

# There's an App for That — Tips and Tricks to Use in the Field

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## General Categories

Measurements

• Diagnostics - blower door & duct tests +

Gadgets

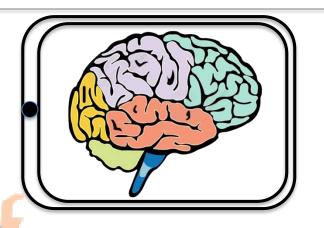
Oh that's interesting



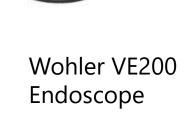
# Apps & Webbased Tools



# Bring Your Own Brain Technology







**Testo Smart Probes** 



### **RED** Residential Energy Dynamics

www.residentialenergydynamics.com

RED Calc Free Tools	Reset Print
Setting Started	ASHRAE 62.2-2013 Ventilation
ool Descriptions	
references (3)	New or existing construction New :
entilation	Use infiltration credit (Yes 1)
ASHRAE 62.2-2013	374 111111111111111111111111111111111111
ASHRAE 62.2-2010 0	
ASHRAE 62.2 CA	Closest weather station (United States #
Electrical Usage	California 0
Depressurization 0	Bishop Airport ‡
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Box Airflow	Weather and shielding factor [1/hr] = 0.55
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Moisture Metrics 0	Floor area [ ft2   t ] 2200
Wood Moisture	Number of occupants 4 0
ir Leakage	Building height [[ft :]] 20
Air Leakage Metrics 0	
ZPD 0	Measured leakage @ 50Pa [CFM 0] 1200
Design Infiltration 0	
Advanced Infiltration (1)	
nsulation	Blower door test type Depressurization \$
Dense Pack 0	Indoor temperature [ F 0] 75
Loose Fill 0	
Heat Transfer 0	Outdoor temperature [ *F ‡ ] 30
Infrared R-Value	Altitude [[ft   p]] 1200
Parallel Path R-Value 0	Pressure exponent 0.65
omestic Hot Water	Adjusted leakage @ 50Pa [[CFM   1]] = 1123
Systems Comparison 0	Adjusted leakage @ Sora [[CM   1]] = 1125
Average Daily Usage 0	CHEST CHARLES AND RESIDENCE CHARLES AND
First Hour Rating	Whole-Bldg Ventilation Results
Instantaneous Sizing (1)	Effective annual avg infiltration rate [[CFM :]] = 46
Volume per Use	Total required ventilation rate [[CFM 0] = 96
Water Flow Rate	Total required relicionarion race (Com 11) - 30



### **RED** Residential Energy Dynamics

www.residentialenergydynamics.com

Free Building Science Calculation Tools for Energy Professionals

#### Ventilation

- ASHRAE 62.2- 2010, 2013, 2016
- ASHRAE 62.2 CA
- Electrical Usage
- Depressurization
- Pitot Tube Airflow
- Box Airflow

#### Moisture

- Moisture Metrics
- Wood Moisture
- Air Leakage
- Air Leakage Metrics
- ZPD
- Design Infiltration
- Advanced Infiltration



#### CI Construction Instruction

www.constructioninstruction.com

Mobile construction app has home construction videos, animated building details, building science articles, and building product & materials installation info, technical data, and other 'Best-Practices' information.





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### **SketchUp** Rapid Takeoffs

#### www.energylogicacademy.com/?p=5966

- EnergyLogic designed scripts for SketchUp to assist home energy professionals rapid and accurate takeoffs.
- This self-paced course ... designing a model from plans using SketchUp.
- Then you will use the EnergyLogic custom built scripts to create a report from the model for rapid REM/Rate input.



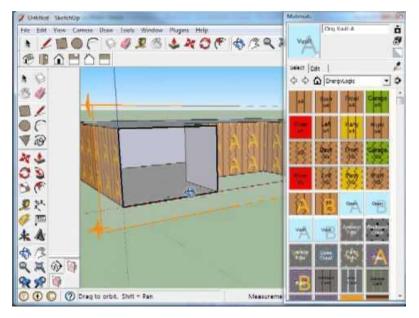






### **SketchUp** Rapid Takeoffs

#### www.vimeo.com/53178648





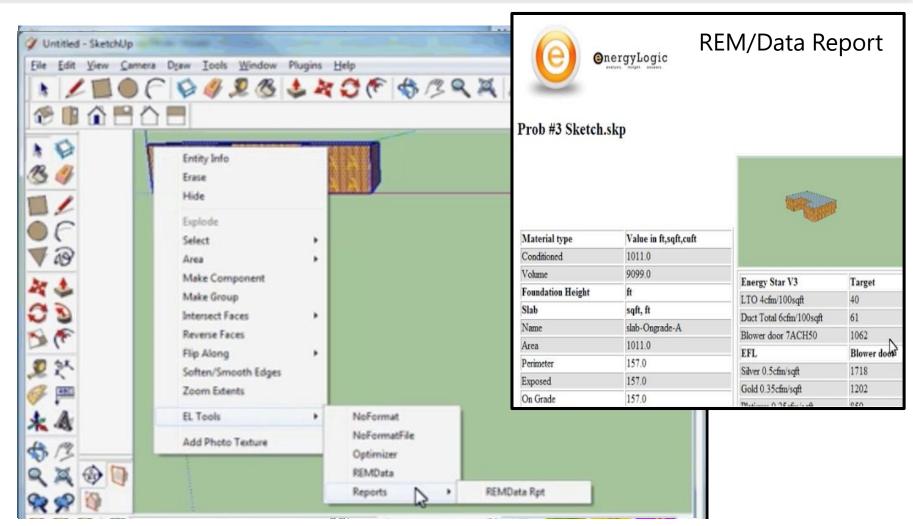








### SketchUp Rapid Takeoffs



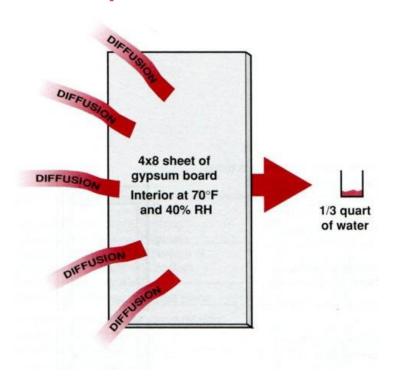
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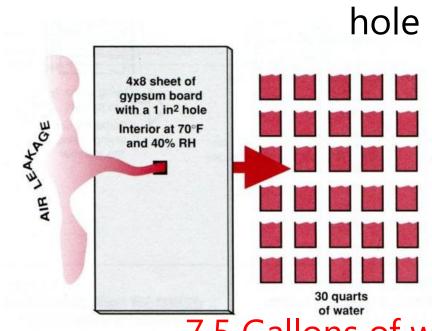
#### Moisture Flow:

Vapor Diffusion vs. Air Leakage









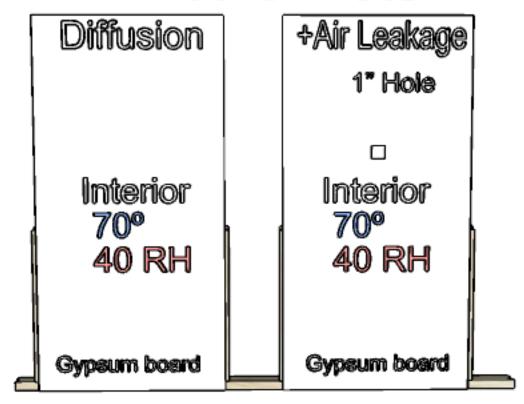
7.5 Gallons of water

30 Quarts of water

**Heating Season** 



### Mixed Climate



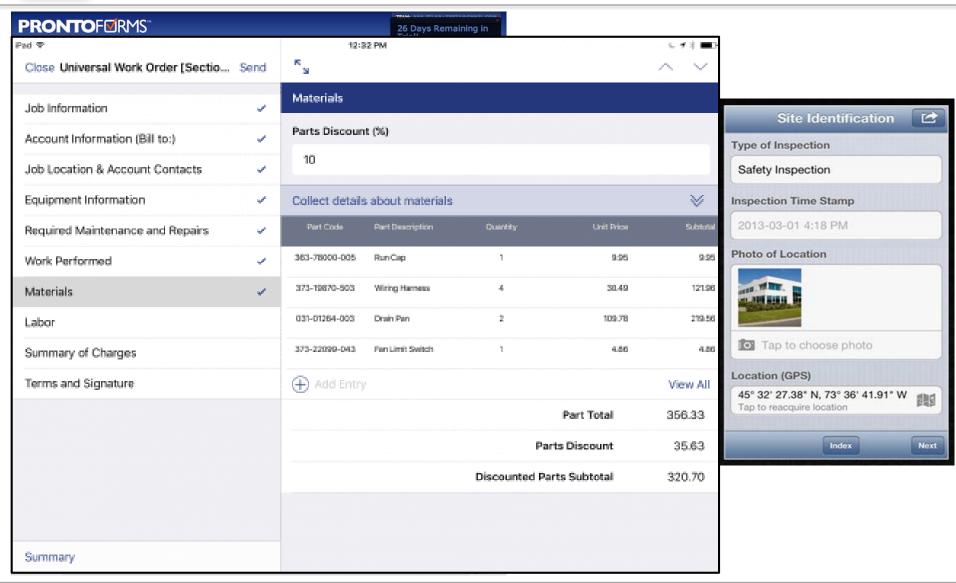




# PRONTOFERMS®





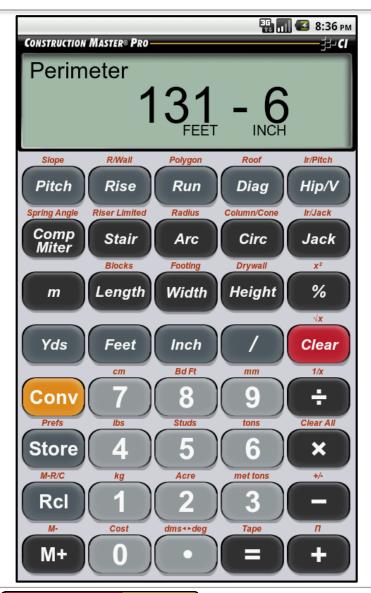




#### Construction Master Pro









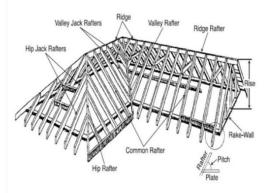
\$24.95



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#### **Roof Framing Definitions**

The following is a listing of right triangle and roof framing terms to assist you in understanding how to use your Construction Master® roof framing functions.



#### Related functions:

<u>Pitch, Rise, Run, Diagonal, Common Rafter, Hip/Valley Rafter, Jack Rafter</u>

#### Definitions:

· Rise: The vertical distance



Done



### Measurement apps







My Measures PRO 💣 🐞







ImageMeter





RoomScan pro





Subspace





Flying Rule





CamMeasure





EasyMeasure 💣 👘







MagicPlan



Aka" STANLEY Floor Plan



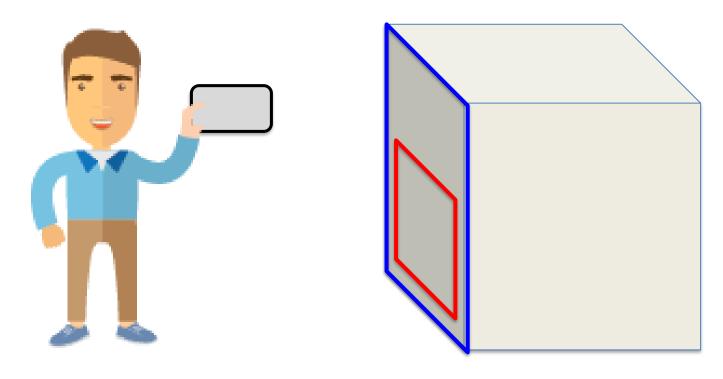




### Photo Measurement apps







Known size reference

Calculated reference



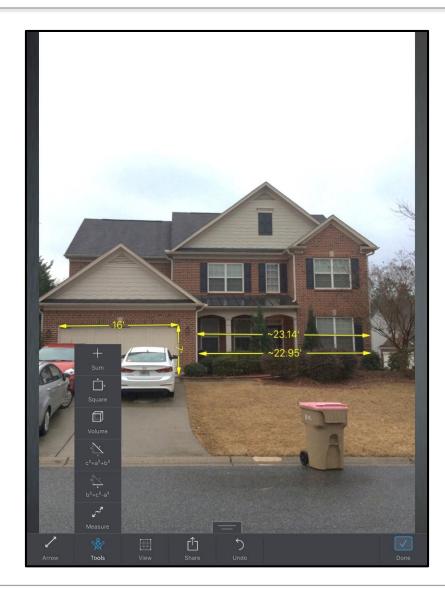
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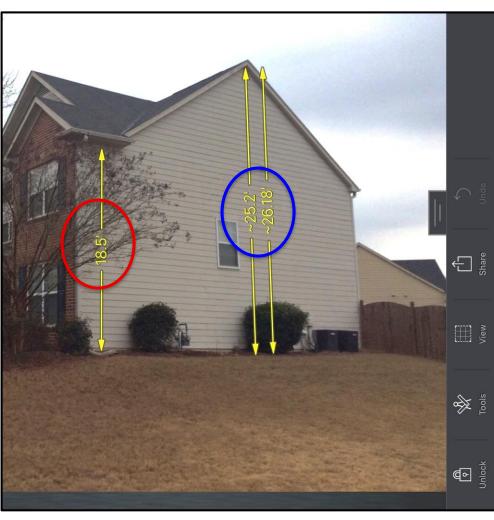


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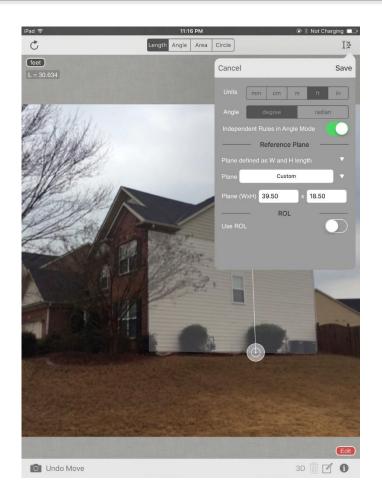


#### Partometer3D - camera measure









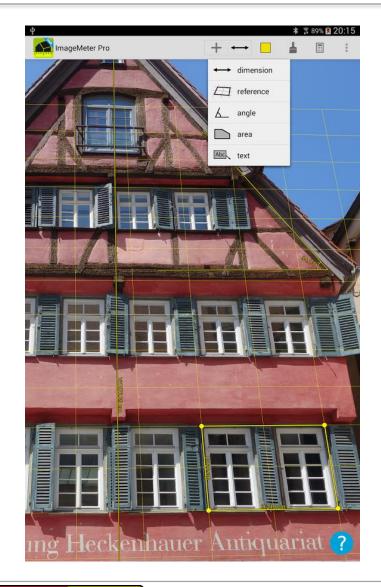
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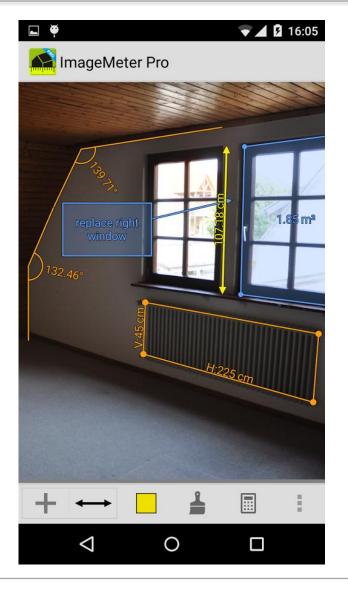


# ImageMeter



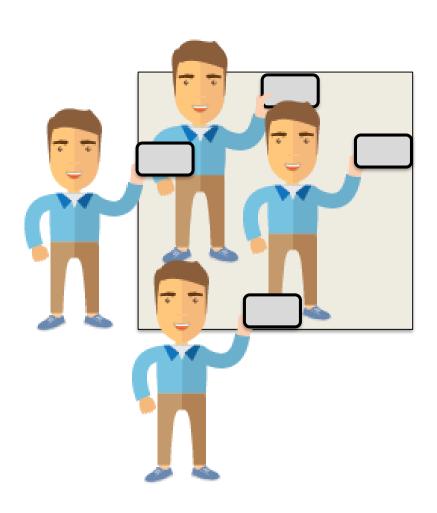








# Photo Measurement apps



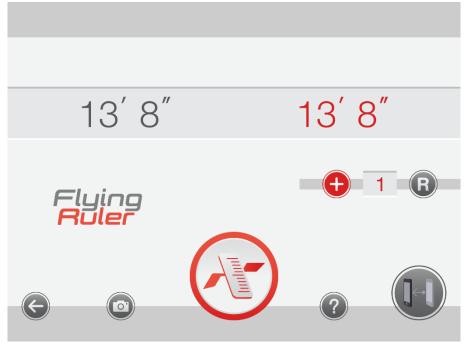


# Flying Rule

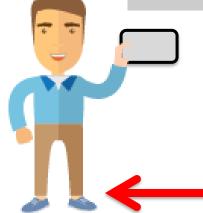


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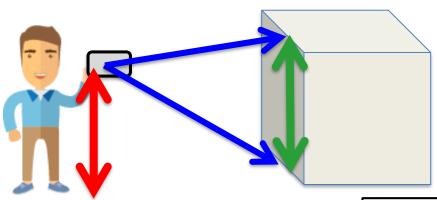


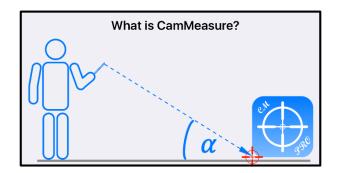


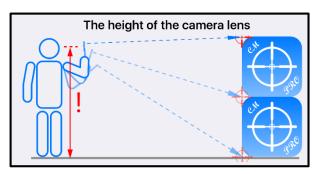
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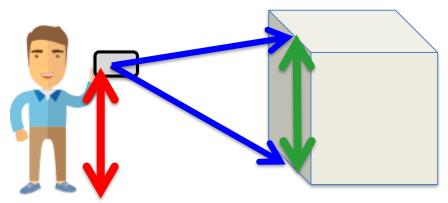




Measurements <2"



# Many alternatives





EasyMeasure





STANLEY Smart Measure Pro





### MagicPlan









Aka" STANLEY Floor Plan



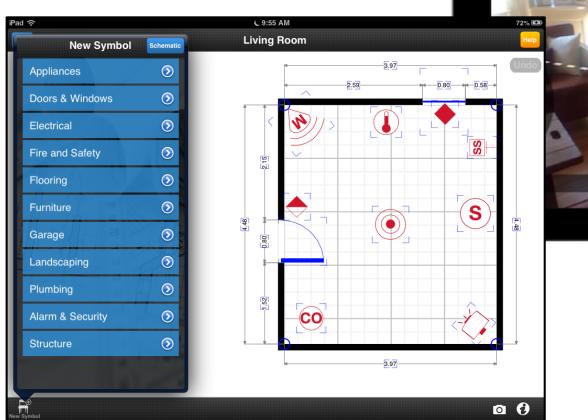


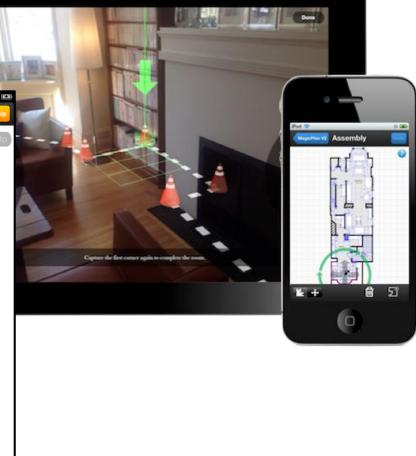
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### Laser Measurements



#### Ryobi ES1000 Phone Works Laser Distance Measurer







#### Laser Measurements



www.bosch-professional.com/static/specials/glm100c/gb/en/

#### Bosch GLM 100 Laser Tape Measure









### Laser Measurements





Bosch GLM 50 C Bluetooth Enabled Laser Distance Measurer with Color Backlit Display





**Emails** 

































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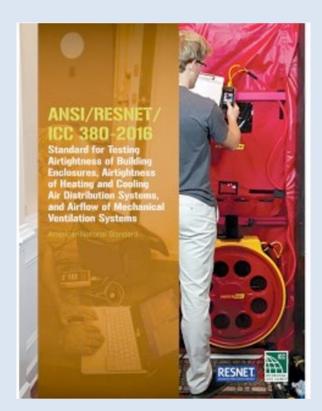












ANSI / RESNET / ICC 380

Air barrier is at the roof line ...
Attic hatch is opened and ...

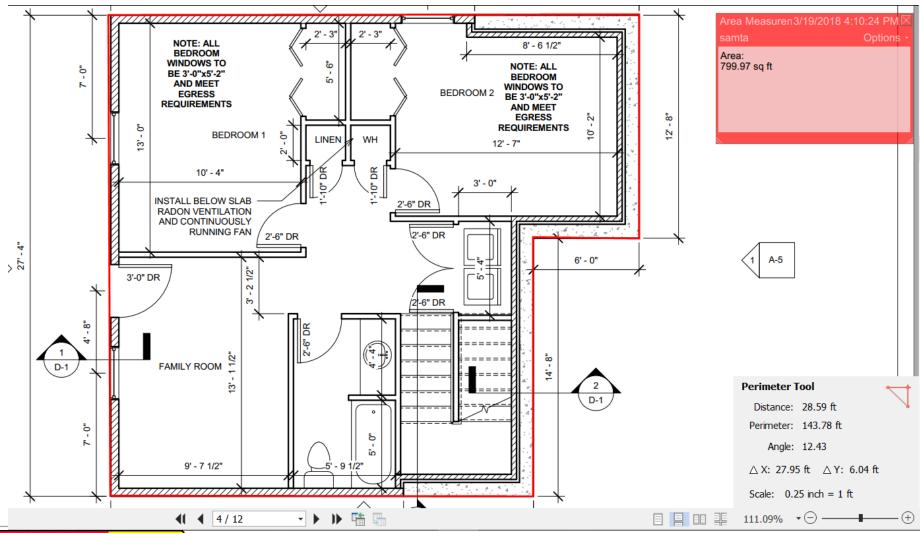


Need the volume of the attic!



### Take-offs from plans



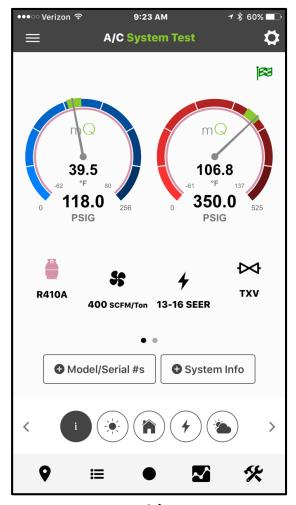




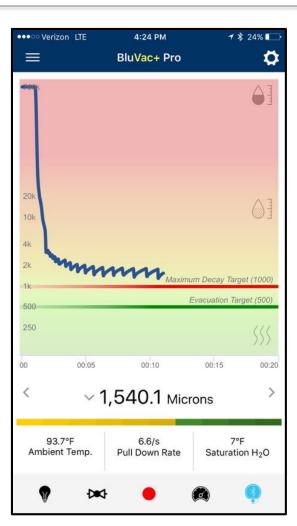








Air Conditioning/Refrigeration



Evacuation



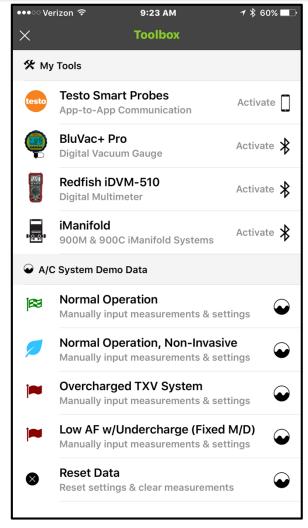
Electrical





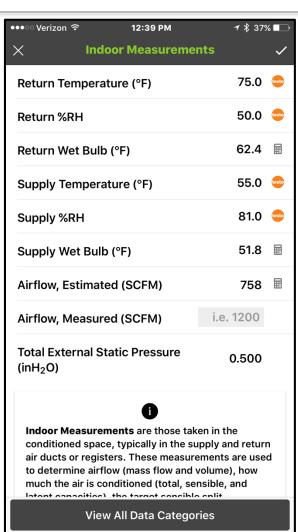




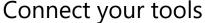


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Pull from the probes



Each Measurement Documented

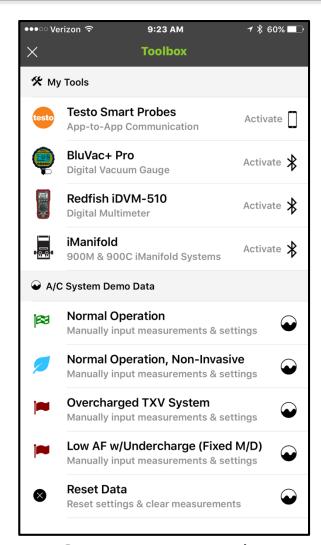


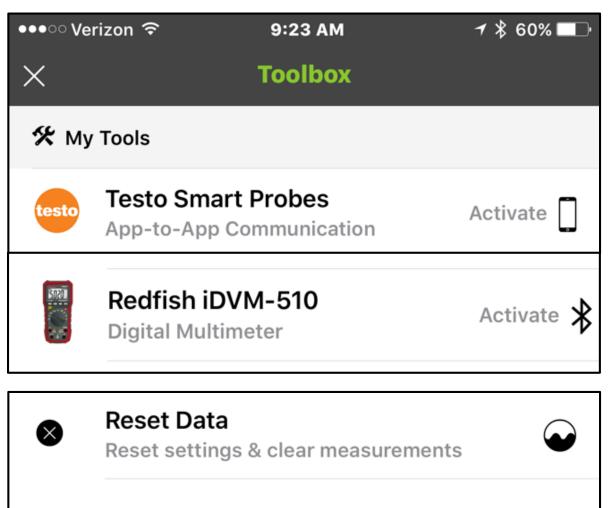












Connect your tools



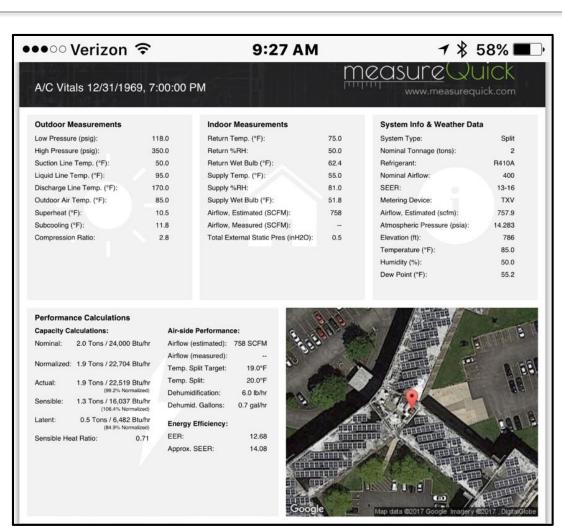






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1.4 Ho	me address: 5592 Broadview Road	Ohio 176	City: Parma	
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1.7 Ho	use plan, per Item 1.6 of HVAC Des	ign Report:	Split-level	Site-spec
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2.1 Ou	tdoor ambient temperature at conde	enser:		85.0 °F DB
2.2 Re	turn-side air temperature inside duc	t near evapo	rator, during cooling mode:	62.4 °F WB
2.3 Liq	uid line pressure:			350.0 psig
2.4 Liq	uid line temperature:			95.0 °F DB
2.5 Su	ction line pressure:			118.0 psig
2.6 Su	ction line temperature:			50.0 °F DB
For Sy	stem with Thermal Expansion Valve	(TXV):		
2.7 Co	ndenser saturation temperature:	106.8	°F DB (Using Item 2.3)	
2.8 Su	bcooling value:	11.8	°F DB (Item 2.7 - Item 2.4	4)
2.9 OE	M subcooling goal:	10.0	°F DB	
2.10 S	ubcooling deviation:	1.8	°F DB (Item 2.8 - Item 2.9	9)
	stem with Fixed Orifice:			
-	vaporator saturation temperature:		°F DB (Using Item 2.5)	
	uperheat value:		°F DB (Item 2.6 – Item 2.	.11)
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2.14 \$	uperheat deviation:			

Send a completed Energy Star Verification!



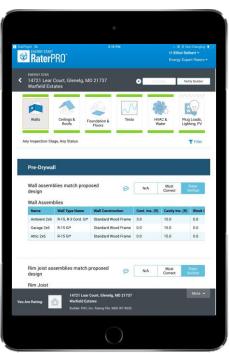
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# EnergyStar Rater App







Field App

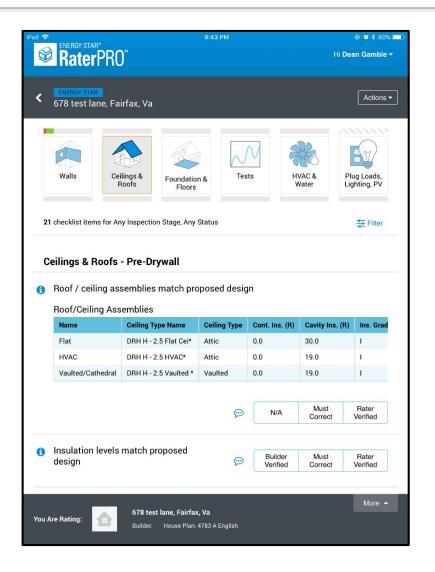


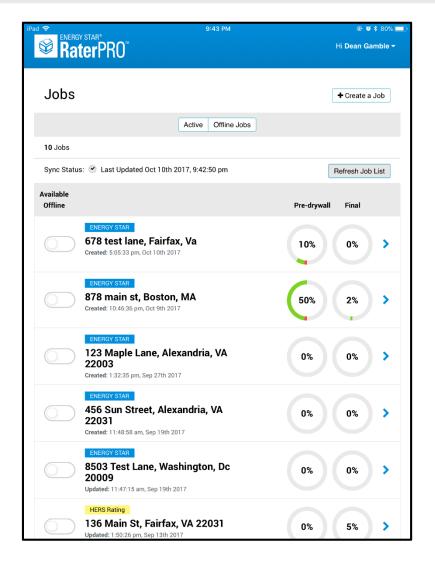
Web-Based Admin Site



# EnergyStar Rater App





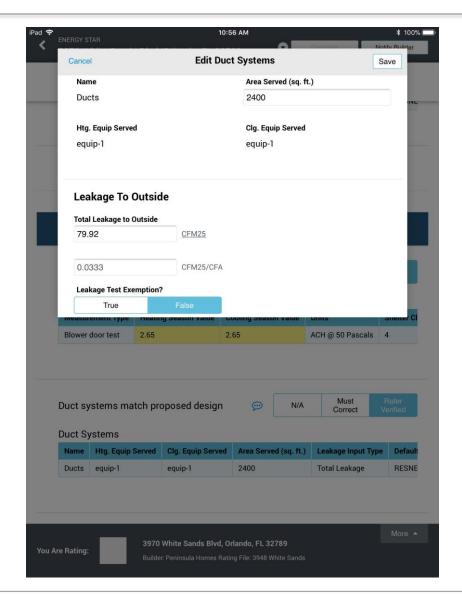


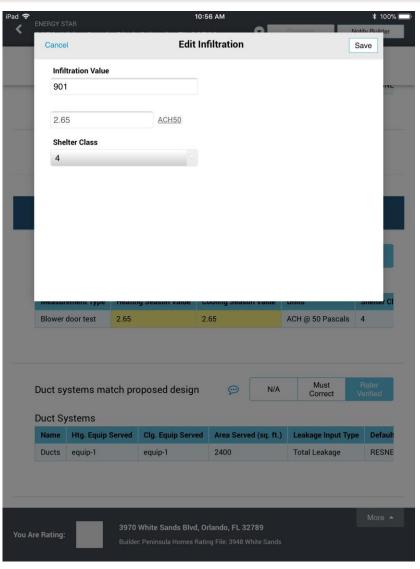




# EnergyStar Rater App











## Cool Calc



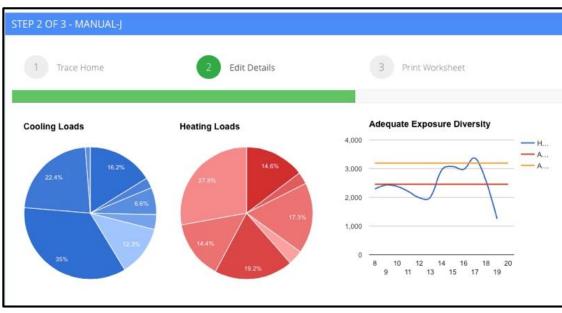


1967 sq ft



1803 sq ft

## Manual J from satellite image!



Sensible Cooling Load 10856.19

Latent Cooling Load 3357.65

Heating Load 20445.47



# Energy Usage and Payback Calculator

# (Excel File) From Energy Star



## Why this tool rocks:

- More customization than other tools
- Gives you ability to input cost of air conditioner in order to see complete life cycle savings
- Lets you add number of air conditioner units
- Lets you add electric rate per kilowatt
- Gives you option to calculate based on location
- Lets you see side by side comparisons of conventional vs Energy Star rated air conditioners



# Energy Usage and Payback Calculator

Enter your own values in the gray boxes or use our default values.					
Number of units Electric Rate (\$/kWh)	\$0.113				
EN	ERGY STAR Qualified Unit	Conventional Unit			
Initial Cost per Unit (estimated retail price with installation)**	\$3,413	\$2,857			
Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) rating	14.5	13.0			
Cooling Capacity of Air Conditioner (Btu/hr)	3 ton	3 ton 💠			
Use with programmable Thermostat (Yes/No)	Yes 💠	No 💠			

Annual and Life Cycle Costs and Savings for 1 Central Air Conditioner(s)

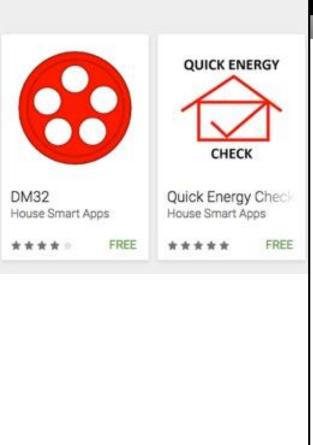
	1 ENERGY STAR Qualified Units	1 Conventional Units	Savings with ENERGY STAR
Annual Operating Costs*			-T.M. 1762
Energy cost	\$504	\$669	\$165
Energy consumption (kWh)	4,465	5,929	1,464
Maintenance cost	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$504	\$669	\$165
Life Cycle Costs			
Operating costs (energy and maintenance)	\$5,320	\$7,064	\$1,744
Energy costs	\$5,320	\$7,064	\$1,744
Energy consumption (kWh)	62,511	83,005	20,494
Maintenance costs	\$0	\$0	\$0
Purchase price for 1 unit(s)	\$3,413	\$2,857	-\$556
Total	\$8,733	\$9,921	\$1,188
	5	Simple payback of initial additional cost (years)	3.4

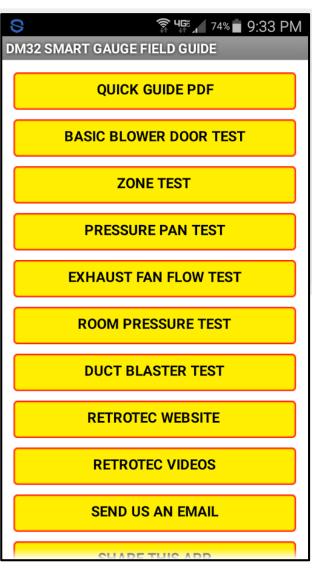


# House Smart Apps – Vernon House









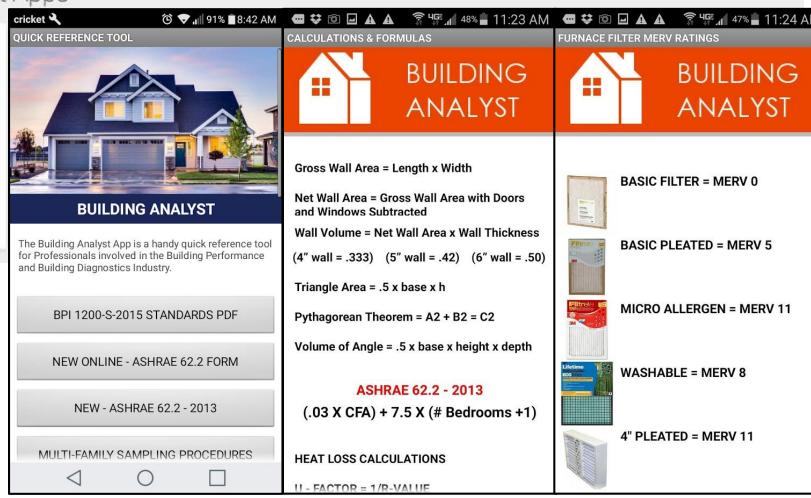


# House Smart Apps – Vernon House



#### House Smart Apps







# Solocator – photo GPS

\$0.99



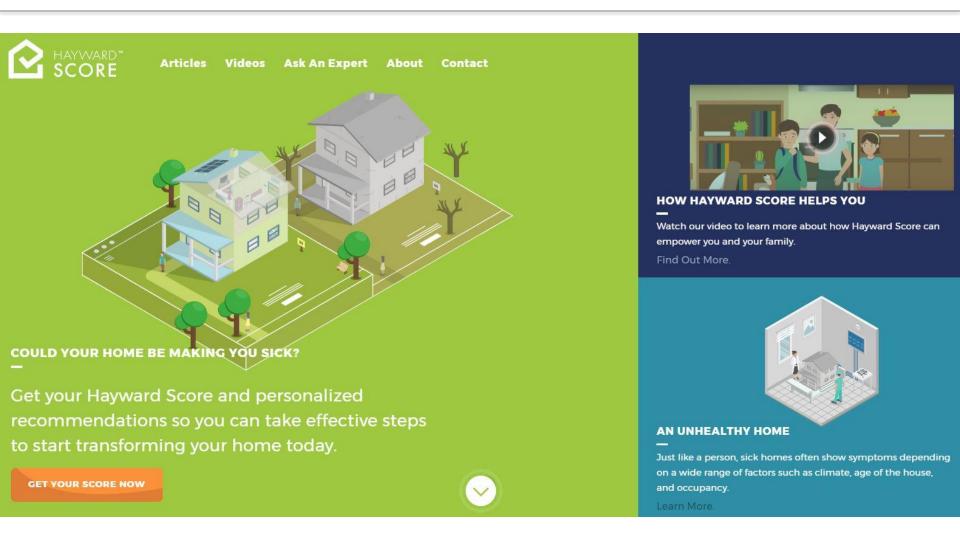




Capture GPS coordinates (latitude & longitude) as well as direction. Email details and map links to crew.



## Hayward Score: Measuring Home Health





## Podcasts to follow:



**HVAC School with Bryan Orr** 



Building HVAC Science with Bill Spohn



RESTalk with Bill Spohn



# Gauge Assistance Apps



# Gauge assistance





Remote access – 1 way > or 2 way >

Semi-automated tests. Data import.

Automated tests, full control the fan.





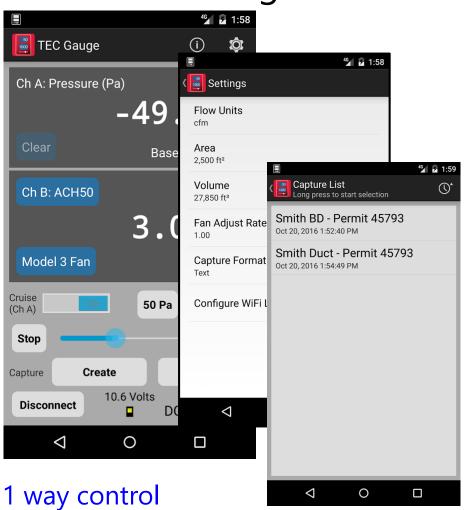


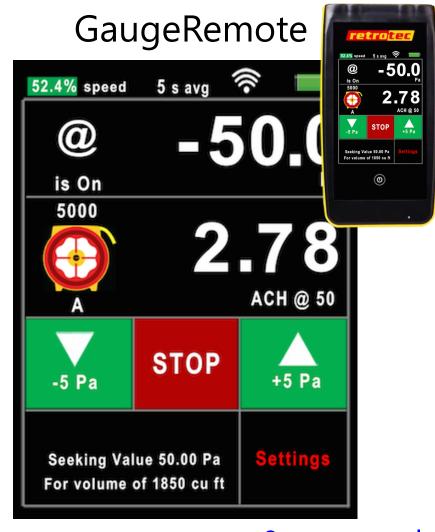






## **TEC Gauge**

















### DG-700 Connect



## Virtual Gauge



1 way control

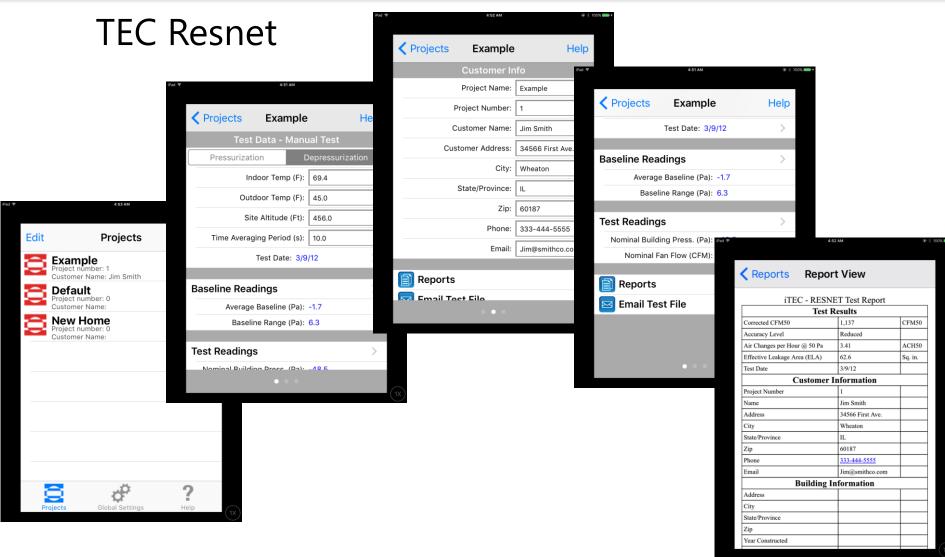
Multiple gauges 2 way control











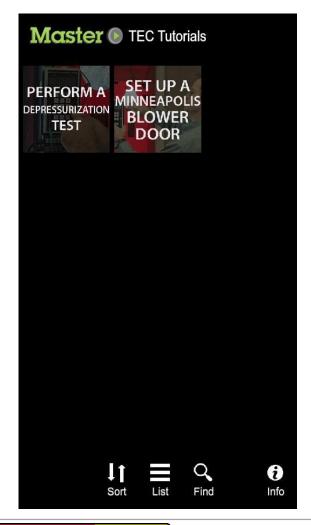








## Master TEC





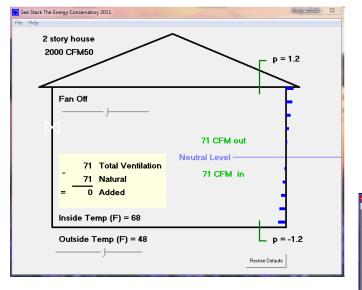








## See Stack Training Simulator



## Virtual Gauge – simulated gauge





Blower Door Simulator





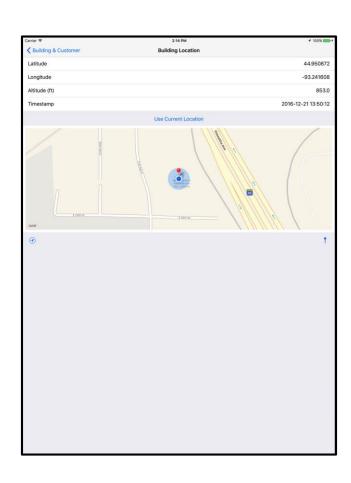








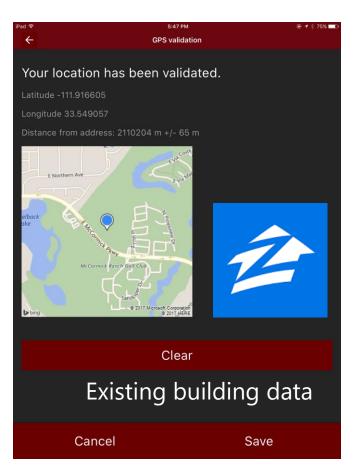
#### **TEC Auto Test**



#### Geolocation

Autofill Address

Validate Address



Get local weather









## DG-1000











#### TEC Auto Test

**Test ID & Purpose of Test** 

IECC 12/15 Env. Leakage

IECC 12/15 Duct Leakage CA Title 24 Duct Leakage

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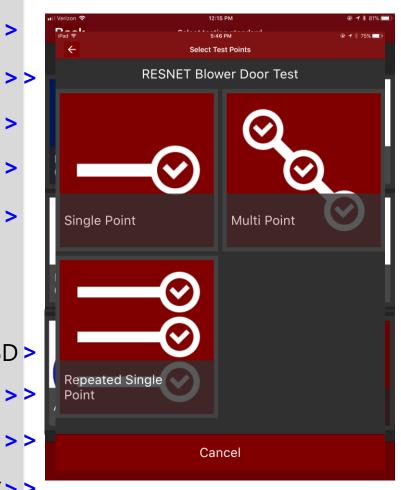
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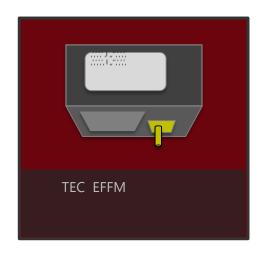












**IECC 2012 BD** 



CFM50 BD

CFM25 BD

**IECC NY BD** 

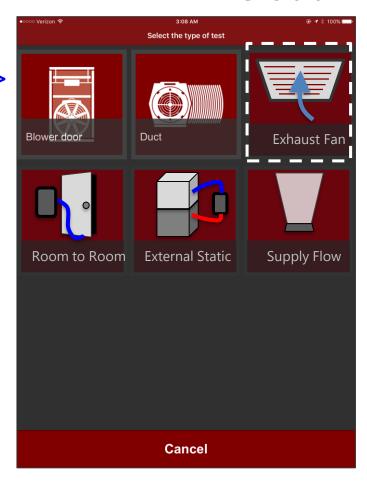
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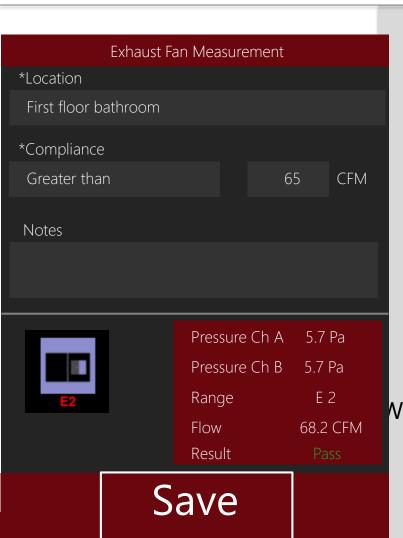


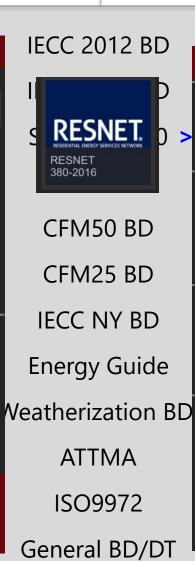












	rCloud	
	Exhaust Fan Measurement	
	Location First floor bathroom 1 +	_
$D\Lambda CC$	Device TEC EFFM Range E 2	
PASS	Greater than 65 CFM	
Delete	Results 68.2 CFM	
	Location Master bathroom +	_
DACC	Device TEC EFFM Range E 2	
PASS	Greater than 55 CFM	
	Results 71.8 CFM	
Delete	Notes: Fan light unit	
	Location Master bathroom	_
	Device TEC EFFM Range E 2	FFM Range E 2
	Greater than 55 CFM	
	Results 0.0 CFM Entered manual	
Delete	Notes: Fan did not operate. No power.	









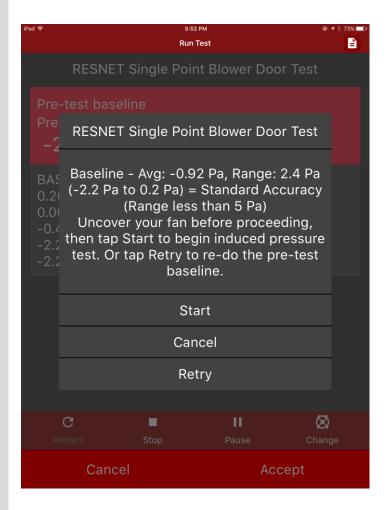




#### **TEC Auto Test**

Baseline Accuracy results.

Standard Reduced Exceed















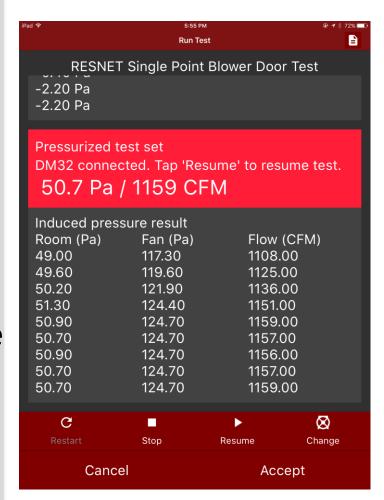
#### **TEC Auto Test**



Live test results.

Once test starts, data cannot be changed.

- · Address,
- Compliance target,
  - Size of the home...









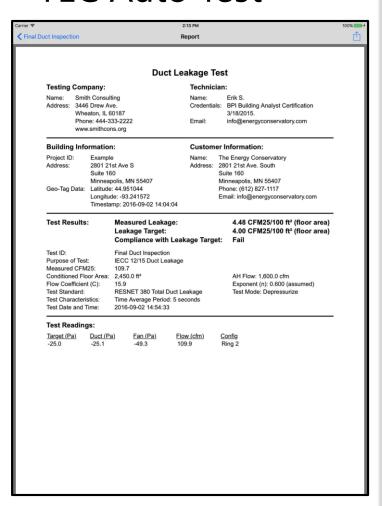




3.2.1. Fenestration. Exterior doors and windows are closed and latched.

**Compliance Verification** 

#### **TEC Auto Test**



Report with compliance results.

## Standard 380 rCloud

Confirmed

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3.2.2. Attached garages. If blower door is installed between the house and the garage, in which case the garage shall be opened to outside by opening at least one exterior garage door.	Confirmed
3.2.3. Crawlspace vents and hatches	Vented
3.2.4. Attic doors and hatches	Open
3.2.5. Basement doors	Open
3.2.6. Interior doors. All doors between rooms inside the Conditioned Space Volume are opened.	Confirmed
3.2.7. Chimney dampers and combustion-air inlets on solid fuel appliances are closed.	Confirmed
3.2.8. Combustion appliance flue gas vents are left in their as-found position.	Confirmed
3.2.9. Fans Turned Off - Any fan or appliance capable of inducing airflow across the building enclosure are turned off including, but not limited to, clothes dryers, attic fans, kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans, air handlers, ventilation fans used in a whole-house mechanical ventilation system (example a system intended to meet ASHRAE Standard 62.2), and crawlspace and attic ventilation fans. This requirement to turn fans off includes accessible fans in adjacent attached dwelling units.	
3.2.10.1. Non-motorized dampers (example pressure-activated operable dampers and fixed dampers), that connect the Conditioned Space Volume to the exterior or to Unconditioned Space Volumes shall be left in their as-found positions. (example, a fixed damper in a duct supplying outdoor air for an intermittent ventilation system that utilizes the HVAC fan shall be left in its as-found position).	Confirmed
3.2.10.2. Motorized dampers that connect the conditioned space volume to the exterior or to unconditioned spaces shall be placed in their closed positions and shall not be further sealed.	Confirmed
3.2.11.1. Non-dampered ventilation openings of intermittently operating local exhaust ventilation systems (example bath fan and kitchen range fan), that connect the Conditioned Space Volume to the exterior or to Unconditioned Space	Confirmed
3.2.11.2. Non-dampered ventilation openings of intermittently operating whole-house ventilation systems, including HVAC fan-integrated outdoor air inlets, that connect the Conditioned Space Volume to the exterior or to Unconditioned Space Volume shall not be sealed.	Confirmed
3.2.11.3. Non-dampered ventilation openings of continuously operating local exhaust ventilation systems, (example bathroom or kitchen exhaust), that connect the Conditioned Space Volume to the exterior or to Unconditioned Space Volume shall be sealed, preferably at the exterior of the enclosure.	Confirmed
3.2.11.4. Non-dampered ventilation openings of continuously operating whole-house ventilation systems that connect the Conditioned Space Volume to the exterior or to Unconditioned Space Volume shall be sealed at the exterior of the enclosure where conditions allow.	Confirmed
3.2.11.5. All other Non-dampered intentional openings between Conditioned Space Volume and the exterior or Unconditioned Space Volume shall be left open, (Informative Note: For example undampered combustion air or make-up air openings shall be left in their open position).	Confirmed
3.2.12. Whole-building fan louvers and shutters shall be closed. In addition, if there is a seasonal cover present, it shall be installed.	Confirmed
3.2.13. The opening to the exterior of evaporative coolers shall be placed in its off	Confirmed



# Tools, Gadgets, Etc.



# Smoke – Power Tiny S (smoke generator)



 Triethylene Glycol Monopropylene Glycol Dipropylene Glycol Demineralized Water



- Not Neutral buoyancy smoke
- Controlled powered smoke
- Battery powered





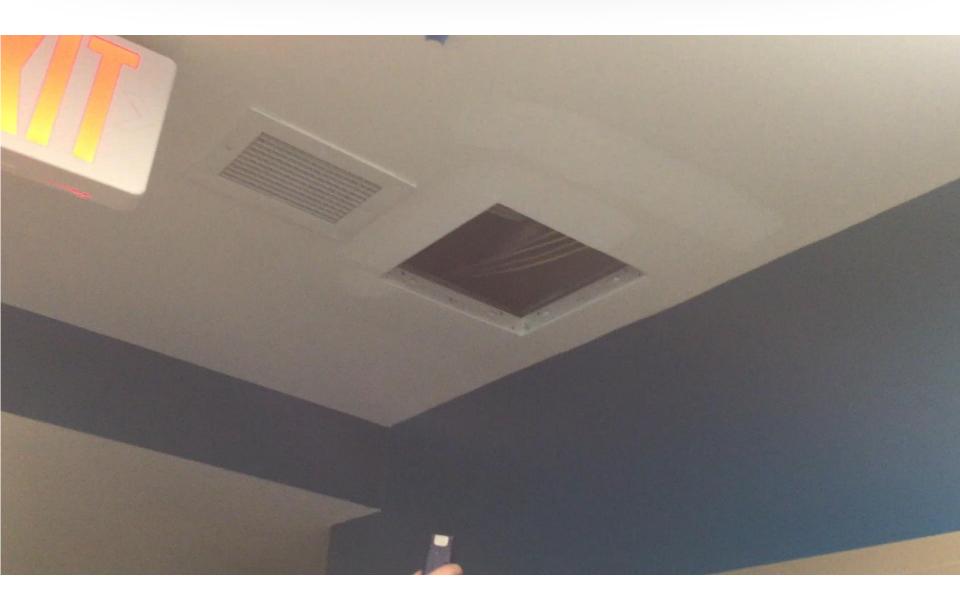


# Power Tiny S – Smoke Generator













# Rough In Test



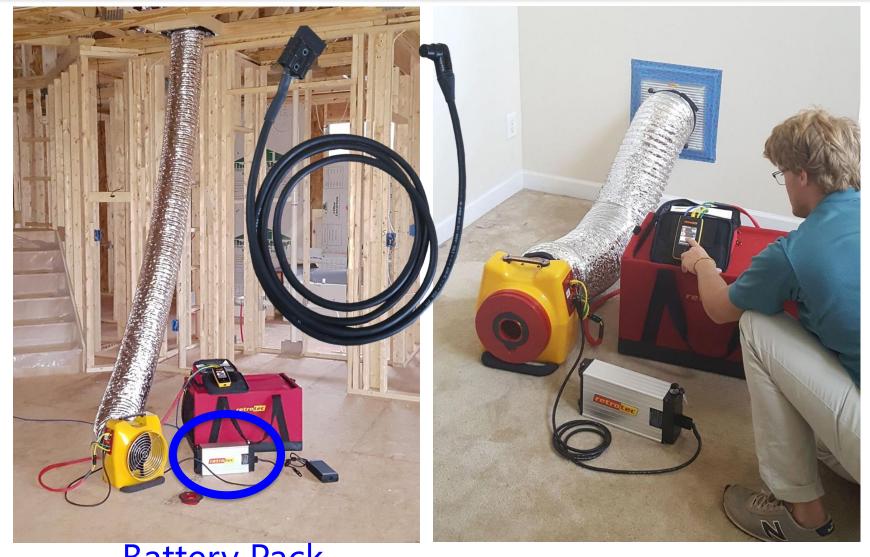








## Rough In Test – battery pack option!



**Battery Pack** 

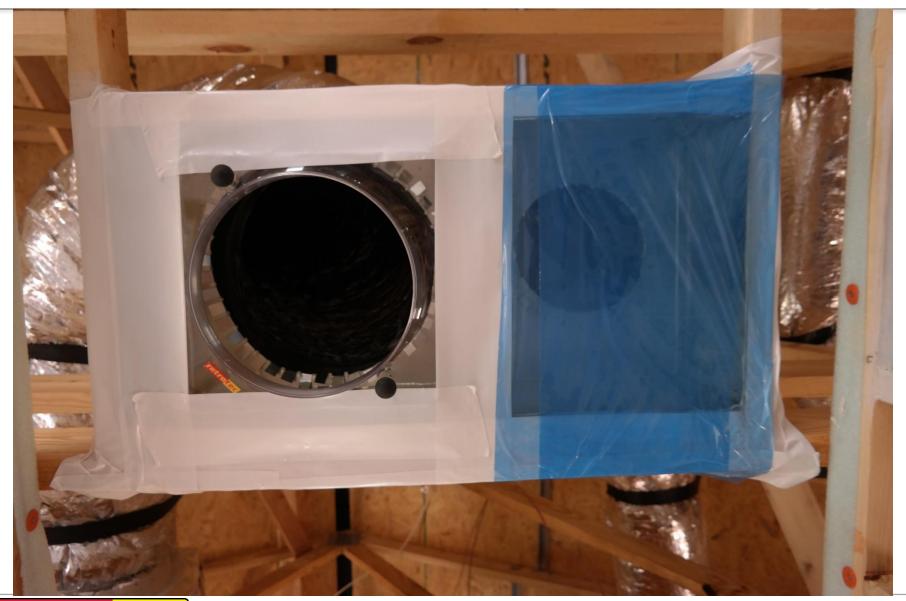














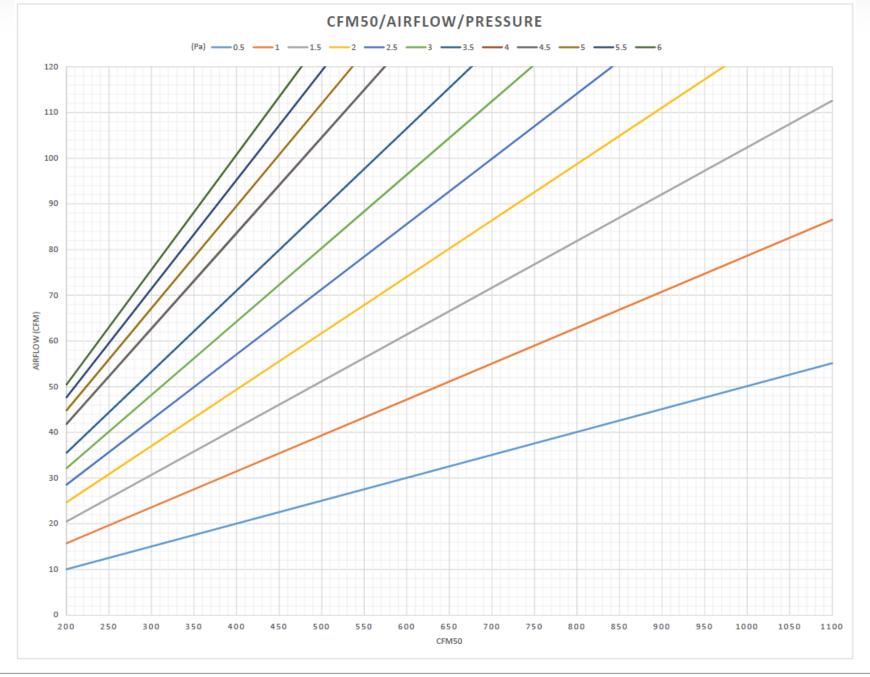




## Whole House Ventilation

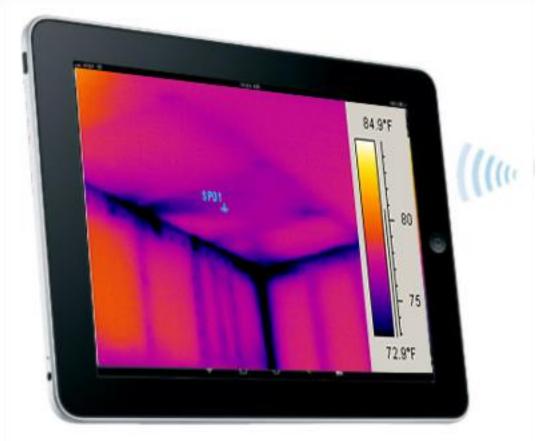








## Infrared Camera









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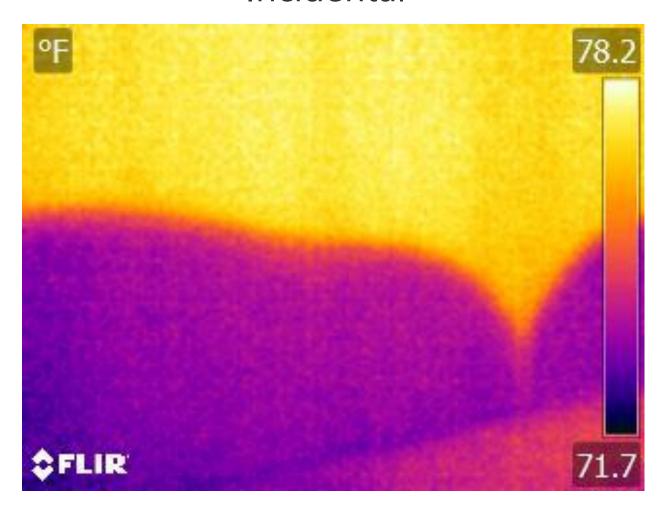








## Building Moisture Incidental

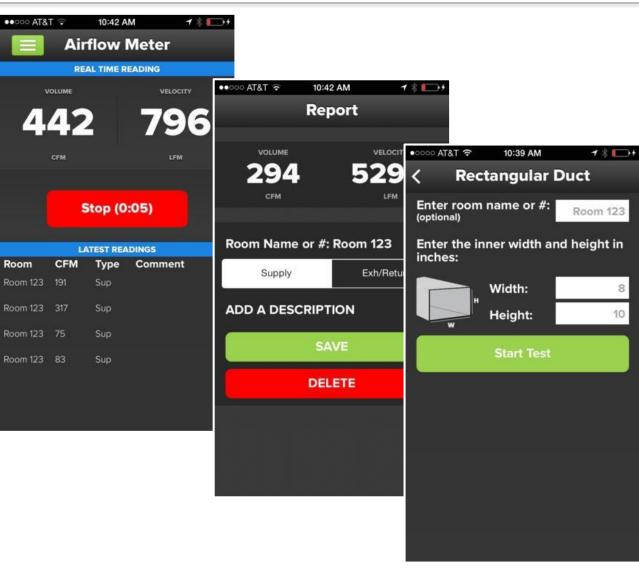




## Automatic Airflow Balancing \$44.95









## NEWEST Capture Hood





- CPS /ABM EasyHood
- 12" x 12" unit opening
- Easily pop up frame to add 24" x 24" "skirt"
- BlueTooth readout on and data storage/reporting from your SmartDevice
- Low volume plate for 7-50 CFM sampling
- Can use your existing ABM-100 or ABM-200
- ABM-200 reads out CFM, temp, humidity, barometric pressure





## AAB Smart Tools TS-100

\$60



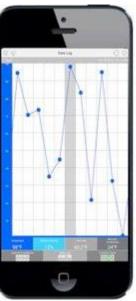
**TempSmart** Temperature and Humidity Data Logger











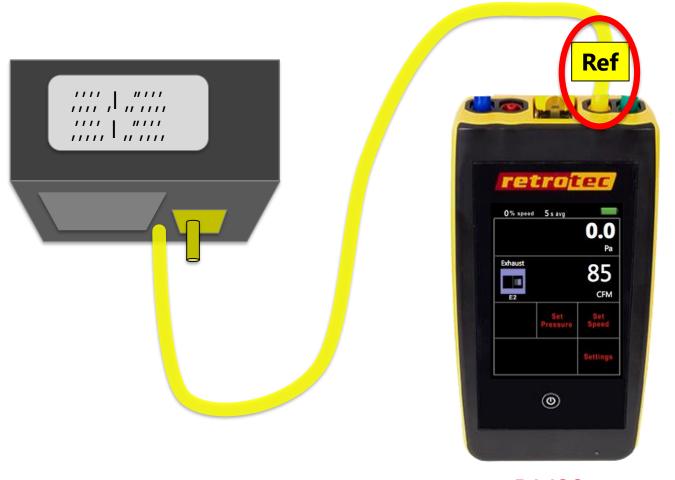




## Testing Exhaust Fans



The Energy Conservatory Exhaust Fan Flow Meter



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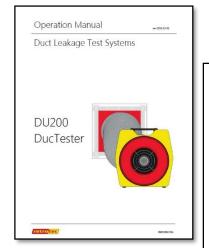
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## Device - Hole Flow

#### Cardboard box.



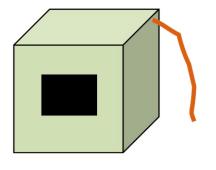


Figure 73: Exhaust fan flow meter

#### Appendix G: Measure Supply or Exhaust flow with a gauge and box

The Netrotec gauge can be used to measure the amount of air flowing through a hole. This feature enables the gauge to be used as an Exhaust Fan Flow Meter, by simply cutting a couple of holes in a cardboard box. The open end of the flow box should have rough dimensions which are at least two times the register dimensions, and the depth of the box should be at least the average of the other two dimensions.

Because flow through a known size hole depends on pressure across the hole, and air flow into an enclosed space will cause pressure, we can use a box with a hole in it to measure the system air flow. This method partially blocks the flow from the air handler so readings are not exact, especially if pressures in the box are above 8 Pa.

To create an Exhaust Fan Flow Meter

- Cut a hole in one side of a medium-sized cardboard box where it is only one layer thick, and leaving about one inch of cardboard around the edge for stiffness.
- Cut a 2" x 2" square hole in the center of the other side of the box, again
  where the cardboard is only one layer thick. This is the flow measuring
  hole. For accuracy, the small hole should be at least 1.5 inches from the
  edge of the box and its area should be less than half the area of the end of
  the box.



- Figure 73: Exhaust fan flow
- Tape any cracks in the other sides of the box to prevent air from leaking.
   Punch a 0.25 inch diameter hole near a corner of the open end of the box
- for the pressure tube. Insert a tube in the hole.
- Connect the tube to the "ref B" (yellow) and "input A" (blue) ports of the gauge using a T connector.
- Fit the box over the exhaust fan grille while it is running, and seal in place around the box edges.
   Observe the pressure in the box on "A". The same pressure will show on "B" if displaying
- 8. Increase the size of the flow measuring hole in the box until the pressure is between 2 and 8 Pa.
- The gauge will calculate the exhaust fan flow if you [Change Device] and choose "Hole Flow" from the "Generic Device" screen of choices.
- 10. Enter the area of the hole into the gauge when prompted by the gauge.
- 11. Read the Exhaust Flow in CFM directly from the gauge on "B".

Tip. Box pressure of 8 Pa or less is recommended because higher pressures will decrease the exhaust fan flow rate. Box pressures below 3 Pa are less accurate because amel fluctuations in pressure will affect the flow a lot. On each is a practical limit for measuring flow, below which readings cannot be taken. Try the same fan with different holes to see the different results.

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# Device - Hole Flow





**Hole Flow** 





## Device - Hole Flow

### $Flow = Hole Area * \sqrt{PrB} * 1.0755$

- Flow is in units of CFM
- Hole Area is in units of in<sup>2</sup>
- PrB is the Channel B pressure, is in units of Pa







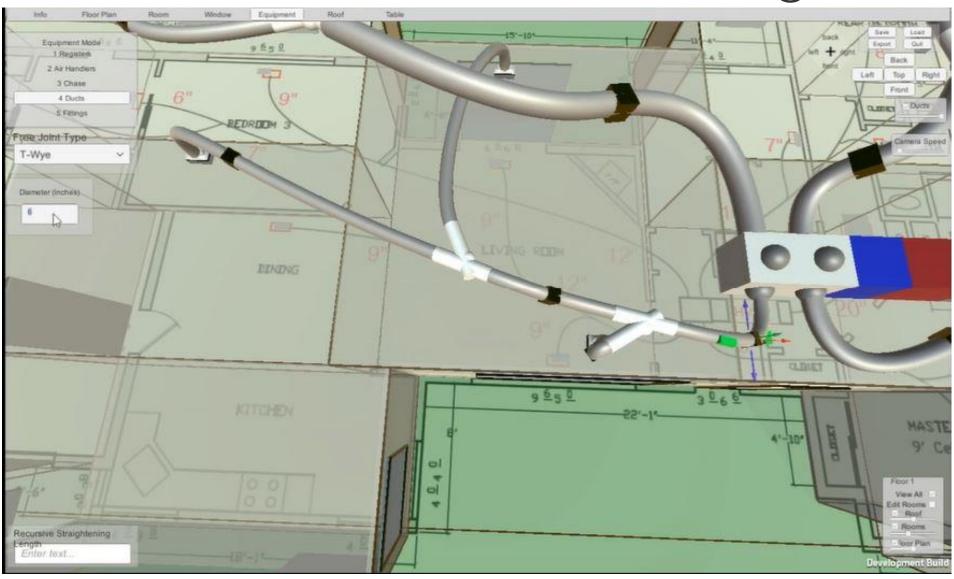




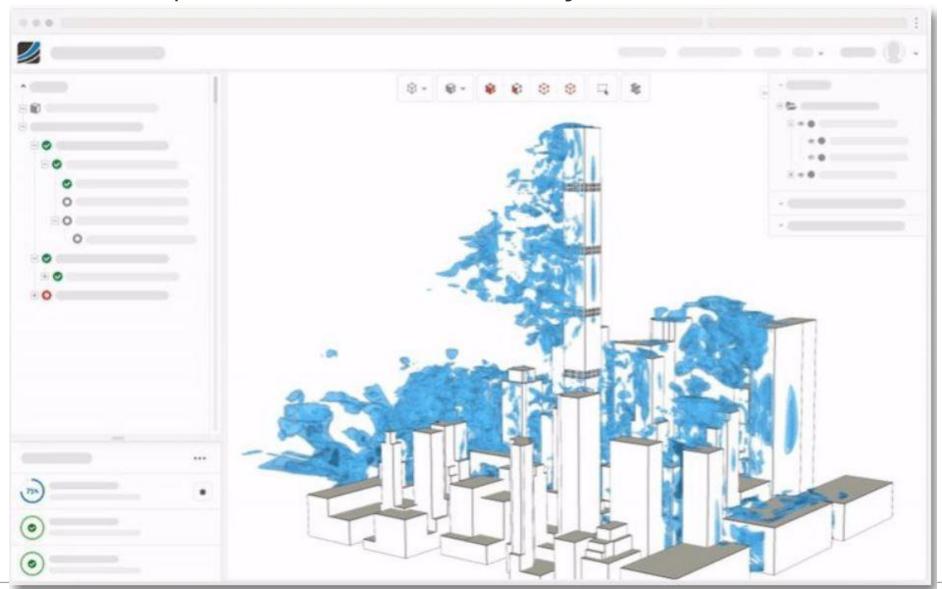
## Looking Forward...



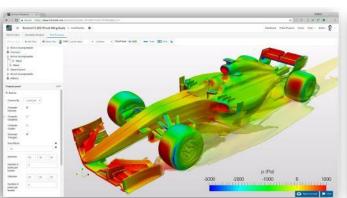
## Kwik Model – 3D Duct Design



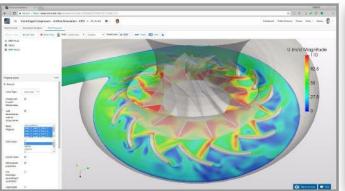




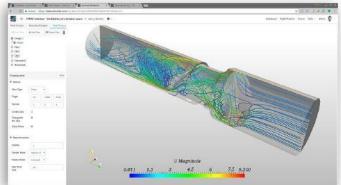




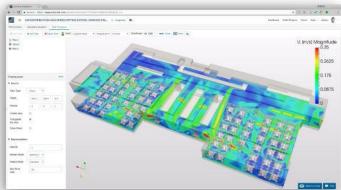
External Aerodynamic Analysis of a Race Car



Turbulent and Compressible Flow in a compressor



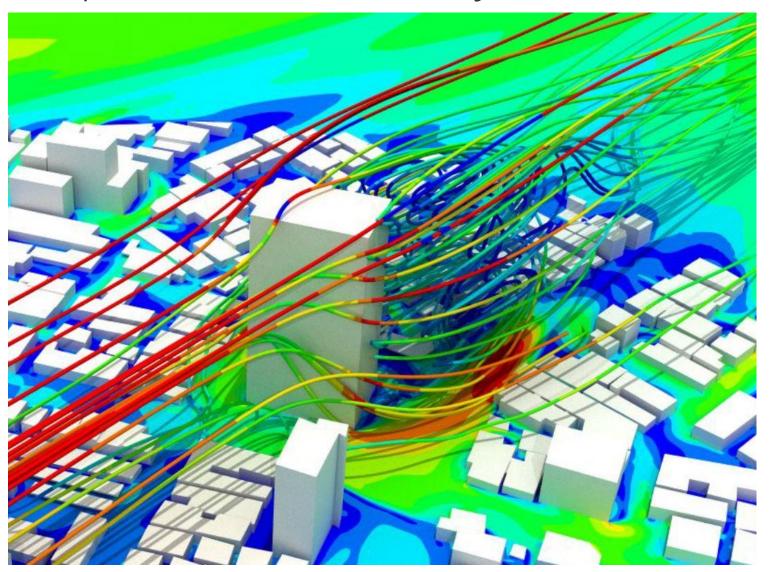
Carburetor Intake Flow Analysis



Ventilation system Analysis

- Internal External Flow
- Laminar Turbulent
- Steady State Transient
- In-Compressible
- Flow Heat Transport
- Single Multiphase
- Scalar Transport
- Rotating Machinery
- Porous Media





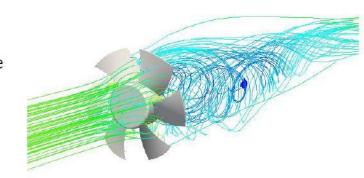


#### **Analysis Overview**

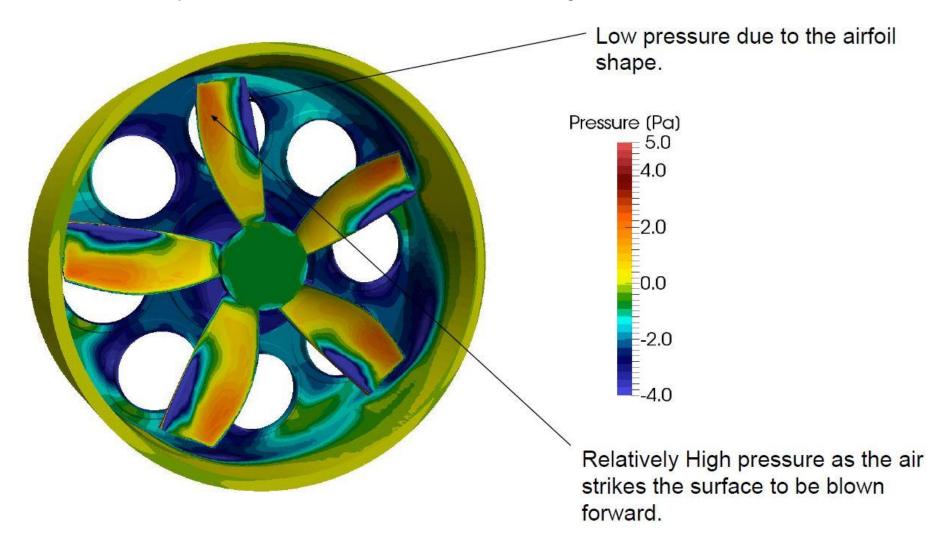
- Steady State or Transient Analysis
- Incompressible Compressible Flow
- Turbulence modeling via RANS, URANS & LES models
- Rotating zones via Multi-Reference Frame (MRF) or Sliding Mesh Interface
   (AMI)

#### Results outputs

- 3D flow Velocity and Pressure distribution
- Forces and Torque on the Fan
- Performance Curves, Torque, Efficiency vs Flow Rate











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