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Residential 2009 to 2015 IECC Changes

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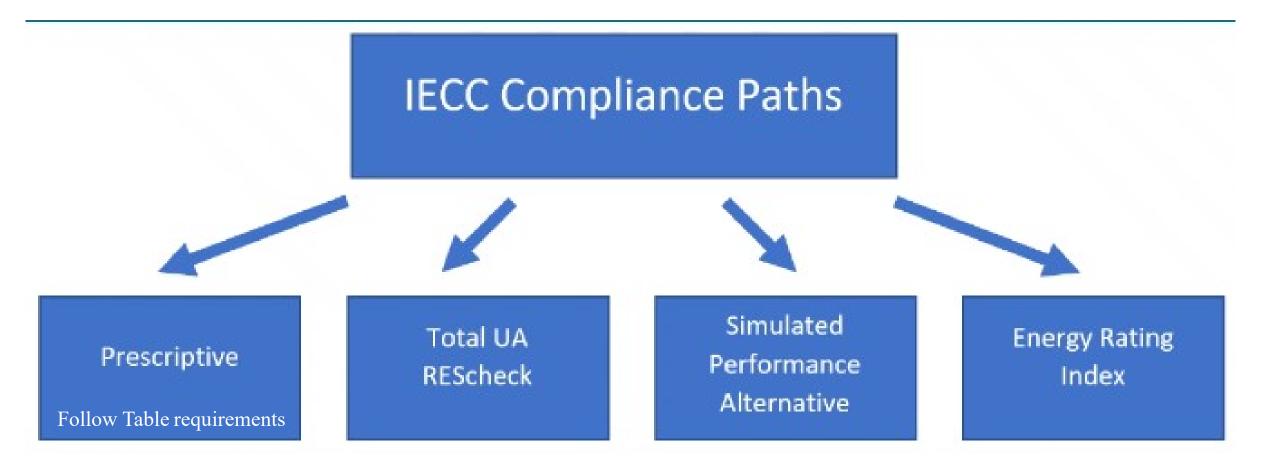


MUBEC

Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code

- Adopted 2010, Amended Jan. 23, 2018
 - 2015 IRC
 - 2015 IBC
 - 2015 IEBC
 - 2009 IECC 2015 IECC Adopted & Effective July 1, 2021
- Requires local enforcement in municipalities over 4000 residents
- For municipalities with a population less than 4.000. enforcement of the code is up to the municipality:
 - MUBEC (Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code)
 - Legislatively amended to become Statewide Code

Four available options - builder needs to choose one!



Prescriptive Requirements for Compliance

R402.1.2 Insulation and Fenestration Criteria

The building thermal envelope shall meet the requirements of Table R402.1.2, based on the climate zone specified in Chapter 3.

TABLE R402.1.2

INSULATION AND FENESTRATION REQUIREMENTS BY COMPONENT^a

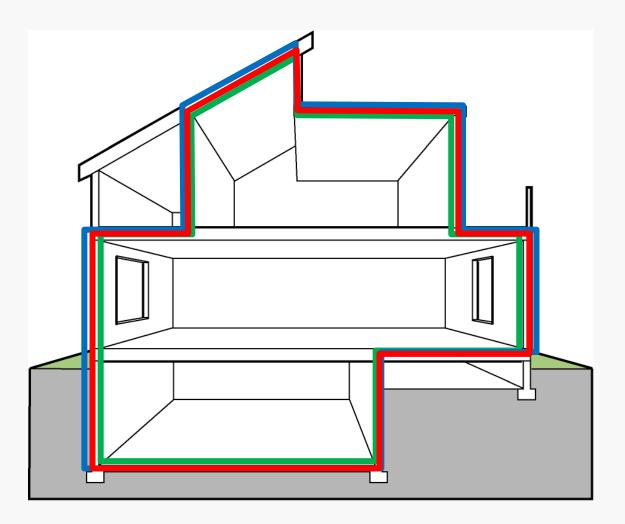
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6	0.32	0.55	NR	49	20+5 or 13+10 ^h	15/20	30 ^g	15/19	10, 4 ft	15/19
7 and 8	0.32	0.55	NR	49	20+5 or 13+10 ^h	19/21	38 ⁸	15/19	10, 4 ft	15/19

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

- c. "15/19" means *R*-15 continuous insulation on the interior or exterior of the home or *R*-19 cavity insulation at the interior of the basement wall. "15/19" shall be permitted to be met with *R*-13 cavity insulation on the interior of the basement wall plus *R*-5 continuous insulation on the interior or exterior of the home. "10/13" means *R*-10 continuous insulation on the interior or exterior of the home or *R*-13 cavity insulation at the interior of the basement wall plus *R*-5 continuous insulation on the interior or exterior of the home or *R*-13 cavity insulation at the interior of the basement wall.
- d. R-5 shall be added to the required slab edge R-values for heated slabs. Insulation depth shall be the depth of the footing or 2 feet, whichever is less in Climate Zones 1 through 3 for heated slabs.
- e. There are no SHGC requirements in the Marine Zone.
- g. Or insulation sufficient to fill the framing cavity, R-19 minimum.
- h. The first value is cavity insulation, the second value is continuous insulation, so "13+5" means R-13 cavity insulation plus R-5 continuous insulation.
- i. The second *R*-value applies when more than half the insulation is on the interior of the mass wall.

House as a System Building Thermal Envelope

Air Barrier Thermal Boundary Vapor Retarder



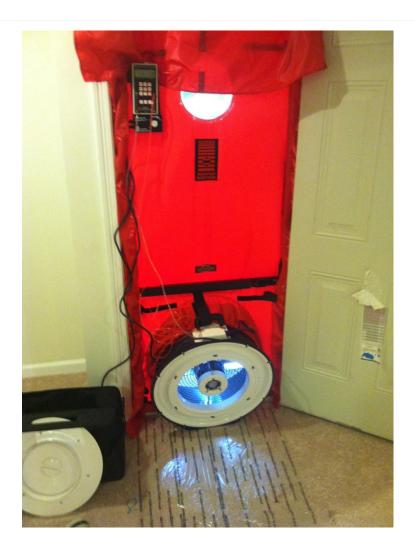
Air Leakage Blower Door

Components

- Calibrated Variable-Speed Fan
- Calibrated Manometer
- Mounting System

Operation

- Typically a Depressurization Test
- Simulates a 20 MPH wind on all sides
- Measures Air Leakage in CFM50
 - Cubic Feet per Minute
 - Pascal a unit of air pressure
 - 249 Pascals = 1.0 IWC (Inches of Water Column)



Air Leakage Air Change per Hour

Testing R402.4.2.1

- OPTIONAL
- Approved 3rd Party
- Written Report



Not Exceeding 3 ACH50

Testing R402.4.1.2

- MANDATORY
- Approved 3rd Party
- Written Report

Calculation

• ACH50 (Air Change per Hour at 50 Pascals)

 $\frac{\text{CFM50 x 60}}{\text{VOLUME}} = \text{ACH50}$

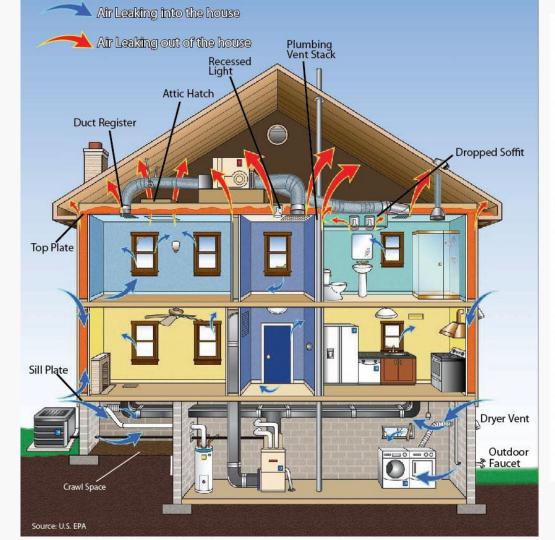


Air Leakage Common Air Leaks

Components

- Ceiling/Attic
- Walls
- Windows
- Skylights
- Doors
- Rim Joists
- Floors
- Crawlspace/Basement
- Shafts
- Penetrations
- Garage Separation
- HVAC
- Sprinklers

COMMON AIR LEAKS



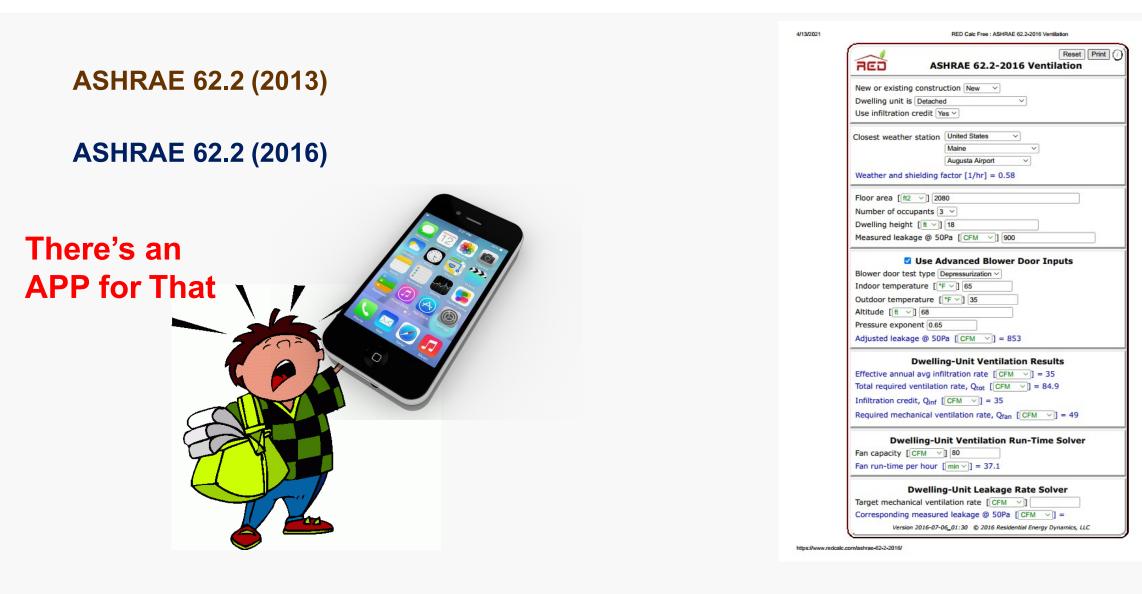
*Form to be provided at the end of presentation

2015 IECC	Air Barrier and Insulation Installation Table 402.4.1.1*	BUILDER	FRAMER	ELECTRCIAN	PLUMBER	HVAC	INSULATION	DRYWALL
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*NOTE: This document is intended solely to help demonstrate the air leakage and insulation provisions of table 402.4.1.1 of the 2015 IECC. It does not cover all air sealing/insulation locations or techniques. Trade responsibilities are decided by the builder, this document identifies the most com mon trade to line item. Refer to the code language and consult a code official for further advisement.

Mechanical Ventilation

https://www.redcalc.com/



ASHRAE 62.2-2016 Ventilation
New or existing construction New Dwelling unit is Detached Use infiltration credit Yes
Closest weather station United States Maine Sanford Muni (AWOS)
Weather and shielding factor $[1/hr] = 0.57$
Floor area $[ft2]$] 1872 Number of occupants 5 Dwelling height $[ft]$] 19 Measured leakage @ 50Pa [CFM] 594.3
Use Advanced Blower Door Inputs
Dwelling-Unit Ventilation Results
Effective annual avg infiltration rate [CFM \sim] = 25 Total required ventilation rate, Q _{tot} [CFM \sim] = 93.66
Infiltration credit, Q_{inf} [CFM \checkmark] = 25
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Mechanical Ventilation R403.6



Slabs

CLIMATE ZONE	SLAB ^d R-VALUE & DEPTH
6	10, 4ft
7	10, 4ft

a = insulation depth

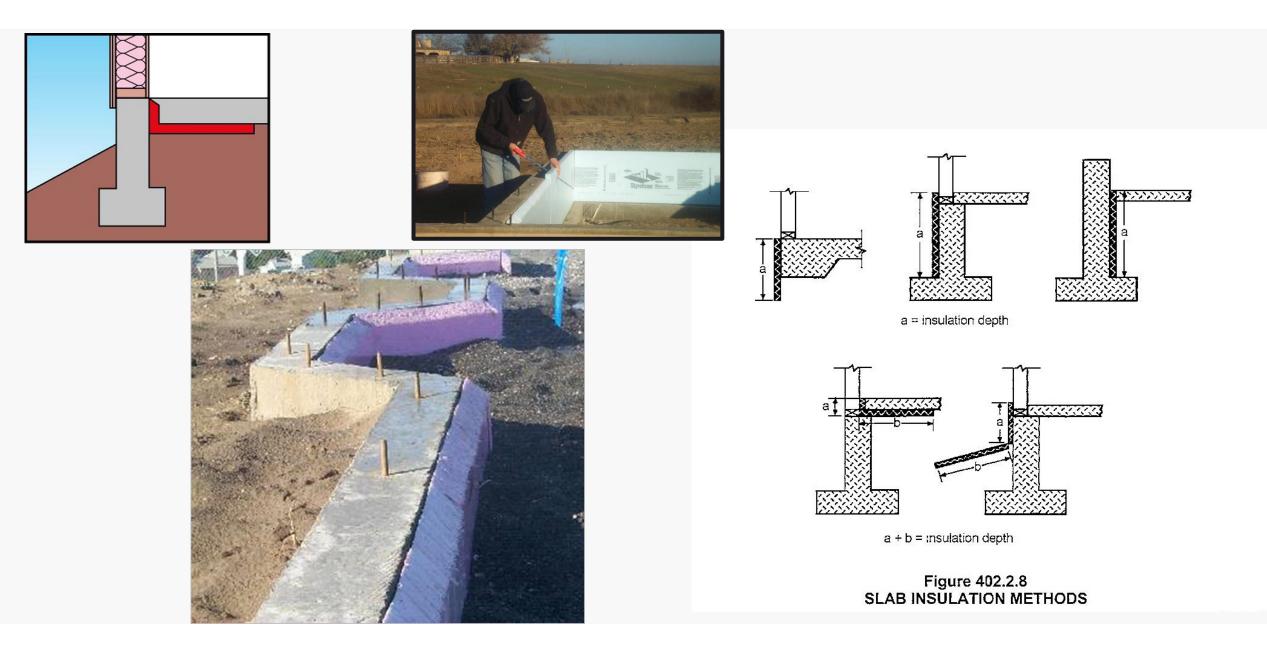
a + b = insulation depth

Figure 402.2.8 SLAB INSULATION METHODS

Applies to slabs with a floor surface < 12 inches below grade

- R-10 (typically 2 inches) insulation in Zones 4 and above
- Must extend downward from top of slab a minimum of 48" (Zones 6, 7, and 8)
- Insulation can be vertical or extend horizontally under the slab or out from the building
- Insulation extending outward must be under 10 inches of soil or pavement
- ^D An additional R-5 at slab edge is required for heated slabs

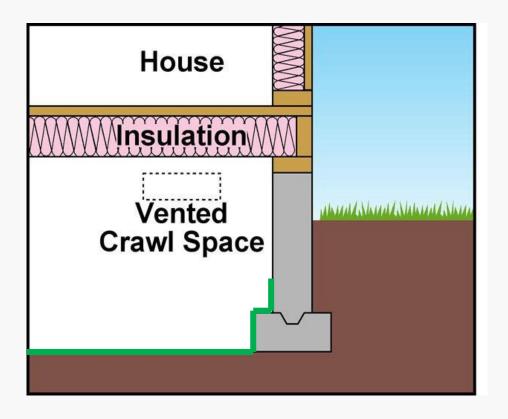
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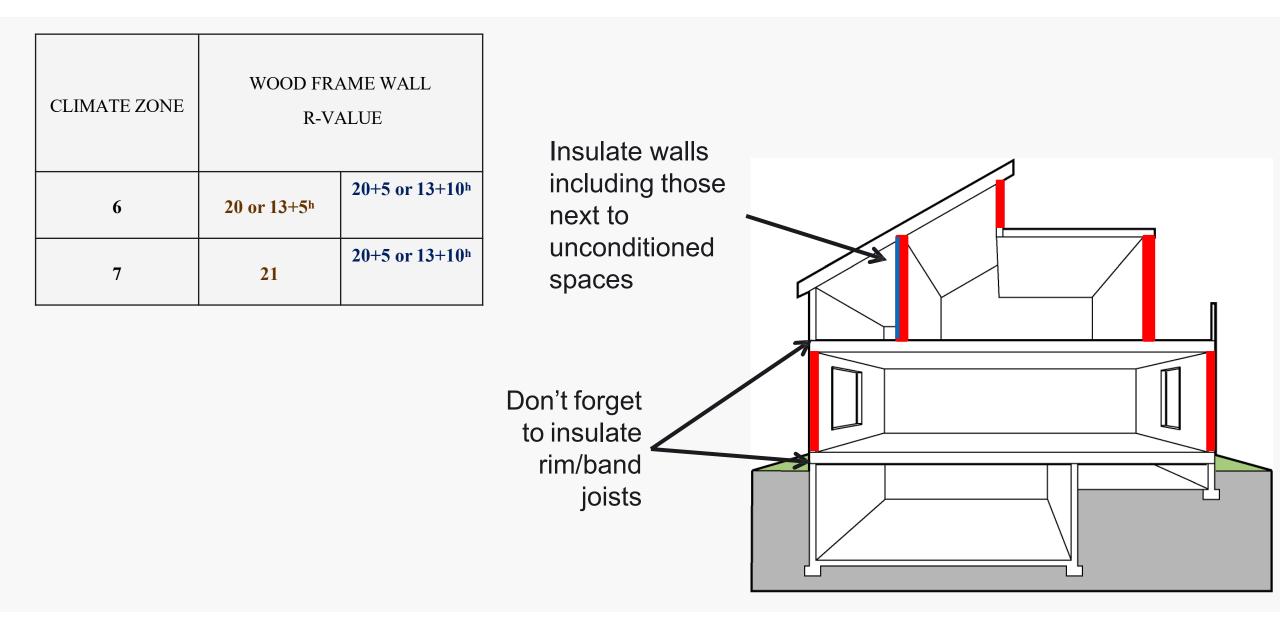
Crawlspace and Basements Ventilated

IRC R408.1 **Ventilation**: The under-floor space between the bottom of the floor joists and the earth under any building (except space occupied by a basement) shall have ventilation openings through foundation walls or exterior walls.

- Minimum opening > 1 SF for each 150 SF of under-floor area
- Class 1 Vapor Retarder on ground, opening > 1 SF for each 1,500SF.

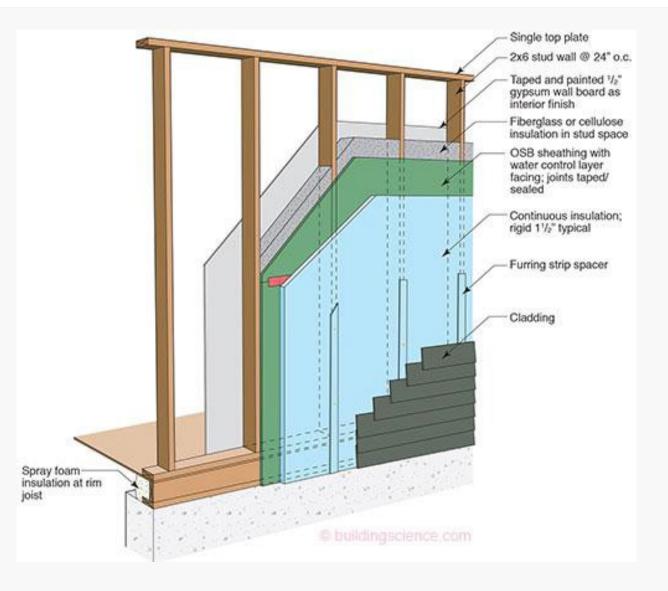






CLIMATE ZONE		AME WALL ALUE
6	20 or 13+5 ^h	20+5 or 13+10 ^h
7	21	20+5 or 13+10 ^h





Advanced Framing

CLIMATE ZONE		AME WALL ALUE		
6	20 or 13+5 ^h	20+5 or 13+10 ^h		
7	21	20+5 or 13+10 ^h		

FRAME WALL EQUIVALENCY U-FACTOR
0.045
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Air Sealing



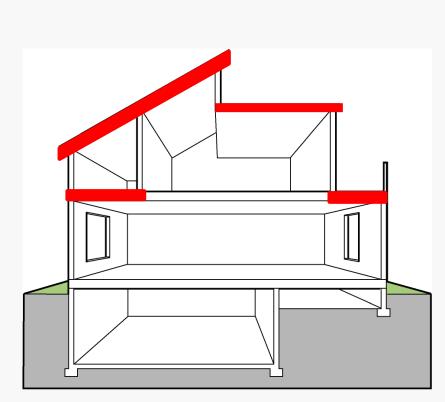






Ceiling Insulation

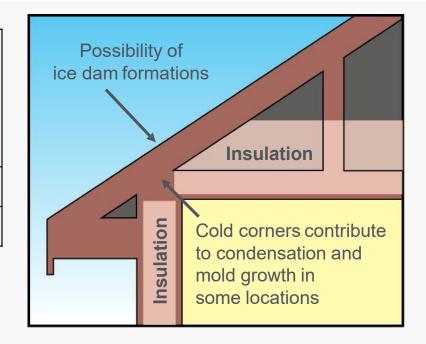
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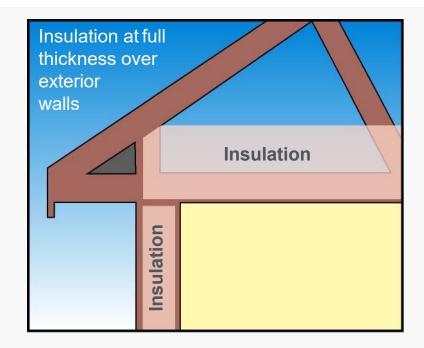




Ceiling Insulation

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ZONECEILING
R-VALUE649749





Prescriptive R-value path encourages raised heel truss (aka, energy truss)

- If insulation is full height over exterior wall top plate
 - R-38 complies where R-49 is required



CLIMATE ZONE	CEILING R-VALUE
6	49
7	49



- Where Insulation levels are required R-49
- Not sufficient amount of space to meet higher levels
- R-38 allowed for 500 ft² or 20% total insulated ceiling area, whichever is less



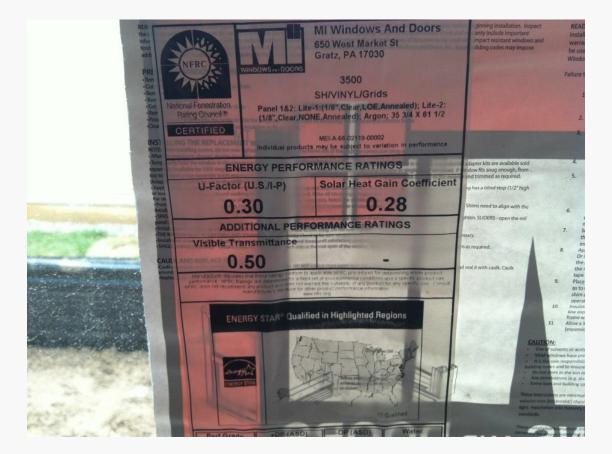
Fenestrations

Windows

	CLIMATE ZONE		RATION CTOR ^b	GLAZED FENESTRATION SHGC ^{b, e}		JGHT⁵ CTOR
ſ	6	0.35	0.32	NR	0.60	0.55
	7	0.35	0.32	NR	0.60	0.55

b – excludes skylights, SHGC applies to all glazed fenestrations e – no SHGC requirements in Marine Zone

- Hard limits on U-factor in northern U.S. (cannot be exceeded, even in trade-offs), see exceptions:
 - Up to 15SF of glazed fenestrations shall be permitted to be exempt from U-factors and SHGC
 - Does not apply to U-factor Alternative or UA Alternative
 - Area Weighted Compliance: U-factors of individual windows or skylights can be higher if maximum areaweighted average is below these limits.
 - U-0.75 for skylights in Zones 4-8





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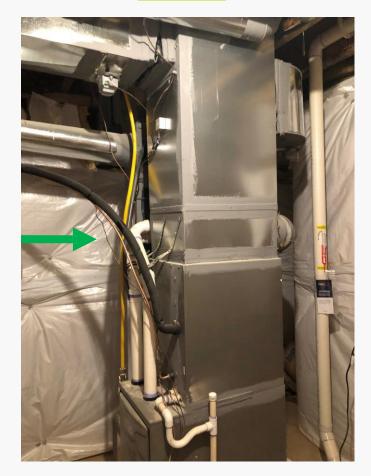




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Building Energy Codes (http://www.energycodes.gov)



Generated by REScheck-WebSoftware Compliance Certificate

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Compliance: I.2% Better Than Code Maximum UA: 485 Your UA: 479

The % Better or Worse Than Code Index reflects how close to compliance the house is based on code trade-off rules. It DOES NOT provide an estimate of energy use or cost relative to a minimum-code home.

Slab-on-grade tradeoffs are no longer considered in the UA or performance compliance path in REScheck. Each slab-on-grade assembly in the specified climate zone must meet the minimum energy code insulation R-value and depth requirements.

Envelope Assemblies

Assembly	Gross Area or Perimeter	Cavity R-Value	Cont. R-Value	Prop. U-Factor	Req. U-Factor	Prop. UA	Req. UA
Ceiling: Cathedral Ceiling	2,026	38.0	0.0	0.027	0.026	55	53
Ceiling under porch: Cathedral Ceiling	147	38.0	0.0	0.027	0.026	4	4
Wall - Exterior: Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	3,300	21.0	0.0	0.057	0.045	148	117
Front Entry Door: Solid Door (under 50% glazing)	40			0.320	0.320	13	13
Pella glass doors: Glass Door (over 50% glazing)	179			0.250	0.320	45	57
Pella windows: Wood Frame	485			0.250	0.320	121	155
Wall Garage: Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	329	21.0	0.0	0.057	0.045	18	14
Garage Entry Door: Solid Door (under 50% glazing)	21			0.320	0.320	7	7
Floor above garage: All-Wood Joist/Truss	397	38.0	0.0	0.026	0.033	10	13
Basement: Solid Concrete or Masonry Wall height: 6.0' Depth below grade: 4.3' Insulation depth: 6.0'	984	0.0	13.0	0.058	0.050	57	49
Flood vents: Solid Door (under 50% glazing)	8			0.120	0.320	1	3

Maine Fire Marshal's Office

State of Maine Energy Code **Handout** IECC 2015

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2015 IECC Residential Energy Code Compliance Path Options – Climate Zone 6A and 7A The following handout reflects the requirements of the residential portions of the updated Energy Code (IECC 2015 Ed.) - the information below contains the tables for the R-Values and U-Factors for each component of a residential structure. This handout is separated into three potential compliance options (paths): All paths require compliance with the air sealing requirements on page 2. 1) Prescriptive (blue highlights) – defines the required levels of R/U (See Section R403) *This method requires software (ResCheck or equivalent) use for "alternatives" Performance (yellow highlights) – simulated modeling of entire building (See Section R405) 2) 3) Energy Rating Index "ERI" (white highlights) – requires modeling comparison to IECC 2006 (See Section R406) **Option 1: Prescriptive Option 3: ERI (HERS Index) Option 2: Performance Prescriptive R-Value** Table R402.1.2 Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component FENES-GLAZED SKY-BASE-CRAWL WOOD SLAR^d MASS CLIMATE TRATION LIGHT^b FENES-CEILING FRAME FLOOR MENT SPACE WALL R-VALUE TRATION R-VALUE WALL R-VALUE WALL WALL ZONE U-U-R-VALUE & DEPTH SHGC^{b, e} FACTOR FACTOR R-VALUE R-VALUE R-VALUE OR 20+5 or 0.32 0.55 NR 49 15/20 308 15/19 10, 4ft 15/19 13+10^h 20+5 or 0.32 0.55 NR 49 19/21 388 7 and 8 15/19 10, 4ft 15/19 13+10^h **Prescriptive U-Value** Table R402.1.4 Equivalent U-Factors FENESTRA-FRAME MASS BASEMENT CRAWL CLIMATE SKYLIGHT CEILING FLOOR TION WALL WALL WALL SPACE WALL ZONE U-FACTOR U-FACTOR U-FACTOR U-FACTOR U-FACTOR U-FACTOR U-FACTOR U-FACTOR OR 0.32 0.55 0.026 0.045 0.060 0.033 0.050 0.055 6 7 and 8 0.32 0.55 0.026 0.045 0.057 0.028 0.050 0.055 Prescriptive UA Alternative - Must submit compliance documentation. Performance Option R405-Performancebased compliance using simulated energy performance analysis. Such analysis includes heating, Complete Table R402.4.1.1 cooling and service water heating energy only. (Inspections Required) (Mandatory Provisions Must Be Met) Air Leakage Testing (Mandatory) R402.4 (Blower Door) Energy Rating Index Option R406 Climate Zone 6 = 54 (equal to or less than) Climate Zone 7 and 8 = 53 (equal to or less than) Duct Testing (Mandatory) R403.3.3 (Mandatory Provisions Must Be Met)

*NOTE: This document is only a guide for meeting IECC 2015, contact your local code official for further guidance.

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	<i>Air Barrier</i> and Insulation Installation Table 402.4.1.1	BUILDER	FRAMER	ELECTRCIAN	PLUMBER	HVA	INSULATION
COMPONENT	CRITERIA				R	0	Ži
	A continuous air barrier shall be installed in the building envelope.	X	х				X
General Requirements	Exterior thermal envelope contains a continuous air barrier.	X	x				X
General Requirements	Breaks or joints in the air barrier shall be sealed.	X	Х	х	х	Х	х
	Air-permeable insulation shall not be used as a sealing material.	X					X
	The air barrier in any dropped ceiling/soffit shall be aligned with the insulation and any gaps in the air barrier sealed.		x	0			X
Ceiling/attic	Access openings, drop down stair or knee wall doors to unconditioned attic spaces shall be sealed.	X			3 - 10		X
	The insulation in any dropped ceiling/soffit shall be aligned with the air barrier.	X			3		X
	The junction of the foundation and sill plate shall be sealed.	X		- 	3 10		-
	The junction of the top plate and top of exterior walls shall be sealed.	X		-	_		X
	Knee walls shall be sealed.	_	A	<u></u>			X
Walls	Cavities within corners and headers of framed walls shall be insulated by completely filling the	-		5 - 5	< 3)		Λ
	cavity with a material having thermal resistance of R-3 per inch minimum.	X	X				X
	Exterior thermal envelope insulation for framed walls shall be installed in substantial contact and continuous alignment with the air barrier.	X	x				x
Windows, skylights and doors	The space between window/door jambs and framing and skylights and framing shall be sealed.	X	0	8.8			Х
Rim joists	Rim joists shall be insulated and include the air barrier.	X	Х				Х
	The air barrier shall be installed at any exposed edge of insulation.	X	Х				х
Floors (including above-garage and cantilevered floors)	Insulation shall be installed to maintain permanent contact with underside of subfloor decking or floor framing cavity insulation shall be permitted to be in contact with top side of sheathing, or continuous insulation installed on the underside of floor framing and extends from the bottom to the top of all perimeter floor framing members.						x
	Exposed earth in unvented crawl spaces shall be covered with a Class I vapor retarder with over- lapping joints taped.	X					X
Crawl space walls	Where provided instead of floor insulation, insulation shall be permanently attached to the crawlspace walls.						X
Shafts, penetrations	Duct shafts, utility penetrations, and flue shafts opening to exterior or unconditioned space shall be sealed.	X		X	X	X	X
Narrow cavities	Batts in narrow cavities shall be cut to fit, or narrow cavities shall be filled by insulation that on installation readily conforms to the available cavity space.	X					X
Garage separation	Air sealing shall be provided between the garage and conditioned spaces.	X					х
Recessed lighting	Recessed light fixtures installed in the building thermal envelope shall be sealed to the drywall, air tight and IC rated.	x		x			
Plumbing and wiring	Batt insulation shall be cut neatly to fit around wiring and plumbing in exterior walls, or insulation that on installation readily conforms to available space shall extend behind piping and wiring.			20.0			x
Shower/tub on exterior wall	The air barrier installed at exterior walls adjacent to showers and tubs shall separate them from the shower and tubs.	X					X
	Exterior walls adjacent to showers and tubs shall be insulated.	Х					Х
Electrical/phone box on exterior walls	The air barrier shall be installed behind electrical or communication boxes or air sealed boxes shall be installed.	x	x	x			X
HVAC register boots	HVAC register boots that penetrate building thermal envelope shall be sealed to the subfloor or drywall.	T				x	
Concealed sprinklers	When required to be sealed, concealed fire sprinklers shall only be sealed in a manner that is rec- ommended by the manufacturer. Caulking or other adhesive sealants shall not be used to fill voids between fire sprinkler cover plates and walls or ceilings.	x			x		

Disclaimer: This document is intended solely to help demonstrate the air leakage and insulation provisions of table 402.4.1.1 of the 2015 IECC. It does not cover all air sealing/insulation locations or techniques. Other code provisions may be applicable as well.

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