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Building Energy Codes

The RESCheck Option for Compliance With the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code

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NORTHEAST ENERGY EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIPS

“Facilitating Partnerships to advance the efficient use of energy”

MISSION

Promote the efficient use of energy in homes, buildings and industry in the Northeast U.S.

ORGANIZATION

Regional nonprofit since 1996

PRIMARY AUDIENCES

- State policy makers (11 + D.C.)
- Efficiency program administrators

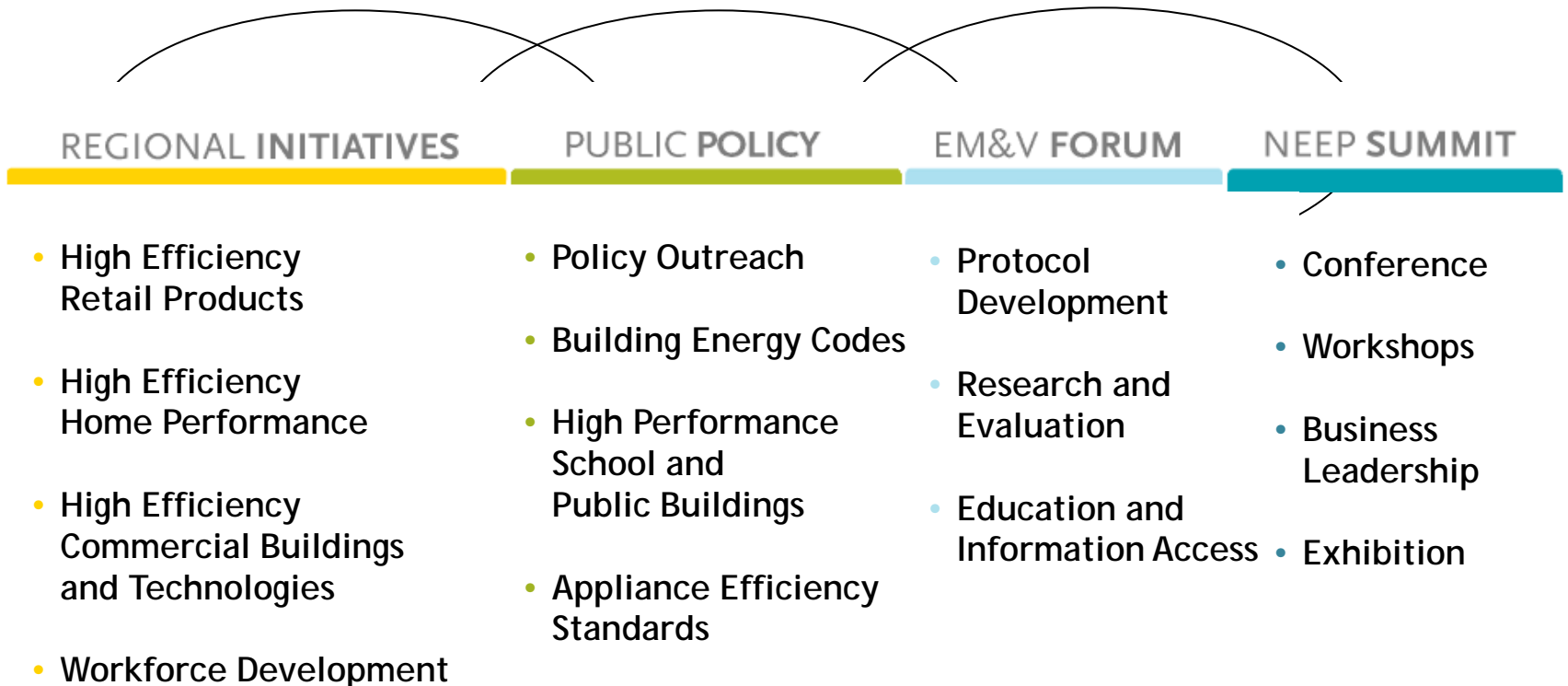
APPROACH

Overcome barriers to efficiency through *strategic regional collaboration* of public policies and programs



WHAT DOES NEEP DO?

FACILITATES PARTNERSHIPS...



TO ADVANCE THE EFFICIENT USE
OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY

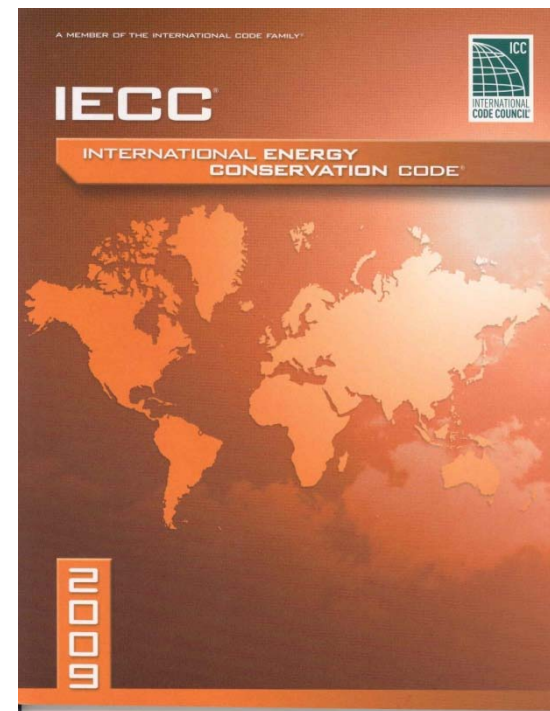


The MUBEC Adoption

- CHAPTER 3



- CHAPTER 6



What's Changed Since IECC 2003?

- Stringency – some key differences
- New requirements
 - Building envelope tightness
 - Duct testing
 - Lighting equipment
 - Pool controls and covers
 - Snow melt controls
- Moisture control requirements moved to IRC
- No mechanical trade-offs allowed



Vapor Retarder – IT MOVED!

Moisture Control

IECC / IRC

(Was in IECC 402.5/N1102.5)

- R302.10.1 Insulation
- R408.1 crawl spaces
- R506.2.3 Slabs
- R601.3 Walls (Table)
- R806.4 Attics
- N1102.2.9 Crawl Space
- M1601.4.5 Ducts

IBC

(Was in IECC 502.5)

- 202 Definitions
- 719 Insulation facings
- 1203.3.2 Crawl Space.4
- 1405.3 Frame Walls
- 1502 Roofs (general)
- 1910.1 Floor Slabs

Scope: Residential Buildings

IRC only for single-family, duplex, and townhouses

- IECC has all low-rise (1-3 stories) houses, condos, and apartments [R-2, R-3, R-4], but not hotels/motels [R-1]
- All buildings that are not “residential” by definition are “commercial”

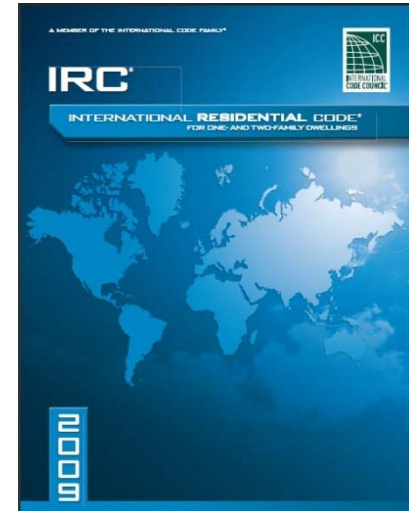
Includes repairs, alterations, and additions

e.g., window replacements



Relationship Between IRC and IECC

- IECC addresses only energy
- IECC addresses both residential and commercial; IRC addresses only detached one- and family dwellings and townhouses
- IRC addresses all codes (structural, plumbing, etc.)
 - Allows builder to carry only one code book
 - Chapter 11 has energy, BUT
- Energy requirements in IRC and IECC not identical
- MUBEC requires IRC compliance with IECC energy provisions

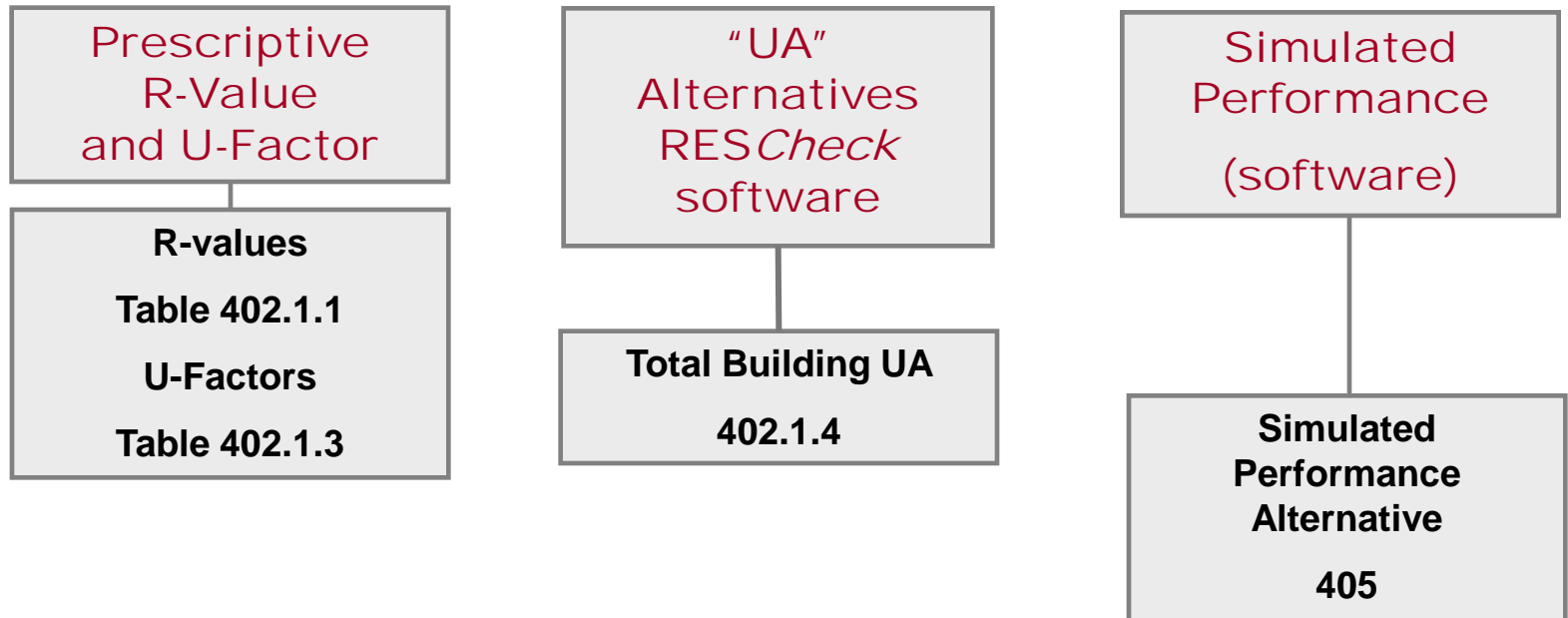


Overview of Residential Code Requirements

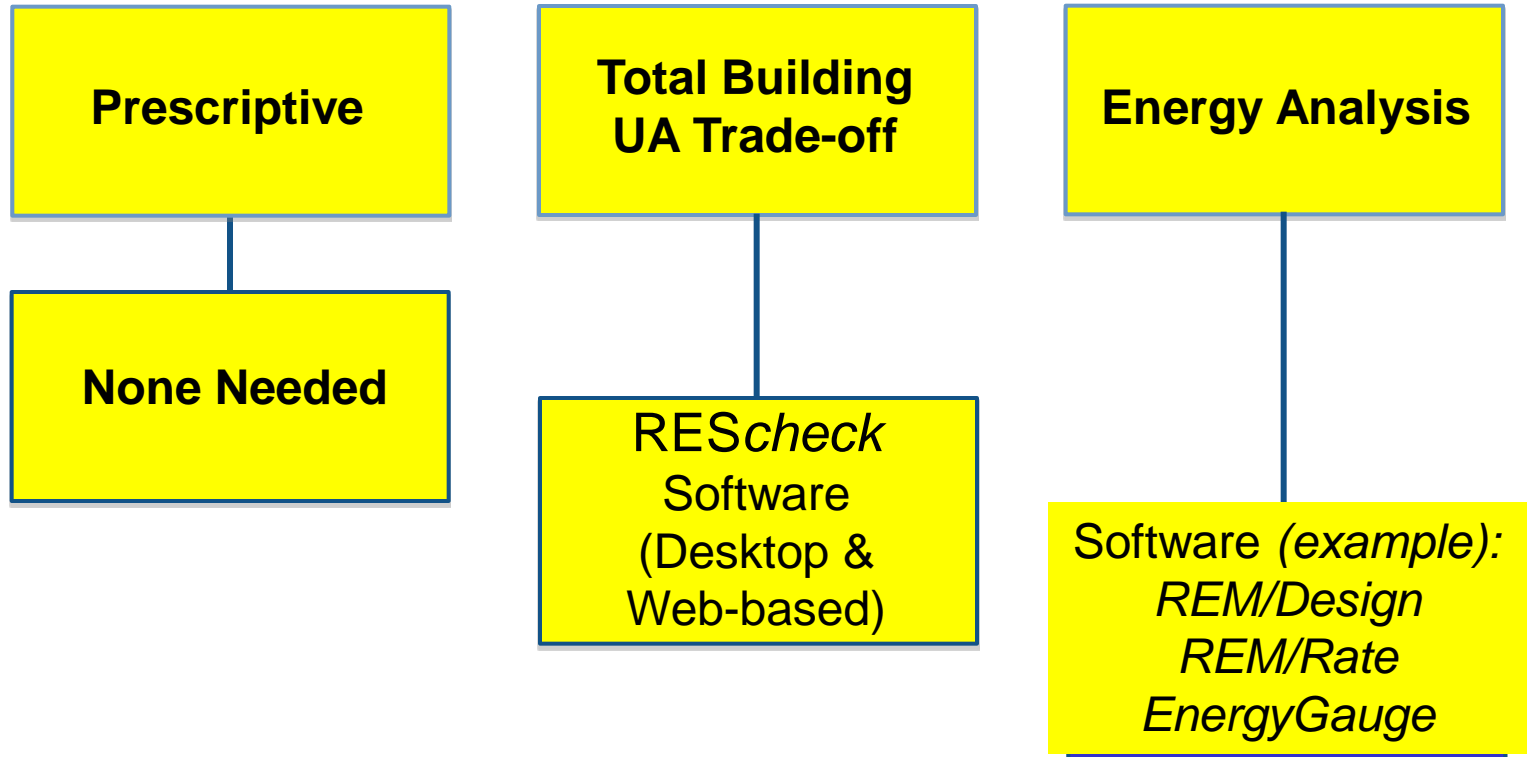
- **Focus is on building envelope**
 - Ceilings, walls, windows, floors, foundations
 - Sets insulation levels, window U-factors and solar heat gain coefficients
 - Infiltration control - caulk and seal to prevent air leaks
- **Ducts – seal and insulate**
- **Limited space heating, air conditioning, and water heating requirements**
 - Federal law sets most equipment efficiency requirements, not the I-codes
- **No appliance requirements**
- **Lighting equipment**
 - **50%** of lamps to be high-efficacy lamps



IECC Compliance - Three Options



Code Compliance Tools



U-Factor; Total UA (REScheck Approach)

- **U-factor Alternative**

- A **Prescriptive Option**, but uses U-factors instead of R-values
 - Allows for innovative or less common construction techniques such as structural insulated panels, or masonry veneers

- **Total UA Alternative**

- Uses U-factor alternative information but allows **trade-offs** across all envelope components



RESCheck – The Project Screen

v 4.4.1

The screenshot shows the RESCheck 4.3.1 software interface. The title bar indicates the file path 'MBOIAtesthome.rck - RESCheck 4.3.1' and the code 'Code: 2009 IECC'. The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Options, Code, Tools, and Help. The toolbar contains icons for file operations. The main window is divided into several sections:

- Project Envelope / Mechanical**: Tabs for switching between sections.
- Location**: Fields for State (Maine) and City (Lewiston).
- Project Type**: Radio buttons for 'New Construction' (selected) and 'Addition/Alteration'.
- Building Characteristics**: Radio buttons for '1- and 2-Family, Detached' (selected) and 'Multifamily'. A text field for 'Conditioned Floor Area' is set to '1500' fl2. A checkbox for 'All ducts and air handlers located within conditioned spaces' is checked.
- Project Details (optional)**: A section for entering permit file information, including 'Title/Site/Permit' (ANYWHERE STREET LEWISTON, ME), 'Owner/Agent', and 'Designer/Contractor' (DONALD VIGNEAU, NEEP, 91 HARTWELL AVE, LEXINGTON, MA 02421).
- Compliance Summary**: A status bar at the bottom showing 'No envelope assemblies specified', 'Compliance Method: UA Trade-Off', 'Max. UA: 0', and 'Your UA: 0'. A '% Score' field is currently 'TBD'.

Red arrows point to the following elements:

- Select Code**: Points to the 'Code' menu item.
- TABS**: Points to the 'Envelope' and 'Mechanical' tabs.
- Where Are We?**: Points to the 'Location' dropdowns.
- What're We Doing?**: Points to the 'Project Type' radio buttons.
- Ductwork**: Points to the 'Conditioned Floor Area' field and the 'All ducts...' checkbox.
- Info for Permit File**: Points to the 'Project Details' section.
- Where You're At**: Points to the 'Compliance Method' and 'UA' values.
- % Score**: Points to the '% Score' field.

Envelope – The Component Tabs

Best Tool in the Box – AREA CALC

The screenshot shows the REScheck software interface. The title bar reads "Untitled.rck - REScheck 4.3.1" and "Code: 2009 IECC". The menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "View", "Options", "Code", "Tools", and "Help". The toolbar contains icons for file operations. The "Envelope" tab is selected, showing sub-tabs for "Ceiling", "Skylight", "Wall", "Window", "Door", "Basement", "Floor", and "Crawl Wall". Below these is a table with the following headers: "Component", "Assembly", "Gross Area", "Cavity Insulation R-Value", "Continuous Insulation R-Value", "U-Factor", "UA", and "SHGC". The table has one row labeled "Building".

Component	Assembly	Gross Area	Cavity Insulation R-Value	Continuous Insulation R-Value	U-Factor	UA	SHGC
Building							

Use the building assembly buttons above the column headers to create a description of your building.

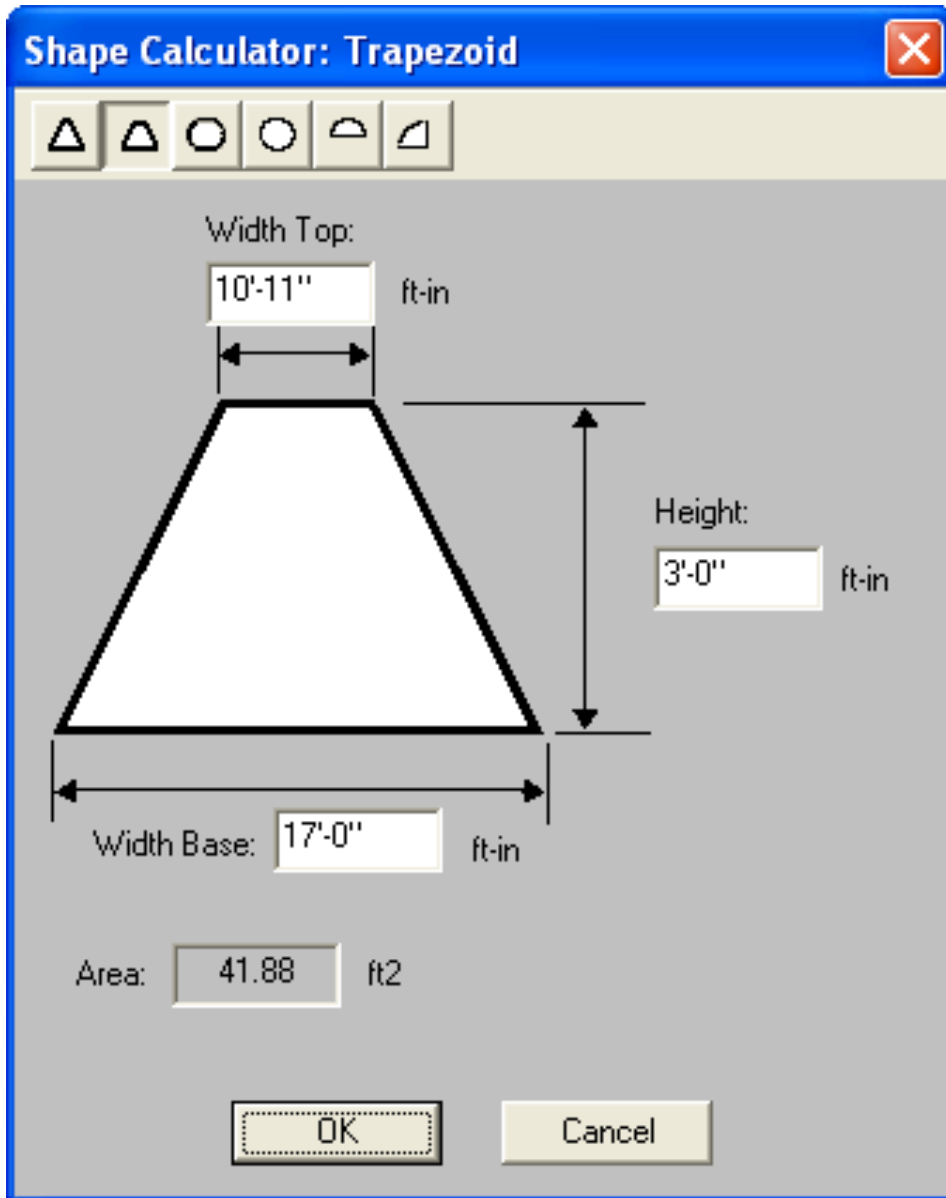
The Case Study is a 1,500 SF oversize Cape (30x34), facing north, with two sliders on the south face and sun control glazing on the east & west sash; two bedrooms and bath on the 2nd floor and Master Bedroom on main level; unconditioned basement.

No envelope assemblies specified TBD %

Compliance Method: UA Trade-Off Max. UA Your UA

Select the building assembly buttons above the column headers to create a list of envelope components for the building.

THE SHAPE CALCULATOR TOOL

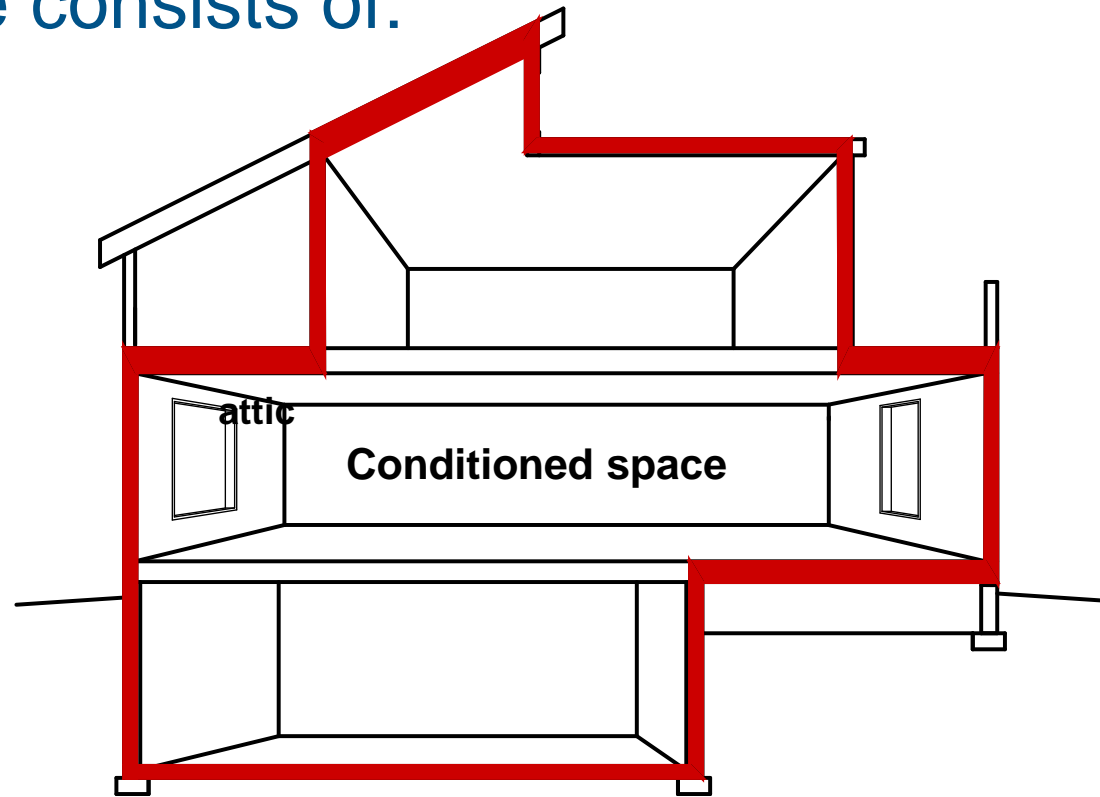


Calculates areas for common shapes of walls, fancy windows

Building Envelope RESCheck Analysis

- Building Envelope consists of:

- Fenestration
- Ceilings
- Walls
 - Above grade
 - Below grade
 - Mass walls
- Floors
- Slab
- Crawl space



- The program knows the values for your zone

AREA CALC – Take-Off Tool

Component Tabs

Click a window name to add it to the window list on the right.

Window Library

- BR.#2 0005
- BR.#3 0006
- Foyer 0010
- Kitchen/MB 0002
- LR slider 00045
- MBR 0003
- MBR slider 0004
- Skylight
- Add New...

	Add to Library	Window Name	Assembly Type	Quantity	Width	x	Height	=	Unit Area	Total Area	U-Factor	SHGC	Comments/Description
1													
2													
3													
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Gross Roof/Ceiling Area total ft2

Window Area Total ft2

Enter a Window directly into the grid or click in the Library Name column to select a Window.

U-Factor Requirements by Climate Zone

**Table 402.1.3
Equivalent U-Factors^a**

CLIMATE ZONE	FENESTRATION U-FACTOR	SKYLIGHT U-FACTOR	CEILING U-FACTOR	FRAME WALL U-FACTOR	MASS WALL U-FACTOR ^b	FLOOR U-FACTOR	BASEMENT WALL U-FACTOR ^d	CRAWL SPACE WALL U-FACTOR ^c
1	1.20	0.75	0.035	0.082	0.197	0.064	0.360	0.477
2	0.65	0.75	0.035	0.082	0.165	0.064	0.360	0.477
3	0.50	0.65	0.035	0.082	0.141	0.047	0.091 ^c	0.136
4 except Marine	0.35	0.60	0.030	0.082	0.141	0.047	0.059	0.065
5 and Marine 4	0.35	0.60	0.030	0.057	0.082	0.033	0.059	0.065
6	0.35	0.60	0.026	0.057	0.060	0.033	0.050	0.065
7 and 8	0.35	0.60	0.026	0.057	0.057	0.028	0.050	0.065

^a. Nonfenestration *U*-factors shall be obtained from measurement, calculation or an approved source.

^b. When more than half the insulation is on the interior, the **mass wall U-factors shall be** a maximum of 0.17 in Zone 1, 0.14 in Zone 2, 0.12 in Zone 3, 0.10 in Zone 4 except Marine, and **the same as the frame wall U-factor in Marine Zone 4 and Zones 5 through 8.**

^c. Basement wall *U*-factor of 0.360 in warm-humid locations as defined by Figure 301.1 and Table 301.2.



Windows – U-Factors

- Strict limits on U-factor in northern U.S. (cannot be traded off)

Climate Zones	U-Factor Maximum
4-5	0.48
6-8	0.40

- U-0.75 for skylights in Zones 4-8
- These are based on building average; individual windows or skylights can be worse if area-weighted average meets these requirements

Fenestration: UA Alternative Limits

- An *area weighted average* of windows and doors is used to satisfy the U-factor and SHGC requirements
 - *Area-weighted average* U-factor and SHGC are subject to hard limits, even in trade-offs - the RESCheck program knows this. It also knows that solid doors have no SHGC
 - NFRC rated and certified information (on labels)
Exceptions:
 - Default Glazing
 - Default Doors



Fenestration Exemptions: Different Rules

Prescriptive Path Only – not used in RESCheck

- Exemptions

- 15 ft² of glazing (Section 402.3.3)
- 24 ft² of one side-hinged opaque door assembly (Section 402.3.4)
- Cathedral ceilings < 500sf or 20%; whichever less

- Replacement fenestration must meet

- U-factors in all Zones **BUT**
- No maximum SHGC in Climate Zones 7 or 8



AREA CALC – WINDOWS AND DOORS

MBOIAtest - AreaCalc 2.3.2

File Edit Tools Help

Windows Skylights Doors Ceilings Walls Basements Floors Crawl Walls

Click a window name to add it to the window list on the right.

	Add to Library	Window Name	Assembly Type	Quantity	Width	x	Height	=	Unit Area	Total Area		U-Factor	SHGC	Comments/Description
1		Kitchen	Vinyl Frame, Dou	1	4'-0"		3'-5"		13.67	13.67 ft2		0.290	0.400	
2		Bath	Vinyl Frame, Dou	1	4'-0"		3'-5"		13.67	13.67 ft2		0.290	0.400	
3		M Bedroom	Vinyl Frame, Dou	1	2'-0"		4'-0"		8.00	8.00 ft2		0.290	0.400	
4		Entry	Vinyl Frame, Dou	1	1'-8"		4'-0"		6.67	6.67 ft2		0.290	0.400	
5		M Bedroom	Vinyl Frame, Dou	1	6'-0"		6'-8"		40.00	40.00 ft2		0.290	0.470	
6		Living Room	Vinyl Frame, Dou	1	6'-0"		6'-8"		40.00	40.00 ft2		0.290	0.470	
7		Bedroom 2	Vinyl Frame, Dou	1	4'-8"		4'-0"		18.67	18.67 ft2		0.290	0.400	
8		Bedroom 3	Vinyl Frame, Dou	1	4'-8"		3'-5"		15.94	15.94 ft2		0.290	0.400	
9		Basement E	Metal Frame, Dou	1	2'-8"		1'-6"		4.00	4.00 ft2		0.450	0.400	
10		Basement W	Metal Frame, Dou	1	2'-8"		1'-6"		4.00	4.00 ft2		0.450	0.400	
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Gross Roof/Ceiling Area total ft2 Window Area Total 164.62 ft2

Enter a Window directly into the grid or click in the Library Name column to select a Window.

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Click a door name to add it to the door list on the right.

	Add to Library	Door Name	Assembly Type	Quantity	Width	x	Height	=	Unit Area	Total Area		U-Factor	SHGC	Comments/Description
1		Entry	Solid	1	3'-0"		6'-8"		20.00	20.00 ft2		0.350		
2		Kitchen	Solid	1	2'-6"		6'-8"		16.67	16.67 ft2		0.350		
3														
4														
5														

Gross Roof/Ceiling Area total ft2 Door Area Total 36.67 ft2

Enter a Door directly into the grid or click in the Library Name column to select a Door.

AREA CALC – CEILINGS & SKYLIGHTS

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Windows Skylights Doors Ceilings Walls Basements Floors Crawl Walls

	Assembly Type	Width	x	Length	=	Gross Area		Comments/Description
1	Cathedral Ceiling (no attic)	9'-4"		34'-0"		317.33	ft2	Sloped ceilings in 2nd Floor bedrooms, bath & hall
2	Flat Ceiling or Scissor Truss	10'-10"		34'-0"		368.33	ft2	Flat ceiling portion, 2nd Floor
3	Steel Joist/Rafter, 24" o.c., 2x10	13'-0"		34'-0"		442.00	ft2	Ceiling of 1st Floor
4	Other	3'-4"		15'-0"		50.00	ft2	Insulate under stairs to 2nd floor
5								

Gross Ceiling Area Total 1177.66 ft2

Select the Assembly Type and enter its dimensions directly into the grid.

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Click a skylight name to add it to the skylight list on the right.

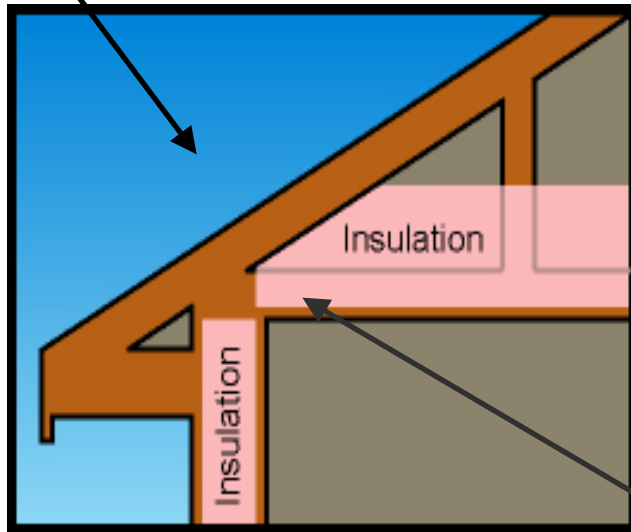
	Add to Library	Skylight Name	Assembly Type	Quantity	Width	x	Height	=	Unit Area	Total Area		U-Factor	SHGC	Comments/Description
1		2 Bath	Wood Frame, Dou	1	1'-10"		3'-2"		5.81	5.81	ft2	0.350	0.470	
2														
3														
4														
5														

Gross Roof/Ceiling Area total _____ ft2 Skylight Area Total 5.81 ft2

Enter a skylight directly into the grid or click in the Library Name column to select a Skylight.

Standard Roof Truss – SELECTION

Possibility of ice dam formations



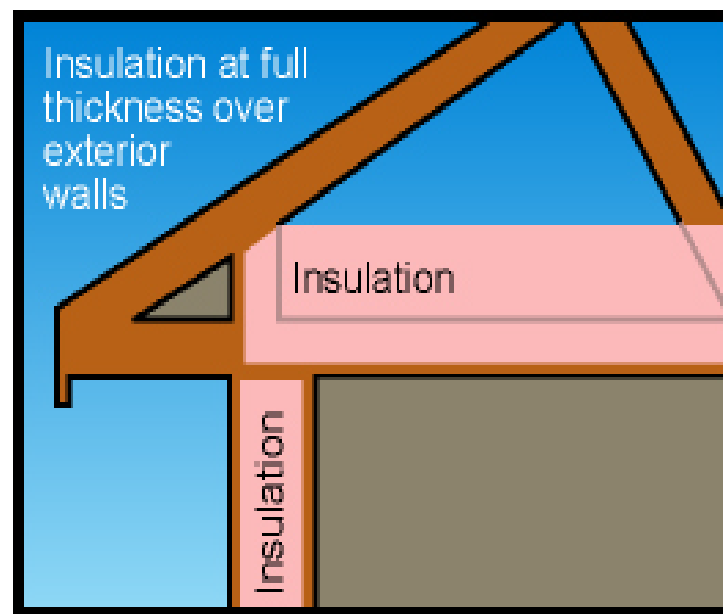
- Ceiling insulation code requirements assume standard truss systems

Cold corners contribute to condensation and mold growth

Raised Heel Truss - SELECTION



- Raised Heel Energy Truss
the insulation is full height over exterior wall
 - *R-30 instead of R-38
 - *R-38 instead of R-49
- (***RESCheck allows no credit**)



Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Climate Zone

Table 402.1.1
Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component^a

CLIMATE ZONE	FENESTRATION U-FACTOR ^b	SKYLIGHT ^b U-FACTOR	GLAZED FENESTRATION ^{b,e} SHGC	CEILING R-VALUE	WOOD FRAME WALL R-VALUE	MASS WALL R-VALUE ⁱ	FLOOR R-VALUE	BASEMENT ^c WALL R-VALUE	SLAB ^d R-VALUE & DEPTH	CRAWL SPACE ^c WALL R-VALUE
1	1.20	0.75	0.30	30	13	3 / 4	13	0	0	0
2	0.65 ^j	0.75	0.30	30	13	4 / 6	13	0	0	0
3	0.50 ^j	0.65	0.30	30	13	5 / 8	19	5 / 13 ^f	0	5 / 13
4 except Marine	0.35	0.60	NR	38	13	5 / 10	19	10 / 13	10, 2ft	10 / 13
5 and Marine 4	0.35	0.60	NR	38	20 or 13+5 ^h	13 / 17	30 ^g	10 / 13	10, 2 ft	10 / 13
6	0.35	0.60	NR	49	19 or 13+5 ^h	15 / 19	30 ^g	15 / 19	10, 4 ft	10 / 13
7 and 8	0.35	0.60	NR	49	21	19 / 21	38 ^g	15 / 19	10, 4 ft	10 / 13

^a. *R*-values are minimums, *U*-factors and SHGC are maximums, **R-19 batts** compressed into a nominal 2 x 6 framing cavity such that the *R*-value is **reduced by R-1** or more shall be **marked with the compressed batt *R*-value in addition to the full thickness *R*-value**.

^b. The fenestration *U*-factor column excludes skylights. The **SHGC column applies to all** glazed fenestration.

^c. "15/19" means **R-15 continuous** insulated sheathing on the interior or exterior of the home or R-19 cavity insulation at the interior of the basement wall. "15/19" shall be permitted to be met with R-13 cavity insulation on the interior of the basement wall plus R-5 continuous insulated sheathing on the interior or exterior of the home. "10/13" means R-10 continuous insulated sheathing on the interior or exterior of the home or R-13 cavity insulation at the interior of the basement wall.

^d. **R-5 shall be added** to the required slab edge *R*-values **for heated slabs**. Insulation depth shall be the depth of the footing or 2 feet, whichever is less in Zones 1 through 3 for heated slabs.

^e. There are no SHGC requirements in the Marine Zone.

^f. Basement wall insulation is not required in warm-humid locations as defined by Figure 301.1 and Table 301.1.

^g. **Or insulation sufficient to fill the framing cavity, R-19 minimum.**

^h. "**13+5**" means **R-13 cavity insulation plus R-5 insulated sheathing**. If structural sheathing covers 25 percent or less of the exterior, insulating sheathing is not required where structural sheathing is used. If structural sheathing covers more than 25 percent of exterior, structural sheathing shall be supplemented with insulated sheathing of at least R-2.

ⁱ. **The second *R*-value applies when more than half the insulation is on the interior of the mass wall.**

^j. For impact rated fenestration complying with Section R301.2.1.2 of the *IRC* or Section 1608.1.2 of the *IBC*, maximum *U*-factor shall be 0.75 in Zone 2 and 0.65 in Zone 3.



AREA CALC – WALLS AND FLOORS

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	Assembly Type	Length	x	Height	=	Gross Area		Comments/Description
1	Wood Frame, 24" o.c.	34'-0"		10'-0"		340.00	ft2	North Wall 1st Floor - FRONT
2	Wood Frame, 24" o.c.	30'-0"		10'-0"		300.00	ft2	East Wall 1st Floor
3	Wood Frame, 24" o.c.	17'-0"		5'-0"		85.00	ft2	East Wall 2nd Floor - lower
4	Wood Frame, 24" o.c.	WB = 17'-0"		WT = 10'-1"		41.75	ft2	East Wall 2nd Floor - upper
5	Wood Frame, 24" o.c.	34'-0"		10'-0"		340.00	ft2	South Wall 1st Floor - REAR
6	Wood Frame, 24" o.c.	30'-0"		10'-0"		300.00	ft2	West Wall 1st Floor - lower
7	Wood Frame, 24" o.c.	WB = 17'-0"		WT = 10'-1"		41.75	ft2	West Wall 2nd Floor -upper
8	Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	12'-0"		8'-0"		96.00	ft2	1/2 x 2 stair walls to unconditioned basement
9	Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	34'-0"		4'-2"		141.67	ft2	Knee wall on 2nd floor at eaves
10	Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	31'-0"		4'-2"		129.17	ft2	Knee wall on 2nd floor at eaves
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Gross Wall Area Total 1815.34 ft2

Select the Assembly Type and enter its dimensions directly into the grid.

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File Edit Tools Help

Windows Skylights Doors Ceilings Walls Basements Floors Crawl Walls

	Assembly Type	Width	x	Length	=	Gross Area		Comments/Description
1	All-Wood Joist/Truss, Over Uncon	30'-0"		32'-6"		975.00	ft2	Basic; deletes stair well basement/1sr floor/2nd floor
2								
3								
4								
5								

Floor Area Total 975.00 ft2

Select the Assembly Type and enter its dimensions directly into the grid.

Ceilings without Attic Spaces - SELECTION

- **Where:**
 - Insulation levels are required $> R-30$ and
 - Not sufficient amount of space to meet higher levels
 - R-30 allowed for 500 ft² or 20% total insulated ceiling area, whichever is less
 - Exception DOES NOT apply when using RESCheck



Access Hatches and Doors (MANDATORY)

- Weatherstrip and insulate doors from conditioned spaces to unconditioned spaces (e.g., attics and crawl spaces)
 - Insulate to level equivalent to surrounding surfaces
 - e.g., required ceiling insulation = R-38; attic hatch insulated to R-38
- Provide access to all equipment that prevents damaging or compressing the insulation
- Install a wood framed or equivalent baffle or retainer when loose fill insulation is installed



Mass Walls - SELECTION

- What type
 - Concrete block, concrete, insulated concrete form (ICF), masonry cavity, brick (other than brick veneer), earth, **and solid timber/logs** (not by MUBEC)
- Provisions
 - At least 50% of the required R-value must be on the exterior or integral to the wall
 - When more than half the insulation is on the interior, the mass wall U-factors:

Climate Zones	U-Factor Maximum
1	0.17
2	0.14
3	0.12
4 except Marine	0.10
4 Marine	same as above grade frame wall
5-8	same as above grade frame wall



Steel-Frame – SELECT EQUIVALENTS

Table 402.2.5
Steel-Frame Ceiling, Wall and Floor Insulation
(R-Value)

- Ceilings, walls, and floors
- Exceptions
 - Climate Zones 1 and 2:
ci can be reduced to R-3 for 24” oc walls

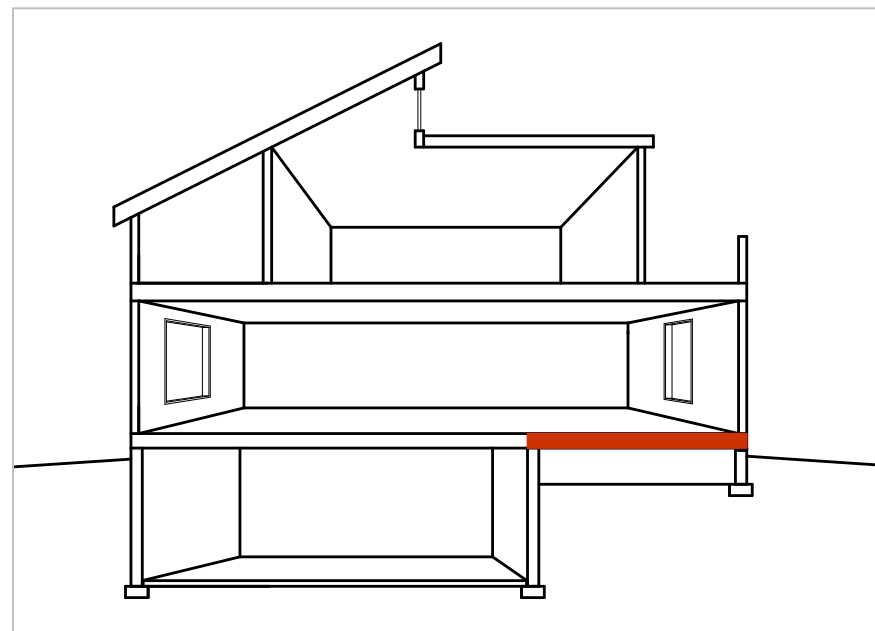
Wood Frame R-value	Cold-Formed Steel Equivalent R-value ^a
Steel Truss Ceilings^b	
R-30	R-38 or R-30 + 3 or R-26 + 5
R-38	R-49 or R-38 + 3
R-49	R-38 + 5
Steel Joist Ceilings^b	
R-30	R-38 in 2x4, or 2x6, or 2x8 R-49 any framing
R-38	R-49 2x4, or 2x6, or 2x8, or 2x10
Steel Framed Wall	
R-13	R-13 + 5 or R-15 +4, or R-21 +3 or R-0+10
R-19	R-13 + 9 or R-19 +8 or R-25 +7
R-21	R-13 +10 or R-19 +9 or R-25 +8
Steel Joist Floor	
R-13	R-19, 2x6 R-19 + 6 in 2x8 or 2x10
R-19	R-19 + 6 in 2x6 R-19 +12 in 2x8 or 2x10



Floors over Unconditioned Space

- Space can be unheated basement or a crawlspace or outdoor air

Climate Zones	R-Value
1-2	13
3-4ab	19
4c-6	30*
7-8	38*



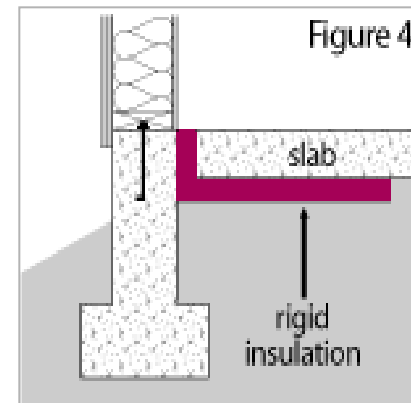
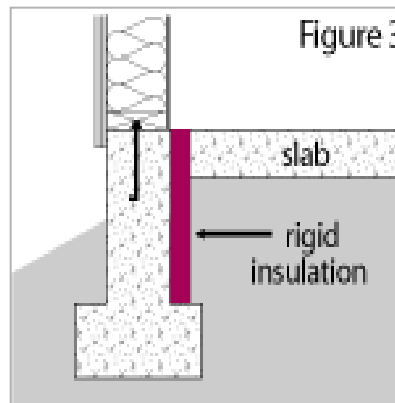
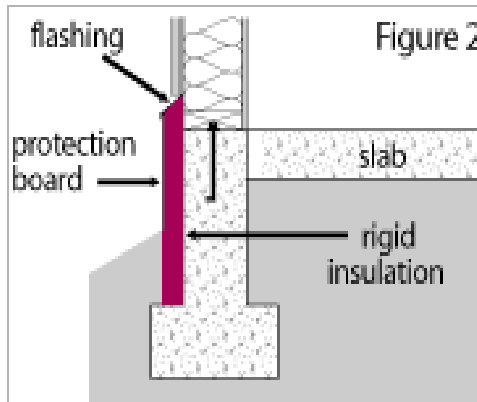
- Insulation must maintain permanent contact with underside of subfloor

***Exception: Climate Zones 6 & 7
R-19 permitted if cavity is completely filled (note 'g')**



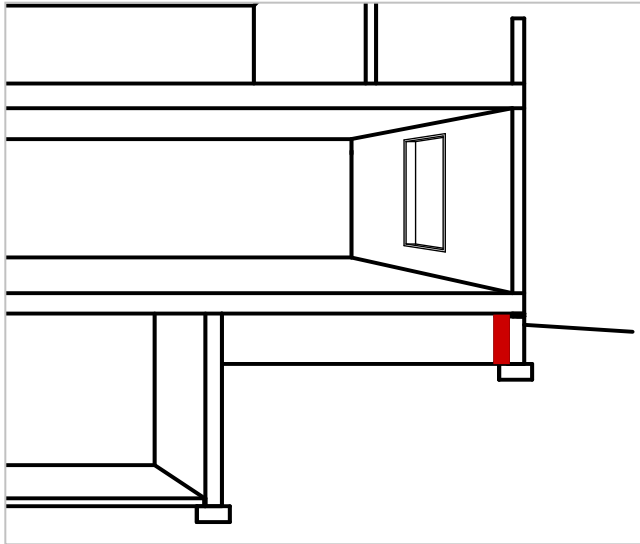
Slab Edge Insulation - SELECTION

- Slabs with a floor surface < 12 inches below grade
 - R-10 (typically 2 inches) insulation in Zones 4 and above
 - Downward from top of slab a minimum of 24" (Zones 4 and 5) or 48" (Zones 6, 7, and 8)
 - Insulation can be vertical or extend horizontally under the slab or out from the building (must be under 10 inches of soil)



Crawlspace Wall Insulation - SELECTION

- Unvented Crawlspaces
 - Space should be mechanically vented or conditioned (See Section R408 of the IRC)
 - Cover exposed earth with a continuous Class I vapor retarder



AREA CALC – Transfers to RESCheck

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Front Faces: North

Project Envelope Mechanical

Ceiling Skylight Wall Window Door Basement Floor Crawl Wall

	Component	Assembly	Orientation	Gross Area		Cavity Insulation R-Value	Continuous Insulation R-Value	U-Factor	UA	SHGC
Building										
1	Ceiling 1	Cathedral Ceiling (no attic)		317	ft2	0.0	0.0	0.599	187	
2	Skylight: 2 Bath	Wood Frame, Double Pan...		5	ft2			0.35	2	0.47
3	Ceiling 2	Flat Ceiling or Scissor Truss		368	ft2	0.0	0.0	0.568	209	
4	Ceiling 3	Flat Ceiling or Scissor Truss		442	ft2	0.0	0.0	0.568	251	
5	Ceiling 4	Other		50	ft2			0.599	30	
6	Wall 1	Wood Frame, 24" o.c.	Front	340	ft2	0.0	0.0	0.241	69	
7	Window: Kitchen	Vinyl Frame, Double Pane...	Front	13	ft2			0.29	4	0.40
8	Window: Bath	Vinyl Frame, Double Pane...	Front	13	ft2			0.29	4	0.40
9	Window: Entry	Vinyl Frame, Double Pane...	Front	6	ft2			0.29	2	0.40
10	Door: Entry	Solid	Front	20	ft2			0.35	7	
11	Wall 2	Wood Frame, 24" o.c.	Left Side	300	ft2	0.0	0.0	0.241	64	
12	Window: Bedroom	Vinyl Frame, Double Pane...	Left Side	15	ft2			0.29	5	0.40
13	Door: Kitchen	Solid	Left Side	16	ft2			0.35	6	
14	Wall 3	Wood Frame, 24" o.c.	Left Side	85	ft2	0.0	0.0	0.241	20	
15	Wall 4	Wood Frame, 24" o.c.	Left Side	41	ft2	0.0	0.0	0.241	10	
16	Wall 5	Wood Frame, 24" o.c.	Back	340	ft2	0.0	0.0	0.241	63	
17	Window: Master Bedroom	Vinyl Frame, Double Pane...	Back	40	ft2			0.29	12	0.47
18	Window: Living	Vinyl Frame, Double Pane...	Back	40	ft2			0.29	12	0.47
19	Wall 6	Wood Frame, 24" o.c.	Right Side	300	ft2	0.0	0.0	0.241	70	
20	Window: Master Bedroom	Vinyl Frame, Double Pane...	Right Side	8	ft2			0.29	2	0.40
21	Wall 7	Wood Frame, 24" o.c.	Right Side	41	ft2	0.0	0.0	0.241	10	
22	Wall 8	Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	Right Side	96	ft2	0.0	0.0	0.238	18	
23	Window: Bedroom	Vinyl Frame, Double Pane...	Right Side	18	ft2			0.29	5	0.40
24	Floor 1	All-Wood Joist/Truss, Ov...		975	ft2	0.0	0.0	0.249	243	

Note that there are no Knee walls listed

Wall orientation not specified

TBD %

Compliance Method: Performance Alternative [Explanation of results...](#)

Click the Assembly fields to display a list of assembly choices.

MOVING ROWS TO CORRECT LOCATION

To Select:

- CLICK ON ROW #

To Move with Mouse:

- Move pointer over selected row
- Click and hold (drag & drop)
- Move up or down over wall/ceiling where it is located on the plans
(red highlight)
- Let it go (drop)



Air Leakage Control – The Report

Mandatory Requirements

- Building envelope
 - Sealed with caulking materials or
 - Closed with gasketing systems
 - Joints and seams sealed or taped or covered with a moisture vapor-permeable wrapping material



Air Sealing and Insulation

- 2 options to demonstrate compliance
 - When tested air leakage is <7 ACH when tested with a blower door at pressure of 33.5 psf (Section 402.4.2.1)
 - Testing after rough-in and installation of building envelope penetrations
 - When items listed in Table 402.4.2, applicable to the method of construction, are field verified (Section 402.4.2.2) through inspection



Recessed Lighting Fixtures

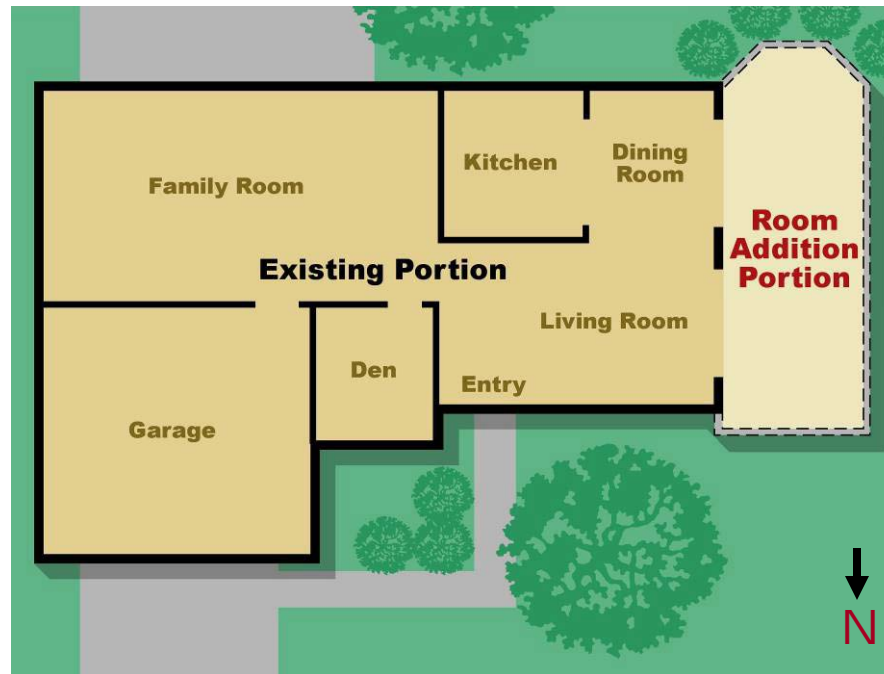
Mandatory Requirements

- Type IC rated and labeled in a sealed or gasketed enclosure
- Type IC rated and labeled as meeting ASTM E 283 when tested at 1.57 psf (75 Pa) pressure differential with no more than 2.0 cfm of air movement
- Sealed with a gasket or caulk between the housing and interior wall or ceiling covering
- **(GWB box eliminated)**



Additions - CONSIDERATIONS

- Treat as a stand-alone building
- Additions must meet the prescriptive requirements in Table 402.1.1



RES*Check* DOESN'T DO Sunrooms

Less stringent insulation
R-value and glazing
U-factor requirements

Sunroom definition:

- Glazing area >40% glazing of gross exterior wall and roof area
- Separate heating or cooling system or zone
- Must be thermally isolated (closeable doors or windows to the rest of the house)

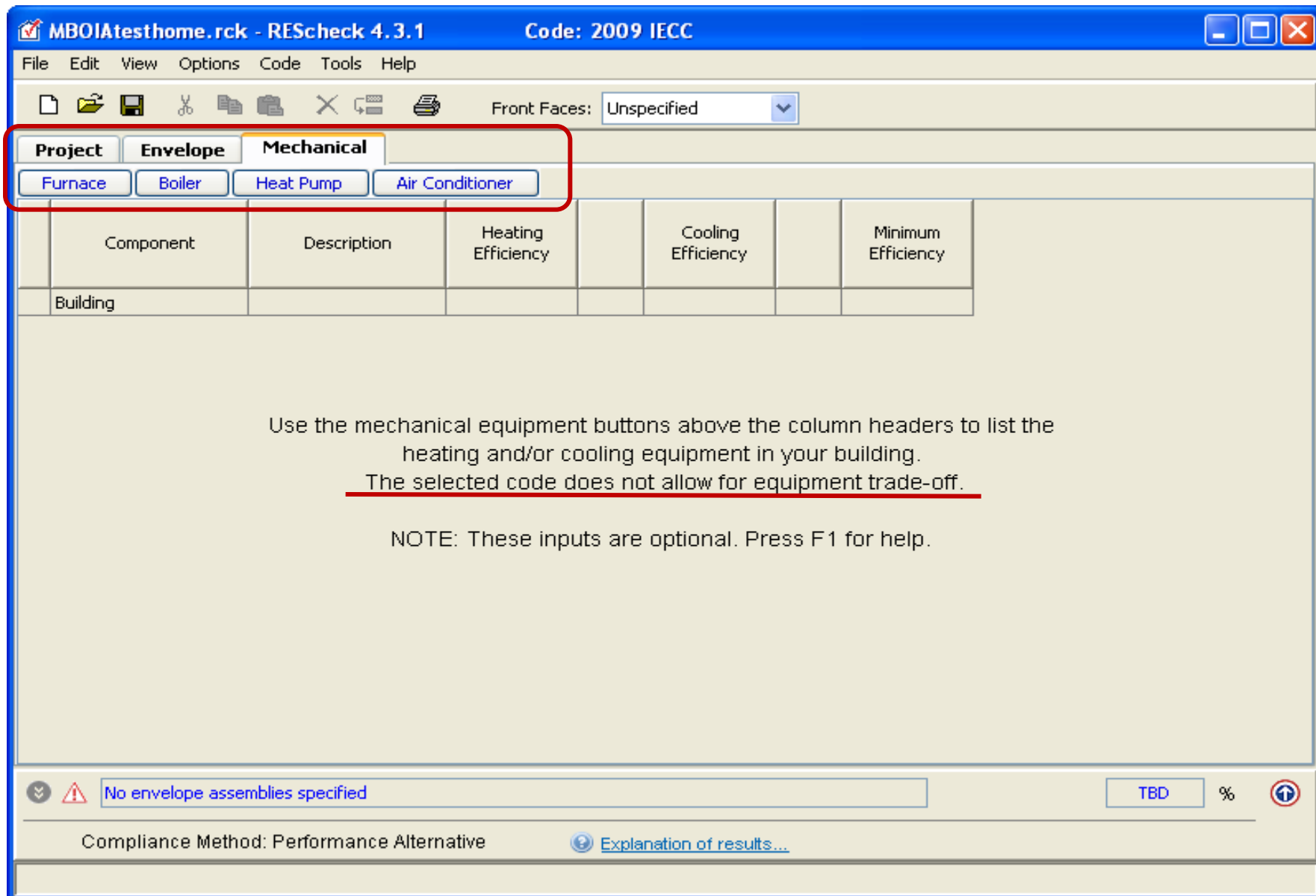


Mechanical Systems & Equipment

- Equipment efficiency set by Federal law, not the I-Codes
- Calls for SELECTIONS of HVAC and Service Water ONLY if OPTIONS chosen
- No major effects, unlike prior RES*Checks*



HVAC – The Mechanical Tabs



The screenshot shows the REScheck 4.3.1 software interface. The title bar indicates the project is 'MBOIatesthome.rck' and the code is '2009 IECC'. The 'Mechanical' tab is selected, and the 'Furnace', 'Boiler', 'Heat Pump', and 'Air Conditioner' buttons are highlighted with a red box. Below these buttons is a table with columns for Component, Description, Heating Efficiency, Cooling Efficiency, and Minimum Efficiency. The table contains one row labeled 'Building'. Below the table, there is instructional text and a note.

Use the mechanical equipment buttons above the column headers to list the heating and/or cooling equipment in your building.
The selected code does not allow for equipment trade-off.

NOTE: These inputs are optional. Press F1 for help.

At the bottom of the window, there is a status bar with a warning icon and the text 'No envelope assemblies specified', a 'TBD' button, a percentage sign, and a help icon. The compliance method is set to 'Performance Alternative', and there is a link for 'Explanation of results...'.

Ventilation and Equipment Sizing

Mandatory Requirements

- **Ventilation**

- Outdoor air intakes and exhausts shall have automatic or gravity dampers that close when the ventilation system is not operating

- **Equipment Sizing**

- IECC references Section M1401.3 of the IRC (MUBEC deletes Chapter 14)
- Load calculations shall be performed in accordance with **ACCA Manual 'J'** or other approved methods
- Load calculations determine the proper capacity (size) of equipment – **ACCA 'S'**
 - Goal is “big enough to ensure comfort but no bigger – right-sized”



DESIGN LOADS / EQUIPMENT SIZING

ACCA Standards

- J – Load Calculations
- S – Equipment Selections
- D – Duct Design
- “Heating and cooling *equipment shall be sized* in accordance with ACCA Manual S based on building loads calculated in accordance with ACCA Manual J or other *approved heating and cooling calculation methodologies*”



Ducts

- **Insulation (Prescriptive)**
 - Ducts outside the building envelope: R-8
 - All other ducts: R-6
 - **Exception:** all HVAC system inside the envelope
- **Sealing (Mandatory)**
 - Joints and seams shall comply with IRC, Section M1601.4.1 (**MUBEC deletes – use UL 181A**)
- Building framing cavities shall not be used as supply ducts



Duct Tightness Tests - (Section 403.2.2)

Mandatory Requirements

- All ducts, air handlers, filter boxes and building cavities used as ducts shall be sealed
- Duct tightness shall be verified *by either* –
 - Post construction test
 - Or Rough-in test
- **Exception: Duct tightness test is not required if the air handler and all ducts are located within conditioned space**



POOL HEATERS – No Standing Pilots



Lighting Equipment (MANDATORY)

- A minimum of 50 percent of the lamps in permanently installed lighting fixtures shall be high-efficacy lamps (Section 404.1)




Simulated Performance Alternative

- Requires computer software with specified capabilities (local official may approve other tools)
- Section 405 specifies “ground rules”
 - These will generally be “hidden” in compliance software calculation algorithms
 - Very similar ground rules are used in home federal tax credits and ENERGY STAR Home guidelines
- Includes both envelope and equipment
- Allows greatest flexibility. Credits features such as:
 - High efficiency furnaces, air-conditioners, etc.
 - Tight ducts (must be leak tested) or hydronic systems
 - Exterior shading, favorable orientation, thermal mass, SHGC, etc.



Compliance Report

- Project Information
- Building Components
- Compliance Statement
- Project Notes



REScheck Software Version 4.2.0
Compliance Certificate

Project Title: North Meadows Development

Energy Code: 2000 IECC
Location: Greensboro, North Carolina
Construction Type: Single Family
Glazing Area Percentage: 15%
Heating Degree Days: 3885

Construction Site: _____ Owner/Agent: _____ Designer/Contractor: _____
Permit Date: 3/17/00

Compliance: Passes

Compliance: **14.8% Better Than Code** Maximum UA: 467 Your UA: 358

Assembly	Gross Area or Perimeter	Cavity R-Value	Cont. R-Value	Glazing or Door U-Factor	UA
Ceiling 1: Flat Ceiling or Scissor Truss	729	38.0	0.0		22
Ceiling 2: Flat Ceiling or Scissor Truss	592	30.0	0.0		21
Wall 1: Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	1647	13.0	6.0		82
Door 1: Glass	84			0.400	34
Window 1: Vinyl Frame, Double Pane with Low-E	204			0.450	92
Door 2: Solid	20			0.540	11
Wall 2: Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	276	13.0	0.0		21
Door 3: Solid	16			0.350	6
Floor 1: All-Wood Joist/Truss, Over Unconditioned Space	938	19.0	0.0		44
Floor 2: All-Wood Joist/Truss, Over Outside Air	32	30.0	0.0		1
Floor 3: Slab-On-Grade/Unheated Insulation depth: 2.0'	82		8.0		64

Compliance Statement: The proposed building design described here is consistent with the building plans, specifications, and other calculations submitted with the permit application. The proposed building has been designed to meet the 2000 IECC requirements in REScheck Version 4.2.0 and to comply with the mandatory requirements listed in the REScheck Inspection Checklist.

Name - Title _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Project Notes:

Previously saved project information:
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Greensboro, North Carolina
Guilford County
Careful Builders, Inc.
120 W. St.
Greensboro, NC 27411

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CERTIFICATE – Prints with Report

- Includes the following:
 - R-values of insulation installed for the thermal building envelope including ducts outside conditioned spaces
 - U-factors for fenestration
 - SHGC for fenestration
 - HVAC efficiencies/types
 - SWH equipment
- Permanently posted on the electrical distribution panel
- Don't cover or obstruct the visibility of other required labels



2009 IECC Energy Efficiency Certificate

Insulation Rating	R-Value
Ceiling / Roof	0.00
Wall	0.00
Floor / Foundation	0.00
Ductwork (unconditioned spaces):	_____

Glass & Door Rating	U-Factor	SHGC
Window		
Door		

Heating & Cooling Equipment	Efficiency
Water Heater: _____	_____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____




Certificate (cont'd)

- States if a gas-fired unvented room heater, electric furnace, or baseboard electric heater is installed
 - Certificate lists gas-fired unvented room heater, electric furnace or baseboard electric heater
- No efficiency listed for the above systems



Inspection Checklist

- Mandatory requirements
 - Program presumes these requirements are met



REScheck Software Version 4.2.0

Inspection Checklist

Ceilings:

Ceiling 1: Flat Ceiling or Scissor Truss, R-38.0 cavity insulation
Comments: _____

Ceiling 2: Flat Ceiling or Scissor Truss, R-30.0 cavity insulation
Comments: _____

Above-Grade Walls:

Wall 1: Wood Frame, 16" o.c., R-13.0 cavity + R-6.0 continuous insulation
Comments: _____

Wall 2: Wood Frame, 16" o.c., R-13.0 cavity insulation
Comments: _____

Windows:

Window 1: Vinyl Frame, Double Pane with Low-E, U-factor: 0.450
For windows without labeled U-factors, describe features:
#Panels _____ Frame Type _____ Thermal Break? _____ Yes _____ No
Comments: _____

Doors:

Door 1: Glass, U-factor: 0.400
Comments: _____

Door 2: Solid, U-factor: 0.540
Comments: _____

Door 3: Solid, U-factor: 0.350
Comments: _____

Floors:

Floor 1: All-Wood Joist/Truss, Over Unconditioned Space, R-19.0 cavity insulation
Comments: _____

Floor 2: All-Wood Joist/Truss, Over Outside Air, R-30.0 cavity insulation
Comments: _____

Floor 3: Slab-On-Grade: Unheated, 2.0' Insulation depth, R-8.0 continuous insulation
Comments: _____
Slab insulation extends down from the top of the slab to at least 2.0 ft. OR down to at least the bottom of the slab then horizontally for a total distance of 2.0 ft.
Exterior insulation has a rigid, opaque, weather-resistant protective covering that covers the exposed (above-grade) insulation and extends at least 6 in. below grade.

Air Leakage:

Joints, penetrations, and all other such openings in the building envelope that are sources of air leakage are sealed.

Recessed lights are 1) Type IC rated, or 2) installed inside an appropriate air-tight assembly with a 0.5" clearance from combustible materials. If non-IC rated, fixtures are installed with a 3" clearance from insulation.

Vapor Retarder:

Installed on the warm-in-winter side of all non-vented framed ceilings, walls, and floors.

Materials Identification:

Materials and equipment are installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

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