

### ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes Codes & Standards Information

### Insulation Requirements for the National Builder Option Package

The National Builder Option Package requires that the insulation levels of a home meet or exceed Sections N1102.1 and N1102.2 of the 2004 IRC. For example, compliance may be determined by meeting the prescriptive insulation requirements listed by component below. Compliance may also be determined using U-factor alternatives or a total UA alternative as defined in Section N1102.1.2 and Section N1102.1.3. In all cases, insulation shall be inspected to Grade I installation as defined in the RESNET Standards by a RESNET-certified rater. Note that the fenestration requirements of the 2004 IRC do not apply to the fenestration requirements of the National Builder Option Package.

<u>Climate Zone</u>	Ceiling R-Value	Wood Frame Wall R-Value	<u>Floor</u> R-Value	Basement Wall R-Value	Slab R-Value & Depth	Crawl Space R-Value
1	30	13	13	0	0	0
2	30	13	13	0	0	0
3	30	13	19	0	0	5/13
4 except Marine	38	13	19	10/13	10, 2 ft.	10/13
5 and Marine 4	38	19 or 13+5	30	10/13	10, 2 ft.	10/13
6	49	19 or 13+5	30	10/13	10, 4 ft.	10/13
7 and 8	49	21	30	10/13	10, 4 ft.	10/13

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### **Best Practices for Sizing Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps**

Best practices for sizing air conditioners and heat pumps include:

- Sizing to the manufacturers' performance data;
- Sizing the equipment for the total and latent load capacities;
- Determining the auxiliary heat balance point when sizing heat pumps; and
- Considering both the cooling and heating loads in different climates when sizing heat pumps.

### **ENERGY STAR Products – Average Energy Savings & Key Product Criteria**

Product	Average Energy Savings	Key Product Criteria
Air Conditioner	25%	SEER ≥ 14; EER ≥ 11.5
Heat Pump	20%	SEER ≥ 14 ; EER ≥ 11.5; HSPF ≥ 8.2
Furnace	15%	AFUE ≥ 90% (About 15% more efficient than the minimum federal efficiency standards)
Dish Washers	25%	Energy Factor ≥ 0.58: At least 25% more energy efficient than minimum Federal government standards
Clothes Washers	50%	Minimum Modified Energy Factor (MEF) of 1.42
Refrigerator	15%	At least 15% more energy efficient than the minimum Federal government standard (NAECA)



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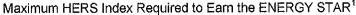
Product	Average Energy Savings	Key Product Criteria			
	ENERGY STAR Home Windows for IRC Climate Zones  If IRC Climate Zone is not 2 or 4, then refer to the ENERGY STAR Window Climate Zones below	IRC Climate Zone 4:			
Windows	Savings vary by climate region (as defined by the ENERGY STAR windows program) and home characteristics  See web-site for correct selection of ENERGY STAR windows for building site	Northern Climate Zone:			
Thermostat	Savings depend on homeowner use	http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=windows_doors.pr_crit_windows  Shipped with a default energy saving program that is capable of maintaining two separate programs and four temperature settings or			
Ventilating Fans	65%	Range hoods (up to 500 cfm): maximum allowable sound level of 2.0 sones; minimum efficacy level of 2.8 cfm/Vatt  Bathroom fans (10 to 80 cfm): maximum allowable sound level of 2.0 sones; minimum efficacy level of 1.4 cfm/Watt; minimum rated airflow at 0.25 static w.g. 60% of 0.1 static w.g. airflow  Bathroom fans (90 to 130 cfm): maximum allowable sound level of 2.0 sones; minimum efficacy level of 2.8 cfm/Watt; minimum rated airflow at 0.25 w.g. 70% of 0.1 static w.g. airflow  Bathroom fans (140 to 500 cfm): maximum allowable sound level of 3.0 sones; minimum efficacy level of 2.8 cfm/Watt; minimum rated airflow at 0.25 w.g. 70% of 0.1 static w.g. airflow  Light sources must use pin-based fluorescent technology  Warranty provided must be a minimum of 1 year			
Lighting	66%	http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=lighting.pr_lighting			
Ceiling Fans	Savings depend on homeowner use	http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=ceiling_fans.pr_ceiling_fans			

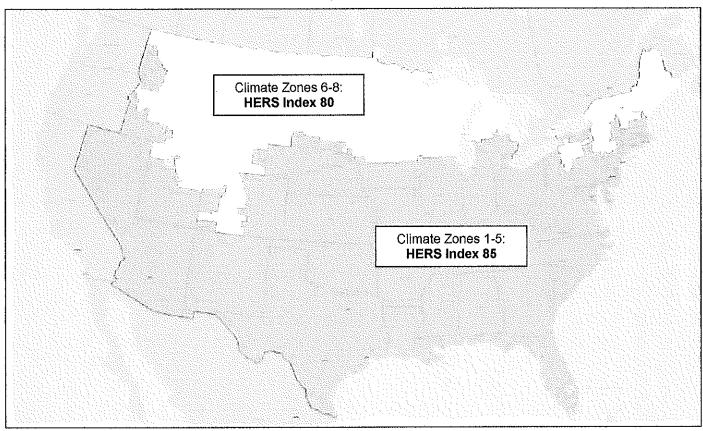


## ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes National Performance Path Requirements

#### **ENERGY STAR Performance Requirements:**

To qualify as ENERGY STAR, a home must meet the minimum requirements specified below, be verified and field-tested in accordance with the RESNET Standards by a RESNET-accredited Provider, and meet all applicable codes.





Note: Due to the unique nature of some state codes and/or climates, EPA has agreed to allow regionally-developed definitions of ENERGY STAR in California, Hawaii, and the Pacific Northwest to continue to define program requirements. The States of Montana and Idaho may use either the requirements of the national program or the regionally-developed program in the Pacific Northwest.

#### **ENERGY STAR Mandatory Requirements:**

Envelope <sup>2,3,4</sup>	Completed Thermal Bypass Inspection Checklist			
Ductwork 5,6	Leakage ≤ 6 cfm to outdoors / 100 sq. ft.			
ENERGY STAR Products <sup>13,14</sup>	Include at least one ENERGY STAR qualified product category:  Heating or cooling equipment <sup>7</sup> ; <u>OR</u> Windows <sup>8</sup> ; <u>OR</u> Five or more ENERGY STAR qualified light fixtures <sup>9,10</sup> , appliances <sup>11</sup> , ceiling fans equipped with lighting fixtures, and/or ventilation fans <sup>12</sup>			
ENERGY STAR Scoring Exceptions	<ul> <li>On-site power generation may not be used to decrease the HERS Index to qualify for ENERGY STAR.</li> <li>A maximum of 20% of all screw-in light bulb sockets in the home may use compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) to decrease the HERS Index for ENERGY STAR compliance. CFLs used for this purpose must be ENERGY STAR qualified.</li> </ul>			



### **ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes**National Performance Path Notes

- The appropriate climate zone for each building site shall be determined by the 2004 International Residential Code (IRC), Table N1101.2. The HERS Index must be calculated in accordance with the RESNET Mortgage Industry National Home Energy Rating Standards.
- 2. The Thermal Bypass Inspection Checklist must be completed for homes to earn the ENERGY STAR label. The Checklist requires visual inspection of framing areas where air barriers are commonly missed and inspection of insulation to ensure proper alignment with air barriers, thus serving as an extra check that the air and thermal barriers are continuous and complete.
- 3. Envelope leakage must be determined by a RESNET-certified rater using a RESNET-approved testing protocol.
- 4. To ensure consistent exchange of indoor air, whole-house mechanical ventilation is recommended, but not required.
- 5. Ducts must be sealed and tested to be ≤ 6 cfm to outdoors / 100 sq. ft. of conditioned floor area, as determined and documented by a RESNET-certified rater using a RESNET-approved testing protocol. If total duct leakage is ≤ 6 cfm to outdoors / 100 sq.ft. of conditioned floor area, then leakage to outdoors does not need to be tested. Duct leakage testing can be waived if all ducts and air handling equipment are located in conditioned space (i.e., within the home's air and thermal barriers) AND the envelope leakage has been tested to be ≤ 3 ACH50 OR ≤ 0.25 CFM 50 per sq. ft. of the building envelope. Note that mechanical ventilation will be required in this situation.
- 6. EPA recommends, but does not require, locating ducts within conditioned space (i.e., inside the air and thermal barriers), and using a minimum of R-4 insulation for ducts inside conditioned space to prevent condensation.
- 7. All cooling equipment, regardless of whether it is used to satisfy the ENERGY STAR products requirement, must be sized according to the latest editions of ACCA Manuals J and S, ASHRAE 2001 Handbook of Fundamentals, or an equivalent computation procedure. Maximum oversizing limit for air conditioners and heat pumps is 15% (with the exception of heat pumps in Climate Zones 5 8, where the maximum oversizing limit is 25%). This can be accomplished either by the rater performing the calculations or reviewing documentation provided by the professional contractor or engineer who calculated the sizing (e.g., HVAC contractor). The following operating conditions shall be used in the sizing calculations and verified where reviewed by the rater:

Outdoor temperatures shall be the 99.0% design temperatures as published in the ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals for the home's location or most representative city for which design temperature data are available. Note that a higher outdoor air design temperature may be used if it represents prevailing local practice by the HVAC industry and reflects extreme climate conditions that can be documented with recorded weather data; Indoor temperatures shall be 75° F for cooling; Infiltration rate shall be selected as "tight", or the equivalent term.

In specifying equipment, the next available size may be used. In addition, indoor and outdoor coils shall be matched in accordance with ARI standards.

- 8. Where windows are used to meet the ENERGY STAR qualified product requirement, they shall be ENERGY STAR qualified or meet all specifications for ENERGY STAR qualified windows. Additional information can be found at www.energystar.gov/windows.
- 9. For the purposes of meeting the ENERGY STAR requirement, qualified lighting fixtures in the following locations cannot be counted: storage rooms (e.g., closets, pantries, sheds), or garages.
- 10. Efficient lighting fixtures represent a significant opportunity for persistent energy savings and a meaningful way to differentiate ENERGY STAR qualified homes from those meeting minimum code requirements. In 2008, EPA intends to propose and solicit industry comments on adding the ENERGY STAR Advanced Lighting Package (ALP) as an additional requirement for ENERGY STAR qualified homes in 2009. To learn more about the ALP, refer to <a href="https://www.energystar.gov/homes">www.energystar.gov/homes</a>.
- 11. Eligible appliances include ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators, dish washers, and washing machines.
- 12. ENERGY STAR qualified ventilation fans include range hood, bathroom, and inline fans.
- 13. Further efficiency and savings can be achieved by installing ENERGY STAR qualified products, in addition to those required (e.g., additional lighting, appliances, etc.). For more information, visit <a href="https://www.energystar.gov">www.energystar.gov</a>.
- 14. In homes with heat pumps that have programmable thermostats, the thermostat must have "Adaptive Recovery" technology to prevent the excessive use of electric back-up heating.



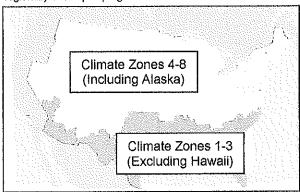
# ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes National Builder Option Package

#### The requirements for the ENERGY STAR Builder Option Package (BOP) are specified in the table below.

To qualify as ENERGY STAR using this BOP, a home must meet the requirements specified, be verified and field-tested in accordance with the HERS Standards by a RESNET-accredited Provider, and meet all applicable codes.

	Hot Climates <sup>1</sup> (2004 IRC Climate Zones 1,2,3)	Mixed and Cold Climates <sup>1</sup> (2004 IRC Climate Zones 4,5,6,7,8)			
Cooling Equipment (Where Provided)	Right-Sized <sup>2</sup> :  ENERGY STAR qualified A/C  (14 SEER / 11.5 EER); OR  ENERGY STAR qualified heat pump <sup>3</sup> (14 SEER / 11.5 EER / 8.2 HSPF)	Right-Sized <sup>2</sup> :  13 SEER A/C; <u>OR</u> ENERGY STAR qualified heat pump <sup>3</sup> (14 SEER / 11.5 EER / 8.5 HSPF)			
Heating Equipment	<ul> <li>80 AFUE gas furnace; <u>OR</u></li> <li>ENERGY STAR qualified heat pump <sup>2, 3</sup> (14 SEER / 11.5 EER / 8.2 HSPF); <u>OR</u></li> <li>80 AFUE boiler; <u>OR</u></li> <li>80 AFUE oil furnace</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ENERGY STAR qualified gas furnace         (90 AFUE); OR</li> <li>ENERGY STAR qualified heat pump <sup>2, 3</sup>         (See Note 3 for specifications); OR</li> <li>ENERGY STAR qualified boiler         (85 AFUE); OR</li> <li>ENERGY STAR qualified oil furnace         (85 AFUE)</li> </ul>			
Thermostat <sup>3</sup>	ENERGY STAR qualified thermostat (except for zones with radiant heat)				
Ductwork	Leakage <sup>4</sup> : ≤ 4 cfm to outdoors / 100 sq. ft.; <u>AND</u> R-6 min. insulation on ducts in unconditioned spaces <sup>5</sup>				
Envelope	<ul> <li>Infiltration <sup>6,7</sup> (ACH50): 7 in CZ's 1-2   6 in CZ's 3-4   5 in CZ's 5-7   4 in CZ 8; <u>AND</u></li> <li>Insulation levels that meet or exceed the 2004 IRC <sup>8</sup>; <u>AND</u></li> <li>Completed Thermal Bypass Inspection Checklist <sup>9</sup></li> </ul>				
Windows	ENERGY STAR qualified windows or better (additional requirements for CZ2 and CZ4) 10, 11, 12				
Water Heater <sup>13</sup>	Gas (EF): 40 Gal = 0.61 Electric (EF): 40 Gal = 0.93	60 Gal = 0.57   80 Gal = 0.53			
Lighting and Appliances 15,16		qualified appliances, light fixtures, ing fixtures, and/or ventilation fans			

Note: Due to the unique nature of some state codes and/or climates, EPA has agreed to allow regionally-developed definitions of ENERGY STAR in California, Hawaii, and the Pacific Northwest to continue to define program requirements. The States of Montana and Idaho may use either the requirements of the national program or the regionally-developed program in the Pacific Northwest.



Map is for illustrative purposes only and is based on figure N1101.2 from the 2004 International Residential Code (IRC).



- 1. The appropriate climate zone shall be determined by the 2004 International Residential Code (IRC), Figure N1101.2.
- 2. Cooling equipment shall be sized according to the latest editions of ACCA Manuals J and S, ASHRAE 2001 Handbook of Fundamentals, or an equivalent procedure. Maximum oversizing limit for air conditioners and heat pumps is 15% (with the exception of heat pumps in Climate Zones 5 8, where the maximum oversizing limit is 25%). The following operating conditions shall be used in the sizing calculations and verified where reviewed by the rater:
  - Outdoor temperatures shall be the 99.0% and 1.0% design temperatures as published in the ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals for the home's location or most representative city for which design temperature data are available; Indoor temperatures shall be 75 F for cooling and 70 F for heating; Infiltration rate shall be selected as "tight", or the equivalent term.
  - In specifying equipment, the next available size may be used. In addition, indoor and outdoor coils shall be matched in accordance with ARI standards.
- 3. Homes with heat pumps in Climate Zones 4 and 5 must have an HSPF ≥ 8.5, which exceeds the ENERGY STAR minimum of 8.2 HSPF. Homes with heat pumps in Climate Zones 6, 7, and 8 cannot be qualified using this BOP, but can earn the label using the ENERGY STAR Performance Path requirements. In homes with heat pumps that have programmable thermostats, the thermostat must have "Adaptive Recovery" technology to prevent the excessive use of electric back-up heating.
- 4. Ducts must be sealed and tested to be ≤ 4 cfm to outdoors / 100 sq. ft. of conditioned floor area, as determined and documented by a RESNET-certified rater using a RESNET-approved or equivalent ASTM-approved testing protocol. Duct leakage testing can be waived if all ducts and air handling equipment are located in conditioned space (i.e., within the home's air and thermal barriers). AND the envelope leakage has been tested to be ≤ 3 ACH50 OR ≤ 0.25 CFM 50 per sq. ft. of the building envelope.
- 5. EPA recommends, but does not require, locating ducts within the home's conditioned space (i.e., inside the air and thermal barriers), and using a minimum of R-4 insulation for ducts inside the conditioned space to prevent condensation.
- 6. Envelope leakage must be determined by a RESNET-certified rater using a RESNET-approved testing protocol.
- 7. To ensure consistent exchange of indoor air, whole-house mechanical ventilation is recommended, but not required.
- 8. Insulation levels of a home must meet or exceed Sections N1102.1 and N1102.2 of the 2004 IRC. These sections allow for compliance to be determined by meeting prescriptive insulation requirements, by using U-factor alternatives, or by using a total UA alternative. In all cases, insulation shall be inspected to Grade I installation as defined in the RESNET Standards by a RESNET-certified rater. Note that the fenestration requirements of the 2004 IRC do not apply to the fenestration requirements of the National Builder Option Package.. For more information, refer to the "Codes and Standards Information" document.
- 9. The Thermal Bypass Inspection Checklist must be completed for homes to earn the ENERGY STAR label. The Checklist requires visual inspection of framing areas where air barriers are commonly missed and inspection of insulation to ensure proper alignment with air barriers, thus serving as an extra check that the air and thermal barriers are continuous and complete.
- 10. All windows and skylights must be ENERGY STAR qualified or meet all specifications for ENERGY STAR qualified windows.

  Windows in Climate Zones 2 and 4 must exceed ENERGY STAR specifications (CZ 2; U-value ≤ 0.55 and SHGC ≤ 0.35; CZ 4: U-value ≤ 0.40 and SHGC < 0.45). Visit www.energystar.gov/windows for more information on ENERGY STAR gualified windows.
- 11. All decorative glass and skylight window area counts toward the total window area to above-grade conditioned floor area (WFA) ratio. For homes with a WFA ratio >18%, the following additional requirements apply:
  - a. In IRC Climate Zones 1, 2, and 3, an improved window SHGC is required, and is determined by:

#### Required SHGC = [0.18 / WFA] x [ENERGY STAR SHGC]

Where the ENERGY STAR SHGC is the minimum required SHGC of the climate-appropriate window specified in this BOP.

b. In IRC Climate Zones 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, an improved window U-Value is required, and is determined by:

#### Required U-Value = [0.18 / WFA] x [ENERGY STAR U-Value]

Where the ENERGY STAR U-Value is the minimum required U-Value of the climate-appropriate window specified in this BOP.

- 12. Up to 0.75% WFA may be used for decorative glass that does not meet ENERGY STAR requirements. For example, a home with total above-grade conditioned floor area of 2,000 sq. ft. may have up to 15 sq. ft. (0.75% of 2,000) of decorative glass.
- 13. To determine domestic hot water (DHW) EF requirements for additional tank sizes, use the following equations:

  Gas DHW EF ≥ 0.69 (0.002 x Tank Gallon Capacity); Electric DHW EF ≥ 0.97 (0.001 x Tank Gallon Capacity).
- 14. In homes with gas or oil hydronic space heating, water heating systems must have an efficiency ≥ 0.78 EF. This may be met through the use of an instantaneous water heating system or an indirect storage system with a boiler that has a system efficiency ≥ 85 AFUE. Homes with tankless coil hot water heating systems cannot be qualified using this BOP, but can earn the label using the ENERGY STAR Performance Path requirements.
- 15. Any combination of ENERGY STAR qualified products listed may be installed to meet this requirement. ENERGY STAR qualified ventilation fans include range hood, bathroom, and inline fans. ENERGY STAR qualified lighting fixtures installed in the following locations shall not be counted: storage rooms (e.g., closets, pantries, sheds), or garages. Eligible appliances include ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators, dish washers, and washing machines. Further efficiency and savings can be achieved by installing ENERGY STAR qualified products, in addition to those required (e.g., additional lighting, appliances, etc.).
- 16. Efficient lighting fixtures represent a significant opportunity for persistent energy savings and a meaningful way to differentiate ENERGY STAR qualified homes from those meeting minimum code requirements. In 2008, EPA intends to propose and solicit industry comments on adding the ENERGY STAR Advanced Lighting Package (ALP) as an additional requirement for ENERGY STAR qualified homes in 2009. To learn more about the ALP, refer to <a href="https://www.energystar.gov/homes">www.energystar.gov/homes</a>.



2004/2006 IECC Climate Zone<sup>1</sup> – 4

ENERGY STAR Window Zone<sup>10</sup> - All

#### The requirements for the ENERGY STAR Builder Option Package (BOP) are specified in the table below.

To qualify as ENERGY STAR using this BOP, a home must meet the requirements specified, be verified and field-tested in accordance with the HERS Standards by a RESNET-accredited Provider, <u>and</u> meet all applicable codes.

Cooling Equipment (Where Provided)	Right-sized <sup>2</sup> ≥13 SEER/ 11.5 EER ENERGY STAR qualified A/C; <u>QR</u> Right-sized <sup>2</sup> ≥13 SEER/ 11.5 EER/ 8.5 HSPF ENERGY STAR qualified heat pump <sup>3</sup>		
Heating Equipment	≥90 AFUE ENERGY STAR qualified gas furnace; <u>OR</u> ≥13 SEER/ 11.5 EER/ 8.5 HSPF ENERGY STAR qualified heat pump <sup>2, 3</sup> ; <u>OR</u> ≥90 AFUE ENERGY STAR qualified boiler; <u>OR</u> ≥85 AFUE ENERGY STAR qualified oil furnace		
Thermostat <sup>3</sup>	ENERGY STAR qualified thermostat (except for zones with mass radiant heat)		
Ductwork	Leakage <sup>4</sup> : ≤ 4 cfm to outdoors / 100 sq. ft.; <u>AND</u> Insulation <sup>5</sup> : ≥ R-6 insulation on ducts in unconditioned spaces		
	≤ 6 ACH50 Infiltration <sup>6,7</sup>		
Envelope	<ul> <li>≤ Reference UA</li> <li>≥ 38 R-Value</li> <li>≥ 30 R-Value</li> <li>≥ 30 R-Value</li> <li>≥ 13 R-Value</li> <li>≥ 19 R-Value</li> <li>≥ 10 R-Value</li> <li>≥ 10 R-Value</li> <li>≥ 13 R-Value</li> <li>≥ 10 R-Value</li> <li>Slab Insulation at 2 feet Depth <sup>8</sup>; AND (if applicable)</li> <li>≥ 10 R-Value</li> <li>Slab Insulation at 2 feet Depth <sup>8</sup>; AND</li> </ul>	€)	
Windows <sup>10,11,12</sup>	≤ 0.40 U-Value ≤ 0.45 SHGC		
Water Heater <sup>13</sup>	Gas (EF): 40 Gal = 0.61   60 Gal = 0.57   80 Gal = 0.53  Electric (EF): 40 Gal = 0.93   50 Gal = 0.92   80 Gal = 0.89  Oil or Gas <sup>14</sup> : Integrated with space heating boiler		
Lighting and Appliances <sup>15,16</sup>	Five or more ENERGY STAR qualified appliances, light fixtures, ceiling fans equipped with lighting fixtures, and/or ventilation fans		



2004/2006 IECC Climate Zone<sup>1</sup> – 4

ENERGY STAR Window Zone<sup>10</sup> - All

- 1. The appropriate climate zone shall be determined by the 2004 International Residential Code (IRC), Figure N1101.2.
- Cooling equipment shall be sized according to the latest editions of ACCA Manuals J and S, ASHRAE 2001
   Handbook of Fundamentals, or an equivalent procedure. Maximum oversizing limit for air conditioners and heat
   pumps is 15% (with the exception of heat pumps in Climate Zones 5 8, where the maximum oversizing limit is 25%).
   The following operating conditions shall be used in the sizing calculations and verified where reviewed by the rater:

<u>Outdoor temperatures</u> shall be the 99.0% design temperatures as published in the ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals for the home's location or most representative city for which design temperature data are available. Note that a higher outdoor air design temperature may be used if it represents prevailing local practice by the HVAC industry and reflects extreme climate conditions that can be documented with recorded weather data; <u>Indoor temperatures</u> shall be 75 F for cooling; <u>Infiltration rate</u> shall be selected as "tight", or the equivalent term.

In specifying equipment, the next available size may be used. In addition, indoor and outdoor coils shall be matched in accordance with ARI standards.

- 3. Homes with heat pumps in Climate Zones 4 and 5 must have an HSPF ≥ 8.5, which exceeds the ENERGY STAR minimum of 8.2 HSPF. Homes with heat pumps in Climate Zones 6, 7, and 8 cannot be qualified using this BOP, but can earn the label using the ENERGY STAR Performance Path requirements. In homes with heat pumps that have programmable thermostats, the thermostat must have "Adaptive Recovery" technology to prevent the excessive use of electric back-up heating.
- 4. Ducts must be sealed and tested to be ≤ 4 cfm to outdoors / 100 sq. ft. of conditioned floor area, as determined and documented by a RESNET-certified rater using a RESNET-approved testing protocol. If total duct leakage is ≤ 4 cfm to outdoors / 100 sq.ft. of conditioned floor area, then leakage to outdoors does not need to be tested. Duct leakage testing can be waived if all ducts and air handling equipment are located in conditioned space (i.e., within the home's air and thermal barriers) AND the envelope leakage has been tested to be ≤ 3 ACH50 OR ≤ 0.25 CFM 50 per sq. ft. of the building envelope. Note that mechanical ventilation will be required in this situation.
- 5. EPA recommends, but does not require, locating ducts within conditioned space (i.e., inside the air and thermal barriers), and using a minimum of R-4 insulation for ducts inside conditioned space to prevent condensation.
- 6. Envelope leakage must be determined by a RESNET-certified rater using a RESNET-approved testing protocol.
- 7. To ensure consistent exchange of indoor air, whole-house mechanical ventilation is recommended, but not required.
- 8. Insulation levels of a home must meet or exceed Sections N1102.1 and N1102.2 of the 2004 IRC. These sections allow for compliance to be determined by meeting prescriptive insulation requirements, by using U-factor alternatives, or by using a total UA alternative. These sections also provide guidance and exceptions that may be used. However, note that the U-factor for steel-frame envelope assemblies addressed in Section N1102.2.4 shall be calculated using the ASHRAE zone method, or a method providing equivalent results, and not a series-parallel path calculation method as is stated in the code. Additionally, Section N1102.2.2, which allows for the reduction of ceiling insulation in space constrained roof/ceiling assemblies, shall be limited to 500 sq. ft. or 20% of ceiling area, whichever is less. In all cases, insulation shall be inspected to Grade I installation as defined in the RESNET Standards by a RESNET-certified rater. Note that the fenestration requirements of the 2004 IRC do not apply to the fenestration requirements of the National Builder Option Package. Therefore, if UA calculations are performed, they must use the IRC requirements (with the exception of fenestration) plus the fenestration requirements contained in the national BOP. For more information, refer to the "Codes and Standards Information" document.
- 9. The Thermal Bypass Inspection Checklist must be completed for homes to earn the ENERGY STAR label. The Checklist requires visual inspection of framing areas where air barriers are commonly missed and inspection of insulation to ensure proper alignment with air barriers, thus serving as an extra check that the air and thermal barriers are continuous and complete.
- 10. All windows and skylights must be ENERGY STAR qualified or meet all specifications for ENERGY STAR qualified windows. Windows in Climate Zones 2 and 4 must exceed ENERGY STAR specifications (CZ 2: U-value ≤ 0.55 and SHGC ≤ 0.35; CZ 4: U-value ≤ 0.40 and SHGC ≤ 0.45). Visit <a href="https://www.energystar.gov/windows">www.energystar.gov/windows</a> for more information on ENERGY STAR qualified windows.



#### 2004/2006 IECC Climate Zone<sup>1</sup> – 4

#### ENERGY STAR Window Zone 10 - All

- 11. All decorative glass and skylight window area counts toward the total window area to above-grade conditioned floor area (WFA) ratio. For homes with a WFA ratio >18%, the following additional requirements apply:
  - a. In IRC Climate Zones 1, 2, and 3, an improved window SHGC is required, and is determined by:

#### Required SHGC = [0.18 / WFA] x [ENERGY STAR SHGC]

Where the ENERGY STAR SHGC is the minimum required SHGC of the climate-appropriate window specified in this BOP.

b. In IRC Climate Zones 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, an improved window U-Value is required, and is determined by:

#### Required U-Value = [0.18 / WFA] x [ENERGY STAR U-Value]

Where the ENERGY STAR U-Value is the minimum required U-Value of the climate-appropriate window specified in this BOP.

- 12. Up to 0.75% WFA may be used for decorative glass that does not meet ENERGY STAR requirements. For example, a home with total above-grade conditioned floor area of 2,000 sq. ft. may have up to 15 sq. ft. (0.75% of 2,000) of decorative glass.
- 13. To determine domestic hot water (DHW) EF requirements for additional tank sizes, use the following equations:

  Gas DHW EF ≥ 0.69 (0.002 x Tank Gallon Capacity); Electric DHW EF ≥ 0.97 (0.001 x Tank Gallon Capacity).
- 14. In homes with gas or oil hydronic space heating, water heating systems must have an efficiency ≥ 0.78 EF. This may be met through the use of an instantaneous water heating system or an indirect storage system with a boiler that has a system efficiency ≥ 85 AFUE. Homes with tankless coil hot water heating systems cannot be qualified using this BOP, but can earn the label using the ENERGY STAR Performance Path requirements.
- 15. Any combination of ENERGY STAR qualified products listed may be installed to meet this requirement. ENERGY STAR qualified ventilation fans include range hood, bathroom, and inline fans. ENERGY STAR qualified lighting fixtures installed in the following locations shall not be counted: storage rooms (e.g., closets, pantries, sheds), or garages. Eligible appliances include ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators, dish washers, and washing machines. Further efficiency and savings can be achieved by installing ENERGY STAR qualified products, in addition to those required (e.g., additional lighting, appliances, etc.).
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#### The requirements for the ENERGY STAR Builder Option Package (BOP) are specified in the table below.

To qualify as ENERGY STAR using this BOP, a home must meet the requirements specified, be verified and field-tested in accordance with the HERS Standards by a RESNET-accredited Provider, and meet all applicable codes.

Cooling Equipment (Where Provided)	Right-sized <sup>2</sup> ≥13 SEER/ 11.5 EER ENERGY STAR qualified A/C; <u>OR</u> Right-sized <sup>2</sup> ≥13 SEER/ 11.5 EER/ 8.5 HSPF ENERGY STAR qualified heat pump <sup>3</sup>			
Heating Equipment	≥90 AFUE ENERGY STAR qualified gas furnace; <u>OR</u> ≥13 SEER/ 11.5 EER/ 8.5 HSPF ENERGY STAR qualified heat pump <sup>2, 3</sup> ; <u>OR</u> ≥90 AFUE ENERGY STAR qualified boiler; <u>OR</u> ≥85 AFUE ENERGY STAR qualified oil furnace			
Thermostat <sup>3</sup>	ENERGY STAR qualified thermostat (except for zones with mass radiant heat)			
Ductwork	Leakage <sup>4</sup> : ≤ 4 cfm to outdoors / 100 sq. ft.; <u>AND</u> Insulation <sup>5</sup> : ≥ R-6 insulation on ducts in unconditioned spaces			
	≤ 5 ACH50 Infiltration <sup>6,7</sup>			
Envelope	<ul> <li>≤ Reference UA</li> <li>≥ 38 R-Value</li> <li>≥ 30 R-Value</li> <li>≥ 20 R-Value</li> <li>≥ 30 R-Value</li> <li>≥ 20 R-Value</li> <li>≥ 30 R-Value</li> <li>≥ 10 R-Value</li> <li>&gt; 10 R-Value</li> <li>&gt;</li></ul>			
Windows <sup>10,11,12</sup>	≤ 0.35 U-Value ≤ Any SHGC			
Water Heater <sup>13</sup>	Gas (EF): 40 Gal = 0.61   60 Gal = 0.57   80 Gal = 0.53 Electric (EF): 40 Gal = 0.93   50 Gal = 0.92   80 Gal = 0.89 Oil or Gas <sup>14</sup> : Integrated with space heating boiler			
Lighting and Appliances <sup>15,16</sup>	Five or more ENERGY STAR qualified appliances, light fixtures, ceiling fans equipped with lighting fixtures, and/or ventilation fans			



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- 1. The appropriate climate zone shall be determined by the 2004 International Residential Code (IRC), Figure N1101.2.
- 2. Cooling equipment shall be sized according to the latest editions of ACCA Manuals J and S, ASHRAE 2001 Handbook of Fundamentals, or an equivalent procedure. Maximum oversizing limit for air conditioners and heat pumps is 15% (with the exception of heat pumps in Climate Zones 5 8, where the maximum oversizing limit is 25%). The following operating conditions shall be used in the sizing calculations and verified where reviewed by the rater:

Outdoor temperatures shall be the 99.0% design temperatures as published in the ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals for the home's location or most representative city for which design temperature data are available. Note that a higher outdoor air design temperature may be used if it represents prevailing local practice by the HVAC industry and reflects extreme climate conditions that can be documented with recorded weather data; Indoor temperatures shall be 75 F for cooling; Infiltration rate shall be selected as "tight", or the equivalent term.

In specifying equipment, the next available size may be used. In addition, indoor and outdoor coils shall be matched in accordance with ARI standards.

- 3. Homes with heat pumps in Climate Zones 4 and 5 must have an HSPF ≥ 8.5, which exceeds the ENERGY STAR minimum of 8.2 HSPF. Homes with heat pumps in Climate Zones 6, 7, and 8 cannot be qualified using this BOP, but can earn the label using the ENERGY STAR Performance Path requirements. In homes with heat pumps that have programmable thermostats, the thermostat must have "Adaptive Recovery" technology to prevent the excessive use of electric back-up heating.
- 4. Ducts must be sealed and tested to be ≤ 4 cfm to outdoors / 100 sq. ft. of conditioned floor area, as determined and documented by a RESNET-certified rater using a RESNET-approved testing protocol. If total duct leakage is ≤ 4 cfm to outdoors / 100 sq.ft. of conditioned floor area, then leakage to outdoors does not need to be tested. Duct leakage testing can be waived if all ducts and air handling equipment are located in conditioned space (i.e., within the home's air and thermal barriers) AND the envelope leakage has been tested to be ≤ 3 ACH50 OR ≤ 0.25 CFM 50 per sq. ft. of the building envelope. Note that mechanical ventilation will be required in this situation.
- 5. EPA recommends, but does not require, locating ducts within conditioned space (i.e., inside the air and thermal barriers), and using a minimum of R-4 insulation for ducts inside conditioned space to prevent condensation.
- 6. Envelope leakage must be determined by a RESNET-certified rater using a RESNET-approved testing protocol.
- 7. To ensure consistent exchange of indoor air, whole-house mechanical ventilation is recommended, but not required.
- 8. Insulation levels of a home must meet or exceed Sections N1102.1 and N1102.2 of the 2004 IRC. These sections allow for compliance to be determined by meeting prescriptive insulation requirements, by using U-factor alternatives, or by using a total UA alternative. These sections also provide guidance and exceptions that may be used. However, note that the U-factor for steel-frame envelope assemblies addressed in Section N1102.2.4 shall be calculated using the ASHRAE zone method, or a method providing equivalent results, and not a series-parallel path calculation method as is stated in the code. Additionally, Section N1102.2.2, which allows for the reduction of ceiling insulation in space constrained roof/ceiling assemblies, shall be limited to 500 sq. ft. or 20% of ceiling area, whichever is less. In all cases, insulation shall be inspected to Grade I installation as defined in the RESNET Standards by a RESNET-certified rater. Note that the fenestration requirements of the 2004 IRC do not apply to the fenestration requirements of the National Builder Option Package. Therefore, if UA calculations are performed, they must use the IRC requirements (with the exception of fenestration) plus the fenestration requirements contained in the national BOP. For more information, refer to the "Codes and Standards Information" document.
- 9. The Thermal Bypass Inspection Checklist must be completed for homes to earn the ENERGY STAR label. The Checklist requires visual inspection of framing areas where air barriers are commonly missed and inspection of insulation to ensure proper alignment with air barriers, thus serving as an extra check that the air and thermal barriers are continuous and complete.
- 10. All windows and skylights must be ENERGY STAR qualified or meet all specifications for ENERGY STAR qualified windows. Windows in Climate Zones 2 and 4 must exceed ENERGY STAR specifications (CZ 2: U-value ≤ 0.55 and SHGC ≤ 0.35; CZ 4: U-value ≤ 0.40 and SHGC ≤ 0.45). Visit <a href="https://www.energystar.gov/windows">www.energystar.gov/windows</a> for more information on ENERGY STAR qualified windows.



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- 11. All decorative glass and skylight window area counts toward the total window area to above-grade conditioned floor area (WFA) ratio. For homes with a WFA ratio >18%, the following additional requirements apply:
  - a. In IRC Climate Zones 1, 2, and 3, an improved window SHGC is required, and is determined by:

#### Required SHGC = [0.18 / WFA] x [ENERGY STAR SHGC]

Where the ENERGY STAR SHGC is the minimum required SHGC of the climate-appropriate window specified in this BOP.

b. In IRC Climate Zones 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, an improved window U-Value is required, and is determined by:

#### Required U-Value = [0.18 / WFA] x [ENERGY STAR U-Value]

Where the ENERGY STAR U-Value is the minimum required U-Value of the climate-appropriate window specified in this BOP.

- 12. Up to 0.75% WFA may be used for decorative glass that does not meet ENERGY STAR requirements. For example, a home with total above-grade conditioned floor area of 2,000 sq. ft. may have up to 15 sq. ft. (0.75% of 2,000) of decorative glass.
- 13. To determine domestic hot water (DHW) EF requirements for additional tank sizes, use the following equations:

  Gas DHW EF ≥ 0.69 (0.002 x Tank Gallon Capacity); Electric DHW EF ≥ 0.97 (0.001 x Tank Gallon Capacity).
- 14. In homes with gas or oil hydronic space heating, water heating systems must have an efficiency ≥ 0.78 EF. This may be met through the use of an instantaneous water heating system or an indirect storage system with a boiler that has a system efficiency ≥ 85 AFUE. Homes with tankless coil hot water heating systems cannot be qualified using this BOP, but can earn the label using the ENERGY STAR Performance Path requirements.
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Find Your County and Click on the Corresponding Climate Zone

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Chase	4	Mitchell	5
Chautauqua	4	Montgomery	4
Cherokee	4	Morris	4
Cheyenne	5	Morton	4
Clark	4	Nemaha	4
Clay	4	Neosho	4
Cloud	5	Ness	5
Coffey	4	Norton	En .
Comanche	4	Osage	4
Cowley	4	Osborne	5
Crawford	4-	Ottawa	4
Decatur	5	Pawnee	4.
Dickinson	4:	Phillips	5
Doniphan	4	Pottawatomie	4
Douglas	4.	Pratt	4
Edwards	4	Rawlins	5
Elk	4.	Reno	4
Ellis	5	Republic	
Ellsworth	4	Rice	4
Finney	4	Riley	4
Ford	4	Rooks	5
Franklin	4	Rush	4.
Geary	4	Russell	4
Gove	5	Saline	4
Graham	5	Scott	5
Grant	4	Sedgwick	4
Gray	4	Seward	4
Greeley	5	Shawnee	4



Greenwood	4	Sheridan	5
Hamilton	5	Sherman	5
Harper	4	Smith	5
Harvey	4	Stafford	4.
Haskell	4	Stanton	4
Hodgeman	4.	Stevens	4
Jackson	4	Sumner	4
Jefferson	4	Thomas	5
Jewell	5	Trego	5
Johnson	4	Wabaunsee	4
Kearny	4	Wallace	5
Kingman	4	Washington	4
Kiowa	4	Wichita	[5
Labette	4	Wilson	4
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Leavenworth	4	Wyandotte	4
Lincoln	4		

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### ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes Thermal Bypass Inspection Checklist

The Thermal Bypass Inspection Checklist must be completed for homes to earn the ENERGY STAR label. The Checklist requires visual inspection of framing areas where air barriers are commonly missed and inspection of insulation to ensure proper alignment with air barriers, thus serving as an extra check that the air and thermal barriers are continuous and complete. State, local, and regional codes, as well as regional ENERGY STAR program requirements, supersede the items specified in this Checklist.

#### Guidance on Completing the Thermal Bypass Inspection Checklist:

- Accredited HERS Providers and certified home energy raters shall use their experience and discretion in verifying that each Inspection Checklist item is installed per the inspection guidelines (e.g., identifying minor defects that the Provider or rater deems acceptable versus identifying major defects that undermine the intent of the Checklist item).
- 2. Alternative methods of meeting the Checklist requirements may be used in completing the Checklist, if the Provider deems them to be equivalent, or more stringent, than the Inspection Checklist guidelines.
- 3. In the event an item on the Checklist cannot be verified by the rater, the home cannot be qualified as ENERGY STAR, unless the builder assumes responsibility for verifying that the item has met the requirements of the Checklist. This option is available at the discretion of the Provider or rater but may not be used to verify more than six (6) items on the Inspection Checklist. This responsibility will be formally acknowledged by the builder signing-off on the Checklist for the item(s) that they verified. The column titled "N/A" should be used when the checklist item is not present in the home or when local code requirements take precedent.
- 4. The Checklist may be completed for a batch of homes using a RESNET-approved sampling protocol when qualifying homes as ENERGY STAR. For example, if the approved sampling protocol requires rating one in seven homes, then the Checklist will be completed for the one home which was rated.
- 5. In the event that a Provider or rater finds an item that is inconsistent with the Checklist Inspection guidelines, the home cannot be qualified as ENERGY STAR until the item is corrected in a manner that meets the ENERGY STAR requirements. If correction of the item is not possible, the home cannot earn the ENERGY STAR label.
- The Provider or rater is required to keep a hard copy record of the completed and signed Checklist. The signature of a builder employee is also required if the builder verified compliance with any item on the Checklist.
- 7. For purposes of this Checklist, an air barrier is defined as any solid material that blocks air flow between a conditioned space and an unconditioned space, including necessary sealing to block excessive air flow at edges and seams. Additional information on proper air sealing of thermal bypasses can be found on the Building America Web site (<a href="www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/building\_america">www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/building\_america</a>) and in the EEBA Builder's Guides (<a href="www.eeba.org">www.eeba.org</a>). These references include guidance on identifying and sealing air barriers, as well as details on many of the items included in the Checklist.



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Home A	ddress:	City:			State:		
	l Bypass	Inspection Guidelines		Corrections Needed	Builder Verified	Rater Verified	N/A
and Th	II Air Barrier hermal r Alignment	Requirements: Insulation shall be installed in full contact with sealed interior and exterior air barrier except for alternate to interior air barrier under item no. 2 (Wells Adjoining Exterior Walls or Unconditioned Spaces)  All Climate Zones:					
		1.1 Overall Alignment Throughout Home					
		1.2 Garage Band Joist Air Barrier (at bays adjoinir	ng conditioned space)				
		1.3 Attic Eave Baffles Where Vents/Leakage Exist					
		Only at Climate Zones 4 and Higher:			<u> </u>		
		1.4 Slab-edge Insulation (A maximum of 25% of the uninsulated in Climate Zones 4 and 5.)	ne slab edge may be	П			
		Best Practices Encouraged, Not Reg'd.:	and higher)				
		1.5 Air Barrier At All Band Joists (Climate Zones 4					
Exterio	Adjoining or Walls or nditioned	1.6 Minimize Thermal Bridging (e.g., OVE framing Requirements: Fully insulated wall aligned with air barrier at both Alternate for Climate Zones 1 thru 3, sealed extending the Continuous top and bottom plates or sealed block.	n interior and exterior, OI erior air barrier aligned v	R vith RESNET Gra	de 1 insulatio	n fully suppo	orted
		2.1 Wall Behind Shower/Tub					Ш
		2.2 Wall Behind Fireplace					
		2.3 Insulated Attic Slopes/Walls					
		2.4 Attic Knee Walls					
		2.5 Skylight Shaft Walls					
		2.6 Wall Adjoining Porch Roof					
-		2.7 Staircase Walls					
		2.8 Double Walls					
Condi	s between itioned and ior Spaces	Requirements: Air barrier is installed at any exposed insulation e Insulation is installed to maintain permanent cont Optional until July 1, 2008, insulation is installed 3.1 Insulated Floor Above Garage	act w/ sub-floor above	contact with air b	earrier below		
<u>.</u>		3.2 Cantilevered Floor					
4. Shafts	S	Requirements: Openings to unconditioned space are fully sealed with solid blocking or flashing and any remaining gaps are sealed with caulk or foam (provide fire-rated collars and caulking where required)					
		4.1 Duct Shaft					
		4.2 Piping Shaft/Penetrations					
		4,3 Flue Shaft					
Attic/ Ceiling     Interface     All attic penetrations and dropped ceilings include a full interior air barrier aligned with insulation with a sealed with caulk, foam or tape     Movable insulation fits snugly in opening and air barrier is fully gasketed					lation with ar	ny gaps fully	
		5.1 Attic Access Panel (fully gasketed and insulate	d)				
		5.2 Attic Drop-down Stair (fully gasketed and insula	ated)				
		5.3 Dropped Ceiling/Soffit (full air barrier aligned wi	ith insulation)				
		5.4 Recessed Lighting Fixtures (ICAT labeled and sealed to drywall)					
•		5.5 Whole-house Fan (insulated cover gasketed to	the opening)				
	non Walls een Dwelling	Requirements: Gap btwn drywall shaft wall (common wall) and stru 6.1 Common Wall Between Dwelling Units	uctural framing btwn unit	s is sealed at all e	exterior boun	dary conditio	ns
Rater Inspection Date: Builder Inspection Date:							
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