

Pay for Performance Technical Tip

Extracting Fan Power from Efficiency Ratings

ASHRAE 90.1-2007 Appendix G3.1.2.1 states:

All HVAC equipment in the baseline building design shall be modeled at the minimum efficiency levels, both part and full load, in accordance with Section 6.4. Where efficiency ratings, such as EER and COP, include fan energy, the descriptor shall be broken down into its components so that supply fan energy can be modeled separately.

To comply with G3.1.2.1, the efficiency without supply fan power must be calculated and modeled separately from AHRI efficiency. ASHRAE 90.1-2013 provides equations to extract fan power from efficiency ratings (i.e. determine EER or COP without supply fan power). While Appendix G applies to New Construction projects, these equations and the modeling approach must be applied to existing buildings as well.

Equations:

- 1. $COP_{nfcooling} = 7.84 \times (10^{-8}) \times EER \times Q + 0.338 \times EER$
- 2. $COP_{nfcooling} = -0.0076 \times SEER^2 + 0.3796 \times SEER$
- 3. $COP_{nfheating} = 1.48 \times (10^{-7}) \times COP_{47} \times Q + 1.062 \times COP_{47}$

(applies to heat-pump heating efficiency only)

4. $COP_{nfheating} = -0.0296 \times HSPF^2 + 0.7134 \times HSPF$

Where:

 $COP_{nfcooling}$ and $COP_{nfheating}$: The packaged HVAC equipment efficiency excluding supply fan power for baseline HVAC Systems 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 (packaged terminal AC/HP, packaged single zone AC/HP, and packaged VAV).

EER, SEER, COP₄₇: applicable full load performance rating from Tables 6.8.1-1 through 6.8.1-4 at AHRI test conditions.

Q: AHRI-rated cooling capacity in Btu/h.

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Note: EIR entered in eQuest = 1 / COPnf

ERP Documentation

Please include all efficiency calculations and assumptions used to determine model inputs. This information should be included in a supplemental spreadsheet as an Appendix to the ERP. All spreadsheets should be submitted in Excel format so equations can be verified.