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FOREWORD

This addendum provides a clearer and more concise definition of conditioned space than what is currently in place in 90.2-2004 by the following changes:

• Changes the definition by removing the undefined terms "heated space" and "cooled space".

- *Removes the term "indirectly conditioned space" since it is not used in the Standard.*
- Adds language referring to the intent that these spaces are provided with "mechanical heating/cooling" to condition the space.

Addendum c to 90.2-2004

3. DEFINITIONS, ABBREVIATIONS, ACRONYMS, AND SYMBOLS

Change to read as shown.

conditioned space: cooled space, heated space, or indirectly conditioned space. An enclosed space within a building that is provided with mechanical heating and/or cooling energy.

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The addendum attempts to address issues related to mass walls. The Standing Standard Project Committee found the following items necessary to further refine the Standard. They are:

Section 3, Definitions: There is a need for the definition for mass walls. The section of the standard where it was originally defined (Section 5.3.2.2) was deleted as part of the Addenda "i" to Standard 90.2-2001. This addendum places a definition of mass wall in the standard to clarify the provisions in the 2004 edition. The Standard 90.1-2001 definition was different because it never required users to calculate heat capacity to determine whether or not a wall is a mass wall for residential standards. The idea is that if the mass part of a wall is structural, it is a mass wall. Brick veneers are not included as a mass wall because they have a cavity in which to put insulation, and are not considered part of the structural elements of a wall, therefore would not be appropriate for applying the mass wall provisions.

Section 5.3, Mass Walls: This revision differentiates between mass walls with insulation on the interior and the exterior of a wall. The language instructs the user how to deal with the case where half the insulation is on the interior and half on the exterior, like an Insulating Concrete Form (ICF) type wall, or where the insulation is within the interior of the mass such as a pre-cast wall panel or the insulated cores of concrete masonry unit walls. The second sentence clarifies that when the exterior insulation requirements are zero, the provisions will state how to address interior insulation requirements if the design has interior light framing with insulation within the cavity. **Informative Note:** If Addendum e to 90.2-2004 is approved, then section 5.3 will be renumbered as section 5.4, and subsequent sections will also be renumbered to show the addition of a new section.

Addendum d to 90.2-2004

3. DEFINITIONS, ABBREVIATIONS, ACRONYMS, AND SYMBOLS

Add new text as shown.

walls: those portions of the building envelope that are vertical or tilted at an angle of 30 degrees or less from the vertical plane.

- a. *above-grade walls:* all exterior walls of any given story if 50% or more of the gross wall area of the story is exposed to outside air.
- b. *below-grade walls:* all the exterior walls of any given story if more than 50% of the gross exterior wall area of the story is below grade.
- c. *mass wall:* a wall constructed of concrete, concrete masonry, insulating concrete form (ICF), masonry cavity, brick (other than brick veneer), earth (adobe, compressed earth block, rammed earth), and solid timber or logs.

5. BUILDING ENVELOPE REQUIREMENTS

Add new text as shown.

5.3 Mass Walls. Exterior insulation requirements shall apply when at least 50% of the required insulation R-value is on the exterior of, or integral to, the wall. Walls that do not meet this requirement for insulation placement shall meet the requirements for interior insulation. The interior insulation case shall apply when there are no exterior insulation requirements and wood or steel framing is used. When an added R-value of 3.4 or less is required, concrete block walls, in accordance with ASTM C90, with cores filled with material having a maximum thermal conductivity of 0.44 Btu-in./hr-ft²-⁰F, shall be permitted to be used.

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This addendum adds insulation requirements for walls adjacent to unconditioned spaces and defines the situations where these requirements apply. Insulation requirements are added in Zones 3 and 4 for wood-frame walls, Zone 4 for steel-frame walls, and Zones 4 through 8 for mass walls. The new Section 5.3 defines the qualifying unconditioned spaces as unconditioned basements, unconditioned enclosed mechanical rooms, and unconditioned enclosed vestibules. The Rvalue requirements for wood- and steel-framed walls adjacent to unconditioned spaces are combined, simplifying Table 5.2. Mass walls adjacent to unconditioned spaces will have to meet the modest insulation requirements of R-3 in Zones 4 and 5, and R-6 in Zones 6 through 8. The wood- and steel-framed wall requirements are cost-effective based on the 5-year payback methodology. **Informative Note:** This addendum does not replace the current Section 5.3. If approved, the current Section 5.3 will be renumbered as 5.4, and all subsequent sections shall be renumbered to account for the addition of this section.

Addendum e to 90.2-2004

5. BUILDING ENVELOPE REQUIREMENTS

Add new text as shown.

5.3 Walls Next to Unconditioned Spaces. Unconditioned spaces shall include unconditioned basements, unconditioned enclosed mechanical rooms, and unconditioned enclosed vestibules. Wood- and steel-framed walls adjacent to unconditioned spaces shall comply with the insulation values specified in Table 5.3 category "Frame Adjacent to Unconditioned Spaces." Mass walls adjacent to unconditioned spaces shall comply with the "Above-Grade Mass, Exterior Insulation" insulation values specified in Table 5.3.

Renumber remaining sections in Chapter 5 accordingly.

Change Table 5.2 to read as shown.

one	Frame Adjacent to Unconditioned Space				Mass Adjacent to Unconditioned Space
Climate 2	Wood		Steel		is Insulation
	Cavity	Cont. Ins.	Cavity	Cont. Ins.	Continuou
No.	R	R	R	R	R
1	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0
3A, 3B	0 11	0	0	0	0
3C	0 11	0	0	0	0
4	0 13	0	15	0	θ
5	0 13	0	15	0	0
6	15	0	15	0	θ
7	15	0	0	10	0
8	15	0	15	10	15

TABLE 5.2 Prescriptive Envelope Criteria

Jimate Zone	Frame Adjacent to	Mass Adjacent to Unconditioned Space	
0	Wood	Steel	
No.	U	U	Ų
1	0.274	0.442	0.2 44
2	0.274	0.442	0.244
3A, 3B	0.274 0.094	0.442 <u>0.179</u>	0.244
3C	0.274 0.094	0.442 0.179	0.244
4	0.274 0.089	0.155 0.167	0.244
5	0.274 0.089	0.155 <u>0.167</u>	0.244
6	0.081	0.155	0.244
7	0.081	0.100 <u>0.155</u>	0.244
8	0.081	0.061 0.155	0.071

Change Table 5.11 to read as shown. **TABLE 5.11** Performance Path Envelope Criteria

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FOREWORD

When Addendum f to Standard 90.2-2001 was approved, the printing of the addenda into the standard included a portion of the reason statement, namely, the bibliographical list of references. This was not what was intended by the proponents of the original proposal.

This addendum deletes Appendix D in its entirety, including the advisory note, without substitution.

In order to address the loss of this information from the standard itself, the Standing Standard Project Committee is in process of developing a bibliographical list for inclusion on the SSPC 90.2 Web site as an alternative measure to ensure that information used to develop any addenda for Standard 90.2 is retained in some form.

Note: In this addendum, changes to the current standard are indicated in the text by underlining (for additions) and strikethrough (for deletions) unless the instructions specifically mention some other means of indicating the changes.

Addendum k to 90.2-2004

Remove Informative Appendix D—Informative References.

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APPENDIX D

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