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FOREWORD

This addendum has been developed in response to a change proposal; with additional changes resulting from public review comments. It provides additional information for demand controlled ventilation (DCV) systems to augment Section 6.2.7 Dynamic Reset.

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.

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Note: Add the following definition to Section 3 Definitions:

demand controlled ventilation (DCV): any means by which the breathing zone outdoor air flow (V_{bz}) can be varied to the occupied space or spaces based on the actual or estimated number of occupants and/or ventilation requirements of the occupied zone.

Note: Revise Section 6.2.7 as follows:

6.2.7 Dynamic Reset. The system may be designed to reset the ~~design outdoor air intake flow (V_{ot}) and/or space or ventilation zone~~ airflow (V_{oz}) as operating conditions change. These conditions include but are not limited to:

- ~~Variations in occupancy or ventilation airflow in one or more individual zones for which ventilation airflow requirements will be reset.~~

Note: Examples of measures for estimating such variations include: occupancy scheduled by time of day, a direct count of occupants, or an estimate of occupancy or ventilation

rate per person using occupancy sensors such as those based on indoor CO₂ concentrations.

6.2.7.1 Demand Control Ventilation (DCV).

6.2.7.1.1 DCV shall be permitted as an optional means of dynamic reset.

Exception: CO₂-based DCV shall not be applied in zones with indoor sources of CO₂ other than occupants or with CO₂ removal mechanisms, such as gaseous air cleaners.

6.2.7.1.2 The breathing zone outdoor airflow (V_{bz}) shall be reset in response to current occupancy and shall be no less than the building component ($R_a * A_z$) of the DCV zone.

Note: Examples of reset methods or devices include population counters, carbon dioxide (CO₂) sensors, timers, occupancy schedules or occupancy sensors.

6.2.7.1.3 The ventilation system shall be controlled such that at steady-state it provides each zone with no less than the breathing zone outdoor airflow (V_{bz}) for the current zone population.

6.2.7.1.4 When the mechanical air-conditioning system is dehumidifying, the current total outdoor air intake flow for the building shall be no less than the coincident total exhaust airflow.

6.2.7.1.5 Documentation: A written description of the equipment, methods, control sequences, set points, and the intended operational functions shall be provided. A table shall be provided that shows the minimum and maximum outdoor intake airflow for each system.

2-6.2.7.2 Ventilation Efficiency. Variations in the efficiency with which outdoor air is distributed to the occupants under different ventilation system airflows and temperatures shall be permitted as an optional basis of dynamic reset.

3-6.2.7.3 Outdoor Air Fraction. A higher fraction of outdoor air in the air supply due to intake of additional outdoor air for free cooling or exhaust air makeup shall be permitted as an optional basis of dynamic reset.

Note: Modify Section 6.4 as follows:

6.4 Design Documentation Procedures. Design criteria and assumptions shall be documented and should be made available for operation of the system within a reasonable time after installation. See Sections 4.3, 5.2.3, 5.17.4, 6.2.7.1.5, and 6.3.2 regarding assumptions that should be detailed in the documentation.

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FOREWORD

This addendum modifies the IAQ procedure in Section 6.3 and its description in Section 6.1.

- *This addendum addresses compliance issues that may result from unclear wording or phrasing.*
- *This addendum makes a mass balance analysis a required part of the IAQ procedure.*
- *This addendum requires that performance of IAQ procedure designed systems be tested similar to the requirements to test VRP designed systems or that it be based on the tested performance of a design for a similar zone, with added requirements for determining whether a zone is similar.*

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Note: Revise Section 6.1.2 as follows:

6.1.2 IAQ Procedure. This is a This performance-based design procedure (presented in Section 6.3), in which the building, outdoor air intake rates and other system design parameters are based on an analysis of contaminant sources, contaminant concentration target limits, and level of perceived indoor air acceptability targets, shall be permitted to be used for any zone or system. The IAQ Procedure allows credit to be taken for controls that remove contaminants (for example, air cleaning devices) or for other design techniques (for example, selection of materials with lower source strengths) that can be reliably demonstrated to result in indoor contaminant concentrations equal to or lower than those achieved using the Ventilation Rate Procedure. The IAQ Procedure may also be used where the design is intended to attain specific target contaminant concentrations or levels of acceptability of perceived indoor air quality.

Note: Revise Section 6.3 as follows:

6.3 Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Procedure. The Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Procedure is a performance-based design approach in which the building and its ventilation system are designed to maintain the concentrations of specific contaminants at or below certain limits identified during the building design and to achieve the design target level of perceived indoor air quality acceptability by building occupants and/or visitors. For the purposes of this procedure, acceptable per-

ceived indoor air quality excludes dissatisfaction related to thermal comfort, noise and vibration, lighting, and psychological stressors.

Breathing zone outdoor airflow (V_{bz}) and/or system outdoor air intake flow (V_{oi}) shall be determined in accordance with Sections 6.3.1 thru 6.3.5.

Note: Delete Section 6.3.1:

6.3.1 Designs employing the IAQ Procedure shall comply with the requirements in the following sections.

Note: Revise Section 6.3.1.1 as follows:

6.3.1.1 Contaminant Sources. Contaminants or mixtures of concern for purposes of the design shall be identified. For each contaminant or mixture of concern, indoor sources (occupants and materials) and outdoor sources shall be identified, and the strength emission rate for each contaminant of concern from ~~of~~ each source shall be determined.

Note: Appendix B lists information for some potential contaminants of concern.

Note: Revise and Renumber Section 6.3.1.2 as follows:

6.3.1.2 Contaminant Concentration. For each contaminant of concern, a target concentration limit and its corresponding exposure period and an appropriate reference to a cognizant authority shall be specified. (See Appendix B for some contaminant concentration guidelines.)

Note: Appendix B includes concentration guidelines for some potential contaminants of concern.

Note: Revise and Renumber Section 6.3.1.3 as follows:

6.3.1.3 Perceived Indoor Air Quality. The criteria to achieve the design level of indoor air acceptability shall be specified in terms of the percentage of building occupants and/or visitors expressing satisfaction with perceived IAQ.

Note: Delete existing Section 6.3.1.4 in its entirety:

6.3.1.4 Design Approaches. Select one or a combination of the following design approaches to determine minimum space and system outdoor airflow rates and all other design parameters deemed relevant (e.g., air cleaning efficiencies and supply airflow rates).

- a. Mass balance analysis. The steady-state equations in Appendix D, which describe the impact of air cleaning on outdoor air and recirculation rates, may be used as part of a mass balance analysis for ventilation systems serving a single space.
- b. Design approaches that have proved successful in similar buildings.
- c. Approaches validated by contaminant monitoring and subjective occupant evaluations in the completed building. An acceptable approach to subjective evaluation is presented in Appendix B, which may be used to validate

the acceptability of perceived air quality in the completed building.

- d. Application of one of the preceding design approaches (a, b, or c) to specific contaminants and the use of the Ventilation Rate Procedure to address the general aspects of indoor air quality in the space being designed. In this situation, the Ventilation Rate Procedure would be used to determine the design ventilation rate of the space and the IAQ Procedure would be used to address the control of the specific contaminants through air cleaning or some other means.

Note: Insert new Section 6.3.4 as follows:

6.3.4 Design Approach. Zone and system outdoor airflow rates shall be the larger of those determined in accordance with Section 6.3.4.1 and either 6.3.4.2 or 6.3.4.3, based on emission rates, concentration limits and other relevant design parameters (e.g., air cleaning efficiencies and supply airflow rates).

6.3.4.1 Mass Balance Analysis. Using a steady-state or dynamic mass-balance analysis, determine the minimum outdoor airflow rates required to achieve the concentration limits specified in Section 6.3.2 for each contaminant or mixture of concern, within each zone served by the system.

Notes:

1. Appendix D includes steady-state mass-balance equations which describe the impact of air cleaning on outdoor air and recirculation rates for ventilation systems serving a single zone.
2. In the completed building, measurement of the concentration of contaminants or mixtures of concern may be useful as a means of checking the accuracy of the design mass-balance analysis, but such measurement is not required for compliance.

6.3.4.2 Subjective Evaluation. Using a subjective occupant evaluation conducted in the completed building, determine the minimum outdoor airflow rates required to achieve the level of acceptability specified in Section 6.3.3 within each zone served by the system.

Notes:

1. Appendix B presents one approach to subjective occupant evaluation.

2. Level of acceptability often increases in response to increased outdoor airflow rates, increased level of indoor and/or outdoor air cleaning, or decreased indoor and/or outdoor contaminant emission rate.

6.3.4.3 Similar Zone. The minimum outdoor airflow rates shall be no less than those found in accordance with 6.3.4.2 for a substantially similar zone (i.e., in a zone with identical contaminants of concern, concentration limits, air cleaning efficiency, and specified level of acceptability; and with similar contaminant sources and emission rates).

Note: Add Section 6.3.5 as follows:

6.3.5 Combined IAQ Procedure and Ventilation Rate Procedure. The IAQ procedure in conjunction with the Ventilation Rate Procedure may be applied to a zone or system. In this case, the Ventilation Rate Procedure shall be used to determine the required zone minimum outdoor airflow, and the IAQ Procedure shall be used to determine the additional outdoor air or air cleaning necessary to achieve the concentration limits of the contaminants of concern.

Note: The improvement of indoor air quality through the use of air cleaning or provision of additional outdoor air in conjunction with minimum ventilation rates may be quantified using the IAQ procedure.

Note: Revise and Renumber Section 6.3.2 as follows:

6.3.26 Documentation. When the IAQ Procedure is used, the following information shall be included in the design documentation: the contaminants of concern considered in the design process; the sources and source strengths emission rates of the contaminants of concern; the target concentration limits and exposure periods and the references for these limits; the design approach used to control the contaminants of concern; and the background or justification for this design approach and the analytical approach used to determine ventilation rates and air cleaning requirements. If the design is based on an approach that has proved successful for similar buildings, the documentation shall include the basis for concluding that the design approach was successful in the other buildings and the basis for concluding that the previous buildings are relevant to the new design. If contaminant monitoring and occupant evaluation are to be used to demonstrate compliance, then the contaminant monitoring and occupant and/or visitor evaluation plans shall also be included in the documentation.

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FOREWORD

This addendum modifies Normative Appendix A, and associated Section 6.2 requirements, as follows:

- It reduces compliance issues that may result from unclear wording or phrasing, especially for VAV systems.
- It improves nomenclature consistency between the body of the standard and the appendix.
- It moves key equations from textual definitions to the body of the Appendix.
- It clarifies the design conditions (including minimum expected discharge airflow and highest expected system primary airflow) used to calculate worst-case intake airflow for multiple-zone recirculating systems.

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Note: Revise Section 3 as follows:

net occupiable space area: the floor area of an *occupiable space* defined by the inside surfaces of its walls but excluding shafts, column enclosures, and other permanently enclosed, inaccessible, and unoccupiable areas. Obstructions in the space such as furnishings, display or storage racks, and other obstructions, whether temporary or permanent, ~~may not be deducted from the space~~ are considered to be part of the *net occupiable area*.

occupiable space: an enclosed space intended for human activities, excluding those spaces that are intended primarily for other purposes, such as storage rooms and equipment rooms, and that are only occupied occasionally and for short periods of time.

ventilation zone: any indoor area that requires ventilation and consists of one or more occupied occupiable spaces or several occupied spaces with similar occupancy category (see Table 6-1), *occupant density*, *zone air distribution effectiveness* (see Section 6.2.2.2), and *zone primary airflow* (see Section 6.2.5.1) per unit area.

Note: A *ventilation zone* is not necessarily an independent thermal control zone; however, spaces that can be combined for load calculations purposes can often be

combined into a single zone for ventilation calculations purposes.

Note: Revise Section 6.2 as follows:

6.2 Ventilation Rate Procedure. The ~~design~~ *outdoor air intake flow* (V_{ot}) for a ventilation system shall be determined in accordance with Sections 6.2.1 through 6.2.79.

Note: Revise Section 6.2.2 as follows:

6.2.2 Zone Calculations. Ventilation zone parameters shall be determined in accordance with Sections 6.2.2.1 through 6.2.2.3 for each ventilation zone served by the ventilation system.

~~Note:~~ In some cases it is acceptable to determine these parameters for only selected zones as outlined in Appendix A.

Note: Revise Section 6.2.2.1 as follows:

6.2.2.1 Breathing Zone Outdoor Airflow. The ~~design~~ outdoor airflow required in the *breathing zone* of the *occupiable space* or spaces in a *ventilation zone*, i.e., the *breathing zone outdoor airflow* (V_{bz}), shall be no less than the value determined in accordance with Equation 6-1.

$$V_{bz} = R_p \cdot P_z + R_a \cdot A_z \quad (6-1)$$

where:

A_z = zone floor area: the *net occupiable floor area* of the *ventilation zone* ~~m², (ft²)~~ ft², (m²).

P_z = zone population: the ~~largest~~ number of people expected to occupy in the ventilation zone during typical usage. If the number of people expected to occupy the zone fluctuates, P_z may be ~~estimated based on averaging approaches described in Section 6.2.6.2.~~

Note: If P_z cannot be accurately predicted during design, it shall be an estimated value based on the zone floor area and the default occupant density listed in Table 6-1.

R_p = outdoor airflow rate required per person as determined from Table 6-1.

Note: These values are based on adapted occupants.

R_a = outdoor airflow rate required per unit area as determined from Table 6-1.

Note: Equation 6-1 is the means of accounting accounts for people-related sources and area-related sources ~~for determining independently in the determination of~~ the outdoor air rate required at the *breathing zone*. The use of Equation 6-1 in the context of this standard does not necessarily imply that simple addition of outdoor airflow rates for different sources can be applied to any other aspect of indoor air quality.

Note: Add a new Section 6.2.2.1.1 as follows:

6.2.2.1.1 Design Zone Population. Design zone population (P_z) shall equal the largest (peak) number of people expected to occupy the *ventilation zone* during typical usage.

Exceptions:

1. If the number of people expected to occupy the ventilation zone fluctuates, zone population equal to the average number of people shall be permitted, provided such average is determined in accordance with Section 6.2.6.2.
2. If the largest or average number of people expected to occupy the ventilation zone cannot be established for a specific design, an estimated value for zone population shall be permitted, provided such value is the product of the net occupiable area of the ventilation zone and the default occupant density listed in Table 6-1.

Note: Revise Sections 6.2.2.2 and 6.2.2.3 as follows:

6.2.2.2 Zone Air Distribution Effectiveness. The zone air distribution effectiveness (E_z) shall be no greater than the default value determined using Table 6-2.

Note: For some configurations, the default value depends upon space and supply air temperature.

6.2.2.3 Zone Outdoor Airflow. The design zone outdoor airflow (V_{oz}), i.e., the outdoor airflow rate that must be provided to the ventilation zone by the supply air distribution system, shall be determined in accordance with Equation 6-2.

$$V_{oz} = V_{bz}/E_z \quad (6-2)$$

Note: Revise Sections 6.2.3 and 6.2.4 as follows:

6.2.3 Single-Zone Systems. When For ventilation systems wherein one or more air handlers supply a mixture of outdoor air and recirculated return air to only one ventilation zone, the outdoor air intake flow (V_{ot}) shall be determined in accordance with Equation 6-3.

$$V_{ot} = V_{oz} \quad (6-3)$$

6.2.4 100% Outdoor Air Systems. When For ventilation systems wherein one or more air handlers supply only outdoor air to one or more ventilation zones, the outdoor air intake flow (V_{ot}) shall be determined in accordance with Equation 6-4.

$$V_{ot} = \sum_{all\ zones} V_{oz} \quad (6-4)$$

Note: Revise Section 6.2.5 as follows:

6.2.5 Multiple-Zone Recirculating Systems. When For ventilation systems wherein one or more air handlers supply a mixture of outdoor air and recirculated return air to more than one ventilation zone, the outdoor air intake flow (V_{ot}) shall be determined in accordance with Sections 6.2.5.1 through 6.2.5.4.

6.2.5.1 Primary Outdoor Air Fraction. When Table 6-3 is used to determine system ventilation efficiency, the zone Primary outdoor air fraction (Z_{pz}) shall be determined for ventilation zones in accordance with Equation 6-5.

$$Z_{pz} = V_{oz}/V_{pz} \quad (6-5)$$

where V_{pz} is the zone primary airflow, i.e., the primary airflow rate to the ventilation zone from the air handler, including

outdoor air and recirculated return air.

Note: For VAV systems, V_{pz} is the minimum expected primary airflow for design purposes. For VAV-system design purposes, V_{pz} is the lowest zone primary airflow value expected at the design condition analyzed.

Note: In some cases it is acceptable to determine these parameters for only selected zones as outlined in Normative Appendix A.

6.2.5.2 System Ventilation Efficiency. The system ventilation efficiency (E_v) shall be determined using in accordance with Table 6-3 or Normative Appendix A.

6.2.5.3 Uncorrected Outdoor Air Intake. The design uncorrected outdoor air intake (V_{ou}) flow shall be determined in accordance with Equation 6-6.

$$V_{ou} = D \sum_{all\ zones} (R_p \cdot P_z) + \sum_{all\ zones} (R_a \cdot A_z) \quad (6-6)$$

6.2.5.3.1 Occupant Diversity. The occupant diversity, D , may be used to ratio (D) shall be determined in accordance with Equation 6-7 to account for variations in occupancy population within the ventilation zones served by the system. The occupancy diversity is defined as

$$D = P_s / \sum_{all\ zones} P_z \quad (6-7)$$

where the system population (P_s) is the total population in the area served by the system.

Exception: Alternative methods may be used to account for population occupant diversity when calculating V_{ou} shall be permitted, provided that the resulting V_{ou} value is no less than that determined by using Equation 6-6.

Note: The uncorrected outdoor air intake (V_{ou}) is adjusted for occupant diversity but uncorrected it is not corrected for system ventilation efficiency.

6.2.5.3.2 Design System Population. Design system population (P_s) shall equal the largest (peak) number of people expected to occupy all ventilation zones served by the ventilation system during typical usage.

Note: Design system population is always equal to or less than the sum of design zone population for all zones in the area served by the system, since all zones may or may not be simultaneously occupied at design population.

6.2.5.4 Outdoor Air Intake. The design outdoor air intake flow (V_{ot}) shall be determined in accordance with Equation 6-8.

$$V_{ot} = V_{ou}/E_v \quad (6-8)$$

Note: Revise Section 6.2.6 as follows:

6.2.6 Design for Varying Operating Conditions.

6.2.6.1 Variable Load Conditions. Ventilation systems shall be designed to be capable of providing no less than the required minimum ventilation rates required in the breathing zone whenever the zones served by the system are occupied, including all full- and part-load conditions.

Note: the minimum outdoor air intake flow may be less than the design value at part-load conditions.

6.2.6.2 Short-Term Conditions. If it is known that peak occupancy will be of short duration and/or ventilation will be varied or interrupted for a short period of time, the design may be based on the average conditions over a time period T determined by Equation 6-9a using IP units (Equation 6-9b using SI units):

$$T = 3 v / V_{bz} \quad (6-9a \text{ IP})$$

$$T = 50 v / V_{bz} \quad (6-9b \text{ SI})$$

where:

T = averaging time period, (min).

v = the volume of the ventilation zone for which averaging is being applied, ft³ (m³).

V_{bz} = the breathing zone outdoor airflow calculated using Equation 6-1 and the design value of the zone population (P_z), cfm (L/s).

Acceptable design adjustments based on this optional provision include the following:

1. Zones with fluctuating occupancy: The zone population (P_z) may be averaged over time T .
2. Zones with intermittent interruption of supply air: The average outdoor airflow supplied to the breathing zone over time T shall be no less than the breathing zone outdoor airflow (V_{bz}) calculated using Equation 6-1.
3. Systems with intermittent closure of the outdoor air intake: the average outdoor air intake over time T shall be no less than the minimum outdoor air intake (V_{oi}) calculated using Equation 6-3, 6-4, or 6-8 as appropriate.

Note: Revise Table 6-3 as follows:

TABLE 6-3 System Ventilation Efficiency

Max (Z_{pz})	E_v
≤ 0.15	1.0
≤ 0.25	0.9
≤ 0.35	0.8
≤ 0.45	0.7
≤ 0.55	0.6
> 0.55	Use Appendix A

1. “Max (Z_{pz})” refers to the largest value of Z_{pz} calculated using Equation 6-5, among all the ventilation zones served by the system.
2. For values of Max (Z_{pz}) between 0.15 and 0.55, one may determine the corresponding value of E_v , may be determined by interpolating the values in the table.
3. The values of E_v in this table are based on a 0.15 average outdoor air fraction for the system (i.e., the ratio of the uncorrected outdoor air intake (V_{ou}) to the total zone primary airflow for all the zones served by the air handler). For systems with higher values of the average outdoor air fraction, this table may result in unrealistically low values of E_v and the use of Appendix A may yield more practical results.

Note: Revise Normative Appendix A as follows:

(This is a normative appendix and is part of the standard.)

NORMATIVE APPENDIX A MULTIPLE-ZONE SYSTEMS

This appendix presents an alternative procedure for calculating the system ventilation efficiency (E_v) that must be used when Table 6-3 values are not used. In this alternative procedure, E_v is equal to the lowest calculated value of the zone ventilation efficiency (E_{vz}) (see Equation A-38 below). Figure A.1 contains a ventilation system schematic depicting most of the quantities used in this appendix.

A.1 System Ventilation Efficiency. For any multiple-zone recirculating system, the system ventilation efficiency (E_v) shall be calculated in accordance with Sections A1.1 through A1.3.

A.1.1 Average Outdoor Air Fraction. The average outdoor air fraction (X_s) for the ventilation system shall be determined in accordance with Equation A-1.

$$X_s = V_{ou} / V_{ps} \quad (A-1)$$

Where the uncorrected outdoor air intake (V_{ou}) is found in accordance with Section 6.2.5.3, and the system primary airflow (V_{ps}) is found at the condition analyzed.

Note: For VAV system design purposes, V_{ps} is the highest expected system primary airflow at the design condition analyzed. System primary airflow at design is usually less than the sum of design zone primary airflow values, since primary airflow seldom peaks simultaneously in all VAV zones.

A.1.2 Zone Ventilation Efficiency. The zone ventilation efficiency (E_{vz}), i.e., the efficiency with which a system distributes outdoor air from the intake to an individual breathing zone, shall be calculated using Equation A-1 or A-2, determined in accordance with Section A.1.2.1 or A.1.2.2

$$\text{Single-Supply Systems } E_{vz} = I + X_s - Z_{pz} \quad (A-1)$$

A.1.2.1 Single-Supply Systems. Equation A-1 (or A-2) shall be used for “single-supply” systems, wherein all of the ventilation air supplied to each ventilation zone is a mixture of outdoor air and system-level recirculated air. Zone ventilation efficiency (E_{vz}) shall be determined in accordance with Equation A-2 from a single location, e.g., Examples of single-supply systems include constant volume reheat, single-duct VAV, single-fan dual-duct, and multi-zone systems.

$$E_{vz} = I + X_s - Z_{pz} \quad (A-2)$$

Where the average outdoor air fraction (X_s) for the system is determined in accordance with Equation A-1 and the primary outdoor air fraction (Z_{pz}) for the zone is determined in accordance with Section 6.2.5.1.

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$$E_{vz} = (F_a + X_s \cdot F_b - Z_{pz} \cdot F_c) / F_a \quad (A-2)$$

Equation A-2 shall be used for systems that provide all or part of their ventilation by recirculating air from other zones without directly mixing it with outdoor air, e.g., dual fan dual duct, fan powered mixing box, and transfer fans for conference rooms.

A.1.2.2 Secondary Recirculation Systems. For “secondary-recirculation” systems wherein all or part of the supply air to each ventilation zone is recirculated air (which has not been directly mixed with outdoor air) from other zones, zone ventilation efficiency (E_{vz}) shall be determined in accordance with Equation A-3. Examples of secondary-recirculation systems include dual-fan dual-duct and fan-powered mixing-box systems, and systems that include transfer fans for conference rooms.

$$E_{vz} = (F_a + X_c \cdot F_b - Z_{pz} \cdot E_p \cdot F_c) / F_a \quad (A-3)$$

Where system air fractions F_a , F_b , and F_c are determined in accordance with Equation A-4, A-5 and A-6, respectively.

$$F_a = E_p + (1 - E_p) \cdot E_r \quad (A-4)$$

$$F_b = E_p \quad (A-5)$$

$$F_c = 1 - (1 - E_z) \cdot (1 - E_r) \cdot (1 - E_p) \quad (A-6)$$

Where the zone primary air fraction (E_p) is determined in accordance with Equation A-7; zone secondary recirculation fraction (E_r) is determined by the designer based on system configuration; and zone air distribution effectiveness (E_z) is determined in accordance with Section 6.2.2.2.

Note: For plenum return systems with secondary recirculation (e.g. fan-powered VAV with plenum return) E_r is usually less than 1.0, although values may range from 0.1 to 1.2 depending upon the location of the ventilation zone relative to other zones and the air handler. For ducted return systems with secondary recirculation (e.g., fan-powered VAV with ducted return), E_r is typically 0.0, while for those with system-level recirculation (e.g. dual-fan dual-duct systems with ducted return) E_r is typically 1.0. For other system types, E_r is typically 0.75.

$$E_p = V_{pz} / V_{dz} \quad (A-7)$$

Where V_{dz} is zone discharge airflow

Note: For single-zone and single-supply systems, E_p is 1.0.

A.1.3 System Ventilation Efficiency. The system ventilation efficiency shall be calculated using equal the lowest zone ventilation efficiency among all ventilation zones served by the air handler, in accordance with Equation A-38.

$$E_v = \text{minimum} (E_{vz}) \quad (A-38)$$

A.2 Alternative Calculations. The above equations may be rearranged to calculate other design parameters of interest based on known parameters. This includes, but is not limited to, calculating minimum zone discharge (supply) airflow (V_{dz}) when the outdoor air intake flow V_{ot} is known.

Other Mass or flow balance equations for multiple-zone systems may also be used to determine system ventilation efficiency and other design parameters, provided that they result in outdoor air intake airflow (V_{ot}) that is within 5% of the airflow value obtained using the system ventilation efficiency (E_v) calculated using Equation A-38 or they more accurately represent a particular system configuration.

A.3 Design Process. The system ventilation efficiency and therefore the outdoor air intake flow for the system (V_{ot}) are determined as part of the design process are based on the design and minimum expected supply air flows to individual ventilation zones as well as the design outdoor air requirements to the zones. In this process, the designer shall assume that the critical zone is at its minimum supply or discharge airflow in VAV systems. For VAV system design purposes, zone ventilation efficiency (E_{vz}) for each ventilation zone shall be found using the minimum expected zone primary airflow (V_{pz}) and using the highest expected system primary airflow (V_{ps}) at the design condition analyzed.

Note: The designer may increase Increasing the zone supply air flows values during the design process, particularly to the critical zones requiring the highest fraction of outdoor air, and thereby reduces the system outdoor air intake flow requirement determined in the calculation, sometimes dramatically.

A.3.1 Selecting Zones for Calculation. Zone ventilation efficiency (E_{vz}) shall be calculated for all ventilation zones.

Exception: Since system ventilation efficiency (E_v) is determined by the minimum value of the zone ventilation efficiency (E_{vz}), in accordance with Equation A-38, calculation of E_{vz} is required only for the zone with the minimum value of E_{vz} at ventilation design conditions. It is not required for any ventilation zone that which clearly has an E_{vz} value that is equal to or larger than that of the ventilation zone for which a calculation has been done.

Note: The value of E_{vz} for a ventilation zone will have a larger (or equal) value be equal to or larger than that for another ventilation zone if all of the following are true relative to the other ventilation zone with minimum E_{vz} :

1. Floor area per occupant (A_z/P_z) is no lower
2. Minimum zone discharge airflow rate per unit area (V_{dz}/A_z) is no lower
3. Primary air fraction E_p is no lower
4. Zone air distribution effectiveness (E_z) is no lower
5. Area outdoor air rate R_a is no higher
6. People outdoor air rate R_p is no higher

If all of the above six parameters are the same for different spaces or areas, then those spaces or areas may be treated as a single zone for calculation of E_{vz} .

Example: In office buildings it is generally only necessary to calculate E_{vz} for one typical interior ventilation zone, since the parameters listed above are generally equal for all interior spaces. If overhead supply air is used to heat the perimeter, it is generally also necessary to calculate E_{vz} for the perimeter zone

F_c Outdoor Air Fraction: The fraction of outdoor air to the ventilation zone that includes from sources of air from outside the zone: $F_c = 1 - (1 - E_z) \cdot (1 - E_p) \cdot (1 - E_p)$.

P_s System Population: the maximum simultaneous number of occupants in the area served by the ventilation system. Where population fluctuates, it may be averaged as described in Section 6.2.6.2.

P_z Zone Population: the largest number of people expected to occupy the zone during typical usage. If P_z is not known, it is determined from the default occupant densities listed in Table 6-1. Where population fluctuates, it may be averaged as described in Section 6.2.6.2. see Section 6.2.2.1.

R_a Area Outdoor Air Rate: the outdoor airflow rate per unit area to be provided in the breathing zone to dilute contaminants that are emitted at a rate that is related more to floor area than to population. The value of R_a for a zone is determined from Table 6-1. see Section 6.2.2.1.

R_p People Outdoor Air Rate: the outdoor airflow rate per person to be provided in the breathing zone to dilute contaminants that are emitted at a rate that is related more to population than to floor area. The value of R_p for a zone is determined from Table 6-1. see Section 6.2.2.1.

V_{bz} Breathing Zone Outdoor Airflow: the outdoor airflow required in the breathing zone of an occupiable space, $V_{bz} = R_p \cdot P_z + R_a \cdot A_z$. see Section 6.2.2.1.

V_{dz} Zone Discharge Airflow: The expected discharge (supply) airflow to the zone that includes primary airflow and locally secondary recirculated airflow, cfm (L/s).

V_{ot} Outdoor Air Intake Flow: the design outdoor airflow required at the ventilation system outdoor air intake. see Sections 6.2.3, 6.2.4, 6.2.5.4.

V_{ou} Uncorrected Outdoor Air Intake: The outdoor air intake flow required if the system ventilation efficiency E_v were 1.0. $V_{ou} = D \cdot \sum R_p \cdot P_z + \sum R_a \cdot A_z$. see Section 6.2.5.3.

V_{oz} Zone Outdoor Airflow: the design outdoor airflow required in the zone, i.e., $V_{oz} = V_{bz}/E_z$. see Section 6.2.2.3.

V_{ps} System Primary Airflow: The total primary airflow supplied to all zones served by the system from the air-handling unit at which the outdoor air intake is located, $V_{ps} = \sum V_{pz}$, in cfm (L/s).

V_{pz} Zone Primary Airflow: The primary airflow supplied to the zone from the air-handling unit at which the outdoor air intake is located, L/s (cfm). It includes outdoor intake air and recirculated air from that air-handling unit but does not include air transferred or air recirculated to the zone by other means. see Section 6.2.5.1.

X_s Average Outdoor Air Fraction: At the primary air handler, the fraction of outdoor air intake flow in the system primary airflow, $X_s = V_{ou}/V_{ps}$.

Z_d Discharge Outdoor Air Fraction: The outdoor air fraction required in air discharged to the zone, $Z_d = V_{oz}/V_{dz}$.

Note: For VAV systems, V_{dz} is the minimum expected discharge airflow for design purposes.

Z_{pz} Primary Outdoor Air Fraction: The outdoor air fraction required in the primary air supplied to the ventilation zone prior to the introduction of any secondary recirculation air

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