INSTALLER and INSPECTOR QUICK-REFERENCE: 2022 NRCA-MCH-20c-H

Multifamily Dwelling Unit IAQ Ventilation Acceptance Test

Purpose and Scope of the Test

This test verifies that the continuous ventilation airflow (balanced, supply only, or exhaust only) and the kitchen exhaust fan conforms to the requirements of the Energy Code and ANSI/ASHRAE Standards 62.2-2016. Submit one Certificate of Acceptance for each dwelling unit to the HERS Rater.

NOTE: HERS Verification required. NRCA-MCH-20a-H must be completed prior to beginning NRCA-MCH-20c-H. If using supply-only or exhaust-only ventilation, the Certificate of Acceptance NRCA-MCH-21-A must be completed prior to beginning NRCA-MCH-20a-H.

Test trigger

All newly constructed multifamily dwelling units with continuous ventilation must be tested.

Exceptions: Central Fan Integration (CFI) or other intermittent ventilation systems are not subject to this test. Healthcare facilities are not subject to this test.

Relevant Energy Code References and Required Compliance Documents

Title 24, Part 6 of the California Building Code, Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Energy Code) sections 160.2(b)2; NA7.18.1.1, NA2.2; NRCC-MCH-E Table J or LMCA-MCH-E; and ANSI/ASHRAE Standards 62.2-2016.

Who Can Perform the Test

There are no restrictions on who can perform the test; however the test must be verified by a HERS rater. An acceptance test technician may perform the test without HERS verification.

Required Tools

Ventilation system airflow rate measurement apparatus that complies with all of the following:

- listed on the Energy Commission website: <u>https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/title24/equipment_cert/ama_vs/index.html</u>
- Calibrated according to the manufacturer procedures

Estimated Time to Complete Test

Construction Inspection: 0.5 hours Functional Test: 0.5 to 1.5 hours

Potential Issues and Cautions

If multiple fans are specified to operate simultaneously to provide the total required ventilation airflow, the measurements within this functional test must be made with all applicable fans operating simultaneously.

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Inspection Enforcement

Optional Equipment Check:

Have the technician demonstrate the use of the ventilation system airflow rate measurement apparatus.

Acceptance Criteria

- Supply and Exhaust airflow rates must be within 20 percent of the same amount.
- The measured ventilation rate is greater than or equal to the design amount.

Follow the **Construction Inspection** and **Functional Testing** instruction on either NRCA-MCH-20c-H.