

# ADDENDA

**ANSI/ASHRAE/ASHE Addendum h  
to ANSI/ASHRAE/ASHE Standard 170-2017**

# Ventilation of Health Care Facilities

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## FOREWORD

*Addendum h provides guidance to users of Standard 170 for considerations related to thermal comfort, with acknowledgment and limitations of the role of ASHRAE Standard 55 requirements and how to incorporate thermal comfort requirements into their design of Standard 170 spaces.*

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

### Addendum h to Standard 170-2017

*Add new Informative Appendix B, "Thermal Comfort." Reletter current appendices accordingly.*

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## INFORMATIVE APPENDIX B THERMAL COMFORT

- a. Section 2.7 was added to the scope of Standard 170 to better communicate that compliance with Standard 170 does not ensure compliance with ASHRAE Standard 55.
- b. ASHRAE Standard 55 specifies the combination of environmental factors (temperature, thermal radiation, humidity, air speed) and personal factors (activity level and clothing) that will produce thermal conditions acceptable to the majority of healthy occupants. However, there are scenarios and spaces within health care facilities where Standard 55 does not apply or where deviations from Standard 55 are required.
- c. Standard 170 provides HVAC design temperature and humidity ranges that, while potentially affecting occupant comfort, are also provided in support of therapeutic patient outcomes, aseptic practices, and worker protection.

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