



Energy Code Options

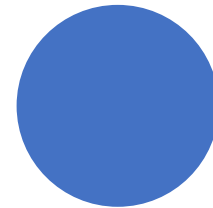
Making it simple

Energy Code Options Simplified

- Course Outline:
 - Option overview
 - How it works
 - When it may be beneficial
 - The options table worksheet
 - Finding U-factors
 - The BCD calculator

- Objectives: The learner will understand
 - The advantages of using the option
 - How to do the calculations
 - How to find U-factors for various construction methods
 - How to find and use the BCD calculator

Energy Code Options Simplified



The Options Conundrum

- Options choice is required for new houses and large additions
- An options choice is optional for smaller additions and change of occupancy
- 6 envelope enhancement options
- In addition, 4 energy conservation measures
- Choose one from each part
- Allows for some flexibility in achieving energy efficiency

TABLE N1101.1(2)
ADDITIONAL MEASURES
(DELETE CURRENT 2014 ORSC TABLE AND REPLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING TABLE AND FOOTNOTES)

TABLE N1101.1(2) ADDITIONAL MEASURES	
Envelope Enhancement Measures (Select One)	1 High efficiency walls Exterior walls – U-0.044 / R-21 cavity insulation+R-5 continuous
	2 Upgraded features Exterior walls – U-0.055 / R-23 intermediate or R-21 advanced, Framed floors – U-0.022 / R-38, and Windows – U-0.28 (average UA)
	3 Upgraded features Exterior walls – U-0.055 / R-23 intermediate or R-21 advanced, Flat ceiling ^e – U-0.020 / R-60, and Framed floors – U-0.022 / R-38
	4 Super Insulated Windows and Attic OR Framed Floors Windows – U-0.22 (Triple Pane Low-e), and Flat ceiling ^e – U-0.020 / R-60 or Framed floors – U-0.022 / R-38
	5 Air sealing home and ducts Mandatory air sealing of all wall coverings at top plate and air sealing checklist ^f , and All ducts and air handler contained within building envelope ^d or All ducts sealed with mastic ^b
	6 High efficiency thermal envelope UA^g Proposed UA is 8% lower than the code UA
Conservation Measures (Select One)	A High efficiency HVAC system^a Gas-fired furnace or boiler AFUE 94%, or Air source heat pump HSPF 9.5/15.0 SEER cooling, or Ground source heat pump COP 3.5 or Energy Star rated
	B Ducted HVAC systems within conditioned space All ducts and air handler contained within building envelope ^d <i>Cannot be combined with Measure 5</i>
	C Ductless heat pump Ductless heat pump HSPF 10.0 in primary zone of dwelling
	D High efficiency water heater^c Natural gas/propane water heater with UEF 0.85 OR Electric heat pump water heater Tier 1 Northern Climate Specification Product

For SI: 1 square foot = 0.093 m², 1 watt per square foot = 10.8 W/m².

a. Appliances located within the building thermal envelope shall have sealed combustion air installed. Combustion air shall be ducted directly from the outdoors.

b. All duct joints and seams sealed with listed mastic; tape is only at appliance or equipment connections (for service and replacement). Meet criteria of Performance Tested Comfort Systems program administered by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA).

c. Residential water heaters less than 55 gallon storage volume.

d. A total of 5 percent of an HVAC systems ductwork shall be permitted to be located outside of the conditioned space. Ducts located outside the conditioned space shall have insulation installed as required in this code.

e. The maximum vaulted ceiling surface area shall not be greater than 50 percent of the total heated space floor area unless vaulted area has a U-factor no greater than U-0.026.

f. Continuous air barrier. Additional requirement for sealing of all interior vertical wall covering to top plate framing. Sealing with foam gasket, caulk or other approved sealant listed for sealing wall covering material to structural material (example: gypsum board to wood stud framing).

g. Table N1104.1(1) Standard base case design, Code UA shall be at least 8% less than the Proposed UA. Buildings with fenestration less than 15% of the

The Options Conundrum

- Most envelope enhancement options have multiple things that must be done to comply with the option
- Option has to be done as proscribed
- No credit if adding other energy saving designs
- May not fit unique design issues
- May not be the most cost effective way to save energy

The Option Conundrum

R-38 floors?

R-60 ceilings?

R-21 + R-5 continuous insulation?


Ducts inside?

R-23 intermediate walls?

Triple Pane Low-e



The Options Conundrum

- When you don't know which options to choose...
 - Choose the one that works best for your operation
 - Cost of labor
 - Cost of materials
 - Ability of your crew to do the work correctly
 - Ability of subs to do it correctly
 - Can suppliers get the right material to the job
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The Options Conundrum

- Option 6 can solve a lot of the problem by allowing flexibility and an unlimited number of combinations of materials and building methods
- This is a design your own compliance method
- Performance equivalent to the other options

What is option 6 all about?

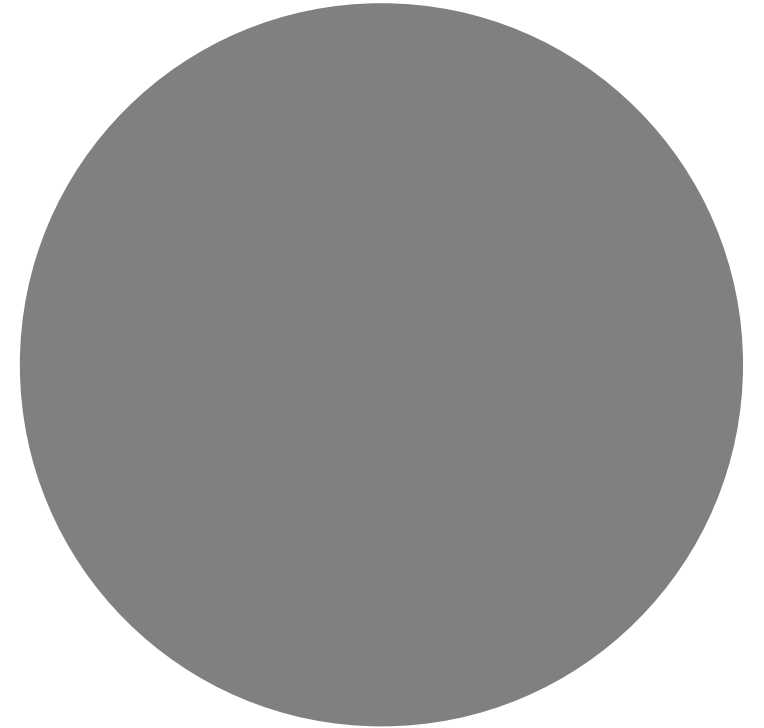


- Create your own option
- Great flexibility
- Choosing methods of construction that work best for you
- Freedom to be creative
- Easier to accommodate unusual construction problems
- Take advantage of reduced window area credit
- Accommodate customer priorities

Equal to or better...



Demonstrate your method is
8% more efficient than the
minimum prescriptive
requirements



How you do that:

- Compare the total energy demand for a code minimum house to the one designed the way you want to build
 - Calculate the energy loss through each thermal envelope element if built to minimum requirements of Table N1101.1(1)
 - Add the losses together
 - Calculate the energy loss through each thermal envelope element the way you have designed them
 - Add losses together
 - Compare the two totals
 - In compliance if your method is 8% more efficient than the code minimums
- Your heating contractor can use the calculations





Must use U-factors to calculate overall efficiency

Why U-factors?

R-values for uniform materials

- Heat loss through an area losing heat uniformly over the whole area
- R-values used for an assembly of materials with different R-values cannot be added together

U-factors good for nonuniform assemblies

- Heat loss per square foot of any assembly, uniform or not
- U-factors can be added together even if materials are different.

How is a U-factor
calculated?



- Calculate the U-factor for each different part of the assembly.
 - A U-factor is $1/R$ -value of a uniform material
- Calculate the percentage each element making up the assembly.
- This gives the average energy loss through a square foot of the assembly

Table N1104.1(1) The worksheet

- Provides a format for calculating and comparing

TABLE N1104.1(1)
RESIDENTIAL THERMAL PERFORMANCE CALCULATIONS

BUILDING COMPONENTS ^b	STANDARD BASE CASE ^a			PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE			
	Areas ^c	U-factor	Areas x U	R-value ^d	Areas ^c	U-factor ^e	Areas x U
Flat ceilings		0.021					
Vaulted ceilings ^f		0.033					
Conventional wood-framed walls		0.059					
Underfloor		0.033					
Slab edge		F=0.52 ^g					
Below grade walls		C=0.063 ^g					
Windows		0.30					
Skylights		0.50					
Exterior doors ^h		0.2					
Doors with > 2.5 ft ² glazing		0.4					
CODE UA =				Proposed UA ⁱ =			

- a. Base path 1 represents Standard Base Case from Table N1101.1(1). *U*-factors shall be adjusted to match selected Envelope Measure [Table N1101.1(2)].
- b. Performance trade-offs are limited to those listed in column 1. Heat plant efficiency, duct insulation levels, passive and active solar heating, air infiltration and similar measures including those not regulated by code may not be considered in this method of calculation.
- c. Areas from plan take-offs. All areas must be the same for both Standard Base Case and Proposed Alternate. The vaulted ceiling surface area for Standard Base Case must be the actual surface area from the plan take-off not to exceed 50 percent of the total heated space floor area. Any roof areas in excess of 50 percent for Base Case must be entered at U-0.021 (R-49) with "Flat Ceilings" area.
- d. Minimum Component Requirements in so far as practicable: Walls R-15/U-0.080; Floors R-21/U-0.047; Flat Ceilings R-38/U-0.031; Vaults R-21/U-0.055; Below-Grade Wood, Concrete or Masonry Walls R-15/C-0.069; Slab Edge R-10/F-0.52; Duct Insulation R-8. *R*-values used in this table are nominal, for the insulation only and not for the entire assembly. Window and skylight *U*-values shall not exceed 0.65 (CL65). A single door not to exceed 28 square feet (2.6 m²) per dwelling unit is permitted to be excluded from the thermal performance calculations. All other Door-values shall not exceed 0.54 (Nominal R-2).
- e. *U*-factors for wood frame ceilings, walls and floor assemblies shall be as specified in Table N1104.1(2). *U*-factors for other assemblies, which include steel framing, brick or other masonry, stucco, etc., shall be calculated using ASHRAE *Handbook of Fundamentals procedures*.
- f. Vaulted area, unless insulated to R-38, 0.027, may not exceed 50 percent of the total heated space floor area.
- g. F = The heat loss coefficient, Btu/h/ft²/°F per foot of perimeter. C= the heat loss coefficient Btu/h/ft²-°F per square foot of underground wall.
- h. A maximum of 28 square feet (2.6 m²) of exterior door area per dwelling unit can have a *U*-factor of 0.54 or less. Default *U*-factor for an unglazed wood door is 0.54.
- i. Proposed UA must be less than or equal to CODE UA. For compliance with Envelope Measure 6, the Proposed UA must be a minimum of 8 percent less than the CODE UA.

Three parts to the table

- List of ***building components*** that make up the exterior envelope

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- **Standard base case** Maximum allowed U-factors for each building component from Table N1101.1(1) and a way to calculate the over all energy loss from each component

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- ***Proposed Alternative*** to describe your chosen U-factors and the over all energy loss from each component

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READ THE FOOTNOTES

- How to input information correctly
- Limitations
- Instructions
- exceptions

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| From the footnotes:

Footnote D requires minimum allowed amounts of efficiency for each building component. Your U-factor cannot be higher than these amounts.

One door up to 28 square feet in area can be omitted from calculation (must be eliminated in both calculations)

First step

- Does extra credit for reduced window area apply?
 - Calculate total wall area (3022 Sq. Ft.)
 - Multiply by 15% (453.3)
 - Enter total wall area minus 15% under standard base case above grade walls (2568.7)
 - Enter 15% of the wall area under standard base case windows (453.3)
 - Enter net wall area (total wall minus windows and doors) in Proposed column (2642.4)
 - Enter actual window area in Proposed Alternative. (334.25)

- Enter 2568.7 wall area and 453.3 window area in the standard base case
- Enter the actual wall area and window area in the Proposed Alternative

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Skylights		0.50					
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| Next step:

01

Find the total area of the other listed building components

02

Write it in the Areas column in both the standard base case and the proposed alternative section. (Must be identical in both except when the 15% window credit is allowed)

Procedure for making energy efficiency comparisons

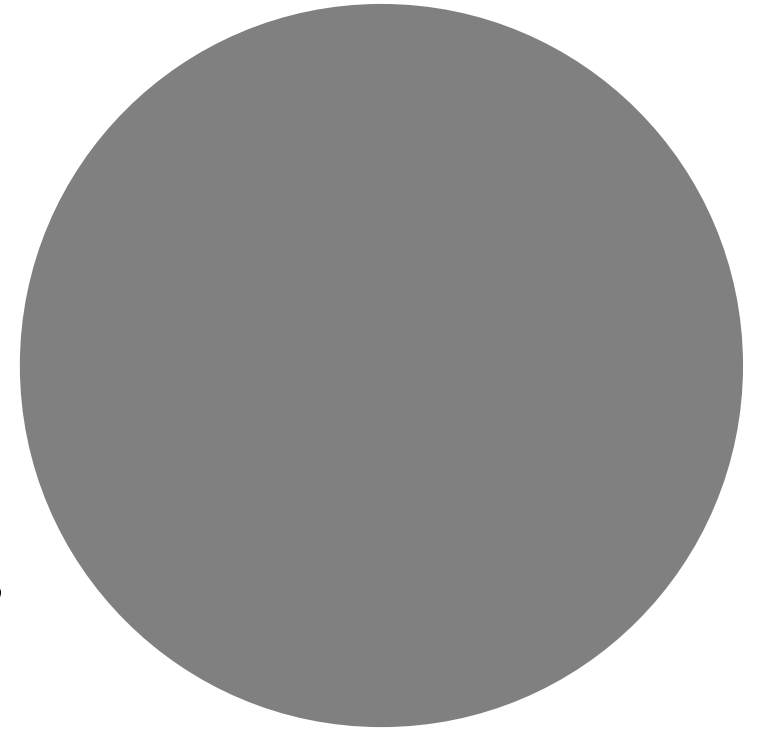
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Next step:

- Multiply each area times the U-factor listed
- Add all the U-factors together to get the total energy loss through the whole building assembly

BUILDING COMPONENTS ^b	STANDARD BASE CASE ^a			PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE			
	Areas ^c	U-factor	Areas x U	R-value ^d	Areas ^c	U-factor ^e	Areas x U
Flat ceilings	1911 2568.7 1483	0.021	40.13		2642.4		
Vaulted ceilings ^f		0.033	151.55				
Conventional wood-framed walls		0.059	48.94				
Underfloor		0.033					
Slab edge		F=0.52 ^g					
Below grade walls		C=0.063 ^g					
Windows	453.3	0.30	135.99		334.25		
Skylights		0.50					
Exterior doors ^h	45.33	0.2	9.07				
Doors with > 2.5 ft ² glazing		0.4					
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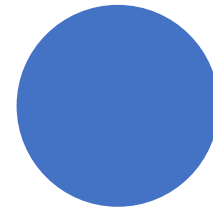
- Flat ceilings—length x width of all flat ceilings minus skylights
- Vaulted ceilings—actual surface area of all vaulted ceilings minus skylights
 - Remember vaulted ceiling area greater than 50% of the heated floor area must be at least U-0.021 (R-49)
- Conventional wood framed walls—building perimeter x wall height minus door and window openings
- Underfloor—length x width of floor, including cantilevers
- Slab edge—Total perimeter of the slab



How to calculate area easily

- Below grade walls—total area of basement walls not including portions of the wall more than 2' above ground—that is above grade wall
- Windows—Framed opening sizes
- Skylights—Framed opening sizes
- Exterior doors—width x height
- Doors with more than 2.5 ft² of glass—width x height

How to calculate area easily



Next step—Enter the U-factor you plan to use for the assembly in the Proposed Alternative column

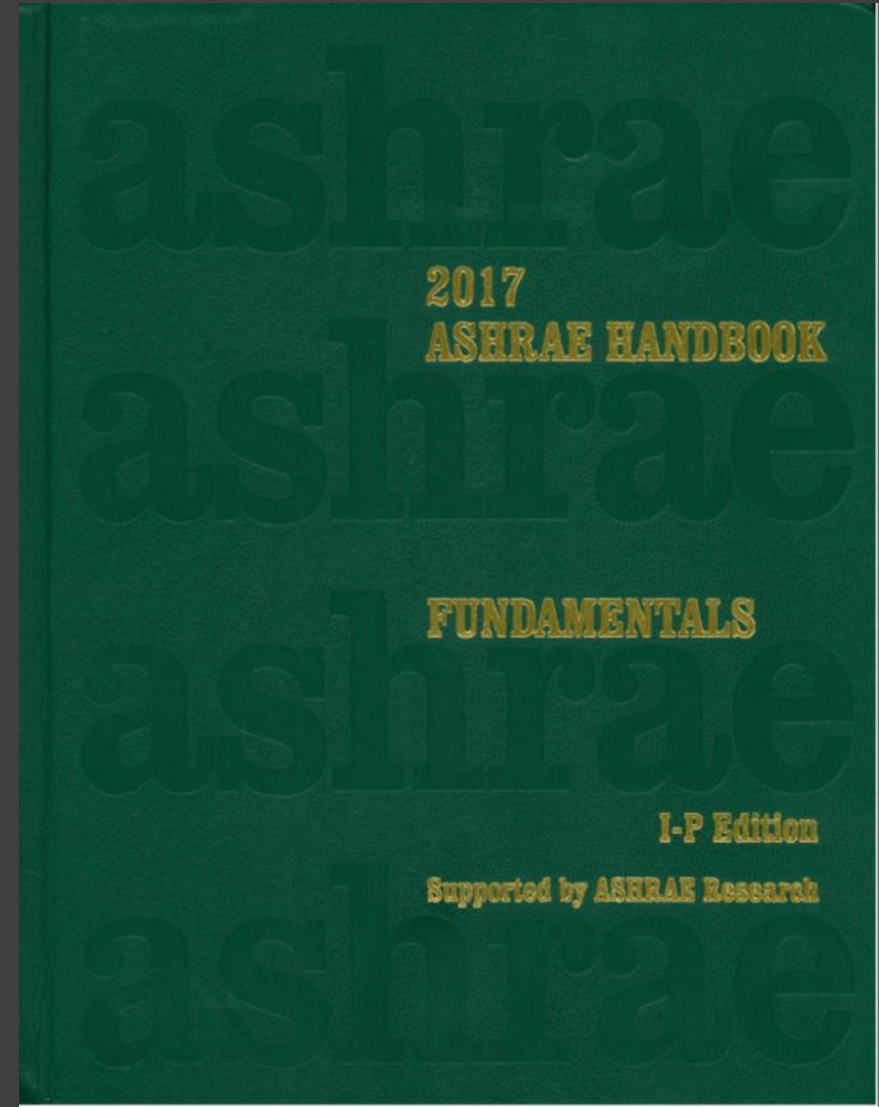
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Underfloor	1483	0.033	48.94			.026	
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- Find it in Table N1104.1(2)
- Find it on the plans

Grade steel framing, brick or other masonry, stucco, etc., shall be calculated

How to find U-factors

- Calculate using the methods from the ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals



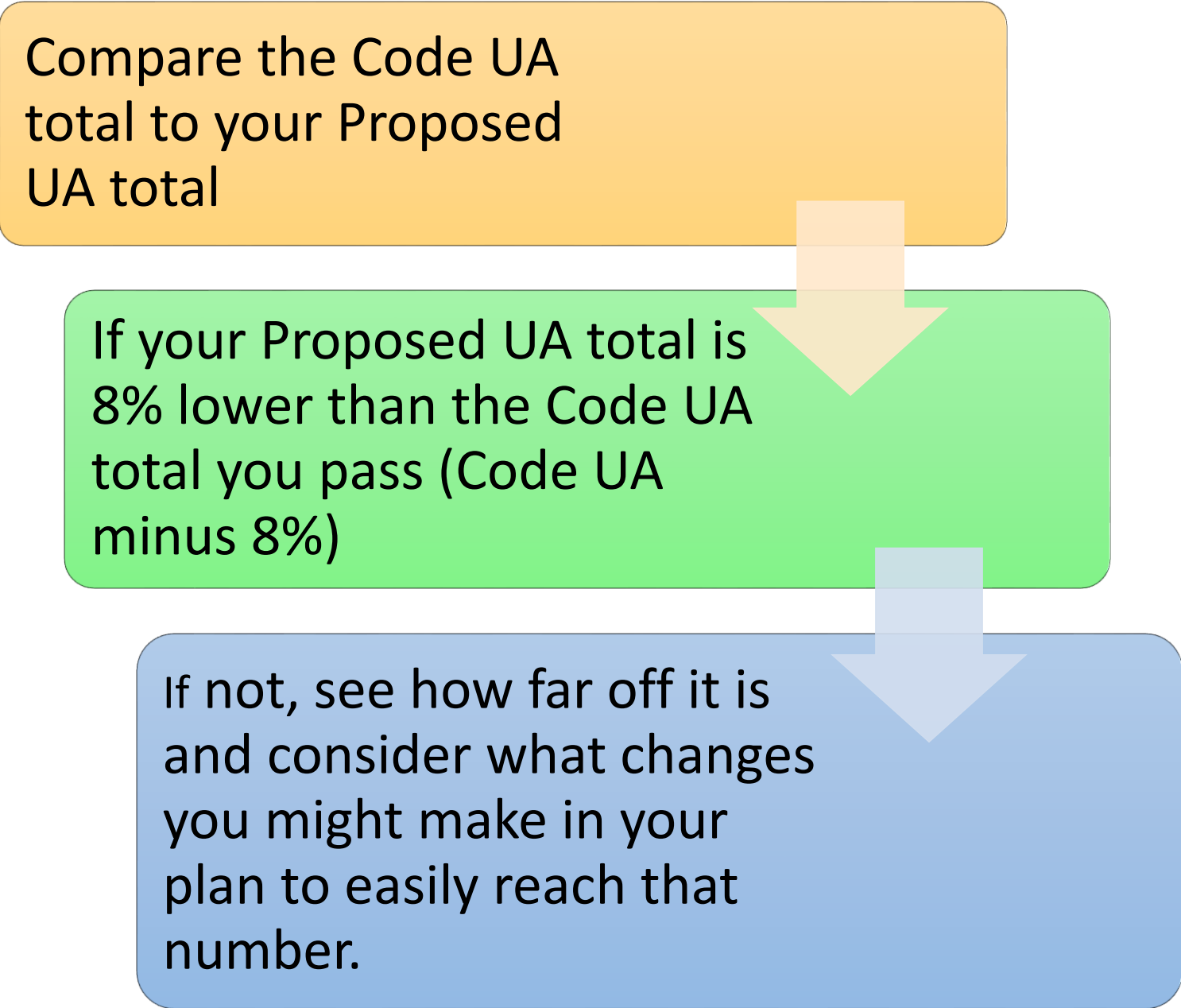
Next step:

- Multiply each assembly area times your U-factor.
- Add all the U-factors together to get the total energy loss through the whole building assembly for the way you have designed it.

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Underfloor	1483	0.033	48.94			.026	38.56
Slab edge		F=0.52 ^g					
Below grade walls		C=0.063 ^g					
Windows	453.3	0.30	135.99		334.25	.28	93.59
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| Last step:

Compare the Code UA total to your Proposed UA total



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Compare standard base case to the alternative

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Proposed UA / CODE UA = > than 8 Percent

335.34 / 385.58 = .869 = 13% better

Pass!

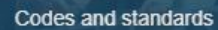
Now, the
easy way





Need to renew a license?

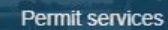
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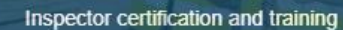
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The division works to ensure the adopted codes and standards are accessible. Eight of the adopted specialty codes are available to read online. The remaining codes are comprised of multiple standards listed on the program pages.

Amendments, errata, helpful tools, and additional information can be found on the code program page.

Oregon codebooks online

The following are read-only versions of the codebooks and do not have copy and paste options available. Each codebook is available to purchase as a pdf download, loose-leaf binder, or softbound book. [Find out where you can purchase a codebook.](#)

2017 Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC)

Effective Oct. 1, 2017

Based on the 2015 International Residential Code (IRC)

2014 ORSC is available until Jan. 1, 2018.

2017 Oregon Electrical Specialty Code (OESC)

Effective Oct. 1, 2017

Based on the 2017 NFPA 70, National Electrical Code

[Amendments to the NEC - Table 1-E](#)

2017 Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code (OPSC)

Effective Oct. 1, 2017

Based on the 2015 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC)

2014 Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC)

Effective July 1, 2014

Based on the 2012 International Building Code (IBC)

2014 Oregon Energy Efficiency Specialty Code (OEESC)

Effective July 1, 2014

Based on the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)

2014 Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code (OMSC)

Effective July 1, 2014

Based on the 2012 International Mechanical Code (IMC) & International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC)

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The division works with building officials, technical committees, advisory boards, and the public to adopt, amend, and interpret the Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC). This code applies to the construction, reconstruction, and repair of one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses.

Adopted codebook

[2017 Oregon Residential Specialty Code \(ORSC\)](#)
Effective Oct. 1, 2017
Based on the 2015 International Residential Code (IRC)
[2014 ORSC](#) is available until Jan. 1, 2018.

Amendments

[R329 - Dwelling units containing lofts - Amendments](#) | Effective Jan. 1, 2018
[Get more information.](#)

Program activities

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The BCD Calculator

- Fill in the yellow areas
- Use pull down menus for U-factors
- Let the program do the math
- Indicator at the bottom for pass or fail



Residential Thermal Performance Calculations

2017 Oregon Residential Specialty Code

Table N1104.1(1)

For envelope enhancement measure no. 6

Job Name:

Permit #:

Standard Base Case

Notes	BUILDING COMPONENTS	Areas	U-factor	Areas x U
	Flat ceilings		0.021	0.00
	Vaulted ceilings		0.033	0.00
	Total area of ALL Wall Surfaces			
	85% of Total wall area	0	0.059	0.00
	Windows=15% of Total wall area	0	0.300	0.00
	Underfloor		0.033	0.00
	Slab edge (enter lineal feet)		0.520	0.00
	Skylights		0.500	0.00
	Exterior Doors		0.200	0.00
	Doors with >2.5ft ² glazing		0.400	0.00
	Sum			0

Proposed Alternative

BUILDING COMPONENTS	R-Value	Construction Type	Areas	U-factor	Areas x U
Flat ceilings		SELECT ITEM	0	0.000	0.00
Vaulted ceilings		SELECT ITEM	0	0.000	0.00
Conventional wood-framed walls		SELECT ITEM	0	0.000	0.00
Mixed or Other wall types		SEE Walls Overall U-Factor Tab	0	0.000	0.00
Underfloor		SELECT ITEM	0	0.000	0.00
Slab edge & Underslab		SELECT ITEM	0	0.000	0.00

Brand & Model Number (provide product cut sheets)

Insulated Concrete Form Walls		0		0.00
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TOTAL WINDOW, DOOR AND SKYLIGHT (input on Window, door and wall tabs)

	(provide product cut sheets)		
Windows from Window Tab	0	0.000	0.00
Skylights from Skylight Tab	0	0.000	0.00
Exterior Doors from Door Tab	0	0.000	0.00
Doors with >2.5ft ² glazing	0	0.000	0.00
Sum			0

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Conventional wood-framed walls	R-23, Intermediate - Blown-In	1665.75	0.056	93.28
<u>Mixed</u> or <u>Other</u> wall types	SEE Walls Overall U-Factor Tab	0	0.000	0.00
Underfloor	R-38, Underfloor	1483	0.026	38.56
Slab edge & Underslab	SELECT ITEM	0	0.000	0.00

Brand & Model Number (provide product cut sheets)

Insulated Concrete Form Walls		0		0.00
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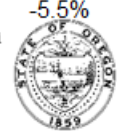
TOTAL WINDOW, DOOR AND SKYLIGHT (input on Window, door and wall tabs)
(provide product cut sheets)

Windows from Window Tab	334.25	0.280	93.59
Skylights from Skylight Tab	0	0.000	0.00
Exterior Doors from Door Tab	45.33	0.200	9.07
Doors with >2.5ft ² glazing	0	0.000	0.00
Sum	272.716		

PASS or FAIL: **FAIL**

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The BCD Calculator

- Click windows overall U-factor tab at the bottom
- Insert area and U-factor of each window in the yellow spaces
- See the example

Average Window U-Factor

Window Designation	Area of Window(s)	U-Factor of Assembly
Window - 1		
Window - 2		
Window - 3		
Window - 4		
Window - 5		
Window - 6		
Window - 7		
Window - 8		
Window - 9		
Window - 10		
Window - 11		
Window - 12		
Window - 13		
Window - 14		
Window - 15		
Window - 16		
Window - 17		
Window - 18		
Window - 19		
Window - 20		
Window - 21		
Window - 22		
Window - 23		
Window - 24		
Window - 25		
Window - 26		
Window - 27		
Window - 28		
Window - 29		
Window - 30		
Total:	Square Feet	Average U-Factor
	0	0.000

EXAMPLE
Average Window U-Factor

Window Designation	Area of Window(s)	U-Factor of Assembly
Window - 1	25	0.32
Window - 2	20	0.30
Window - 3	15	0.35
Window - 4	30	0.32
Window - 5	10	0.30
Window - 6	25	0.32
Window - 7	25	0.32
Window - 8	25	0.32
Window - 9		
Window - 10		
Window - 11		
Window - 12		
Window - 13		
Window - 14		
Window - 15		
Window - 16		
Window - 17		
Window - 18		
Window - 19		
Window - 20		
Window - 21		
Window - 22		
Window - 23		
Window - 24		
Window - 25		
Window - 26		
Window - 27		
Window - 28		
Window - 29		
Window - 30		
Total:	Square Feet	Average U-Factor
	175	0.319

Instructions:

1. Enter area of window type in yellow area.
2. Enter U-Factor of window in yellow area.
3. Value in green cell will be automatically entered into Table N1104.1(1) spreadsheet under "Standard Base Case".
4. Value in blue cell will be automatically entered into Table N1104.1(1) spreadsheet under "Proposed Alternative".

Note 1:

Window that have the same U-Factor may be combined into one entry. For example two wood framed windows, one 25ft² and one of 30ft², both having a U-Factor of 0.32 can be entered as one wall with a combined area of 55ft².

Note 2:

Sliding glass door and swinging glass doors, including glazed french doors with NFRC labels are considered windows, not doors.

Window Schedule			
Quantity	size	square feet	U-factor
1	9/0 -4/0	36	0.28
1	3/0 -3/6	10.5	0.28
1	4/0 -1/0	4	0.28
1	5/0 -4/0	20	0.28
2	2/6 -2/0	10	0.28
1	4/0 -3/0	12	0.28
2	3/0 -5/0	30	0.28
1	2/0 -3/0	6	0.28
2	2/0 -2/0	8	0.28
2	6/0 -5/0	60	0.28
1	8/0 -5/0	40	0.28
1	3/0 -6/0	18	0.28
1	5/0 -6/0	30	0.28
2	2/6 -2/6	12.5	0.28
1	2/6 -5/0	12.5	0.28
1	3/0 -5/0	15	0.28
1	1/6 -6/6	9.75	0.28

Use the window schedule on the plans to find window area and U-factor

The BCD Calculator

- Enter window area and U-factor
- Let the program do the math
- Average U-factor and total window area will automatically appear on the first page
- The program subtracts window area from the total wall area and correct average U-factor is inserted

Average Window U-Factor

Window Designation	Area of Window(s)	U-Factor of Assembly
Window - 1	334.25	0.28
Window - 2		
Window - 3		
Window - 4		
Window - 5		
Window - 6		
Window - 7		
Window - 8		
Window - 9		
Window - 10		
Window - 11		
Window - 12		
Window - 13		
Window - 14		
Window - 15		
Window - 16		
Window - 17		
Window - 18		
Window - 19		
Window - 20		
Window - 21		
Window - 22		
Window - 23		
Window - 24		
Window - 25		
Window - 26		
Window - 27		
Window - 28		
Window - 29		
Window - 30		
Total:	Square Feet 334.25	Average U-Factor 0.280

EXAMPLE
Average Window U-Factor

Window Designation	Area of Window(s)	U-Factor of Assembly
Window - 1	25	0.32
Window - 2	20	0.30
Window - 3	15	0.35
Window - 4	30	0.32
Window - 5	10	0.30
Window - 6	25	0.32
Window - 7	25	0.35
Window - 8	25	0.32
Window - 9		
Window - 10		
Window - 11		
Window - 12		
Window - 13		
Window - 14		
Window - 15		
Window - 16		
Window - 17		
Window - 18		
Window - 19		
Window - 20		
Window - 21		
Window - 22		
Window - 23		
Window - 24		
Window - 25		
Window - 26		
Window - 27		
Window - 28		
Window - 29		
Window - 30		
Total:	Square Feet 175	Average U-Factor 0.318

Instructions:

1. Enter area of window type in yellow area.
2. Enter U-Factor of window in yellow area.
3. Value in green cell will be automatically entered into Table N1104.1(1) spreadsheet under "Standard Base Case".
4. Value in blue cell will be automatically entered into Table N1104.1(1) spreadsheet under "Proposed Alternative".

Note 1:

Window that have the same U-Factor may be combined into one entry. For example two wood framed windows, one 25ft² and one of 30ft², both having a U-Factor of 0.32 can be entered as one wall with a combined area of 55ft².

Note 2:

Sliding glass door and swinging glass doors, including glazed french doors with NFRC labels are considered windows, not doors.

The BCD Calculator

- Click the doors over all U-factor tab at the bottom

Doors without Glazing Average Exterior Door U-Factor			
Door Designation	Construction	Area of Door(s)	U-Factor
Door Type - 1			
Door Type - 2			
Door Type - 3			
Door Type - 4			
Door Type - 5			
Door Type - 6			
Door Type - 7			
Door Type - 8			
Door Type - 9			
Door Type - 10			
Total:		Square Feet 0	Average U-Factor 0.000

Doors with >2.5ft ² glazing Average Exterior Door U-Factor			
Door Designation	Construction	Area of Door(s)	U-Factor
Door Type - 1			
Door Type - 2			
Door Type - 3			
Door Type - 4			
Door Type - 5			
Door Type - 6			
Door Type - 7			
Door Type - 8			
Door Type - 9			
Door Type - 10			
Total:		Square Feet 0	Average U-Factor 0.000

Instructions:

- Enter brief description of door construction in yellow area under "Construction".
- Enter area of door type in yellow area under "Area of Door(s)".
- Enter U-Factor of door in yellow area under "U-Factor".
- Value in green cell will be automatically entered into Table N1104.1(1) spreadsheet under "Standard Base Case".
- Value in blue cell will be automatically entered into Table N1104.1(1) spreadsheet under "Proposed Alternative".

Note 1:

Doors that have the same U-Factor may be combined into one entry. For example, two solid wood doors, one 18ft² and one of 20ft², both having a U-Factor of 0.600 can be entered as one door with a combined area of 38ft².

Note 2:

Sliding glass door and swinging glass doors, including glazed french doors with NFRC labels are considered windows, not doors.

EXAMPLE 1

Doors without Glazing Average Exterior Door U-Factor			
Door Designation	Construction	Area of Door(s)	U-Factor
Door Type - 1	solid wood	18	0.600
Door Type - 2	solid wood	20	0.600
Door Type - 3	insulated metal	20	0.420
Door Type - 4			
Door Type - 5			
Door Type - 6			
Door Type - 7			
Door Type - 8			
Door Type - 9			
Door Type - 10			
Total:		Square Feet 58	Average U-Factor 0.538

or

EXAMPLE 2

Doors with >2.5ft ² glazing Average Exterior Door U-Factor			
Door Designation	Construction	Area of Door(s)	U-Factor
Door Type - 1	solid wood	38	0.600
Door Type - 2	insulated metal	20	0.420
Door Type - 3			
Door Type - 4			
Door Type - 5			
Door Type - 6			
Door Type - 7			
Door Type - 8			
Door Type - 9			
Door Type - 10			
Total:		Square Feet 58	Average U-Factor 0.538

Door Schedule			
Door type	size	square feet	U-factor
entry-solid	3/0-8/0	24	0.2
garage-solid	2/8-8/0	21.33	0.2

Use the door schedule on the plans to find door area and U-factor

- Separate tables for regular doors and for doors with more than 2.5 square feet of glazing
- See instructions
- See examples at the bottom
- Totals automatically sent to the calculator

Doors without Glazing
Average Exterior Door U-Factor

Door Designation	Construction	Area of Door(s)	U-Factor
Door Type - 1		24	0.2
Door Type - 2		21.33	0.2
Door Type - 3			
Door Type - 4			
Door Type - 5			
Door Type - 6			
Door Type - 7			
Door Type - 8			
Door Type - 9			
Door Type - 10			
Total:		Square Feet 45.33	Average U-Factor 0.200

Doors with >2.5ft² glazing
Average Exterior Door U-Factor

Door Designation	Construction	Area of Door(s)	U-Factor
Door Type - 1			
Door Type - 2			
Door Type - 3			
Door Type - 4			
Door Type - 5			
Door Type - 6			
Door Type - 7			
Door Type - 8			
Door Type - 9			
Door Type - 10			
Total:		Square Feet 0	Average U-Factor 0.000

Instructions:

1. Enter brief description of door construction in yellow area under "Construction".
2. Enter area of door type in yellow area under "Area of Door(s)".
3. Enter U-Factor of door in yellow area under "U-Factor".
4. Value in green cell will be automatically entered into Table N1104.1(1) spreadsheet under "Standard Base Case".
5. Value in blue cell will be automatically entered into Table N1104.1(1) spreadsheet under "Proposed Alternative".

Note 1:

Doors that have the same U-Factor may be combined into one entry. For example, two solid wood doors, one 18ft² and one of 20ft², both having a U-Factor of 0.600 can be entered as one door with a combined area of 38ft².

Note 2:

Sliding glass door and swinging glass doors, including glazed french doors with NFRC labels are considered windows, not doors.

EXAMPLE 1

Doors without Glazing
Average Exterior Door U-Factor

Door Designation	Construction	Area of Door(s)	U-Factor
Door Type - 1	solid wood	18	0.600
Door Type - 2	solid wood	20	0.600
Door Type - 3	insulated metal	20	0.420
Door Type - 4			
Door Type - 5			
Door Type - 6			
Door Type - 7			
Door Type - 8			
Door Type - 9			
Door Type - 10			
Total:		Square Feet 58	Average U-Factor 0.538

or

EXAMPLE 2

Doors with >2.5ft² glazing
Average Exterior Door U-Factor

Door Designation	Construction	Area of Door(s)	U-Factor
Door Type - 1	solid wood	38	0.600
Door Type - 2	insulated metal	20	0.420
Door Type - 3			
Door Type - 4			
Door Type - 5			
Door Type - 6			
Door Type - 7			
Door Type - 8			
Door Type - 9			
Door Type - 10			
Total:		Square Feet 58	Average U-Factor 0.538

Skylights Overall U-Factor

- Click the skylight overall U-factor tab at the bottom

Average Skylight U-Factor		
Skylight Designation	Area of Skylight(s)	U-Factor of Assembly
Skylight- 1		
Skylight- 2		
Skylight- 3		
Skylight- 4		
Skylight- 5		
Skylight- 6		
Skylight- 7		
Skylight- 8		
Skylight- 9		
Skylight- 10		
Total:	Square Feet 0	Average U-Factor 0.000

EXAMPLE Average Skylight U-Factor		
Skylight Designation	Area of Skylight(s)	U-Factor of Assembly
Skylight- 1	15	0.60
Skylight- 2	10	0.58
Skylight- 3	12	0.50
Skylight- 4		
Skylight- 5		
Skylight- 6		
Skylight- 7		
Skylight- 8		
Skylight- 9		
Skylight- 10		
Total:	Square Feet 36	Average U-Factor 0.563

Instructions:

1. Enter area of skylight type in yellow area.
2. Enter U-Factor of skylight in yellow area.
3. Value in green cell will be automatically entered into Table N1104.1(1) spreadsheet under "Standard Base Case".
4. Value in blue cell will be automatically entered into Table N1104.1(1) spreadsheet under "Proposed Alternative".

Note:

Skylights that have the same U-Factor may be combined into one entry. For example, two skylights, one 25ft² and one of 30ft², both having a U-Factor of 0.32 can be entered as one skylight with a combined area of 55ft².

- Add the area and U-factor as per instructions and example
- Totals will be automatically entered into the calculator

Walls Overall U-Factor

MIXED or OTHER Wall Types Average Wall U-Factor			
Door Designation	Construction	Area of Wall(s)	U-Factor
Wall Type - 1			
Wall Type - 2			
Wall Type - 3			
Wall Type - 4			
Wall Type - 5			
Wall Type - 6			
Wall Type - 7			
Wall Type - 8			
Wall Type - 9			
Wall Type - 10			
Total:		Square Feet 0	Average U-Factor 0.000

Instructions:

1. Enter brief description of wall construction in yellow area.
2. Enter area of wall type in yellow area. Wall area minus window & door area.
3. Enter U-Factor of wall in yellow area.
4. Value in green cell will be automatically entered into Table N1104.1(1) spreadsheet under "Standard Base Case".
5. Value in blue cell will be automatically entered into Table N1104.1(1) spreadsheet under "Proposed Alternative".

Note:

Walls that have the same U-Factor may be combined into one entry. For example, two wood framed walls, one 160ft² and one of 700ft², both having a U-Factor of 0.055 can be entered as one wall with a combined area of 860ft².

EXAMPLE

Average Wall U-Factor			
Door Designation	Construction	Area of Wall(s)	U-Factor
Wall Type - 1	wood framed 2x6 16'oc w/ R-21	160	0.055
Wall Type - 2	wood framed 2x6 24'oc w/ R-21	700	0.055
Wall Type - 3	8" CMU Block solid filled	75	0.300
Wall Type - 4			
Wall Type - 5			
Wall Type - 6			
Wall Type - 7			
Wall Type - 8			
Wall Type - 9			
Wall Type - 10			
Total:		Square Feet 935	Average U-Factor 0.075

Pass or Fail?

- When all information is entered the total overall U-factor will be displayed and the box at the bottom will indicate whether the designed proposed passes or fails



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Table N1104.1(1)
For envelope enhancement measure no. 6

Job Name:

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Standard Base Case

Notes	BUILDING COMPONENTS	Areas	U-factor	Areas x U
	Flat ceilings	1911	0.021	40.13
	Vaulted ceilings		0.033	0.00
	Total area of ALL Wall Surfaces	3022		
	85% of Total wall area	2568.7	0.059	151.65
	Windows=15% of Total wall area	453.3	0.300	135.99
	Underfloor	1483	0.033	48.94
	Slab edge (enter linear foot)		0.020	0.00
	Skylights		0.000	0.00
	Exterior Doors	45.33	0.200	9.07
	Doors with >2.5ft ² glazing		0.400	0.00
	Sum			385.6793

Proposed Alternative

BUILDING COMPONENTS	R-Value	Construction Type	Areas	U-factor	Areas x U
Flat ceilings	R-49, Advanced framing		1911	0.020	38.22
Vaulted ceilings	SELECT ITEM		0	0.000	0.00
Conventional wood-framed walls	R-23, Conventional - Blown-In		2567.75	0.059	151.68
Mixed or Other wall types	SEE Walls Overall U-Factor Tab		0	0.000	0.00
Underfloor	R-38, Underfloor		1483	0.026	38.58
Slab edge & Underlaid	SELECT ITEM		0	0.000	0.00

Brand & Model Number (provide product cut sheets)

Insulated Concrete Form Walls		0		0.00
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TOTAL WINDOW, DOOR AND SKYLIGHT (input on Window, door and wall tabs)

	Areas	U-factor	Areas x U
Windows from Window Tab	334.25	0.280	93.59
Skylights from Skylight Tab	0	0.000	0.00
Exterior Doors from Door Tab	45.33	0.200	9.07
Doors with >2.5ft ² glazing	0	0.000	0.00
Sum			338.0125

PASS or FAIL: **PASS**

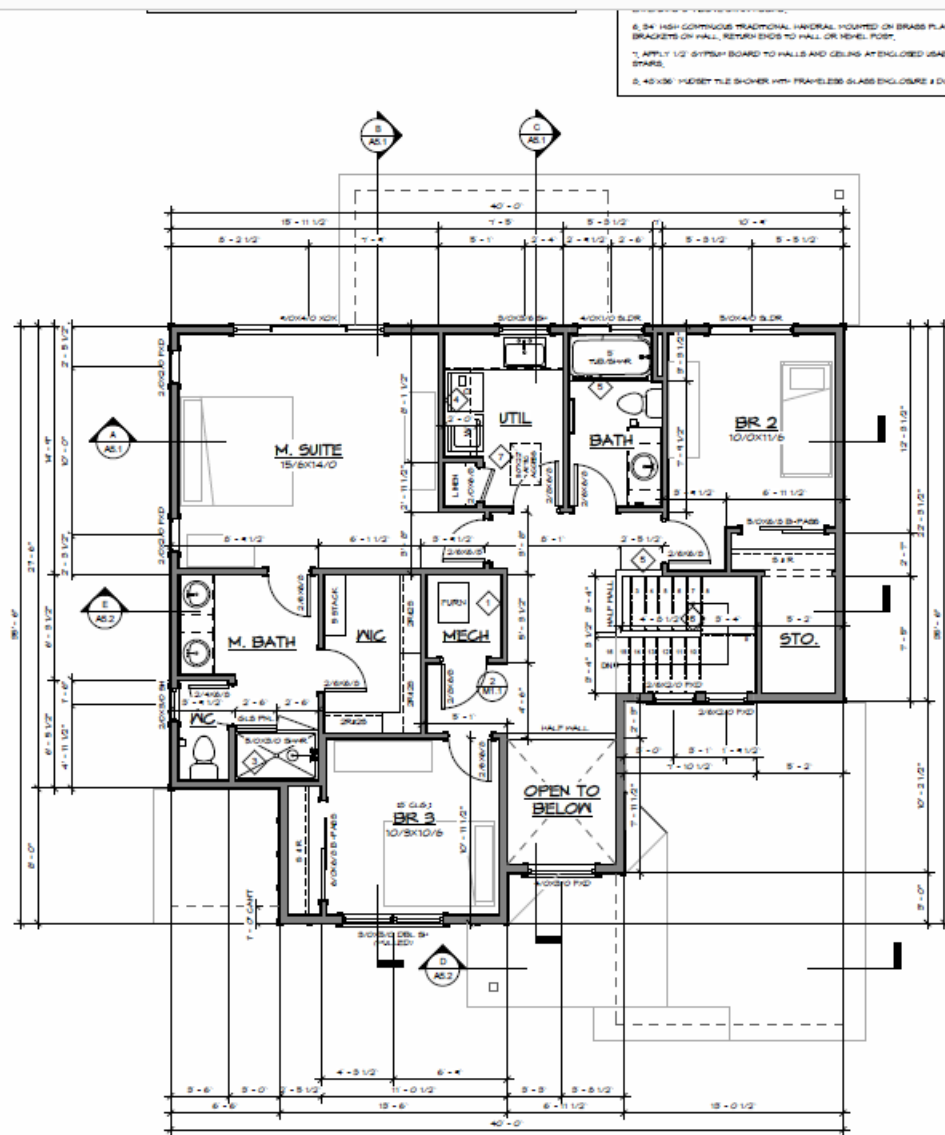
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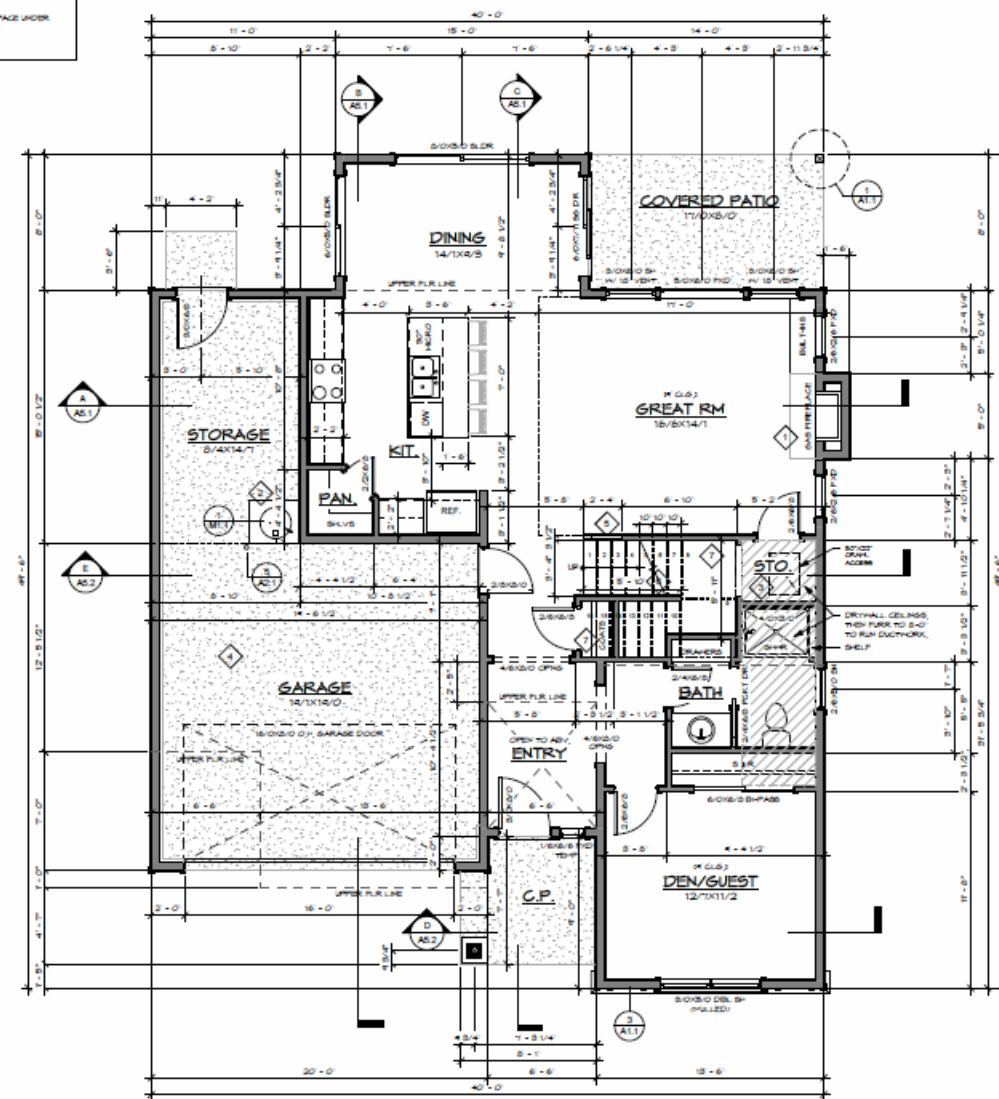


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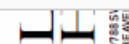
- Make changes if your design fails
- Make changes if you are significantly more efficient
- Reduce below the minimum prescriptive U-factors
- See what would happen if...



Upper Floor Plan



Main Floor Plan



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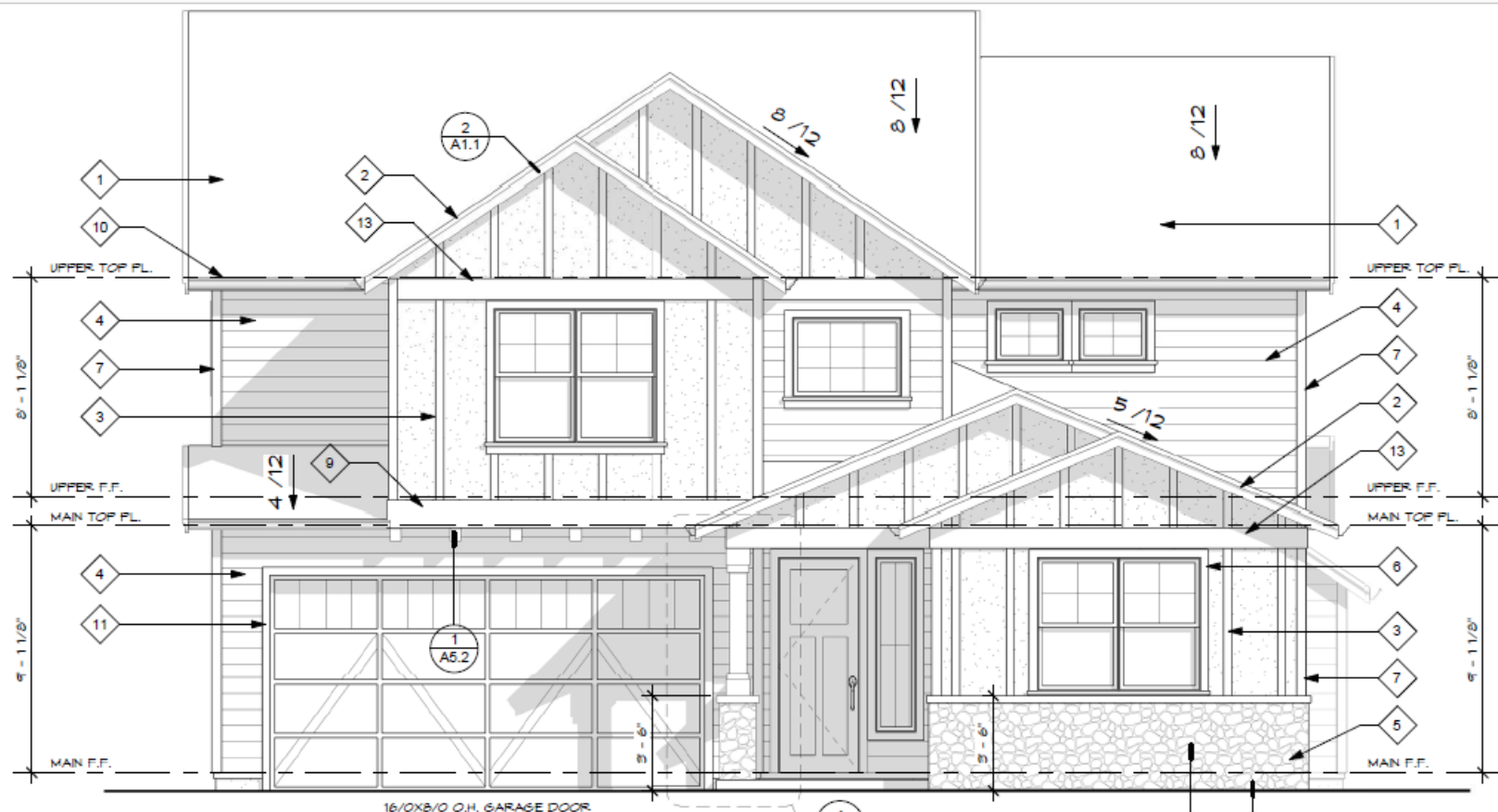
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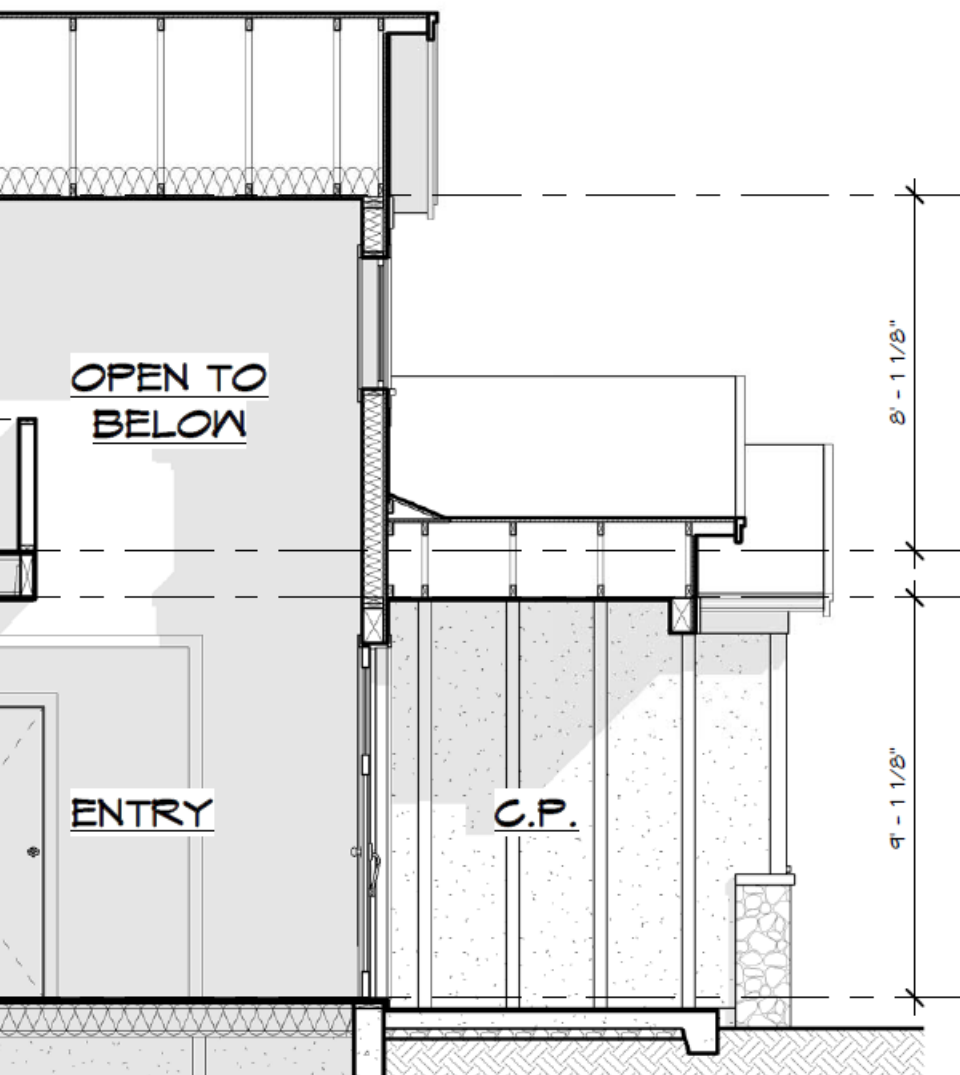


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FRONT ELEVATION

1/4" = 1'-0"



INSULATION:

SEE ENERGY TRUST OF OREGON ENERGY
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ALSO COMPLY WITH DOE THERMAL BYPASS
CHECKLIST DETAILS

UNDERFLOOR - R38

WALLS - R23 BLOWN-IN-BIB

DUCTWORK - R-8

ATTIC BLOWN-IN - R49

INACCESSIBLE ATTIC SPACES - R-38 (MAX 50%)

CLADDING:

FOR ADHERED MASONRY CLADDINGS LEGEND
DOES NOT REQUIRE PT PLYWOOD BEHIND THE
CLADDING BUT DOES INSTALL A VENTILATED
RAINSCREEN.

FOR THE BALANCE OF THE CLADDING WE USE A
DRAINABLE HOUSEWRAP WRB (NOT A VENTED
RAINSCREEN)

Summary

- Option 6 is a performance path
 - Flexibility
 - Allows more creativity
 - Allows many combinations of methods to reduce energy use
 - Allows credit for reducing window area
 - BCD calculator makes it easy as well as simple to make adjustments
 - Energy losses need to be calculated anyways for mechanical design

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