

# ADDENDA

**ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Addendum be to  
ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-2019**

# **Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings**

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## FOREWORD

*Addendum be updates the reference year for Standard 140 in Sections 11 and 12 as well as Appendix C and G. ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 140-2020 updates the building thermal envelope and fabric load tests cases (Sections 5.2.1, 5.2.2, and 5.2.3) to address advancements in the state of the art in building performance modeling since their original publication for Standard 140-2001. For these cases, the tested modeling physics includes conduction, convection, and radiative (solar and infrared) heat transfer associated with the following:*

- *Various building surfaces and their thermal mass*
- *Windows and solar gains through windows*
- *External shading devices*
- *Internally generated heat*
- *Outside-air infiltration/ventilation*
- *Sunspaces*
- *Variations in thermostat control (deadband and setback)*

*Additionally, comments on the Standard 140 test specification since its inception identified ambiguities, further necessitating an update to the original specifications. The update work built on the initial version of the test suite published in ASHRAE Standard 140-2001 through 140-2017 and includes additional test cases, diagnostic outputs, and updated informative example results.*

*Addendum be adds the requirement that input files from the simulation program used for Standard 140 testing should be made available. Also, the following clarifications were added:*

- a. That the version of the software being tested must match that used for 90.1 performance-path modeling*
- b. Which specific Standard 140 tests are required*
- c. That testing is required for each complete simulation program including interface and engine*

**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 be to Standard 90.1-2019

### **Modify Section 11 as shown (I-P and SI).**

#### **11.4.1.4 Simulation Program Testing Requirements**

**11.4.1.4.1** The *simulation program* shall be tested according to ASHRAE Standard 140, except for Sections 7 and 8 of Standard 140. The required tests shall include building thermal envelope and fabric load tests (Sections 5.2.1, 5.2.2, and 5.2.3), ground coupled slab-on-grade analytical verification tests (Section 5.2.4), space-cooling equipment performance tests (Section 5.3), space-heating equipment performance tests (Section 5.4), and air-side HVAC equipment analytical verification tests (Section 5.5), along with the associated reporting (Section 6).

**11.4.1.4.2** The test results and modeler reports shall be posted on a publicly available website and shall include the test results of the ~~simulation program~~ simulation program and input files used for generating the results along with the results of the other ~~simulation programs~~ simulation programs included in ASHRAE Standard 140, Annexes B8 and B16. The modeler report in Standard 140, Annex A2, Attachment A2.7, shall be completed for results exceeding the maximum or falling below the minimum of the reference values ~~or and for missing omitted~~ results.

**11.4.1.4.3** The testing shall be performed for the version of the *simulation program* used to calculate the *design energy cost* and *energy cost budget*.

#### **Informative Notes:**

1. There are no pass/fail criteria established by this requirement.

2. Based on the Section 3 definition, *simulation program* includes the simulation engine and the corresponding user interface. The testing of a *simulation program* only meets the requirements of Section 11.4.1.4 for that *simulation program* and cannot be used as proxy for documenting compliance of another *simulation program* that uses the same simulation engine.

**Modify Section 12 as shown (I-P and SI).**

Reference	Title
[...]	
ASHRAE 1791 Tullie Circle, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329	
[...]	
ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 140-20172020	<del>Standard Method of Test for the Evaluation of Building Energy Analysis Computer Programs</del> <u>Evaluating Building Performance Simulation Software</u>
[...]	

**Modify Normative Appendix C as shown (I-P and SI).**

#### **C3.1.4 Simulation Program Testing Requirements**

**C3.1.4.1** The *simulation program* shall be tested according to ASHRAE Standard 140, except for Sections 7 and 8 of Standard 140. The required tests shall include building thermal envelope and fabric load tests (Sections 5.2.1, 5.2.2, and 5.2.3), ground coupled slab-on-grade analytical verification tests (Section 5.2.4), space-cooling equipment performance tests (Section 5.3), space-heating equipment performance tests (Section 5.4), and air-side HVAC equipment analytical verification tests (Section 5.5), along with the associated reporting (Section 6).

**C3.1.4.2** The test results and modeler reports shall be posted on a publicly available website and shall include the test results of the ~~simulation program~~ *simulation program* and input files used for generating the results alongside the results of the other ~~simulation programs~~ *simulation programs* included in ASHRAE Standard 140 Annexes B8 and B16. The modeler report in Standard 140, Annex A2, Attachment A2.7 shall be completed for results exceeding the maximum or falling below the minimum of the reference values ~~or and for missing omitted~~ results.

**C3.1.4.3** The testing shall be performed for the version of the *simulation program* used to calculate the *proposed envelope performance factor* and *base envelope performance factor*.

##### **Informative Notes:**

1. There are no pass/fail criteria established by this requirement.
2. Based on the Section 3 definition, *simulation program* includes the simulation engine and the corresponding user interface. The testing of a *simulation program* only meets the requirements of Section C3.1.4 for that *simulation program* and cannot be used as proxy for documenting compliance of another *simulation program* that uses the same simulation engine.

**Modify Normative Appendix G as shown (I-P and SI).**

#### **G2.2.4 Simulation Program Testing Requirements**

**G2.2.4.1** The *simulation program* shall be tested according to ASHRAE Standard 140, except for Sections 7 and 8 of Standard 140. The required tests shall include building thermal envelope and fabric load tests (Sections 5.2.1, 5.2.2, and 5.2.3), ground coupled slab-on-grade analytical verification tests (Section 5.2.4), space-cooling equipment performance tests (Section 5.3), space-heating equipment performance tests (Section 5.4), and air-side HVAC equipment analytical verification tests (Section 5.5), along with the associated reporting (Section 6).

**G2.2.4.2** The test results and modeler reports shall be posted on a publicly available website and shall include the test results of the ~~simulation program~~ *simulation program* and input files used for generating the results along with the results of the other ~~simulation programs~~ *simulation programs* included in ASHRAE Standard 140, Annexes B8 and B16. The modeler report in Standard

140, Annex A2, Attachment A2.7 shall be completed for results exceeding the maximum or falling below the minimum of the reference values ~~or~~ and for ~~missing~~ omitted results.

**G2.2.4.3** The testing shall be performed for the version of the *simulation program* used to calculate the *proposed building performance* and *baseline building performance*.

***Informative Notes:***

1. There are no pass/fail criteria established by this requirement.
2. Based on the Section 3 definition, *simulation program* includes the simulation engine and the corresponding user interface. The testing of a *simulation program* only meets the requirements of Section G2.2.4 for that *simulation program* and cannot be used as proxy for documenting compliance of another *simulation program* that uses the same simulation engine.

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