



# ADDENDA

**ANSI/ASHRAE Addendum a to  
ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 55-2013**

# Thermal Environmental Conditions for Human Occupancy

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## FOREWORD

*This addendum separates vertical air stratification limits for standing vs. seated occupants because the previous requirement did not distinguish between the two and would be overly restrictive when applied to standing occupants. This clarification only applies to occupants who are standing still with metabolic rates less than 1.3 met because the entire Section 5.3.4, "Local Thermal Discomfort," does not apply above 1.3 met.*

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

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*Modify Section 5.3.4.4 as shown below.*

**5.3.4.4 Vertical Air Temperature Difference.** Air temperature difference between head level and ankle level shall not exceed 3°C (5.4°F) for seated occupants or 4°C (7.2°F) for standing occupants (see note in Section 5.3.4.1).

*Modify Section 6.2(g) as shown below.*

## 6.2 Documentation

g. Air speed, radiant temperature asymmetry, vertical ~~radiant~~ air-temperature difference asymmetry, surface temperatures, and temperature variations with time shall be determined in accordance with generally accepted engineering standards (e.g., Chapter 57 of *ASHRAE Handbook—HVAC Applications*). The method used and quantified selection criteria, characteristics, sizes, and indices that are applicable to the method shall be stated.



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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.

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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.

