



# Climate Specific Passive Building Standards for the US:

## Principles, Metrics, Lessons learned

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### A. Groups/Individuals in the Field

<p>National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) P.O. Box 3838, Butte, Montana 59701 Contact: Robert Corbett, Wally Hansen NCAT has designed a low-cost superinsulated house. Plans and specifications for that design will be available in the Fall of 1980. Write to NCAT's Building Technology Section for more information.</p> <p>Small Homes Council Building Research Council University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, IL 61801 The first group to thoroughly research super-insulated houses, the Small Homes Council designed their "Lo-Cal House" in 1976. Their report, <i>Technical Note 14, Details and Engineering Analysis of the Illinois Lo-Cal House</i>, is an excellent source of information. (\$7.50)</p>	<p>William A. Shurcliff 19 Appleton Street Cambridge, MASS 02138 Shurcliff recently published (March, 1980) a comprehensive manuscript on the subject entitled <i>Superinsulated Houses and Double Envelope Houses, A Preliminary Survey of Principles and Practice of Superinsulation</i>. (\$10.00).</p> <p>Mid-America Solar Energy Complex (MASEC) 8140 28th Ave., South Bloomington, MN 55420 MASEC has prepared an information packet on superinsulation that is available at no charge.</p>	<p>Energy Research Development Group Department of Mechanical Engineering University of Saskatchewan Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7N 0W0 This group probably has more experience than any other working in the field. As they are constantly updating their research and publications, contact them for a current listing (and prices).</p>
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### B. Exterior Insulation, Custom Manufacturers

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# SUPERINSULATED HOUSES

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### INTRODUCTION

Superinsulation is a direct response to the fast-rising cost of home heating. Of the many kinds of responses, superinsulation is proving to be the simplest and most cost-effective. Until the oil embargo of 1973 there was little interest in saving heat.

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## Improvements

In conclusion, superinsulation appears to be an outstandingly successful strategy for building high-comfort, low-cost houses that require little heat in winter and little cooling in summer. Passive solar heating may be preferred by persons with special requirements, such as greenhouses, sun-spaces, or enormous window areas for view. In some circumstances active solar heating may be the appropriate choice. But for persons whose main goals are high comfort, low initial cost, and low operating cost, superinsulation appears to be the logical choice.

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## Summary

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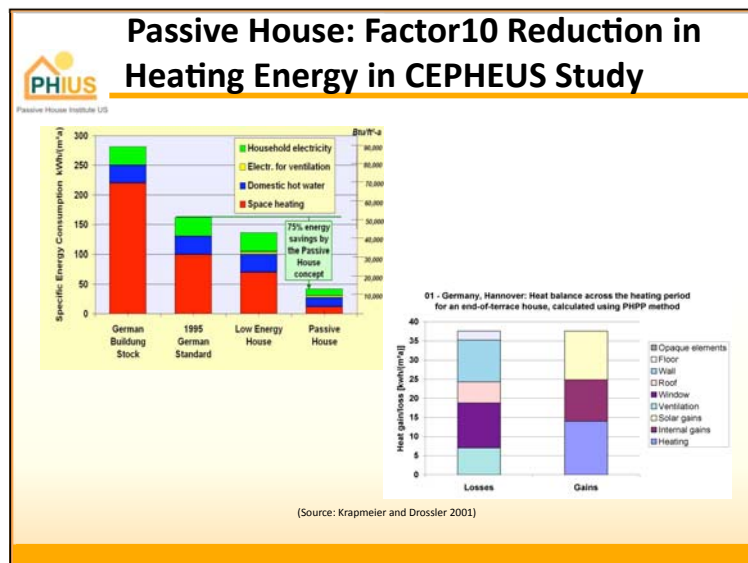
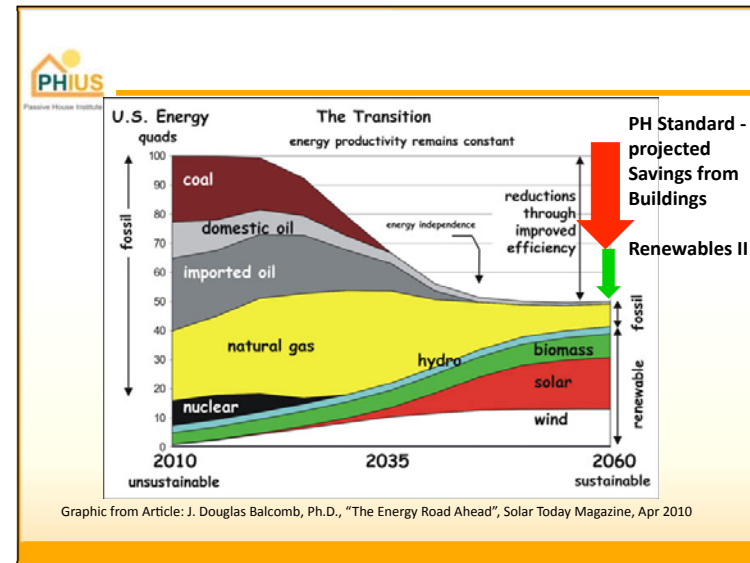
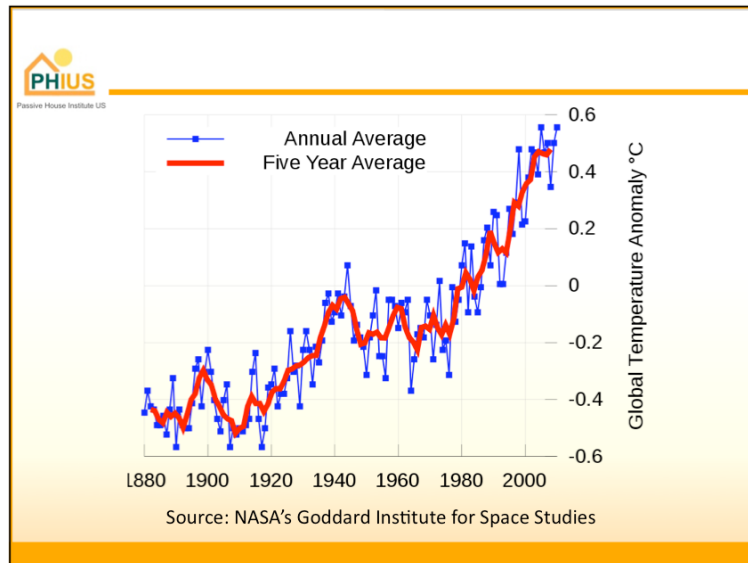
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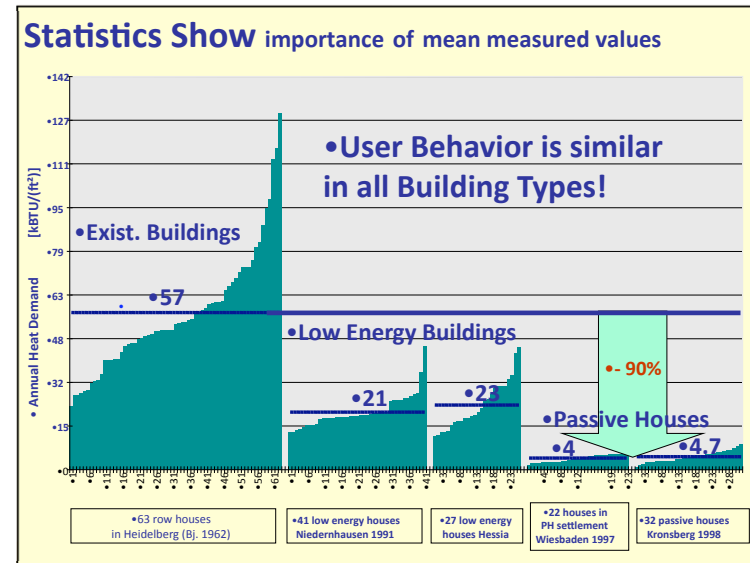
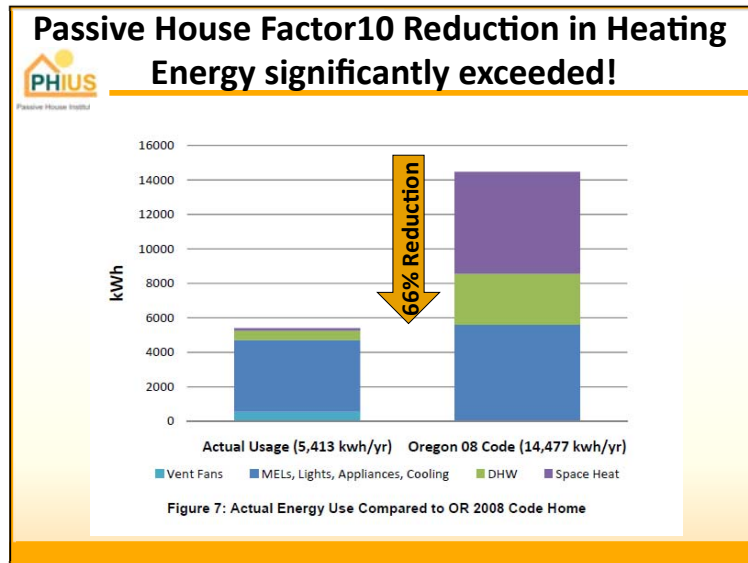
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### Passive House Standard – Metrics & Certification Criteria:

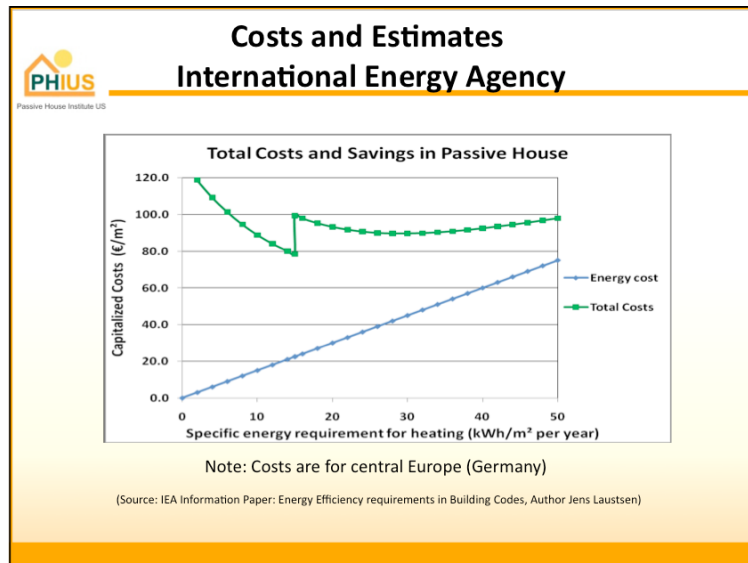
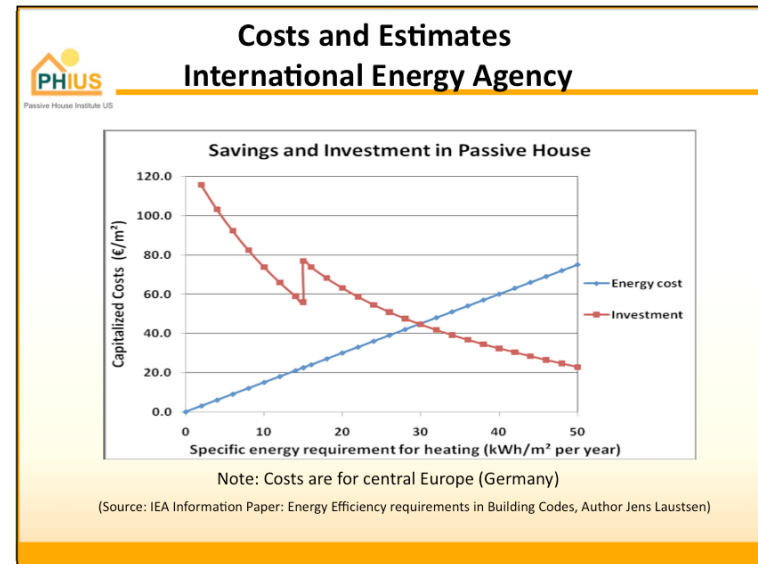
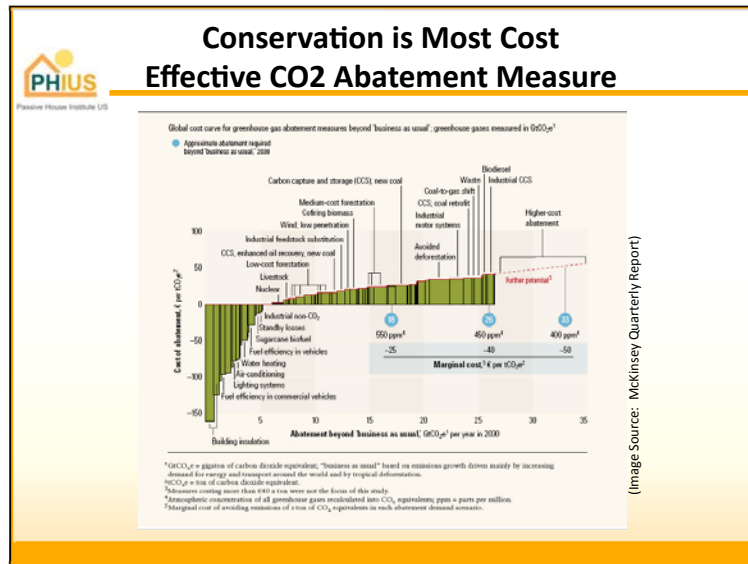
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Energy Metrics	
(discounted interior conditioned floor area - TFA)	
Annual Heating Energy Demand	≤4.75 kBtu/ft² yr or 1.4 kWh/ft² yr [15 kWh/m²a]
Annual Cooling Energy Demand	≤4.75 kBtu/ft² yr or 1.4 kWh/ft² yr [15 kWh/m²a]
<b>-OR-</b>	
Peak Heating Load	≤3.17 BTU/hr.ft² or approx. 1 W/ft² [ 10 W/m² ]
Peak Cooling Load	≤2.54 BTU/hr.ft² or approx. 0.75 W/ft² [ 8 W/m² ]
<b>-AND-</b>	
Annual Total Primary Energy Demand	≤38 kBtu/ft² yr or 11.1 kWh/ft² [ 120 kWh/m²a ]
Air Leakage @ 50 Pa	≤0.6 ACH <sub>50</sub>

### Passive House Standard – Compared to Conventional Energy Modeling

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Energy Metrics	
(exterior building dimensions as customary in US)	
Annual Heating Energy Demand	≤3.325 kBtu/ft² yr or 0.97 kWh/ft² yr
Annual Cooling Energy Demand	≤3.325 kBtu/ft² yr or 0.97 kWh/ft² yr
Annual Total Primary Energy Demand	≤ 26.6 kBtu/ft² yr or 7.77 kWh/ft² yr
Peak Heating Load	≤2.22 BTU/hr.ft² or approx. 0.7 W/ft²
Peak Cooling Load	≤1.78 BTU/hr.ft² or approx. 0.53 W/ft²



## Underlying Universal Principles

### Human Comfort Cold Winter

Feels chilly and drafty: **uncomfortable!**

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Conventional Code House – Typ. 2x4 wall (actual R 10)  
Double glazed window – R 3

Outside Temperature 0° F

Interior Walls 68° F  
Glass Surface 51.2° F  
Exterior Walls 62.9° F  
RH: 20-50%

Factors affecting Comfort:

- Air Temperature (dry bulb ° F)
- Relative Humidity (%)
- Air Velocity (ft/min)
- Radiant Conditions (MRT ° F or radiation value BTU/h/ft<sup>2</sup>)

### Human Comfort Cold Winter

Feels: **comfortable!**

Temperate glass and wall surfaces and *no drafts*

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Passive House R 60  
Triple glazed window R -9 (Climate specific)

Outside Temperature 0° F

Interior Walls 68° F  
Glass Surface 62.4° F  
Exterior Walls 67.1° F  
RH: 40-50%

PH Comfort criteria

- Air Temperature (68 ° F)
- Relative Humidity (40-60 % for PH)
- Air Velocity (<19.7 ft/min)
- Radiant Conditions (Difference between air temperature and coldest surface 68 - RT <7.6 ° F)

### Human Comfort Hot Summer

Feels hot and humid: **uncomfortable!**

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Conventional Code House – Typ. 2x4 wall (actual R 10)  
Double glazed window – R 3

Outside Temperature 95 ° F

Interior Walls 77° F  
Glass Surface 81.4° F  
Exterior Walls 78.3° F  
RH: 60-80%

Factors affecting Comfort:

- Air Temperature (dry bulb ° F)
- Relative Humidity (%)
- Air Velocity (ft/min)
- Radiant Conditions (MRT ° F or radiation value BTU/h/ft<sup>2</sup>)

### Human Comfort Hot Summer

Feels: **comfortable!**

Temperate glass and wall surfaces

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Passive House R 30  
Triple glazed window R -5 (Climate specific)

Outside Temperature 95° F


Interior Walls 77° F  
Glass Surface 79.7° F  
Exterior Walls 77.4° F  
RH: 40-60%

PH Comfort criteria:

- Air Temperature (77 ° F for PH)
- Relative Humidity (40-60 % for PH)
- Air Velocity (<19.7 ft/min)
- Radiant Conditions (Difference between air temperature and hottest surface RT <7.6 ° F)



## Peak Load Criteria

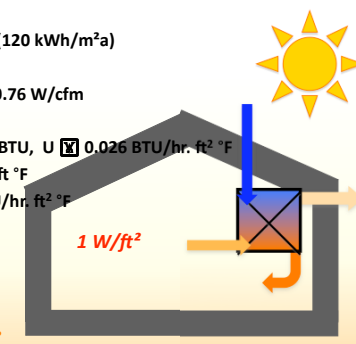



## European Criteria - Heating

Annual Heat Demand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4.75 kBtu/ft <sup>2</sup> -yr (15 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> a)
Peak Heat Load	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> approx. 3.17 BTU/hr.ft <sup>2</sup> or 1W/ft <sup>2</sup> (10 W/m <sup>2</sup> )
Primary Energy Demand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 38 kBtu/ft <sup>2</sup> -yr (120 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> a)
Airtightness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.6 ACH <sub>50</sub>
Ventilation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75% Recovery, ≥0.76 W/cfm
Thermal Envelope:	R <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 38.5 hr. ft <sup>2</sup> °F/BTU, U <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.026 BTU/hr. ft <sup>2</sup> °F
Thermal-bridge Free	Ψ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> .006 BTU/ hr. ft °F
Windows installed:	U <sub>w-install</sub> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.15 BTU/hr. ft <sup>2</sup> °F

SHGC 50-55%

*Note: Window and Thermal envelope criteria Listed are for a Central European Climate. Recommendations for these values vary In N America based on climate*


## Peak Load Criteria - Heating

$$P_{H, Supply} = V * \Delta T * c_p$$

$$= 3.28 \text{ ft}^3 / (\text{hr ft}^2) * 58 \text{ }^\circ\text{F} * 0.0177 \text{ BTU/ft}^3 \text{ }^\circ\text{F}$$

$$= 3.37 \text{ BTU/hr. Ft}^2 \text{ (10.63 W/m}^2 \text{)}$$

$P_{H, Supply}$	Peak Heat Load
$V$	Ventilation Rate (per person per area)
$\Delta T$	Difference between 68 F and 126 F
$c_p$	Heat capacity of air

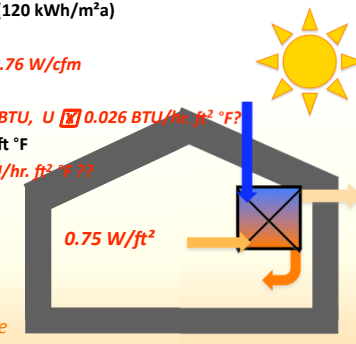


## European Criteria - Cooling

Annual Cooling Demand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4.75 kBtu/ft <sup>2</sup> -yr (15 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> a)
Peak Cooling Load	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> approx. 2.55 BTU/hr.ft <sup>2</sup> or 0.75W/ft <sup>2</sup> (8 W/m <sup>2</sup> )
Primary Energy Demand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 38 kBtu/ft <sup>2</sup> -yr (120 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> a)
Airtightness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.6 ACH <sub>50</sub>
Ventilation Cooling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75% Recovery, ≥0.76 W/cfm
Thermal Envelope:	R <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 38.5 hr. ft <sup>2</sup> °F/BTU, U <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.026 BTU/hr. ft <sup>2</sup> °F
Thermal-bridge Free	Ψ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> .006 BTU/ hr. ft °F
Windows installed:	U <sub>w-install</sub> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.15 BTU/hr. ft <sup>2</sup> °F

SHGC 50-55%

*\*Note: Window and Thermal envelope criteria Listed are for a Central European Climate. Recommendations for these values vary In N America based on climate*



### Peak Load Criteria - Cooling

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$$P_{C, Supply} = V * \Delta T * c_p$$

$$= 3.28 \text{ ft}^3 / (\text{hr ft}^2) * 44 \text{ }^\circ\text{F} * 0.0177 \text{ BTU} / \text{ft}^3 \text{ }^\circ\text{F}$$

$$= 2.55 \text{ BTU} / \text{hr. ft}^2 \text{ (0.75 W} / \text{ft}^2 \text{)}$$

$P_{C, Supply}$  Peak Cooling Load

$V$  Ventilation Rate (per person per area)

$\Delta T$  Difference between 77 ° F and 33 ° F

$c_p$  Heat capacity of air

### European Criteria – Dehumidification?

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Annual Cooling Demand  4.75 kBTU/ft<sup>2</sup>-yr (15 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>a)

Peak Latent Load  approx. xxx BTU/hr.ft<sup>2</sup> or xxxW/ft<sup>2</sup> (xx W/m<sup>2</sup>)

Primary Energy Demand  38 kBTU/ft<sup>2</sup>-yr (120 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>a)

Airtightness  0.6 ACH<sub>50</sub>

Ventil. Hygrical Recovery  xx% Recovery ??, ≥0.76 W/cfm

Thermal Envelope:  $R$   38.5 hr. ft<sup>2</sup> °F/BTU,  $U$   0.026 BTU/hr.ft<sup>2</sup> °F

Thermal-bridge Free  $\Psi$   .006 BTU / hr. ft °F

Windows installed:  $U_{w-install}$   0.15 BTU/hr. ft<sup>2</sup> °F

SHGC 50-55%??

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### Total Peak Heat Load:

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$$P_H = P_T + P_V - (P_S + P_I)$$

$P_T$  (BTU/hr) **peak heat loss** through entire envelope

$P_V$  (BTU/hr) **peak ventilation heat losses**

$P_S$  (BTU/hr) **peak solar heat gains**

$P_I$  (BTU/hr) **internal heat gains** heat supply from internal heat sources

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Energy Demands with Reference to the Treated Floor Area		PH Certificate:	Fulfilled?
Treated Floor Area:	1242 m <sup>2</sup>		
Applied:	Monthly Method		
Specific Space Heat Demand:	4.75 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)	4.75 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)	Yes
Pressurization Test Result:	0.45 ACH <sub>50</sub>	0.6 ACH <sub>50</sub>	Yes
Specific Primary Energy Demand (DHW, Heating, Cooling, Auxiliary and Household Electricity):	36.7 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)	38.0 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)	Yes
Specific Primary Energy Demand (DHW, Heating and Auxiliary Electricity):	17.8 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)		
Specific Primary Energy Demand Energy Conservation by Solar Electricity:	kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)		
Heating Load:	3.06 BTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·hr)		
Frequency of Deheating:	%	over 77.0 °F	
Specific Useful Cooling Energy Demand:	0.03 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)	4.75 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)	Yes
Cooling Load:	0.97 BTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·hr)		

Heat Gains $P_S$	$P_S - P_I =$	$P_{S1}$ 1022 BTU/hr	or	$P_{S2}$ 746 BTU/hr
Heating Load $P_H$	$P_H - P_S =$	3797 BTU/hr	or	3375 BTU/hr
Specific Heating Load $P_H / A_{TFA}$	$=$	3.1 BTU/hr.ft <sup>2</sup>		
For Comparison: Heating Load Transportable by Supply Air. $P_{max} = \dot{V}_{supply} \rho_{air} c_{p,air} \Delta T_{supply}$	$=$	3879 BTU/hr specific	or	3.1 BTU/hr.ft <sup>2</sup>

Supply Air Heating Sufficient?  Yes



Energy Demands with Reference to the Treated Floor Area

Treated Floor Area: 1242 ft<sup>2</sup>

Applied:	Monthly Method	PH Certificate:	Fulfilled?
Specific Space Heat Demand:	4.60 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)	4.75 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)	Yes
Pressurization Test Result:	0.45 ACH <sub>50</sub>	0.6 ACH <sub>50</sub>	Yes
Specific Primary Energy Demand (DHW, Heating, Cooling, Auxiliary and Household Electricity):	33.3 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)	30.0 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)	Yes
Specific Primary Energy Demand (DHW, Heating and Auxiliary Electricity):	14.4 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)		
Specific Primary Energy Demand Energy Conservation by Solar Electricity:			
Heating Load:	4.71 BTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·hr)		
Frequency of Overheating:	%	over 77.0 °F	
Specific Useful Cooling Energy Demand:	0.25 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)	4.75 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)	Yes
Cooling Load:	2.29 BTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·hr)		

Heat Gains P<sub>g</sub>

Heat Losses P<sub>l</sub>

Heating Load P<sub>h</sub>

Specific Heating Load P<sub>h</sub> / A<sub>TFA</sub>

For Comparison: Heating Load Transportable by Supply Air, P<sub>h,trans</sub>

Supply Air Heating Sufficient? No

Energy Demands with Reference to the Treated Floor Area

Treated Floor Area: 1242 ft<sup>2</sup>

Applied:	Monthly Method	PH Certificate:	Fulfilled?
Specific Space Heat Demand:	2.77 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)	4.75 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)	Yes
Pressurization Test Result:	0.45 ACH <sub>50</sub>	0.6 ACH <sub>50</sub>	Yes
Specific Primary Energy Demand (DHW, Heating, Cooling, Auxiliary and Household Electricity):	31.1 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)	38.0 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)	Yes
Specific Primary Energy Demand (DHW, Heating and Auxiliary Electricity):	12.3 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)		
Specific Primary Energy Demand Energy Conservation by Solar Electricity:			
Heating Load:	3.47 BTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·hr)		
Frequency of Overheating:	%	over 77.0 °F	
Specific Useful Cooling Energy Demand:	0.12 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)	4.75 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr)	Yes
Cooling Load:	1.89 BTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·hr)		

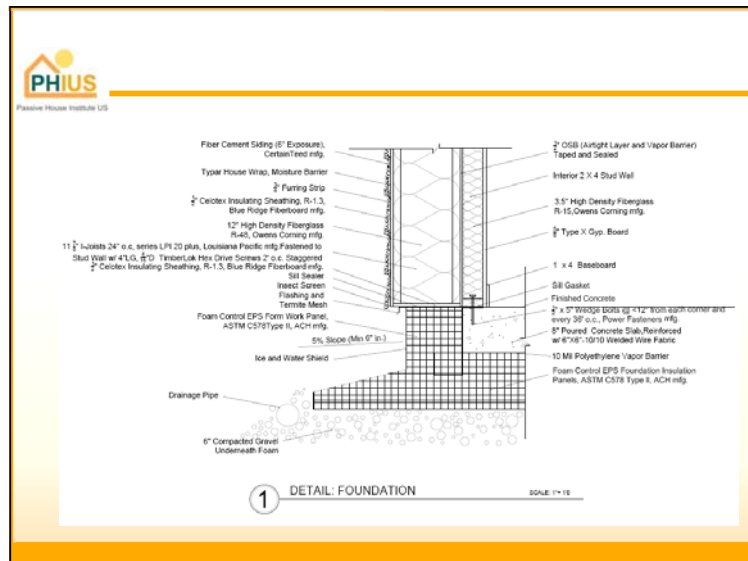
Wall R-values increased to 110


Roof R-value increased to 170

## Influence of the Superinsulated Envelope on Mechanicals


## Climate Specific Recommendations Passive House

	SI Units	IP
<b>1 Cooling Load:</b>	≤ 10 W/m <sup>2</sup>	≤ 1 W/ft <sup>2</sup>
	≤ 8 W/m <sup>2</sup>	≤ 0.8 W/ft <sup>2</sup>
<b>2 Envelope Insulation:</b>		
Very Cold/humid	U ≤ 0.08 W/m <sup>2</sup> K	R ≥ 71 hr-ft <sup>2</sup> -°F/Btu
Cold	U ≤ 0.094 W/m <sup>2</sup> K	R ≥ 60 hr-ft <sup>2</sup> -°F/Btu
Mixed/humid	U ≤ 0.16 W/m <sup>2</sup> K	R ≥ 35 hr-ft <sup>2</sup> -°F/Btu
Mixed/dry	U ≤ 0.14 W/m <sup>2</sup> K	R ≥ 40 hr-ft <sup>2</sup> -°F/Btu
Marine	U ≤ 0.13 W/m <sup>2</sup> K	R ≥ 44 hr-ft <sup>2</sup> -°F/Btu
Hot/humid	U ≤ 0.16 W/m <sup>2</sup> K	R ≥ 35 hr-ft <sup>2</sup> -°F/Btu
Hot/dry	U ≤ 0.16 W/m <sup>2</sup> K	R ≥ 35 hr-ft <sup>2</sup> -°F/Btu
<b>3 Thermal Bridge Free Construction:</b>		
Linear Thermal Transmittance	ψ ≤ 0.01 W/mK	ψ ≤ 0.006 Btu/hr-ft <sup>2</sup> -°F
<b>4 High Performance Windows installed:</b>		
Overall Thermal Transmittance (Very Cold)	U ≤ 0.6 W/m <sup>2</sup> K	U ≤ 0.11 Btu/hr-ft <sup>2</sup> -°F
Overall Thermal Transmittance (Cold/Mixed)	U ≤ 0.85 W/m <sup>2</sup> K	U ≤ 0.15 Btu/hr-ft <sup>2</sup> -°F
Overall Thermal Transmittance (Hot)	U ≤ 1.55 W/m <sup>2</sup> K	U ≤ 0.27 Btu/hr-ft <sup>2</sup> -°F
Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (Mixed/Cold)	g-value ≥ 50%	SHGC ≥ 50%
Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (Hot)	g-value ≤ 30%	SHGC ≤ 30%
<b>5 Heat Recovery Ventilation:</b>		
Net Efficiency	η ≥ 80%	η ≥ 80%
Electric Consumption of motor	≤ 0.45 Wh/m <sup>3</sup>	≤ 0.76 W/cfm



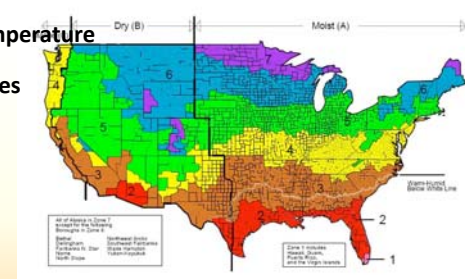


# Climate Specific Implications




## Climate Factors that influence Comfort Conditioning needs

- Heating Degree Days
- Cooling Degree Days
- Winter Design Temperature
- Summer Design Temperature
- Ground Temperatures
- Humidity
- Solar Radiation
- Night Sky Radiation
- Altitude

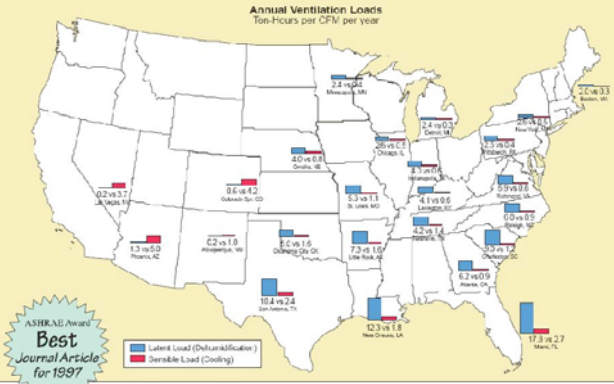


Source: www.energycodes.gov



### Annual Ventilation Loads


Ton-Ft-cu-ft per CFM per year



■ Latent Load (Dehumidification)  
■ Sensible Load (Cooling)

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Fig. 1: Map of Ventilation Load indexes (VLI) for selected continental U.S. locations  
 (Image Source: from ASHRAE Journal, November, 1997 pp 37 - 45)



## Worldwide Space conditioning Factors

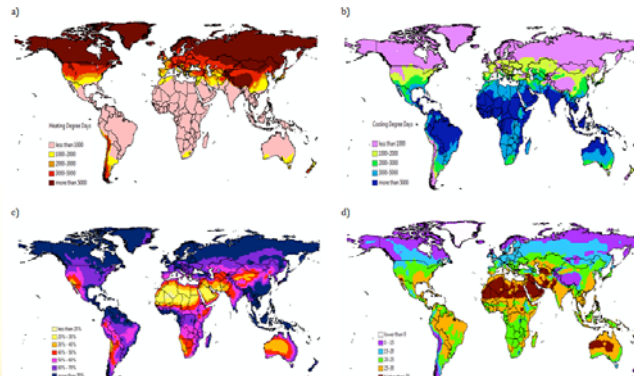
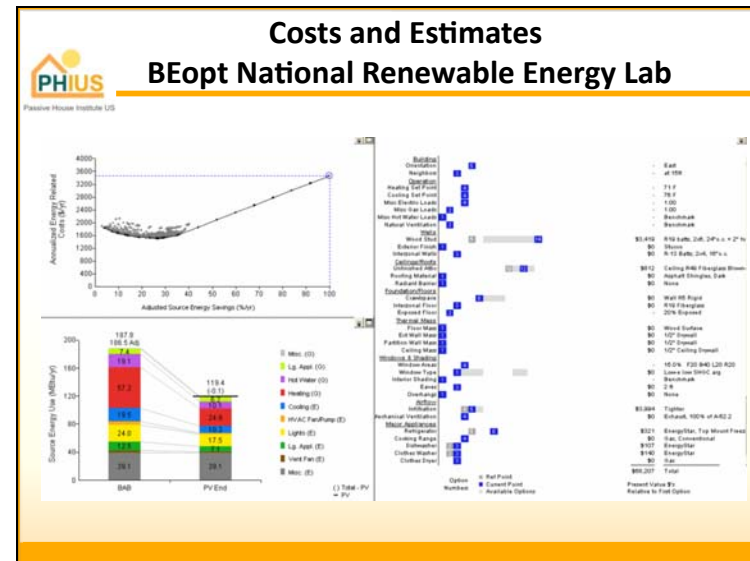
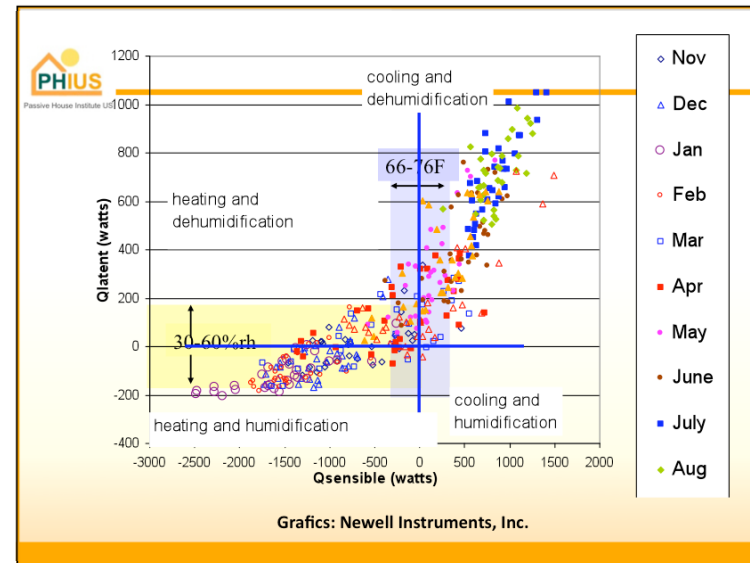
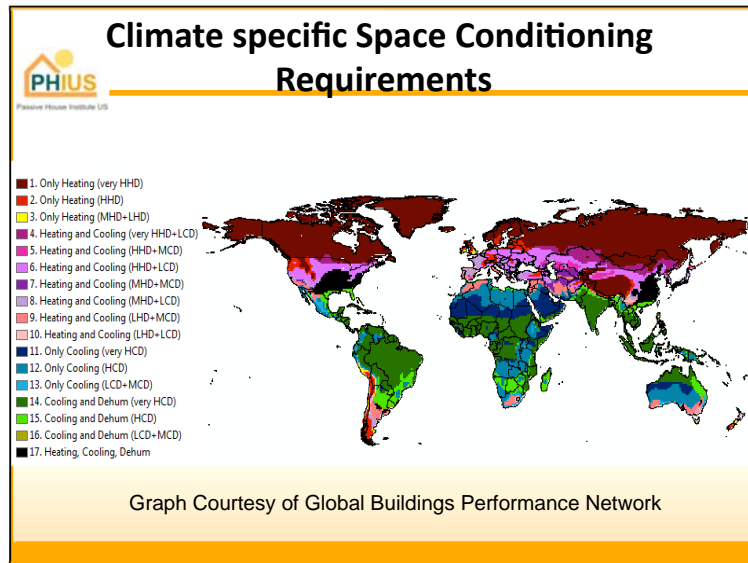


Figure 17: Input Parameters for Climate Spite: a) Heating Degree Days, b) Cooling Degree Days, c) Relative Humidity (%), d) Average Air Temperature (°C)  
 Graphs Courtesy of Global Buildings Performance Network



**Climate specific optimized Space Conditioning and Economy**

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**Method for Determining Climate-Dependent PH Standards**  
Application to Minneapolis (Climate Zone 6A)

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**Method for Determining Climate-Dependent PH Standards**  
Application to Phoenix (Climate Zone 2B)

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**Method for Determining Climate-Dependent PH Standards**

Climate Zone	City	Space Conditioning Demand kBTu/ft <sup>2</sup> -yr	Corresponding Heating Demand kBTu/ft <sup>2</sup> -yr	Corresponding Cooling Demand kBTu/ft <sup>2</sup> -yr
5	Hamburg	5.28	4.61	0.67
1A	Miami	15.23	0.00	15.23
2A	Houston	7.54	0.55	6.99
2B	Phoenix	13.61	0.00	13.61
3A	Atlanta	5.69	2.32	3.37
3B	Las Vegas	8.53	0.64	7.89
3B	Los Angeles	0.52	0.41	0.11
3C	San Francisco	0.01	0.00	0.01

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5	Hamburg	5.28	4.61	0.67
4A	Baltimore	5.88	3.83	2.05
4B	Albuquerque	3.22	0.97	2.25
4C	Seattle	1.20	0.63	0.57
5A	Chicago	6.61	3.29	3.32
5B	Denver	4.28	2.62	1.65
6A	Minneapolis	6.90	3.53	3.37
6B	Helena	3.14	1.96	1.18
7	Duluth	5.06	4.24	0.82
8	Fairbanks	13.71	13.60	0.11

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No.	Project	Submitted	Status	Lead CPHC	Year	Location	Constr. type	Bldg. function	Floor area	Project type
1055	1006 Lemon	Oct. 6, 2011	Certified	Katy Hallbacher		Marlo Park, CA	Timber	Single Family	2,968 s.f.	New Construction
1025	Boston Residence	Jul. 18, 2011	Certified	Paul W Parish	2011	Shrewsbury, MA	Timber	Single Family	3,154 s.f.	New Construction
1031	Bio Haus	Jul. 18, 2011	Certified	Nat in system	2006	Bemidji, MN	Timber	Mixed-Use	5,000 s.f.	New Construction
1045	Branch's Bend	Sep. 12, 2011	Certified	John Essig		Onancock, VA	Timber	Single Family	4,538 s.f.	New Construction
1015	Breezeway House	Jul. 13, 2011	Certified	David Brach	2009	Salt Lake City, UT	Timber	Single Family	2,778 s.f.	New Construction
1009	Center for Design Research (CDR)	Jan. 17, 2011	Pre-certified	Ryan Abernethy		Lawrence, KS	Timber	Government		New Construction
1019	Center for Energy Efficient Design (CEED)	Jul. 13, 2011	Certified	Adam Cohen		Roanoke, VA	Timber	School	3,053 s.f.	New Construction
1036	Cleveland Farm	Jul. 18, 2011	Certified	Katrin Klingenberg	2007	MA	Timber	Single Family		New Construction
1013	Contraus	Jul. 8, 2011	Certified	Robert Hawthorne	2010	Portland, OR	Mixed timber masonry	Single Family	1,175 s.f.	New Construction
1028	Fairview I	Jul. 18, 2011	Certified	Katrin Klingenberg	2006	Urbana, IL	Timber	Single Family		New Construction
1029	Fairview II	Jul. 18, 2011	Certified	Katrin Klingenberg	2007	Urbana, IL	Timber	Single Family	1,242 s.f.	New Construction
1027	Falmouth	Jul. 18, 2011	Certified	Mike Ducoie	2011	Falmouth, MA	Timber	Single Family	1,363 s.f.	New Construction
1022	Gable Home - Illinois - US DOE'S 2009 Solar Decathlon	Jul. 18, 2011	Certified	Ryan Abernethy	2009	Champaign, IL	Timber	Single Family	806 s.f.	New Construction
1023	Habitat for Humanity, Vermont	Jul. 18, 2011	Certified	J.B. Clancy	2011	Charlotte, VT	Timber	Single Family	1,487 s.f.	New Construction

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1122	Abernethy, Ryan	Passive Energy Designs LLC	St. Louis, MO
1057	Abrams, Alan	Abrams Design Build LLC	Takoma Park, MD
1092	Aguilar, Stephen	Green Hammer	Portland, OR
1226	Alessi, Allison	A+E Architects, Inc	Brewster, MA
1046	Angell, Bob		MD
1040	Anstey, Mark	JP Design	Jamaica Plain, MA
1042	Anura, Lois B.	Bleven Writer Associates Inc.	Norwalk, CT
1091	Arnold, James	Green Building Contracting / Consulting	Portland, OR
1104	Arthur, Bill	Coalesce Inc.	Salt Lake City, UT
1129	Ascoli, Jean		Urbana, IL
1195	Backus, Rich	Timber Ridge Craftsmen, Inc.	Blue Ridge Mountains - Moneta, VA
1062	Balachowski, Joseph	National Park Service	Seattle, WA
1180	Bargatz, Sam	Loadingdock5 Architecture PLLC	Brooklyn, NY
1023	Barry, Bronwyn	Private Consultant	San Francisco, CA
1124	Bassett-Dilley, Tom	Tom Bassett-Dilley Architect Ltd.	Oak Park, IL
1171	Benzing, Andreas	A.M. Benzing Architects PLLC	New York, NY
1083	Blyeu, Blake	Blyeu Homes Inc.	Salem, OR
1184	Blass, Laura	GreenSteps	Philadelphia, PA
1000	Brotzel, Alexander	Green Hammer Construction	Portland, OR
1118	Bozman, Joe		Northfield, MN

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