

HVAC SIZING AND DESIGN PRINCIPLES

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- Organization/company
- How long have you been in the design, construction, contractor or enforcement industry?



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Identify code requirements regarding sizing, design, and selection of HVAC equipment and ducts
- Explain how the ACCA Manual J, S and D load calculation standards are used to determine appropriate sizing and design of ducts and HVAC equipment
- Describe the role the HVAC system plays in moisture control and the effect excessive moisture has on building durability and occupant comfort and health
- Define sensible and latent heat
- Review a completed load calculation printout for common errors and intentional inputs of incorrect data and identify examples of such errors
- Compare installed HVAC and duct systems to outputs of Manual J, S, and D to verify proper sizing and design
- Describe the consequences of improperly sized HVAC systems

AGENDA

Morning:

1. Introduction
2. The systems approach
3. HVAC Overview

LUNCH

Afternoon:

- How HVAC systems are sized & selected
- Distribution
- Practical applications



Please set phones to silent!
We will have breaks!

THE SYSTEMS APPROACH

A house is a system made up of interrelated parts:

- The building envelope
- Heating & cooling
- Ventilation (controlled)
- Water heating & distribution
- Lighting & appliances

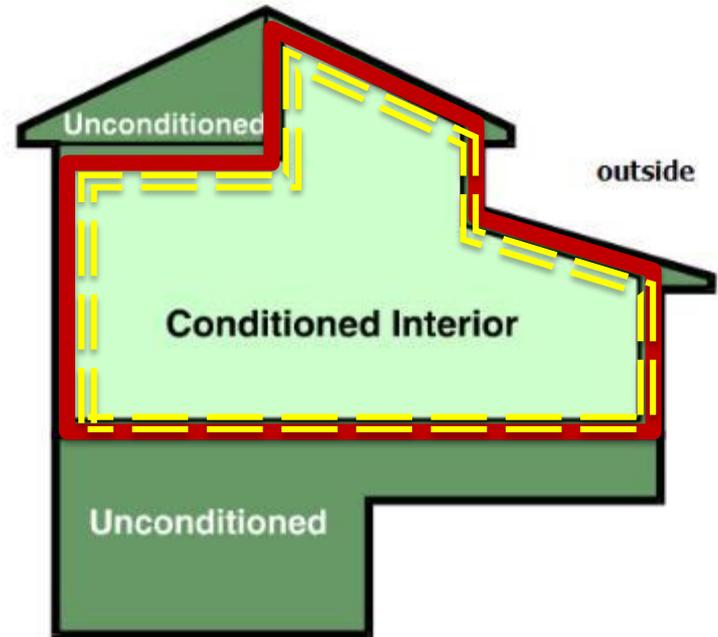


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THE BUILDING ENVELOPE

Building Thermal Envelope

- Continuous Air Barrier (Pressure Boundary)
- Complete Insulation Coverage (Thermal Boundary)

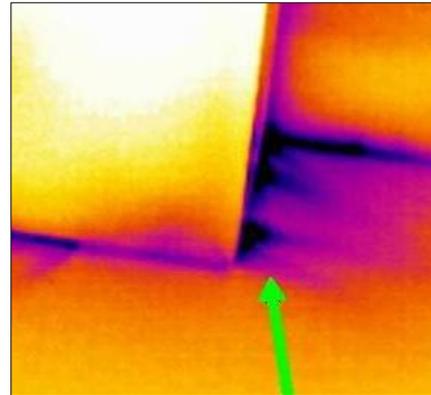
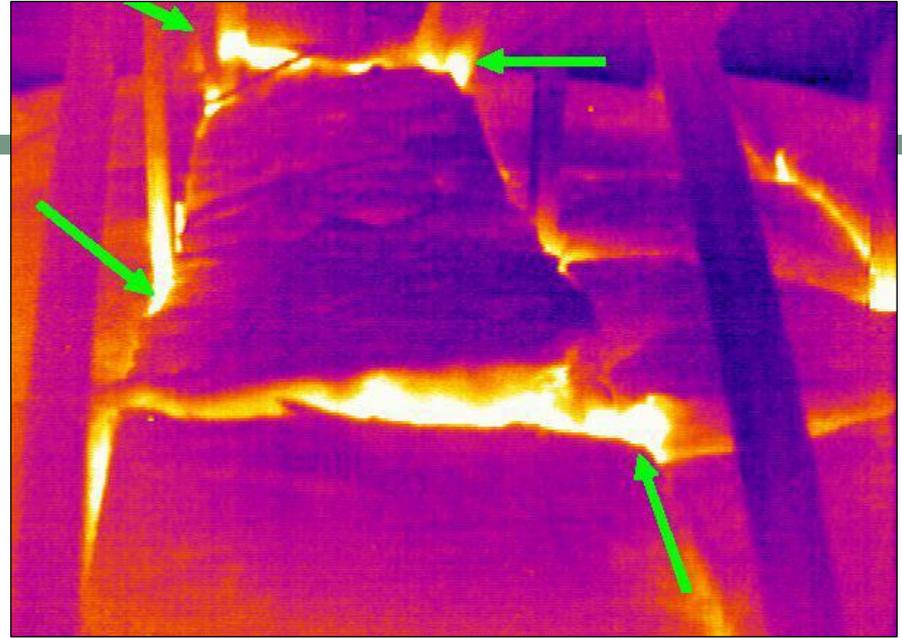


Thermal and Pressure Boundaries
Make up the Building Envelope

HOUSES ARE SYSTEMS

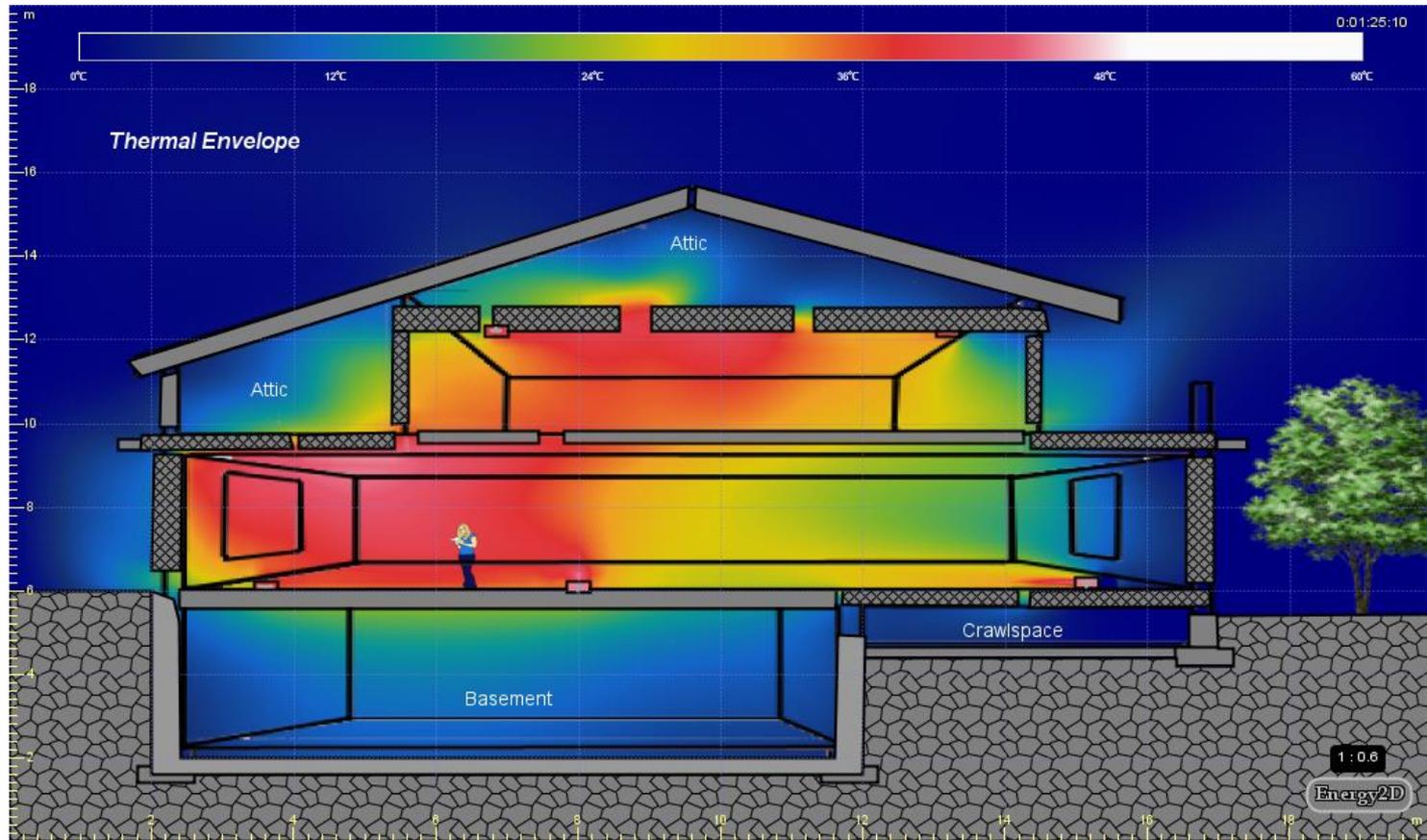
How do the following factors affect the performance of the HVAC system?

- Air tightness of building envelope
- Insulation installation
- Lighting & appliances
- Others?



**KY code requires 50% high efficacy lighting*

HOUSES ARE SYSTEMS



HVAC effectiveness is affected by other building components!

QUALITY COUNTS!

Improper HVAC design & installation can severely affect home performance!



- Poor comfort
- High energy consumption & cost
- Unhealthy IAQ
- Equipment & building durability
- Combustion safety

THE FUTURE IS NOW!

Proper design and installation are becoming increasingly important as standards & technology become more advanced



- Codes require envelope & duct sealing measures
- Sophisticated equipment choices require knowledgeable design & installation

HVAC OVERVIEW

- Purpose
- Function
- Design (sizing)



PURPOSE



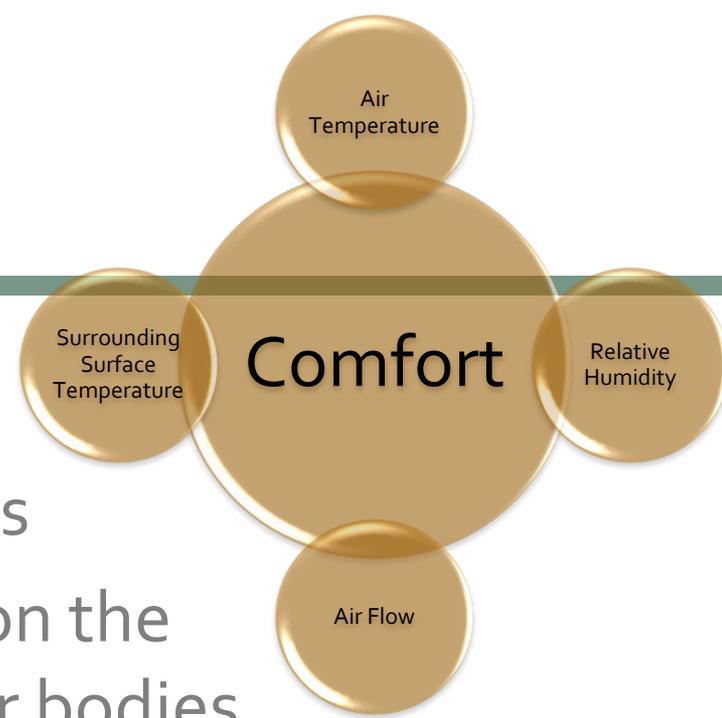
The purpose of the HVAC system is to provide the occupants with a comfortable & healthy living environment

- It does more than just control air temperature
- It also provides moisture control
- Controlling relative humidity is important for comfort, IAQ, and building durability

MOISTURE AND COMFORT

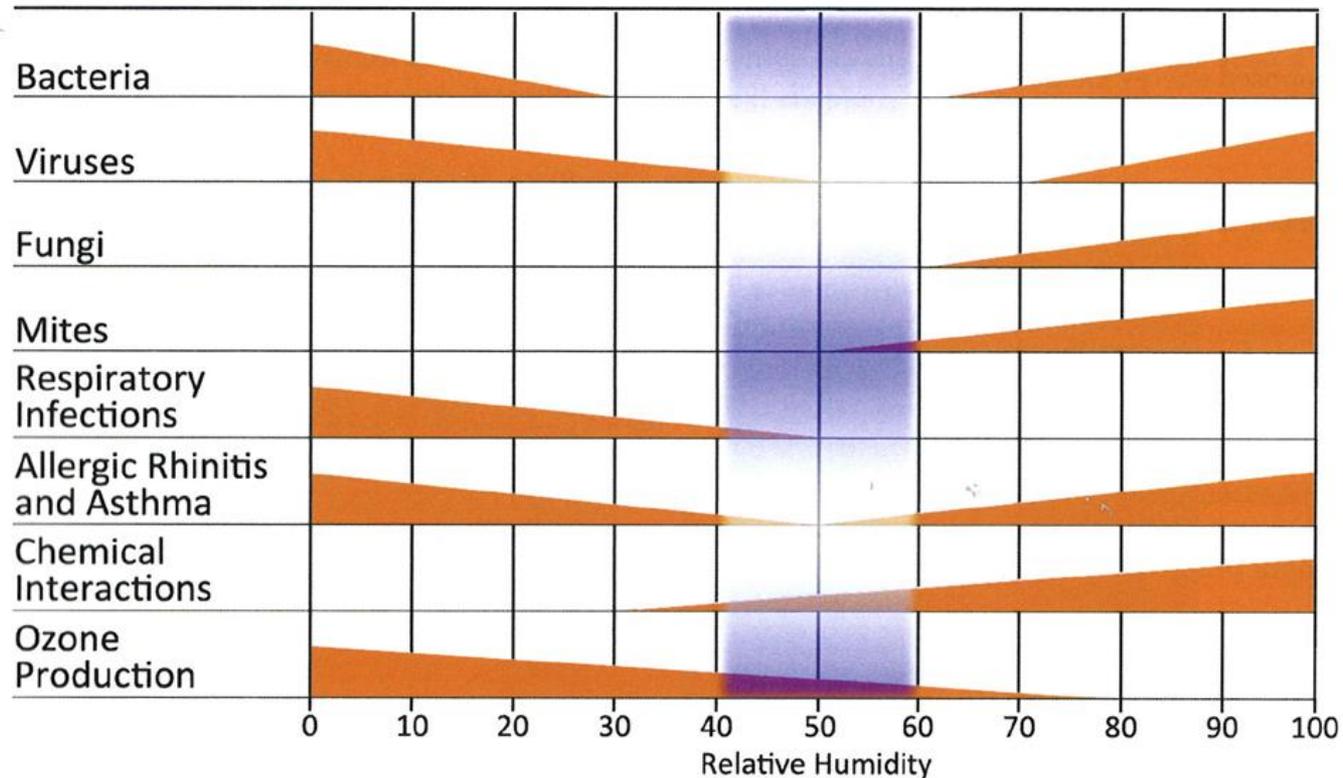
Human Thermal Comfort:

- Humans make poor thermometers
- Our sense of hot or cold is based on the rate heat is leaving or entering our bodies
- This is affected by a variety of factors – not just ambient air temperature
- Since we regulate our body temperature by perspiration, our comfort level is affected by the moisture level in the air around us



MOISTURE AND INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Relative humidity levels have a significant impact on a variety of IAQ issues



Indoor air quality issues occur at high and low relative humidity; optimum range is 40%-60%.

Source: BPI Building Science Principles Reference Guide

VENTILATION – THE “V” IN HVAC



- HVAC is not just heating & cooling
- Spot ventilation is used primarily to remove moisture & pollutants at the source
- Whole house ventilation is used to ensure occupants have fresh air provided in a controlled manner
- Air exchanges through leaks are irregular, ineffective, inefficient, and unhealthy!

VENTILATION

- Mechanical ventilation is required by code if the tightness of the home is <5 ACH₅₀
- Ventilation should be sized to comply with table in code

| DWELLING UNIT FLOOR AREA (square feet) | NUMBER OF BEDROOMS | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| | 0 - 1 | 2 - 3 | 4 - 5 | 6 - 7 | > 7 |
| | Airflow in CFM | | | | |
| < 1,500 | 30 | 45 | 60 | 75 | 90 |
| 1,501 - 3,000 | 45 | 60 | 75 | 90 | 105 |
| 3,001 - 4,500 | 60 | 75 | 90 | 105 | 120 |
| 4,501 - 6,000 | 75 | 90 | 105 | 120 | 135 |
| 6,001 - 7,500 | 90 | 105 | 120 | 135 | 150 |
| > 7,500 | 105 | 120 | 135 | 150 | 165 |

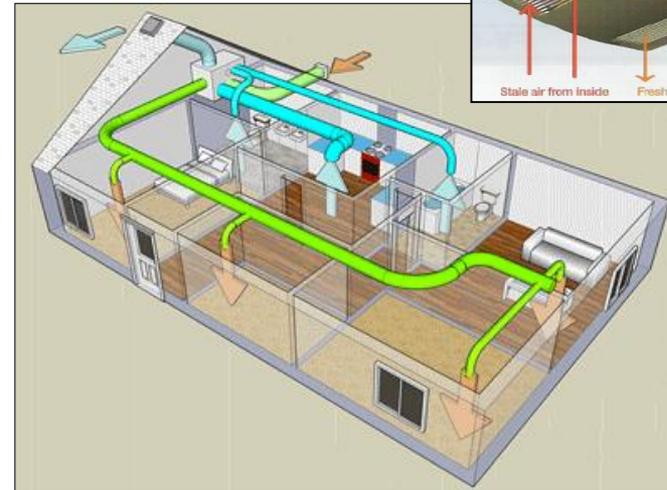
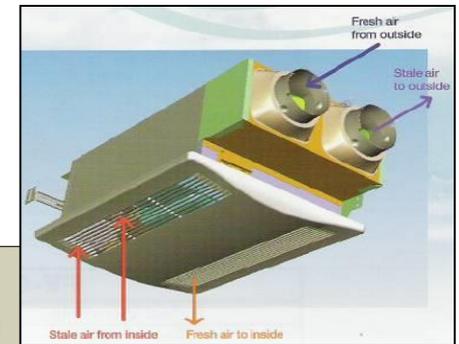
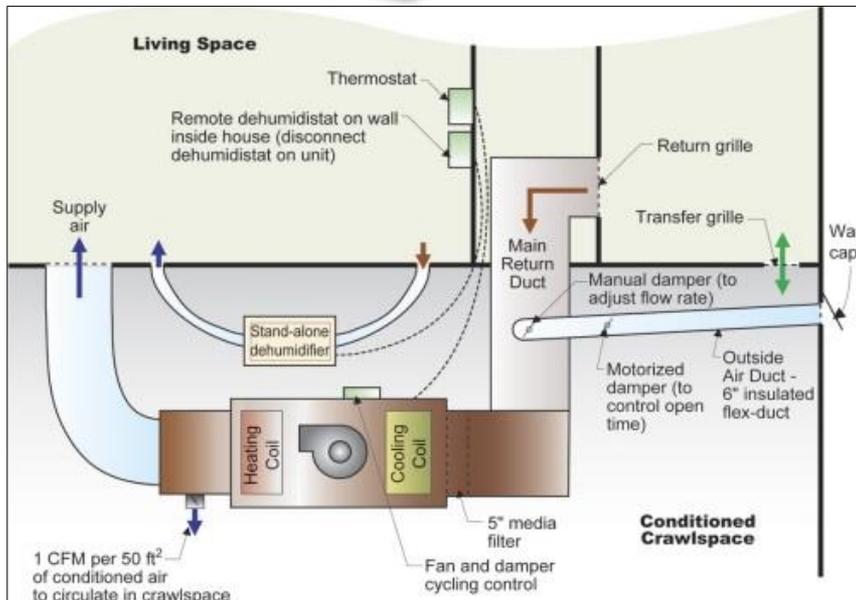
TABLE M1507.3.3(1) CONTINUOUS WHOLE-HOUSE MECHANICAL VENTILATION SYSTEM AIRFLOW RATE REQUIREMENTS

TYPES OF WHOLE HOUSE VENTILATION



There are a variety of whole house ventilation strategies:

- Exhaust only
- Supply only
- Balanced



FUNCTION – HEATING & COOLING

- There are a variety of types of heating and cooling systems
- We will focus on forced air ducted systems
- Furnaces & heat pumps essentially replace heat that is lost across the building envelope
- Air conditioning removes heat & moisture (sensible & latent)



HOW AIR CONDITIONING REMOVES MOISTURE



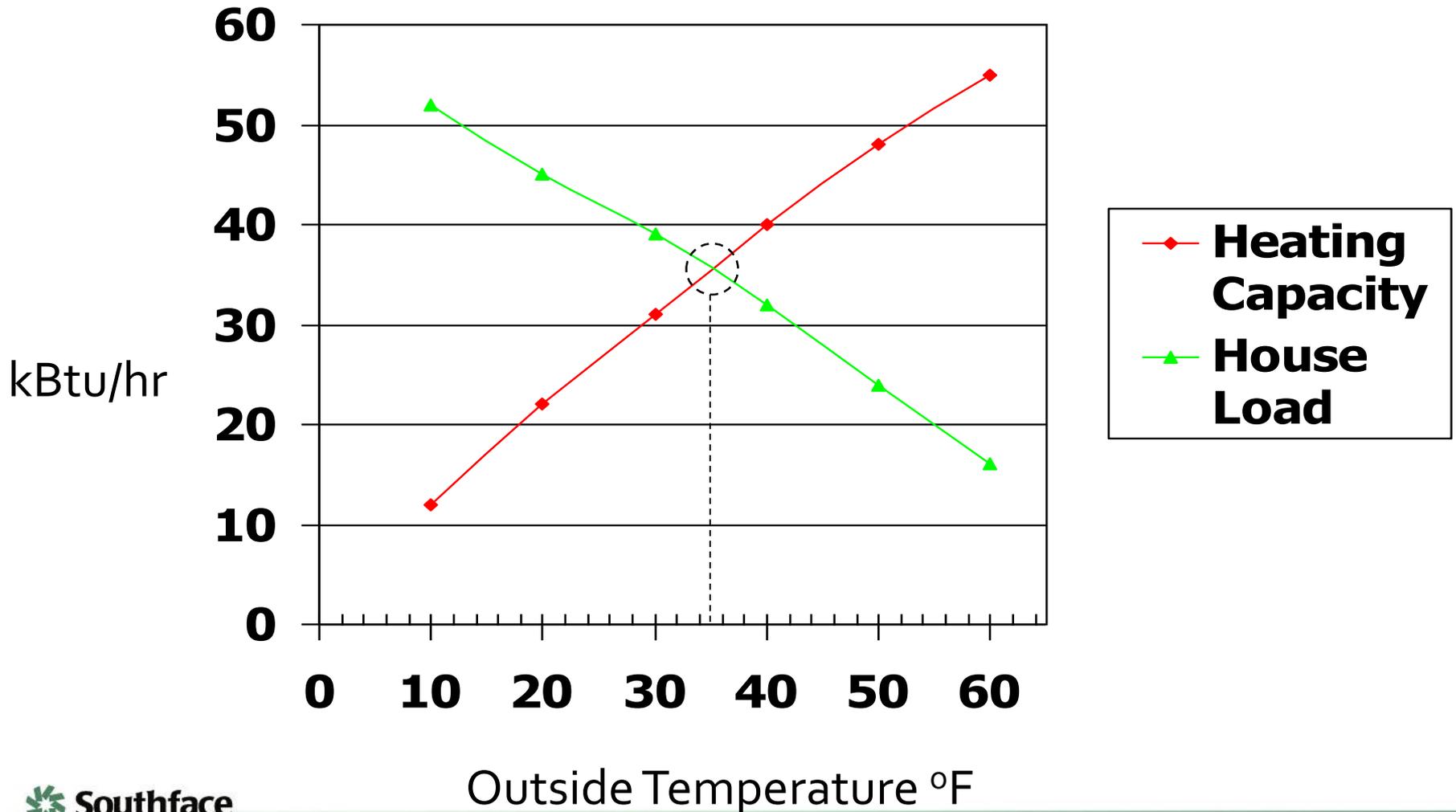
- Warm humid indoor air is blown across a cold coil
- Water vapor in the air condenses on the coil, collects, then exits the home through the condensate line
- This process takes time
- Oversized systems reach the thermostat set point before moisture is removed from home

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5jQgmaFKOE>

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HEAT PUMP BALANCE POINT

The temperature at which the heat pump can deliver exactly the same amount of Btu's that the house is losing

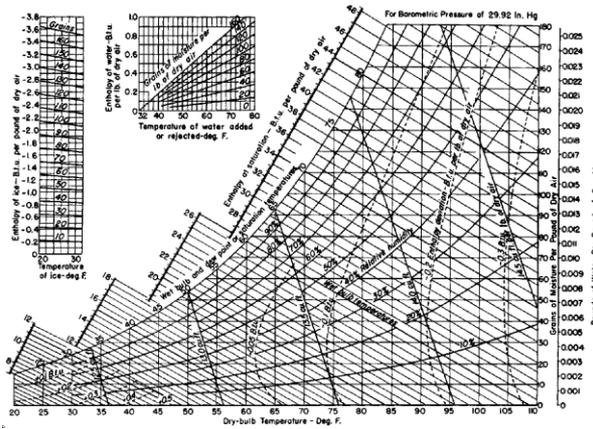


TYPES OF COOLING LOAD

Sensible Load



Latent Load



Total = Sensible + Latent



Certificate of Product Ratings

AHRI Certified Reference Number: 3251832 Date: 3/9/2011

Product: Split System: Air-Cooled Condensing Unit, Coil with Blower

Outdoor Unit Model Number: 24ABB442(A,W)30

Indoor Unit Model Number: CNPH*4221A**

Furnace Model Number: 58CV(A,X)070-12

Manufacturer: CARRIER AIR CONDITIONING

Trade/Brand name: BASE 14 PURON AC

Manufacturer responsible for the rating of this system combination is CARRIER AIR CONDITIONING

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**Indoor/Outdoor
Coil Match!**

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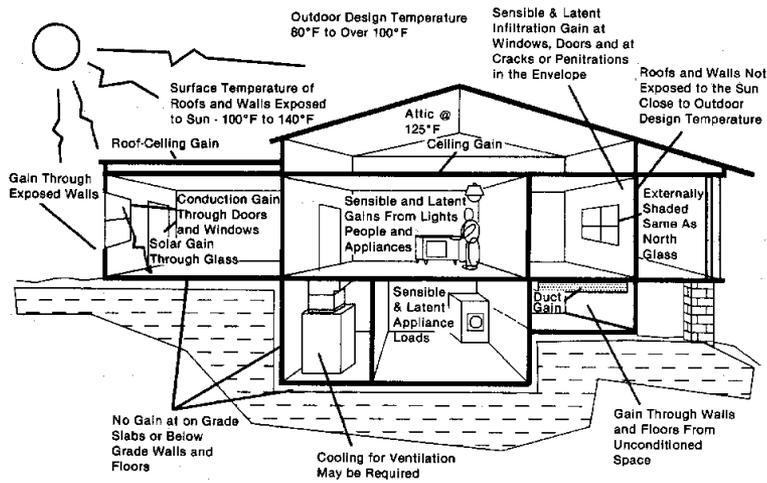
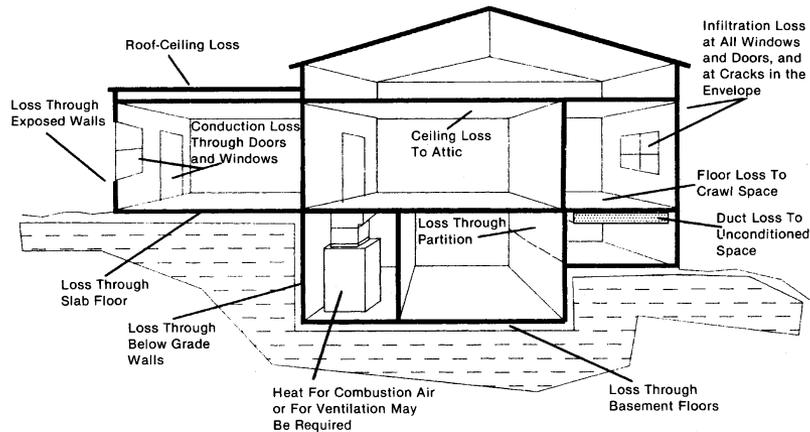
HVAC AND MOISTURE

It's Not the Heat, It's The Humidity..

| Atlanta, GA | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|-------|-------|------------|-------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| Bin Temperature | 70-75 | 75-80 | 80-85 | 85-90 | 90-95 | 95-100 | 100-105 | 105-110 | Total | |
| # of Hours of Occurrence | 1188 | 880 | 620 | 361 | 172 | 23 | 2 | 0 | 3246 | |
| | 37% | 27% | 19% | 11% | 5% | 1% | 0% | 0% | | |
| | 83% | | | 17% | | | | | | |
| Manual J Design, Load based on Temperature | | | | | 92° | 99 | gr/lb | | | |
| ASHRAE Humidity Design, Load based on Moisture | | | | | 82° | 133 | gr/lb | | | |
| Approximate Extra Moisture Added per 100 CFM Of O.S.A. | | | | | 3.9 | pts/hr | or | 93.9 | pts/day | |



HVAC EQUIPMENT SIZING



Source: ACCA Manual J (2011)
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- Systems are sized in order to best fulfill their function
- Heating is sized at a rate to replace lost BTUs
 - AC sized for both sensible & latent
 - Climate is important (design temps)

HAZARDS OF IMPROPER SIZING

Improper sizing can create a variety of problems
This is especially important for air conditioning!



Tendency to oversize AC results in:

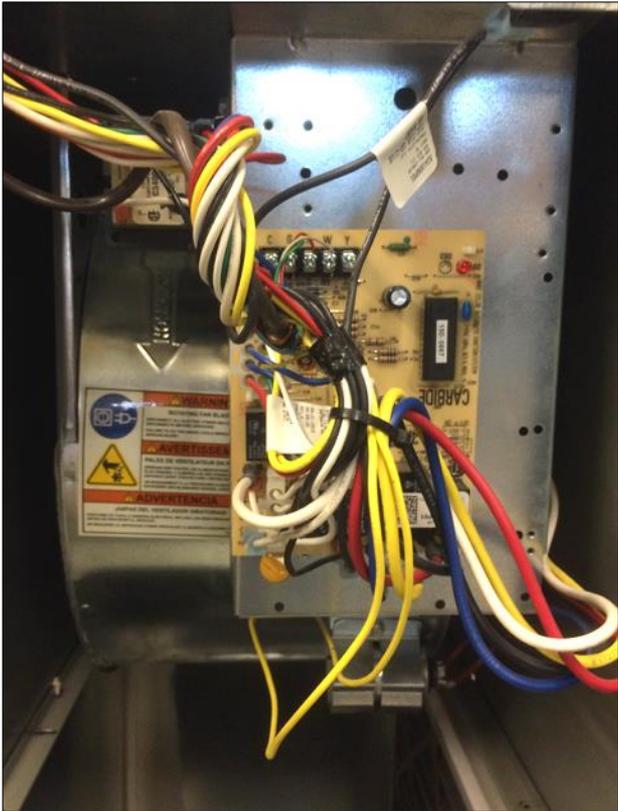
- Ineffective moisture removal
- Poor comfort
- IAQ concerns
- Durability issues



Heating:

- Too small – poor comfort
- Too big – short cycling

SYSTEM AIRFLOW



Proper system airflow rates are essential for effective HVAC performance

- Too fast – poor comfort & ineffective moisture removal
- Too slow – poor comfort and equipment issues

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Variable speed systems:

- Provide effective strategies for consistent performance
- But performance can be compromised by poor duct design, sizing & installation (also filters)
- Proper design & installation is essential for advanced equipment



HVAC SIZING & SELECTION PROCESS

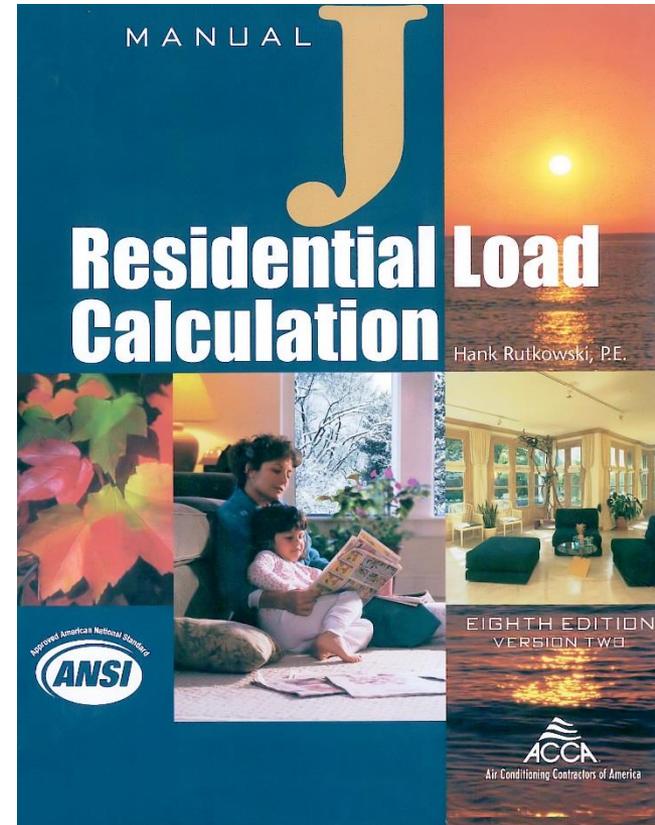
ACCA Manual J & S are the code required methods used to size and select heating & cooling equipment

- Manual J – used to determine heating & cooling loads of home
- Manual S – used to select equipment based upon Manual J



ACCA MANUAL J

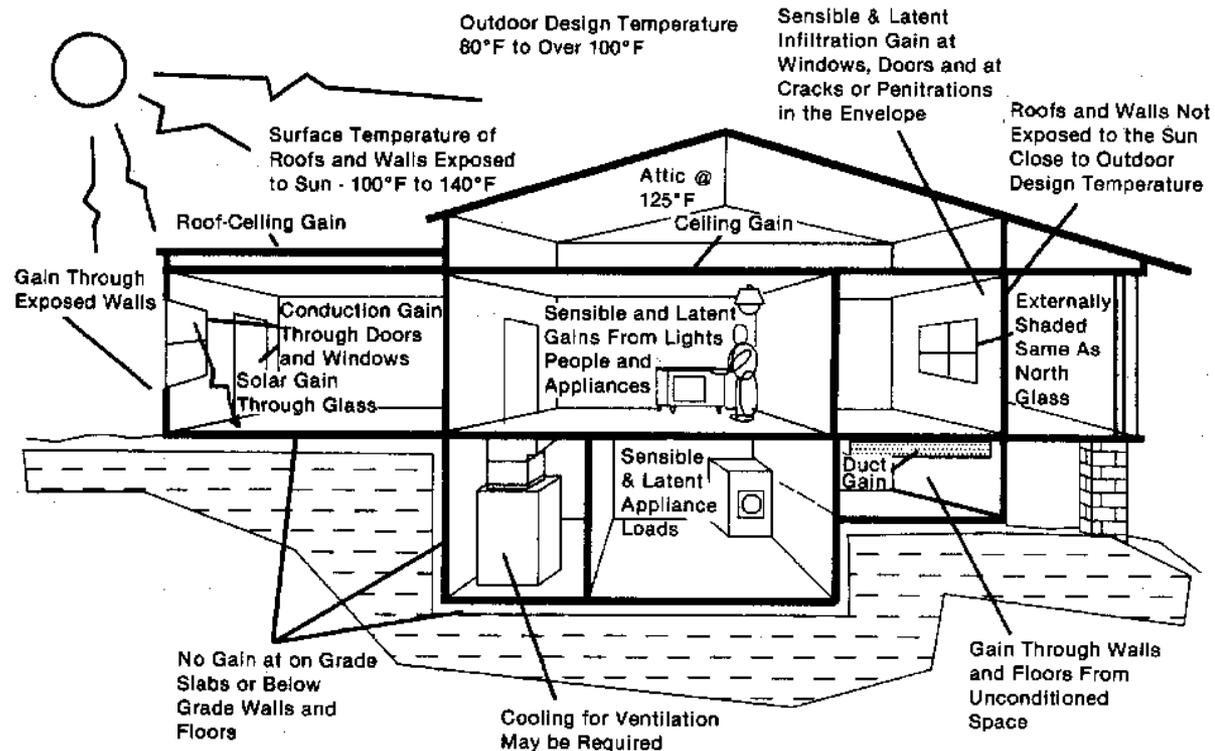
- Required by code
- Determines heating and cooling loads (room by room for new construction)
- Necessary for selection, but not intended to be solely used for such



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HOW DOES MANUAL J WORK?

- Location
- Orientation
- Envelope
- Duct & envelope tightness
- Internal gains



Source: ACCA Manual J (2011)

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LOAD CALCULATION PROCESS

- Select Design Conditions
 - Weather location
 - Indoor conditions
- Fill out Building Description
 - Building Type
 - Construction Materials
 - Construction Tightness

LOAD CALCULATION PROCESS

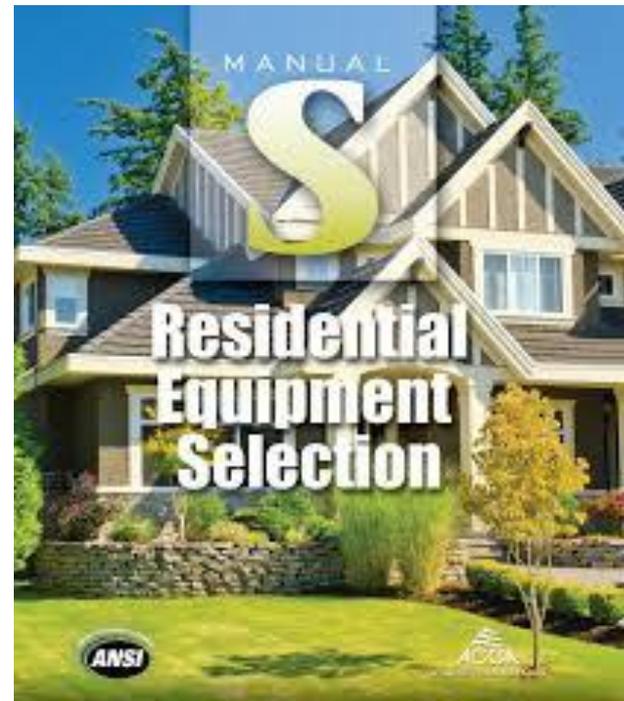
- Choose System Type
 - Example: Split system AC with gas furnace
 - May be generic or specific systems
- Select Distribution Preferences
 - Duct Materials
 - Registers, register locations

LOAD CALCULATION PROCESS

- Draw the room-by room floor plan
 - As this is completed, the software generates the load calculation
- Select equipment type
 - Choose type of system: split AC with furnace, heat pump, etc.
- Draw ducts
 - Select basic layout (e.g. trunk and branch or radial)
- Generate report

ACCA MANUAL S

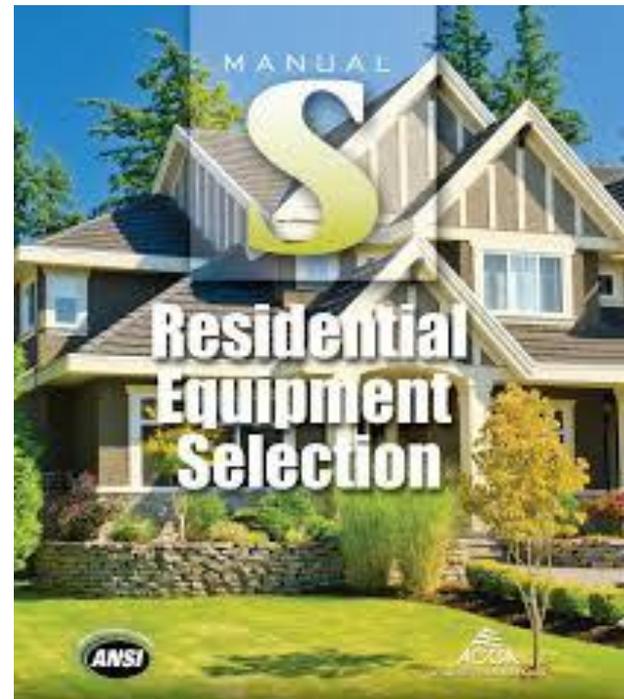
- Required by code (2012 IRC)
- Uses load information from Manual J to select equipment



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ACCA MANUAL S - SIMPLIFIED

- Heating
 - Between 100% - 140% capacity of Manual J
- Cooling
 - Equipment must meet both sensible & latent heat loads
 - No greater than 115% of specified size or next nominal size



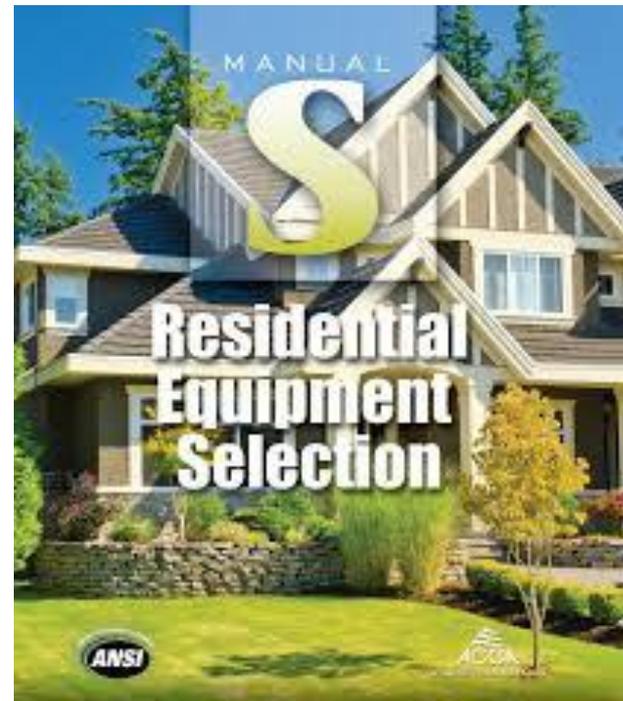
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ACCA MANUAL S – DIGGING DEEPER

The actual capacity of air conditioning equipment depends upon:

- Outdoor temperature
- Indoor temperature
- Indoor humidity
- System airflow

Actual capacity may differ from equipment data plate!



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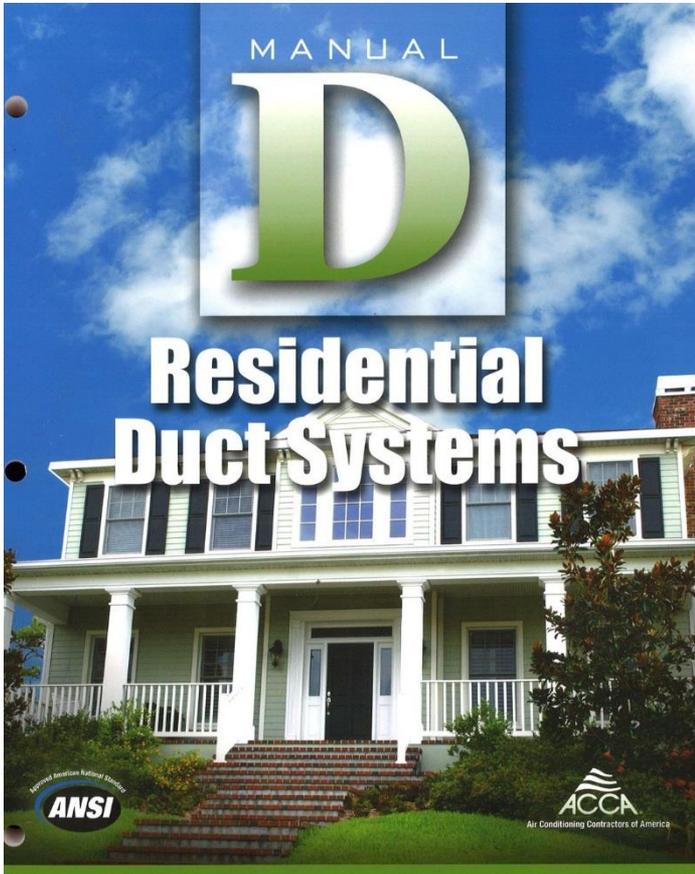
ACCA Manual S is necessary to properly select equipment based upon local conditions!

DISTRIBUTION

- Duct design (Manual D)
- Installation

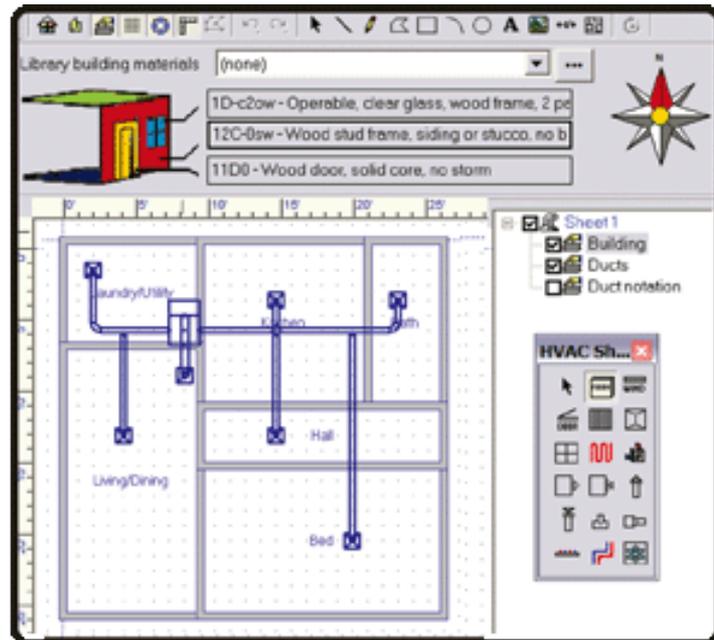


ACCA MANUAL D

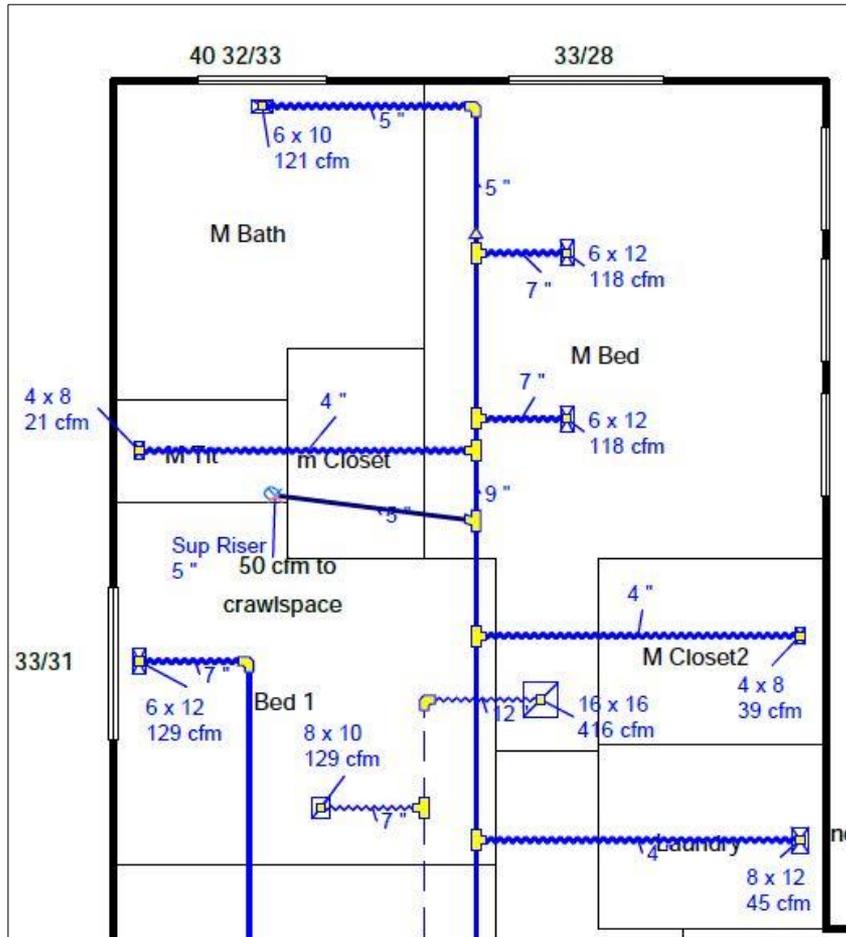


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- Used to design duct system
- Duct layout
- Duct diameters & cfm



FLOW TESTING



- Each room has a specific airflow requirement
- Flow rates should be field verified (best practice)



DUCT SEALING IS CRITICAL!

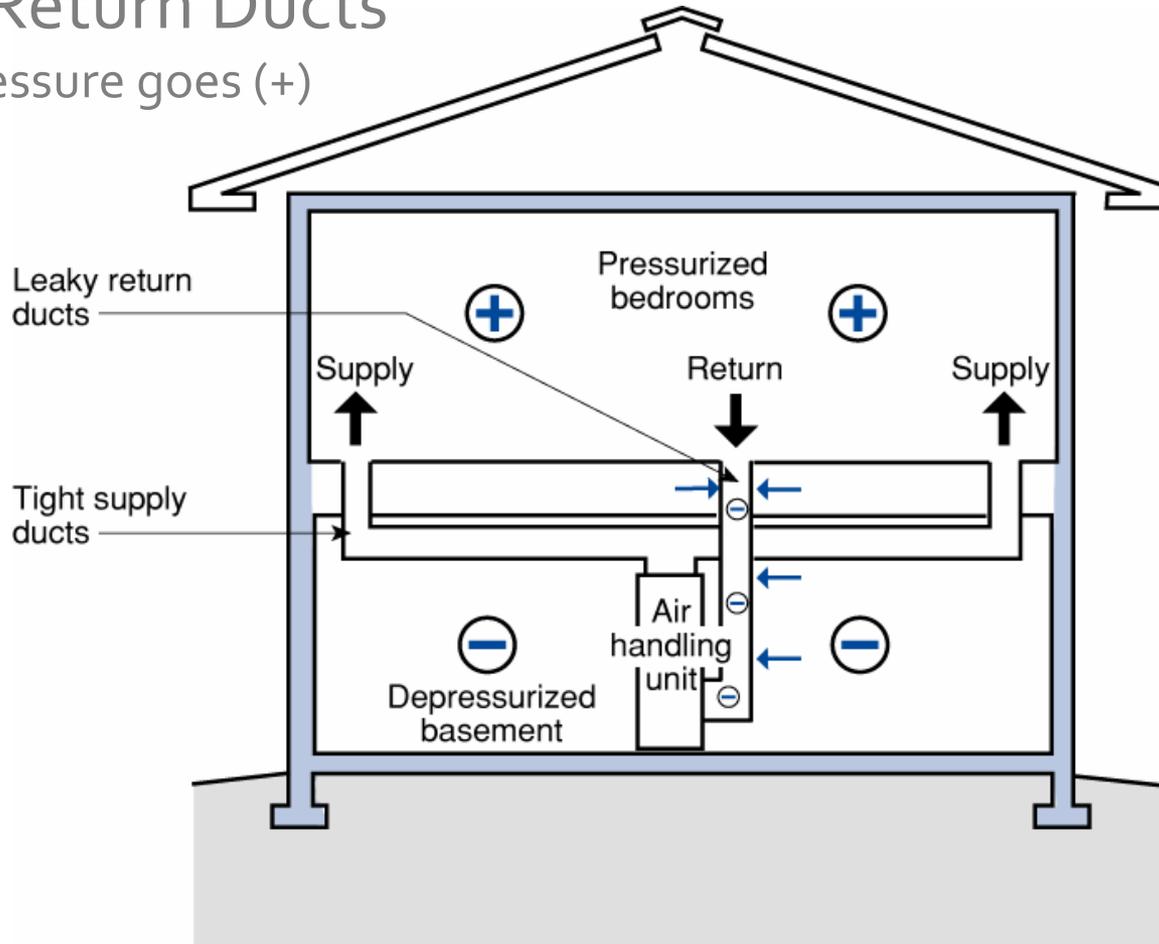
- Duct sealing & testing are required by code
- Ducts should be sealed regardless of location
- Mastic is the preferred material for sealing



DUCT LEAKAGE & HOUSE PRESSURE

Leaky Return Ducts

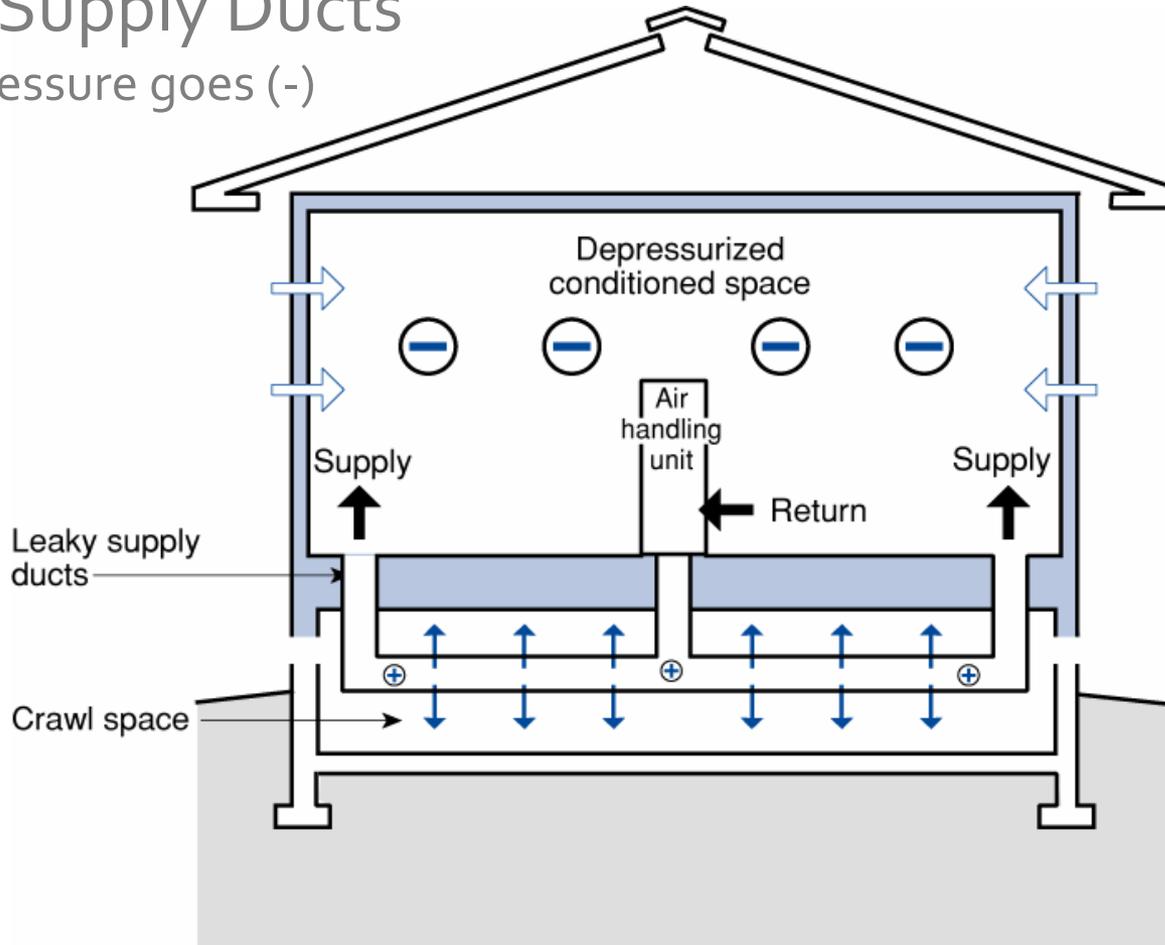
House pressure goes (+)



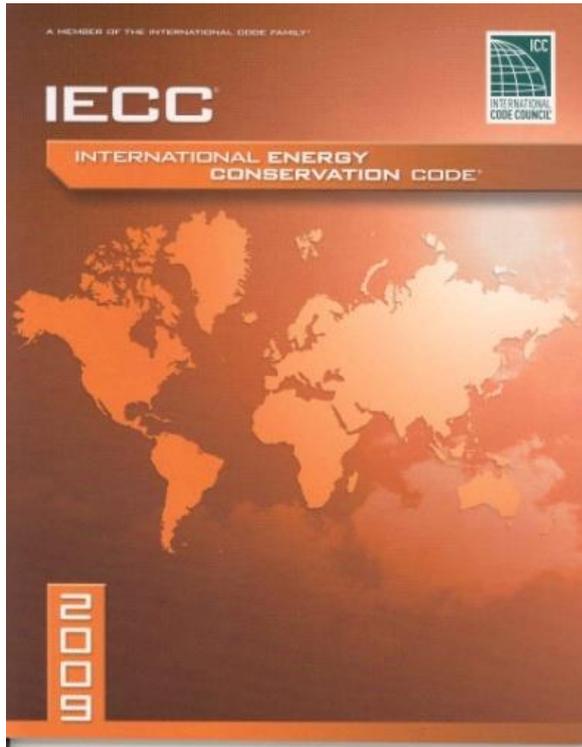
DUCT LEAKAGE & HOUSE PRESSURE

Leaky Supply Ducts

House pressure goes (-)



DUCT TESTING REQUIREMENTS



- Kentucky code requires leakage testing of ducts (unless located within conditioned space)
- Even if ductwork is exempt from testing, it still must be sealed

DUCT TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Duct leakage must meet one of the following:

- Post-construction duct leakage to outdoors ≤ 8 cfm per 100 ft²
- Post-construction total duct leakage ≤ 12 cfm per 100 ft²
- Rough-in total duct leakage w/AHU ≤ 6 cfm per 100 ft²
- Rough-in total duct leakage without AHU ≤ 4 cfm per 100 ft²

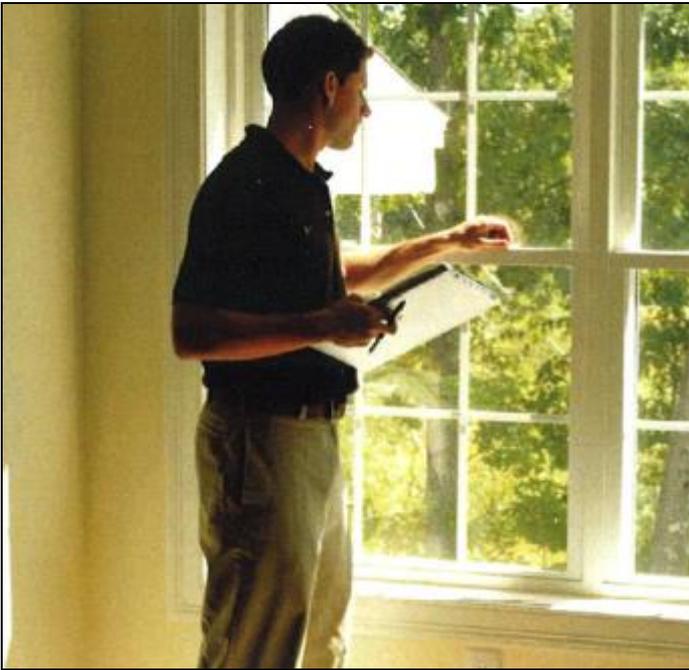


WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- Theory is nice, but how does this relate to the real world?
- Practical applications



THE REAL WORLD



- Manual J & S are both necessary & required for selection
- However, Manual J is typically the most available document
- Is there a way to make practical decisions with limited information?

MANUAL J DOCUMENTATION



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[www.acca.org/standards/
approved-software](http://www.acca.org/standards/approved-software)

- There are a variety of ways to perform a Manual J
- Software packages are increasingly being used
- ACCA approved software is listed on ACCA's website
- Some software packages also incorporate Manuals S & D
- Software typically generates a variety of reports

EXAMPLE MANUAL J SCENARIO



| Project Information | |
|---|--|
| For: | Decatur, GA 30029 |
| Notes: | R38 ceiling / R-30 vaults; R13 walls; R-5 conditioned crawl ducts attic; windows U33 S28 |
| Design Information | |
| Weather: Atlanta Hartsfield Intl AP, GA, US | |
| Winter Design Conditions | |
| Outside db | 26 °F |
| Inside db | 70 °F |
| Design TD | 44 °F |
| Summer Design Conditions | |
| Outside db | 92 °F |
| Inside db | 72 °F |
| Design TD | 20 °F |
| Daily range | 18 °F |
| Relative humidity | 50 % |
| Moisture difference | 43 gr/lb |
| Heating Summary | |
| Structure | 46088 Btuh |
| Ducts | 8645 Btuh |
| Central vent (0 cfm) | 0 Btuh |
| Humidification | 0 Btuh |
| Piping | 0 Btuh |
| Equipment load | 55342 Btuh |
| Infiltration | |
| Method | Simplified |
| Construction quality | Semi-tight |
| Replaces | 0 |
| Area (ft ²) | Heating 4542 Cooling 4542 |
| Volume (ft ³) | 32280 32280 |
| Air changes/hour | 0.13 0.13 |
| Equip. AVF (cfm) | 102 54 |
| Heating Equipment Summary | |
| Make | n/a |
| Trade | n/a |
| Model | n/a |
| AHRI ref | n/a |
| Efficiency | n/a |
| Heating input | 0 Btuh |
| Heating output | 0 Btuh |
| Temperature rise | 0 °F |
| Actual air flow | 0 cfm |
| Air flow factor | 0 cfm/Btuh |
| Static pressure | 0 in H ₂ O |
| Space thermostat | n/a |
| Sensible Cooling Equipment Load Sizing | |
| Structure | 28702 Btuh |
| Ducts | 8207 Btuh |
| Central vent (0 cfm) | 0 Btuh |
| Blower | 0 Btuh |
| Use manufacturer's data | n |
| Relating multiplier | 0.96 |
| Equipment sensible load | 35665 Btuh |
| Latent Cooling Equipment Load Sizing | |
| Structure | 5313 Btuh |
| Ducts | 1263 Btuh |
| Central vent (0 cfm) | 0 Btuh |
| Equipment latent load | 6376 Btuh |
| Equipment total load | 42242 Btuh |
| Req. total capacity at 0.75 SHR | 4.9 ton |
| Cooling Equipment Summary | |
| Make | n/a |
| Trade | n/a |
| Cond | n/a |
| Cool | n/a |
| AHRI ref | n/a |
| Efficiency | n/a |
| Sensible cooling | 0 Btuh |
| Latent cooling | 0 Btuh |
| Total cooling | 0 Btuh |
| Actual air flow | 0 cfm |
| Air flow factor | 0 cfm/Btuh |
| Static pressure | 0 in H ₂ O |
| Load sensible heat ratio | 0 |



- You are performing a field inspection
- You are only provided with some type of Manual J documentation (summary, complete printout, etc.)
- How can you tell if this is a legitimate Manual J and if the equipment was selected properly?

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| Weather: Atlanta Hartsfield Intl AP, GA, US | |
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| Outside db | 26 °F |
| Inside db | 70 °F |
| Design TD | 44 °F |
| Summer Design Conditions | |
| Outside db | 92 °F |
| Inside db | 72 °F |
| Design TD | 20 °F |
| Daily range | 8 |
| Relative humidity | 50 % |
| Moisture difference | 43 gr/lb |
| Heating Summary | |
| Structure | 46088 Btuh |
| Ducts | 8645 Btuh |
| Central vent (0 cfm) | 0 Btuh |
| Humidification | 0 Btuh |
| Piping | 0 Btuh |
| Equipment load | 55342 Btuh |
| Infiltration | |
| Method | Simplified |
| Construction quality | Semi-tight |
| Replaces | 0 |
| Area (ft ²) | Heating 4542 |
| Volume (ft ³) | Cooling 32280 |
| Air changes/hour | 0.13 |
| Equip. AVF (cfm) | 0.10 |
| 54 | |
| Heating Equipment Summary | |
| Make | n/a |
| Type | n/a |
| Model | n/a |
| AHRI ref | n/a |
| Efficiency | n/a |
| Heating input | 0 Btuh |
| Heating output | 0 Btuh |
| Temperature rise | 0 °F |
| Actual air flow | 0 cfm |
| Air flow factor | 0 cfm/Btuh |
| Static pressure | 0 in H ₂ O |
| Space thermostat | n/a |
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| Cond | n/a |
| Cool | n/a |
| AHRI ref | n/a |
| Efficiency | n/a |
| Sensible cooling | 0 Btuh |
| Latent cooling | 0 Btuh |
| Total cooling | 0 Btuh |
| Actual air flow | 0 cfm |
| Air flow factor | 0 cfm/Btuh |
| Static pressure | 0 in H ₂ O |
| Load sensible heat ratio | 0 |

Calculations approved by ACCA to meet all requirements of Manual J 8th Ed.



- Available information:
- Manual J summary (see example report in course materials)
 - Data plates on installed equipment (photos on slides)

DISCLAIMER

- This method is presented solely as a means to perform a very basic quality control check in the field!
- Equipment capacities (sizes) listed on data plates are based upon a specific set of operating conditions, which likely differ from local conditions (outdoor & indoor temperatures and RH)!
- More detailed manufacturer data is necessary to accurately determine the actual capacity of a given cooling system!

EXAMPLE MANUAL J SCENARIO

| Equipment | Sizing Limits |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Furnaces | 100% - 140% of total heating load |
| Boilers | 100% - 140% of total heating load |
| Air conditioners | 115% of total cooling load* |
| Heat pumps (cooling dominant climates) | 115% of total cooling load* |
| Heat pumps (heating dominant climates) | 125% of total cooling load* |
| Supplemental heat (heat pumps) | |
| • Electric | Based on equipment balance point |
| • Dual fuel | 100% - 140% of total heating load |

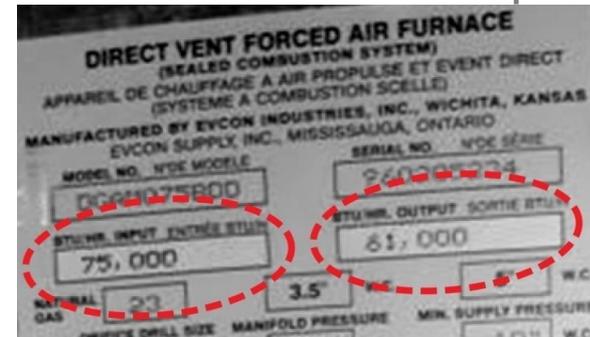
1. Locate heating and cooling loads on Manual J
2. Determine maximum equipment size by multiplying loads from Manual J by factors derived from Manual S (table)
3. Locate equipment capacities (data plates)
4. Equipment capacities should meet loads from Manual J, but not exceed the results of calculations from step 2

EXAMPLE MANUAL J – FURNACE

From Manual J

| Heating Summary | | |
|----------------------|-------|------|
| Structure | 46698 | Btuh |
| Ducts | 8645 | Btuh |
| Central vent (0 cfm) | 0 | Btuh |
| Humidification | 0 | Btuh |
| Piping | 0 | Btuh |
| Equipment load | 55342 | Btuh |

80 AFUE furnace data plate



Note: $75,000 \times 0.8 = 60,000$

1. The heating load from the Manual J is 55342 Btuh
2. 140% of the heating load is 77,479 Btuh (1.4×55342)
3. The output capacity of the installed furnace is 61,000 Btuh
4. The installed furnace meets the heating load from the Manual J, but is not larger than 140% of this load ($55k < 61k < 77k$ Btuh)
5. The furnace appears to be sized appropriately

EXAMPLE MANUAL J – AIR CONDITIONING

From Manual J

| Sensible Cooling Equipment Load Sizing | | |
|--|-------|------|
| Structure | 28752 | Btuh |
| Ducts | 8207 | Btuh |
| Central vent (0 cfm) | 0 | Btuh |
| Blower | 0 | Btuh |
| Use manufacturer's data | n | |
| Rate/swing multiplier | 0.96 | |
| Equipment sensible load | 35665 | Btuh |
| Latent Cooling Equipment Load Sizing | | |
| Structure | 5313 | Btuh |
| Ducts | 1263 | Btuh |
| Central vent (0 cfm) | 0 | Btuh |
| Equipment latent load | 6576 | Btuh |
| Equipment total load | 42242 | Btuh |
| Req. total capacity at 0.75 SHR | 4.0 | ton |

A/C condensing unit data plate

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| MOD. NO. 2TWZ904881000AA | VOLTS | 200/230 |
| SERIAL NO. 70218K22F | PH 1 | HZ 60 |
| MINIMUM CIRCUIT AMPACITY | 25.0 | AMPS |
| OVERCURRENT PROTECTIVE DEVICE | USA | CANADA |
| MIN FUSE / BREAKER (HACR) | 40 | 40 |
| MAX FUSE / BREAKER (HACR) | 40 | 40 |
| HCFC – 22 | 17 LBS. 03 | OZ. OR 7.80 kg(SI) |

Note: "048" in model no. represents 48,000 Btuh
48k Btu @ 12k Btu/ton = 4 tons

1. The total cooling load from the Manual J is 42,242 Btuh & 4.0 tons is specified
2. 115% of the cooling load is 48,578 Btuh ($1.15 \times 42,242$)
3. The installed air conditioner is ~48,000 Btuh (4 tons) based upon model number
4. The unit meets the total cooling load from the Manual J, but does not appear to be larger than 115% of this load
5. This is VERY simplified & should only be used to identify major red flags!

COMMON PROBLEMS WITH MANUAL J INPUTS



- Manual J's are often not correct – both unintentionally & intentionally
- The results of a Manual J are only as meaningful as the input data (GIGO)
- There are several common input errors that are often found

THE USUAL SUSPECTS



- Design temperatures
- Building orientation
- Number of occupants
- Window area & U-value
- Air leakage

OUTDOOR DESIGN CONDITIONS

| | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|----|-----------|-----------|-----|
| Library | Henderson, KY | | | | ... |
| Weather location | [Henderson City, KY, US] | | | | ... |
| Elevation | [384] | ft | Latitude | [37.82] | °N |
| Longitude | [87.68] | °W | Time zone | [-6.0] | |
| Weather and shielding factor | [0.47] | | | | |
| Bin data city | Henderson City, KY, US | | | | ... |
| Earth temperature city | Example earth city | | | | ... |
| Mean earth temperature | [50] | | | | °F |
| Annual surface earth temperature swing | [25] | | | | °F |
| Day of minimum earth surface temperature | [38] | | | | day |

- The location & design temperatures should be accurately entered into the software
- Typically, city is selected from a menu

OUTDOOR DESIGN CONDITIONS

- Outdoor design temps are listed in a table in Manual J & within approved software databases
- The 99% design conditions should be used
- Technicians often override inputs to adjust results

The screenshot shows a software dialog box titled "Weather City Selection". It has a menu bar with "DUCT", "SALES MANAGER", and "SETUP". Below the menu bar are buttons for "Project info", "Open project", "Save project", and "Print Preview". The dialog is divided into several sections:

- Country:** A list box containing Tuvalu, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States Minor Outlying Islands, Uruguay, and USA (selected).
- State/Province:** A list box containing Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, and Kentucky (selected).
- City:** A list box containing various cities and their corresponding ASHRAE standards, such as Ashland (Man J/N), Bowling Green (ASHRAE 2005), and Henderson City (ASHRAE 2009).
- Cooling DB / WB:** A section with radio buttons for "Annual" and "Monthly". Under "Annual", there are three options: 0.4% (93 °F / 77 °F), 1% (91 °F / 76 °F) (selected and circled in red), and 2% (90 °F / 76 °F).
- Heating DB:** A section with radio buttons for "99% (15 °F)" (selected and circled in red), "99.6% (7 °F)", and "Mean extreme (-3 °F)".
- Bin Data ...**: A button to open a dialog for bin data.
- Source:** Text at the bottom right stating "Source: ASHRAE Copyright © 2009 by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc. Used by permission."
- Buttons:** "OK", "Cancel", and "Help" buttons at the bottom.

INDOOR DESIGN CONDITIONS

ACCA specifies 70° for heating and 75° & 50% RH for cooling

Design Information

Weather: Atlanta Hartsfield Intl AP, GA, US

Winter Design Conditions

| | |
|------------|-------|
| Outside db | 26 °F |
| Inside db | 70 °F |
| Design TD | 44 °F |

Summer Design Conditions

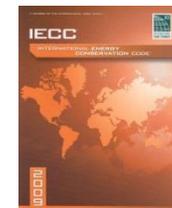
| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Outside db | 92 °F |
| Inside db | 72 °F |
| Design TD | 20 °F |
| Daily range | M |
| Relative humidity | 50 % |
| Moisture difference | 43 gr/lb |

These numbers are often subjectively adjusted!

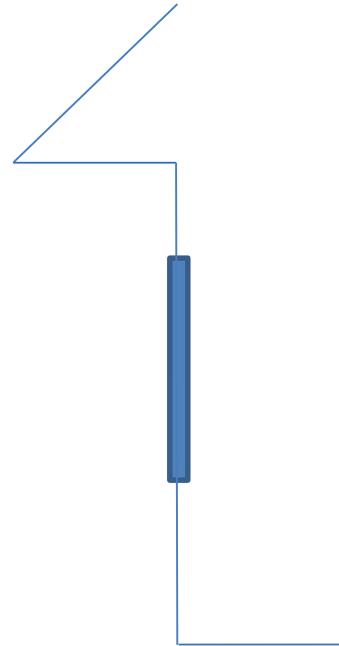
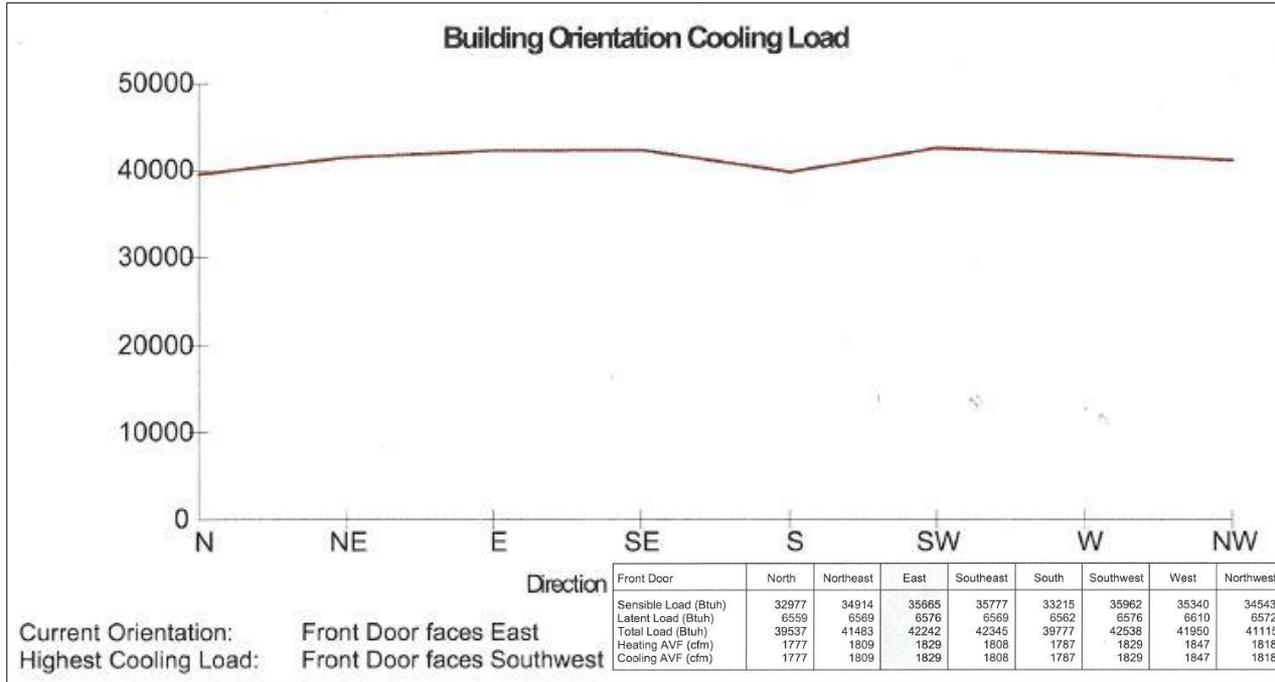
SECTION 302 DESIGN CONDITIONS

302.1 Interior design conditions. The interior design temperatures used for heating and cooling load calculations shall be a maximum of 72°F (22°C) for heating and minimum of 75°F (24°C) for cooling.

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ORIENTATION

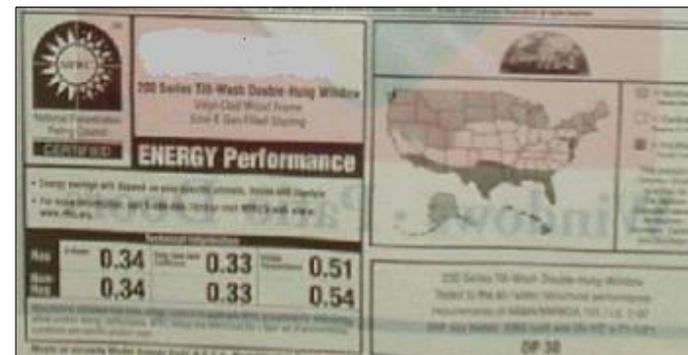


- The heating & cooling loads on a house are dependent on the orientation, especially for windows
- Compare the orientation listed on Manual J documentation to the actual orientation of the home

CONSTRUCTION COMPONENTS

- Manual J requires detailed entry of construction data (R-value, U-value, etc.)
- If available, compare the listed components to what is actually in the house
- Pay particular attention to window areas and specifications

| Construction descriptions | Or | Area ft ² | U-value Btu/h-ft ² -F | Insul R ft ² -F/Btu |
|---|-----|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Walls | | | | |
| 12C-0bw: Frm wall, brk 4" ext, 1/2" wood shth, r-13 cav ins, 1/2" gypsum board int fsh, 2"x4" wood frm, 16" o.c. stud | n | 545 | 0.091 | 13.0 |
| | ne | 17 | 0.091 | 13.0 |
| | e | 613 | 0.091 | 13.0 |
| | s | 513 | 0.091 | 13.0 |
| | w | 486 | 0.091 | 13.0 |
| | all | 2174 | 0.091 | 13.0 |
| 15A-4s3oc-4: Bg wall, light dry soil, empty core, concrete block wall, r-4 ins, 8" thk | n | 63 | 0.102 | 4.0 |
| | n | 305 | 0.093 | 4.0 |
| | e | 232 | 0.102 | 4.0 |
| | e | 350 | 0.093 | 4.0 |
| | s | 132 | 0.102 | 4.0 |
| | s | 205 | 0.093 | 4.0 |
| | w | 638 | 0.093 | 4.0 |
| | all | 1924 | 0.093 | 4.0 |
| Partitions (none) | | | | |
| Windows | | | | |
| U30 S24: U30 S24; NFRC rated (SHGC=0.24); 50% blinds 45°, light; 50% outdoor insect screen; 2 ft overhang (1.5 ft window ht, 1 ft sep.); 6.8 ft head ht | n | 18 | 0.300 | 0 |
| U33 S31: U33 S31; NFRC rated (SHGC=0.31); 50% blinds 45°, light; 50% outdoor insect screen; 2 ft overhang (3 ft window ht, 1 ft sep.); 6.8 ft head ht | n | 9 | 0.330 | 0 |
| U32 S29: U32 S29; NFRC rated (SHGC=0.29); 50% blinds 45°, light; 50% outdoor insect screen; 2 ft overhang (3.3 ft window ht, 1 ft sep.); 6.8 ft head ht | e | 41 | 0.320 | 0 |
| | s | 41 | 0.320 | 0 |
| | all | 83 | 0.320 | 0 |



AIR LEAKAGE

- Software typically has generic tightness categories that are selected from a menu

- Tight
- Semi-tight
- Average
- Semi-loose
- Loose



| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Wind shielding | 4 (substantial) |
| Number of stories | 1 |
| <input type="radio"/> Multi-point | |
| Test "C" value | 600.1 |
| Test "n" value | 0.650 |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Single-point | |
| Test pressure difference | 50 Pa |
| Test air flow | 7615 cfm |
| Leakage area | 608 in ² |

Building Description

The materials used in construction of the property have a significant effect on the cooling and heating loads. Entering correct values will help the software determine the correct load factors and thus produce accurate equipment sizing and running cost estimates.



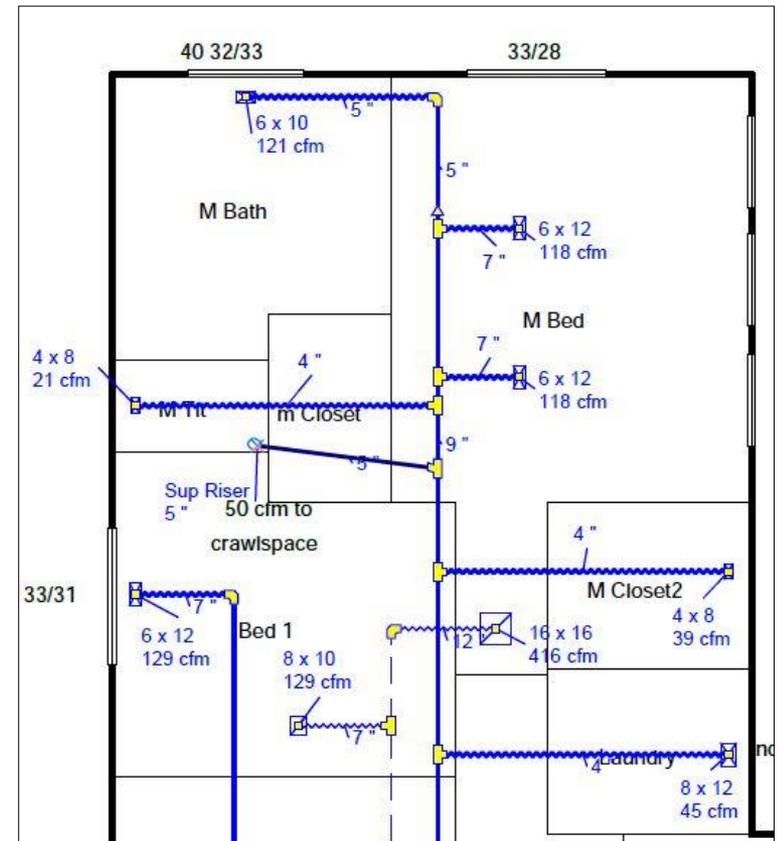
Please select appropriate building materials for the following

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Building type | Single Level |
| Building materials | Basement - Unfinished Insulated |
| Load preferences | Conditioned Space |
| Tightness | Average |
| Number of above grade stories | 1 |
| Number of fireplaces | 0 |
| Fireplace quality | Average |

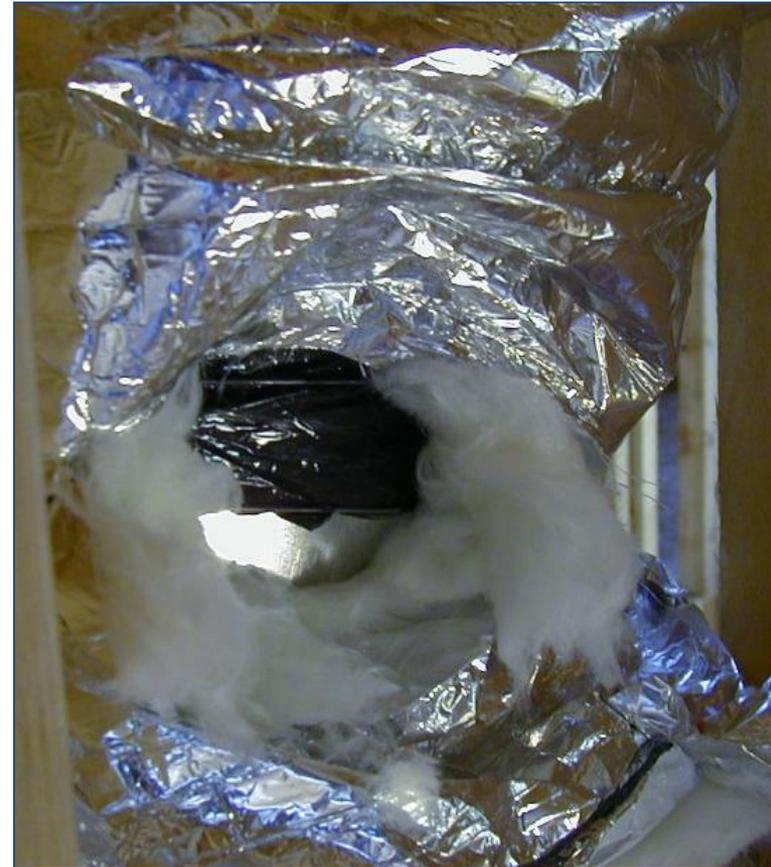
- More detailed options allow input of the actual infiltration (blower door)
- Using the actual (tested) infiltration will result in a more accurate Manual J

DUCT INSTALLATION - INSPECTION

- Compare duct layout and diameters to Manual D
- If Manual D not available, look for red flags
- Crimps, length, inadequate supports, etc.



DUCT INSTALLATION - INSPECTION



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DUCT INSTALLATION - INSPECTION

- Compare installed duct insulation with code requirements
- R-8 required for attics & exterior
- R-6 for other locations



SUMMARY

- Proper HVAC design and installation is not only code required, but important for quality construction
- As technology improves, this is becoming even more crucial
- Design and installation issues can lead to all sorts of problems

SUMMARY

- Man J, S, and D are established protocols that should be performed
- Although things can be complicated, there are practical methods to verify installed components and identify red flags
- Field inspection methods should be used in an appropriate context

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

