# HVAC LOAD CALCULATIONS AND THE ENERGY RATER

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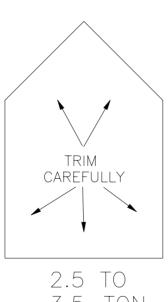
BUBBA'S PERFESSIONAL HVAC LOAD CALCULATION

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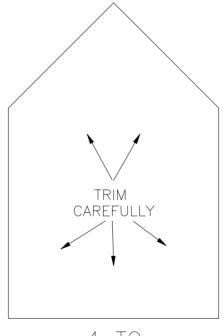
#### AIR CONDITIONING OR HEAT PUMP

TRIM OUT VERY CAREFULLY ON BLACK LINES, THEN FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS BELOW









4 TO 5-TON

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

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Stand on the curb and look through Sizing Holes, what ever Hole the house fits into that's the size unit to use. (For larger homes and or zoning use multiple Sizing Holes.)

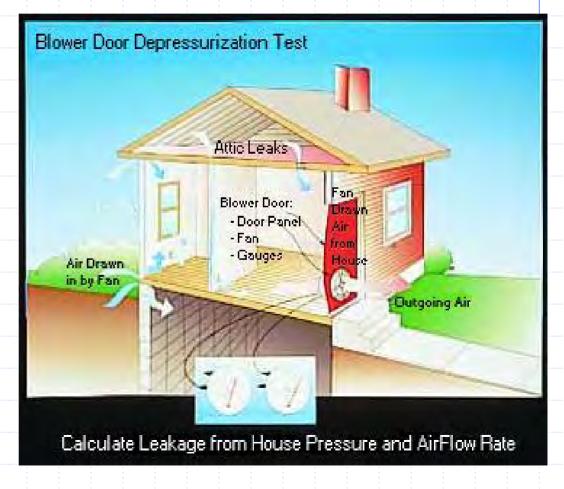
#### **HVAC** Load Calculations.

- Why should an Energy Rater perform HVAC Load Calculations?
- What is meant by a Room x Room calculation?
- Why use ACCA Manual J Version 8?
- MJ8 Sensitivities.
- How can an Energy Rater benefit?

#### **Energy Raters and Air Flow**

Energy raters are already familiar with airflow. We use air flow as a tool to do energy ratings.





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### Two types of Airflow.

With respect to residential and commercial construction there are two kinds of airflow.

Controlled and Uncontrolled



Energy Raters use controlled airflow to estimate the amount of uncontrolled airflow.

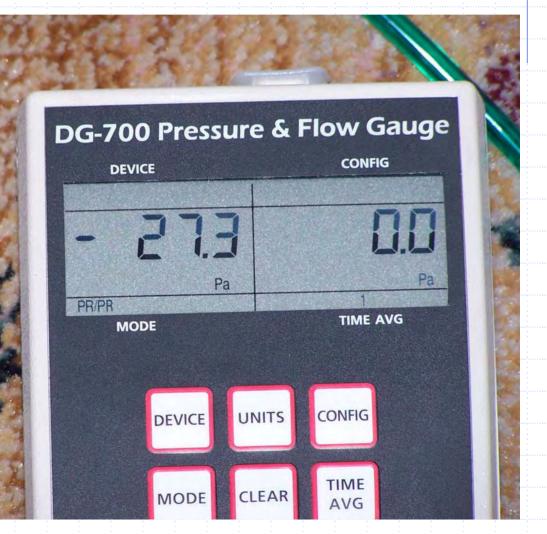
#### **Uncontrolled Airflow**

Pressure readings were taken across the closed entrance door of each apartment. The purpose is to see if there were any extreme pressure differences. The Florida Building Code says there cannot be no more than 2.5 Pascals pressure difference across closed doors between spaces.



#### **Uncontrolled Airflow**

The elevator lobby was found to be a -27.3 Pascals with respect to the apartments. This means air in the elevator lobby is trying to go into the apartment.

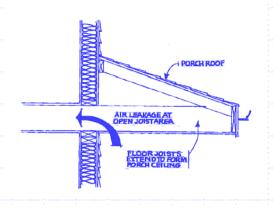


#### **Uncontrolled Airflow**

Leaky buildings

Leaky Duct Systems

Unbalanced building pressures.





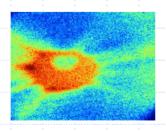


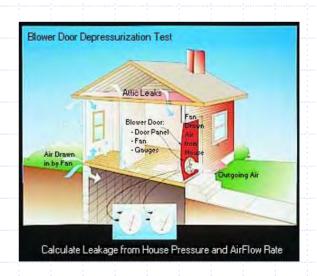
## Uncontrolled Airflow = Infiltration

Infiltration influences how the building reacts in terms of health, safety, durability, comfort, and energy efficiency.

- •Can be estimated with a high degree of accuracy.
- •Can be tested with a high degree of accuracy.
- •Can be eliminated or controlled.







### Duct Leakage

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But,
as <u>Energy Raters</u> we understand uncontrolled airflow.

So lets talk about controlled airflow.

#### Controlled Airflow

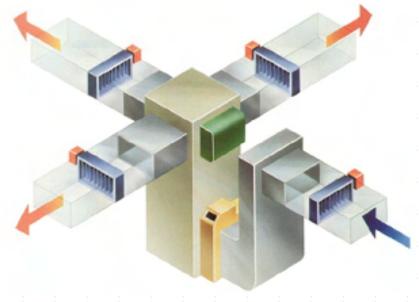
Open and closing windows

Table fan

Air conditioning systems.







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#### Room Airflow

Determined by the estimated Heat Gain/Loss; Cooling or heating which ever has been chosen to dominate the system design.

HVAC Load calculations performed on a Room x Room basis.

Based on the Heat Loss/Gain through the building envelope relative to each room.

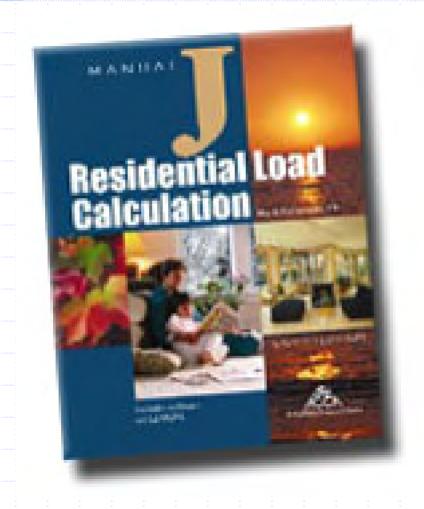
#### Room x Room Loads

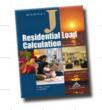
- If the HVAC system is the backbone of the house as a system. The HVAC load calculation is the backbone of the HVAC system
- Required to determine supply CFM for each room
- Required to select Supply Outlets
- Required to select Return Inlets
- Required to design a Duct System
- Required to diagnose comfort problems

## Estimating Required Room Airflow

Perform a Room x Room HVAC load calculation using procedures as determined by a recognized industry standard determined by local code or the EPA.

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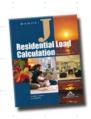
### Why Use MJ8

The heating and cooling load estimates affect every aspect of the system design procedure

- From system selection
- To equipment selection procedures
- To placement and selection of air distribution hardware
- To duct routing and airway sizing or pipe layout and sizing

Because of this the load calculation must be as accurate as possible





- Eliminate Under-sizing of Heating & Cooling Equipment
- Eliminate Over-sizing of Heating & Cooling Equipment
- Humidity Control During the Cooling Season
- Eliminate Comfort Problems

## Under Sizing Equipment

The obvious problem with undersized equipment is that it will not maintain the desired temperature. However, slightly undersized cooling equipment (by a margin of 10% or less) may actually provide more comfort at a lower cost.





## Oversized Equipment Causes

- short-cycles
- marginalized temperature control
- pockets of stagnate air
- degrades humidity control during the
  - cooling season
- requires larger duct runs

### Oversized Equipment Causes

- increases the installed cost
- increases the operating cost
- increases the demand on our utilities
- adds unnecessary stress on equipment





## Humidity Control During The Cooling Season

Sensible and latent cooling loads are imposed on buildings located in hot humid climates. When the summer design condition occurs, properly sized equipment will operate continuously or almost continuously, both loads will be neutralized, and the occupants will be comfortable.

#### BUT, Design Conditions Only Occur For A Few Dozen Hours Per Season. Dalrod 5 8/10.7 Now York 6 6/11 0 Denver (<mark>(V</mark>) 9.5(11.3) 5.7/10.<mark>7</mark> Fresue 7,8/10.0 Los Angelos 7,2/10.8 10.4/11.4 Ft. Worth 7.7/10.4 1600 8 9/9.6 Houston 75/106 500 M≀am∗ 10.3/10.7 **CALCS-PLUS**

### Design Conditions

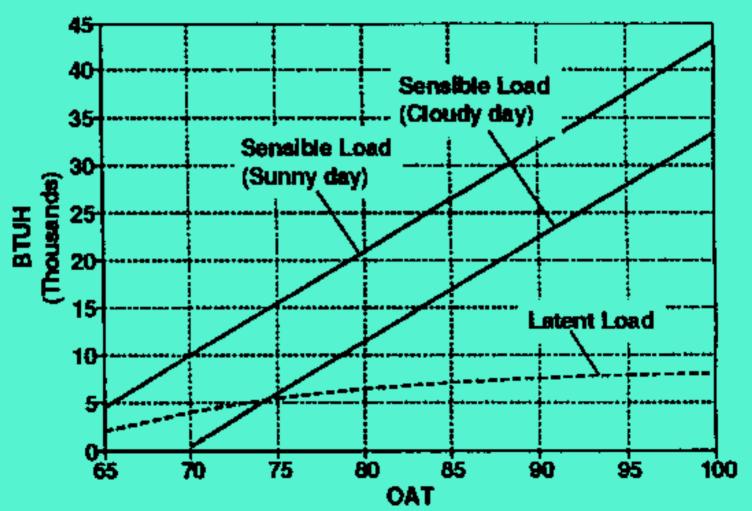
Table 1A

Outdoor Design Conditions For the United States and Canada

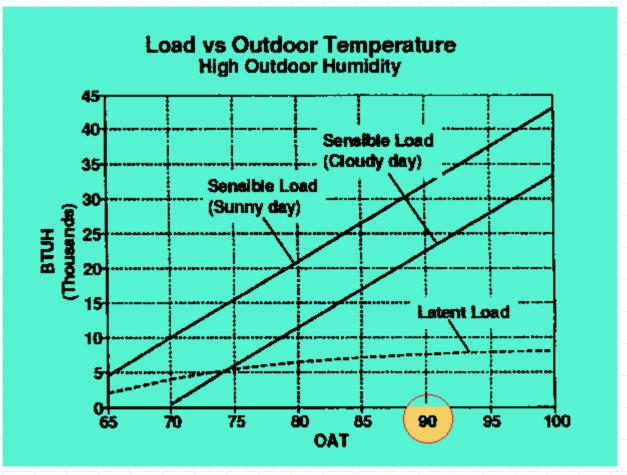
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#### Load vs Outdoor Temperature

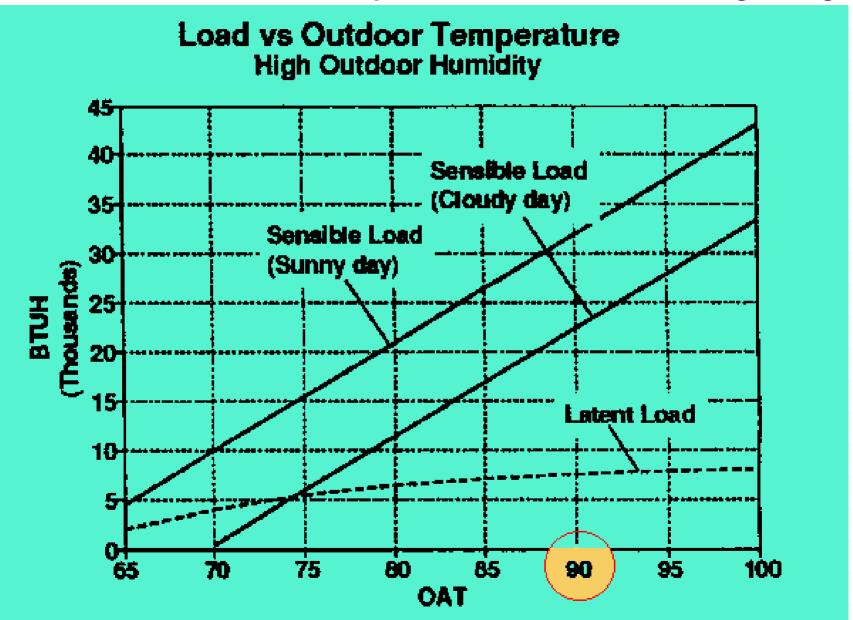




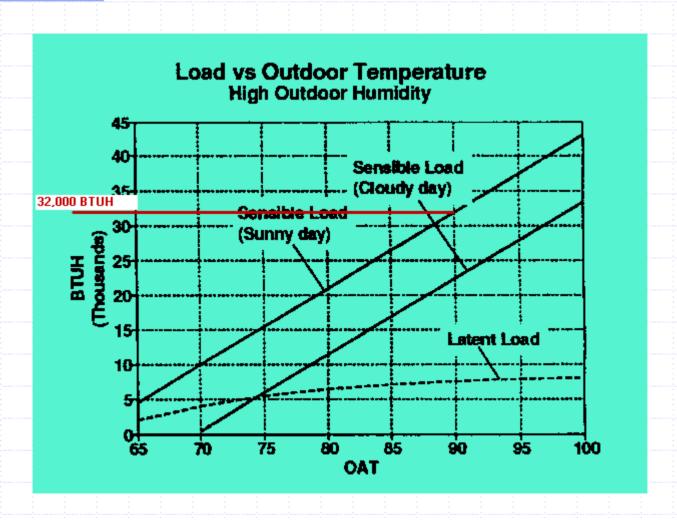
Using table 1 from ACCA Manual J for West Palm Beach the summer outdoor dry bulb temperature is 90°



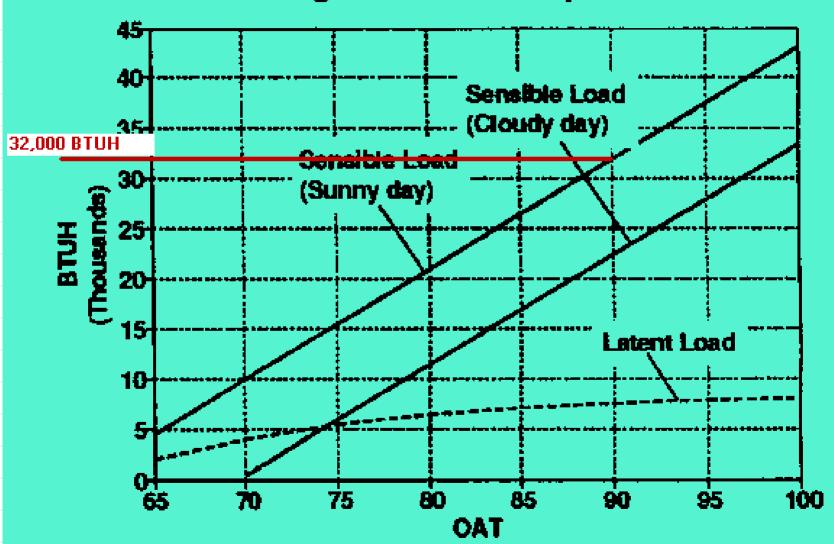
#### 90° Outdoor Air Temperature on a Sunny Day



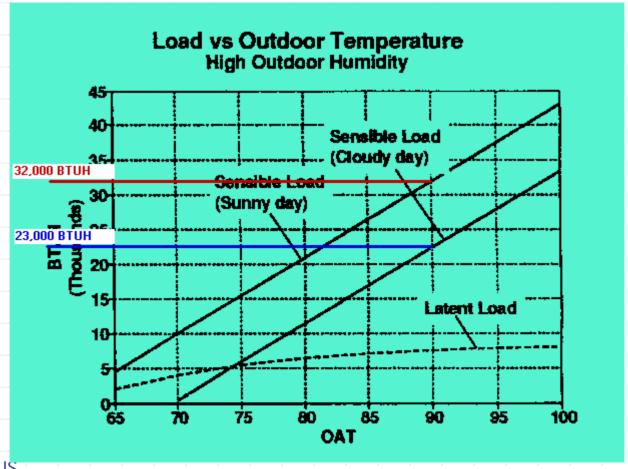
## At peak load conditions the building demand is about 32,000 BTUH total



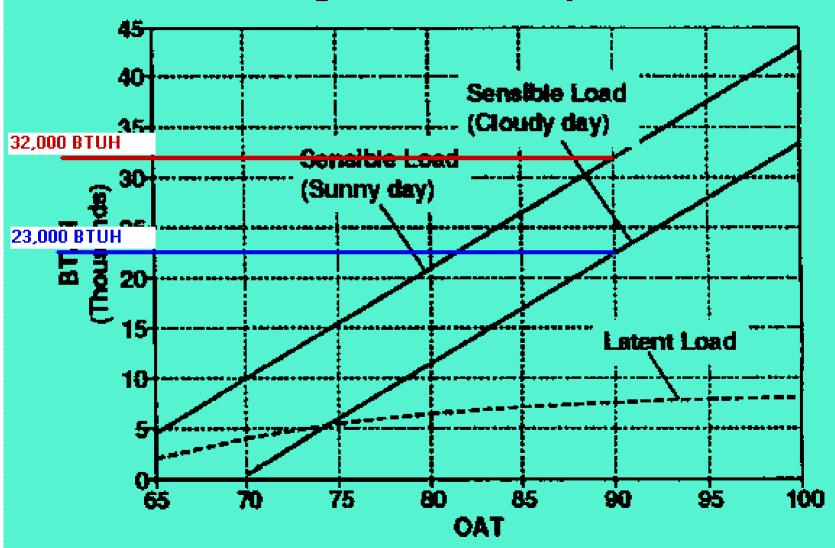
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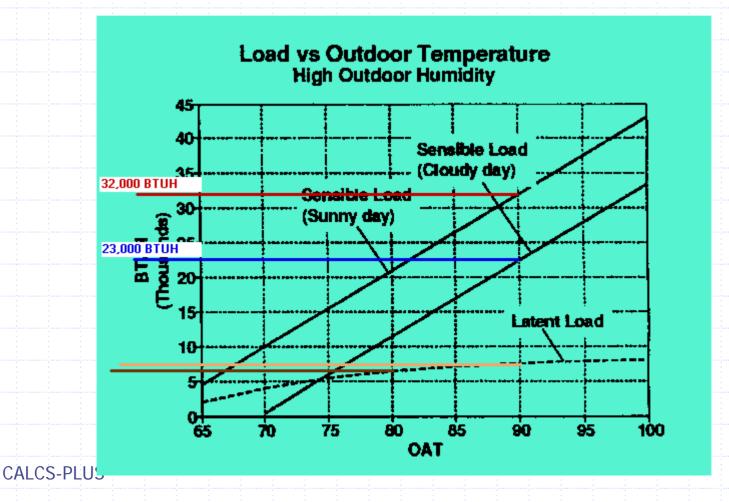
50% of the time our temperatures range in the moderate temperature zone



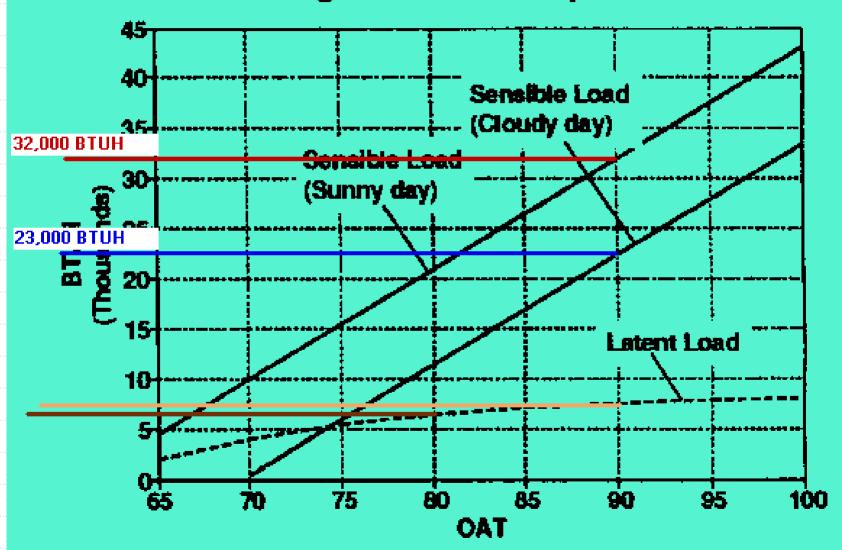
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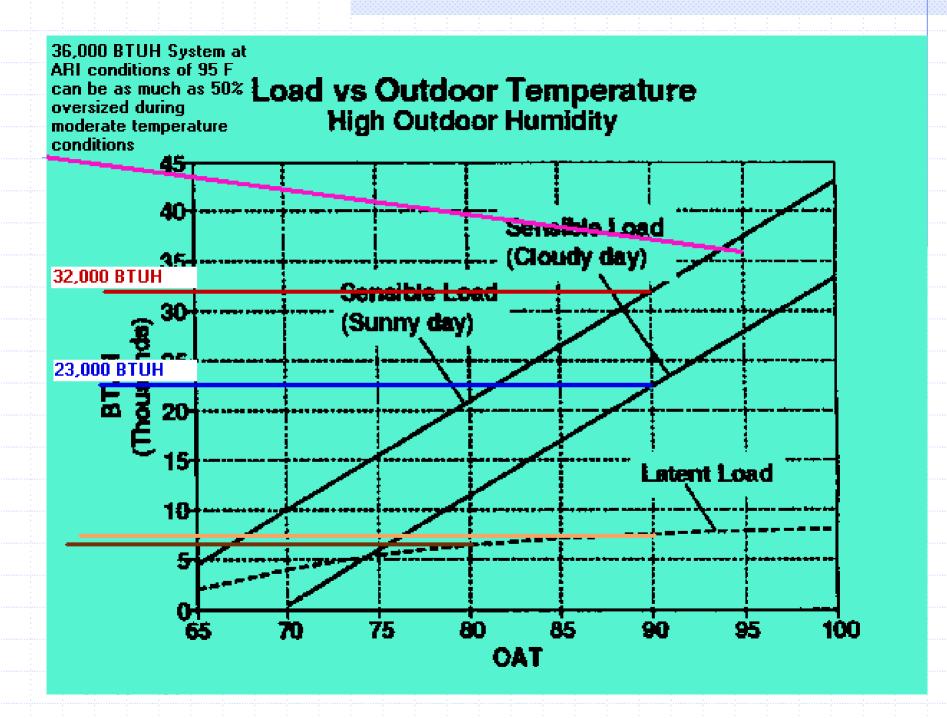


## Sensible load variation shows a difference of 9000 BTUH while our latent difference is barley 500 BTUH



#### Load vs Outdoor Temperature High Outdoor Humidity





#### MJ8 Sensitivities

Design conditions

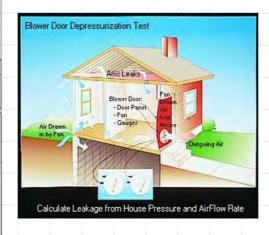
Building tightness

Fenestration

Air system design & installation



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### Guidelines

- Use outdoor design conditions recommended by Table 1 Manual J.
- Use the default indoor design conditions recommended by Manual J.
- Take full credit for all internal shading devices and external overhangs.
- Use internal shading devices that are compatible with the type of room.

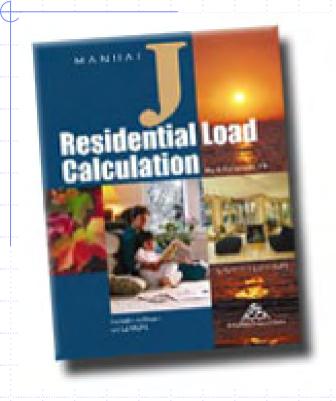
### Guidelines

- Do not use internal shade if the room is specifically used for day lighting.
- Use the tested performance coefficients when known.
- Take full credit for all insulation & sealing efforts.
- Take full credit for insulated & sealed duct runs located in unconditioned space.

### Guidelines

- Take full credit for load factors and diversity when estimating internal loads.
- Take full credit for diversity when estimating the cooling load on central equipment.

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# A Computer Only Procedure

From "Addendum B" from ACCA Manual J®

Addendum B to

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#### Residential Load Calculation

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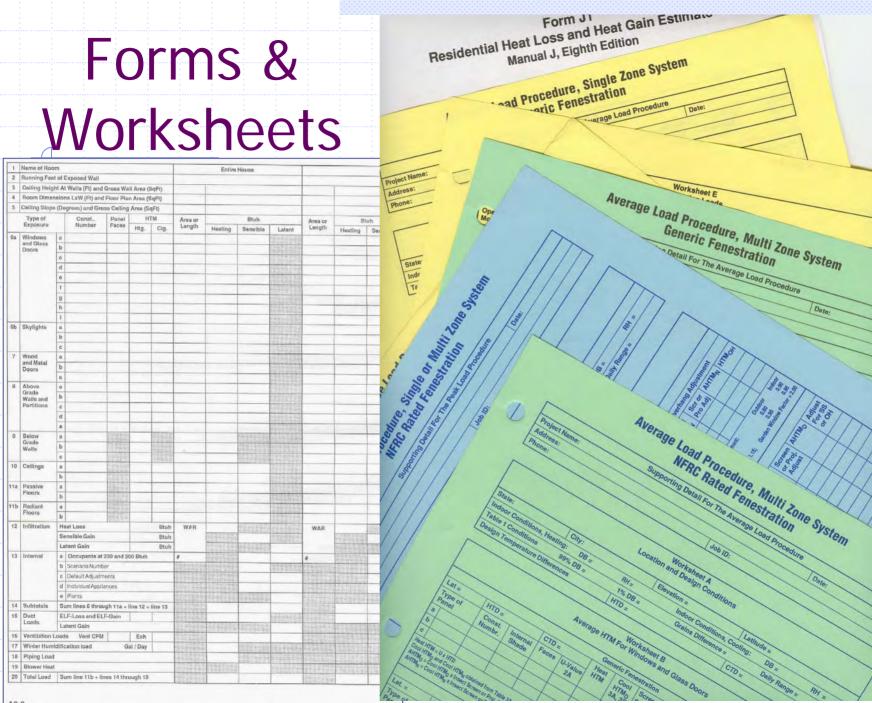
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#### Executive Summary

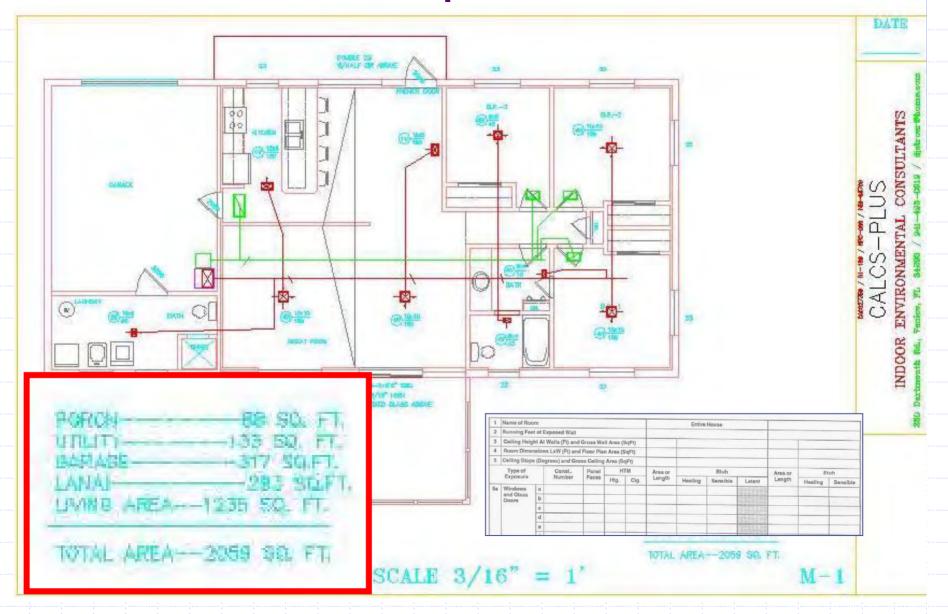
Now that the industry and software houses have had time to work with the Eighth Edition of  $Manual J_*$ , ACCA has determined that AED simplifications would ease implementation by third-party software vendors and improve the understanding and use of MJ8 by practitioners. This addendum revises the adequate exposure diversity (AED) approach on window/glass exposures in the following manners:

- a) MJ8 shall become a computer-only procedure. (Note: A shorter, abridged version of MJ8 is under development that supports a hand calculation procedure aimed at single-family, detached dwellings with single-zone, constant-volume systems).
- b) A computer-only, hourly fenestration gain (HFG) procedure shall be used for all application scenarios.
- Calculations shall be made for midsummer, unless southerly-facing fenestration causes a peak gain in the fall.
- d) Hand calculation procedures for applications other than single family detached dwellings served by a single zone, constant volume system shall be abandoned in favor of computerized solutions.

# Forms &



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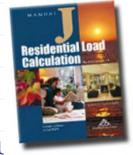


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# From Part of Section 1-16 ACCA Manual J 8<sup>th</sup> Edition

- Computerized method calculates load by month of year and time of day associated with each room load and with the equipment sizing load.
- Computer can generate solutions for 288 scenarios (12 month year and 24 hour day)







# General

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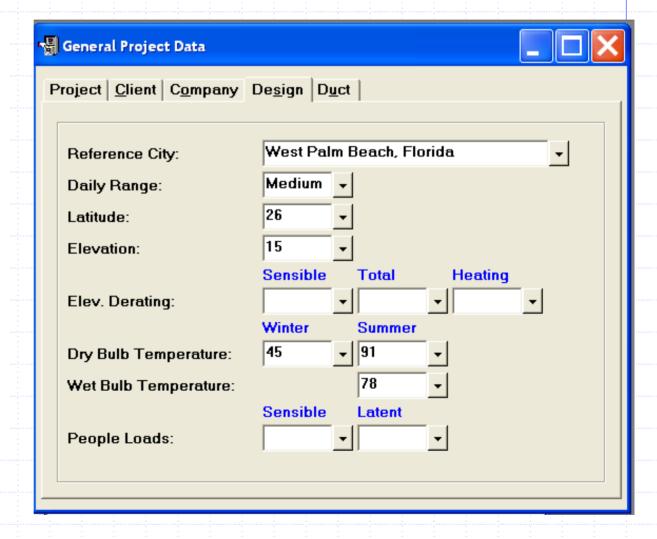


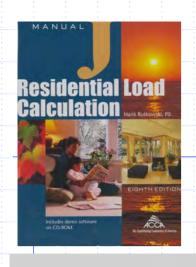
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### The Design Tab

The Data that is automatically filled in comes from Table 1A in ACCA Manual J 8<sup>th</sup> edition.

Outdoor Design Conditions For the United States and Canada.





### Table 1A

RHVAC weather data base comes directly from ACCA Manual J version 8 Table 1A & 1B(micro climates).

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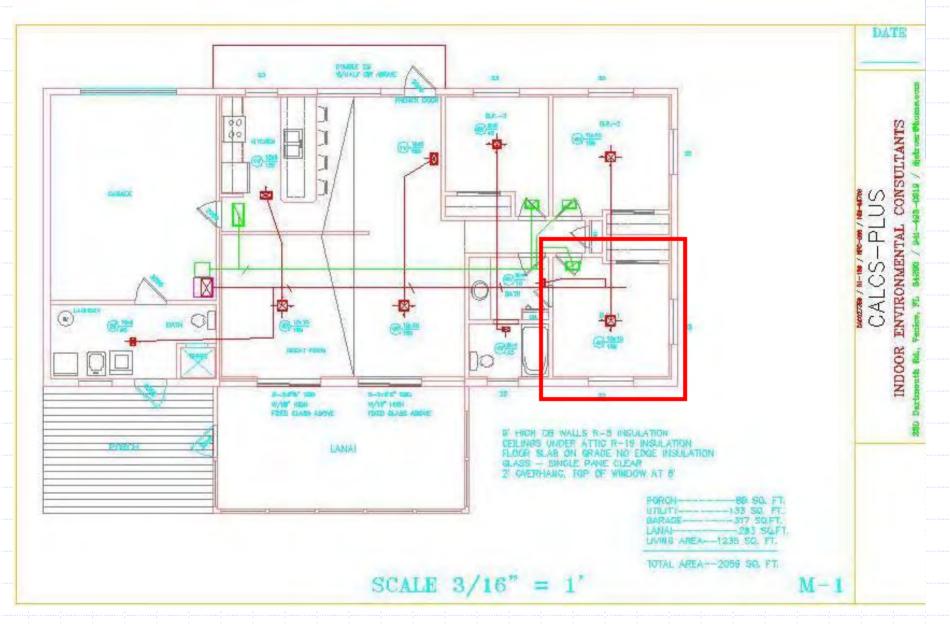
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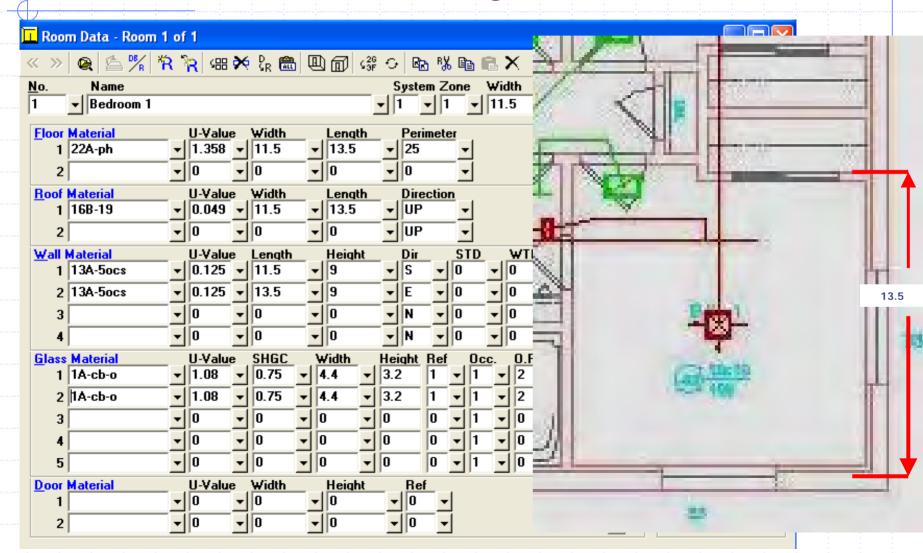


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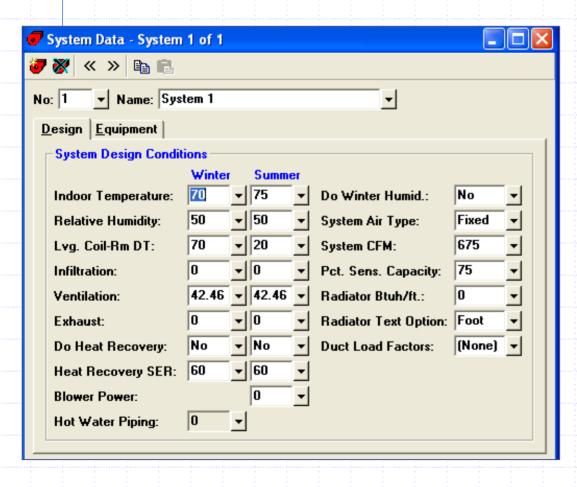
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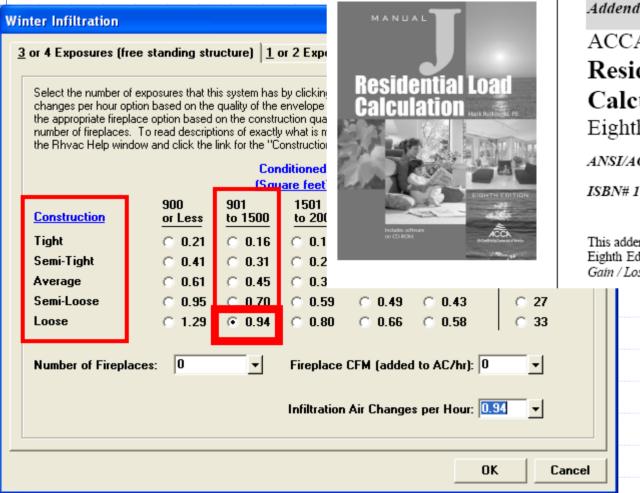


### System Information



- Design Conditions
- Infiltration
- Ventilation
- Airflow

# MJ8 & Infiltration For Winter



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#### Residential Load Calculation

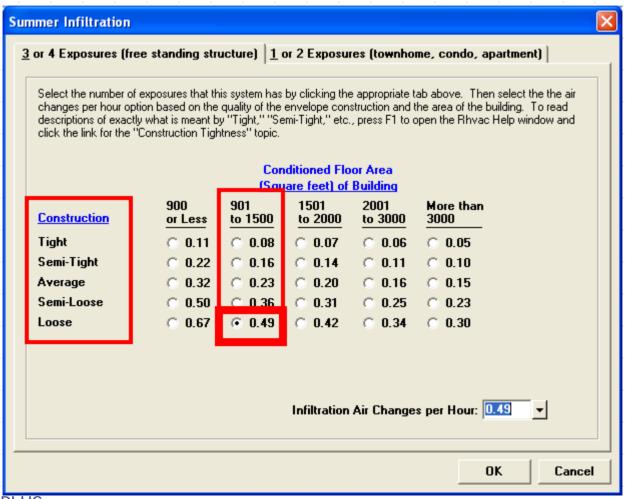
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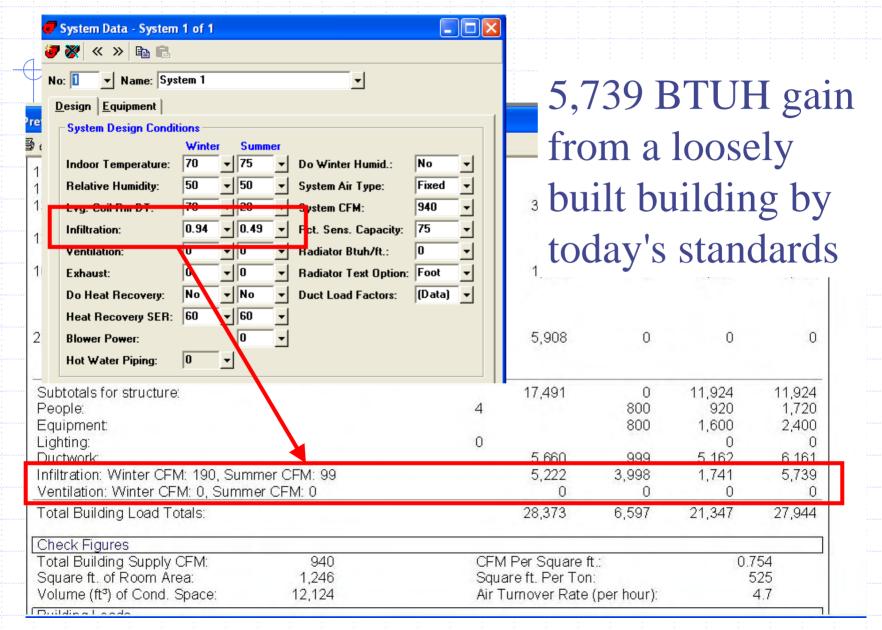
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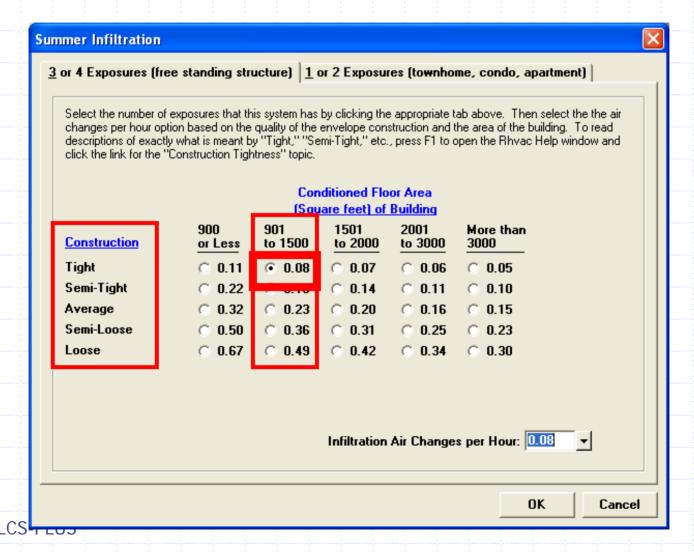
## MJ8 & Infiltration For Summer Loose Construction



### MJ8 & Infiltration

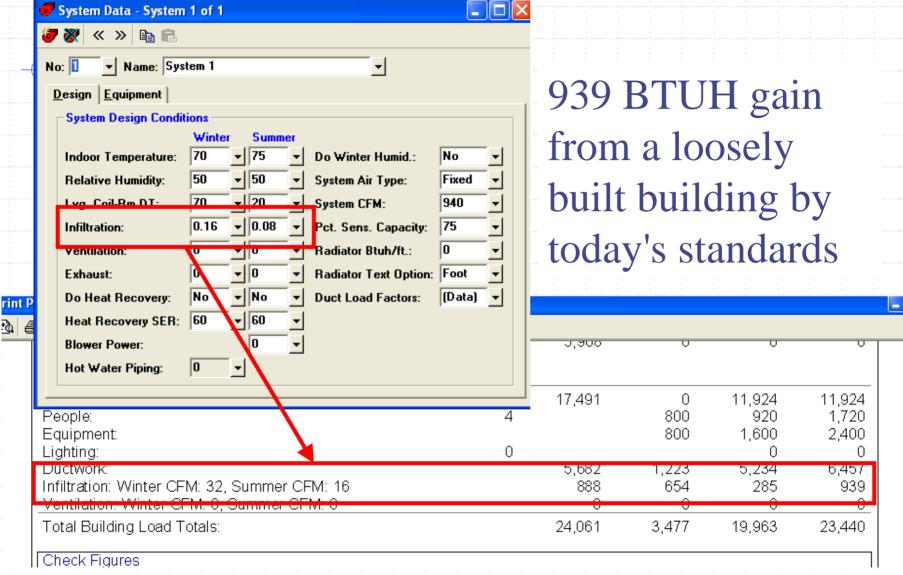


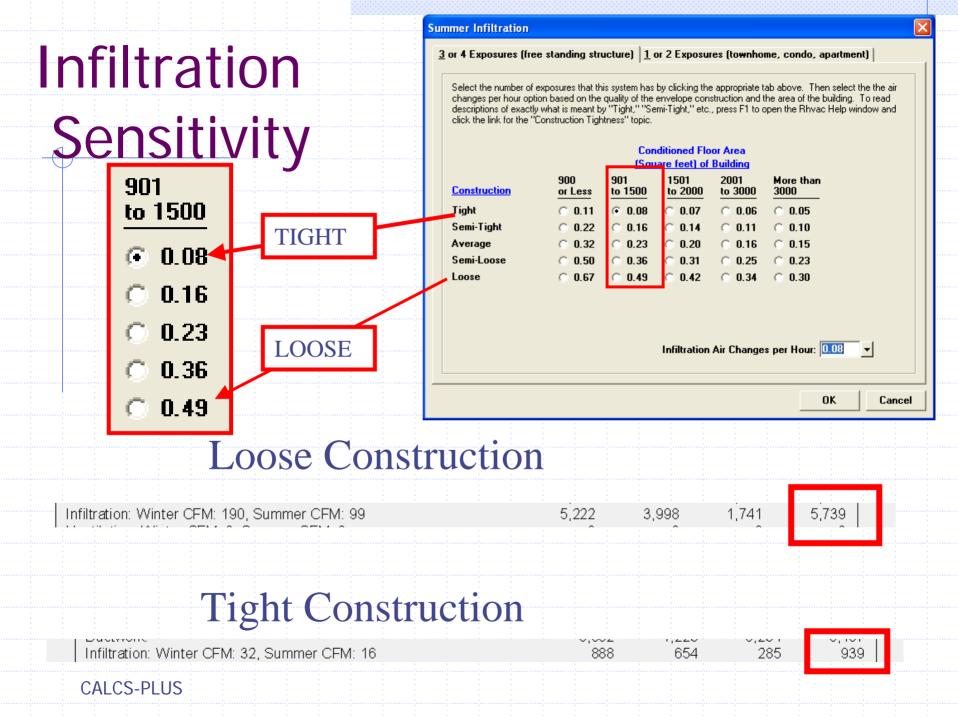
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MJ8 & Infiltration

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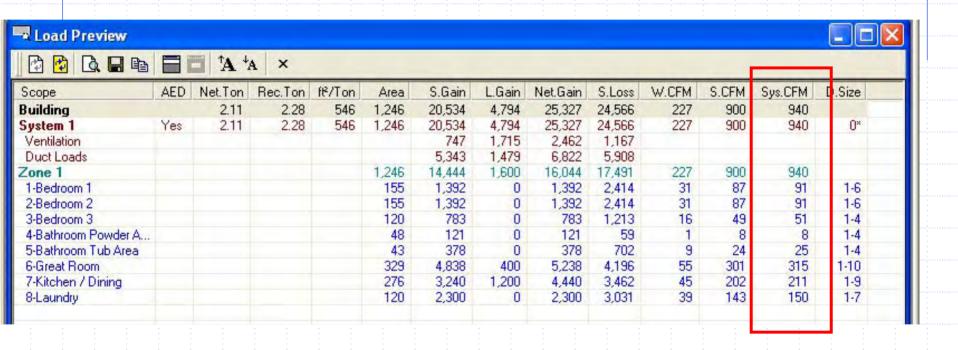




# MJ8 & Duct Leakage



# MJ8 & Duct Design



Design room CFM (airflow)

#### **Duct Loads**

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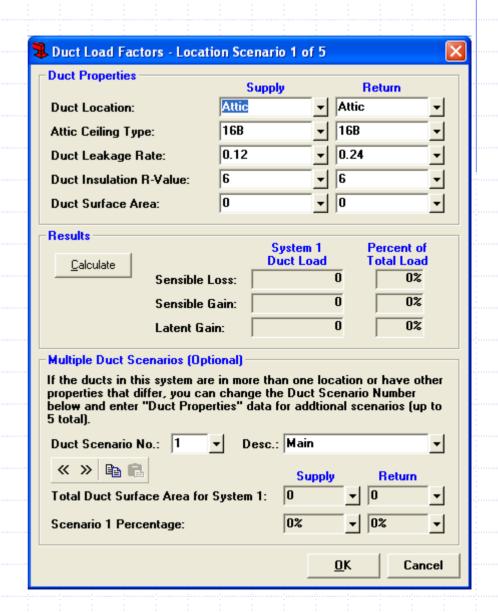
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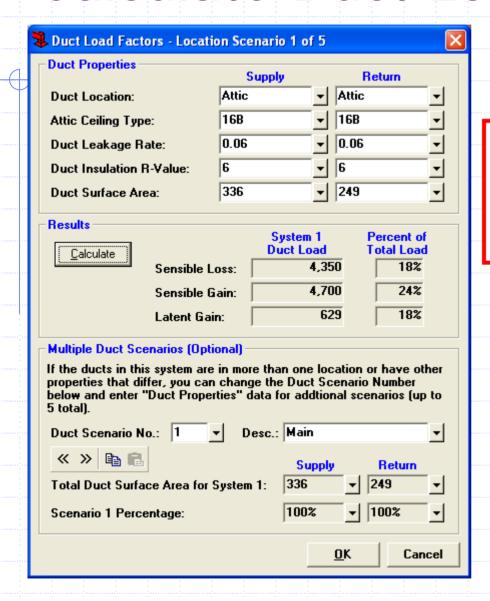
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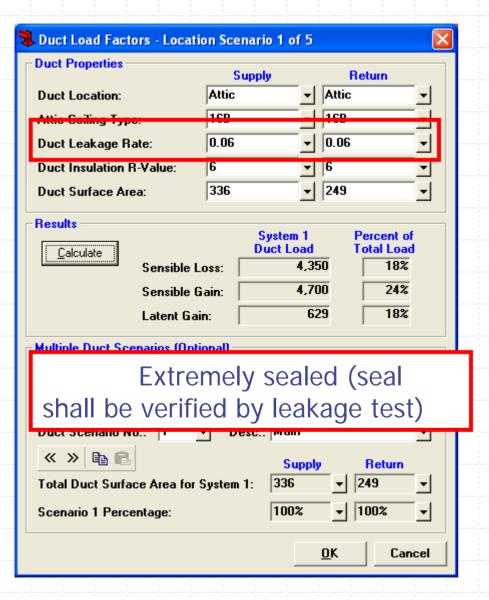


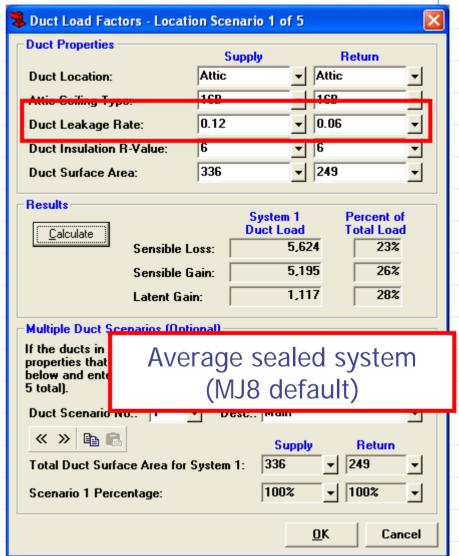
### Calculate Duct Loads



The Sensible Loss, Sensible Gain, and the Latent Gain are calculated for the duct system.

#### What If?





## MJ8 & the Energy Rater

The information you gather to do a energy rating is the same as required for an HVAC Load Calculation.

Do it to set yourself apart from your competition.

Do it to become a better Energy Rater.

Do it to provide another avenue for income.

### Larger Customer Base

AC Contractors know or at least had to have learned load calculations if they carry a licenses or certification.

AC contractors are busy running a company and don't have time to do room x room calculations.

If they were provided room x room calculations they would use them as a design tool.

# Diagnostic Tool

Start every diagnostic investigation with a room x room HVAC load calculation.

You will understand the construction of the building much better.

You will have a better understanding of the results of all the data gathered.

# A Plug for MJ8

The possibility for experiencing comfort problems at part load conditions can be minimized by observing the guidelines set forth in Manual J.

The Manual J calculation should take full advantage of legitimate opportunities to minimize the size of the estimated loads.

# Thank You

Questions?