REFRIGERANT CHARGE VERIFICATION



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CERTIFICATE OF INSTALLATION

This Certificate of Installation documents the installation of electrical power distribution system features, materials, components, and manufactured devices required to demonstrate compliance with Title 24, Part 6 per §10-103(a)3 for nonresidential, hotel/motel and high-rise residential occupancies.

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

A. System Information

Each system requiring refrigerant charge verification will be documented on a separate certificate.

Field	Field Name	Data Entry
01	Space Conditioning System Identification or Name	
02	Space Conditioning System Location or Area Served	
03	Condenser (or package unit) Make or Brand	
04	Condenser (or package unit) Model Number	
05	Nominal Cooling Capacity (tons) of Condenser	
06	Condenser (or package unit) Serial Number	
07	Refrigerant Type	
08	Other Refrigerant Type (if applicable)	
09	Liquid Line Filter Drier Installed According to Manufacturer's Specifications (if applicable)	
10	System Installation Type	
11	Fault Indicator Display (FID) Status (Note: Even systems with a FID must have refrigerant charge verified by installer)	
12	Is the system of a type that the minimum airflow can be verified for all indoor units using an approved measurement procedure (RA3.3 or RA3.3.3)?	
13	Is the system of a type that approved refrigerant charge verification procedures can be used to verify compliance with the refrigerant charge verification requirements when temperatures are ≥ 55°F (RA3.2.2, or RA1)?	
14	Date of Refrigerant Charge Verification for this System	

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15	Refrigerant Charge Verification Method Used	
16	Person Who Performed the Refrigerant Charge Verification Reported on this Certificate of Installation	
17	HERS Verification Compliance Requirement Status	

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B. Measurement Access Hole (MAH) Verification

Procedures for installing MAH are specified in Reference Residential Appendix RA3.2.2.3.

Fi	ield	Field Name	Data Entry
0)1	Method Used to Demonstrate Compliance with the Measurement Access Hole (MAH) Requirement	



C. Minimum System Airflow Rate Verification

Procedures for verifying minimum system airflow are specified in Reference Residential Appendix RA3.3.3.

Field	Field Name	Data Entry
01	Indoor Unit Name or Description of Area Served	
02	Minimum Required System Airflow Rate (cfm)	Verification of Table 150.0-B or C Alternative Return Duct Design Criteria is Required
		Enter numeric XXX value:
03	System Airflow Rate Verification Status	
04	Compliance Statement:	

Notes

Data Entry			

D. Verification of New Package Unit Factory Charge

Note: There is no HERS verification requirement for the MCH-25f. The Enforcement Agency has responsibility for verification of the MCH-25f.

Field	Field Name
01	The responsible person's signature on this document affirms that this new package unit has
	correct refrigerant charge as provided by the manufacturer prior to shipment from the factory, and no modifications have been made to this packaged unit that would result in a change to the amount of refrigerant in the unit.



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DOCUMENTATION AUTHOR'S DECLARATION STATEMENT

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

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

RESPONSIBLE PERSON'S DECLARATION STATEMENT

- 2. 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 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 (responsible builder/installer), otherwise I am an authorized representative of the responsible builder/installer.
 - 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 plans and specifications approved by the enforcement agency.
 - 4. I reviewed a copy of the Certificate of Compliance approved by the enforcement agency that identifies the specific requirements for the scope of construction or installation identified on this Certificate of Installation, and I have ensured that the requirements that apply to the construction or installation have been met.
 - 5. I understand that a completed signed 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 accomplish this requirement.
 - 6. I understand that a completed signed 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 accomplish this requirement.

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SIGNATORY	Entry
Responsible Builder/Installer Name	
Responsible Builder/Installer Signature	
Company Name: (Installing Subcontractor or General Contractor or Builder/Owner)	
Position With Company (Title)	
CSLB License	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
Phone	
Date Signed	

For assistance or questions regarding the Energy Standards, contact the Energy Hotline at: 1-800-772-3300

NRCI-MCH-25f-E User Instructions

Section A. System Information

- 1. This information is automatically pulled from the Certificate of Installation (MCH-01).
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- 7. Choose the type of refrigerant used by the system being verified. R-22 and R-410A are the most common, but other types may occasionally be encountered.
- 8. If "Other" is chosen in A07, then indicate the type of refrigerant being used. If R-22 or R-410A is being used (regardless of trade name, Puron, Genetron, etc.) it should be indicated in A07. This row is only for refrigerants other than R-22 and R-410a. Documentation of refrigerant may be requested.
- 9. If applicable, a liquid line filter drier shall be installed according to manufacturer's specifications.
- 10. Indicate whether the HVAC system is Completely New, Replacement or an Alteration. These are defined in detail the Residential Compliance Manual.
- 11. Select the appropriate choice regarding whether this system has a Fault Indicator Display (FID). Qualifying FID's may exempt a system from HERS refrigerant charge verification. FID's are described in Joint Appendix JA6.1. Qualifying FID's must appear on a list of approved devices kept by the Commission. Installation of a FID does not exempt the installer from proper refrigerant charge verification. It may only exempt the need for third party refrigerant charge verification. Third party verification of the FID is required. Other requirements may also be triggered.
- 12. Most ducted split systems and package systems are of the type that minimum airflow can be verified using an approved measurement procedure. Examples of systems that do not meet this description are ductless systems. Selecting "No" here may subject the project to additional scrutiny by enforcement personnel.
- 13. Most ducted split systems and package systems are of the type that approved refrigerant charge verification procedures detailed in Residential Appendix RA3.2.2 or RA1 can be used (i.e., Standard Charge Verification or Winter Setup Verification procedures). Examples of systems that may not meet this description are "mini splits" or variable refrigerant flow systems that may only be charged using weigh-in procedures. Selecting "No" here may subject the project to additional scrutiny.
- 14. Specify the date the refrigerant charge verification was performed by the installer.
- 15. Select the refrigerant charge verification method used from the choices provided:
 - Superheat (outdoor temperature must be ≥ 55°F); this verification method can only be used when the outdoor temperature is at or above 55°F. It is only used on systems with fixed orifice refrigerant metering devices (non-variable metering devices). This method is detailed in Reference Appendix RA3.2.2.6.1. Systems verified using this method may be eligible for HERS verification compliance using Group Sampling. Choosing this option will generate a CF2R-MCH-25a.
 - Subcooling (outdoor temperature must be ≥ 55°F); this verification method can only be used when the outdoor temperature is at or above 55°F. It is only used on systems with variable metering devices (TXV or EXV). This method is detailed in Reference Appendix RA3.2.2.6.2. Systems verified using this method may be eligible for HERS verification compliance using Group Sampling. Choosing this option will generate a CF2R-MCH-25b.
 - Weigh-in; this verification method can be used at any outdoor temperature allowed by the equipment manufacturer. This method is detailed in Reference Appendix RA3.2.3. Systems verified using this

method are NOT eligible for HERS verification compliance using Group Sampling. Choosing this option will generate a CF2R-MCH-25c.

- Winter Setup (applicable when outdoor temperature is < 55°F); the Winter Setup verification method is
 a special version of the Subcooling method. It can be used when the outdoor temperature is between
 37°F and 55°F. It can only be used on equipment where the manufacturer has specifically approved it
 for the equipment being tested. The Winter Setup procedure is details in Residential Appendix RA1.2.
 Choosing this option will generate a CF2R-MCH-25e.
- New Package Unit Factory Charge; Choose this option when a new package unit is being installed that has an AHRI rating. This helps ensure that the unit was properly charged at the factory. HERS verification of refrigerant charge may not be required in this case. Choosing this option will generate a CF2R-MCH-25f.
- 16. Identify who will be performing the verification that is documented on this Certificate of Installation, select from the two options. Note that HERS verification compliance by Group Sampling requires that the installer perform their own refrigerant charge verification as part of the installation of the equipment prior to the system being put into a sample group for possible selection by a HERS rater for verification. If Group Sampling is not intended, the HERS Rater may perform the refrigerant charge verification on behalf of the Installing Contractor (applies to any method but Weigh-In) and the Rater will enter same results on both the CF2R and CF3R.
- 17. The Group Sampling status is automatically displayed based on the input results of A15 and A16. Group Sampling procedures are detailed Residential Appendix RA2.3.

Section B. Measurement Access Hole (MAH) Verification

 Indicate the method used to demonstrate compliance with the MAH requirement by selecting the appropriate method from the drop down list. Procedures for installing MAH's are detailed in RA3.2.2.3. Selecting that the MAH cannot be installed consistent with Figure 3.2-1 may result in additional scrutiny by enforcement personnel.

Section C. Minimum System Airflow Rate Verification

- 1. This information is automatically calculated based on the information given in A10. This is the target minimum system airflow required for the system being verified.
- 2. This information is automatically calculated based on the MCH-23 or MCH-28, which documents the measured airflow (or alternative method) of the system being verified. If the measured airflow is not adequate it will not comply with the airflow requirements and refrigerant charge verification cannot be performed until the airflow meets the requirement.

Section D. Verification of New Package Unit Factory Charge

1. By signing the Declaration Statement at the bottom of this form, the installer is declaring that the package unit was an AHRI certified unit and that no modifications were made to the unit to change the factory charge.

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Documentation Declaration Statements

- 1. The person who prepared the NRCI will sign and complete the fields for their name, company (if applicable), address, phone number, certification information (if applicable), date and signature.
- 2. The person who is assuming responsibility for the project being built to comply with Title 24, Part 6, will complete the fields for their name, company (if applicable), address, phone number, license number (if applicable), date and signature.