Energy Star for Manufactured Homes - How Raters Can Work With Manufacturers

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Factory-Built Homes

Manufactured Homes: These are homes built entirely in the factory under a federal building code administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Modular Homes: These factory-built homes are built to the state, local or regional code where the home will be located. Modules are transported to the site and installed.

Panelized Homes: These are factory-built homes in which panels - a whole wall with windows, doors, wiring and outside siding - are transported to the site and assembled. The homes must meet state or local building codes where they are sited.

Pre-Cut Homes: This is the name for factory-built housing in which building materials are factory-cut to design specifications, transported to the site and assembled. Pre-cut homes include kit, log and dome homes. These homes must meet local, state or regional building codes.

Mobile Homes: This is the term used for factory-built homes produced prior to June 15, 1976, when the HUD Code went into effect. By 1970, these homes were built to voluntary industry standards that were eventually enforced by 45 of the 48 contiguous states.





Mfg Housing- What is it?

Home built entirely in the factory under the Federal Manufactured Home Construction & Safety Standards (HUD Code) June 15, 1976.



Mfg Housing-What is it?

Single- or multi-section and are transported to the site & installed.







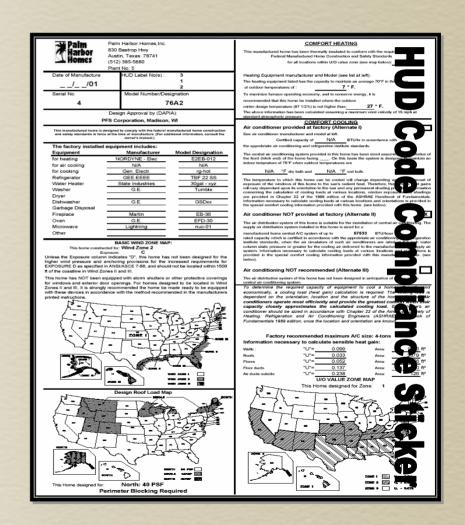
Mfg Housing- What is it?

Federal standards regulate:

- design & construction
- strength & durability
- transportability
- fire resistance
- energy efficiency
- quality

HUD Code sets performance standards:

- heating & air conditioning
- plumbing
- thermal
- electrical systems



Mfg Housing- Why Important?

According to MHI...

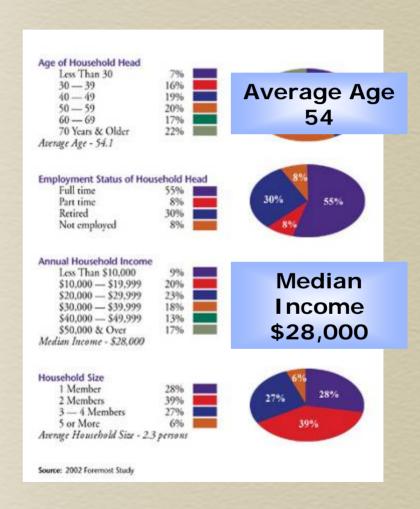
HUD-code represented
 ~20% of all new single-family housing starts

Total shipments 2004

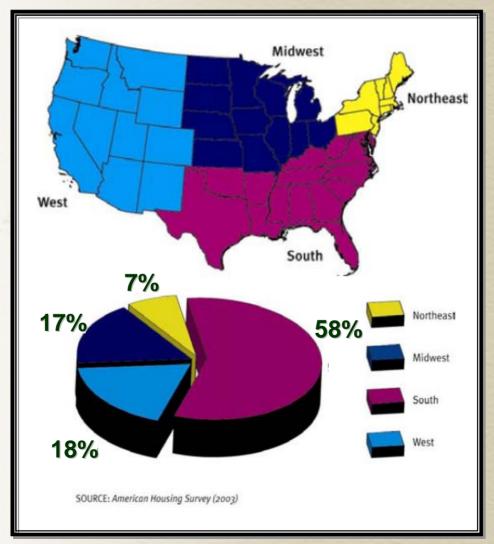
- 30,802 homes from 210 manufacturing facilities
 - 74% multi-section
 - 26% single-section

Average \$ (excluding land)

- Single-section \$31,700
- Multi-section \$59,800



Where are They Going...





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Partnership Goals



Cost effectively reduce the energy use of industrialized housing by up to 50% while enhancing indoor air quality, durability and productivity.



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The Partners, Plan, Progress...

- Partners
 - Manufacturers
 - Palm Harbor Homes, Fleetwood Homes,
 Southern Energy Homes, Cavalier Homes



- Suppliers
 - Stylecrest, LaSalle Air Systems, Tamarack Technologies
- Plan
 - Diagnostics: moisture (and energy) problems
 - Monitoring: document improvements and/or energy savings
 - Partnership: change in the design and manufacture of air distribution & ventilation systems
 - Training: conducting seminars and other educational activities.
- Progress
 - No reported moisture problems! And some energy savings too.

The "Opportunity" of Moisture



Moisture were experienced by a number of manufactured homes in the hot, humid climate of the Southeast United States.

Solving moisture "concerns" is the highest research priority of the HUD code industry. According to the Manufactured Housing Research Alliance (MHRA).

The "Opportunities"

Repeat repairs resulting in recurring reports of retrogressing...

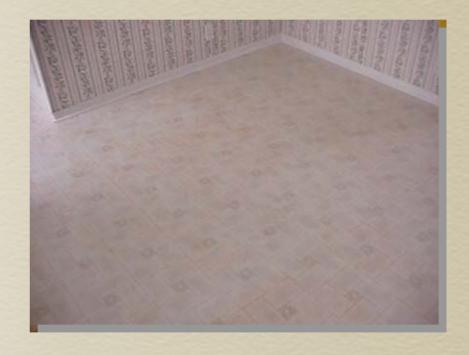
- Going back again & again to repair a problem that just will not go away
- Current repair strategy...
 - Replace damage product with same product
 - Look for water leaks (roof plumbing)
 - Blame customer (in frustration)



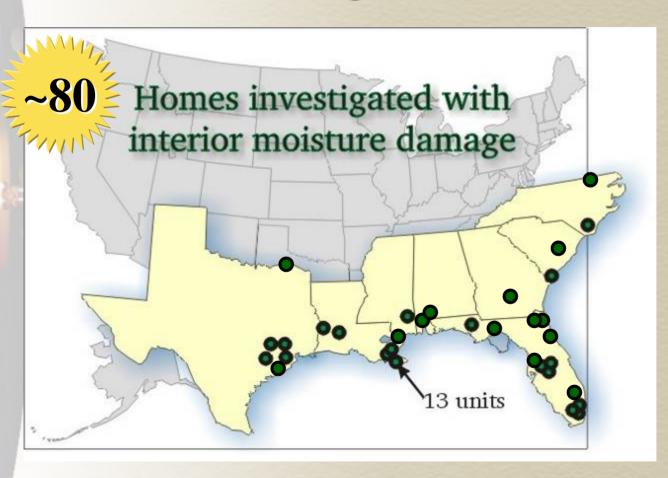
Why Were We There?

Unmitigated moisture problems

- Provide some understanding of moisture dynamics
- Emphasis on air transported water vapor
 - Conditions
 - Drivers (or causes)
 - Possible fixes



Where Investigated?



Opportunities: Envelope Integrity



Opportunities: Biologicals

Biological growth

- Molds & Mildews









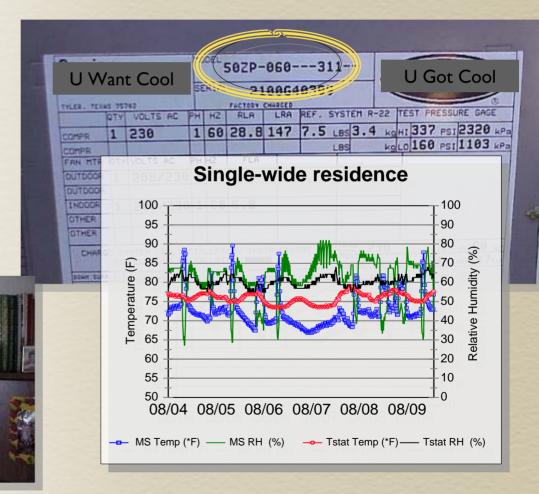


Opportunities: Comfort

Comfort complaints

Cave syndrome"cold & damp"

Swamp thing "warm & humid"



Opportunities: Energy

High energy bills

- Usually coupled with other problems
- House sold as energy efficient model







Opportunities for Research & Technical Assistance

- Industry Identified Need
 - Homes in Failure due to Moisture Problems
- Commonality
 - Located in Southeast (hot-humid)
 - At least one major repair attempt
 - Thermostat setting 68° 75° F
 - Significant supply duct leakage
 - Vinyl wall or floor covering involved
 - Interior doors closed for extended periods
 - Belly board failure: numerous penetrations & tears
 - Ventilation systems usually not used



Air Distribution Dilemmas "The Greatest Opportunity"

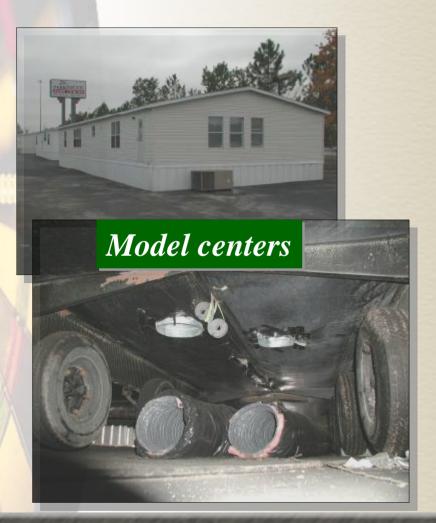




Unique Construction



Field Installation problems





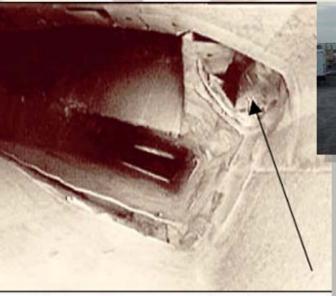
And The "13" in Louisiana...

House wrt out

All fans off
Air handler (AHU) on & supply registers as found
AHU on & supply registers open
AHU on & all interior doors closed except hall
AHU on & all interior doors

-0.0 pa -4.5 pa -2.5 pa -4.5 pa

-8.5 pa



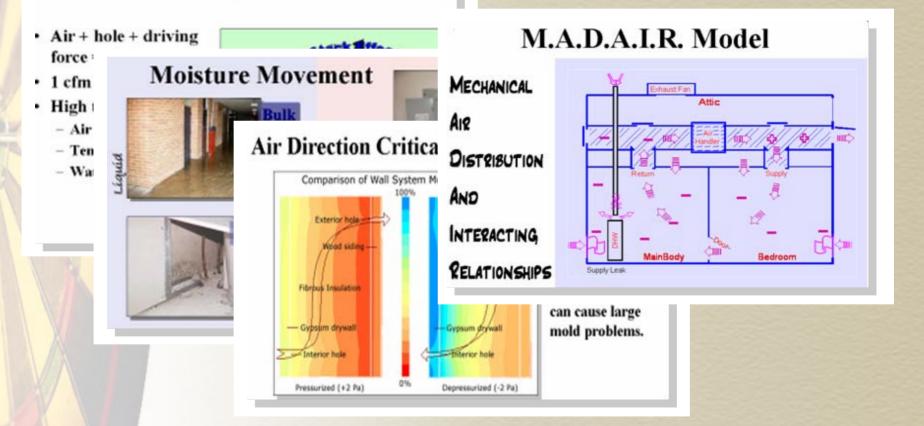




View at plenum – note large hole

Providing Building Science Basics

Air Flow Principles & Drivers







& Duct Systems

•Fleetwood

•Palm Harbor

Southern Energy

Sealed -&-Tested





Target:

- •< 30 cfm25/1000 sqft
- •All factories

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Target:

- •< 30 cfm25/1000 sqft
- •100% of floor systems
- •All factories in Alabama









Target:

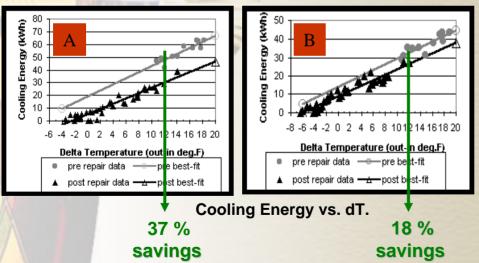
- Mastic used
- •All factories

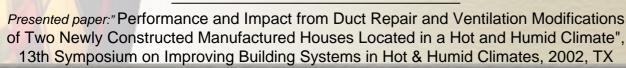


Duct Leakage Impact

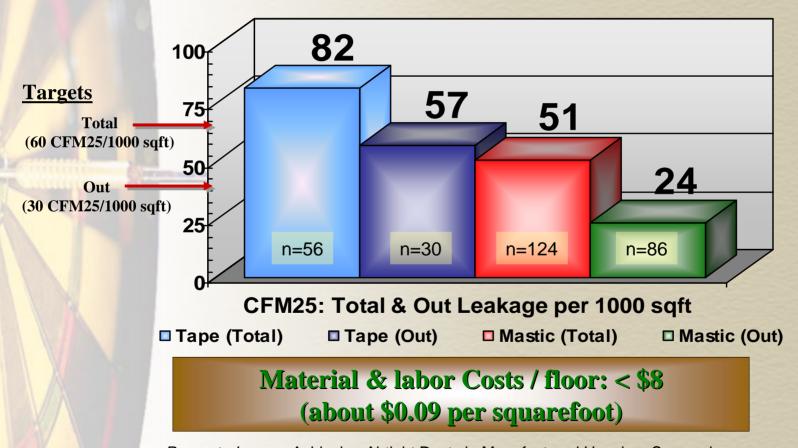
Partners: Fleetwood, Stylecrest

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Å	167	31	1248	1355
В	114	23	1271	1421





BAIHP Duct Data Averages



Presented paper: Achieving Airtight Ducts in Manufactured Housing. Symposium on Improving Building Systems in Hot and Humid Climates, Richardson, Texas, May 2004.

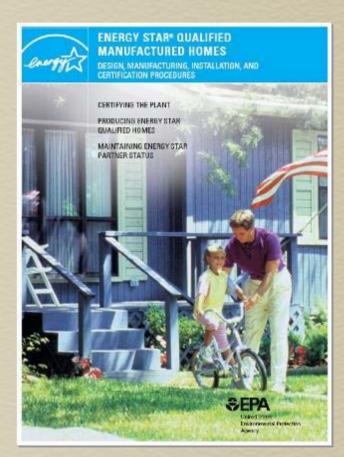
EnergyStar Manufactured Homes

- Factory Qualification
- Factory Demonstration
- Field Sampling



In 2001, EPA introduced the ENERGY STAR label for manufactured homes. Guidelines focus on certification of the HUD-code plant and award the ENERGY STAR label to any homes manufactured to prescriptive design requirements. Revised in 2003

- 1-Hire a Manufactured Housing ENERGY STAR Certifier
- **2-Design Homes To Meet ENERGY STAR Requirements**
- 3-Incorporate ENERGY STAR Design Features into Quality Control and Inspection Procedures
- 4-Manufacture, Inspect, & Test Duct Tightness in the Plant
- 5-Develop Site Installation Checklist
- 6-Install, Inspect, & Test a Minimum of 3 Homes in the Field
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1-Hire a Manufactured Housing ENERGY STAR Certifier

Capabilities and Qualifications

MANUFACTURED HOUSING DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION METHODS

(Must check all boxes below)

- Familiarity with Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards
- Familiarity with plant production processes
- Familiarity with DAPIA/IPIA oversight processes
- Expression of the contraction of

BUILDING SCIENCE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXPERIENCE

(Must check at least one box below)

- Certified Home Energy Rating System (HERS) rater or provider
- Licensed Engineer or Architect
- Minimum 5 years of energy consultant experience

(Must check all boxes below)

- Hands-on experience conducting duct and whole-house air leakage measurements in manufactured (HUD-code) homes
- Experience and training in the principles of building science
- Experience and training in energy efficiency construction practices

DOCUMENT PREPARATION AND RECORD KEEPING

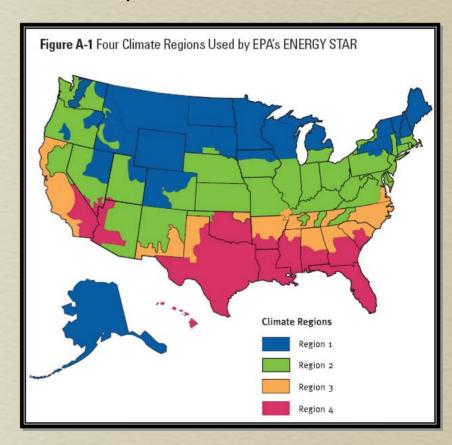
(Must check all boxes below)

- Familiarity with HUD-required documentation for manufactured housing
- Capability to maintain computer records and communicate via email

2-Design Homes To Meet ENERGY STAR Requirements

Finding the right package of energy measures is a two-step process

- 1. Select the climate region where the home will be installed.
- 2. Select from the packages of energy options provided for the chosen climate region.



CLIMATE REGION 4

Basic Requirements:

- Maximum shell leakage: 7.0 ACH₅₀
- Minimum cooling SEER: 12.0¹⁹ (Except as noted)
- Minimum duct insulation: R-6



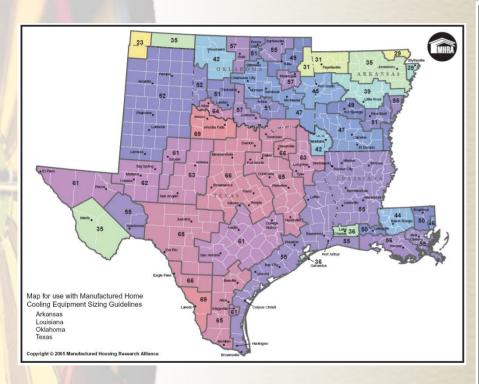
Packages for homes with maximum 3% duct losses

Heating Type	Minimum Heating Efficiency	Maximum Uo-value	Maximum Window SHGC	High Efficiency WH ²⁰	Programmable Thermostat	Package Number
Gas/Oil Furnace	0.80 AFUE	0.111	0.50			4-1
Heat Pump	7.2 HSPF	0.097	0.50	0		4-2
		0.104	0.50		1	4-3
		0.108	0.50	✓	1	4-4
Electric Resistance 21	1.0 EF	0.074	0.40		√ 22	4-5
		0.075	0.40	1	✓ 22	4-6
Electric Resistance (Florida Only) ²¹	1.0 EF	0.111	0.40		√ 22	4-7
		0.114	0.40	1	✓22	4-8

Packages for homes with maximum 5% duct losses

Heating Type	Minimum Heating Efficiency	Maximum Uo-va∥ue	Maximum Window SHGC	High Efficiency WH ²⁰	Programmable Thermostat	Package Number
Gas/Oil Furnace	0.80 AFUE	0.102	0.50			4-9
		0.116	0.50		1	4-10
Heat Pump	7.2 HSPF	0.093	0.50			4-11
		0.100	0.50		1	4-12
		0.105	0.50	1	1	4-13
	7.6 HSPF	0.102	0.50		1	4-14
		0.106	0.50	✓	✓	4-15
	8.0 HSPF	0.104	0.50		1	4-16
		0.108	0.50	1	✓	4-17
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		0.071	0.40	1	√ ²²	4-19
Electric Resistance (Florida Only) ²¹	1.0 EF	0.116	0.40		✓²2	4-20

Manufactured Home Cooling Equipment Sizing Guidelines



For ENERGY STAR® qualified manufactured homes and homes built to the HUD standards

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~or~ COMPUTER ANALYSIS TO CREATE ENERGY STAR DESIGNS

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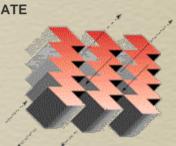
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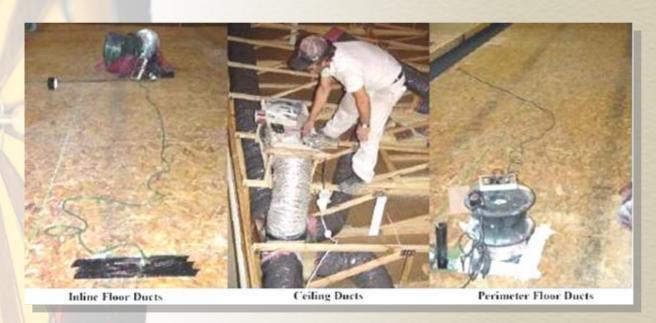
3-Incorporate ENERGY STAR Design into QC & Inspection Procedures

Information about the ENERGY STAR features in the new home designs must now be incorporated into the

- Design Approval Primary Inspection Agency (DAPIA)-approved packages,
- plant Quality Control Manual, and the
- •Manufacturers' Installation Manual.



4-Manufacture, Inspect, & Test Duct Tightness in the Plant



The primary hurdle to certification is consistent production of tight duct systems.

In-plant Duct Testing Incorporated into Production Line

Presented paper: Energy Star Manufactured Homes: The Plant Certification Process,"
Proceedings of ACEEE 2004 Summer Study, American Council for an Energy Efficient
Economy, Washington, DC, August 2004

5-Develop Site Installation Checklist

SAMPLE SITE INSTALLATION CHECKLIST FOR ENERGY STAR QUALIFIED MANUFACTURED HOMES

APPENDIX C

Note: This form can be automatically custom-generated for each home by the MHRA ENERGY STAR Information Manager

ENERGY STAR CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

A. Marriage Line Seal

The marriage line areas must be filled with a continuous non-porous insulating gasket creating a permanent air barrier at joints in the ceiling, walls and floor Acceptable gaskets can be one or two-part systems, including proprietary gaskets, foams, insulation wrapped in poly, and insulation covered by butyl or other long-life tape on one side. In addition, there must be no visible signs of gaps or tears.

B. Tears in Bottom Board Material Repaired

All tears in the bottom board material must be covered and sealed with a durable, permanent patch to prevent air leakage. (Foam sealant can be used on lag bolt and other small holes.)

C. Exterior (Including Crossover) Duct Installation

For multi-section homes, the exterior ducts must be sealed with a permanent connection per the Manufacturer's Installation Manual. Identify that the following items are completed:

- ☐ All exterior ducts have been installed and wrapped with insulation.
- Crossover collar is secured to the trunk with at least three screws and cannot rotate or move.
- ☐ All exterior duct insulation is a minimum of R-____.
- ☐ Nylon or metal straps and saddles are used to support the exterior duct; duct does not touch the ground.
- ☐ Three or more screws are placed below the straps through the flexible duct and into the crossover collar.
- Exterior duct insulation is pushed into the floor cavity and sealed with tape or foam sealant at all bottom board penetrations.

D. Field Installed Heat Pump

☐ Heating equipment efficiency meets or exceeds the following specification: HSPF-_____.

E. For Homes Installed Over Basements (One of the following must be checked)

- ☐ This home has an UNHEATED BASEMENT. All interior stairwells from the heated space into the basement are constructed in the same manner as an exterior wall with full insulation and a weather-stripped, insulated exterior door.
- ☐ This home has a HEATED BASEMENT. The basement wall insulation level is a minimum of: R-

Home serial number

successfully completed.

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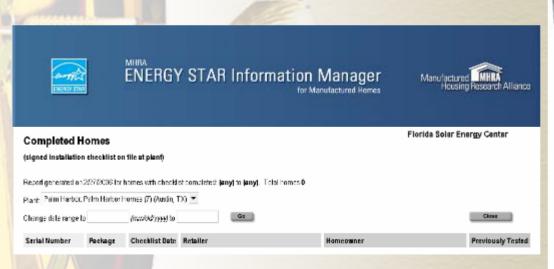
- ✓ Inspect the installation and certify that the items on the Site Installation Checklist have been completed successfully
- ✓ Certify that the duct pressurization tests measuring air leakage to the outside
- ✓ Certify the shell leakage tests.







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PRODUCING ENERGY STAR QUALIFIED HOMES

FPA FNFRGY STAR Label MHRA Quality Assured Label energy AN ENERGY STAR **QUALIFIED HOME** This ENERGY STAR Qualified Home Built By Quality by Design This home meets the ENERGY STAR guidelines established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and was built and installed in conformance with the Manufactured Housing Research Alliance ENERGY STAR Installation Certification I certify that this home was installed in compliance with the ENERGY STAR for Homes specifications. Manufacturer's field representative: This home has been independently verified to meet ENERGY STAR's strict guidelines for energy efficiency, Each ENERGY STAR qualified home can keep 4,500 lbs of greenhouse gases out of our air each year Quality Assured™ Label www.energystar.gov

Manufacture and Inspect Homes in the Plant [Plant Production Staff]

Manufactures qualified homes in accordance with the designs created during the plant certification process.

Install and Inspect Homes in the Field [Installer, Plant Rep]
Plant representative (e.g., the factory field representative or retailer) uses the Site Installation Checklist developed during the plant certification process or custom-generated for each home by the MHRA ENERGY STAR Information Manager to monitor set-up.

Affix the ENERGY STAR Label and the Quality Assured Label [Plant Representative or Plant Field Rep]

Every qualified home must have an EPA-issued ENERGY STAR qualified home label and a Quality Assurance Provider label affixed to it.

Conduct Periodic Field Evaluations To Verify Performance
[Manufactured Housing ENERGY STAR Certifier]

A plant must at all times retain an accredited ENERGY STAR Certifier responsible for conducting field evaluations on no less than 2 percent (2%) of its ENERGY STAR qualified homes sold and installed on a homeowner's site or a minimum of one home each calendar year, whichever is greater.

The Certifier's Role at a Glance - or - What does a Rater do?

- Oversee the plant qualification process
- ✓ Train plant production staff in ENERGY STAR techniques
- Review and if acceptable, approve plant processes and the plant's ENERGY STAR-related documentation including ENERGY STAR home designs, ENERGY STAR Site Installation Checklist, Quality Control Manual and the Manufacturer's Installation Manual.
- Conduct quality control inspection and testing of a representative sample of completed homes
- Participate in and contribute to periodic meetings regarding program quality control and oversight.



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About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR is a nationally recognized, voluntary labeling program designed to identify and promote energy-efficient products, new homes and buildings to consumers and business owners across the United States. Initiated by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 1992, ENERGY STAR is now a joint effort of EPA and the US Department of Energy. EPA is responsible for administering the ENERGY STAR label for homes.

An ENERGY STAR qualified home is significantly more energy efficient in its heating, cooling, and water heating than a comparable standard code home. This increased level of energy efficiency can be met using standard technologies and manufacturing practices by successfully integrating three key home components:

- An energy-efficient building envelope (e.g., effective insulation, tight construction, and high-performance windows).
- Energy-efficient air distribution (e.g., airtight, well-insulated ducts).
- Energy-efficient equipment (e.g., space heating, space cooling, and hot water heating).

ENERGY STAR Promotional tools

ENERGY STAR Qualified Manufactured Homes Frequently Asked Questions



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More information

- ENERGY STAR for HUD-code Home Manufacturers
- ENERGY STAR for Modular Manufacturers
- ENERGY STAR for Home Retailers and Installers
- ENERGY STAR for Plant Certifiers
- . ENERGY STAR for Power Providers (coming soon)



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