

Lab 7. Residential Cooling Load (2.5 Points)

This assignment will take you further into the science (and art) of cooling load calculations. I want you to do a detailed heat gain calculation for the house being used in Lab 6.

Located in St. Paul, Minnesota

Use 1% dry bulb and mean coincident wet bulb design conditions

Assume indoor temperature of 75 degrees and 50% RH

Area Take-offs

Basement slab is a total 1024 square feet

Total volume is 27,648 cubic feet

Important Construction Details

4" basement floor slab is insulated with extruded polystyrene; southern 8' has 3" and rest has 2"

10" basement walls (and stem wall) have exterior waterproofing with 2-3/4" extruded polystyrene.

Rim joist has 2" of extruded polystyrene and 3/4" plywood sheathing on the outside of the rim joist

(1-1/8" OSB) and 1-1/2" extruded covered by 3/4" polyisocyanurate on the inside.

Exterior walls are 2x6 @ 16" o.c. with blown-in-blanket (R-22) and 25/32" fiberboard sheathing

Assume vinyl siding for all exterior walls

House/garage wall is 2x6 @ 16" o.c. with blown-in blanket fiberglass and 5/8" drywall

Ceiling is raised heel roof trusses @ 24' o.c. with R-50 blown-in fiberglass

Attic hatch is drywall plus 3" of extruded polystyrene and an R-19 batt

Windows and patio doors are aluminum clad wood with triple glazing, two 0.10 low-e coatings, and 1/2" argon

Front door and sidelights are insulated steel in wood frame with 45% double low-e, argon glass

House/garage door is insulated steel in wood frame

Airtight construction (350 cfm @ 50 Pa; effective leakage area of 25 sq. in.)

Ventilation is provided with a 75% efficient HRV; normal ventilation rate will be 90 cfm

Heating will be a combination space and water heat; CAE = 92%

Ductwork is uninsulated, but pretty tight (5%/5%)