



# ADDENDA

**ANSI/ASHRAE Addendum b to  
ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 90.4-2016**

# Energy Standard for Data Centers

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## FOREWORD

*Addendum b cleans up redundant wording in Section 4.1.1.2 and creates a more level planning field in Section 4.2.1.2 while eliminating inappropriate text. The addendum clarifies the exception in Section 6.1.1.2 that addresses the case where existing HVAC systems and equipment serve an addition, and it adds parallel criteria to Section 8.1.3 for electrical equipment.*

*The exception to Section 4.2.1.2 is deleted. The exception addresses increases in floor area and increases in connected load. In terms of the first aspect, providing an exemption for an increase in area is inequitable: there is no exemption for 10% of the floor area in a new building, and some additions to existing buildings can be as large as a stand-alone new building. All new floor area should be treated the same. Further, codes in general require compliance for new construction, and this change would better align Standard 90.4 with codes. In terms of the second aspect, this is the wrong location to address most increases in connected load. A build-out or expansion of ITE within the shell of an existing building envelope is considered an alteration, not an addition. Consequently, increases in connected load are most appropriately addressed in the alterations section.*

*In Section 6, the base requirements for additions to existing data centers remain unchanged. The exception to Section 6.1.1.2 is revised to clarify the distinctions between the use of existing HVAC systems and equipment to serve a new addition versus the installation of new HVAC systems and equipment. The language parallels the requirements in Standard 90.1, Section 6.*

*Section 8 in Standard 90.4 did not specifically address additions to existing data centers. The proposed base requirements match the requirements in Standard 90.1, Section 8. The new exception to Section 8.1.3 is written to parallel the exception in Section 6 above. (Standard 90.1, Section 8, does not contain such an exception.)*

*This addendum only addresses additions to existing data centers. The issue of alterations to existing data centers is addressed in Addendum a.*

**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.

## Addendum b to Standard 90.4-2016

*Modify the standard as follows (I-P and SI units).*

## 4. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

### 4.1 General

#### 4.1.1 Scope

#### 4.1.1.1 New Data Centers. [ . . . ]

~~4.1.1.2 Additions to Existing Data Centers.~~ An extension or increase in the floor area or height of a *data center* outside of the existing *data center* envelope shall be considered an addition to an existing *data center* and shall comply with the standard as described in Section 4.2.

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## 4.2 Compliance

### 4.2.1 Compliance Paths

#### 4.2.1.1 New Data Centers. [ . . . ]

~~4.2.1.2 Additions to Existing Data Centers.~~ Additions to existing *data centers* shall comply with the provisions of Sections 5, 7, 9, and 10 and one of the following:

- a. Sections 6 and 8 or
- b. Section 11.

~~**Exception to 4.2.1.2:** Additions that result in less than a 10% increase in area or less than a 10% increase in connected load (*kW*) are excluded.~~

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## 6. HEATING, VENTILATING, AND AIR CONDITIONING

### 6.1 General

#### 6.1.1 Scope

[ . . . ]

~~6.1.1.2 Additions to Existing Data Centers.~~ Mechanical equipment and systems ~~being installed to serve~~ the heating, cooling, or ventilating needs of additions to existing *data centers* shall comply with the requirements of this section as described in Section 6.2 or Section 11.

~~**Exception to 6.1.1.2:** Where conditioned air HVAC is provided to a *data center* addition by using the existing HVAC systems and equipment, such existing systems and equipment shall not be required to comply with this standard.~~

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## 8. ELECTRICAL

### 8.1 General

[ . . . ]

~~8.1.3 Additions to Existing Data Centers.~~ Electrical equipment and systems installed to serve the power needs of additions to existing *data centers* shall comply with the requirements of Section 8 as described in Section 8.2 or Section 11.

~~**Exception to 8.1.3:** Where electrical power is provided to a *data center* addition by using the existing electrical systems and equipment, such existing systems and equipment shall not be required to comply with this standard.~~



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