the system head may change.

$$Pump\ Speed_{min} = Pump\ Speed_{design} * \sqrt{}(Head_{min} / Head_{design})$$

Units	Ratio (between 0 and 1)
Input Restrictions	As designed

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

When the baseline pumps are required to have variable speed drives in accordance with descriptor Pump Control Type, the pump minimum speed shall be 0.10

G3.3 Minor Alterations

If Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.4.2 is applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the language in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 then chilled- and hot-water distribution systems that include three or more control valves designed to modulate or step open and close as a function of load should be modeled as variable flow and to reduce pump flow rates to no more than the larger of 25% of the design flow rate or the minimum flow required by the heating/cooling equipment manufacturer for the proper operation of equipment.

Otherwise, they should be modeled identically in the baseline and proposed.

Pump Design Flow (gpm)

Applicability	All pumps
Definition	The flow rate of the pump at design conditions. For the baseline, this is derived from the heating and cooling loads, the appropriate oversizing factors, and the design supply and return temperatures.
Units	gpm or gpm/ton for condenser and primary chilled water pumps
Input Restrictions	Not a user input
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The temperature change on the evaporator side of the chillers is 12°F (56°F less 44°F) and this equates to a flow of 2 gpm/ton. The temperature change on the condenser side of the chillers is 10°F, which equates to a flow of 2.4 gpm/ cooling ton. The flow for secondary chilled water varies with cooling demand, since there are two-way valves at the coils. The flow for primary only heating varies with demand down to the minimum required for flow through the boiler. For hot water pumps servicing boilers, the flow rate in gpm shall be the boiler capacity in Btu/h / 25,000, which corresponds to a loop temperature drop of 50°F. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Autosized.

Pump Control Type

Applicability	All pumps
Definition	The type of control for the pump. Choices are: • Fixed speed, fixed flow • Fixed speed, variable flow (the default, with flow control via a valve) • Two-speed • Variable speed, variable flow
Units	None
Input Restrictions	As designed. The default is “Fixed Speed, Variable Flow,” which models the action of a constant speed pump riding the curve against two-way control valves.

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Hot water loops are primary loops only.

- For systems serving less than 120,000 ft^2, the HW pump is modeled as variable flow with a constant speed pump riding the pump curve. For systems serving more than 120,000 ft^2, the HW pump is modeled as a variable flow with a variable speed pump controlled with a variable speed drive.

Condenser water pumps:

- Condenser water loops are primary only. CW pumps are required to be modeled as fixed speed and fixed flow.

Chilled water pumps:

- The CHW pumping for systems 7, 8, 11, 12, and 13 are primary/secondary with variable flow. The chilled water pumps used for the primary loop are fixed speed and fixed flow.
  - For systems with a capacity of less than 300 tons, the secondary system pumps shall ride the pump curve.
  - For systems with a capacity greater than 300 tons, the secondary pumps will be modeled as variable speed.

District chilled water pump shall follow the same rules for secondary chilled water pumps.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

If Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.4.2 is applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the language in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 then

- if the horsepower of the motor or combined parallel motors is at least the power shown in 90.1 Table 6.5.4.2 and
- none of the exceptions to 90.1 Section 6.5.4.2 are applicable

pump motor demand should be modeled as no more than 30% of design wattage at 50% of design water flow and a differential pressure reset control strategy shall be modeled (see the *Pump Part Load Curve* descriptor for differential pressure reset performance curves***)***.

Exceptions to 6.5.4.2:

1. Differential pressure set-point reset is not required where valve position is used to comply with Section 6.5.4.4.

2. Variable-pump flow control is not required on heating-water pumps where more than 50% of annual heat is generated by an electric boiler.

3. Variable flow is not required for primary pumps in a primary/secondary system.

4. Variable flow is not required for a coil pump provided for freeze protection.

5. Variable flow is not required for heat recovery coil runaround loops.

If the horsepower is less than the thresholds in 90.1 Table 6.5.4.2 then model the pump(s) as riding the pump curve.

Otherwise, model identically in the baseline and proposed.

Pump Operation	
Applicability	All pumps
Definition	The type of pump operation can be either on-demand, standby, or scheduled. On-demand operation means the pumps are only pumping when their associated equipment is cycling, so chiller and condenser pumps are on when the chiller is on and the heating hot water pump operates when its associated boiler is cycling. Standby operation allows hot or chilled water to circulate through the primary loop of a primary/secondary loop system or through a reduced portion of a primary-only system, assuming the system has appropriate three-way valves. Scheduled operation means that the pumps and their associated equipment are turned completely off according to occupancy schedules, time of year, or outside conditions. Under scheduled operation, when the systems are on they are assumed to be in On-Demand mode.
Units	List: On Demand, Standby, Scheduled
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline system pumps are assumed to operate in on-demand mode. The chilled water and condenser pumps are tied to the chiller operation, cycling on and off with the chiller, and the heating hot water pumps are tied to the boiler operation. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Pump Part Load Curve

Applicability All pumps

Definition A part-load power curve for the pump:

$$CIRC - PUMP - FPLR = a + b \times PLR + c \times PLR^2 + d \times PLR^3 \tag{57}$$

$$P_{pump} = P_{design} \times CIRC - PUMP - FPLR \tag{58}$$

Where:

PLR = Part load ratio (the ratio of operating flow rate in gpm to design flow rate in gpm)

P_{pump} = Pump power draw at part-load conditions (W)

P_{design} = Pump power draw at design conditions (W)

Table 119. Default Part-Load CIRC-PUMP-FPLR Coefficients[1]

Coefficient	Constant Speed, no VSD (Pump rides pump curve)	Default (VSD, No Reset)	VSD, DP Reset
a	0	0	0
b	3.2485	0.5726	0.0205
c	-4.7443	-0.301	0.4101
d	2.5294	0.7347	0.5753

Source: Thornton et al. 2011
VSD = Variable Speed Drive
DP = Differential Pressure

Units Data structure

Input Restrictions As designed. Default is curve above.

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

Use the defaults described above based on pump type. The curve with differential pressure reset isn't used for the baseline building.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

If Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.4.2 is applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the language in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 then

- if the horsepower of the motor or combined parallel motors is at least the power shown in 90.1 Table 6.5.4.2 and
- none of the exceptions to 90.1 Section 6.5.4.2 are applicable

pump motor demand should be modeled as no more than 30% of design wattage at 50% of design water flow and a differential pressure reset control strategy shall be modeled.

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[1] http://www.pnnl.gov/main/publications/external/technical_reports/PNNL-22043.pdf.

Exceptions to 6.5.4.2:

1. Differential pressure set-point reset is not required where valve position is used to comply with Section 6.5.4.4.
2. Variable-pump flow control is not required on heating-water pumps where more than 50% of annual heat is generated by an electric boiler.
3. Variable flow is not required for primary pumps in a primary/secondary system.
4. Variable flow is not required for a coil pump provided for freeze protection.
5. Variable flow is not required for heat recovery coil runaround loops.

If the horsepower is less than the thresholds in 90.1 Table 6.5.4.2 then model the pump(s) as riding the pump curve.

Otherwise, model identically in the baseline and proposed.

3.8.6 Thermal Storage

There are multiple ways to model thermal storage in the proposed design. The baseline building does not have thermal storage.

Storage Type	
Applicability	All thermal storage systems
Definition	A type of thermal energy storage (TES) that indicates the storage medium
Units	List
Input Restrictions	Ice, chilled water
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** No thermal storage systems. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Configuration	
Applicability	All thermal storage systems
Definition	Indication of how the TES is configured and operated in relation to the chilled water cooling
Units	List
Input Restrictions	Series, chiller upstream Series, chiller downstream Parallel
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** No thermal storage systems. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Ice Storage Type

Applicability	All thermal storage systems with storage type = ice
Definition	Indication of the storage type for ice storage
Units	List, with Options for Internal Melt, External Melt
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** No thermal storage systems. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Storage Capacity

Applicability	All thermal storage systems using ice storage
Definition	Nominal storage capacity of the tank
Units	Ton-hrs
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** No thermal storage systems. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Tank Volume

Applicability	All thermal storage systems using ice storage
Definition	Nominal storage capacity of the tank
Units	ft^3
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** No thermal storage systems. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

CHW Setpoint Schedule

Applicability	All thermal storage systems using ice storage
Definition	Nominal storage capacity of the tank
Units	Series, °F
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** No thermal storage systems. **G3.3 Minor Alterations**

Same as proposed.

Deadband Temperature Difference

Applicability	All thermal storage systems using chilled water
Definition	The deadband temperature difference between enabling and disabling use of the TES system for cooling
Units	°F
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** No thermal storage systems. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Maximum Temperature Limit

Applicability	All thermal storage systems using chilled water
Definition	The minimum allowed temperature of the tank, below which charging of the tank cannot occur
Units	°F
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** No thermal storage systems. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Storage Tank Location Indicator

Applicability	All thermal storage systems using ice storage
Definition	Nominal storage capacity of the tank
Units	List
Input Restrictions	Schedule, zone, or exterior If *schedule*, the ambient temperature schedule must be specified. If *zone*, the zone name must be specified.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** No thermal storage systems. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Storage Tank Heat Gain Coefficient

Applicability	All thermal storage systems using chilled water
Definition	The heat transfer coefficient between the tank and the ambient surroundings
Units	Btu/h-°F
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** No thermal storage systems. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Use Side Heat Transfer Effectiveness

Applicability	All thermal storage systems using chilled water
Definition	The heat transfer effectiveness between the use side water and the tank water
Units	None
Input Restrictions	Between 0 and 1
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** No thermal storage systems. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Use Side Design Flow Rate

Applicability	All thermal storage systems using chilled water
Definition	Design flow rate through the use side of the storage tank
Units	gpm
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** No thermal storage systems. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Source Side Heat Transfer Effectiveness

Applicability	All thermal storage systems using chilled water
Definition	The heat transfer effectiveness between the source side water and the tank water
Units	None
Input Restrictions	Between 0 and 1
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** No thermal storage systems. **G3.3 Minor Alterations**

Same as proposed.

Source Side Design Flow Rate

Applicability	All thermal storage systems using chilled water
Definition	Design flow rate through the source side of the storage tank
Units	gpm
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**
	No thermal storage systems.
	G3.3 Minor Alterations
	Same as proposed.

Tank Recovery Time

Applicability	All thermal storage systems using ice storage
Definition	This is the time in hours for the tank to cool from 58°F to 48°F. This input is only used if the source side design flow rate is not specified.
Units	Hours
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**
	No thermal storage systems.
	G3.3 Minor Alterations
	Same as proposed.

3.8.7 Heat Recovery Equipment

Requirements related to exhaust air recovery are documented in Section 3.7.6.6 of this manual.

Heat Recovery Name

Applicability	All heat recovery systems
Definition	A name assigned to a heat recovery system. This would provide a link to the construction documents.
Units	Text, unique
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Heat Recovery Device Type

Applicability All heat recovery systems

Definition The type of heat recovery equipment. Choices include:

- Double-bundled chiller
- Single-bundle heat recovery chiller
- Generator
- Engine-driven chiller
- Air conditioning unit
- Refrigerated casework

Units List (see above)

Input Restrictions As designed

Baseline Building **<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>**

The baseline building is modeled with a condenser heat recovery system for service water heating, when all of the following conditions are true:

- The building operates 24 hours per day.
- The total installed heat rejection capacity of the water-cooled system exceeds 6,000,000 Btu/h.
- The design service hot water load is greater than 1,000,000 Btu/h.

The required heat recovery system for the baseline building, 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

If the simulation software is not capable of modeling the requirements described the requirement for providing such a system in the proposed building shall be met as a prescriptive requirement and heat recovery shall not be modeled in the baseline or proposed building designs.

<u>G3.3 Minor Alterations</u>

If Standard 90.1-2022 Sections 6.5.6.2 and/or 6.5.6.3 are applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the language in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4 then the baseline shall be modeled with heat recovery according to the requirements in these Standard 90.1-2022 sections which are explained in detail directly below.

Requirements of Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6.2:

The baseline building is modeled with a condenser heat recovery system for service water heating, when all of the following conditions are true:

- The building operates 24 hours per day.
- The total installed heat rejection capacity of the water-cooled system exceeds 6,000,000 Btu/h.
- The design service hot water load is greater than 1,000,000 Btu/h.

The required heat recovery system for the baseline building, 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 to 90.1 6.5.6.2:

1. Facilities that employ condenser heat recovery for space heating with a heat recovery design exceeding 30% of the peak water-cooled condenser load at design conditions.

2. Facilities that provide 60% of their service water heating from on-site renewable energy or site-recovered energy or from other sources

Requirements of Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.5.6.3:

Where heating water is used for space heating, a heat-pump chiller meeting the requirements of Table 6.8.1-16 for heat recovery that uses the cooling system return water as the heat source shall be modeled in the baseline, provided all of the following are true:

- The building is an acute inpatient hospital, where the building or portion of a building is used on a 24-hour basis for the inpatient medical, obstetric, or surgical care for patients.
- The total design chilled-water capacity for the acute inpatient hospital, either air cooled or water cooled, required at cooling design conditions exceeds 3,600,000 Btu/h of cooling.
- Simultaneous heating, including reheat, and cooling occurs above 60°F outdoor air temperature.

The modeled heat recovery system shall have a cooling capacity that is at least 7% of the total design chilled-water capacity of the acute inpatient hospital at peak design conditions.

Exception to 90.1 6.5.6.3: Buildings in Climate Zones 5C, 6B, 7, and 8.

Otherwise, heat recovery devices should be modeled identically in the baseline and proposed.

Heat Recovery Loads

Applicability	All heat recovery systems
Definition	The loads met by the heat recovery system. Choices include: • Service water heating • Space heating • Process heating More than one load may be selected.
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Service water heating when required as described above. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Space heating and/ or service water heating when required as described under the *Heat Recovery Device Type* descriptor.

Condenser Heat Recovery Effectiveness

Applicability	Systems that use recover heat from a condenser
Definition	The percentage of heat rejection at design conditions from a DX or heat pump unit in cooling mode that is available for space or water heating
Units	Percent (%)
Input Restrictions	As designed. The software must indicate that supporting documentation is required on the output forms if heat recovery is specified.
Baseline Building	Same as proposed. Where no system exists in the proposed but is required to be modeled in the baseline model. There are no restrictions other than modeling the system as minimally compliant with Standard 90.1-2022 Sections 6.5.6.2 and/or 6.5.6.3 as applicable based on the scope of the alteration and the language in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 6.1.4. See the *Heat Recovery Device Type* descriptor for detailed requirements.

Condenser Heat Recovery Use

Applicability	Systems that use heat recovery
Definition	The end use of the heat recovered from a DX or heat pump unit. The choices are: • Reheat coils • Water heating
Units	List (see above)
Input Restrictions	As designed. The software must indicate that supporting documentation is required on the output forms if heat recovery is specified.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The end use will be water heating if required for 24-hour facility operation. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The end use will be service water heating and/or space heating if required.

3.8.8 Plant Management

Plant management is a method of sequencing equipment. Separate plant management schemes may be entered for chilled water systems, hot water systems, etc. The following building descriptors are specified for each load range, e.g., when the cooling load is below 300 tons, between 300 tons and 800 tons, and greater than 800 tons.

Equipment Type Managed	
Applicability	All plant systems
Definition	The type of equipment under a plant management control scheme. Choices include: • Chilled water cooling • Hot water space heating • Condenser water heat rejection • Service water heating • Electrical generation
Units	None
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed design

Equipment Schedule	
Applicability	All plant equipment
Definition	A schedule that identifies when the equipment is in service
Units	Data structure
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Where multiple equipment is used, they shall be staged in operation. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed design.

Equipment Operation	
Applicability	All plant equipment
Definition	Equipment operation can be either on-demand or always-on. On-demand operation means the equipment cycles on when it is scheduled to be in service and when it is needed to meet building loads, otherwise it is off. Always-on means that equipment runs continuously when scheduled to be in service.
Units	None
Input Restrictions	As designed. The default is on-demand.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Assume on-demand operation. **G3.3 Minor Alterations**

Same as proposed design.

Equipment Staging Sequence	
Applicability	All plant equipment
Definition	The staging sequence for plant equipment (chillers and boilers) indicates how multiple equipment will be staged on and off when a single piece of equipment is unable to meet the load
Units	Structure – this should include (a) the percent of capacity above which additional equipment is staged on and (b) the percent of capacity below which one plant equipment is staged off
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Software shall bring the first boiler to 100% capacity prior to the staging of the next boiler. When more than one chiller is required in the baseline design, each chiller shall run to full capacity prior to staging of the next chiller. When more than one chiller is operational, then the load shall be shared equally among all the chillers. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed design.

3.9 Miscellaneous Energy Uses

Miscellaneous energy uses are defined as those that may be treated separately since they have little or no interaction with the conditioned thermal zones or the HVAC systems that serve them.

3.9.1 Water Heating

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Water heating systems shall always be modeled for both the proposed design and baseline building when the proposed building is expected to have a water heating load, even if no water heating equipment is shown on the plans or specifications for the proposed design. In such instances, the service water-heating system type shall be as specified in 90.1 2022 Table G3.1.1-2. The service water heating system shall be modeled as meeting the efficiency requirements of Standard 90.1-2022 Section 7.4.2 and modeled the same in baseline and proposed design models.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

When the construction documents show a water heating system, the layout and configuration of the baseline building system shall be the same as the proposed design, e.g., the baseline building shall have the same number of water heaters, water heater type, and the same distribution system as the proposed.

3.9.1.1 System Loads and Configuration

Water Heating System Name	
Applicability	All water heating systems
Definition	A unique descriptor for each water heating system. A system consists of one or more water heaters, a distribution system, an estimate of hot water use, and a schedule for that use. Nonresidential buildings will typically have multiple systems, perhaps a separate electric water heater for each office break room, etc. Other building types such as hotels and hospitals may have a single system serving the entire building.
Units	Text, unique
Input Restrictions	Where applicable, this should match the tags that are used on the plans such that a plan reviewer can make a connection.
Baseline Building	The naming convention for the baseline building system shall be similar to the proposed design.

Water Heating Peak Use	
Applicability	All water heating systems, required
Definition	An indication of the peak hot water usage (e.g., service to sinks, showers, and kitchen appliances). When specified per occupant, this value is multiplied by design occupancy density values and modified by service water heating schedules to obtain hourly load values that are used in the simulation. Peak consumption is commonly specified as gallons per hour per occupant, dwelling unit, hotel room, patient room, or floor area. If consumption is specified in gallons per hour, then additional inputs would be needed such as supply temperature, cold water inlet temperature, etc. It is also common to specify peak use as a thermal load in Btu/h. In the latter case, there is an implied assumption for the cold water inlet temperature, supply temperature, distribution losses, and other factors. The thermal load does not include conversion efficiencies of water heating equipment.
Units	Btu/h or gallons/h
Input Restrictions	As designed. If these values are not available, the hot water use specified in COMNET Appendix B (COMNET 2017) may be used.
Baseline Building	Hot water consumption or load in the baseline building shall be the same as the proposed design, except in cases where: • A specific measure is specified for the proposed design that will reduce water consumption. Examples of such measures include low-flow terminal devices or controls. The baseline flow rates shall be determined based on prescriptive requirements in Standard 90.1-2022. When no such prescriptive requirement exists, it shall be equal to requirements of other efficiency or equipment codes or standards applicable to the design of the building systems and equipment. • SHW energy consumption can be demonstrated to be reduced by increasing makeup water temperature or reducing SHW temperature (e.g., alternative sanitizing technologies for dishwashing and heat recovery to entering makeup water). • SHW energy consumption can be demonstrated to be reduced by reducing the hot fraction of mixed water. Examples include heat recovery laundry or showers drains.

NOTE: Calculations need to be provided to support the difference in service hot water loads between the proposed and baseline model.

Water Heating Schedule

Applicability	All water heating systems
Definition	A fractional schedule reflecting the time pattern of water heating use. This input modifies the water heating peak use, described above.
Units	Data structure: schedule, fractional
Input Restrictions	If known, anticipated schedules shall be used. If not known, the schedules from COMNET Appendix C (COMNET 2017) may be used.
Baseline Building	Hot water schedules for the baseline building shall be the same as the proposed design, except in cases where a specific measure is specified for the proposed design that will reduce water consumption, and the impact of the measure can be best approximated through an adjustment to the schedule. In general, such measures would be addressed through an adjustment to the water heating peak use (see above).

Water Heating System Configuration

Applicability	All water heating systems
Definition	The configuration and layout of the water heating system, including the number of water heaters; the size, location, recirculation systems and pumps; and any other details about the system that would affect the energy model. Piping heat losses shall not be modeled per Standard 90.1-2022.
Units	Data structure
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The number of water heating systems in the baseline building are dependent on the building area types. Section 3.9.1.2 discusses the requirements for the baseline building model. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The number of water heaters should be identical in the baseline and proposed.

Water Mains Temperature Schedule

Applicability	All water heating systems
Definition	A monthly temperature schedule indicating the water mains temperature. This temperature and the setpoint temperature are used to convert the load into a water flow rate.
Units	Data structure: schedule, °F
Input Restrictions	Entering water temperature can be defaulted to the values in Table 120 or provided by the user
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Table 120. Defaults for Water Mains Temperature Based on Climate Zone

Monthly Average																	
Water Main Supply Temp (°F)																	
	1A	1B	2A	2B	3A	3B	3C	4A	4B	4C	5A	5B	5C	6A	6B	7	8
January	76.5	70.2	64.6	65.8	56.5	59.4	59.7	50.8	52.3	52.9	45.5	48	50.6	43.1	43.1	37.6	32
February	77.1	72.2	65	67.3	56.4	59.5	59.5	50	51.7	52.3	44.1	47	49.9	41.6	41.6	35.6	32
March	79	77.6	67.9	72.2	59.5	62.4	60.1	52.2	53.8	53.4	45.8	48.7	50.7	42.7	42.5	36.1	32
April	81.7	85.1	72.7	79.5	65	67.4	61.5	57	58.3	56.1	50.1	53.1	52.7	46.4	45.6	39	32
May	84.6	92.6	77.9	87.2	71.6	73.3	63.2	63.1	64	59.5	56	58.8	55.5	51.6	50.2	43.5	32.9
June	86.8	98.1	82.3	93.1	77.4	78.4	64.8	68.9	69.3	62.9	61.9	64.3	58.3	57	54.9	48.5	36.9
July	87.7	100.2	84.6	95.8	80.8	81.3	65.9	72.7	72.8	65.2	66.2	68.2	60.4	61.1	58.6	52.6	40.7
August	87.1	98.1	84.2	94.3	80.9	81.3	66.1	73.6	73.5	65.9	67.6	69.4	61.1	62.8	60.2	54.7	43.1
September	85.1	92.6	81.2	89.2	77.8	78.3	65.4	71.3	71.3	64.7	65.9	67.6	60.3	61.6	59.2	54.2	43.4
October	82.4	85.1	76.4	81.8	72.2	73.2	64	66.4	66.7	62	61.5	63.2	58.2	57.9	56	51.3	41.5
November	79.5	77.6	71.1	74.2	65.6	67.3	62.3	60.3	61	58.5	55.6	57.5	55.4	52.6	51.4	46.7	38
December	77.4	72.2	66.8	68.3	59.9	62.3	60.7	54.6	55.8	55.2	49.7	51.9	52.6	47.2	46.7	41.7	33.8

3.9.1.2 Water Heaters

This section describes the building descriptors for water heaters. Typically, a building will have multiple water heating systems, and each system can have multiple water heaters, so these building descriptors may need to be specified more than once.

Water Heater Name

Applicability	All water heaters
Definition	A unique descriptor for each water heater in the system. Some systems will have multiple pieces of equipment, for instance a series of water heaters plumbed in parallel or a boiler with a separate storage tank.
Units	Text, unique
Input Restrictions	Where applicable, this should match the tags that are used on the plans such that a plan reviewer can make a connection.
Baseline Building	The naming convention for the baseline building system shall be similar to the proposed design.

Water Heater Type

Applicability	All water heaters
Definition	The choices are presented below from 90.1 2022 Table 7.4.1-1.

Type	Size Category	Subcategory or Rating Condition	Other Size Criteria
Electric table-top water heaters	≤12 kW	<4000 (Btu/h)/gal ≥20 gal and ≤120 gal	Very small draw pattern (DP) Low DP Medium DP High DP
Electric storage water heaters	≤12 kW	<4000 (Btu/h)/gal ≥20 gal and ≤55 gal	Very small draw pattern (DP) Low DP Medium DP High DP
		<4000 (Btu/h)/gal >55 gal and ≤120 gal	Very small draw pattern (DP) Low DP Medium DP High DP
	>12 kW	<4000 (Btu/h)/gal	-

Electric instantaneous water heaters	≤12 kW	≥4000 (Btu/h)/gal <2 gal	Very small draw pattern (DP) Low DP Medium DP High DP -
	>12 kW and ≤58.6 kW	≥4000 (Btu/h)/gal ≤2 gal ≤180°F	Very small draw pattern (DP) Low DP Medium DP High DP
	>58.6 kW	≥4000 (Btu/h)/gal <10 gal	-
		≥4000 (Btu/h)/gal ≥10 gal	-
Gas storage water heaters	≤75,000 Btu/h	<4000 (Btu/h)/gal ≥20 gal and ≤55 gal	Very small draw pattern (DP) Low DP Medium DP High DP
		<4000 (Btu/h)/gal >55 gal and ≤100 gal	Very small draw pattern (DP) Low DP Medium DP High DP
	>75,000 Btu/h and ≤105,000 Btu/h	<4000 (Btu/h)/gal ≤120 gal ≤180°F	Very small draw pattern (DP) Low DP Medium DP High DP
	>105,000 Btu/h	<4000 (Btu/h)/gal	-
Gas instantaneous water heaters	>50,000 Btu/h and ≤200,000 Btu/h	≥4000 (Btu/h)/gal <2 gal	Very small draw pattern (DP) Low DP Medium DP High DP
	≥200,000 Btu/h	≥4000 (Btu/h)/gal <10 gal	-
	≥200,000 Btu/h	≥4000 (Btu/h)/gal ≥10 gal	-
Oil storage water heaters	≤105,000 Btu/h	<4000(Btu/h)/gal ≤50 gal	Very small draw pattern (DP) Low DP Medium DP High DP
	>105,000 Btu/h and ≤140,000 Btu/h	≤120 gal <4000 (Btu/h)/gal ≤180°F	Very small draw pattern (DP) Low DP Medium DP High DP
	>140,000 Btu/h	<4000 (Btu/h)/gal	-
Oil instantaneous water heaters	≤210,000 Btu/h	≥4000 (Btu/h)/gal <2 gal	-

	>210,000 Btu/h	≥4000 (Btu/h)/gal <10 gal	-
	>210,000 Btu/h	≥4000 (Btu/h)/gal ≥10 gal	-
Hot-water supply boilers, gas and oil	≥300,000 Btu/h and <12,500,000 Btu/h	≥4000 (Btu/h)/gal <10 gal	-
Hot-water supply boilers, gas	≥300,000 Btu/h and <12,500,000 Btu/h	≥4000 (Btu/h)/gal ≥10 gal	-
Hot-water supply boilers, oil	≥300,000 Btu/h and <12,500,000 Btu/h	≥4000 (Btu/h)/gal ≥10 gal	-

Units List (see above)

Input Restrictions The water heater type shall agree with equipment specified in the construction documents.

For buildings that will have no service hot water load, no service water heating system shall be modeled.

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If no service hot water system exists or has been specified, but the building will have service hot water loads, a service water system shall be modeled that matches the system type in the baseline building design.

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If no service hot water system exists or has been specified, no service water heating system shall be modeled.

Baseline Building

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

Where a complete water heating system exists or a new service water heating system has been specified in the proposed design, the water heaters in the baseline system will be based on the building area type classification. See Table 121 below.

For new service hot water systems, the system will be sized according to the provisions of Standard 90.1-2022, Section 7.4.1, and the equipment shall match the minimum efficiency requirements in Standard 90.1-2022, Section 7.4.2. Where the energy source is electricity, the heating method shall be electrical resistance. When the energy source is ‘Gas Storage’, the water heater shall be modeled using natural gas as their fuel. Where natural gas is not available at the proposed building site, as determined by the rating authority, gas storage water heaters shall be modeled using propane as their fuel.

If no service hot water system exists or has been specified, but the building will have service hot water loads, a service water system shall be modeled for each building area type in the proposed design, in accordance to Table 121. and matching minimum efficiency requirements of Standard 90.1-2022, Section 7.4.2.

Where the baseline service water heating system is required to be an electric resistance storage water heater the efficiency can be based on a water heater with an input capacity less than or equal to 12 kW and 50 gallons of storage. Where storage greater than 50 gallons is required, multiple electric resistance storage water heaters shall be assumed to be included in the single system.

Table 121. Baseline Building Water Heater Type (Standard 90.1-2022 Table G3.1.1-2)

Gas Storage	Electric Resistance Storage
Automotive facility	Convenience Store
Dining: Bar lounge/leisure	Convention center
Dining: Cafeteria/fast food	Courthouse
Dining: Family	Health-care clinic
Dormitory	Library
Exercise center	Motion picture theater
Fire station	Museum
Grocery Store	Office
Gymnasium	Parking garage
Hospital and Outpatient Surgery Center	Police station
Hotel	Post office
Manufacturing facility	Religious building
Motel	Retail
Multifamily	Town hall
Penitentiary	Transportation
Performing arts theater	Warehouse
School/university	Workshop
Sports arena	
All Others	

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Where a complete water heating system exists or a new service water heating system has been specified, the water heaters in the baseline model will be modeled as the same type as the proposed.

Rated Capacity

Applicability	All water heaters
Definition	The heating capacity of a water heater at the rated conditions specified in DOE 10 CFR Part 430 or ANSI Z21.10. Please note, this should not be mistaken for the first hour rating.
Units	Thousands of British thermal units per hour (MBH)
Input Restrictions	As designed.
Baseline Building	Size based on requirements of Standard 90.1-2022 Section 7.4.1. Baseline water heater system(s) are required to be sized according to the provisions of Section 7.4.1 which points to generally accepted engineering standards and handbooks acceptable to the adopting authority (e.g., ASHRAE Handbook—HVAC Application). As a result, the baseline rated capacity should be determined using generally accepted engineering standards and principles applicable to the loads being served and the baseline system type.

Storage Volume

Applicability	All water heaters
Definition	The storage volume of a gas-fired water heater. This is used in the standby loss calculations and baseline calculations of uniform energy factor (UEF).
Units	gallons
Input Restrictions	As designed.
Baseline Building	Size based on requirements of Standard 90.1-2022 Section 7.4.1. Baseline water heater system(s) are required to be sized according to the provisions of Section 7.4.1 which points

to generally accepted engineering standards and handbooks acceptable to the adopting authority (e.g., ASHRAE Handbook—HVAC Application). As a result, the baseline storage volume should be determined using generally accepted engineering standards and principles applicable to the loads being served and the baseline system type.

Uniform Energy Factor

Applicability	Storage and instantaneous water heaters subject to 10 CFR 430 Appendix E.
Definition	UEF is the ratio of the energy delivered by the water heater divided by the energy used, in consistent units. UEF is calculated according to the DOE 10 CFR Part 430 test procedure, which specifies a 24-hour pattern of draws, a storage temperature, inlet water temperature, and other test conditions. These conditions result in the energy delivered for the test period. Energy inputs are measured for the same test period and the UEF ratio is calculated.
Units	Unitless ratio (between 0 and 1)
Input Restrictions	Building descriptors for the proposed design should be consistent with equipment specified on the construction documents or observed in the candidate building
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The UEF for the baseline building system shall be determined from Table 7.4-1 of Standard 90.1-2022 including references to the additional UEF efficiency requirements found in Table F-2 of Standard 90.1-2022. Where the baseline service water heating system is required to be an electric resistance storage water heater the efficiency can be based on a water heater with an input capacity less than or equal to 12 kW and 50 gallons of storage. Where storage greater than 50 gallons is required, multiple electric resistance storage water heaters shall be assumed to be included in the single system. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The UEF for the baseline building system shall be determined from Table 7.4-1 of Standard 90.1-2022. Additional UEF efficiency requirements can be found in Table F-2 of Standard 90.1-2022.

Recovery Efficiency

Applicability	Storage and instantaneous water heaters subject to 10 CFR 430 Appendix E.
Definition	Recovery efficiency is computed as the energy required to maintain the tank storage water temperature plus the energy content associated with the water removed from the tank divided by the total energy used by the water heater during the first recovery period during following the 10 CFR 430 Appendix E test procedure including auxiliary energy such as pilot lights, pumps, fans, etc.
Units	Unitless ratio (between 0 and 1)
Input Restrictions	Building descriptors for the proposed design should be consistent with equipment specified on the construction documents or observed in the candidate building
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** A default value of 0.78 for gas water heaters and 0.99 for electric water heaters can be used[1]. **G3.3 Minor Alterations**

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[1] Not required by 90.1. These are recommended defaults due to the absence of a 90.1 requirement.

Recovery efficiency should be modeled consistently with the values used in the tank off-cycle standby loss calculation as described in the *Tank Off-Cycle Loss Coefficient* descriptor below.

Thermal Efficiency

Applicability	Oil and gas-fired water heaters not covered by 10 CFR 430 Appendix E.
Definition	The full load efficiency of a water heater at rated conditions expressed as a dimensionless ratio of output over input
Units	Unitless ratio (between 0 and 1)
Input Restrictions	Building descriptors for the proposed design should be consistent with equipment specified on the construction documents or observed in the candidate building
Baseline Building	As specified in Table 7.4-1 of Standard 90.1-2022.

Tank Standby Loss

Applicability	Gas storage water heaters >105,000 Btuh, gas instantaneous water heaters ≥200,000 Btuh with ≥10 gallons of storage, electric storage water heaters > 12 kW or other service water heating equipment with standby loss requirements in 90.1 Table 7.4-1
Definition	The tank standby loss for storage tanks, which includes the effect of recovery efficiency
Units	Btu/h for the entire tank
Input Restrictions	As specified in manufacturer data and documented on the construction documents
Baseline Building	As specified in Table 7.4-1 of Standard 90.1-2022.

Tank Off-Cycle Loss Coefficient

Applicability Water heaters rated in UEF according to 10 CFR 430 Appendix E.

Definition The tank standby loss coefficient (UA) for the water heater. The loss coefficient is a derived parameter, a function of the uniform energy factor (or energy factor) and recovery efficiency.

Units Btu/h-°F

Input Restrictions For water heaters rated in UEF according to 10 CFR 430 Appendix E, the loss coefficient is calculated using the following equation:

$$UA = \frac{1/UEF - 1/RE}{57.5\ x\ \left(\frac{24}{A} - \frac{1}{RE * Pon}\right)}$$

Where:

UEF = The uniform energy factor of the rated water heater (unitless)

RE = The recovery efficiency of the rated water heater. If this data is not available, the default shall be 0.78 for gas water heaters and 0.99 for electric water heaters.

Pon = The input power to the water heater, in Btu/h

A = The daily hot water energy load for the water heater (Btu/day) during the DOE rating. Determine A from the table below based upon draw pattern/first hour rating.

Draw Pattern	Gallons per day per 10 CFR 430 Appendix E,	A (Btu Hot Water Load for DOE test)	First Hour Rating (gal)
Very Small	10	5,561	>=0, <18
Low	38	21,132	>=18, <51
Medium	55	30,586	>=51, <75
High	84	46,712	>=75

Baseline Building

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The baseline loss coefficient for water heaters rated according to 10 CFR 430 Appendix E. can be calculated as follows:

- For gas water heaters, calculated using the equation above in the *Input Restriction* section of this descriptor using a 0.78 recovery efficiency, the same draw pattern as the proposed and a Pon based on equipment sizing or a default of 50,000 Btuh[1].
- For electric water heaters, calculated using the equation below using the same draw pattern as the proposed.

$$UA = \frac{\frac{A}{UEF} - A}{24\ x\ 57.5}$$

An estimate, using engineering judgment based on the use case of the water heater, of the draw pattern can be used if it is not applicable to the proposed water heater type.

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The baseline loss coefficient for water heaters rated according to 10 CFR 430 Appendix E. shall be determined using the equation above in the *Input Restriction* section of this descriptor.

Water Heater Ambient Temperature Indicator

Applicability	Water heater
Definition	The location of the water heater for determining losses and energy interaction with the surroundings
Units	List: Schedule, Zone, Outdoors
Input Restrictions	As designed. When "Schedule" is used, a time of day schedule needs to be specified with temperature schedule for each hour.
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Fuel Water Heater Part Load Efficiency Curve

Applicability	Water heating equipment for which a thermal efficiency as opposed to an UEF is specified
Definition	A set of factors that adjust the full-load thermal efficiency for part load conditions. The factor is set as a curve.
Units	Percent (%)
Input Restrictions	The following default curve shall be used unless detailed information is provided to justify alternative values. The default curve shall take the form of a quadratic equation as follows:

$$Fuel_{partload} = Fuel_{design} \times FHeatPLC$$

$$FHeatPLC = \left(a + b \times \frac{Q_{partload}}{Q_{rated}} + c \times \left(\frac{Q_{partload}}{Q_{rated}}\right)^2\right) \quad (59)$$

Where:

FHeatPLC = The fuel heating part load efficiency curve

$Fuel_{partload}$ = The fuel consumption at part load conditions (Btu/h)

$Fuel_{design}$ = The fuel consumption at design conditions (Btu/h)

$Q_{partload}$ = The water heater capacity at part load conditions (Btu/h)

Q_{rated} = The water heater capacity at design conditions (Btu/h)

a = Constant, 0.021826

b = Constant, 0.977630

c = Constant, 0.000543

Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline shall use the default curve. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

3.9.1.3 Recirculation Systems

This section describes the building descriptors for hot water recirculation systems. The baseline building has a recirculation system when the proposed design does. This is one aspect of the *water heating system configuration* (see above).

Recirculation System Name	
Applicability	All recirculation systems
Definition	A unique descriptor for each water heating recirculation system
Units	Text, unique
Input Restrictions	Where applicable, this should match the tags or descriptions that are used on plans such that a plan reviewer can make a connection
Baseline Building	The naming convention of the baseline building shall be similar to the proposed design

Pumping Power	
Applicability	All recirculation systems
Definition	The electric demand of the pumps when the recirculation system is operating. This input is a function of the flow rate, the pumping head, the motor efficiency, and the pump efficiency. Some software may allow each of these factors to be separately entered.
Units	Watts (W)
Input Restrictions	Pumping power shall be consistent with the piping configuration, flow rate, and equipment specified on the construction documents
Baseline Building	Pumping power in the baseline building shall be the same as the proposed design unless specific measures are included in the proposed design to reduce the pumping power. Example measures could include reducing pumping head by oversizing distribution piping or specifying premium efficiency motors or pumps.

Schedule	
Applicability	All recirculation systems
Definition	An on/off or fraction schedule that indicates when the recirculation system is expected to be operated
Units	Data structure: schedule, on/off or fraction
Input Restrictions	The schedule for operation of the recirculation system shall be consistent with the design intent of the system. Hotels, hospitals, and other 24x7 institutional buildings will typically have a system that runs continuously. The schedule should be consistent with the controls called for on the construction documents: no control (runs constantly), timer control, temperature control, timer/temperature control, or demand control.
Baseline Building	Recirculation schedules for the baseline building shall be the same as the proposed design

Piping

Applicability	All recirculation systems
Definition	The heat loss rate of piping for recirculating systems. This may be defined separately for pipe that is exposed to outdoor conditions, indoor or semi-heated conditions, or buried underground conditions.
Units	Btu/h-°F specified separately for outdoor, indoor, or buried locations
Input Restrictions	In accordance with Standard 90.1-2022, Table G3.1 #11f, piping heat losses are not modeled for the proposed building
Baseline Building	Piping losses shall not be modeled for the baseline building.

3.9.1.4 Water Heating Auxiliaries

External Storage Tank Insulation

Applicability	All water heating systems that have an external storage tank
Definition	Some water heating systems have a storage tank that is separate from the water heater(s) that provides additional storage capacity. This building descriptor addresses the heat loss related to the external tank, which is an additional load that must be satisfied by the water heater(s).
Units	R-value (h-ft^2-°F/Btu)
Input Restrictions	As specified in manufacturer data and documented on the construction documents
Baseline Building	Heat loss associated with the storage tank in the baseline building shall meet the requirements for an unfired storage tank in the baseline standards (Standard 90.1-2022, Table 7.4-1), which is an insulation R-value of 12.5.

External Storage Tank Area

Applicability	All water heating systems that have an external storage tank
Definition	Some water heating systems have a storage tank that is separate from the water heater(s) that provides additional storage capacity. This documents the entire exterior surface area of the tank.
Units	ft^2
Input Restrictions	As specified in manufacturer specifications
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Baseline water heater system(s) are required to be sized according to the provisions of Section 7.4.1 which points to generally accepted engineering standards and handbooks acceptable to the adopting authority (e.g., ASHRAE Handbook—HVAC Application). As a result, the baseline storage tank area should be determined using generally accepted engineering standards and principles applicable to the loads being served and the baseline system type. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

External Storage Tank Location

Applicability	All water heating systems that have an external storage tank
Definition	Location of the storage tank, used to determine the heat loss rate and energy exchange with the surroundings
Units	List: Schedule, Zone, Outdoors
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Same as proposed. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Heat Recovery

Applicability	Water heating systems that are coupled to heat recovery equipment
Definition	Building equipment such as air conditioners, chillers, gas-fired generators, and others produce thermal energy that may be recovered and used to heat water. The heat-producing characteristics are generally defined for the equipment that is producing the heat, not the equipment that is receiving the heat (water heaters in this case). The building descriptors will vary depending on the equipment. The models for heat-producing equipment need to produce output hourly so that the schedule of heat production and heating needs can be aligned and evaluated in the water heating model.
Units	Data structure: depends on the equipment producing the heat
Input Restrictions	There are no restrictions, other than agreement with the construction documents
Baseline Building	The baseline building requirements for condenser heat recovery are documented in Section 3.8.7 of this manual

Solar Thermal

Applicability	Water heating systems with a solar thermal system
Definition	A solar thermal water heating system consists of one or more collectors. Water is passed through these collectors and is heated under the right conditions. There are two general types of solar water heaters: integrated collector storage (ICS) systems and active systems. Active systems include pumps to circulate the water, storage tanks, piping, and controls. ICS systems generally have no pumps and piping is minimal. Solar systems may be tested and rated as a complete system, or the collectors may be separately tested and rated. SRCC OG-300 is the test procedure for whole systems and SRCC OG-100 is the test procedure for collectors. The building descriptors used to define the solar thermal system may vary with each software application and with the details of system design. The solar fraction shall be estimated by the f-chart procedure for solar water heating systems.
Units	Data structure: will vary with the software and system details
Input Restrictions	As designed. The proposed design may have a combined space and water heating system.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable

	G3.3 Minor Alterations Energy generated by existing system capacity shall be subtracted from the baseline design energy consumption prior to calculating the building performance. Additional capacity and/or a new system included in the scope of the alteration is not required to be subtracted from baseline design energy consumption.

Combined Space Heating and Water Heating

Applicability	Projects that use a boiler to provide both space heat and water heating
Definition	A system that provides both space heating and water heating from the same equipment, generally the space heating boiler. **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Such systems are not modeled in the baseline but may be modeled for the proposed building. Combined systems are not modeled in the baseline due to the misalignment of the space heating load and the water heating load. The first is highly intermittent and weather dependent, while the latter is more constant and not generally related to the weather. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Such systems are modeled in the baseline if specified in the design.
Units	Data structure
Input Restrictions	As designed. The proposed design may have a combined space and water heating system.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The baseline building shall be modeled with separate space heating and water heating systems, according to the baseline system type and corresponding requirements in Section 3.1.1 and baseline water heating system type and requirements identified in Section 3.9.1 . **G3.3 Minor Alterations** The baseline and proposed are modeled with the same system type. There are no restrictions with regard to combined space heating and water heating equipment.

3.9.2 Exterior Lighting

All exterior lighting applications shall be included in the model. Exterior lighting applications not connected to the building electricity meter (e.g., street lighting or common area lighting) should not be included.

The building descriptors that are described in this section apply separately to each lighting application; input for each building descriptor is provided for parking lot lighting, façade lighting, entry lighting, and other exterior lighting applications. Each lighting application is modeled as a separate system. Exterior lighting applications affect the electric load of the building but do not produce heat that would need to be removed by the building’s cooling system.

Standard 90.1-2022 groups exterior lighting applications as tradable or non-tradable. Non-tradable lighting applications are “use-it-or-lose-it” categories such that no credit can be applied and the power is the same in the baseline and proposed.

- Tradable applications include uncovered parking areas, building grounds, building entrances and exits, canopies and overhangs, and outdoor sales areas. Thus, the allowed LPD of these applications is multiplied by the associated area or length to yield the baseline power.
- Non-tradable applications can only be used for the specific application and cannot be traded between applications or with other non-tradable applications such as building façades, automated teller machines, guard houses, loading for law enforcement, drive-through windows, or parking near retail.

Calculation of Baseline Exterior Lighting Power Allowance

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

The baseline building exterior lighting power allowance (ELPA) is the sum of all tradable surfaces, plus either the allowance from Table G3.6 or what is installed, whichever is smaller for all non-tradable surfaces.

- Tradable applications: Allowance for tradable surfaces is calculated in accordance with Standard 90.1-2022 Table G3.6
- Other exterior lighting applications: For exterior lighting that is not a part of Standard 90.1-2022 Table G3.6, including building facades, loading areas for emergency vehicles, entrance's etc. shall be modeled the same in the baseline building design as in the proposed design.

Trade-offs are allowed for tradable surfaces only. The baseline power for these other exterior lighting applications is the same as the installed power in the proposed design.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Trade-offs are allowed for tradable surfaces only. The baseline power for these other exterior lighting applications is the same as the installed power in the proposed design

If the total number of new and retrofitted luminaires is greater than 10 or where the combined length of new and retrofitted linear luminaires is greater than 20 linear feet then use the following method to determine the baseline model inputs.

> The baseline building exterior lighting power allowance (ELPA) is the sum of all tradable surfaces, plus the non-tradeable allowance from Table 9.4.2-2 or what is installed, whichever is smaller for all non-tradable surfaces.
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> - Tradable applications: Allowance for tradable surfaces is calculated in accordance with Standard 90.1-2022 Table 9.4.2-2.
> - Other exterior lighting applications: For non-tradable exterior lighting applications in Standard 90.1-2022 Table 9.4.2-2 or exempt exterior lighting, including building facades, loading areas for emergency vehicles, entrances etc. shall be modeled the same in the baseline building design as in the proposed design.

Where the total number of new and retrofitted luminaires is not greater than 10, or where the combined length of new and retrofitted linear luminaires is not greater than 20 linear feet of linear luminaires, the baseline lighting power shall be in accordance with Section 9.1.1.3.2 item b and shall be modeled with a Wattage no greater than the maximum ELPA permitted by Table 9.4.2-2, or at least 50% below the total original wattage of that lighting system.

Exterior Lighting Name

Applicability	All exterior lighting systems
Definition	A name for the lighting system
Units	Text, unique
Input Restrictions	The name should be descriptive and provide a link to the construction documents
Baseline Building	The baseline building should have a corresponding exterior lighting system that maps to the one in the proposed design. The name should be similar.

Exterior Lighting Zones

Applicability	All projects with exterior lighting
Definition	Standard 90.1-2022 identifies five lighting zones for determining exterior lighting power allowance: a. Zone 0 - Undeveloped areas within national parks, state parks, forest land, rural areas b. Zone 1 - Developed areas of national parks, state parks, forest land, and rural areas c. Zone 2 - Areas predominantly consisting of residential zoning, neighborhood business districts, light industrial with limited nighttime use, and residential mixed use areas d. Zone 3 - All other areas e. Zone 4 - High activity commercial districts in major metropolitan areas as designated by the local jurisdiction
Units	List: Zone 0, Zone 1, Zone 2, Zone 3, Zone 4
Input Restrictions	Not applicable
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed.

Exterior Lighting Category

Applicability	All projects with exterior lighting
Definition	A classification of each exterior lighting system from Table G3.6 of ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2022 for G3.2 or ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2022 Table 9.4.2-2 for G3.3. This classification determines the lighting power for the baseline exterior lighting system. Credit is offered for power reductions for tradable lighting applications, but not for other lighting applications.
Units	List (from Table G3.6 and/or 9.4.2-2 of ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2022)
Input Restrictions	The classification should accurately match the exterior lighting application in the rated building
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed design.

Exterior Lighting Area or Length

Applicability	All exterior lighting systems
Definition	All exterior lighting applications have an associated area or length. This area or length is a factor in determining the baseline building lighting power. The following rules should be taken into account when calculating length or area: • Façade illuminated area: Only areas of façade that are illuminated without obstruction are included in the illuminated area. • The lighted façade area should not exceed the exterior wall area. • If the door linear footage exceeds 25% of building perimeter, this should be flagged and reviewed for accuracy. • Uncovered parking: Uncovered parking shall be calculated according to the rules for the parking portion of “Illuminated hardscape” from Title 24-2013. This definition accounts for the paved area that is within 3 times the luminaire mounting height of parking luminaires: “Illuminated area is defined as any area within a square pattern around each luminaire or pole that is six times the mounting height with the luminaire in the middle of the pattern less any area that is within a building, under a canopy, beyond property lines or obstructed by a sign or structure.”[1]
Units	ft^2 or linear feet
Input Restrictions	The area of the exterior lighting application should be determined using the rules in the baseline standard and the associated user’s manual
Baseline Building	Same as proposed.

Exterior Lighting Power

Applicability	All projects with exterior lighting. All exterior lighting connected to the building’s electricity meter should be included.
Definition	The calculated exterior lighting power. For the proposed building, this is referred to as the exterior installed lighting power (EILP), for the baseline building, this is referred to as the exterior lighting power allowance (ELPA).
Units	W or W/ft^2
Input Restrictions	As designed. The EILP for the proposed design is determined by totaling the installed exterior lighting power for all proposed exterior luminaires that are not exempt from the exterior lighting requirements. (Refer to the section below for a list of exempt exterior lighting applications.) EIPA cannot exceed the ELPA as determined in accordance with Standard 90.1-2022 Section 9.4.2. ELPA is determined from the product of the exterior lighting area or length and the allowed power for the exterior lighting category. Trade-offs are allowed only among exterior lighting applications listed as ‘Tradable Surfaces’ in Standard 90.1-2022 Table 9.4.2-2.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** The total ELPA for all exterior building applications is the sum of the individual allowances for areas that are designed to be illuminated and are permitted in Standard 90.1-2022 Table G3.6.

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[1] 2005 T-24 Section 147(c)1A

ELPA is determined from the product of the exterior lighting area or length and the allowed power for the exterior lighting category. The allowed power is determined from Table 122.

For -other lighting applications, not included in the tradable surfaces, the baseline building lighting power will be the same as the proposed exterior lighting power for those applications. For tradeable exterior lighting applications, the lighting power shall be equal to the allowance in Table 122 below, Standard 90.1-2022 Table G3.6.

Table 122. Exterior Lighting Power Allowances for the Baseline Building

Exterior Lighting Category		Power Allowance (all lighting zones)
	Tradable	
Uncovered Parking Areas	Parking lots and drives	0.15 W/ft^2
Building Grounds	Walkways less than 10 ft wide	1.0 W/ft
	Walkways 10 ft wide or greater and Plaza areas Special feature areas	0.2 W/ft^2
	Stairways	1.0 W/ft
Building Entrances and Exits	Main entries	30 W/ft of door width
	Other doors	20 W/ft of door width
Canopies and Overhangs	Canopies (free standing and attached and overhangs)	1.25 W/ft^2
Outdoor Sales	Open areas (including vehicle sales lots)	0.5 W/ft^2
	Street frontage for vehicle sales lots in addition to open-area allowance	20 W/ft

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Trade-offs are allowed for exterior lighting included in the scope of the retrofit and for tradable surfaces only. The baseline power for these other exterior lighting applications is the same as the installed power in the proposed design

If the total number of new and retrofitted luminaires is greater than 10 or where the combined length of new and retrofitted linear luminaires is greater than 20 linear feet then use the following method to determine the baseline model inputs.

The baseline building exterior lighting power allowance (ELPA) is the sum of all tradable surfaces, plus the non-tradeable allowance from Table 9.4.2-2 or what is installed, whichever is smaller for all non-tradable surfaces.

- Tradable applications: Allowance for tradable surfaces is calculated in accordance with Standard 90.1-2022 Table 9.4.2-2.
- Other exterior lighting applications: For non-tradable exterior lighting applications in Standard 90.1-2022 Table 9.4.2-2 or exempt exterior lighting, including building facades, loading areas for emergency vehicles, entrances etc. shall be modeled the same in the baseline building design as in the proposed design.

Where the total number of new and retrofitted luminaires is not greater than 10, or where the combined length of new and retrofitted linear luminaires is not greater than 20 linear feet of linear luminaires, the baseline lighting power shall be in accordance with Section 9.1.1.3.2 item b with the total wattage of baseline be modeled as no greater than the maximum ELPA permitted by Table 9.4.2-2, or at least 50% below the total original wattage of that lighting system.

Non-Regulated Exterior Lighting Power Allowance

Applicability	All projects with exterior lighting
Definition	Lighting used for the following exterior applications is exempt when equipped with a control device that complies with the requirements for exterior lighting control, as specified in Standard 90.1-2022 Table 9.2.2.2, and is required to be controlled separately from general lighting. These are not required to be included in the total calculated exterior lighting power allowance. a. Specialized signal, directional, and marker lighting associated with transportation b. Lighting integral to equipment or instrumentation and installed by its manufacturer c. Temporary lighting d. Searchlights e. Lighting for hazardous locations f. Lighting integral to public art g. Lighting used to highlight features of public monuments, public art a displays, and registered historic landmark structure or buildings. h. Lighting for theatrical purposes, including performance, stage, film production, and video production i. Lighting for athletic playing areas for colleges and professional sports venues j. Lighting for athletic playing areas k. Lighting for swimming pools l. Lighting for water features m. Theme elements in theme/amusement parks n. Lighting that is integral to signage and installed in the signage by the manufacturer o. Lighting for industrial production, material handling, transportation sites, and associated storage areas
Units	W/ft^2 or watts
Input Restrictions	As designed. The exceptions to exterior lighting power allowance should be cross-referenced to the type of exception and to the construction documents.
Baseline Building	Same as proposed.

Exterior Lighting Schedule

Applicability	All exterior lighting systems
Definition	The exterior lighting schedule describes the fraction of installed connected lighting power that is operating for any given hour. The lighting schedule is a matrix of fractional values for each hour of the day and by day of week.
Units	Data structure: schedule, fractional
Input Restrictions	The default exterior lighting schedule shall be from dusk until 1 hour after the indoor lighting schedule drops below emergency lighting level (i.e., below 15%). Custom schedules may be created for atypical operating hours for exterior lighting systems. Each lighting system may operate on its own schedule. The default schedule shall be used as a starting point, however mandatory exterior lighting controls in 90.1-2022 Section 9.4.1.4 will require that the schedules for exterior lighting for certain applications turn off lighting during some nighttime hours. See Exterior Lighting Control below for more details.
Baseline Building	The schedule for the baseline building shall be the same as the proposed design.

Exterior Lighting Control

Applicability	All projects with exterior lighting
Definition	These are mandatory requirements for Standard 90.1-2022, Section 9.4.1.4. Lighting for exterior applications shall meet the requirements as specified in 90.1 2022 Table 9.4.2-2. The control types include: a. OFF control: A control that turns off all of the lighting in the area or surface. b. Daylight OFF control: A control that automatically turns off exterior lighting when sufficient daylight is available or within 30 minutes of sunrise. c. Scheduled OFF control: A control that automatically shuts lighting off between midnight or business closing, whichever is later, and 6 a.m. or business opening, whichever comes first, or between times established by the authority having jurisdiction. d. Scheduled light reduction control: A lighting and signage control that automatically reduces the connected lighting power by at least 50% from midnight or within one hour of the end of business operations, whichever is later, until 6 a.m. or the beginning of business operations, whichever is earlier. e. Occupancy-sensing light reduction control: A control that automatically reduces the connected lighting power by a minimum of 50% when no activity has been detected in the area illuminated by the controlled luminaires for a time of no longer than 15 minutes. No more than 1500 W of lighting power is allowed to be controlled together. All time switches are required to be capable of retaining programming and the time setting during loss of power for a period of at least ten hours.
Units	List: Photocell, Automatic Shut-Off, Time Switches
Input Restrictions	As designed, at a minimum meeting the above mandatory requirements
Baseline Building	Same as proposed.

3.9.3 Other Electricity Use

This set of building descriptors should be used to include any miscellaneous electricity use that would add to the electric load of the building and would be on the building meter. These energy uses are assumed to be outside the building envelope and do not contribute heat gain to any thermal zone.

Snow-melt systems prevent snow and ice buildup at building entrances and other critical areas. Systems consist of a heating element, which is embedded in the slab; sensors to detect OATs and moisture; a heating source; and controls to tie the heating element, sensors, and heating source together.
The energy modeler should make a reasonable estimate of the energy consumption of the snow-melt system and this estimate shall be used for both the baseline building and the proposed design, e.g., no credit. Other such systems could include outdoor electric grill, exterior sound system etc.

Miscellaneous Electric Power	
Applicability	All buildings with miscellaneous electric equipment located on the building site
Definition	The power for miscellaneous equipment
Units	watts (W)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed

Miscellaneous Electric Schedule	
Applicability	All buildings with miscellaneous electric equipment located on the building site
Definition	The schedule of operation for miscellaneous electric equipment
Units	Data structure: schedule, fractional
Input Restrictions	The schedule specified for the building should match the operation patterns of the system
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

3.9.4 Other Gas Use

This set of building descriptors should be used to include any miscellaneous gas use that would add to the load of the building and would be on the building meter. These energy uses are assumed to be outside the building envelope and do not contribute heat gain to any thermal zone. Examples of these include radiant heaters for outdoor spaces, outdoor gas lighting etc.

Other Gas Power	
Applicability	All buildings that have commercial gas equipment
Definition	Gas power is the peak power, which is modified by the schedule (see below)
Units	Btu/h-ft^2
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed

Other Gas Schedule	
Applicability	All buildings that have commercial gas equipment
Definition	The schedule of operation for commercial gas equipment
Units	Data structure: schedule, fractional
Input Restrictions	Continuous operation is prescribed
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed

3.9.5 Swimming Pools

Swimming pools must meet applicable mandatory requirements mentioned in the sections below.

Pool Name	
Applicability	All pools
Definition	A unique identifier that keys the pool to the construction documents
Units	Text, unique
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	The name for the baseline building pool should be similar to the proposed design

Volume	
Applicability	All pools
Definition	The volume of the pool
Units	Cubic feet (ft^3)
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Surface Area	
Applicability	All pools
Definition	The surface area of the pool affects heat loss and evaporation
Units	Square feet (ft^2)
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Cover	
Applicability	All pools
Definition	An indication
Units	Boolean (yes/no)
Input Restrictions	As designed. Pool covers are required for heated pools in accordance with Standard 90.1-2022 Section 7.4.5.2.
Baseline Building	Pool should be covered when the space is unoccupied.

Cover Schedule

Applicability	All pools
Definition	A schedule indicating when the pool cover is in place
Units	Data structure: schedule, on/off or fractional
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Filtration Rate

Applicability	All pools
Definition	The rate at which the pool water is passed through the filtering system when the filtration system is operating
Units	Hours per pool change
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Filtration Schedule

Applicability	All pools
Definition	A schedule indicating when the pool filtration system is in operation
Units	Data structure: schedule, on/off or fractional
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Temperature

Applicability	All pools
Definition	Temperature at which the pool is maintained
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Temperature Schedule

Applicability	All pools
Definition	A schedule indicating variation in the pool temperature, either seasonally or monthly
Units	Data structure: schedule, temperature
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Pumping and Filtration: Pumping Power

Applicability	All pools
Definition	The power used by the pumping system. This is a function of the pumping head (which depends on pipe lengths, sizes, and filtration type), the pump efficiency, the motor efficiency, and the flow rate. Some software may allow these to be entered as separate building descriptors. This value should be consistent with the filtration rate noted above.
Units	Watts (W)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed design unless the proposed design uses special low head filters and premium efficiency motors.

Heating Equipment: Heater Type

Applicability	All pools
Definition	The type of equipment that is used to maintain the pool temperature
Units	List: Solar, Heat Pump, Gas, Oil, or Electric Resistance
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same type in baseline and proposed.

Heating Equipment: Heater Efficiency

Applicability	All pools with heaters
Definition	The thermal efficiency of the pool heater
Units	Unitless, thermal efficiency
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** As specified in Table 7.4-1 of Standard 90.1-2022. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Pool heaters in the scope of the retrofit should be modeled as specified in Table 7.4-1 of Standard 90.1-2022. Otherwise, pool heaters should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

Solar System Features

Applicability	All pools with solar pool heaters
Definition	The collector area, size, efficiency, and pumping characteristics of the solar pool system
Units	Data structure
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Energy generated by existing system capacity shall be subtracted from the baseline design energy consumption prior to calculating the building performance. Additional capacity

and/or a new system included in the scope of the alteration is not required to be subtracted from baseline design energy consumption.

3.9.6 Transformers

Transformer Type	
Applicability	Buildings with large electric service
Definition	Transformers can be classified as either dry type or liquid filled (usually oil)
Units	List: dry type, liquid filled
Input Restrictions	Transformers can be modeled or not at the discretion of the energy modeler. If they are more efficient than the requirements in Standard 90.1-2022 Table 8.4.4, then they must be modeled in order to take credit.
Baseline Building	If transformers are modeled in the proposed design, then they must also be modeled in the baseline building.

Transformer Efficiency	
Applicability	When transformers are modeled for the proposed design
Definition	The efficiency with which transformers transfer electricity from the grid to the building or from onsite generators to the grid.
Units	Percent (%)
Input Restrictions	For new construction, transformers must meet or exceed the efficiency requirements in Table 8.4.4 of Standard 90.1-2022
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Efficiency shall be taken from Table 8.4.4 of Standard 90.1-2022. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Transformers included in the scope of the retrofit should be modeled with an efficiency taken from Table 8.4.4 of Standard 90.1 2022. Otherwise, transformers should be modeled the same in the baseline and proposed.

3.10 On-Site Power Generation

Building projects may incorporate on-site electricity generation equipment, such as photovoltaics (PV) and wind turbines or combined heat and power or fuel cells that make electricity and produce heat. These systems may be modeled in various ways. Descriptors have been added below for PV, combined heat and power cogeneration and wind turbines. Fuel cells are not addressed by this manual currently. In all cases, the baseline building will be modeled without heat recovery from on-site generation equipment. If there is no thermal link between the power generation equipment and building equipment (such as heat recovery from combined heat and power [CHP]), on-site power generation can be modeled in a separate process; otherwise, it needs to be linked to the building simulation.

On-site renewable energy shall be subtracted from the proposed design energy consumption prior to calculating the proposed building performance, additional details are provided in Section 1.3. On-site renewable energy generated by systems included on the building permit that is used by the building is considered free and shall not be included in the proposed design energy cost for renewable energy contributions up to 5% of the baseline building performance. When renewable energy contribution of the on-site renewable energy generation system exceeds 5% of the BBP, the PCI will be calculated as explain in Section 1.3 of this manual.

The PCIt (performance cost index target) equation in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 4.2.1.1 includes a term to account for proposed building performance excluding any renewable energy systems in the proposed design and including an on-site renewable energy system that meets but does not exceed the requirements of Section 10.5.1.1 (note there are no renewable energy requirements for alterations) modeled following the requirements for a budget building design in Table 12.5.1, row 15 (PBPpre). Recall from Section 1.3, for a project following 90.1 2022 Appendix G to be considered minimally compliant with 90.1 2022 the PCI performance cost index (PCI) needs to be less than or equal to the PCIt.

The modeling requirements in Table 12.5.1, row 15 Budget Building Design column prescribe the following:

a. Where a system providing on-site renewable energy is specified in the proposed design, the same system shall be modeled for the purpose of establishing PBPpre (proposed building performance including only prescriptive renewable energy requirements), except the modeled rated capacity shall meet the requirements of Section 10.5.1.1. Where more than one type of on-site renewable energy system is specified in the proposed design, the total capacities shall be allocated in the same proportion as in the proposed design.

b. Where no system exists or is specified to provide on-site renewable energy in the proposed design, on-site renewable energy shall be modeled as an unshaded photovoltaic system with the following physical characteristics for the purpose of establishing PBPpre (proposed building performance including only prescriptive renewable energy requirements):

   - Size: Rated capacity per Section 10.5.1.1
   - Module Type: Crystalline silicon panel with a glass cover, 19.1% nominal efficiency and temperature coefficient of –0.19%/°F; performance shall be based on a reference temperature of 77°F and irradiance of 317 Btu/ft^2·h.
   - Array Type: Rack-mounted array with installed nominal operating cell temperature (INOCT) of 103°F
   - Total system losses (DC output to AC output): 11.3%
   - Tilt: 0-degrees (mounted horizontally)
   - Azimuth:180 degrees

If the on-site renewable energy system cannot be modeled in the simulation program, Section G2.5 shall be used.

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Energy generated by existing system capacity shall be subtracted from the baseline design energy consumption prior to calculating the building performance. Additional capacity and/or a new system included in the scope of the alteration is not required to be subtracted from baseline design energy consumption.

3.10.1 Photovoltaic Systems

Candidate buildings may have photovoltaic (PV) systems and the energy generated by these systems may offset the power used by HVAC, lighting, and other building systems. Since most PV systems work under a net metering arrangement whereby the utility grid is used as a storage battery, accepting excess energy when it is available and providing power back to the building at night and other times when the PV system is not generating, the simulation of PV systems need to be on an hourly time step so that it can be aligned with the building loads and the utility rate structure.

Sections 3.10.1.1, 3.10.1.2, and 3.10.1.3 describes one set of building descriptors for specifying a PV system. This set of building descriptors is based on the five-parameter model (De Soto et al. 2006). Other models may be used for PV systems. The inputs apply only to the proposed design, as the baseline building is modeled without a PV system with the exception of alterations subject to 90.1 G3.3 where the energy generated by existing system capacity should be subtracted from the baseline design energy consumption prior to calculating the building performance. Additional capacity and/or a new system included in the scope of the alteration is not required to be subtracted from baseline design energy consumption.

The default *input restrictions* for the photovoltaic descriptors in Section 3.10.1.4 are from Table 12.5.1, row 15 Budget Building Design column. These defaults apply when no on-site generation systems are specified in the proposed design. Their purpose is to establish the physical characteristic for modeling PBPpre (i.e., the proposed building performance, including only prescriptive renewable energy requirements), which is used in the PCIt (i.e., performance cost index target) equation according to Section 4.2.1.1 of the 90.1 2022 as described in Section 1.3.

3.10.1.1 Configuration

This set of building descriptors addresses the overall layout and design of the PV system, including the orientation and slope of the collectors, how they are wired together, and how they are linked to an inverter that converts DC power to AC and synchronizes it with the grid.

PV System Name	
Applicability	All PV systems
Definition	A unique identifier that can be used to reference the PV system and associate it with the construction documents
Units	Text, Unique
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** None (PV not modeled for the baseline building) **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

Number of Modules in a String

Applicability	All PV systems
Definition	This is the number of modules in a series string. Modules in series increase voltage which is often needed in order to match output voltage with the inverter requirements; modules in parallel increase current.
Units	Numeric: Integer
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** None (PV not modeled for the baseline building) **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

Number of Strings

Applicability	All PV systems
Definition	This is the number of strings of modules in parallel. Modules in series increase voltage; modules in parallel increase current.
Units	Numeric: Integer
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** None (PV not modeled for the baseline building) **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

Collector Area

Applicability	All PV systems
Definition	The area of the collector module
Units	Square feet (ft^2)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** None (PV not modeled for the baseline building) **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

Tilt

Applicability	All PV systems
Definition	The tilt angle is the angle from horizontal of the photovoltaic modules in the array. For a fixed array, the tilt angle is the angle from horizontal of the array where 0° = horizontal, and 90° = vertical. For arrays with one-axis tracking, the tilt angle is the angle from horizontal of the tracking axis. The tilt angle does not apply to arrays with two-axis tracking.
Units	Degrees (°)
Input Restrictions	As designed.
Baseline Building	**<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>** None (PV not modeled for the baseline building) **<u>G3.3 Minor Alterations</u>** Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

Azimuth

Applicability	All PV systems
Definition	The azimuth angle is the angle clockwise from true north describing the direction that the array faces. An azimuth angle of 180° is for a south-facing array, and an azimuth angle of 0° is for a north-facing array. For an array with one-axis tracking, the azimuth angle is the angle clockwise from true north of the axis of rotation. The azimuth angle does not apply to arrays with two-axis tracking. The default value is an azimuth angle of 180° (south-facing) for locations in the northern hemisphere and 0° (north-facing) for locations in the southern hemisphere. These values typically maximize electricity production over the year, although local weather patterns may cause the optimal azimuth angle to be slightly more or less than the default values.
Units	Degrees (°)
Input Restrictions	As designed.
Baseline Building	**<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>** None (PV not modeled for the baseline building) **<u>G3.3 Minor Alterations</u>** Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

PV Mounting Height

Applicability	All PV systems
Definition	The height of the collectors above the ground
Units	Feet (ft)
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**<u>G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations</u>** None (PV not modeled for the baseline building) **<u>G3.3 Minor Alterations</u>** Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

PV Array Mounting Type

Applicability	All PV systems
Definition	The array type describes whether the PV modules in the array are fixed, or whether they move to track the movement of the sun across the sky with one or two axes of rotation.
Units	List: Fixed, one axis tracking, two axis tracking.
Input Restrictions	As designed.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** None (PV not modeled for the baseline building) **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

3.10.1.2 Shading

Shading of PV systems results in significant reduction of production and must be accounted for in an acceptable manner. A method is implied in the following building descriptors that is consistent with the NSHP Calculator.[1] With this method, the area around the solar system is divided into 22.5° cones and the height and distance to shading objects is entered for each quadrant. Other methods may be used, including use of the building shade inputs (see building site characteristics under project data)

Shading Azimuth

Applicability	All PV systems
Definition	A quadrant where the height and distance of shading objects is specified
Units	List: ENE, E, ESE, SE, SSE, S, SSW, SW, WSW, W, WNW
Input Restrictions	As estimated from existing surrounding buildings and shading structures.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** None (PV not modeled for the baseline building) **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

Shading Object Height

Applicability	All PV systems
Definition	The height of the building or shading object in the 22.5° cone
Units	Feet (ft)
Input Restrictions	As estimated from existing surrounding buildings and shading structures.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** None (PV not modeled for the baseline building)

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[1] http://www.gosolarcalifornia.org/tools/nshpcalculator/index.php

	G3.3 Minor Alterations
	Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

Shading Object Distance	
Applicability	All PV systems
Definition	The horizontal distance from the shading object to the collectors
Units	Feet (ft)
Input Restrictions	As estimated from existing surrounding buildings and shading structures.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**
	None (PV not modeled for the baseline building)
	G3.3 Minor Alterations
	Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

3.10.1.3 Collector Performance

The collector performance can be characterized by the following five variables that are available from PV array manufacturers: the open-circuit voltage, the short-circuit current, the voltage and current at the maximum power-point, and the temperature coefficient of the open-circuit voltage. These are described below.

Short-Circuit Current	
Applicability	All PV systems
Definition	Isc - current measured with zero voltage
Units	Amps
Input Restrictions	From manufacturer's specification
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**
	None (PV not modeled for the baseline building)
	G3.3 Minor Alterations
	Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

Open-Circuit Voltage	
Applicability	All PV systems
Definition	Voc - voltage measured with an open circuit
Units	Volts
Input Restrictions	From manufacturer's specification
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**
	None (PV not modeled for the baseline building)
	G3.3 Minor Alterations
	Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

Maximum Power-Point Voltage and Current

Applicability	All PV systems
Definition	Imp, Vmp - current and voltage at the maximum power-point condition. These parameters are typically reported at Standard Test Conditions of 1000 W/m^2 and a cell temperature of 25°C.
Units	Amps and Volts
Input Restrictions	From manufacturer’s specification
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** None (PV not modeled for the baseline building) **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

Open-Circuit Temperature Coefficient

Applicability	All PV systems
Definition	Temperature coefficient of the open circuit voltage (Voc) measures the changing open circuit voltage values of the PV module when the temperature increases (or decreases)
Units	%/ºC
Input Restrictions	From manufacturer's specification.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** None (PV not modeled for the baseline building) **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

Short Circuit Temperature Coefficient

Applicability	All PV systems
Definition	Temperature coefficient of the short-circuit current (Isc) measures the changing short-circuit current values of the PV module when the solar cell temperature increases (or decreases)
Units	%/ºC
Input Restrictions	From manufacturer’s specification
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** None (PV not modeled for the baseline building) **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

Nominal Operating Cell Temperature (NOCT)

Applicability	All PV systems
Definition	The normal operating cell temperature, typically between 45°C and 55°C
Units	Degrees Celsius (°C)
Input Restrictions	From manufacturer's specification
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** None (PV not modeled for the baseline building) **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

PV Array Mounting Type

Applicability	All PV systems
Definition	The array type describes whether the PV modules in the array are fixed, or whether they move to track the movement of the sun across the sky with one or two axes of rotation.
Units	List: Fixed, one axis tracking, two axis tracking
Input Restrictions	As designed. The default value is a fixed, or no tracking.
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** None (PV not modeled for the baseline building) **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

3.10.1.4 Default Parameters for Modeling PBPpre when no On-site Renewable Systems are Specified in the Proposed Design

G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations

This section only applies to projects following Standard 90.1-2022 Section G3.2. This is because alterations are exempt from the on-site renewable energy requirements in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 10.5.1.

The PCIt (performance cost index target) equation in Standard 90.1-2022 Section 4.2.1.1 includes a term to account for proposed building performance excluding any renewable energy systems in the proposed design and including an on-site renewable energy system that meets but does not exceed the requirements of Section 10.5.1.1 modeled following the requirements for a budget building design in Table 12.5.1, row 15 (PBPpre). Recall, for a project following 90.1 2022 Appendix G to be considered minimally compliant with 90.1 2022 the PCI performance cost index (PCI) needs to be less than or equal to the PCIt. The descriptors below are for modeling PBPpre when no on-site generation systems are specified in the proposed design.

Shading Objects	
Applicability	PV systems when no on-site renewable systems are specified in the proposed design.
Definition	A unique identifier that can be used to reference shading objects.
Units	Text, Unique
Input Restrictions	None.Unshaded.
Baseline Building	None (PV not modeled for the baseline building)

Size	
Applicability	PV systems when no on-site renewable systems are specified in the proposed design.
Definition	The size describes the rated capacity of the PV system.
Units	Power, kW or Btuh.
Input Restrictions	Established per Standard 90.1-2022 Section 10.5.1.1 which requires that the building site shall have equipment for on-site renewable energy with a rated capacity of not less than 0.50 W/ft^2 or 1.7 Btu/ft^2 multiplied by the sum of the gross conditioned floor area for all floors up to the three largest floors. The following exceptions apply: 1. Any building located where an unshaded flat plate collector oriented toward the equator and tilted at an angle from horizontal equal to the latitude receives an annual daily average incident solar radiation less than 1.1 kBtu/ft^2·day. 2. Any building where more than 80% of the roof area is covered by any combination of equipment other than for on-site renewable energy systems, planters, vegetated space, skylights, or occupied roof deck. 3. Any building where more than 50% of roof area is shaded from direct-beam sunlight by natural objects or by structures that are not part of the building for more than 2,500 annual hours between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. 4. New construction or additions in which the sum of the gross conditioned floor area of the three largest floors of the new construction or addition is less than 10,000 ft^2. 5. Alterations.
Baseline Building	None (PV not modeled for the baseline building)

Module Type and Efficiency

Applicability	PV systems when no on-site renewable systems are specified in the proposed design.
Definition	The type and efficiency of the PV system.
Units	Text and Ratio.
Input Restrictions	Crystalline silicon panel with a glass cover, 19.1% nominal efficiency; performance shall be based on a reference temperature of 77°F and irradiance of 317 Btu/ft^2·h.
Baseline Building	None (PV not modeled for the baseline building)

Module Temperature Coefficient

Applicability	PV systems when no on-site renewable systems are specified in the proposed design.
Definition	Temperature coefficient measures the percentage of power output that is lost by a specific solar panel as the temperature rises.
Units	%/°F.
Input Restrictions	–0.19%/°F
Baseline Building	None (PV not modeled for the baseline building)

Nominal Operating Cell Temperature (NOCT)

Applicability	PV systems when no on-site renewable systems are specified in the proposed design.
Definition	The normal operating cell temperature, typically between 45°C and 55°C
Units	Degrees Celsius (°F)
Input Restrictions	103°F
Baseline Building	None (PV not modeled for the baseline building)

Total System Losses

Applicability	PV systems when no on-site renewable systems are specified in the proposed design.
Definition	System losses are the losses in power output from the conversion from direct current to alternating current.
Units	Ratio, power lost/total power
Input Restrictions	11.3%
Baseline Building	None (PV not modeled for the baseline building)

Tilt

Applicability	PV systems when no on-site renewable systems are specified in the proposed design.
Definition	The tilt angle is the angle from horizontal of the photovoltaic modules in the array. The tilt angle is the angle from horizontal of the array where 0° = horizontal, and 90° = vertical.
Units	Degrees (°)
Input Restrictions	0-degrees (mounted horizontally)
Baseline Building	None (PV not modeled for the baseline building)

Azimuth	
Applicability	PV systems when no on-site renewable systems are specified in the proposed design.
Definition	The azimuth angle is the angle clockwise from true north describing the direction that the array faces. An azimuth angle of 180° is for a south-facing array, and an azimuth angle of 0° is for a north-facing array.
Units	Degrees (°)
Input Restrictions	180-degrees.
Baseline Building	None (PV not modeled for the baseline building)

3.10.2 Wind Systems

Wind systems produce electricity, and their output depends on the availability of wind at the project site. Wind speed and direction is contained on the climate file used for the building simulation. The building descriptors below assume that the wind turbine is free to pivot to face the wind.

System Name	
Applicability	All wind systems
Definition	A unique identifier that can be used to reference the wind system and associate it with the construction documents
Units	Text, unique
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** None (Wind systems are not modeled for the baseline building) **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

Rated Output	
Applicability	All wind systems
Definition	The rated output of the wind turbine at a given design condition, e.g., wind speed
Units	Kilowatts (kW)
Input Restrictions	As specified by the manufacturer
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** None (Wind systems are not modeled for the baseline building) **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

Rated Wind Speed

Applicability	All wind systems
Definition	The wind speed at which the rated output is measured
Units	Miles per hour (mph)
Input Restrictions	As specified by the manufacturer
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** None (Wind systems are not modeled for the baseline building) **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

Cut-in Wind Speed

Applicability	All wind systems
Definition	The wind speed above which the system will produce useful power
Units	Miles per hour (mph)
Input Restrictions	As specified by the manufacturer
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** None (Wind systems are not modeled for the baseline building) **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

Part Load Performance

Applicability	All wind systems
Definition	The rated capacity gives the power production at one wind speed. The part load performance will generally be a curve that gives the output for wind speeds that are greater or lower than the rated wind speed.
Units	Data structure
Input Restrictions	As specified by the manufacturer
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** None (Wind systems are not modeled for the baseline building) **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed for existing system capacity.

3.10.3 Combined Heat and Power Cogeneration Systems

Candidate buildings may have combined heat and power (CHP) cogeneration systems and the energy generated by these systems may offset the power used by HVAC, lighting, and other building systems. Since most CHP systems work under a metering arrangement whereby the building electrical or thermal loads act as a control of the system, the simulation of CHP systems needs to be on the same timestep as the whole building energy simulation so that it can be aligned with the building loads and the utility rate structure.

This section describes one set of building descriptors for specifying a CHP system. This set of building descriptors is based on the DOE 2.2 electric generator with heat recovery scheme. Other models may be used for CHP systems. The heat recovery inputs apply only to the proposed design for project subject to Standard 90.1 G3.2, as the baseline building is modeled as an electrical generator only without recovered heat. For alterations subject to Standard 90.1 G3.3, if existing building systems use recovered heat from an existing on-site CHP then this recovered heat should be subtracted from the baseline and proposed.

3.10.3.1 Configuration

This set of building descriptors addresses the overall design of the CHP system, including the type, control, capacity, efficiency and heat recovery possibilities.

CHP System Name

Applicability	All CHP systems
Definition	A unique identifier that can be used to reference the CHP system and associate it with the construction documents. This is typically listed as an electric generator with or without heat recovery.
Units	Text, Unique
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

CHP System Type

Applicability	All CHP systems
Definition	This building descriptor includes information needed to determine the criteria from baseline standards. The choices are typically Engine Generator, Gas Turbine Generator and Steam Turbine Generator.
Units	Text, Unique
Input Restrictions	Engine Generator, Gas Turbine Generator and Steam Turbine Generator
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

CHP Equipment Capacity

Applicability	All CHP systems
Definition	This building descriptor includes the nominal full load capacity of the electrical generator portion of the CHP plant expressed in kW. This may be expressed as a range or in separate minimum and maximum ratios
Units	Unitless ratio
Input Restrictions	As Designed (minimum must be > 0)
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

CHP Track Mode

Applicability All CHP systems

Definition This building descriptor describes how the cogeneration equipment attached to this meter is to be controlled. This is typically achieved by tracking an electric load of a particular electric meter or a thermal load of the loop to which the waste heat is being rejected or a combination thereof.

Units Keyword / Code Word

The code-word applies to this keyword, and the number in parenthesis the flag value that is equivalent to the code-word when the COGEN-TRACK-SCH is used:

DONT-RUN (0) Specifies that the generators are shut off. This mode of operation allows a COGEN-TRACK-SCH to shut off the generators during certain times of the day or year.

TRACK-ELEC (1) Specifies that the generators are to track the meter's electrical load. This mode works only for UTILITY electric meters, as ELECTRIC-SALE meters do not have any demands that can be tracked.

TRACK-THERMAL (2) Specifies that the generators are to track the thermal load of an attached loop. For this mode to work, each attached generator must also be attached to a hot water loop. Note that, while multiple generators may be on the same electric meter, each of these generators may be attached to the same or different hot water loops, and may therefore be tracking the same or different thermal loads when operating in this mode.

- When using this mode with a UTILITY meter, it is possible that the generators might produce more electricity than this meter demands. In this case, you should also attach each generator to a meter of type electric sale (via the generator's surplus-sale keyword); otherwise the surplus power will be lost.
- When using this mode with an electric-sale meter (as the electric-meter, not the surplus-meter), all power will be sold. The amount generated and sold will then be a function of the thermal demands.

TRACK-LESSER (3) Specifies that each generator is to track the smaller of this meter's electric demand, and the thermal demand of the generator's attached hot water loop. This mode works only when the generators are also attached to hot water loop

TRACK-GREATER (4) Specifies that each generator is to track the greater of this meter's electric demand, and the thermal demand of the generator's attached hot water loop. This mode works only when the generators are also attached to a hot water loop.

- When using this mode, it is possible that the generators might produce more electricity than this meter demands. In this case, you should also attach each generator to a meter of type electric-sale (via the generator's surplus-sale keyword); otherwise the surplus power will be lost.

MAX-OUTPUT (5) Specifies that the generators are to run at maximum output. When using this mode with a utility meter, it is possible that the generators might produce more electricity than this meter demands. In this case, you should also attach each generator to a meter of type electric-sale (via the generator's surplus-sale keyword); otherwise the surplus power will be lost.

Input Restrictions As Designed per keywords or code words

Baseline Building **G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations**

No heat recovery is to be modeled in the baseline design so the electrical generator CHP system shall be set to track electric loads only (TRACK-ELEC (1))

G3.3 Minor Alterations

Same as proposed for existing on-site CHP in which site recovered heat is used by existing systems.

CHP Track Schedule

Applicability	All CHP systems
Definition	This building descriptor when specified, will override any value given for COGEN-TRACK-MODE. This keyword allows the operational mode of generators to shift according to the time of day or year.
Units	8760 Scheule of type = Flag. Acceptable flag values are 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and have the meaning as described for CHP Track Mode.
Input Restrictions	As designed
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** No heat recovery is to be modeled in the baseline design so the electrical generator CHP system shall be set to track electric loads only (TRACK-ELEC (1)) for all hours that the generator is available to run per the proposed operating schedule. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed for existing on-site CHP in which site recovered heat is used by existing systems.

CHP Performance range

Applicability	All CHP systems
Definition	This building descriptor includes the operational range as a decimal relative to the CHP equipment capacity
Units	Text, Unique
Input Restrictions	As Designed
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

CHP Equipment Capacity

Applicability	All CHP systems
Definition	This building descriptor specifies the ratio of design fuel consumption to design electrical output, when both are in the same units. Note that for DOE 2.2 this entry is in terms of the higher heating value of the fuel and should be verified based upon the simulation protocol utilized.
Units	Unitless ratio
Input Restrictions	As Designed (must be > 0)
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

CHP Heat Recovery Loop

Applicability	All CHP systems
Definition	This building descriptor specifies the loop to which this generator will recover exhaust heat
Units	Text, Unique
Input Restrictions	As Designed (must be > 0)
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** None – no heat is to be recovered in the baseline building **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed for existing on-site CHP in which site recovered heat is used by existing systems.

CHP Heat Recovery Performance Curve

Applicability	All CHP systems
Definition	This building descriptor specifies the efficiency of the cogeneration equipment to recover heat as a function of the instantaneous performance (expressed as part load ratio) Specifically this descriptor specifies the variation in full-load recoverable exhaust heat with part load ratio. The factor is set as a curve and must be normalized to 1.0 at a part load ratio of 1.0.
Units	Percent (%)
Input Restrictions	As Designed - Quadric Curve with Input Coefficients ($Z = a + bX + cX^2$) Default Coefficients a = 0.29562601, b = 0.4930194, c = 0.21135481
Baseline Building	**G3.2 New Construction/Major Alterations** Not applicable. **G3.3 Minor Alterations** Same as proposed for existing on-site CHP in which site recovered heat is used by existing systems.

3.11 Common Data Structures

This section describes common data structures referenced in this chapter. The data structures presented here define objects and example parameters needed to define them. The parameters described are the most common for energy simulation engines. Other parameters or data constructs are acceptable; however, the fields used by the simulation program must be mapped to the fields used by the building descriptor.

3.11.1 Schedule

This data structure provides information on how equipment, people, lights, or other building items are operated hourly to best represent overall building utilization and availability. The ultimate construct of a schedule is an hourly time series for the simulation period, typically 8,760 hours (365 days, 24 hours per day). However, software has often built up the hourly schedule from 24-hour schedules for different day types: weekdays, Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, design conditions etc.

There are several types of schedules:

a. **Temperature** schedules specify a temperature to be maintained in a space, a temperature to be delivered from an air handler, or the leaving temperature from a chiller or other equipment.

b. **Fraction** schedules specify the fraction of lights that are on, the fraction of people that are in the space, the fraction of maximum infiltration, lighting controls or other factors.

c. **On/off** schedules specify when equipment is operating, damper operation (open/closed based on occupancy) or when infiltration is occurring.

d. **Time period** schedules define periods of time for equipment sequencing, utility tariffs, etc. A time period schedule typically breaks the year in to two or more seasons. For each season, day types are identified such as weekday, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays. Each day type in each season is then divided into time periods.

e. **Flag Schedules accept a flag of any value.** The flag value must exactly match a comparison criterion for the component to be active. For example, for cogeneration systems, a flag schedule could be created to indicate what a cogeneration system should track. A flag value of 1 could mean that the cogeneration equipment should track electric load, a value of 2 could mean track the thermal load, 3 could mean the lesser of the electric or thermal loa**d, etc.**

3.11.2 Holidays

A series of dates defining holidays for the simulation period. Dates identified are operated for the schedule specified for holidays.

3.11.3 Surface Geometry

This data structure represents the location, size, and position of a surface. Surfaces include roofs, walls, floors, and partitions. Surfaces are typically planar and can be represented in various manners, including the following:

- Rectangular surfaces may be represented by a height and width along with the X, Y, and Z of surface origin and the tilt and azimuth
- Surfaces may also be represented by a series of vertices (X, Y, and Z coordinates defining the vertices of a surface). More complex polygons may be represented in this manner.

3.11.4 Opening Geometry

This data structure represents the location and size of an opening within a surface. The most common method of specifying the geometry of an opening is to identify the parent surface, the height and width of the opening, and the horizontal and vertical offset (X and Y coordinates relative to the origin of the parent surface). An opening can also include a recess into the parent surface, which provides shading. However, other geometric constructs are acceptable.

3.11.5 Shading Devices

This data structure describes the dimensions and position of external shading devices such as overhangs, side fins, or louvers that shade the building. Overhangs are specified in terms of the projection distance, height above the opening, and extension distance on each side of the opening.

3.11.6 Construction Assembly

This data structure describes the layers that make up the construction of a wall, roof, floor, or partition. Typically, a construction consists of a sequence of materials, described from the outside surface to the inside surface.

3.11.7 Fenestration Construction

This data structure describes the frame, glass, air gap and other components of a window or skylight. Information may be defined in multiple ways, but the criteria themselves are published as a combination of U-factor, solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC), and visible light transmission (VT) for the installed fenestration assembly. Some simulation programs use more detailed methods of describing the performance of fenestration that take into account the angle of incidence of sun striking the fenestration and other factors, such as the properties of each pane and the fill. Some simulation programs only use whole window performance properties (U-factor, SHGC, VT).

3.11.8 Material

This data structure describes a material that is used to build up a construction assembly. Typical material properties include specific heat, density, conductivity, and thickness. Materials can also be described in terms of their thermal resistance. The latter approach is sometimes used to approximate construction layers that are not homogeneous, such as framing members in combination with cavity insulation. Material properties may include emissivity, reflectivity, and roughness. The first two govern radiation exchange from the surface, while the latter governs the magnitude of the exterior air film resistance. Fenestration material might include additional properties for transmittance and reflectance.

3.11.9 Slab Construction

This data structure describes the composition of a slab-on-grade. The model has building descriptors for the perimeter length and the F-factor, which represents the heat loss per lineal foot.

3.11.10 Occupant Heat Rate

This data structure represents the rate of heat and moisture generated by building occupants. This is typically specified in terms of a sensible heat rate and a latent heat rate. Both are specified in Btu/h.

3.11.11 Furniture and Contents

This data structure represents the thermal mass effect of furniture and other building contents. This is expressed in terms of lb/ft^2 for the space in question.

3.11.12 Reference Position in a Space

This data structure locates a reference point in a space, typically for the purposes of daylighting control. The typical construct for the reference point is a set of coordinates (X, Y, and Z) relative to the space coordinate system.

3.11.13 Two Dimensional Curve

This data structure explains one parameter in terms of another. An example is a curve that modifies the efficiency of an air conditioner relative to the fraction of time that the equipment operates within the period of an hour, for example. The relationship can be expressed in terms of the X and Y coordinates of points on the curve or it can be expressed as an equation.

3.11.14 Three-Dimensional Curve

This data structure explains one parameter in terms of two others. An example is a curve that modifies the efficiency of an air conditioner relative to the outside air dry-bulb temperature and the wet-bulb temperature of air returning to the coil. The relationship is a three-dimensional surface and can be expressed in terms of the X and Y coordinates of points on the curve or it can be expressed as an equation.

4.0 Energy Price Data

Annual energy costs shall be determined using either actual rates of purchased energy or the state average energy prices published by the Energy Information Administration (EIA). Rates from different sources cannot be mixed for the same project.

Currency	
Applicability	All projects
Definition	The currency used to compare the proposed design and the baseline building
Units	List: Custom Energy Costs, Default State Average Energy Costs
Input Restrictions	The default is state average energy costs as published by the EIA
Baseline Building	Same as the proposed design

4.1 State Average Energy Costs

The building descriptors specified below are used when the currency type is Default State Average Energy Costs.

State Average Electric Utility Rates	
Applicability	When Currency (see above) is "state average energy costs"
Definition	The state average electricity prices are published by DOE's EIA for commercial building customers
Units	$/kWh
Input Restrictions	The energy prices are prescribed and cannot be overwritten
Baseline Building	The baseline building shall use the same utility rate as the proposed design

State Average Natural Gas Utility Rates	
Applicability	When Currency (see above) is "state average energy costs"
Definition	The utility rates for natural gas delivered to the building. The state average gas prices are published by EIA for commercial building customers.
Units	$/therm
Input Restrictions	The energy prices are prescribed and cannot be overwritten
Baseline Building	The baseline building shall use the same utility rate as the proposed design

State Average Oil Utility Rates	
Applicability	When Currency (see above) is "state average energy costs"
Definition	The utility rates for oil delivered to the building. The state average gas prices are published by EIA for commercial building customers.
Units	Data structure
Input Restrictions	The energy prices are prescribed and cannot be overwritten
Baseline Building	The baseline building shall use the same utility rate as the proposed design

4.2 Custom Energy Costs

For more detailed analysis of utility rates, the sections below may be used. This section defines the approach for using tariffs, specifying energy and demand charges, ratchets, etc.

4.2.1 Utility Costs: Tariffs

This object can be used to define the name of the tariff, the type of tariff, and other details about the overall tariff.

Tariff Name	
Applicability	All projects using custom utility rates
Definition	A unique identifier for the tariff being calculated. The name is used in identifying the output results and in associating all of the charges and other objects that make up a tariff.
Units	Text
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Tariff Meter

Applicability	All projects using custom utility rates
Definition	Specifies the type of meter the tariff will accept to calculate energy used or demand: • Electricity: Specifies that the meter (s) will be electric. • Gas: Specifies that the meter(s) will be natural gas. • Gasoline: Specifies that the meter(s) will be gasoline. • Diesel: Specifies that the meter(s) will be diesel. • Coal: Specifies that the meter(s) will be coal. • FUEL-OIL#1: Specifies that the meter(s) will be fuel oil #1. • FUEL-OIL#2: Specifies that the meter(s) will be fuel oil #2. • Propane: Specifies that the meter(s) will be propane. • Steam: Specifies that the meter(s) will be steam. • District Heating: Specifies that the meter(s) will be purchased hot water. • District Cooling: Specifies that the meter(s) will be purchased chilled water. • Electricity Purchased: Specifies that the meter(s) will be purchased electricity. This meter is quantity of electricity purchased from the utility and is always positive. • Electricity Surplus Sold: Specifies that the meter(s) will be the surplus electricity sold to the grid. This meter is the excess electricity produced and sent out to the electrical grid. This value is always positive and indicates the surplus electricity from generation that exceeds whole building demand and fed into the grid. • Electricity Net Purchased: This meter is the net electricity purchased from the utility. This value can be either positive or negative. Positive values are defined as electricity purchased from the utility. Negative values are defined as surplus electricity fed back into the grid.
Units	List of all the output meters mentioned above
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Net Metering Option

Applicability	All projects using custom utility rates
Definition	This input sets whether the specified tariff is used for buying, selling or both to the utility. The choices are: • Buy From Utility: The values from the metered variable are used and are shown as being purchases from the utility. The corresponding meter for this option should be specified as "Electricity Purchased." • Sell To Utility: The values from the metered variable are used for a "sell back" rate to the utility. The charges in the rate should be expressed as negative values. The corresponding meter for this option should be specified as "Electricity Surplus Sold." • Net Metering: Negative values are used to reduce any positive values during the specific period on the tariff when negative values occur. The corresponding meter for this option should be specified as "Electricity Net Purchased."
Units	List: Buy From Utility, Sell To Utility, Net Metering
Input Restrictions	None. The default selection for this input is Buy From Utility.
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Conversion Factors

Applicability	All projects using custom utility rates

Definition

A choice that allows several different predefined conversion factors to be used. These multipliers are used to convert energy and/or demand into the units specified by the utility in their tariff.

- kWh
- Therm
- MMBtu
- Megajoule (MJ)
- KBtu
- Mil cubic feet (MCF)
- Centum cubic feet (CCF)

The following table shows the conversion factors for each of the units. The simulation results for energy use are in joules (J) and energy demand are in watts (W). The conversion factors specified below are used to convert energy and demand to the corresponding unit.

Choice	Energy Conversion Factor	Demand Conversion Factor
kWh	2.778E-07	0.001
Therm	9.48E-09	0.00003412
MMBtu	9.48E-10	0.000003412
MJ	0.000001	0.0036
KBtu	9.48E-07	0.003412
MCF	9.48E-10	0.000003412
CCF	9.48E-09	0.00003412

Units	List of the unit choice or user defined
Input Restrictions	One of the units defined in the list. If “User Defined” is selected, the corresponding energy and demand conversion factor needs to be provided.
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

4.2.2 Utility Costs: Charges

Utility charges can be energy charges or demand charges. Energy or demand charges can be either a fixed flat rate based on consumption or vary based on time of use (TOU) or season of use. Some utilities also follow real-time pricing where tariffs can change frequently. Also, with charges based on consumption, a utility may also charge a fixed monthly fee irrespective of energy use or energy demand. The descriptors in the section below describe each of these charges.

Tariff Variability

Applicability	All projects using custom utility rates
Definition	Tariffs can be defined as a flat rate, or vary by the TOU, season or a real-time pricing. The variance in tariff can be defined through one or more of the variables below. • Monthly This would be a flat monthly rate charged by the utility per customer. This is irrespective of energy use or energy demand. • Time of Use Period Schedule This schedule defines the time-of-use periods that occur each day. The different variables that can occur in a day are – Peak – Shoulder – Off-peak – Mid-peak Both energy and demand charges can be defined for each TOU period. • Seasonal Schedules • Utilities can also vary tariffs based on season. Tariffs can be defined for the following seasons – Winter – Spring – Summer – Autumn
Units	List: Monthly Charge, TOU Period Schedule, Seasonal Schedule
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Time of Use Period Schedule

Applicability	All projects using custom utility rates
Definition	Unique name of a yearly schedule that specifies the TOU type for the entire year. The schedule specifies months and times in a year billed as peak, shoulder, off-peak, or mid-peak. This schedule is used for all TOU energy billing. TOU demand charges are calculated using the block-charges input.
Units	Schedule name with TOU variables defined
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Seasonal Schedule

Applicability	All projects using custom utility rates
Definition	Unique name of a yearly schedule that specifies the season type for the entire year. The schedule specifies months in a year billed using winter, summer, autumn, or spring tariffs. This schedule is used for the billing of all seasonal energy and demand charges using the block charges input.
Units	Schedule name with seasonal variables defined
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Demand Window

Applicability	All projects using custom utility rates
Definition	The determination of demand can vary by utility. Some utilities use the peak instantaneous demand measured, but most use a 15-minute average demand or a 1-hour average demand. Some gas utilities measure demand as the use during the peak day or peak week. The choices for demand window are: • Quarter hour • Half hour • Full hour • Day • Week The value for demand window must coincide with the value for number of timesteps. This is explained in Section 3.2.6 of this manual.
Units	List: Quarter Hour, Half Hour, Full Hour, Day, Week
Input Restrictions	None. If no value is entered, Quarter Hour is assumed.
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Monthly Charge

Applicability	All projects using custom utility rates
Definition	Many utilities refer to this as a customer charge. This input accepts a list of 12 numeric values that add a fixed monthly charge to each billing cycle. If a single value is entered, the value will be used for all 12 billing periods.
Units	$/month
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Energy Charge: Simple

Applicability	All projects using custom utility rates
Definition	Energy charges are the charges associated with the energy use during a billing period. This input accepts a numeric value that allows specification of an energy charge that is constant with time and quantity, or a list of 12 values that allows the specification of an energy charge that is constant with quantity but may vary by billing period. Energy charges that vary with quantity are defined in the descriptor Block Charges.
Units	$/unit
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Demand Charge: Simple

Applicability	All projects using custom utility rates
Definition	Demand charges are the charges associated with the energy demand for the billing period. This input accepts either a single value that specifies a demand charge that is constant with time and quantity, or a list of 12 values that allows the specification a demand charge that is constant with quantity but may vary by billing period. The units are $/peak-unit. As few as one value may be entered in the list, which will be used for all months within the billing period. Demand charges that vary with the quantity of demand, are defined in the descriptor Block Charges.
Units	$/peak-unit
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Energy Charge: Block

Applicability	All projects using custom utility rates
Definition	Block charges define the energy charges that vary according to the amount of energy used. The time period over which a block energy charge is to be used needs to be defined. • For TOU energy charges, the time period can be off-peak, peak, shoulder, mid-peak. If no TOU rates apply, then the time period should be annual. • For seasonal energy charges, the time period can be summer, winter, autumn, or spring. If no seasonal rates apply, then the time period should be annual.
Units	List: For TOU energy charges, the options should be Annual, Off Peak, Peak, Mid-Peak, Shoulder. For seasonal energy changes, the options should be Annual, Summer, Winter, Autumn, Spring.
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Demand Charge: Block

Applicability	All projects using custom utility rates
Definition	Block charges defines the demand charges that vary according to the energy demand. The time period over which a block demand charge is to be used needs to be defined. • For TOU demand charges, the time period can be off-peak, peak, shoulder, or mid-peak. If no TOU rates apply, then the time period should be annual. • For Seasonal demand charges, the time period can be summer, winter, autumn, or spring. If no seasonal rates apply, then the time period should be annual.
Units	List: For TOU demand charges, the options should be Annual, Off Peak, Peak, Mid-Peak, Shoulder. For seasonal demand changes, the options should be Annual, Summer, Winter, Autumn, Spring.
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Block Charges: Limits

Applicability	All projects using custom utility rates
Definition	Block charges define the energy or demand charges that vary according to the amount used. The limits for the blocks need to be defined either in kW for demand charges or kWh for energy charges, along with the energy cost for each block.
Units	For demand charges: kW and $/kW for each of the block For energy charges: kWh and $/kW for each of the blocks Up to 15 blocks may be specified for each group.
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

4.2.3 Utility Costs: Ratchets

Ratchets allow the modeling of tariffs that include some type of seasonal ratcheting. Ratchets are most common when used with electric demand charges. A ratchet is when a utility requires that the demand charge for a month with a low demand may be increased to be more consistent with a month that set a higher demand charge.

The time period over which the ratchet is calculated is defined by inputs for “Season From” and “Season To.” Ratchets take the hourly metered values as calculated in the parent tariff and determine a peak quantity for each billing period. If a season is specified, the ratchet may compute the demand for a specific season, such as summer. In addition, the ratcheted demand may be adjusted by an offset or multiplied by a fraction. A value is calculated for each billing period for use in associated tariff and block-charge.

Ratchet Name

Applicability	All projects using custom utility rates
Definition	A unique identifier for the ratchet being defined calculated. The name is used in identifying the output results and in associating all of the charges and other objects that are affected by the ratchet. Along with the name of the ratchet, the associated tariff also needs to be specified.
Units	Text
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Season From

Applicability	All projects using custom utility rates
Definition	This input is the name of the season that is being examined. The maximum value for all of the months in the named season is what is used with the ratchet multiplier fraction and ratchet offset value. This is most commonly summer or annual.
Units	List: Summer, Winter, Spring, Autumn, Annual, Monthly This input also requires a descriptor for Seasonal Schedule that defines the months for each season
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Season To

Applicability	All projects using custom utility rates
Definition	This input is the name of the season that the ratchet applies to. This is most commonly winter or annual. The ratchet only applies to the months in the names season.
Units	List: Summer, Winter, Spring, Autumn, Annual, Monthly This input also requires a descriptor for Seasonal Schedule that defines the months for each season
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Ratchet Multiplier Fraction

Applicability	All projects using custom utility rates
Definition	This is the value by which the peak demand in the months defined under Season From are multiplied to calculate the minimum demand applicable to months defined under Season To. The higher of the actual month demand or this calculated value is used to specify the demand for the applicable month. If both ratchet multiplier and ratchet offset are defined, the multiplier is applied to the offset demand or energy value, which then determines the minimum demand or energy for a month.
Units	Text
Input Restrictions	None. Default is 1.
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

Ratchet Offset Value

Applicability	All projects using custom utility rates
Definition	An offset may be defined that can either be added (in case of a positive offset) or subtracted (in case of a negative offset) from the calculated demand. The demand offset value (in kW) needs to be defined, which would be applied to the peak demand. If both ratchet multiplier and ratchet offset are defined, the multiplier is applied to the offset demand or energy value, which then determines the minimum demand or energy for a month.
Units	Number
Input Restrictions	None
Baseline Building	Same as proposed

5.0 Reporting

This chapter summarizes the requisite content and format of the PRM-RM standard reports. The establishment of these standard reporting requirements will standardize the way energy modeling output data is presented to various rating authorities. By standardizing the reports, all rating authorities will be able to view the same building information and evaluate the project for certification, labeling, or tax credit. Section G1.3.2 requires that documentation is provided to the rating authority in a report that include the following:

a. The simulation program used, the version of the simulation program, and the results of the energy analysis, including the calculated values for baseline building unregulated energy cost (BBUEC), baseline building regulated energy cost (BBREC), building performance factor (BPF), baseline building performance, the proposed building performance, Performance Cost Index (PCI), and Performance Cost Index Target (PCIt).

b. An overview of the project that includes the number of stories (above and below grade), the typical floor size, the uses in the building (e.g., office, cafeteria, retail, parking, etc.), the gross area of each use, and whether each use is conditioned space.

c. A list of the energy-related features that are included in the design and on which the performance rating is based. This list shall document all energy features that differ between the models used in the baseline building performance and proposed building performance calculations.

d. A list showing compliance for the proposed design with all the requirements of Sections 5.4, 6.4, 7.4, 8.4, 9.4, and 10.4 (mandatory provisions).

e. A list identifying those aspects of the proposed design that are less stringent than the requirements of Sections 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, and 9.5 (prescriptive provisions).

f. A list identifying those aspects of the proposed design that are more stringent than the requirements of Sections 5 through 10.

g. A table with a summary by end use of the proposed building performance and baseline building performance, with each end use separated into regulated and unregulated components.

h. A site plan showing all adjacent buildings and topography that may shade the proposed building (with estimated height or number of stories).

i. Building elevations and floor plans.

j. A diagram showing the thermal blocks used in the computer simulation.

k. An explanation of any significant modeling assumptions.

l. Backup calculations and material to support data inputs (e.g., U-factors for building envelope assemblies, NFRC ratings for fenestration, end-uses identified in Table G3.1(1)(a).

m. Reports from the simulation program showing a breakdown of energy use by at least the following components: lights, internal equipment loads, service water-heating equipment, space-heating equipment, space-cooling and heat rejection equipment, fans, and other HVAC equipment (such as pumps); the amount of unmet load hours for both the proposed design and baseline building design; and a description of energy-related features of the budget building design and the proposed design to sup- port requirements of Section G1.3.2(c).

n. Purchased energy rates used in the simulations.

o. An explanation of any error messages noted in the simulation program output.

p. For any exceptional calculation methods employed, document the predicted energy savings by energy type, the energy cost savings, a narrative explaining the exceptional calculation method performed, and theoretical or empirical information supporting the accuracy of the method.

q. The reduction in proposed building performance associated with on-site renewable energy.

r. The version of the software and the link to the website that contains the ASHRAE Standard 140 results for the version used in accordance with Section G2.2.4.

s. Simulation input files for the budget building design and the proposed design shall be made available if requested by the building official.

PNNL and Karpman Consulting have developed compliance forms and an associated review manual that meets the documentation requirements listed above.

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