



# ADDENDA

**ANSI/ASHRAE Addendum c to  
ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 160-2009**

# Criteria for Moisture-Control Design Analysis in Buildings

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**FOREWORD**

SSPC 160 changes Section 4.6 as indicated below. The changes are limited to Table 4.6.1 and the explanation of terms directly below the table. The changes are meant to simplify the calculation of wind-driven rain without significantly degrading the accuracy of the calculation. Because the calculation has large errors associated with it, the specificity of the old table did not improve accuracy. There is also considerable uncertainty about the effect of building height on rain deposition.

**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 c to Standard 160-2009**

Modify the standard as follows.

**4.6 Design Rain Loads on Walls<sup>B-15</sup>**

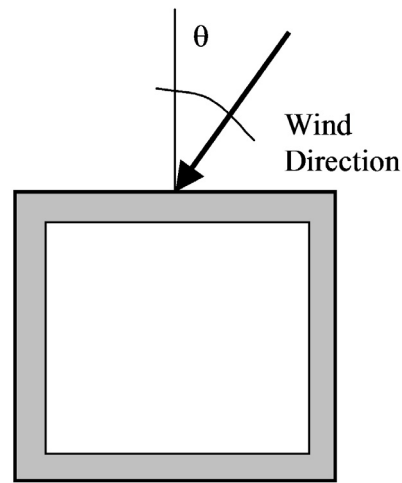
Design rain loads must be determined for walls exposed to rain. In the absence of a comprehensive wind-driven rain analysis, the amount of rain striking a vertical surface shall be calculated using the following equation:<sup>B-16</sup>

$$r_{bv} = F_E \cdot F_D \cdot F_L \cdot U \cdot \cos\theta \cdot r_h \quad (4-6)$$

where

- $F_E$  = rain exposure factor
- $F_D$  = rain deposition factor
- $F_L$  = empirical constant, 0.2 kg·s/(m<sup>3</sup>·mm) [SI], 0.46 lb·h/(ft<sup>2</sup>·mi·in.) [I-P]
- $U$  = hourly average wind speed at 10 m (33 ft) height, m/s (mi/h)
- $\theta$  = angle between wind direction and normal to the wall (See Figure 4.6.1)
- $r_h$  = rainfall intensity, horizontal surface, mm/h (in./h)
- $r_{bv}$  = rain deposition on vertical wall, kg/(m<sup>2</sup>·h) [SI], lb/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h) [I-P]

The exposure factor,  $F_E$ , is influenced by the topography surrounding the building and height of the building. Recommended values are given in Table 4.6.1.<sup>B-17</sup>



**Figure 4.6.1 Plan view of building with definition of wind angle to exposed wall.**

**Table 4.6.1 Exposure Factor**

Building Height, m (ft)	Type of Terrain		
	Severe	Medium	Sheltered
<10 (<33)	1.3	1.0	0.7
10-15 (33-49)	1.3	1.1	0.8
15-20 (49-66)	1.4	1.2	0.9
20-30 (66-98)	1.5	1.3	1.1
30-40 (98-131)	1.5	1.4	1.2
40-50 (131-164)	1.5	1.5	1.3
>50 (>164)	1.5	1.5	1.5

**TABLE 4.6.1 Exposure Factor**

<u>Building Height,</u> <u>m (ft)</u>	<u>Type of Exposure Category</u>		
	<u>Severe</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Sheltered</u>
<u>&lt;10 (&lt;33)</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>0.7</u>
<u>&gt;10 and ≤ 20 (&gt;33 and ≤ 66)</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>1.2</u>	<u>1.0</u>
<u>&gt; 20 (&gt; 66)</u>	<u>1.5</u>	<u>1.5</u>	<u>1.5</u>

Severe exposure includes hilltops, coastal areas, and funneled wind. Sheltered exposure includes protection by shelter from trees, nearby buildings, or a valley other permanent moderating features.

The following deposition factors shall be used:

- a. Walls below a steep-slope roof:  $F_D = 0.35$
- b. Walls below a low-slope roof:  $F_D = 0.5$
- c. Walls subject to rain runoff:  $F_D = 1.0^{B-18}$

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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.

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