

**ANSI/ASHRAE/ICC/USGBC/IES Addendum j to  
ANSI/ASHRAE/ICC/USGBC/IES Standard 189.1-2020**

# **Standard for the Design of High-Performance Green Buildings**

**Except Low-Rise  
Residential Buildings**

*The Complete Technical Content of the International Green Construction Code®*

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## FOREWORD

*Addendum j deletes the current Jurisdictional Option (JO) provisions in Standard 189.1 and adds a mandatory requirement to follow the requirements in ASHRAE Standard 90.1. Published Addendum s to ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2019 makes several technical improvements in the requirements for cool walls. Addendum s incorporated requirements addressing solar reflectance of walls in a manner that removes the term “solar reflectance index” (SRI) for walls and replaces it with the more accurate term “solar reflectance” (SR) and the corresponding ASTM test methods. It deletes the option for vegetation to provide shading, recognizing plants are not durable and unlikely to last the life of the building, and modifies the climate zones to reflect effectiveness of cool-wall strategies.*

**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 j to Standard 189.1-2020

### *Revise Section 5.3.5.2 as shown.*

~~5.3.5.2 JO-Walls. Building projects shall comply with the provisions of ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1, Section 5.5.3.2.2. Above-grade building walls and retaining walls shall be shaded in accordance with this section. The building is allowed to be rotated up to 45 degrees to the nearest cardinal orientation for purposes of calculations and showing compliance. Compliance with this section shall be achieved through the use of shade-providing plants, man-made structures, existing buildings, hillsides, permanent building projections, on-site renewable energy systems, or a combination of these, using the following criteria:~~

- ~~a. Shade shall be provided on at least 30% of the east and west above-grade walls and retaining walls from grade level to a height of 20 ft (6 m) above grade, or the top of the exterior wall, whichever is less. Shade coverage shall be calculated at 10 a.m. for the east walls and 3 p.m. for the west walls on the summer solstee.~~
- ~~b. Where shading is provided by vegetation, such vegetation shall be existing trees and vegetation or new *biodiverse plantings* of *native plants* and *adapted plants*. Such planting shall occur prior to the final approval by the *AHJ* or in accordance with a contract established to require planting no later than 12 months after the final approval by the *AHJ* so as to provide the required shade no later than ten years after the final approval. Vegetation shall be appropriately sized, selected, planted, and maintained so that it does not interfere with overhead or underground utilities. Trees shall be placed a minimum of 5 ft (1.5 m) from and within 50 ft (15 m) of the building or retaining wall.~~

### ~~Exceptions to 5.3.5.2:~~

- ~~1. The requirements of this section are satisfied if 75% or more of the opaque wall surfaces on the east and west have a minimum *SRI* of 29. Each wall is allowed to be considered separately for this exception.~~
- ~~2. East wall shading is not required for buildings located in Climate Zones 5, 6, 7, and 8. West wall shading is not required for buildings located in Climate Zones 7 and 8.~~

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