

# Healthy · Durable · Efficient

# **Managing HVAC in High Performance Buildings**



# **ABOUT US**

- High Performance Custom Builder since 2010
  - New Construction, Renovations, & Additions
  - Recipient of more than 10 housing awards
- ENERGY Raters since 2009
  - LEED, EarthCraft, DOE Zero Energy Ready, Enterprise Green Communities, Energy Star, NGBS to name a few...
  - Certified more than 1,200 units
- Air Sealing Professionals
  - Launched AeroBarrier with supplemental services
- Developers
  - Q2 break ground on Eco-Village , 66 Acre TND +88 plus homes



# **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Understand how building design and construction affects HVAC equipment design and capacity
- Define and describe what is meant by the terms "high performance home" & "low load home"
- Identify differences between traditional and high performance residential HVAC system components
- Understand how to control humidity in high performance homes and the benefits to occupants and builders





# CASE STUDY 1: MERY HOMES Healthy · Durable · Efficient Green Shortz Green House







# **KEY FEATURES**

- Walls: 2x6 24" o.c., advanced framed; R-23 blown-in fiberglass; R-6 insulated coated taped sheathing; rain screen; fiber cement siding.
- Roof: 29-gauge reflective metal roof over furring strips, 15-lb felt; coated roof deck.
- Attic: Unvented attic, R-21 open-cell spray foam.
- Foundation: Split level with basement and slab on grade; R-5 rigid fiberglass on exterior; R-7 on interior and under slab.
- Windows: Double-pane, low-e+, argon-filled, vinyl frames; U=0.26, SHGC=0.19.
- Air Sealing: 1.6 ACH 50.
- Ventilation: ERV + in-line fan into attic.
- HVAC: 16.5 SEER, 9.5 HSPF mini-split heat pumps: 2 ducted air handlers and 2 ductless air handlers connected to one exterior compressor unit.
- Hot Water: Heat pump water heater, EF 3.39; manifold plumbing; insulated piping.
- Lighting: Interior 90% LED; exterior 100% LED.
- · Appliances: ENERGY STAR refrigerator, dishwasher, clothes washer.
- Solar: Solar ready.
- · Water Conservation: Followed EPA WaterSense recommendations.
- · Energy Management System: Smart thermostat.
- Other: EPA Indoor AirPLUS, EarthCraft Sustainable Program.





Project Summary Entire House Energy Vanguard

1924 Clairmont Rd, Suite 50, Decatur, GA 30033 Phone: (334) 707-2007 Email: andy@energyvanguard.com Web: www.energyvanguard.com

Job: Mills Res., 617 Bruce Wa., Date: 02/15/2017 By: Andy Bell Plan: Rev5

### Four Zones - Ducted + Ductless

Rev5 Load btuh Previous size Zones Htg Clg 2,045 1/2 ton ductless 1 Basement 4,658 2 Living Area 8,470 9,323 1 ton ducted 1/2 ton ductless **3** Master Suite 4,076 1,703 4 Floor2 6.705 4,757 3/4 ton ducted 23,909 17,828

> **Outdoor Units** Heads

> > 4

#### Design Information

ERV ventilation; R-19+R6.6 cont; BG-R-5 cont ext + R-7 closed cell; R-5 under slab

Project Information

Dekalb Peachtree, GA, US Weather:

For:

Notes:

Outside db	
Inside db	
Design TD	

25 °F 70 °F 45 °F

#### Heating Summary

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Structure Ducts Central vent (54 cfm)	21645 1353 903	Btuh Btuh Btuh
Humidification Piping Equipment load	0 23900	Btuh Btuh Btuh

#### Infiltration

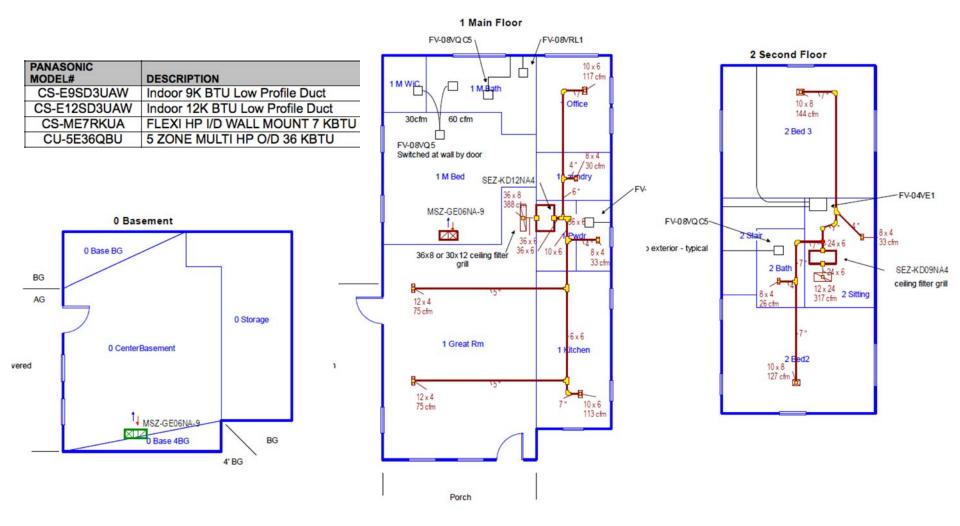
Method	Simplified			
Construction quality	Semi-tight			
Fireplaces	1 (Tight)			
Area (ft²) Volume (ft²) Air changes/hour Equiv. AVF (cfm)	Heating 2480 22803 0.22 84	Cooling 2480 22803 0.11 42		

Outside db Inside db Design TD Daily range Relative humidity Moisture difference	91 75 16 M 50 33	°F °F gr/lb
Sensible Cooling Equi	pment Loa	d Sizing
Structure Ducts Central vent (54 cfm)	13939 1027 329	Btuh Btuh Btuh
Blower	0	Btuh
Use manufacturer's data Rate/swing multiplier Equipment sensible load	0.96 14745	Btuh
Latent Cooling Equip	ment Load	Sizing

Summer Design Conditions

Structure	1913	Btuh
Ducts	171	Btuh
Central vent (54 cfm)	766	Btuh
Equipment latent load	2084	Btuh
Equipment total load	16829	Btuh
Req. total capacity at 0.75 SHR	1.6	ton







# Ductless (Basement + Master Bed)



### Ducted (Main + 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)



#### PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Capacity Cooling (BTU/H)	6,900 (6,100-9,900)
Capacity Heating (BTU/H)	10,900 (4,100-14,000)
Moisture Removal - High (pints/H)	0.8

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Capacity Cooling (BTU/H)	11,500 (4,100-13,300)
Capacity Heating (BTU/H)	13,800 (4,100-16,300)
Moisture Removal - High (pints/H)	1.7

#### PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Capacity Cooling (BTU/H)	9,000 (4,100-10,200)
Capacity Heating (BTU/H)	12,000 (4,100-14,100)
Moisture Removal - High (pints/H)	1.3

# Walking into a trap !?

- Jumper ducts
- Transfer grills Let us see...



## **Bath Exhaust & Transfer**

WhisperValue with Condensation Control



Fits in nearly every ceiling cavity.

# **SPOT ERV**

FV-04VE1 40/20 CFM or 20/10 CFM Two 4" Ducts



# Make Up AIR ( hood & supplement)

FV-04WS2 20 CFM/40 CFM/Off switch 6" Duct



• What's missing?





The industry's most complete line of whole house ventilating dehumidifiers and accessories.

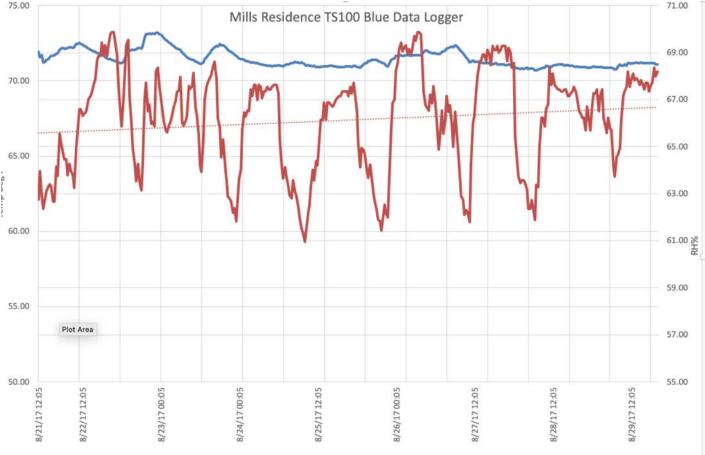
# How did the house perform?



# 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR

- Average %HR 67
- Thermostat Set
  Homeowner 78 F
- 1 week sampled



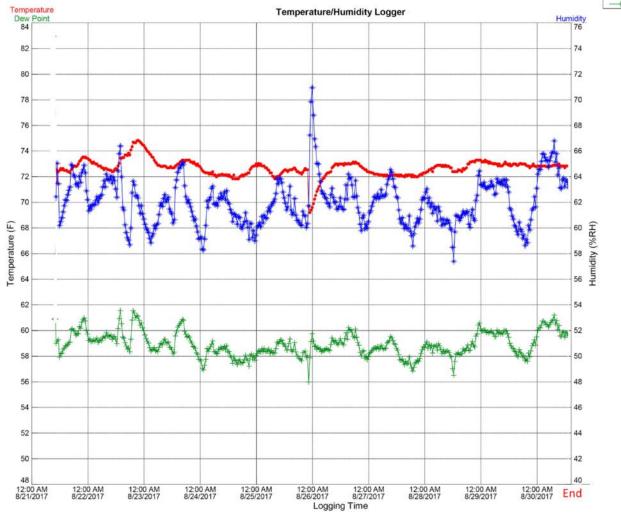




### MAIN FLOOR

- Average %HR 62
- Thermostat Set
  Homeowner @ 78 F
- 1 week sampled





Temperature Humidity Dew Point



- What was driving this high RH in home?
  - Low tolerance to cool temp by homeowners, thermostat set above design condition 74 F (78 F)
  - VERY long showers by teenagers
  - Upgraded Huber Zip Sheathing from R-3 to R-6
    - HVAC ran ONLY 21 minutes in one week (August in Atlanta, GA)
- Solutions:
  - Adjusted Thermostat to 74 F, problem stabilized but then added permanently an OFF THE SHELVES dehumidifier on unvented attic

BUT AT THE END...

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### **Home Energy Rating Certificate**

**Final Report** 

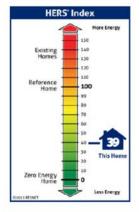
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#### **HERS® Index Score:**

Your home's HERS score is a relative performance score. The lower the number, the more energy efficient the home. To learn more, visit www.hersindex.com

#### Your Home's Estimated Energy Use:

	Use [MBtu]	Annual Cost
Heating	10.4	\$243
Cooling	2.7	\$64
Hot Water	1.6	\$38
Lights/Appliances	21.0	\$493
Service Charges		\$60
Generation (e.g. Solar)	0.0	-\$0
Total:	35.7	\$898



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#### Home Feature Summary:

Home Type: Single family detached Conditioned Floor Area: 2,392 sq. ft. Number of Bedrooms: 3 Primary Heating System: Air Source Heat Pump - Electric - 9.5 HSPF Primary Cooling System: Air Source Heat Pump · Electric · 16.5 SEER Primary Water Heating: Water Heater • Electric • 3.39 Energy Factor House Tightness: 692 CFM50 (1.6 ACH50) Ventilation: 80.0 CFM • 44.0 Watts Duct Leakage to Outside: 0 CFM25 Above Grade Walls: R-23 Ceiling: Vaulted Roof, R-19 U-Value: 0.260, SHGC: 0.190 Window Type: Foundation Walls: R-11

### Annual Savings \$1,722 \*Relative to an average U.S. home

### 119 1st Avenue, Lilburn, GA 30047 Builder:

Imery Group

Home:

#### This home meets or exceeds the criteria of the following:

Energy Star v3 Energy Star v3.1 2009 International Energy Conservation Code 2012 International Energy Conservation Code

#### **Rating Completed by:**

Energy Rater: Carl Seville RESNET ID:9857482

Rating Company:SK Collaborative 333 Adams Street, Decatur, GA 30030 404-480-4600

Rating Provider:Energy Vanguard 533 W Howard, Suite E, Decatur, GA 30030 678-662-4332

Carl Seville, Certified Energy Rater Date: 6/15/18 at 1:49 PM

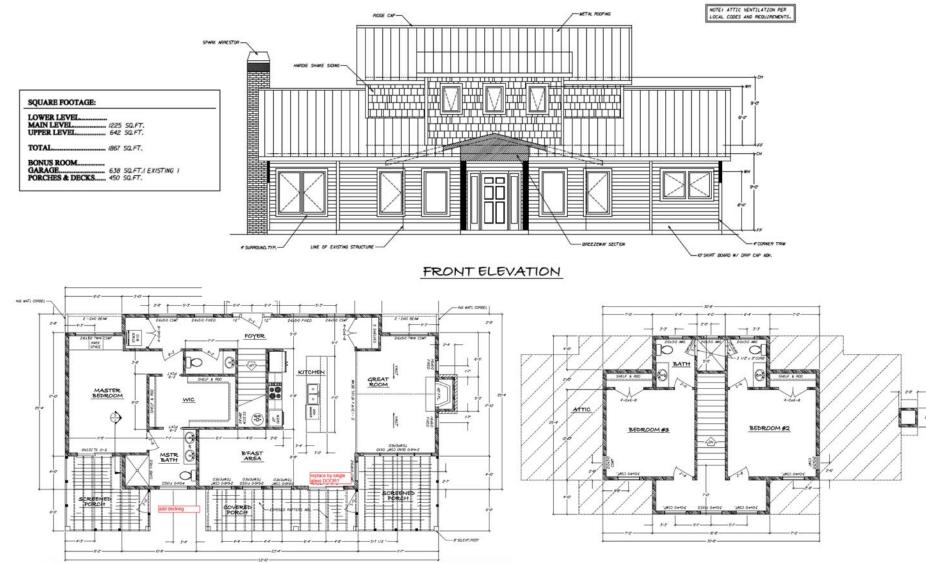








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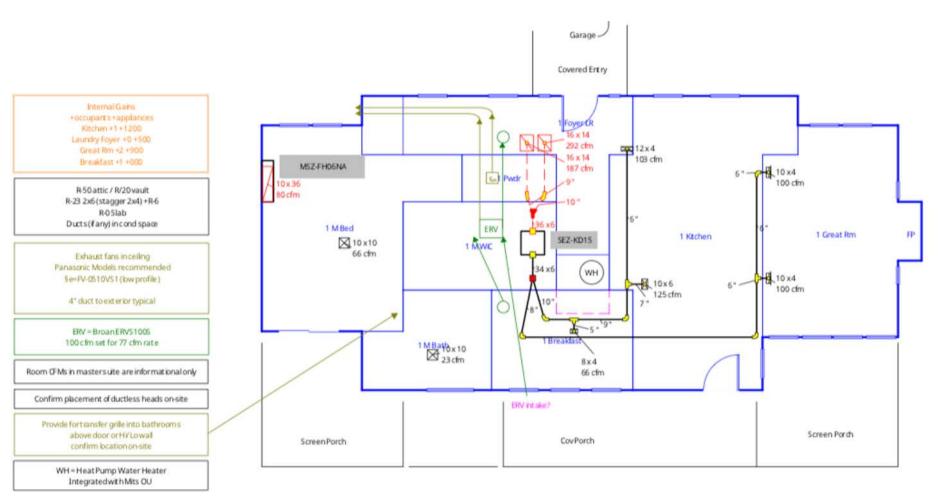


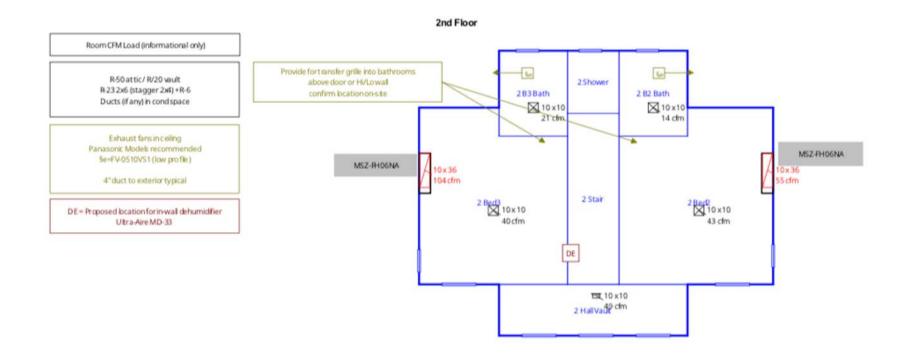


# **KEY FEATURES**

- Walls: 2x6 plates with 2x4 staggered studs 24" OC, R-19 blown-in cellulose, R-3 Zip R-board
- **Roof:** 26- gauge reflective standing seem roof.
- Attic: Vented, with R-50 blow-in cellulose
- Foundation: Above grade insulated slab R-10
- Windows: 3 pane, low-e, argon filled, vinyl frames U=.19, SHGC=0.23
- Air Sealing: 2.69 ACH50
- Ventilation: ERV balanced
- HVAC: 20 SEER, 10 HSPF mini-split heat pumps, 3 ductless, and 1 dusted connected two 2 outdoor units
- Hot Water: Prototype Split Heat Pump water heater, EF 2.3; manifold plumbing, insulated piping
- Lighting: 100% LED
- **Appliances:** ENERGY STAR refrigerator, dishwasher, clothes washer
- Solar: 2 strings of 15 panels 8.1 Kw
- Water Conservation: Followed EPA WaterSense
- Energy Management: 2 energy monitoring systems
- Other: EPA IndoorAirPlus, EarthCraft House

		Project In	formation			Area	Htg Load	Clg Load	Minisplit
For:	Imery Group Kuntz Res, Atl	hens. GA							
Notes:	Stradio of March Strange and Cold A					Master Bed	4,670	1,524	¾ Ton ductless
	141		formation			Bed 2	1,539	1,056	½ Ton ductless
Winter Design Outside db Inside db	27 70	۴ ۴	unicipal, GA, US Summer Design Co Outside db Inside db	93 75	°F °F	Bed 3	2,822	1,978	½ Ton ductless
Design TD	44	۴	Design TD Daily range Relative humidity Moisture difference	18 M 50 34	°F % gr/lb	Main	13,758	10,021	1 ½ ton ducted
Heating Su Structure	19537	Btuh	Sensible Cooling Equipm Structure	ent Load 13137			20,789	14,579	
Ducts Central vent (77 cfm)	1953/ 0 1253	Btuh	Ducts Central vent (77 cfm)	0	Bluh Bluh		20,705	14,373	
Humidification Piping	0		Blower	0	Btuh				
Equipment load	20789	Bluh	Use manufacturer's data Rate/swing multiplier Equipment sensible load	0.98 13382	n Btuh				
Method Construction guality		Simplified	Latent Cooling Equipme	nt Load S	Sizing				
Fireplaces		Tight 1 (Tight)	Structure Ducts Central vent (77 cfm)	0	Btuh Btuh Btuh				
Area (ff <sup>2</sup> )	Heating 1861	Cooling 1861	Equipment latent load	1197	Btuh				
Volume (ft³) Air changes/hour Equiv.AVF (cfm)	17770 0.18 53	17770 0.09 27	Equipment Total Load (Sen+Lat) Req. total capacity at 0.70 SHR	14579 1.6	Btuh ton				





### Mitsubishi Electric Equipment Installed

- (3) MSZ-FH Wall-Mounted Indoor Units
- (1) MXZ-3C24NAHZ2 Multi-zone Outdoor Unit
- (1) PEAD-A18AA7 Horizontal-Ducted Indoor Unit
- (3) PAC-USWHS002-WF-1 Wireless Interfaces
- (1) PUZ-PW30NHA Hot Water Heat Pump and Space Conditioning Outdoor Unit Prototype







Outdoor Unit: MXZ-3C24NAHZ2

Ductless: Master Bedroom 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Bedroom **Ducted:** Rest of House

# **Outdoor Units:**



## **Bath Exhaust & Transfer**

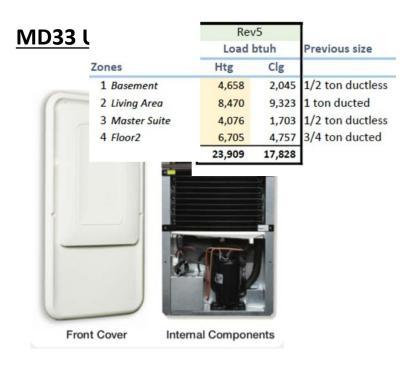
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Fits in nearly every ceiling cavity.

### ERV BROAN ERVS100S (%RH sensor)





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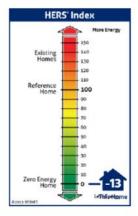
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Service Charges		\$120
Generation (e.g. Solar)	38.7	-\$1,118
Total:	30.1	\$120



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Annual Savings \$2,837 \*Relative to an average U.S. home Home: 2376 Troy Smith Ro 30656 Builder: Imery Group

#### 2 Living Area This home meets or criteria of the follov 4 Floor2

Zones

1 Basement

Energy Star v3 Energy Star v3.1

2012 International Energy Conservation Code 2009 International Energy Conservation Code

#### **Rating Completed by:**

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Brian Young

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	Rev5 Load btuh		Previous size
	Htg	Clg	
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Energy production peaked at 5.1 kW. The little energy usage spike is the hot water heater.



Here's one from the weekend showing me charging my EV. Almost a perfect match of production and consumption – free fuel!









