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## **6.5 Building Envelope Data**

## 6.5.1 Materials

Energy simulation programs commonly define construction assemblies by listing a sequence of materials that make up that construction assembly. Appendix D has a list of standard materials that may be referenced by construction assemblies. Additional materials not listed in Appendix D may be defined as described below. Alternate methods may be used to define construction assemblies such as specifying the U-factor and optionally, a metric describing thermal mass such as *heat capacity* (HC). These alternate methods may not require identification of materials. When a material is defined, all of the properties listed below must be defined. Some materials listed in Appendix D are non-homogeneous, for instance, framing members with insulation in the cavity.

**Material Name** 

Applicability When construction assemblies reference materials that are not standard

Definition The name of a construction material used in the exterior envelope of the building

Units Text, unique

Input Restrictions Material name is a required input for materials not available from the standard list. The user may not modify entries for

predefined materials.

Baseline Rules Not applicable

**Density** 

Applicability All non-standard materials

Definition The density (or mass per unit of volume) of the construction material as documented in an ASHRAE handbook, a

comparably reliable reference, or manufacturers' literature.

Units Numeric input: lb/ft3

Input Restrictions Density is a required input when non-standard materials are specified.

Baseline Rules Not applicable

**Specific Heat** 

Applicability All non-standard materials

Definition The specific heat capacity of a material is numerically equal to the quantity of heat that must be supplied to a unit mass of

the material to increase its temperature by 1 degree F.

Units Btu/lb•°F

Input Restrictions Specific heat is a required input when non-standard materials are specified. The specific heat capacity of the construction

material as documented in an ASHRAE handbook, a comparably reliable reference, or manufacturers' literature.

Baseline Rules Not applicable

**Thermal Conductivity** 

Applicability All non-standard materials

Definition The thermal conductivity of a material of unit thickness is numerically equal to the quantity of heat that will flow through a

unit area of the material when the temperature difference through the material is 1 degree F.

Units Btu/h•ft•°F

Input Restrictions Thermal conductivity is a required input for non-standard materials.

Baseline Rules Not applicable

**Thickness** 

Applicability All non-standard materials

Definition The thickness of a material

Units ft or in. (cm)

Input Restrictions Thickness is a required input for non-standard materials. The user shall document the data source for thermal conductivity

used for additional materials under the material name descriptor.

Baseline Rules Not applicable

## **6.5.2 Construction Assemblies**

### Assembly Name

Applicability All projects

Definition The name of a construction assembly that describes a roof, wall, or floor assembly. The name generally needs to be unique

so it can be referenced precisely by surfaces.

Units Text, unique

Input Restrictions Construction name is a required input.

Baseline Rules Not applicable

**Specification Method** 

Applicability All projects

Definition The method of describing a construction assembly. The more simple method is to describe the U-factor of the construction

assembly which can account for thermal bridging and other factors. However with this method, the time delay of heat transfer through the construction assembly is not accounted for. Generally, with the U-factor method, heat transfer is assumed to occur instantly. The more complex method is to describe the construction assembly as a series of layers, each layer representing a material. With this method, heat transfer is delayed in accord with the thermal mass and other properties

of the assembly.

Units List: choices are U-factor or Layers

Input Restrictions The layers method shall be used for all constructions except for metal building or similar constructions with negligible

thermal mass.

Baseline Rules For each construction, the proposed design specification method shall be used.

**U-factor** 

Applicability All construction assemblies that are specified by a U-factor

Definition The steady state rate of heat transfer through a construction assembly

Units Btu/h-ft²-°F

Input Restrictions U-factors should be consistent with values in Appendix A of ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2007.

Baseline Rules Not applicable

Layers

Applicability All construction assemblies that use the layers method of specification

Definition A structured list of pairs of material names that describe a construction assembly, beginning with exterior finish and

progressing through to the interior finish. Material names must be from the standard list (Appendix E) or defined (see

above).

Units Data structure: construction assembly

Input Restrictions The user is required to describe all layers in the actual roof assembly and the proposed design will be modeled as input by

the user.

Baseline Rules See building descriptors for roofs, walls, and floors.

**U-factor Derating Factor** 

Applicability All construction assemblies that use the layers method of specification

Definition A derating factor to account for thermal bridges and other non-homogeneous construction features. The factor is a multiplier

on the U-factor such that a value greater than one increases heat losses and gains. The layers method assumes that all layers are completely homogeneous and that there are no thermal bridges or other features that would increase heat gain or loss.

Units Unitless

Input Restrictions Default is 1.2 (120%). Minimum value is 1.0 and maximum value is 3.0.

Baseline Rules The baseline building shall use a derating factor of 1.0, e.g. no derating.

**6.5.3 Roofs** 

**Roof Name** 

Applicability All roof surfaces

Definition A unique name or code that identifies the roof and ties it to the construction documents submitted for energy code review. It

is not mandatory to name roofs.

Units Text, unique
Input Restrictions None
Baseline Rules None

**Roof Type** 

Applicability All roof surfaces

Definition One of three classifications of roofs defined in the baseline standard. These classifications are defined in ASHRAE

Standard 90.1-2001 and ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2007 along with the associated User's Manuals. The prescriptive U-factor requirements for roofs depend on the type. For green building ratings and tax credits, it is not necessary to specify this

information, as the PRM fixes the type for the baseline building to "insulation entirely above the deck."

This descriptor can be derived from other building descriptors and it may not be necessary for the software user to specify it

directly.

Units List: attic and other roofs; metal building roofs; and roofs with insulation entirely above deck.

Input Restrictions This input is optional for the purposes covered by this manual.

Baseline Rules All roofs in the baseline building are modeled as "insulation entirely above deck."

#### **Roof Geometry**

Applicability All roofs, required input

Definition Roof geometry defines the position, orientation, azimuth, tilt, and dimensions of the roof surface. The details of how the

coordinate system is implemented may vary between software programs. The data structure for surfaces is described in the

reference section of this chapter.

Units Data structure: surface

Input Restrictions There are no restrictions other than that the surfaces defined must agree with the building being modeled, as represented on

the construction drawings or as-built drawings.

Baseline Rules Roof geometry will be identical in the proposed and baseline building designs.

#### **Roof Construction**

Applicability All roofs, required input

Definition A reference to a construction assembly for the proposed design. See the building descriptors above for construction

assemblies.

Units Dimensionless reference

Baseline Rules Roofs in the baseline building are of the type "insulation entirely above deck." The insulation requirement is determined by

climate zone and is given in Table 6.5.3-1 [1]. The baseline building roof construction shall be modeled as layers as defined

in Table 6.5.3-2 [2]. These tables reflect a construction that is available in the standard list of constructions.

Table 6.5.3-1: "Baseline Building R-value and U-factor Criteria for Roofs"

| Applicable Standard    | Space Category | Climate Zone     | Standard Design    |                  |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|                        |                |                  | Minimum Insulation | Maximum Assembly |
| 90.1 – 2001            | Nonresidential | 1-7              | R-15 c.i.          | U-0.063          |
|                        |                | 8                | R-20 c.i.          | U-0.048          |
|                        | Residential    | 1,2,3,4,5,6,7    | R-15 c.i.          | U-0.063          |
|                        |                | 8                | R-20 c.i.          | U-0.048          |
|                        | Semi-Heated    | 1                | NR                 | U-1.282          |
|                        |                | 2,3,4 R-3.8 c.i. |                    | U-0.218          |
|                        |                | 5,6,7            | R-5.0 c.i.         | U-0.173          |
|                        |                | 8                | R-10.0 c.i.        | U-0.093          |
| 90.1 – 2007 and 90.1 – | Nonresidential | 1                | R-15 c.i.          | U-0.063          |
| 2010                   |                | 2-8              | R-20 c.i.          | U-0.048          |
|                        | Residential    | 1-8              | R-20 c.i.          | U-0.048          |
|                        | Semi-Heated    | 1, 2             | R-3.8 c.i.         | U-0.218          |
|                        |                | 3, 4             | R-5.0 c.i.         | U-0.173          |
|                        |                | 5                | R-7.6 c.i          | U-0.119          |
|                        |                | 6,7              | R-10.0 c.i.        | U-0.093          |
|                        |                | 8                | R-15.0 c.i.        | U-0.063          |

Table 6.5.3-2: "Baseline Building Roof Construction Assemblies"

| Construction   | Layer                      | Thickness (inch) | Conductivity (Btu/h ft F) | Density<br>(lb/ft²) | Specific Heat (Btu/lb F) | R-value<br>(ft²·°F·h/Btu) | U-factor<br>(Btu/h-ft²-F) |
|----------------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Roof R-20 c.i. | Exterior air film          |                  |                           |                     |                          | 0.17                      |                           |
|                | Roofing membrane           |                  |                           |                     |                          | 0.00                      |                           |
|                | R-20 continuous insulation | 4.8              | 0.02                      | 1.8                 | 0.29                     | 20.00                     |                           |
|                | Steel deck                 | 0.06             | 26                        | 480                 | 0.10                     | 0.00                      |                           |
|                | Interior air film          |                  |                           |                     |                          | 0.61                      |                           |
|                | Total for assembly         |                  |                           |                     |                          | 20.78                     | 0.048                     |
| Roof R-15 c.i. | Exterior air film          |                  |                           |                     |                          | 0.17                      |                           |
|                | Roofing membrane           |                  |                           |                     |                          | 0.00                      |                           |
|                | R-15 continuous insulation | 3.6              | 0.02                      | 1.8                 | 0.29                     | 15.00                     |                           |
|                | Steel deck                 | 0.06             | 26                        | 480                 | 0.10                     | 0.00                      |                           |
|                | Interior air film          |                  |                           |                     |                          | 0.61                      |                           |
|                | Total for assembly         |                  |                           |                     |                          | 15.78                     | 0.063                     |
| Roof R-10 c.i. | Exterior air film          |                  |                           |                     |                          | 0.17                      |                           |
|                | Roofing membrane           |                  |                           |                     |                          | 0.00                      |                           |
|                | R-10 continuous insulation | 2.4              | 0.02                      | 1.8                 | 0.29                     | 10.00                     |                           |

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|-----------------|-----------------------------|------|------|-----|------|-------|-------|
|                 | Steel deck                  | 0.06 | 26   | 480 | 0.10 | 0.00  |       |
|                 | Interior air film           |      |      |     |      | 0.61  |       |
|                 | Total for assembly          |      |      |     |      | 10.78 | 0.093 |
| Roof R-7.6 c.i. | Exterior air film           |      |      |     |      | 0.17  |       |
|                 | Roofing membrane            |      |      |     |      | 0.00  |       |
|                 | R-7.6 continuous insulation | 1.8  | 0.02 | 1.8 | 0.29 | 7.6   |       |
|                 | Steel deck                  | 0.06 | 26   | 480 | 0.10 | 0.00  |       |
|                 | Interior air film           |      |      |     |      | 0.61  |       |
|                 | Total for assembly          |      |      |     |      | 8.38  | 0.119 |
| Roof R-5 c.i.   | Exterior air film           |      |      |     |      | 0.17  |       |
|                 | Roofing membrane            |      |      |     |      | 0.00  |       |
|                 | R-5 continuous insulation   | 1.2  | 0.02 | 1.8 | 0.29 | 5.00  |       |
|                 | Steel deck                  | 0.06 | 26   | 480 | 0.10 | 0.00  |       |
|                 | Interior air film           |      |      |     |      | 0.61  |       |
|                 | Total for assembly          |      |      |     |      | 5.78  | 0.173 |
| Roof R-3.8 c.i. | Exterior air film           |      |      |     |      | 0.17  |       |
|                 | Roofing membrane            |      |      |     |      | 0.00  |       |
|                 | R-3.8 continuous insulation | 0.9  | 0.02 | 1.8 | 0.29 | 3.80  |       |
|                 | Steel deck                  | 0.06 | 26   | 480 | 0.10 | 0.00  |       |
|                 | Interior air film           |      |      |     |      | 0.61  |       |
|                 | Total for assembly          |      |      |     |      | 4.58  | 0.218 |
| NR.             | Exterior air film           |      |      |     |      | 0.17  |       |
|                 | Roofing membrane            |      |      |     |      | 0.00  |       |
|                 | Steel deck                  | 0.06 | 26   | 480 | 0.10 | 0.00  |       |
|                 | Interior air film           |      |      |     |      | 0.61  |       |
|                 | Total for assembly          |      |      |     |      | 5.78  | 1.282 |

#### **Exterior Roof Surface Properties**

Applicability All roofs

Definition The exterior roof surface properties descriptor defines the characteristics of exterior surfaces. Exterior surface properties

include emissivity, reflectivity and roughness. The first two govern radiation exchange from the surface, while the latter

governs the magnitude of the exterior air film resistance.

Units Data structure: exterior surface properties

*Input Restrictions* The default value is a reflectance of 0.30 and an emittance of 0.75. The default value may be overridden when roof

materials are used that have been tested by the Cool Roof Rating Council (CRRC) and are called for in the construction documents. In cases where the default value is overridden, the user is required to submit documentation identifying the test

procedure that was used to establish the non-default values.

Baseline Rules The default values (see Input Restrictions above) shall be used for roofs for the baseline building.

## 6.5.4 Exterior Walls

|        | Name |
|--------|------|
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Applicability All walls, optional input

Definition A unique name or code that relates the exterior wall to the design documents. This is an optional input since there are other

acceptable ways to key surfaces to the construction documents.

Units Text, unique
Input Restrictions None
Baseline Rules None

Wall Type

Units

Applicability All wall surfaces, optional

Definition One of four categories of above-grade wall assemblies used to determine minimum insulation requirements for walls. The

four wall type categories are as follows: a) mass walls, b) metal building walls, c) metal framing walls, and d) wood framing and other walls. These wall types are defined in the baseline standards and the associated User's Manuals. The prescriptive criteria of the baseline standards depend on the wall type, but for green building ratings and tax deduction calculations, the PRM specifies that all baseline walls shall be "metal framed" so the input is not used for the purposes of this manual.

List: mass walls, metal building walls, metal framing walls, and wood framing and other walls

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Input Restrictions This input is optional for the purposes covered by this manual. This input can often be derived from other inputs and may

not need to be explicitly specified.

Baseline Rules All walls in the baseline building are modeled as "metal tramed."

**Wall Geometry** 

Applicability All walls, required input

Definition Wall geometry defines the position, orientation, azimuth, and tilt of the wall surface. The details of how the coordinate

system is implemented may vary between simulation engines. The data structure for surfaces is described in the reference

section of this chapter.

Units Data structure: surface

Input Restrictions There are no restrictions other than that the surfaces defined must agree with the building being modeled, as represented on

the construction drawings or as-built drawings.

Baseline Rules Wall geometry in the baseline building is identical to the proposed design.

#### **Wall Construction**

Applicability All walls, required input

Definition A reference to a construction assembly for the proposed design. See the building descriptors above for construction

assemblies.

Units Dimensionless reference

Input Restrictions All wall surfaces must reference a construction assembly that meets the mandatory requirements of the appropriate baseline

standard.

Baseline Rules Walls in the baseline building are all of the type "metal framed". The insulation requirement is determined by the baseline

standard and climate zone and is given in Table 6.5.4-1 [3]. The baseline building construction shall be modeled as layers

as defined in <u>Table 6.5.4-1</u> [4].

Table 6.5.4-1: "Baseline Building R-value and U-factor Criteria for Walls"

| Applicable Standard | Space Category | Climate Zone | Standard Design    |                  |  |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------|--|
|                     |                |              | Minimum Insulation | Maximum Assembly |  |
| 90.1 - 2001         | Nonresidential | 1-4          | R-13               | U-0.124          |  |
|                     |                | 5,6          | R-13 + R-3.8 c.i.  | U-0.084          |  |
|                     |                | 7,8          | R-13 + R-7.5 c.i.  | U-0.064          |  |
|                     | Residential    | 1,2          | R-13               | U-0.124          |  |
|                     |                | 3            | R-13 + R-3.8 c.i.  | U-0.084          |  |
|                     |                | 4-7          | R-13 + R-7.5 c.i.  | U-0.064          |  |
|                     |                | 8            | R-13 + 10.0 c.i.   | U-0.055          |  |
|                     | Semi-Heated    | 1-3          | NR                 | U-0.352          |  |
|                     |                | 4 - 8        | R-13               | U-0.124          |  |
| 90.1 - 2007         | Nonresidential | 1,2          | R-13               | U-0.124          |  |
|                     |                | 3            | R-13 + R-3.8 c.i.  | U-0.084          |  |
|                     |                | 4-8          | R-13 + R-7.5 c.i.  | U-0.064          |  |
|                     | Residential    | 1            | R-13               | U-0.124          |  |
|                     |                | 2-6          | R-13 + R-7.5 c.i.  | U-0.064          |  |
|                     |                | 7            | R-13 +15.6 c.i.    | U-0.042          |  |
|                     |                | 8            | R-13 + R-18.8 c.i. | U-0.037          |  |
|                     | Semi-Heated    | 1            | NR                 | U-0.352          |  |
|                     |                | 2-7          | R-13               | U-0.124          |  |
|                     |                | 8            | R-13 + R-3.8 c.i.  | U-0.084          |  |

Table 6.5.4-2: "Baseline Building Wall Construction Assemblies"

| Construction   | Layer                         | Thickness (inch) | Conductivity (Btu/h ft F) | Density<br>(lb/ft²) | Specific Heat (Btu/lb F) | R-value<br>(ft²·°F·h/<br>Btu) | U-factor (Btu/ft²·°F·h) |
|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Wall R-13 + R- | Air film                      |                  |                           |                     |                          | 0.17                          |                         |
| 18.8           | Stucco                        | 0.400            | 0.4167                    | 116                 | 0.2                      | 0.08                          |                         |
|                | R-18.8 continuous insulation  | 1.800            | 0.0200                    | 1.8                 | 0.29                     | 18.8                          |                         |
|                | Gypsum board                  | 0.625            | 0.0930                    | 50                  | 0.2                      | 0.56                          |                         |
|                | R-13 insulation/steel framing |                  |                           |                     |                          | 6.00                          |                         |
|                | Gypsum board                  | 0.625            | 0.0930                    | 50                  | 0.2                      | 0.56                          |                         |
|                | Interior air film             |                  |                           |                     |                          | 0.68                          |                         |
|                | Total for assembly            |                  |                           |                     |                          | 26.85                         | 0.037                   |
| Wall R-13 + R- | Air film                      |                  |                           |                     |                          | 0.17                          |                         |
| 15.6           | α.                            | 0.400            | 0.4167                    | 117                 | 0.2                      | 0.00                          |                         |

| 15.0           | Stucco                        | 0.400 | 0.4167 | 116      | 0.2  | 0.08   |       |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-------|--------|----------|------|--------|-------|
|                | R-15.6 continuous insulation  | 1.800 | 0.0200 | 1.8      | 0.29 | 15.6   |       |
|                | Gypsum board                  | 0.625 | 0.0930 | 50       | 0.2  | 0.56   |       |
|                | R-13 insulation/steel framing |       |        |          |      | 6.00   |       |
|                | Gypsum board                  | 0.625 | 0.0930 | 50       | 0.2  | 0.56   |       |
|                | Interior air film             |       |        |          |      | 0.68   |       |
|                | Total for assembly            |       |        |          |      | 23.65  | 0.042 |
| Vall R-13 + R- | Air film                      |       |        |          |      | 0.17   |       |
| 0.0            | Stucco                        | 0.400 | 0.4167 | 116      | 0.2  | 0.08   |       |
|                | R-10.0continuous insulation   | 1.800 | 0.0200 | 1.8      | 0.29 | 10.0   |       |
|                | Gypsum board                  | 0.625 | 0.0930 | 50       | 0.2  | 0.56   |       |
|                | R-13 insulation/steel framing |       |        |          |      | 6.00   |       |
|                | Gypsum board                  | 0.625 | 0.0930 | 50       | 0.2  | 0.56   |       |
|                | Interior air film             |       |        |          |      | 0.68   |       |
|                | Total for assembly            |       |        |          |      | 18.05  | .055  |
| Vall R-13 + R- | Air film                      |       |        |          |      | 0.17   |       |
| .5             | Stucco                        | 0.400 | 0.4167 | 116      | 0.2  | 0.08   |       |
|                | R-7.5 continuous insulation   | 1.800 | 0.0200 | 1.8      | 0.29 | 7.50   |       |
|                | Gypsum board                  | 0.625 | 0.0930 | 50       | 0.2  | 0.56   |       |
|                | R-13 insulation/steel framing |       |        |          |      | 6.00   |       |
|                | Gypsum board                  | 0.625 | 0.0930 | 50       | 0.2  | 0.56   |       |
|                | Interior air film             |       |        |          |      | 0.68   |       |
|                | Total for assembly            |       |        |          |      | 15.55  | 0.64  |
| Vall R-13 + R- | Air film                      |       |        |          |      | 0.17   |       |
| .8             | Stucco                        | 0.400 | 0.4167 | 116      | 0.2  | 0.08   |       |
|                | R-3.8 continuous insulation   | 0.912 | 0.0200 | 1.8      | 0.29 | 3.80   |       |
|                | Gypsum board                  | 0.625 | 0.0930 | 50       | 0.2  | 0.56   |       |
|                | R-13 insulation/steel framing |       |        |          |      | 6.00   |       |
|                | Gypsum board                  | 0.625 | 0.0930 | 50       | 0.2  | 0.56   |       |
|                | Interior air film             |       |        |          |      | 0.68   |       |
|                | Total for assembly            |       |        |          |      | 11.85  | 0.84  |
| Vall R-13      | Air film                      |       |        |          |      | 0.17   |       |
|                | Stucco                        | 0.400 | 0.4167 | 116      | 0.2  | 0.08   |       |
|                | Gypsum board                  | 0.625 | 0.0930 | 50       | 0.2  | 0.56   |       |
|                | R-13 insulation/steel framing |       |        |          |      | 6.00   |       |
|                | Gypsum board                  | 0.625 | 0.0930 | 50       | 0.2  | 0.56   |       |
|                | Interior air film             |       |        |          |      | 0.68   |       |
|                | Total for assembly            |       |        |          |      | 199.95 | 0.124 |
| Vall R-13      | Air film                      |       |        |          |      | 0.17   |       |
|                | Stucco                        | 0.400 | 0.4167 | 116      | 0.2  | 0.08   |       |
|                | Gypsum board                  | 0.625 | 0.0930 | 50       | 0.2  | 0.56   |       |
|                | Cavity/steel framing          |       |        |          |      | 0.79   |       |
|                | Gypsum board                  | 0.625 | 0.0930 | 50       | 0.2  | 0.56   |       |
|                | Interior air film             |       |        | <u> </u> |      | 0.68   |       |
|                | Total for assembly            |       |        |          |      | 2.84   | 3.52  |
|                | 1 otal for assembly           |       |        |          |      | ∠.0+   | 3.34  |

### **Exterior Wall Surface Properties**

Applicability
Definition

All walls

The exterior wall surface properties descriptor describes the characteristics of exterior wall surfaces. Exterior surface properties may include emissivity, reflectivity and roughness. The first two govern radiation exchange from the surface, while the latter governs the magnitude of the exterior air film resistance.

The descriptor is a critical default structure input, applicable to all models. Critical defaults require documentation to change. Data structures are outlined in the reference data structures section of this chapter.

Units

Data structure: exterior surface properties

Input Restrictions The default value for emittance is 0.90. The default value for reflectance is 0.30. There is no default for roughness. The

default values may be overridden only in cases when the lower reflectance can be documented by manufacturers' literature

or tests.

Baseline Rules The baseline building shall use default values for emittance and reflectance. The roughness of the baseline building walls

shall be identical to the proposed design.

## **6.5.5** Exterior Floors

Floor Name

Applicability All floor surfaces

Definition A unique name or code that relates the exposed floor to the design documents. Exposed floors include floors exposed to the

outdoors and floors over unconditioned spaces, but do not include slab-on-grade floors, below grade floors, or interior

floors.

Units Text, unique

Input Restrictions None Baseline Rules None

Floor Type

Applicability All exterior floor surfaces, optional

Definition One of three categories of exposed floor assemblies used to determine minimum prescriptive insulation requirements. The

three floor type categories are: a) mass floor, b) steel joist floor, and c) wood and other floors. Definitions of these three exterior floor types are contained in Section 3.2, *Definitions*, of the baseline standard and associated User's Manuals. This building descriptor is not used for the purposes of this manual, since the type for the baseline building is fixed at "steel joist". This building descriptor can often be derived from other information in the model and may not be required as an

explicit input.

Units List: mass floor, metal joist floor, and wood and other floors

Input Restrictions This building descriptor input is optional for the purposes of this manual.

Baseline Rules The baseline building floors shall be of type "steel joist."

Floor Geometry

Applicability All exterior floors, required input

Definition Floor geometry defines the position, orientation, azimuth, and tilt of the floor surface. The details of how the coordinate

system is implemented may vary between software programs. The data structure for surfaces is described in the reference

section of this chapter.

Units Data structure: surface

Input Restrictions There are no restrictions other than that the surfaces defined must agree with the building being modeled, as represented on

the construction documents or as-built drawings.

Baseline Rules Baseline building floor geometry is identical to the proposed design.

**Floor Construction** 

Applicability All floors, required input

Definition A reference to a construction assembly for the proposed design

Units Dimensionless reference

*Input Restrictions* All floor surfaces must reference a construction assembly that meets the mandatory measures of the baseline standards.

Baseline Rules Exterior floors in the baseline building are of type "steel joist." The insulation requirements depend on the baseline standard

and the climate zone and are given in Table 6.5.5-1 [5]. The baseline building constructions shall be modeled as layers,

which are defined in Table 6.5.5-2 [6].

Table 6.5.5-1: "Baseline Building R-value and U-factor Criteria for Exposed Floors"

| Applicable Standard | Space Category | Climate Zone | Standard Design    |                  |  |  |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------|--|--|
|                     |                |              | Minimum Insulation | Maximum Assembly |  |  |
| 90.1 - 2001         | Nonresidential | 1            | NR                 | U-0.350          |  |  |
|                     |                | 2-5          | R-19               | U-0.052          |  |  |
|                     |                | 6-8          | R-30               | U-0.038          |  |  |
|                     | Residential    | 1            | NR                 | U-0.350          |  |  |
|                     |                | 2, 3         | R-19               | U-0.052          |  |  |
|                     |                | 4-7          | R-30               | U-0.038          |  |  |
|                     |                | 8            | R-38               | U-0.032          |  |  |
|                     | Semi-Heated    | 1, 2         | NR                 | U-0.350          |  |  |
|                     |                | 3-6          | R-13               | U-0.069          |  |  |
|                     |                | 7, 8         | R-19               | U-0.052          |  |  |
| 90.1 - 2007         | Nonresidential | 1            | NR                 | U-0.350          |  |  |
|                     |                | 2,3          | R-19               | U-0.052          |  |  |
|                     |                |              |                    |                  |  |  |

|             | 4-7 | R-30 | U-0.038 |  |
|-------------|-----|------|---------|--|
|             | 8   | R-38 | U-0.032 |  |
| Residential | 1   | NR   | U-0.350 |  |
|             | 2,3 | R-19 | U-0.052 |  |
|             | 4,5 | R-30 | U-0.038 |  |
|             | 6-8 | R-38 | U-0.032 |  |
| Semi-Heated | 1   | NR   | U-0.350 |  |
|             | 2-4 | R-13 | U-0.069 |  |
|             | 5-8 | R-19 | U-0.052 |  |

Table 6.5.5-2: "Baseline Building Exposed Floor Construction Assemblies"

| Construction | Layer                          | Thickness (inch) | Conductivity<br>(Btu/h ft F) | Density<br>(lb/ft²) | Specific Heat (Btu/lb F) | R-value<br>(ft²·°F·h/Btu) | U-factor<br>(Btu/ft²·°F·h) |
|--------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Floor R-38   | Interior air film (flow down)  | -                | -                            | -                   | -                        | 0.92                      | -                          |
|              | carpet and pad                 | -                | -                            | -                   | _                        | 1.23                      | -                          |
|              | 4" concrete                    | 4                | 1.3333                       | 140                 | 0.2                      | 0.25                      | -                          |
|              | R-38 insulation between joists | -                | -                            | -                   | -                        | 28                        | -                          |
|              | metal deck                     | 0.06             | 26                           | 480                 | 0.1                      | 0.00                      | -                          |
|              | Semi-exterior air film         | -                | -                            | -                   | -                        | 0.46                      | -                          |
|              | Total for assembly             |                  |                              |                     |                          | 30.86                     | 0.032                      |
| Floor R-30   | Interior air film (flow down)  | -                | -                            | -                   | -                        | 0.92                      | -                          |
|              | carpet and pad                 | -                | -                            | -                   | -                        | 1.23                      | -                          |
|              | 4" concrete                    | 4                | 1.3333                       | 140                 | 0.2                      | 0.25                      | -                          |
|              | R-30 insulation between joists | -                | -                            | -                   | -                        | 23.5                      | -                          |
|              | metal deck                     | 0.06             | 26                           | 480                 | 0.1                      | 0.00                      | -                          |
|              | Semi-exterior air film         | -                | -                            | -                   | -                        | 0.46                      | -                          |
|              | Total for assembly             |                  |                              |                     |                          | 26.36                     | 0.038                      |
| Floor R-19   | Interior air film (flow down)  | -                | -                            | -                   | -                        | 0.92                      | -                          |
|              | carpet and pad                 | -                | -                            | -                   | -                        | 1.23                      | -                          |
|              | 4" concrete                    | 4                | 1.3333                       | 140                 | 0.2                      | 0.25                      | -                          |
|              | R-19 insulation between joists | -                | -                            | -                   | -                        | 16.37                     | -                          |
|              | metal deck                     | 0.06             | 26                           | 480                 | 0.1                      | 0.00                      | -                          |
|              | Semi-exterior air film         | -                | -                            | -                   | -                        | 0.46                      | -                          |
|              | Total for assembly             |                  |                              |                     |                          | 19.23                     | 0.052                      |
| Floor R-13   | Interior air film (flow down)  | -                | -                            | -                   | -                        | 0.92                      | -                          |
|              | carpet and pad                 | -                | -                            | -                   | -                        | 1.23                      | -                          |
|              | 4" concrete                    | 4                | 1.3333                       | 140                 | 0.2                      | 0.25                      | -                          |
|              | R-13 insulation between joists | -                | -                            | -                   | -                        | 11.63                     | -                          |
|              | metal deck                     | 0.06             | 26                           | 480                 | 0.1                      | 0.00                      | -                          |
|              | Semi-exterior air film         | -                | -                            | -                   | -                        | 0.46                      | -                          |
|              | Total for assembly             |                  |                              |                     |                          | 14.49                     | 0.069                      |
| Floor -no    | Interior air film (flow down)  | -                | -                            | -                   | -                        | 0.92                      | -                          |
| insulation   | Carpet and pad                 | -                | -                            | -                   | -                        | 1.23                      | -                          |
|              | 4" concrete                    | 4                | 1.3333                       | 140                 | 0.2                      | 0.25                      | -                          |
|              | Metal deck                     | 0.06             | 26                           | 480                 | 0.1                      | 0.00                      | -                          |
|              | Semi-exterior air film         | -                | -                            | -                   | -                        | 0.46                      | -                          |
|              | Total for assembly             |                  |                              |                     |                          | 2.86                      | 0.350                      |

# **6.5.6 Doors**

Applicability All doors, optional input

Definition A unique name or code that relates the door to the design documents submitted. Doors that are more than 50% glass are

treated as windows and must be entered by the user using the windows building descriptors.

Units Text unique

Input Restrictions None

Baseline Rules None

**Door Type** 

Applicability All doors, required input

Definition The baseline standards classify doors as either: swinging or non-swinging. Non-swinging are generally roll-up doors. The

prescriptive U-factor requirements depend on the door type so this input affects the baseline building criteria. The door types are described in greater detail in the baseline standards and the associated User's Manuals. This building descriptor

may be derived from other building descriptors, in which case a specific input is not necessary.

Units List: swinging or non-swinging

Input Restrictions The door type shall be consistent with the type of door represented on the construction documents or as-built drawings.

Baseline Rules The baseline building door type shall be the same as the proposed design.

**Door Geometry** 

Applicability All doors

Definition Door geometry defines the position and dimensions of the door surface relative to its parent wall surface. The azimuth and

tilt (if any) of the door is inherited from the parent surface. The position of the door within the parent surface is specified through X,Y coordinates. The size is specified as a height and width (all doors are generally assumed to be rectangular in

shape). The details of how the geometry of doors is specified may vary for each energy simulation program.

Units Data structure: opening

Input Restrictions No restrictions, other than that the inputs shall agree with the construction documents or as-built drawings.

Baseline Rules Door geometry in the baseline building is identical to the proposed design.

**Door U-factor** 

Applicability All doors

Definition The thermal transmittance of the door, including the frame.

Units Btu/h•ft•°F

Input Restrictions Door U-factors shall be taken from the default values in Appendix A of ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2001 or ASHRAE

Standard 90.1-2007, or shall be obtained from NFRC test procedures.

Baseline Rules The door U-factor in the baseline building depends on the baseline standard, the climate zone and the type of door

(swinging or non-swinging). Use values from <u>Table 6.5.6-1</u> [7].

Table 6.5.6-1: "Baseline Building U-factor Criteria for Doors"

| Applicable Standard            | Swinging or  | Climate Zone | Space Category |             |             |  |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|--|
|                                | Non-swinging |              | Nonresidential | Residential | Semi-Heated |  |
| ASHRAE Standard<br>90.1 - 2001 | Swinging     | 1-5          | 0.700          | 0.700       | 0.700       |  |
|                                |              | 6, 7         | 0.700          | 0.500       | 0.700       |  |
|                                |              | 8            | 0.500          | 0.500       | 0.700       |  |
|                                | Non-swinging | 1, 2         | 1.450          | 1.450       | 1.450       |  |
|                                |              | 3-5          | 1.450          | 0.500       | 1.450       |  |
|                                |              | 6-8          | 0.500          | 0.500       | 1.450       |  |
| ASHRAE Standard                | Swinging     | 1-4          | 0.700          | 0.700       | 0.700       |  |
| 90.1 - 2007                    |              | 5, 6         | 0.700          | 0.500       | 0.700       |  |
|                                |              | 7, 8         | 0.500          | 0.500       | 0.700       |  |
|                                | Non-swinging | 1            | 1.450          | 1.450       | 1.450       |  |
|                                |              | 2, 3         | 1.450          | 0.500       | 1.450       |  |
|                                |              | 4            | 1.500          | 0.500       | 1.450       |  |
|                                |              | 5-7          | 0.500          | 0.500       | 1.450       |  |

## **6.5.7 Fenestration**

Note that fenestration includes windows, doors that have more than 50% glazed area, and skylights. A skylight is fenestration that has a tilt of less than  $60^{\circ}$  from horizontal.

#### **Fenestration Name**

Applicability All fenestration, optional input

Definition A unique name or code that relates the fenestration to the design documents and a parent surface.

Units Text, unique
Input Restrictions No restrictions
Baseline Rules Not applicable

### Fenestration Type (Vertical Fenestration)

Applicability All vertical fenestration

Definition This is a classification of vertical fenestration that determines the thermal performance and solar performance requirement

for vertical fenestration.

Units

List (ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2007): Nonmetal framing (all); metal framing (curtainwall/storefront); metal framing

(entrance door); or metal framing (all other)

List (ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2001): Fixed or Operable

Input Restrictions No restrictions, other than that the vertical fenestration type must agree with the type specified on the construction

documents or the as-built drawings.

Baseline Rules Same as the proposed design

### Fenestration Type (Skylights)

Applicability All skylights

Definition This is a classification of skylights that determines the thermal performance and solar performance requirement for vertical

fenestration.

Units List: Glass skylight with curb; plastic skylight with curb; or skylights with no curb

Input Restrictions No restrictions, other than the skylight types specified must agree with the construction documents or the as-built drawings.

Baseline Rules Same as the proposed design

#### **Fenestration Geometry**

Applicability All fenestration

Definition Fenestration geometry defines the position and dimensions of the fenestration surface within its parent surface and the

identification of the parent surface. The orientation and tilt is inherited from the parent surface. The details of how the

coordinate system is implemented may vary between rating software programs.

Units Data structure: opening

Input Restrictions There are no restrictions, other than a match with the construction drawings or as-built drawings. Specification of the

fenestration position within its parent surface is required for the following conditions: 1) exterior shading is modeled from

buildings, vegetation, other objects; or 2) if daylighting is modeled within the adjacent space.

Baseline Rules

The geometry of the fenestration shall be identical to the proposed design with the following exceptions:

• If the gross area of all windows in the building exceeds 40% of the gross above-grade exterior wall area in the building, the dimensions of each window in the baseline building shall be reduced in size such that the window area in the baseline building is equal to 40% of the above-grade exterior wall area.

• If the gross area of skylights in the building exceeds 5% of the gross roof area, the dimensions of each skylight shall be reduced in size such that the skylight area in the proposed design is equal to 5% of the gross roof area.

#### **Fenestration Construction**

Applicability All fenestration

Definition A collection of values that together describe the performance of a fenestration system. The values that are used to specify

the criteria are U-factor, SHGC and VT. Data may be specified in other ways, however, as long as the data are supported

by appropriate tests.

Units Data structure: fenestration construction

Input Restrictions Performance information for fenestration shall be developed from NFRC test procedures or shall be taken from the default

values in Appendix A of the baseline standard. Values entered shall be consistent with the specifications and the

construction documents.

Baseline Rules The requirements for vertical fenestration U factor, Solar Heat Gain Coefficient, and Visible light transmission by climate

zone and framing type are found in Table 6.5.7-1 [8] and for skylight inputs in Table 6.5.7-2 [9]. In cases where there is no

requirement (NR) for SHGC or VT, the baseline building shall be equal to the proposed design.

Table 6.5.7-1: "Baseline Building Criteria for Vertical Glazing for 90.1 2001"

| Building type  | Climate | Window to Wall | Standard Design   |          |               |       |             |       |
|----------------|---------|----------------|-------------------|----------|---------------|-------|-------------|-------|
|                | Zone    | Ratio          | Assembly U-factor |          | Assembly SHGC |       | Assembly VT |       |
|                |         |                | Fixed             | Operable | All           | North | All         | North |
| Nonresidential | 1       | 0-30.0%        | 1.22              | 1.27     | 0.25          | 0.61  | 0.25        | 0.61  |
|                |         | 30.1-40.0%     | 1.22              | 1.27     | 0.25          | 0.44  | 0.25        | 0.44  |
|                | 2       | 0-40.0%        | 1.22              | 1.27     | 0.25          | 0.61  | 0.25        | 0.61  |
|                | 3(A,B)  | 0-10.0%        | 0.57              | 0.67     | 0.39          | 0.49  | 0.39        | 0.49  |
|                |         | 10.1-20.0%     | 0.57              | 0.67     | 0.25          | 0.49  | 0.25        | 0.49  |
|                |         | 20.1-40.0%     | 0.57              | 0.67     | 0.25          | 0.39  | 0.25        | 0.39  |
|                | 3(C)    | 0-10.0%        | 1.22              | 1.27     | 0.61          | 0.82  | 0.61        | 0.82  |
|                |         | 10.1-40.0%     | 1.22              | 1.27     | 0.39          | 0.61  | 0.39        | 0.61  |

|             | 4      | 0-40.0%    | 0.57 | 0.67 | 0.39 | 0.49 | 0.50 | 0.62 |
|-------------|--------|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|             | 5      | 0-10.0%    | 0.57 | 0.67 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.62 | 0.62 |
|             |        | 10.1-40.0% | 0.57 | 0.67 | 0.39 | 0.49 | 0.50 | 0.62 |
|             | 6      | 0-10.0%    | 0.57 | 0.67 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.62 | 0.62 |
|             |        | 10.1-40.0% | 0.57 | 0.67 | 0.39 | 0.49 | 0.50 | 0.62 |
|             | 7      | 0-40.0%    | 0.57 | 0.67 | 0.49 | 0.64 | 0.49 | 0.64 |
|             | 8      | 0-40.0%    | 0.46 | 0.47 | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |
| Residential | 1      | 0-30.0%    | 1.22 | 1.27 | 0.25 | 0.61 | 0.25 | 0.61 |
|             |        | 30.1-40.0% | 1.22 | 1.27 | 0.25 | 0.44 | 0.25 | 0.44 |
|             | 2      | 0-10.0%    | 1.22 | 1.27 | 0.39 | 0.61 | 0.39 | 0.61 |
|             |        | 10.1-40.0% | 1.22 | 1.27 | 0.25 | 0.61 | 0.25 | 0.61 |
|             | 3(A,B) | 0-10.0%    | 0.57 | 0.67 | 0.39 | 0.49 | 0.39 | 0.49 |
|             |        | 10.1-20.0% | 0.57 | 0.67 | 0.25 | 0.49 | 0.25 | 0.49 |
|             |        | 20.1-40.0% | 0.57 | 0.67 | 0.25 | 0.39 | 0.25 | 0.39 |
|             | 3(C)   | 0-10.0%    | 1.22 | 1.27 | 0.61 | 0.82 | 0.61 | 0.82 |
|             |        | 10.1-20.0% | 1.22 | 1.27 | 0.61 | 0.61 | 0.61 | 0.61 |
|             |        | 20.1-30.0% | 1.22 | 1.27 | 0.39 | 0.61 | 0.39 | 0.61 |
|             |        | 30.1-40.0% | 1.22 | 1.27 | 0.34 | 0.61 | 0.34 | 0.61 |
|             | 4      | 0-40.0%    | 0.57 | 0.67 | 0.39 | 0.49 | 0.50 | 0.62 |
|             | 5      | 0-10.0%    | 0.57 | 0.67 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.62 | 0.62 |
|             |        | 10.1-40.0% | 0.57 | 0.67 | 0.39 | 0.39 | 0.50 | 0.50 |
|             | 6      | 0-10.0%    | 0.57 | 0.67 | 0.49 | 0.64 | 0.62 | 0.81 |
|             |        | 10.1-40.0% | 0.57 | 0.67 | 0.39 | 0.49 | 0.50 | 0.62 |
|             | 7      | 0-40.0%    | 0.57 | 0.67 | 0.49 | 0.64 | 0.62 | 0.81 |
|             | 8      | 0-40.0%    | 0.46 | 0.47 | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |
| Semiheated  | 1-8    | 0-40.0%    | 1.22 | 1.27 | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |
|             |        |            |      |      |      |      |      |      |

Table 6.5.7-2: "Baseline Building Criteria for Vertical Glazing for 90.1 2007 and 90.1-2010"

| Building type  | Fenestration Type              | Climate Zone | Standard Design |      |      |  |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|------|------|--|
|                |                                |              | U-factor        | SHGC | VT   |  |
| Nonresidential | Non-Metal Framing              | 1            | 1.20            | 0.25 | 0.32 |  |
|                |                                | 2<br>3       | 0.75            | 0.25 | 0.32 |  |
|                |                                | 3            | 0.65            | 0.25 | 0.32 |  |
|                |                                | 4            | 0.40            | 0.40 | 0.51 |  |
|                |                                | 5,6          | 0.35            | 0.40 | 0.51 |  |
|                |                                | 7,8          | 0.35            | 0.45 | 0.57 |  |
|                | Metal Framing                  | 1            | 1.20            | 0.25 | 0.32 |  |
|                | Curtainwall/ Storefront        | 2            | 0.70            | 0.25 | 0.32 |  |
|                |                                | 3            | 0.60            | 0.25 | 0.32 |  |
|                |                                | 4            | 0.50            | 0.40 | 0.51 |  |
|                |                                | 5,6          | 0.45            | 0.40 | 0.51 |  |
|                |                                | 7,8          | 0.40            | 0.45 | 0.57 |  |
|                | Metal Framing<br>Entrance Door | 1            | 1.20            | 0.25 | 0.32 |  |
|                |                                | 2            | 1.10            | 0.25 | 0.32 |  |
|                |                                | 3            | 0.90            | 0.25 | 0.32 |  |
|                |                                | 4            | 0.85            | 0.40 | 0.51 |  |
|                |                                | 5,6          | 0.80            | 0.40 | 0.51 |  |
|                |                                | 7,8          | 0.80            | 0.45 | 0.57 |  |
| Nonresidential | Metal Framing                  | 1            | 1.20            | 0.25 | 0.32 |  |
| (Continued)    | All Other                      | 2            | 0.75            | 0.25 | 0.32 |  |
|                |                                | 3            | 0.65            | 0.25 | 0.32 |  |
|                |                                | 4            | 0.55            | 0.40 | 0.51 |  |
|                |                                | 5,6          | 0.55            | 0.40 | 0.51 |  |
|                |                                | 7,8          | 0.45            | 0.45 | 0.57 |  |

| Residential | Non-Metal Framing       | 1    | 1.20 | 0.25 | 0.32 |
|-------------|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|
|             |                         | 2    | 0.75 | 0.25 | 0.32 |
|             |                         | 3    | 0.65 | 0.25 | 0.32 |
|             |                         | 4    | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.51 |
|             |                         | 5,6  | 0.35 | 0.40 | 0.51 |
|             |                         | 7,8  | 0.35 | NR   | NR   |
|             | Metal Framing           | 1    | 1.20 | 0.25 | 0.32 |
|             | Curtainwall/ Storefront | 2    | 0.70 | 0.25 | 0.32 |
|             |                         | 3    | 0.60 | 0.25 | 0.32 |
|             |                         | 4    | 0.50 | 0.40 | 0.51 |
|             |                         | 5,6  | 0.45 | 0.40 | 0.51 |
|             |                         | 7,8  | 0.40 | NR   | NR   |
|             | Metal Framing           | 1    | 1.20 | 0.25 | 0.32 |
|             | Entrance Door           | 2    | 1.10 | 0.25 | 0.32 |
|             |                         | 3    | 0.90 | 0.25 | 0.32 |
|             |                         | 4    | 0.85 | 0.40 | 0.51 |
|             |                         | 5,6  | 0.80 | 0.40 | 0.51 |
|             |                         | 7,8  | 0.80 | NR   | NR   |
|             | Metal Framing           | 1    | 1.20 | 0.25 | 0.32 |
|             | All Other               | 2    | 0.75 | 0.25 | 0.32 |
|             |                         | 3    | 0.65 | 0.25 | 0.32 |
|             |                         | 4    | 0.55 | 0.40 | 0.51 |
|             |                         | 5,6  | 0.55 | 0.40 | 0.51 |
|             |                         | 7,8  | 0.45 | NR   | NR   |
| Residential | Non-Metal Framing       | 1- 5 | 1.20 | NR   | NR   |
|             |                         | 6-8  | 0.65 | NR   | NR   |
|             | Metal Framing           | 1- 5 | 1.20 | NR   | NR   |
|             | Curtainwall/ Storefront | 6-8  | 0.60 | NR   | NR   |
|             | Metal Framing           | 1- 5 | 1.20 | NR   | NR   |
|             | Entrance Door           | 6-8  | 0.90 | NR   | NR   |
| Residential | Metal Framing           | 1- 5 | 1.20 | NR   | NR   |
| (Continued) | All Other               | 6-8  | 0.65 | NR   | NR   |
|             |                         |      |      |      |      |

Table 6.5.7-3: "Baseline Building Criteria for Skylights"

| Proposed Design       | Applicable Standard | Climate Zone             | % of Roof | Standard Design |      |      |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|------|------|
|                       |                     |                          |           | U-factor        | SHGC | VT   |
| Glass Skylight with   | 90.1 - 2001         | 1,2                      | 0-2.0%    | 1.98            | 0.36 | 0.46 |
| Curb                  | &                   |                          | 2.1-5.0%  | 1.98            | 0.19 | 0.24 |
|                       | 90.1 - 2007         | 3 (A,B) - (all           | 0-2.0%    | 1.17            | 0.39 | 0.50 |
|                       |                     | climate zone 3 for 2007) | 2.1-5.0%  | 1.17            | 0.19 | 0.24 |
|                       |                     | 3 (C)                    | 0-2.0%    | 1.98            | 0.61 | 0.77 |
|                       |                     | (2001 only)              | 2.1-5.0%  | 1.98            | 0.39 | 0.50 |
|                       |                     | 4,5                      | 0-2.0%    | 1.17            | 0.49 | 0.62 |
|                       |                     |                          | 2.1-5.0%  | 1.17            | 0.39 | 0.50 |
|                       |                     | 6                        | 0-5.0%    | 1.17            | 0.49 | 0.62 |
|                       |                     | 7                        | 0-2.0%    | 1.17            | 0.68 | 0.68 |
|                       |                     |                          | 2.1-5.0%  | 1.17            | 0.64 | 0.64 |
|                       |                     | 8                        | 0-2.0%    | 0.98            | 0.55 | 0.63 |
| Plastic Skylight with | 90.1 - 2001         | 1                        | 0-2.0%    | 1.90            | 0.34 | 0.41 |
| Curb                  | &                   |                          | 2.1-5.0%  | 1.90            | 0.27 | 0.32 |
|                       | 90.1 - 2007         | 2                        | 0-2.0%    | 1.90            | 0.39 | 0.47 |
|                       |                     |                          | 2.1-5.0%  | 1.90            | 0.34 | 0.41 |
|                       |                     | 3,4                      | 0-2.0%    | 1.30            | 0.65 | 0.78 |
|                       |                     |                          | 2.1-5.0%  | 1.30            | 0.34 | 0.41 |

|                  |                                 | <u></u>                                 | 0-2.0%   | 1.10 | 0.77 | 0.92 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------|------|------|------|
|                  |                                 |   | 2.1-5.0% | 1.10 | 0.62 | 0.74 |
|                  |                                 |   | 0-2.0%   | 0.87 | 0.71 | 0.85 |
|                  |                                 |   | 2.1-5.0% | 0.87 | 0.58 | 0.70 |
|                  |                                 | 7                                       | 0-2.0%   | 0.87 | 0.77 | 0.92 |
|                  |                                 |   | 2.1-5.0% | 0.87 | 0.71 | 0.85 |
|                  |                                 | 8                                       | 0-2.0%   | 0.61 | 0.59 | 0.64 |
| Skylight without | 90.1 – 2001<br>&<br>90.1 – 2007 | 1,2                                     | 0-2.0%   | 1.36 | 0.36 | 0.46 |
| Curb             |                                 |   | 2.1-5.0% | 1.36 | 0.19 | 0.24 |
|                  |                                 | 3 (A,B) - (all climate zone 3 for 2007) | 0-2.0%   | 0.69 | 0.39 | 0.50 |
|                  |                                 |   | 2.1-5.0% | 0.69 | 0.19 | 0.24 |
|                  |                                 | 3 (C)                                   | 0-2.0%   | 1.36 | 0.61 | 0.77 |
|                  |                                 | (2001 only)                             | 2.1-5.0% | 1.36 | 0.39 | 0.50 |
|                  |                                 | 4,5                                     | 0-2.0%   | 0.69 | 0.49 | 0.62 |
|                  |                                 |   | 2.1-5.0% | 0.69 | 0.39 | 0.50 |
|                  |                                 | 6                                       | 0-5.0%   | 0.69 | 0.49 | 0.62 |
|                  |                                 | 7                                       | 0-2.0%   | 0.69 | 0.68 | 0.68 |
|                  |                                 |   | 2.1-5.0% | 0.69 | 0.64 | 0.64 |
|                  |                                 | 8                                       | 0-5.0%   | 0.58 | 0.55 | 0.63 |
|                  |                                 |   |          |      |      |      |

#### **External Shading Devices**

Applicability All fenestration

Definition Devices or building features, such as overhangs, fins, shading screens, and setbacks of windows from the exterior face of

the wall, that are documented on the construction documents and shade the glazing. Objects that shade the building but that are not part of the building and parts of the building that cause the building to shade itself are also modeled, but are not a

part of this building descriptor. See Shading of the Building Site.

Units Data structure: opening shade

Input Restrictions No restrictions other than that the inputs must match the construction documents

Baseline Rules The baseline building is modeled without external shading devices.

#### **Internal Shading Devices**

Applicability All fenestration

Definition Curtains, blinds, louvers, or other devices that are applied on the room side of the glazing material. Glazing systems that use

blinds between the glazing layers are also considered internal shading devices. Glass coatings or components or treatments

of the glazing materials are addressed through the Fenestration Construction building descriptor.

Units Data structure

Input Restrictions Internal shading shall not be modeled in the proposed design, unless it is automatically controlled, based on input from an

astronomical timeclock, an exterior pyronometer, or other sensors. The control algorithm shall be documented on the

construction documents. Interior shades without automatic controls shall not be modeled.

Baseline Rules The baseline building shall be modeled without interior shades.

## 6.5.8 Below Grade Walls

### **Below Grade Wall Name**

Applicability All projects, optional input

Definition A unique name that keys the below grade wall to the construction documents

Units Text, unique Input Restrictions None

Baseline Rules Not applicable

#### **Below Grade Wall Geometry**

Applicability All projects

Definition A geometric construct that describes the dimensions and placement of walls located below grade. Below grade walls have

soil or crushed rock on one side and interior space on the other side. Some simulation models take the depth below grade

into account when estimating heat transfer, so the geometry may include height and width.

Units Data structure: below grade wall geometry

*Input Restrictions* There are no restrictions other than that the inputs shall be in agreement with the construction documents.

Baseline Rules The geometry of below grade walls in the baseline building is identical to the below grade walls in the proposed design.

#### **Below Grade Wall Construction**

Applicability All projects, required input

Definition A description of the manner in which a below grade wall is constructed or a representation of the thermal performance of

the below grade wall that can be used by the energy simulation software to estimate heat transfer. The construction can be described as a C-factor which is similar to a U-factor, except that the outside air film is excluded or the construction can be

represented as a series of layers, like exterior constructions.

Units Data structure: construction assembly

Input Restrictions No restrictions other than that the inputs shall be in agreement with the construction documents.

Baseline Rules See <u>Table 6.5.8-1</u> [10] and <u>Table 6.5.8-2</u> [11].

Table 6.5.8-1: "Baseline Building C-factor Criteria for Below-Grade Walls"

| Applicable Standard | Space Category | Climate Zone | Standard Design    |          |  |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|----------|--|
|                     |                |              | Minimum Insulation | C-Factor |  |
| 90.1 - 2001         | Nonresidential | 1-6          | NR                 | 1.140    |  |
|                     |                | 7, 8         | R-7.5 c.i.         | 0.119    |  |
|                     | Residential    | 1-5          | NR                 | 1.140    |  |
|                     |                | 6-8          | R-7.5 c.i.         | 0.119    |  |
|                     | Semi-Heated    | 1-8          | NR                 | 1.140    |  |
| 90.1 - 2007         | Nonresidential | 1-4          | NR                 | 1.140    |  |
|                     |                | 5678         | R-7.5 c.i.         | 0.119    |  |
|                     | Residential    | 1-3          | NR                 | 1.140    |  |
|                     |                | 456          | R-7.5 c.i.         | 0.119    |  |
|                     |                | 7            | R-10 c.i.          | 0.092    |  |
|                     |                | 8            | R-12.5 c.i.        | 0.075    |  |
|                     | Semi-Heated    | 1-8          | NR                 | 1.140    |  |

Table 6.5.8-2: "Baseline Building Below-Grade Wall Construction Assemblies"

| Construction | Layer                       | Thickness (inch) | Conductivity (Btu/h ft F) | Density (lb/ft²) | Specific Heat (Btu/lb F) | R-value<br>(ft²·°F·h/Btu) | C-factor<br>(Btu/ft²·°F·h) |
|--------------|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| NR           | 115 lb/ft3 CMU, solid grout | 8                | 0.45                      | 115              | 0.20                     | 0.87                      | 1.140                      |
| R-7.5 c.i.   | 115 lb/ft3 CMU, solid grout | 8                | 0.45                      | 115              | 0.20                     | 0.87                      |                            |
|              | R-10 continuous insulation  | 1.8              | 0.02                      | 1.8              | 0.29                     | 7.50                      |                            |
|              | Total assembly              |                  |                           |                  |                          | 8.37                      | 0.119                      |
| R-10 c.i.    | 115 lb/ft3 CMU, solid grout | 8                | 0.45                      | 115              | 0.20                     | 0.87                      |                            |
|              | R-10 continuous insulation  | 2.4              | 0.02                      | 1.8              | 0.29                     | 10.00                     |                            |
|              | Total assembly              |                  |                           |                  |                          | 10.87                     | 0.092                      |
| R-12.5 c.i.  | 115 lb/ft3 CMU, solid grout | 8                | 0.45                      | 115              | 0.20                     | 0.87                      |                            |
|              | R-10 continuous insulation  | 3.0              | 0.02                      | 1.8              | 0.29                     | 12.50                     |                            |
|              | Total assembly              |                  |                           |                  |                          | 13.37                     | 0.075                      |

## 6.5.9 Slab Floors in Contact with Ground

These building descriptors apply to slab-on-grade floors that are in direct contact with the ground.

#### **Slab Floor Name**

Applicability All slab floors, optional

Definition A unique name or code that relates the exposed floor to the construction documents.

Units Text, unique
Input Restrictions None
Baseline Rules Not applicable

Slab Floor Type

Applicability All slab floors, required

Definition One of two classes for floors in contact with ground. The classes are: 1) heated slab-on-grade floors and 2) unheated slab-

on-grade floors. Heated slab-on-grade floors include all floors that are heated directly in order to provide heating to the space. Unheated slab-on-grade floors are all other floors in contact with ground. See the baseline standards and the

associated User's Manuals for additional definition.

Units List: heated or unheated

Input Restrictions None
Baseline Rules Unheated

#### Slab Floor Geometry

**Applicability** All slab floors, required

Definition A geometric construct representing a slab floor in contact with the earth. The geometric representation can vary depending

on how the energy simulation software models slabs-on-grade. Some models require that only the perimeter of the slab be entered. Other models divide the slab into a perimeter band within 2 ft of the edge and the interior portion or core area, such

that the perimeter area and the core area sum to the total area of the slab.

Units Data structure: as appropriate for the simulation tool

Input Restrictions No restrictions

Baseline Rules Same as baseline building

#### **Slab Floor Construction**

Applicability Definition

All slab floors, required input

A description of how the slab is insulated (or not). How the construction is described will depend on the energy simulation model. Simple models may include just an F-factor, representing an instantaneous heat loss/gain to outside air. The F-factor could be related to the configuration of insulation in the proposed design. Other slab loss models may require that the surface area of the slab floor be divided between the perimeter and the interior. The insulation conditions then define heat transfer between both outside air and ground temperature.

The insulation condition for slabs includes the R-value of the insulation and the distance it extends into the earth at the slab edge and how far it extends underneath the slab.

Units Data structure: depends on the model that is used

Input Restrictions If the perimeter method is used to model the slab, F-factors shall be taken from Appendix A of ASHRAE Standard 90.1-

2001 or ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2007. For all methods, inputs shall be consistent with the construction documents.

Slab loss shall be modeled in the same manner in the baseline building as in the proposed design, e.g. if the perimeter Baseline Rules

method is used for the proposed design, the same method shall be used for the baseline building.

The configuration of insulation and the F-factors for the baseline building are shown in Table 6.5.9-1 [12]. If the perimeter method is not used, then the F-factors from the table shall be used in the baseline building. If an alternative modeling method is used, then inputs to the method for the baseline building shall be consistent with the insulation configuration described in Table 6.5.9-1 [12].

Table 6.5.9-1: "Baseline Building F-factor Criteria for Slab-on-Grade Floors"

| Applicable Standard | Condition | Space Category | Climate | Baseline Building         |          |  |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------|---------|---------------------------|----------|--|
|                     |           |                | Zone    | Insulation Configuration  | F-Factor |  |
| 90.1 – 2001         | Unheated  | Nonresidential | 1-7     | NR                        | 0.730    |  |
|                     |           |                | 8       | R-10 for 24 in. vertical  | 0.540    |  |
|                     |           | Residential    | 1-6     | NR                        | 0.730    |  |
|                     |           |                | 7       | R-10 for 24 in. vertical  | 0.540    |  |
|                     |           |                | 8       | R-15 for 24 in. vertical  | 0.520    |  |
|                     |           | Semi-Heated    | 1-8     | NR                        | 0.730    |  |
|                     | Heated    | Nonresidential | 1-4     | R-7.5 for 12 in. vertical | 1.020    |  |
|                     |           |                | 5-7     | R-10 for 36 in. vertical  | 0.840    |  |
|                     |           |                | 8       | R-10 for 48 in. vertical  | 0.780    |  |
|                     |           | Residential    | 1-3     | R-7.5 for 12 in. vertical | 1.020    |  |
|                     |           |                | 4, 5    | R-10 for 36 in. vertical  | 0.840    |  |
|                     |           |                | 6-8     | R-10 for 48 in. vertical  | 0.780    |  |
|                     |           | Semi-Heated    | 1-7     | R-7.5 for 12 in. vertical | 1.020    |  |
|                     |           |                | 8       | R-7.5 for 24 in. vertical | .0950    |  |
| 90.1 – 2007         | Unheated  | Nonresidential | 1-5     | NR                        | 0.730    |  |
|                     |           |                | 6       | R-10 for 24 in. vertical  | 0.540    |  |
|                     |           |                | 7,8     | R-15 for 24 in. vertical  | 0.520    |  |
|                     |           | Residential    | 1- 3    | NR                        | 0.730    |  |
|                     |           |                | 4, 5    | R-10 for 24 in. vertical  | 0.540    |  |
|                     |           |                | 6, 7    | R-15 for 24 in. vertical  | 0.520    |  |
|                     |           |                | 8       | R-20 for 24 in. vertical  | 0.510    |  |
|                     |           | Semi-Heated    | 1-8     | NR                        | 0.730    |  |
|                     | Heated    | Nonresidential | 1, 2    | R-7.5 for 12 in. vertical | 1.020    |  |
|                     |           |                | 3       | R-10 for 24 in. vertical  | 0.900    |  |
|                     |           |                | 4-6     | R-15 for 24 in. vertical  | 0.860    |  |
|                     |           |                | 7       | R-20 for 24 in. vertical  | 0.843    |  |

|             | 8    | R-20 for 48 in. vertical  | 0.688 |  |
|-------------|------|---------------------------|-------|--|
| Residential | 1, 2 | R-7.5 for 12 in. vertical | 1.020 |  |
|             | 3    | R-10 for 24 in. vertical  | 0.900 |  |
|             | 4, 5 | R-15 for 24 in. vertical  | 0.860 |  |
|             | 6-8  | R-20 for 48 in. vertical  | 0.688 |  |
| Semi-Heated | 1-6  | R-7.5 for 12 in. vertical | 1.020 |  |
|             | 7, 8 | R-10 for 24 in. vertical  | 0.900 |  |

## 6.5.10 Heat Transfer between Thermal Blocks

#### **Partition Name**

Applicability All partitions, optional

Definition A unique name or code that relates the partition to the construction documents.

Units Text, unique

*Input Restrictions* The text should provide a key to the construction documents.

Baseline Rules Not applicable

### **Partition Geometry**

Applicability All partitions

Definition A geometric construct that defines the position and size of partitions that separate one thermal block from another. The

construct shall identify the thermal blocks on each side of the partition. Since solar gains are not generally significant for interior partitions, the geometry of partitions is sometimes specified as just an area along with identification of the thermal

blocks on each side.

Units Data structure: surface with additional information identifying the two thermal blocks that the partition separates.

Input Restrictions No restrictions other than agreement with the construction documents

Baseline Rules The geometry of partitions in the baseline building shall be identical to the proposed design.

#### **Partition Construction**

Applicability All partitions

Definition A description of the construction assembly for the partition

Units Data structure: construction assembly

Input Restrictions No restrictions other than the need for agreement with the construction documents

Baseline Rules Partitions in the baseline building shall be steel framed walls with 5/8 in. gypsum board on each side.

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