



ASHRAE ADDENDA

Criteria for Moisture-Control Design Analysis in Buildings

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FOREWORD

In this addendum, the three required conditions for minimizing mold growth are modified by retaining only the most significant condition while eliminating the other two. This change has been made because 1) the condition being retained (item a) is sufficient for determining the onset of mold growth, 2) one of the conditions being deleted (item b) was erroneous, and 3) the other condition being removed (item c) is not germane to determining mold growth. In addition, this change will make the standard easier to use.

Note: *In this addendum, changes to the current standard are indicated in the text by underlining (for additions) and ~~striketrough~~ (for deletions) unless the instructions specifically mention some other means of indicating the changes.*

Addendum a to Standard 160-2009

Revise Section 6.1 as shown.

6.1 Conditions Necessary to Minimize Mold Growth. In order to minimize problems associated with mold growth on the surfaces of components of building envelope assemblies, ~~all of the following conditions shall be met: the following condition shall be met: a 30-day running average surface RH < 80% when the 30-day running average surface temperature is between 5°C (41°F) and 40°C (104°F).~~^{B-22}

- a. ~~30-day running average surface RH < 80% when the 30-day running average surface temperature is between 5°C (41°F) and 40°C (104°F)~~
- b. ~~7-day running average surface RH < 98% when the 7-day running average surface temperature is between 5°C (41°F) and 40°C (104°F)~~
- c. ~~24 h running average surface RH < 100% when the 24 h running average surface temperature is between 5°C (41°F) and 40°C (104°F)~~

Materials that are naturally resistant to mold or have been chemically treated to resist mold growth may be able to resist higher surface relative humidities and/or to resist for longer periods as specified by the manufacturer. The criteria used in the evaluation shall be stated in the report.

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ASHRAE is concerned with the impact of its members' activities on both the indoor and outdoor environment. ASHRAE's members will strive to minimize any possible deleterious effect on the indoor and outdoor environment of the systems and components in their responsibility while maximizing the beneficial effects these systems provide, consistent with accepted standards and the practical state of the art.

ASHRAE's short-range goal is to ensure that the systems and components within its scope do not impact the indoor and outdoor environment to a greater extent than specified by the standards and guidelines as established by itself and other responsible bodies.

As an ongoing goal, ASHRAE will, through its Standards Committee and extensive technical committee structure, continue to generate up-to-date standards and guidelines where appropriate and adopt, recommend, and promote those new and revised standards developed by other responsible organizations.

Through its *Handbook*, appropriate chapters will contain up-to-date standards and design considerations as the material is systematically revised.

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The effects of the design and selection of equipment and systems will be considered within the scope of the system's intended use and expected misuse. The disposal of hazardous materials, if any, will also be considered.

ASHRAE's primary concern for environmental impact will be at the site where equipment within ASHRAE's scope operates. However, energy source selection and the possible environmental impact due to the energy source and energy transportation will be considered where possible. Recommendations concerning energy source selection should be made by its members.

