



# ASHRAE GUIDELINE

## Specifying Direct Digital Control Systems

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## FOREWORD

*This addendum modifies sample specification Section 2.3 C (Section 8.3.3 of guideline) to update hardware capabilities to better reflect current practice. Note that operator workstation capability changes rapidly, so this section must be updated frequently.*

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

### Addendum j to ASHRAE Guideline 13-2000

*Change text in specification Section 2.3C (Section 8.3.3 of guideline) as indicated.*

C. Hardware. Each operator workstation and custom programming workstation shall consist of the following:

1. Personal Computer. Furnish install, and configure IBM compatible PCs ~~as shown~~ with a minimum of:
  - a. ~~The CPU shall be a minimum of an Intel Pentium and operate at a minimum of 120~~2.0 GHz processor. A minimum of
  - b. ~~16~~500 megabytes ~~MB~~ of RAM
  - c. ~~one~~1.44 megabyte ~~MB~~ 3.5-inch diskette drive
  - d. ~~48x CD-ROM~~ optical drive
  - e. ~~and an 800~~40 megabyte ~~MB~~ hard disk with a minimum access time of providing data at 12 ~~100~~ MB/sec milliseconds shall be provided.
  - f. A two-button ~~m~~Mouse

- g. Keyboard also will be provided.
  - h. ~~14~~17-in. color monitor with at least 1024 x 768 resolution
  - i. Furnish all required ~~s~~Serial, parallel, and network communication ports and all cables required for proper system operation.
  - j. ~~The PC shall have a minimum of a 14 in. VGA monitor.~~
2. Modems. Furnish ~~one a~~Auto-dial telephone modem ~~per workstation~~ and associated cables shall transmit over voice-grade telephone lines at a nominal 56,000 baud and shall provide for communication to between workstation or web server and remote buildings and workstations. ~~The modem shall transmit at a minimum of 28,800 baud and communicate over voice-grade telephone lines.~~
  3. Alarm Printers. Each workstation shall have one Alarm printer shall have with tractor feed and associated cables. Each printer and shall be capable of a minimum of 160 characters per second operation, ~~and be compatible with standard parallel or serial communication.~~ Supply one box of 2000 sheets minimum of printer paper and two printer ribbons or cartridges.
  4. BACnet. ~~The w~~Web server or workstation shall have demonstrated interoperability during at least one BMA Interoperability Workshop and shall substantially conform to BACnet Operator Workstation (B-OWS) device profile as specified in ANSI/ASHRAE 135-2004, BACnet, Annex L. Workstation shall use the Read (Initiate) and Write (Execute) Services as defined in Clauses 15.5 and 15.8, respectively, of ~~ASHRAE Standard 135-1995~~ to communicate with BACnet objects in the internetwork.

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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.