



ASHRAE GUIDELINE

Specifying Direct Digital Control Systems

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FOREWORD

This addendum modifies language in specification Section 1.5, as described in Section 3.5 of the guideline. The second paragraph has been deleted since the level of control detail it includes is already part of the sequence of operation section. Including it in an overview section is not necessary and may lead to conflicts between the two sections.

In this addendum, changes to the current guideline are indicated in the text by underlined blue type (for additions) and ~~strikethrough~~ (for deletions) unless the instructions specifically mention some other means of indicating the changes.

Addendum c to ASHRAE Guideline 13-2000

Delete paragraph B in sample specification Section 1.5 (in Section 7.5 of Guideline).

1.5 DESCRIPTION

A. General: The control system shall be as shown and consist of a high-speed, peer-to-peer network of DDC controllers and an operator workstation. The operator workstation shall be a personal computer (PC) with a color monitor, mouse, keyboard, and

printer. The PC will allow a user to interface with the network via dynamic color graphics. Each mechanical system, building floor plan, and control device will be depicted by point-and-click graphics. A modem will be provided for remote access to the network and for paging the operators when an alarm occurs.

- ~~**B.** The system will directly control each air handling unit by maintaining discharge air temperature, duct and building static pressure, and outside air economizer control. The hot water boiler and pumping system will operate to reset the hot water supply temperature based upon outside air temperature and pump lead lag control. The chiller and chilled water pump system will operate based on outside air temperature and pump lead/lag control. In addition, each terminal variable air volume (VAV) and fan-powered VAV unit will be controlled by individual DDC zone controllers networked with the primary DDC panels. Each zone controller will provide for occupied/unoccupied mode of operation by individual zone. For energy conservation, the system will be programmed for optimal Start/Stop of the air handling units and hot and chilled water systems, night setback, and night purge control.~~
- C.B.** The system will provide for future expansion to include monitoring of the card access, fire alarm, and lighting control systems.

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