## **Section 3 – Ventilation Rate**

## Ventilation Verification and Energy Optimization Assessment

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|  | **Determine Minimum Required Outside Air (OSA)** | | | | | |
|  | * If available, obtain the design documents and obtain the minimum required OSA. | | | | CFM | |
|  | * Determine if the zones actual use and occupancy matches the designs expected use and occupancy. | | | | Y/N | |
| Original Occupancy (Design) | | Occupancy Category (Use): | | Occupancy: | | |
| How was original occupancy determined? | | |  | | | |
| Actual Occupancy | | Occupancy Category (Use): | | Occupancy: | | |
| How was actual occupancy determined? | | |  | | | |
|  | * If Yes, proceed to outside air measurements. | | | |  | |
|  | * If No, calculate the new minimum outside air rate based on ASHRAE 62.1 or Table 120.1-A of the 2019 Title 24 California Building Energy Efficiency Standards, as required by your local jurisdiction. * See Example at end of document. | | | | | CFM |

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|  | **Verify Minimum Required Outside Air (OSA)** |

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| **Steps** |  | | **CAV** | | | **VAV** |
| 1 | Disable demand control ventilation (if applicable) | Check if NA |  | | |  |
| 2 | Verify unit is not in economizer mode during test (economizer disabled) | |  | | |  |
| 3 | CAV and VAV testing at full supply airflow | |  | | |  |
| a. | Adjust supply air to achieve design airflow or maximum airflow at full cooling. | |  | |  | |
| b. | Measured outdoor airflow reading (cfm) | | cfm | | cfm | |
| c. | Required outdoor airflow (cfm) | | cfm | | cfm | |
| d. | Time for outside air damper to stabilize after full supply airflow is achieved (minutes): | |  | | min | |
| 4 | VAV testing at reduced supply airflow | | | | | |
| a. | Adjust supply airflow to either the sum of the minimum zone airflows, full heating, or 30% of the total design airflow. | |  | |  | |
| b. | Measured outdoor airflow reading (cfm). | |  | | cfm | |
| c. | Required outdoor airflow (cfm) | |  | | cfm | |
| d. | Time for outside air damper to stabilize after reduced supply airflow is achieved (minutes): | |  | | min | |
| 5 | Return to initial conditions | |  | | |  |
| 6 | Calculations | | | | | |
| Determine Percent Outside Air at full supply airflow (%OAFA) for Step 3. | | | | | | |
| a. | %OAFA = Measured outdoor airflow reading /Required outdoor airflow.  100 x (Step3b/Step3c) | | | % | | % |
| b. | %OAFA is within 10% of design Outside Air. (90% ≤ %OAFA ≤ 110%) | | | P / F | | P / F |
| c. | Outside air damper position stabilizes within 5 minutes. (Step 3d < 5 minutes) | | |  | | P / F |
| VAV only: Determine Percent Outside Air at reduced supply airflow (%OARA) for Step 4. | | | | | | |
| a. | %OARA = Measured outdoor airflow reading /Required outdoor airflow reading.  100 x (Step4b/Step4c) | | |  | | % |
| b. | %OARA is within 10% of design Outside Air. (90% ≤ OARA ≤ 110%) | | |  | | P / F |
| c. | Outside air damper position stabilizes within 5 minutes. (Step 4d < 5 minutes) | | |  | | P / F |

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|  | **Increased Outside Air** | | |
|  | * Document if the ventilation components can provide increased outside air if recommended. |  |  |
|  | * Document unit model and serial number |  |  |
|  | * Provide documentation, including relevant photographic documentation, in the assessment report so a licensed professional can determine if the minimum outside air should be increased and can be without compromising the system’s ability to maintain space conditions and pressurization. | |  |

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Sample calculation of a new minimum outside air rate based on ASHRAE 62.1 or Table 120.1-A of the 2019 Title 24 California Building Energy Efficiency Standards, as required by your local jurisdiction.

* Sample requirement for a 900 square foot meeting room or assembly area.

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| **Standard** | **Method** | **15 People** | **25 People** | **35 People** |
| ASHRAE 62.1 2019 |  | 258 CFM | 358 CFM | 458 CFM |
| California T24 (2019) |  | 225 CFM  **Use Larger** | 375 CFM | 525 CFM |
| California Title 24 (2019) |  | 342 CFM | 342 CFM | 342 CFM |

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