

**INSTALLER and INSPECTOR QUICK-REFERENCE:**  
**2025 NRCA-MCH-20a-H**  
**Multifamily Dwelling Unit Continuous Ventilation Inspection**

**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 62.2-2022. Submit one Certificate of Acceptance for each dwelling unit.

NOTE: ECC Rater Verification is not required if an ATT performs the test. The Certificate of Acceptance NRCA-MCH-21-H must be completed prior to beginning NRCA-MCH-20a-H.

**Test trigger**

All newly constructed four or more stories multifamily dwelling units with continuous ventilation must be tested.

This form is completed only when NA1.9 Acceptance Test Technicians Alternative Procedure is used in accordance with Section 160.2(b)2Biv, where a certified ATT is allowed to perform the test that is typically performed by an ECC-Rater for multifamily buildings with four or more stories.

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 Standards Code, Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Energy Code) sections 160.2(b)2; NA7.18.1.1, NA2.2; NRCC-MCH-E Table J or NRCC-PRF-E; and ANSI/ASHRAE Standards 62.2-2022.

**Who Can Perform the Test**

This test must be performed by an acceptance test technician certified by a CEC-approved Acceptance Test Technician Certification Provider, using compliance document NRCA-MCH-20a.

**Required Tools**

A pressure measurement instrumentation that complies with all of the following:

- Accurate to plus or minus 0.2 Pa or plus or minus 1 percent of the pressure reading.
- Includes a sensor plus data acquisition system.
- Makes use of a static pressure probe.

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

- Listed on the Energy Commission website: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/rules-and-regulations/building-energy-efficiency/manufacturer-certification-building-equipment/airflow-meas>.
- Calibrated according to the manufacturer procedures.

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**Estimated Time to Complete Test**

Construction Inspection: 0.5 hour.

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.

**Inspection Enforcement**

Verify the inspector is in receipt of one NRCA-MCH-20a-H for EACH system that must demonstrate compliance. All NRCA forms for Mechanical Systems must have a water mark logo from a certified Mechanical ATTCP Provider.

**Required:**

- Verify that the system uses a fixed minimum setting for outside air when the unit is operating.
- Document the ventilation system type
- Document the method of control.
- Document balancing system used for central ventilation systems serving multiple dwelling units.
- Verify that a manual On/Off switch associated with the dwelling unit ventilation system is operational and labeled per code requirements.

**Optional Equipment Check:**

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

**Acceptance Criteria**

Perform the dwelling unit mechanical ventilation airflow procedure as specified to verify the dwelling unit ventilation airflow conforms to the requirements of the Energy Code.

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