



# ADDENDA

**ANSI/ASHRAE Addendum f to  
ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 55-2020**

# Thermal Environmental Conditions for Human Occupancy

Approved by ASHRAE and the American National Standards Institute on June 30, 2021.

This addendum was approved by a Standing Standard Project Committee (SSPC) for which the Standards Committee has established a documented program for regular publication of addenda or revisions, including procedures for timely, documented, consensus action on requests for change to any part of the standard. Instructions for how to submit a change can be found on the ASHRAE® website (<https://www.ashrae.org/continuous-maintenance>).

The latest edition of an ASHRAE Standard may be purchased on the ASHRAE website ([www.ashrae.org](http://www.ashrae.org)) or from ASHRAE Customer Service, 180 Technology Parkway NW, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092. E-mail: [orders@ashrae.org](mailto:orders@ashrae.org). Fax: 678-539-2129. Telephone: 404-636-8400 (worldwide), or toll free 1-800-527-4723 (for orders in US and Canada). For reprint permission, go to [www.ashrae.org/permissions](http://www.ashrae.org/permissions).

© 2021 ASHRAE

ISSN 1041-2336



**ASHRAE Standing Standard Project Committee 55**  
**Cognizant TC: 2.1, Physiology and Human Environment**  
**SPLS Liaison: Karl L. Peterman**

David Heinzerling*, <i>Chair and Webmaster</i>	Baizhan Li*	Stefano Schiavon
Josh Eddy, <i>Secretary</i>	Shichao Liu*	Lawrence J. Schoen*
Peter F. Alspach*	Rodrigo Mora*	Peter Simmonds
Sama Aghniaey	Gwelen Paliaga	Aaron R. Smith
Edward A. Arens*	Abhijeet Pande	Federico Tartarini
Robert Bean*	Zaccary A. Poots*	John G. Williams*
Thomas B. Hartman*	Daniel J. Rice	
Essam E. Khalil*	David M. Rose*	

\* Denotes members of voting status when the document was approved for publication

---

**ASHRAE STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2020–2021**

Drury B. Crawley, <i>Chair</i>	Srinivas Katipamula	David Robin
Rick M. Heiden, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Gerald J. Kettler	Lawrence J. Schoen
Els Baert	Essam E. Khalil	Steven C. Sill
Charles S. Barnaby	Malcolm D. Knight	Richard T. Swierczyna
Robert B. Burkhead	Jay A. Kohler	Christian R. Taber
Thomas E. Cappellin	Larry Kouma	Russell C. Tharp
Douglas D. Fick	Cesar L. Lim	Theresa A. Weston
Walter T. Grondzik	James D. Lutz	Craig P. Wray
Susanna S. Hanson	Karl L. Peterman	Jaap Hogeling, <i>BOD ExO</i>
Jonathan Humble	Erick A. Phelps	William F. McQuade, <i>CO</i>

Connor Barbaree, *Senior Manager of Standards*

---

**SPECIAL NOTE**

This American National Standard (ANS) is a national voluntary consensus Standard developed under the auspices of ASHRAE. *Consensus* is defined by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), of which ASHRAE is a member and which has approved this Standard as an ANS, as “substantial agreement reached by directly and materially affected interest categories. This signifies the concurrence of more than a simple majority, but not necessarily unanimity. Consensus requires that all views and objections be considered, and that an effort be made toward their resolution.” Compliance with this Standard is voluntary until and unless a legal jurisdiction makes compliance mandatory through legislation.

ASHRAE obtains consensus through participation of its national and international members, associated societies, and public review.

ASHRAE Standards are prepared by a Project Committee appointed specifically for the purpose of writing the Standard. The Project Committee Chair and Vice-Chair must be members of ASHRAE; while other committee members may or may not be ASHRAE members, all must be technically qualified in the subject area of the Standard. Every effort is made to balance the concerned interests on all Project Committees.

The Senior Manager of Standards of ASHRAE should be contacted for

- interpretation of the contents of this Standard,
- participation in the next review of the Standard,
- offering constructive criticism for improving the Standard, or
- permission to reprint portions of the Standard.

**DISCLAIMER**

ASHRAE uses its best efforts to promulgate Standards and Guidelines for the benefit of the public in light of available information and accepted industry practices. However, ASHRAE does not guarantee, certify, or assure the safety or performance of any products, components, or systems tested, installed, or operated in accordance with ASHRAE's Standards or Guidelines or that any tests conducted under its Standards or Guidelines will be nonhazardous or free from risk.

**ASHRAE INDUSTRIAL ADVERTISING POLICY ON STANDARDS**

ASHRAE Standards and Guidelines are established to assist industry and the public by offering a uniform method of testing for rating purposes, by suggesting safe practices in designing and installing equipment, by providing proper definitions of this equipment, and by providing other information that may serve to guide the industry. The creation of ASHRAE Standards and Guidelines is determined by the need for them, and conformance to them is completely voluntary.

In referring to this Standard or Guideline and in marking of equipment and in advertising, no claim shall be made, either stated or implied, that the product has been approved by ASHRAE.

**(This foreword is not part of this standard. It is merely informative and does not contain requirements necessary for conformance to the standard. It has not been processed according to the ANSI requirements for a standard and may contain material that has not been subject to public review or a consensus process. Unresolved objectors on informative material are not offered the right to appeal at ASHRAE or ANSI.)**

## FOREWORD

*Addendum f to Standard 55-2020 changes the air speed definition to account for moving occupants. Additionally, activity-generated air speed and clothing insulation adjustment for an active person are now included within the PMV code of Normative Appendix B, in order to align with ISO 7730 and the original intent of the PMV model.*

**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 f to Standard 55-2020

**Revise Section 3 as shown. The remainder of Section 3 is unchanged.**

**air speed, average ( $V_a$ ):** the average air speed surrounding a representative occupant. The average is with respect to location and time. The spatial average is for three heights as defined for average air temperature  $t_a$ . For an occupant moving in a space the sensors shall follow the movements of the occupant. The air speed is averaged over an interval not less than one and not greater than three minutes. Variations that occur over a period greater than three minutes shall be treated as multiple different air speeds.

**Revise Section 5.2.2.2 as shown. The remainder of Section 5.2.2.2 is unchanged.**

[ . . . ]

**5.2.2.2 Insulation Determination.** Use one or a combination of the following methods to determine clothing insulation  $I_{cl}$ :

[ . . . ]

- e. For moving occupants, it is permitted but not required to adjust any of the previous methods using the following formula:

$$I_{cl, active} = I_{cl} \times (0.6 + 0.4/M)$$

$1.2 \text{ met} < M < 2.0 \text{ met}$

where  $M$  is the metabolic rate in mets, and  $I_{cl}$  is the insulation without movement.  
f.e. Interpolate between or extrapolate from the values given in Tables 5-3 and 5-4.

~~g.f.~~ Use Figure 5-1 to determine the clothing insulation  $I_{cl}$  of a representative occupant for a day as a function of outdoor air temperature at 06:00 a.m.,  $t_{a(out,6)}$ .

Clothing insulation  $I_{cl}$  determined in accordance with Figure 5-1 is permitted but not required to be adjusted to account for unique dress code or cultural norms using other methods in Section 5.2.2.2 or approved engineering methods.

~~h.g.~~ Use measurement with thermal manikins or other approved engineering methods.

**Revise Normative Appendix B as shown. The remainder of Normative Appendix B is unchanged.**

## NORMATIVE APPENDIX B COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR CALCULATION OF PMV-PPD

The following code is one implementation of the PMV-PPD calculation using JavaScript in SI units. This calculation does not include discomfort risk due to local discomfort factors. The input variable "clo" in the PMV function shall be calculated using the following equation:

$$clo = I_{cl} \times (0.6 + 0.4/M) \text{ for } M \geq 1.2$$

$$clo = I_{cl} \text{ for } M < 1.2$$

where  $M$  is the metabolic rate in met units, and  $I_{cl}$  is the clothing insulation.

The input variable  $vel$  in the PMV function is the sum of the average air speed ( $V$ ) plus the activity-generated air speed ( $V_{ag}$ ) (m/s [fpm]). Where  $V_{ag}$  is the activity-generated air speed caused by motion of individual body parts. It is a function of metabolic rate and is added to the average air speed to determine convective cooling of the body.  $V_{ag}$  is assumed to be 0 for metabolic rates equal and lower than 1 met and otherwise equal to

$$V_{ag} = 0.3 (M - 1) \text{ (m/s, } ^\circ\text{C)}$$

$$V_{ag} = 59.1 (M - 1) \text{ (fpm, } ^\circ\text{F)}$$

for  $M > 1$  met.

```
pmv = function(ta, tr, vel, rh, met, clo, wme) {
  /*
   returns [pmv, ppd]
   ta, air temperature (°C)
   tr, mean radiant temperature (°C)
   vel, relative air speed (m/s) average air speed (Va)+ activity-
         generated air speed (Vag) (m/s)
   rh, relative humidity (%) Used only this way to input humidity
         level
   met, metabolic rate (met)
   clo, clothing (clo)
   wme, external work, normally around 0 (met)
  */
```

```
pmv = function(ta, tr, vel, rh, met, clo, wme) {
  /*
```

**Revise Informative Appendix G as shown. The remainder of Informative Appendix G is unchanged.**

## INFORMATIVE APPENDIX G CLOTHING INSULATION

[...]

Tables 5-2 and 5-3 are for a person that is not moving. Body motion decreases the insulation of a clothing ensemble by pumping air through clothing openings and/or causing air motion within the clothing. This effect varies considerably, depending on the nature of the motion (e.g., walking versus lifting) and the nature of the clothing (stretchable and snug fitting versus stiff and loose fitting). Because of this variability, accurate estimates of clothing insulation  $I_{cl}$  for an active person are not available unless measurements are made for the specific clothing under the conditions in question (e.g., with a walking manikin). An approximation of the clothing insulation for an active person is

$$I_{cl, active} = I_{cl} \times (0.6 + 0.4/M)$$

$$1.2 \text{ met} < M < 2.0 \text{ met}$$

$$\text{for } M \geq 1.2$$

where  $M$  is the metabolic rate in met units and  $I_{cl}$  is the insulation without activity. For metabolic rates less than or equal to 1.2 met, no adjustment for motion is required. This clothing adjustment for an active person is applied automatically as part of the PMV code as described in Normative Appendix B.

[...]

## **POLICY STATEMENT DEFINING ASHRAE'S CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF ITS ACTIVITIES**

ASHRAE is concerned with the impact of its members' activities on both the indoor and outdoor environment. ASHRAE's members will strive to minimize any possible deleterious effect on the indoor and outdoor environment of the systems and components in their responsibility while maximizing the beneficial effects these systems provide, consistent with accepted Standards and the practical state of the art.

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.

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.

Through its *Handbook*, appropriate chapters will contain up-to-date Standards and design considerations as the material is systematically revised.

ASHRAE will take the lead with respect to dissemination of environmental information of its primary interest and will seek out and disseminate information from other responsible organizations that is pertinent, as guides to updating Standards and Guidelines.

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.

**ASHRAE · 180 Technology Parkway NW · Peachtree Corners, GA 30092 · [www.ashrae.org](http://www.ashrae.org)**

### **About ASHRAE**

Founded in 1894, ASHRAE is a global professional society committed to serve humanity by advancing the arts and sciences of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration, and their allied fields.

As an industry leader in research, standards writing, publishing, certification, and continuing education, ASHRAE and its members are dedicated to promoting a healthy and sustainable built environment for all, through strategic partnerships with organizations in the HVAC&R community and across related industries.

To stay current with this and other ASHRAE Standards and Guidelines, visit [www.ashrae.org/standards](http://www.ashrae.org/standards), and connect on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

### **Visit the ASHRAE Bookstore**

ASHRAE offers its Standards and Guidelines in print, as immediately downloadable PDFs, and via ASHRAE Digital Collections, which provides online access with automatic updates as well as historical versions of publications. Selected Standards and Guidelines are also offered in redline versions that indicate the changes made between the active Standard or Guideline and its previous version. For more information, visit the Standards and Guidelines section of the ASHRAE Bookstore at [www.ashrae.org/bookstore](http://www.ashrae.org/bookstore).

### **IMPORTANT NOTICES ABOUT THIS STANDARD**

**To ensure that you have all of the approved addenda, errata, and interpretations for this Standard, visit [www.ashrae.org/standards](http://www.ashrae.org/standards) to download them free of charge.**

**Addenda, errata, and interpretations for ASHRAE Standards and Guidelines are no longer distributed with copies of the Standards and Guidelines. ASHRAE provides these addenda, errata, and interpretations only in electronic form to promote more sustainable use of resources.**