Managing HVAC in High Performance Buildings

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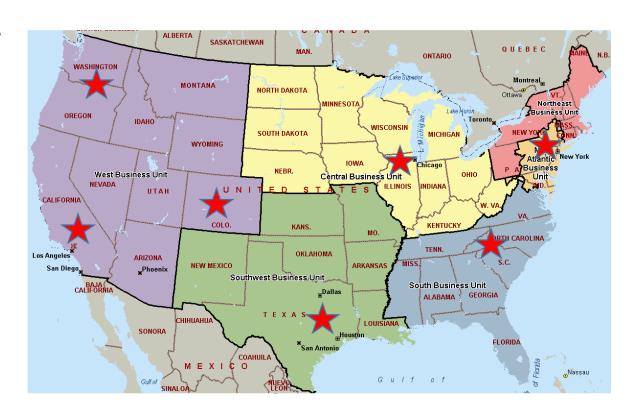






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Performance Construction Priorities

- Comfort
 - Individual room control
 - Quiet operation
- Health
 - Ductless (or less duct)
 - Filtration
 - Ventilation
 - Dehumidification
- Efficiency
 - Inverter compressor





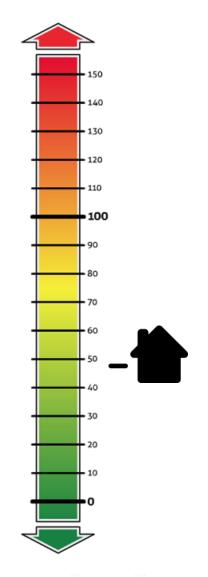


Performance Construction Goals

- Energy code compliance
- ERI performance path
- HERS score



Climates	2015 IECC HERS Index Scores
Zone 1 — 2	52
Zone 3	51
Zone 4	54
Zone 5	55
Zone 6	54
Zone 7 — 8	53







Performance Construction Goals

IECC 2012

Enclosure

HERS

70-80

IECC

2012

Source Zero Renewable Energy System

Balanced Ventilation

SOLAR READY

ALWAYS

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•	Certification	Programs
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- ENERGY STAR
- EPA Indoor airPLUS
- DOE Zero Energy Ready

IECC 2009

Enclosure

HERS

85-90

2009

- Passive House
- Net-Zero

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ENERGY STAR v3	ENERGY STAR v3.1	ZERO ZERH	PHIUS PHIUS+	±C PHIUS+ SourceZero
HERS	HERS	HERS	HERS	HERS
65-75	55-65	48-55	35-45	< 0
IECC 2009	IECC 2012	IECC 2012/15	Ultra-Efficient	Ultra-Efficient
Enclosure	Enclosure	Encl./ES Win.	Enclosure	Enclosure
Independent	Independent	Independent	Independent	Independent
Verification	Verification	Verification	Verification	Verification
Water	Water	Water	Water	Water
Management	Management	Management	Management	Management
HVAC QI	HVAC QI	HVAC QI	Micro-load	Micro-load
w/WHV	w/WHV	w/WHV	HVAC QI	HVAC QI
		Ducts in Condit. Space	Ducts in Condit. Space	Ducts in Condit. Space
		Air Pacakge	Air Pacakge	Air Pacakge

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Balanced Ventilation

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Energy Code & Construction Trends

- All homes are getting tighter and better insulated
- Small homes are very popular
 - Multifamily
 - Tiny Homes
 - Modular
- We spend most of our time indoors
- Can a house be too tight?







Issues With Oversizing

What is the problem with oversized HVAC equipment?



Photo courtesy of Energy Vanguard

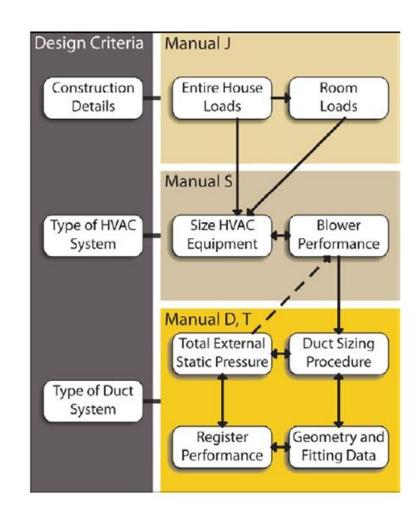






Residential HVAC Design Process

- Manual J
- Manual S
- Manual D
- Manual T
- Manual DHP?
- Manual LLH







Low Load Homes

- High Performance Homes have extremely low sensible loads (1000-1500 square feet/ton)
- Latent loads remain fairly constant
- HVAC equipment selection is more difficult
- Mechanical ventilation is now required
- How do we handle the ventilation load?
- Supplemental dehumidification may be required









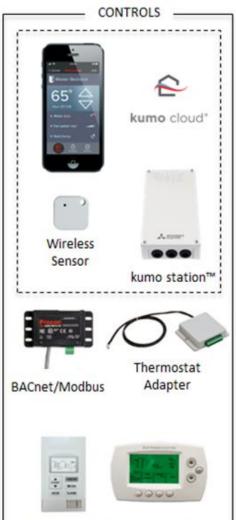


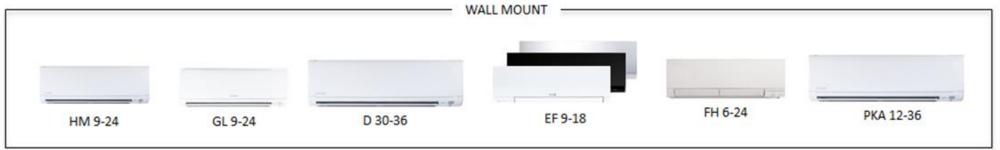






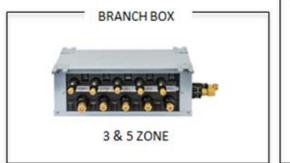
















Wired and Wireless Controllers

Horizontal Ducted

- Low static (SEZ)
- Mid static (PEAD)











Ductless Options

- Floor mount
- Wall mount
- Ceiling mount









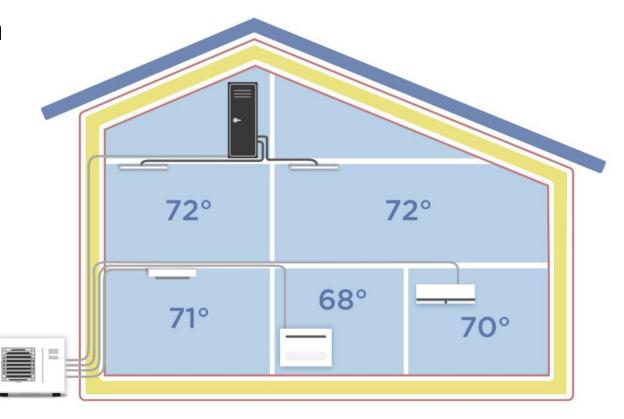


Designing with Ductless

Room by room load calculation

Creating comfort zones

 What about small bedrooms and bathrooms?

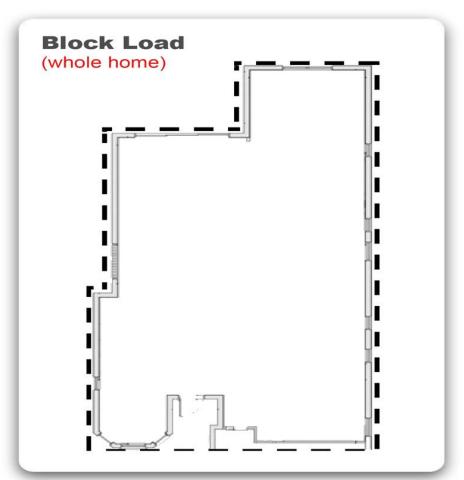






HVAC Without Borders

 Tear Down the Walls movement

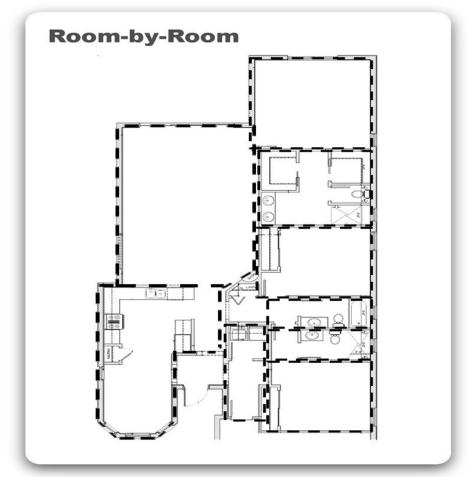






HVAC With Borders

 Interior walls divide us and make HVAC design really challenging







Air Distribution Strategies

- Exhaust fans (-)
- Transfer fans (+)
- Inline fans (+)













Mechanical Ventilation

- Supply fans
- ERV or HRV









Whole House Filtration

- MERV 13 or HEPA
- 150-240 CFM Fan
- Supply and Return









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Diamond System Builder

Indoor Units: 1/1 to 1 12 / 6 to 12 (100.0%) Capacity: * Connectable capacity is not actual capacity. Total Pipe Length: 32.9 / 65.0 feet **Correction Factors** Temperature: 0.97 1.00 0.99 Piping Length: 0.98 Defrosting: 1.00 User Derate: 1.00 1.00 Total Derate: 0.95 0.99 Additional Refrigerant: 0.1 lb Total Refrigerant Amount: 2.7 lb

Conditions (°F)

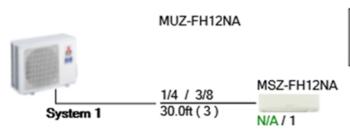
Cooling

Indoor DB 75.0 Humidity 59.0% Indoor WB 64.9 Outdoor DB 97.0

Heating

Indoor DB 70.0

Outdoor DB 9.0 Humidity 50.0% Outdoor WB 6.9



Pipe Dia. Liquid / Gas Model Number Clg.Total (Sens.)
Pipe Length (Elbows) Group / Room / Tag Ref.

11,350 BTU/h (8,501 BTU/h) 13,521 BTU/h





Diamond System Builder

Indoor Units:	3	3 / 2 to 3	
Capacity:	30	0 / 15 to 3	80
* Connectable capacity is not	actual	capacity.	
Total Pipe Length:	100.0	0 / 230.0	feet
Furthest Actual:	40.0	0 / 82.0	feet
Furthest Equiv.:	40.0	/ 82.0	feet
Correction Factors			
Outdoor Unit Capacity:	1.00	1.00	
Temperature:	0.97	0.99	
Piping Length:	0.99	1.00	
Defrosting:	-	0.95	
User Derate:	1.00	1.00	
Total Derate:	0.96	0.94	
Additional Refrigerant:	0.0	lb	
Total Refrigerant Amount:	8.8	lb	

Conditions	(°F)			
Cooling				
Indoor DB	75.0	Humidity	59.0%	Indoor WB 64.9
Outdoor DB	95.0			
Heating				
Indoor DB	70.0			
Outdoor DB	21.0	Humidity	72.8%	Outdoor WB 19.3





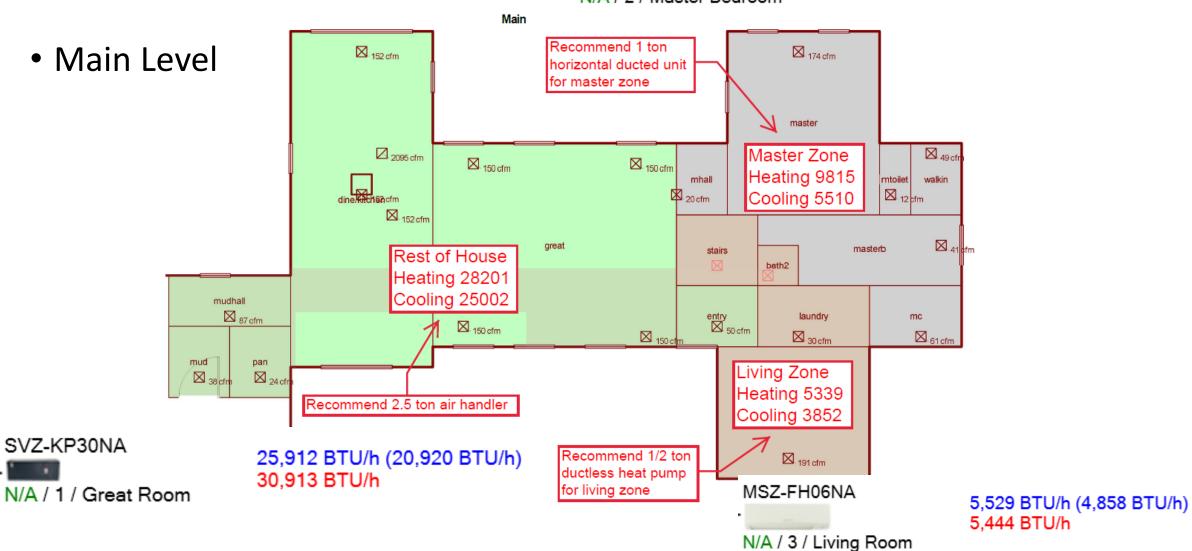


Comfort Zones

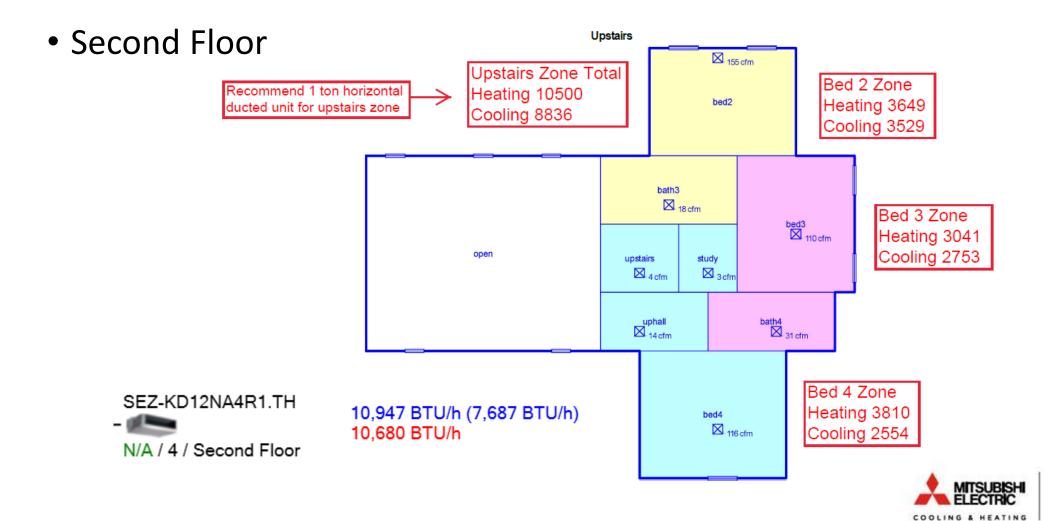
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N/A / 2 / Master Bedroom

11,048 BTU/h (7,729 BTU/h) 10,700 BTU/h



Comfort Zones





Zoned Comfort Solutions

- Customized comfort
- Healthy Indoor Air Quality
- Multiple points of filtration
- Mechanical ventilation
- Moisture management
- Controls integration
- Energy efficiency for lower utility bills

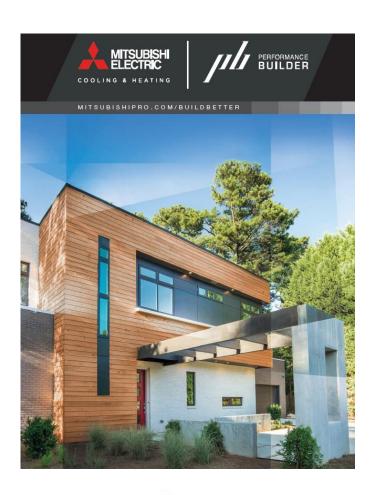






Performance Builder Program

- Loyalty program for builders including:
 - Training and technical assistance
 - Marketing support (case studies, spotlight videos)
 - Equipment discounts (based on volume)
 - Model home program
 - Rebates (coming soon)

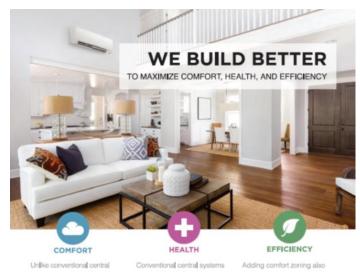






Performance Contractors Wanted

- We are seeking Performance Contractors for design, installation, and commissioning of Zoned Comfort Solutions in high performance homes
- Our team will provide the training and technical support to help you succeed





cooling and heating to each zone. This means better airflow distribution and ballance. Conventional central systems force a large volume of air through long duct runs and on main filter. Our Zoned Comfort Solutions ofter smaller air handlers for each zone which also means multiple points of filtration. Boom air circulates constantly while filters capture allergens. Units are extremely quiet which contributes to a more tranquil space and healthier environment.

Adding comfort zoning also adds efficiency, at least 40%. Our Zone Comfort Solutions allow homeowners to adjust the system's operation to match their busy lives. If they aren't home or only occupying one or two rooms at a time they can the system's operation to the system's operation to match their busy lives. If they aren't home or only occupying one or two rooms at a time they can the system's operation to the system's operation









What's in it for HERS Raters?

- No ducts = no duct testing & zero duct leakage
- Help your builders achieve
 - lower HERS scores
 - energy code compliance
 - certification goals
 - fewer call backs
 - happy customers









Thank you!

What questions do you have?

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