DUCT LEAKAGE DIAGNOSTIC TEST



CEC-LMCI-MCH-20-H

NOT REGISTERED - CAN BE USED FOR SUBMISSION TO BUILDING DEPARTMENTS PRIOR TO MARCH 31, 2023

CERTIFICATE OF INSTALLATION

Note: This table completed by HERS Registry.

Project Details

Field Name	Data Entry	Field Name	Data Entry
Project Name:		Enforcement Agency:	
Dwelling Address:		Permit Number:	
City and Zip Code:		Date Permit Issued:	

A. System Information

Fields 01 through 03 must be completed with data taken from the LMCI-MCH-01 form.

Field	Field Name	Data Entry
01	Space Conditioning System Identification or Name	
02	Space Conditioning System Location or Area Served	
03	Indoor Unit Name or Description of Area Served	
04	Building Type from LMCC	
05	Verified Low Leakage Ducts in Conditioned Space (VLLDCS) Credit from LMCC?	
06	Verified Low Leakage Air-Handling Unit Credit from LMCC?	
07	Duct System Compliance Category	
08	Any portions of Duct Located in Garage?	
09	Is the system type Small Duct High Velocity (SDHV)?	

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B. Duct Leakage Diagnostic Test

Field	Field Name	Data Entry
01	Air-Handling Unit Airflow (AHU Airflow) Determination Method	
02	Condenser Nominal Cooling Capacity (ton)	
03	Indoor Unit Nominal Cooling Capacity	
04	Heating Capacity (kBtu/h)	
05	Conditioned Floor Area Served by this HVAC System (ft²)	
06	Measured AHU Airflow (cfm)	
07	Duct Leakage Test Conditions	
08	Duct Leakage Test Method	
09	Leakage Factor	
10	Calculated Target Allowable Duct Leakage Rate (cfm)	
11	Actual Duct Leakage Rate from Leakage Test Measurement (cfm)	
12	Compliance Statement:	

C. Ducts Located in Garage Spaces

Field	Field Name	Data Entry
01	Duct Leakage Test Method	
02	Leakage Factor	
03	Air-Handling Unit Airflow (AHU Airflow) Determination Method	
04	Measured AHU Airflow (cfm)	
05	Calculated Target Allowable Duct Leakage Rate (cfm)	
06	Actual Duct Leakage Rate from Leakage Test Measurement (cfm)	
07	Compliance Statement:	

D. Additional Requirements for Compliance

Field	Field Name	
01	System was tested in its normal operation condition. No temporary taping allowed.	
02	Outside air (OA) duct connections to the central forced air duct system shall not be sealed/taped off during duct leakage testing. OA ducts used for Central Fan Integrated (CFI) Indoor Air Quality ventilation systems, or Central Fan Ventilation Cooling Systems, that utilize dampers that open only when OA is required and automatically close when OA is not required, may configure the OA damper to the closed position during duct leakage testing.	
03	All supply and return register boots were sealed to the drywall.	
04	Building cavities were not used as plenums, or platform returns, in lieu of ducts.	

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05	If cloth backed tape was used it was covered with Mastic and draw bands.	
06	All connection points between the air handler and the supply and return plenums are completely sealed.	
07	If the system complies using the Smoke Test method, the smoke test was conducted in accordance with the requirements of Reference Residential Appendix RA3.1.4.3.6. Systems that comply using the smoke test shall not be included in sample groups for HERS verification compliance.	

The responsible person's signature on this compliance document affirms that all applicable requirements in this table have been met.

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DOCUMENTATION AUTHOR'S DECLARATION STATEMENT

1. I certify that this Certificate of Installation documentation is accurate and complete

SIGNATORY	Entry
Author Name	
Author Signature	
Company Name	
Date Signed	
CEA/HERS Certification Identification (if applicable)	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
Phone	

Responsible Person's Declaration Statement

I certify the following under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California:

- 1. The information provided on this certificate of installation is true and correct.
- 2. I am either: a) a responsible person eligible under division 3 of the business and professions code in the applicable classification to accept responsibility for the system design, construction, or installation of features, materials, components, or manufactured devices for the scope of work identified on this certificate of installation, and attest to the declarations in this statement, or b) I am an authorized representative of the responsible person and attest to the declarations in this statement on the responsible person's behalf.
- 3. The constructed or installed features, materials, components or manufactured devices (the installation) identified on this certificate of installation conforms to all applicable codes and regulations and the installation conforms to the requirements given on the certificate of compliance, plans, and specifications approved by the enforcement agency.
- 4. I understand that a HERS rater will check the installation to verify compliance and if such checking determines the installation fails to comply, I am required to offer any necessary corrective action at no charge to the building owner.
- 5. I understand that a registered copy of this certificate of installation shall be posted or made available with the building permit(s) issued for the building and made available to the enforcement agency for all applicable inspections, and I will take the necessary steps to ensure this requirement is accomplished.
- 6. I understand that a registered copy of this certificate of installation is required to be included with the documentation the builder provides to the building owner at occupancy, and I will take the necessary steps to ensure this requirement is accomplished.

SIGNATORY	Entry
Builder/Installer Name	
Builder/Installer Signature	
Company Name	
Position With Company (Title)	
Address	
CSLB License	
City/State/Zip	
Phone	
Date Signed	
Third Party Quality Control Program (TPQCP) Status	
Name of TPQCP (if applicable)	

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LMCI-MCH-20e-H User Instructions

A. System Information

- 1. *HVAC System Identification or Name*: This field is filled out automatically. It is referenced from the LMCI-MCH-01, which must be completed prior to this document.
- 2. *HVAC System Location or Area Served*: This field is filled out automatically. It is referenced from the LMCI-MCH-01, which must be completed prior to this document.
- 3. *Indoor Unit Name:* This field is filled out automatically. It is referenced from the LMCI-MCH-01, which must be completed prior to this document.
- 4. *Building Type*: This field is filled out automatically. It is referenced from the Certificate of Compliance (LMCC), which must be completed prior to this document.
- 5. Verified Low Leakage Ducts in Conditioned Space (VLLDCS): This field is filled out automatically. It is referenced from the Certificate of Compliance (LMCC), which must be completed prior to this document.
- 6. Verified Low Leakage Air-Handling Unit (VLLAHU) Credit This field is filled out automatically. It is referenced from the Certificate of Compliance (LMCC), which must be completed prior to this document.
- 7. *Duct System Compliance Category*: Choose from New, Replacement, Alteration, Replacement Using Smoke Test, Alteration Using Smoke Test.
 - a. <u>New:</u> Use this choice for newly constructed buildings, additions with all-new systems dedicated to the addition, or new systems installed in existing homes where the equipment is newly installed and the ducts are at least 75% or more newly installed duct material (up to 25% of the finished system may consist of reused parts from the dwelling unit's previously existing duct system, such as registers, grilles, boots, air handler, coil, plenums, duct material).
 - b. <u>Replacement:</u> For existing buildings where the equipment is not newly installed but the ducts are at least 75% or more newly installed duct material (up to 25% of the finished system may consist of reused parts from the dwelling unit's previously existing duct system, such as registers, grilles, boots, air handler, coil, plenums, duct material). Sometimes referred to as a "re-ducted" system.
 - c. <u>Alteration:</u> For existing buildings where any of the following are newly installed or replaced as part of the project and the system does not meet one of the other compliance categories:
 - 1. 25 feet of space-conditioning system ducts are installed in unconditioned space or indirectly conditioned space.
 - 2. Air conditioning or heat pump condenser
 - 3. Heating or cooling coil
 - 4. Air handler (e.g., furnace, fan coil, package unit)
 - d. <u>Replacement using Smoke Test:</u> Similar to "Replacement" but the target leakage could not be met due to the equipment not being new. Smoke is used to show that leaks are only coming from the previously existing equipment. All accessible leaks visible by smoke must be sealed.
 - e. <u>Alteration using Smoke Test:</u> Similar to "Alteration" but the target leakage could not be met due to the equipment not being new or due to inaccessible leaks. Smoke is used to show that leaks are only coming from the previously existing equipment or are inaccessible. All accessible leaks visible by smoke must be sealed.
- 8. Any portions of Duct Located in Garage: User select from Yes or No.

B. Duct Leakage Diagnostic Test - Sealing All Accessible Leaks using Smoke Test

- 1. Air-Handling Unit Airflow (AHU Airflow) Determination Method: User will select from the following options:
 - a. <u>Default Airflow Method:</u> The Default Airflow Method may only be used for homes where the duct system is being tested before the conditioning and heating system is installed and the equipment specification is not known (See Section RA3.1.4.2.1 of the 2022 Reference Appendices).
 - b. <u>Cooling System Method:</u> For systems with air conditioning, this selection must be made, and the nominal air handler airflow shall be 400 CFM per nominal ton of condensing unit cooling capacity as specified by the manufacturer (Note: the heating only value may be used, if higher, See Section RA3.1.4.2.2 of the 2022 Reference Appendices).
 - c. <u>Heating System Method:</u> For heating only systems the nominal air handler airflow shall be 21.7 CFM per kBtu/h of rated heating output capacity.
 - d. <u>Measured Airflow Method:</u> The measured system airflow can be used as the air handler airflow for the purpose of establishing duct leakage percentage (See Section RA3.1.4.2.3 of the 2022 Reference Appendices).
 - e. Indoor Unit Method
- 2. Condenser Nominal Cooling Capacity (ton): Same data given on MCH-01.
- 3. Indoor Unit Nominal Cooling Capacity: Same data given on MCH-01.
- 4. Heating Capacity (kBtu/h): Same data given on MCH-01.
- 5. Conditioned Floor Area Served by this HVAC System (ft^2): User must input CFA for the space. Should be consistent with the LMCC input value.
- 6. *Measured AHU Airflow (CFM)*: If "Measured Airflow Method" is selected, user must input measured airflow.
- 7. Duct Leakage Test Conditions: Select from the following options:
 - a. <u>Test Rough-in AHU</u>: Installers may determine duct leakage in new construction by using diagnostic measurements at rough-in building construction stage prior to installation of interior finishing (See Section RA3.1.4.3.2 of the 2022 Reference Appendices). In this case the air-handling unit (AHU) is installed at the time of test.
 - b. <u>Test Rough-in No AHU</u>: Same as "Test Rough-in" except air handling unit is not yet installed (See Section RA3.1.4.3.2 of the 2022 Reference Appendices).
 - c. <u>Test Final</u>: Test conducted at "final", i.e. all equipment, ducts, and registers are installed and the system is essentially in its final operating condition. (rough-in no longer an option. See Section RA3.1.4.3.1 of the 2022 Reference Appendices).
- 8. *Duct Leakage Test Method*: Select from the following options: Leakage to the Outside (house is pressurized simultaneously with the ducts such that only leakage going outside of the pressurized conditioned shell is measured, see RA3.2.4.3.4), or Total Leakage.
- 9. Leakage Factor: This field is automatically filled out based on choices in previous fields.
- 10. Calculated Target Allowable Duct Leakage Rate (cfm): This value will be automatically calculated based on values entered in previous fields.
- 11. Actual Duct Leakage Rate from Leakage Test Measurement (cfm): Input the duct leakage rater taken from actual test measurements.

12. *Compliance Statement*: If measured leakage (B10) is less than or equal to allowable duct leakage rate (B09), "system passes - system complies with Allowable Duct Leakage Rate Criterion" will automatically populate.

If measured leakage is greater than allowable duct leakage rate, then the following will automatically populate:

"System passes using smoke test of an altered HVAC system in an existing building

- No visible smoke exits the accessible portions of the duct system.
- Smoke is only emanating from air handler unit (AHU cabinet and non-accessible portions of the duct system.

Note: Accessible is defined as having access thereto, but which first may require removal or opening of access panels, doors, or moving similar obstructions. If access to the ducts requires an object to be demolished or deconstructed, then sealing of those ducts is not required.

C. Ducts Located in Garage Spaces

- 1. Duct Leakage Test Method: This field is automatically filled out based on choices in previous fields.
- 2. Leakage Factor: This field is automatically filled out based on choices in previous fields.
- 3. Air-Handling Unit Airflow (AHU Airflow) Determination Method: This field is automatically filled out based on choices in previous fields.
- 4. Measured AHU Airflow (CFM): This field is automatically filled out based on choices in previous fields.
- 5. Calculated Target Allowable Duct Leakage Rate (cfm): This value will be automatically calculated based on values entered in previous fields
- 6. Actual Duct Leakage Rate from Leakage Test Measurement (cfm): This field is automatically filled out based on choices in previous fields
- 7. Compliance Statement: If Actual Duct Leakage Rate from leakage test is less than or equal to Calculated Target Allowable Duct Leakage Rate, passes message will automatically populate. If not, "System fails leakage test" will automatically populate.

D. Additional Requirements for Compliance

- 1. This field must be a true statement (or not applicable) for the system to comply.
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