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An Overview on ACCA's Residential HVAC System Design Process

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Presentation Overview: ACCA Manual J, Manual S, Manual D



1. Provide a <u>fundamental</u> understanding on the <u>basics</u> of what it takes to do an accurate residential mechanical system design:



- 2. Provide verification points and caveats
 - <u>Code officials</u>: For the purpose of issuing a permit
 - <u>Quality control personnel</u>: Checking consistency/accuracy
- 3. Highlight relevant ACCA resources and opportunities



Disclaimer: This is NOT a design course!



To design a mechanical system that can add (heating) or remove (cooling) heat energy at a rate (BTUs per hour) that will allow the home's indoor environment to achieve the design conditions.

This will keep occupants comfortable and safe and provide for energy-efficient operation.



System Design Process ACCA ACCA Residential Commercial Manuals Manuals System Concept CS RS Ν **Load Calculation** J System Zoning Zr Air Т Q **Distribution** Equipment Selection S CS **Duct Size** D Q Calculation Adjust, Test, Balance В В

Part 1 – Load Calculation







ACCA/ANSI 2 Manual J - 2016



- Standard required in:
 - 2015 IRC §M1401.3, and
 - 2015 IECC §R403.7
- Comprised of two sections
 - Normative: 9 pages of text and 200 pages of tabular information that are the <u>enforceable</u> requirements
 - Informative: 390 pages of in depth discussion, documentation, and examples



Latest ANSI approval in Feb 2016



Load Calcs: Heat Gain / Heat Loss



Summer

- Heat flows INTO the home
 - Sensible heat dry heat (dry bulb; thermometer)
 - Latent heat wet heat (wet bulb; humidity)

Heat Gain ... so we need cooling



Winter

- Heat flows OUT of the home
 - Sensible heat only

Heat Loss ... so we need heating

Heat flow is a rate; the units are Btu/h. (Analogous to mph).

Manual J Load Design Conditions



Two design conditions ... hence, two sets of peak loads.

	Outdoor Design Temp (Geographic-specific)	Indoor Design Temp
Heat Gain (summer)	1% db condition	75 F
Heat Loss (winter)	99% db condition	70 F





Loads That Must Be Accounted For (as applicable to the <u>specific home</u>)



- Fenestration (windows, glass doors, skylights)
- **Opaque panels** (wood/metal doors, above & below grade walls, partition walls, ceilings, floors)
- Infiltration
- Ventilation
- Internal (number of people and appliances)
- System (ducts and blower)



Basic Load Equation



$Load = U \times A \times \Delta T$

- **U** = the heat transfer performance index (how well a material transfers heat; it's the reciprocal of R-value)
- **A** = the Area of the surface (window, wall, ceiling, etc.)
- ΔT = the temperature difference across the surface

Load units are Btu/h



Designer Software Options



Simple load calculation – MJ8_{AE} (Abridged Edition)

- Dwelling must be 100% compatible with AE Checklist
- Can be done by hand or using ACCA MJ8 speedsheet

Full load calculation – Full MJ8

- Can be done by hand, but extremely time consuming
- Usually use third party software¹

¹ ACCA vets third party software for compliance with MJ8 procedures, those that pass received "Powered by Manual J" recognition (see: <u>http://www.acca.org/standards/approved-software</u>)



Manual J, Form J1_{ae} (Block Load)

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Load Calculation Min. Verification Points



- Location (City, State)
- Outdoor design temperatures and grains (Why deviating from MJ8 Tables 1A or 1B?)
- Indoor design temperatures (75°F db cooling, 70°F db heating unless superseded by code/regulation)
- Orientation matches actual home or plan
- Occupants = number of bedrooms + 1
- Conditioned floor area = home or plan
- Eave overhang depth and internal shading = home or plan / default
- Number of **skylights** = home or plan
- Sensible + latent heat gain = total heat gain



What to Watch Out For ...



Some practitioners will try to fudge the numbers to get bigger loads:

- Change the design temperatures (outdoor and/or indoor)
- Design to the worst case scenario (e.g., very loose house)
- Add more occupants than 'number of bedrooms plus 1'
- Calculate duct loads even when ducts in conditioned space
- Not include window overhangs and shading
- Puff up internal loads
- Use a factor of safety

The above practices are not supported by ACCA. Manual J instructs practitioners to be thorough and reflect the ACTUAL conditions.



Part 2 - Equipment Selection





Air Conditioners | Heat Pump | Mini Splits | Condenser | Geothermal | Boller | Furnace



ANSI/ACCA 3 Manual S - 2014



- Standard required in:
 - 2015 IRC §M1401.3, and
 - 2015 IECC §R403.7
- Comprised of two sections:
 - Normative: 22 pages of <u>enforceable</u> requirements
 - Informative: 270 pages of in-depth discussion, documentation, and examples



Latest ANSI approval in May 2014



Overview Equipment Selection Steps



1. Start with sizing values

- MJ8 heating load: For furnaces and boilers
- MJ8 cooling load: For cooling-only and heat pump units

2. Manual S provides sizing rules

- Sets upper and lower limits for equipment total capacity
- **3. Designer must use OEM performance data**
 - Capacity values must be for operating conditions



Size Limits For Each Equipment Type

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Size	Limits for Cool	ing-Only Equi	pment				
Equipment Type	Single Speed	Two Speed	Variable Speed See Note 8	_			
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Air-Air	Max = 1.15 Min = 0.90	Max = 1.20 Min = 0.90	Max = 1.30 Min = 0.90	Output Capacity	Single Stage	Multi Stage	Modulate Burner
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Heat Pump Sizing Limits



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Water-Air pipe loop system	Max = 1.15 Min = 0.90	Max = 1.20 Min = 0.90 FS	Max = 1.20 Min = 0.90 RS		Size Limits for Condition B Heat Pumps JSHR = 0.95 or greater; and HDD / CDD = 2.0 or greater					
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A piece of equipment's AHRI rating is evaluated for air at: 80°F db / 67°F wb entering the indoor unit, and 95°F db entering the outdoor unit.

A standardized testing point for equipment capacity and efficiency, but <u>inappropriate</u> for use in equipment sizing and selection.

No one wants an 80°F indoor environment in the summer! And not every location will have a 95°F outdoor design temperature.



Equipment Sizing / Selection Min. Verification Points



	Cooling Equipment	Heating Equipment
Equipment Information	TypeModel	TypeModel
Capacities satisfy design conditions	Sensible CapacityLatent CapacityTotal Capacity	Total Output CapacityAuxiliary Heating Cap.
Within load sizing limits	• To be verified	• To be verified
Blower Info (at design conditions)	CFMESP	CFMESP



What to Watch Out For ...



Some designers will:

- Seek (incorrectly) to use AHRI rated capacities instead of OEM engineering performance data
- Not interpolating the OEM performance data for the capacity <u>at design conditions</u>
- Misread / misapply OEM performance data tables (can be very confusing, and will come in different configurations)
- Round up to next size
- Push for equipment outside of the sizing limits



Part 3 – Duct System Design





Systems and Applications | Blowers and Air-side Devices | Sizing Calculators | Efficiency, Leakage and Nois



ANSI/ACCA 1 Manual D - 2016



- Standard required in:
 - 2015 IRC §M1601.1 and §M1602.2
 - 2015 IMC §603.2
- Comprised of two sections
 - Normative: 43 pages of <u>enforceable</u> requirements
 - Informative: 213 pages of in-depth discussion, documentation, and examples



• Latest ANSI Approval in Oct 2016



Friction Rate Worksheet

	Step 1) Manufacturer's Blower Data External static pressure (ESP) =		Cfm =	
	Step 2) Component Pressure Losses (CPL)			
te	Direct expansion refrigerant coil Electric resistance heating coil Hot water coil Heat exchanger Low efficiency filter High or mid-efficiency filter Electronic filter Other items that impede airflow Supply outlet Return grille Balancing damper Zone damper (full open)			
	Total component losses (CPL)		_ IWC	
	Step 3) Available Static Pressure (ASP) ASP = (ESP - CPL) = () =		IWC

Step 4) Total Effective Length (TEL)

Supply-side TEL + Return-side TEL = (_____ + ____) = _____ Feet

Step 5) Friction Rate Design Value (FR)

FR value from friction rate chart = _____ IWC/100 Ft



Friction Rate Worksheet



Step 1) Manufacturer's Blower Data	
External static pressure (ESP) = <mark>0.67 IW</mark>	/C Cfm = 1,000
Step 2) Component Pressure Losses (CPL)	
Direct expansion refrigerant coil Electric resistance heating coil Hot water coil Heat exchanger Low efficiency filter High or mid-efficiency filter Electronic filter Other items that impede airflow Supply outlet Return grille Balancing damper Zone damper (full open)	0.25 0.10 0.03 0.03 0.03
Total component losses (CPL)	0.44 IWC
Step 3) Available Static Pressure (ASP)	
ASP = (ESP - CPL) = (0.67 - 0.4)	4) = <mark>0.23</mark> IWC

Step 4) Total Effective Length (TEL)

Supply-Side TEL + Return-Side TEL = (255 + 120) = 375 Feet



Step 5) Friction Rate Design Value (FR) FR value from friction rate chart = 0.06 IWC/100 FtFriction Rate Chart FR= ASP x 100 500 TEL 0.06 450-Inadequate Fan Performance o Increase speed 0.08 400 o Change blower o Reduce TEL .23 * 100 350-0.10 FR = -----300-375 0.12 岜 250⁻ 0.14 200-0.18 *FR* = 0.061 150 *IWC / 100 Ft* Fan is too Powerful 100o Decrease speed o Increase TEL 50o High runout velocity 0+ 0.05 0.15 0.10 0.20 0.25 0.30 0.35 Available Static Pressure

Friction Rate Chart





Outside of the "wedge" may lead to velocity problems





$Room \, CFM = Blower \, CFM * \frac{MJ \, Room \, Load}{MJ \, Total \, Load \, (htg \, or \, clg)}$

- One value for cooling and one value for heating
- The designer must use the larger of the two cfm values for sizing the duct runs

Reminder: Loads are in Btu/hr



Example

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- Air handler delivers 1000 Cfm at 0.23 IWC (net)
- Total heating load: 60,000 Btu/h
- Total cooling load: 48,000 Btu/h •

Poom CEM -	Blower CFM x MJ Room Load
KOOM CPM =	MI Total Load (htg or cla)

MJ Total Load (htg or clg)

	Blower Cfm = 1000									
	Total heating load = 60,000 Btu/h									
	Total cooling load = 48,000 Btu/h									
		C - Btu/h	H - Btu/h	C - Cfm	H - Cfm	Design Cfm				
	Room 1	4800	5800	100	97	100				
	Room 2	19200	25200	400	420	420				
D	Room 3	24000	29000	500	483	500				
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FR & Cfm → Duct Size & Velocity



- Using a duct slide rule, the Cfm and calculated FR will:
 - Provide values for sizing the ducts
 - Round
 - Rectangular
 - Provide an associated velocity in feet per minute (fpm)





Velocity Limit



- Compare the velocity (feet per minute, fpm) at the design cfm with the limits for turbulence / noise control
- If the velocity exceeds the limits, then use the cfm for the limit velocity – resulting in bigger diameter ducts

Air Velocity for Noise Control Subject to Notes 1, 2 and 8								
Component		Supply S	ide (Fpm)		Return Side (Fpm)			
	Conse	rvative	Maxi	mum	Conse	rvative	Maximum	
	Rigid	Flex	Rigid	Flex	Rigid	Flex	Rigid	Flex
Trunk Ducts	700	700	900	900	600	600	700	700
Branch Ducts	600	700	900	900	500	600	700	700
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Return Grille Face Velocity	_		_	_	_		500	
Filter Grille Face Velocity	_	_	_	_	_		300	

Manual D Min. Verification Points



ACCA recommended minimum:

- ESP from blower table at Design Airflow (CFM)
- Total Component Pressure Losses (CPL)
- Available static pressure (ASP = ESP CPL)
- Lengths: longest supply duct, longest return duct, TEL
- Determined Friction Rate
- Used Manual J room loads to determine Heating/Cooling CFMs
- Ensure maximum airflow velocity limits are not exceeded



What to Watch Out For ...



- Designers that ALWAYS use a FR of 0.10
 - It needs to be calculated every time for the specific duct system details
- Check the math
 - ASP = ESP CPL
 - FR = (ASP x 100) / TEL
 - Spot check a few register CFMs
- Not using balancing hand dampers in the runout branches
- Not altering the design for a house plan that is rotated to the opposite street side





Part 4: ACCA-Available Resources



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Get involved in ACCA's Codes Committee and make a difference in the development and adoption of good building codes. For more into about becoming involved in the Codes Committee and ACCA's building code efforts, contact <u>codes@ecca.org</u>.

Information for Code Officials

Brochures for Code Officials

ACCA has developed sevenal brochures which help code officials verify residential load calculations, duct design and equipment selection in accordance with Manuals J, L and J. While if so practical for code officials to verify every single aspect of these submissions, these brochures offer checklists for a simplified verification process. <u>Download them</u>.

Load Calculation Software

An important warning notice for code officials about the dangers of inappropriate load calculation software. Download IL

ICC PMG Membership Council

Visit the International Code Council's (ICC) Plumbing Mechanical Gas (PMG) Membership Council webpage for other resources like CodeNotes, High School Technical Training Program Toolkit, and technical partners information.

Video Training for Code Officials

ACCA has developed a three-part video seeks that aims to help code official better understand the three main aspects of a proper residential HVAC system design: a load calculation, selecting the appropriate equipment, and proper duct sizing. The basis for the videos are the code-referenced ACCA Manual J, Manual S, and Manual D. The video of comprise a design course, but instead provide an overview of the design process and prevent ACCA-recommended welfication points. This will better enable code officials to welft plat a splere was designed course.but instead provide an overview of the design process and prevent ACCA-recommended welfication points. This will better enable code officials to welft plat a splere was designed course.but instead provide and the design of the design process and prevent ACCA-recommended welfication points. This will better enable code officials to welft plat a splere was designed course.but instead provide and the design of the desi





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ACCA in Building Codes

For years, ACCA's technical manuals and standards have been an integral part of the national model building codes' requirements for proper HVAC design. The following model codes currently reference, or have in the past referenced, ACCA's various design manuals and standards:

- · IAPMO's Uniform Mechanical Code
- IAPMO's Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa, and Hot Tub Code
 ICC's International Residential Code
- ICC's International Residential Code
 ICC's International Energy Conservation Code
- ICC's International Mechanical Code

To see the detailed references in each model code, including section excerpts, please see the document for the specific cycle

- 2015 Model Code References
- 2012 Model Code References
- 2009 Model Code References





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Residential Plans Examiner Review Form for HVAC System Design (Loads, Equipment, Ducts) Form RPER 1.01 8 Mar 10

County, Town, Municipality, Jurisdiction Header Information

Contractor	REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS ¹	ATTACHED
	Manual J1 Form (and supporting worksheets):	Yes No
Mechanical License #	or MJ1AE Form ² (and supporting worksheets):	Yes 📃 No 🗌
	OEM performance data (heating, cooling, blower):	Yes 📃 No 🗌
Building Plan #	Manual D Friction Rate Worksheet:	Yes 📃 No 🗌
	Duct distribution system sketch:	Yes No

Home Address (Street or Lot#, Block, Subdivision)

HVAC LOAD CALCULATION (IRC M1401.3)

Design Conditions			Building	Constructi	ion Infor	mation	
Winter Design Conditions			Buildin	g			
Outdoor temperature		°F	Orientat	ion (Front doo	or faces)		
Indoor temperature		°F	North,	East, West, South	h, Northeast, I	Northwest, Southeast, Southwest	
Total heat loss		Btu	Number	of bedrooms			
Summer Design Condition	s		Conditio	oned floor are	a	Sq Ft	
Outdoor temperature		°F	Number	of occupants			
Indoor temperature		°F	Window	vs		Deci _ 4	
Grains difference	∆ Gr @	% Rh	Eave ov	erhang depth		Ft	
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Latent heat gain		Blinds, drapes, et		drapes, etc	Depth Window		
Total heat gain		Btu	Number	r of skylights		Ĭ	
HVAC EQUIPMENT SELE	CTION (IRC	M140	01.3)				
Heating Equipment Data		C	ooling Equipment Data			Blower Data	
Equipment type		Equipment type		<u>.</u>		<u>olower outu</u>	
Furnace, Heat pump, Boller, etc.		-	Air Conditioner, Heat pump, etc			Heating CFM CFM	
Model		_	Model			Cooling CFM CFM	
Heating output capacity	Bt	u	Sensible cooling capacity		Btu		
Heat pumps - capacity at winter design (outdoor conditions				Btu		
Auxiliary heat output capacity	Bt	u	Total cooling capacity		Btu		
HVAC DUCT DISTRIBUTI	ON SYSTE	M DE	SIGN (IRC M1601.1)				
Design airflow	ign airflow CEM		Longest supply duct: Et		Duct Materials Used (circle)		
		~ .	-		Trunk Duct: Duct board, Flex, Sheet metal,		
External Static Pressure (ESP)	100		ongest return duct:	Ft		Lined sheet metal, Other (specify)	
Component Pressure Losses (CPL)	IW	VC Total Effective Length (TEL)		Ft	Branch D	Branch Duct: Duct board, Flex, Sheet metal,	
Available Static Pressure (ASP)	IW	С	Friction Rate:	IWC	Lined sheet metal, Other (specify		
ASP = ESP - CPL			Friction Rate = (ASP × 100) ÷ TEL				
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Contractor's Printed Name					Date		
Contractor's Signature		_					

² If abridged version of Manual J is used for load calculation, then verify residence meets requirements, see Abridged Edition Checklist on page 13 of instructions.

ACCA Design Review Form Everything you need to check on one form.

- Load calculation
- Equipment selection
- Duct system design

Free to download at <u>www.acca.org/codes</u>

Free Standards





Free PDF Downloads on HVAC

- Quality Installation (ACCA 5 QI)
- QI Verification (ACCA 9 QIVP)
- Quality Maintenance (ACCA 4 QM)
- Quality Restoration (ACCA 6 QR)
- Whole House Evaluation (ACCA 12 QH)
- and more

Free to download at www.acca.org/quality

Free Training for Code Officials (and Others!)



Three-part video training on Manuals J / D / S

- Approximately 45 minutes for each segment
- A bit more detailed than this presentation
- Free! ... <u>www.ACCA.org/codes</u>

CEUs available from ICC

- ACCA is an ICC Preferred Education Provider
- See: http://www.acca.org/certification/code-essentials
- 0.2 CEU; Cost for the J / D / S test = \$60

CEUs have associated costs.



ACCA Technical Reference Note

"Computing Manual J Infiltration Load Based Upon a Target Envelop Leakage Requirement"



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 - sensible cooling, and
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