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## FOREWORD

*Appendix A contains F-factors for heated slabs, but does not include combinations of perimeter insulation that has a different R-Value than the under-slab insulation. This addenda adds heated slab F-factors for multiple combinations of under-slab and perimeter insulation. These values were derived from a regression of the current heated slab F-factors for fully insulated, uninsulated, and 12" vertical perimeter insulation taken from Table A6.3.1 Assembly F-Factors for Slab-on-Grade Floors.*

*This proposal does not impact cost effective analysis as we are adding additional values to the appendix. Criteria has not changed.*

*[Note to Reviewers: This addendum makes proposed changes to the current standard. These changes are indicated in the text by underlining (for additions) and ~~striketrough~~ (for deletions) except where the reviewer instructions specifically describe some other means of showing the changes. Only these changes to the current standard are open for review and comment at this time. Additional material is provided for context only and is not open for comment except as it relates to the proposed changes.]*

## Addendum bx to 90.1-2016

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*Modify the standard as follows (IP and SI Units)*

### A6 SLAB-ON-GRADE FLOORS

#### A6.1 General

For the purpose of Section A1.2, the base assembly is a slab *floor* of 6 in. concrete poured directly on to the earth, the bottom of the slab is at *grade* line, and soil conductivity is 0.75 Btu/h·ft·°F. In contrast to the *U-factor* for *floors*, the *F-factor* for *slab-ongrade floors* is expressed per linear foot of *building* perimeter. *F-factors* are provided for unheated slabs and for heated slabs. *Unheated slab-on-grade floors* do not have heating elements, and *heated slab-on-grade floors* do have heating elements within or beneath the slab. *F-factors* are provided for ~~three~~ five insulation configurations:

- a. Horizontal Insulation: *Continuous insulation* is applied directly to the underside of the slab and extends inward horizontally from the perimeter for the distance specified, or *continuous insulation* is applied downward from the top of the slab and then extends horizontally to the interior or the exterior from the perimeter for the distance specified.
- b. Vertical Insulation: *Continuous insulation* is applied directly to the slab exterior, extending downward from the top of the slab for the distance specified.
- c. Fully Insulated Slab: *Continuous insulation* extends downward from the top of the slab and along the entire perimeter and completely covers the entire area under the slab.
- d. Under-Slab Insulation only: Insulation installed under the entire slab. The slab edge remains uninsulated.

e. Uninsulated: Slabs without insulation under the slab and at the slab edge.

**A6.2 Rated R-Value of Insulation for Slab-on-Grade Floors**

**A6.2.1**

The *rated R-value of insulation* shall be installed around the perimeter of the *slab-on-grade floor* to the distance specified.

**Exception to A6.2.1**

For a monolithic *slab-on-grade floor*, the insulation shall extend from the top of the *slab-on-grade* to the bottom of the footing.

**A6.2.2**

Insulation installed inside the foundation *wall* shall extend downward from the top of the slab a minimum of the distance specified or to the top of the footing, whichever is less.

**A6.2.3**

Insulation installed outside the foundation *wall* shall extend from the top of the slab or downward to at least the bottom of the slab and then horizontally to a minimum of the distance specified. In all climates, the horizontal insulation extending outside of the foundation shall be covered by pavement or by soil a minimum of 10 in. thick.

**A6.3 F-Factors for Slab-on-Grade Floors**

**A6.3.1**

*F-factors* for *slab-on-grade floors* shall be taken from Table A6.3.1-1 or A6.3.1-2.

**A6.3.2**

These *F-factors* are acceptable for all *slab-on-grade floors*.

**Table A6.3.1-1 Assembly F-Factors for Slab-on-Grade Floors**

Insulation Description	Rated R-Value of Insulation												
	R-0.0 R-3.5	R-5	R-7.5	R-10	R-15	R-20	R-25	R-30	R-35	R-40	R-45	R-50	R-55
Unheated Slabs													
None	0.73												
<u>Uninsulated:</u>	0.73												
No change to other unheated slab values													
Heated Slabs													
None	1.35												
<u>Uninsulated:</u>	1.35												
12 in. horizontal		1.31	1.31	1.30	1.30								
24 in. horizontal		1.28	1.27	1.26	1.25								
36 in. horizontal		1.24	1.21	1.20	1.18								
48 in. horizontal		1.20	1.17	1.13	1.11								
12 in. vertical		1.06	1.02	1.00	0.98	0.968	0.964	0.961					
24 in. vertical		0.99	0.95	0.90	0.86	0.843	0.832	0.827					
36 in. vertical		0.95	0.89	0.84	0.79	0.762	0.747	0.740					
48 in. vertical		0.91	0.85	0.78	0.72	0.688	0.671	0.659					
Fully insulated slab		0.74	0.64	0.55	0.44	0.373	0.326	0.296	0.273	0.255	0.239	0.227	0.217
<u>Under-slab insulation only</u>	<u>1.06</u>	<u>1.01</u>	<u>0.95</u>	<u>0.90</u>	<u>0.82</u>	<u>0.76</u>							

**Table A6.3.1-2 Assembly F-Factors for Fully Insulated Heated Slab-on-Grade Floors**

Insulation Description	Rated R-Value of Edge Insulation							
	R-3.5	R-5	R-7.5	R-10	R-15	R-20	R-25	R-30
<b>Heated Slabs</b>								
R-3.5 under slab	0.81	0.78	0.74	0.71	0.69	0.671	0.670	0.669
R-5 under slab	0.77	0.74	0.69	0.66	0.62	0.602	0.602	0.601
R-7.5 under slab	0.71	0.67	0.64	0.60	0.58	0.566	0.564	0.563
R-10 under slab	0.66	0.62	0.58	0.55	0.51	0.496	0.494	0.493
R-15 under slab	0.57	0.54	0.50	0.47	0.45	0.433	0.432	0.431
R-20 under slab	0.51	0.48	0.44	0.41	0.39	0.371	0.370	0.369

**Table A6.3.1-1 Assembly F-Factors for Slab-on-Grade Floors (SI)**

Insulation Description	Rated R-Value of Insulation												
	R-0.0 R-0.6	R-0.9	R-1.3	R-1.8	R-2.6	R-3.5	R-4.4	R-5.3	R-6.2	R-7.0	R-7.9	R-8.8	R-9.7
<b>Unheated Slabs</b>													
None	1.26												
<u>Uninsulated: 1.26</u>													
<i>No change to other unheated slab values</i>													
<b>Heated Slabs</b>													
None	2.33												
<u>Uninsulated: 2.33</u>													
300 mm horizontal		2.27	2.26	2.26	2.25								
600 mm horizontal		2.21	2.19	2.18	2.16								
900 mm horizontal		2.14	2.10	2.07	2.04								
1200 mm horizontal		2.08	2.02	1.96	1.92								
300 mm vertical		1.84	1.76	1.73	1.70	1.67	1.67	1.66					
600 mm vertical		1.72	1.64	1.57	1.50	1.46	1.44	1.43					
900 mm vertical		1.64	1.54	1.45	1.36	1.32	1.29	1.28					
1200 mm vertical		1.57	1.47	1.35	1.25	1.19	1.16	1.14					
Fully insulated slab		1.28	1.11	0.95	0.76	0.65	0.56	0.51	0.47	0.44	0.41	0.39	0.38
<u>Under-slab insulation only</u>	<u>1.83</u>	<u>1.75</u>	<u>1.64</u>	<u>1.56</u>	<u>1.42</u>	<u>1.32</u>							

**Table A6.3.1-2 Assembly F-Factors for Fully Insulated Heated Slab-on-Grade Floors (SI)**

<u>Insulation Description</u>	<u>Rated R-Value of Edge Insulation</u>							
	<u>R-0.6</u>	<u>R-0.9</u>	<u>R-1.3</u>	<u>R-1.8</u>	<u>R-2.6</u>	<u>R-3.5</u>	<u>R-4.4</u>	<u>R-5.3</u>
<u>Heated Slabs</u>								
<u>R-0.6 under slab</u>	<u>1.40</u>	<u>1.35</u>	<u>1.27</u>	<u>1.22</u>	<u>1.19</u>	<u>1.16</u>	<u>1.16</u>	<u>1.16</u>
<u>R-0.9 under slab</u>	<u>1.33</u>	<u>1.28</u>	<u>1.19</u>	<u>1.14</u>	<u>1.07</u>	<u>1.04</u>	<u>1.04</u>	<u>1.04</u>
<u>R-1.3 under slab</u>	<u>1.22</u>	<u>1.16</u>	<u>1.11</u>	<u>1.04</u>	<u>1.01</u>	<u>0.98</u>	<u>0.98</u>	<u>0.97</u>
<u>R-1.8 under slab</u>	<u>1.13</u>	<u>1.08</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>0.95</u>	<u>0.88</u>	<u>0.85</u>	<u>0.85</u>	<u>0.85</u>
<u>R-2.6 under slab</u>	<u>0.99</u>	<u>0.93</u>	<u>0.86</u>	<u>0.81</u>	<u>0.78</u>	<u>0.75</u>	<u>0.75</u>	<u>0.75</u>
<u>R-3.5 under slab</u>	<u>0.89</u>	<u>0.83</u>	<u>0.75</u>	<u>0.70</u>	<u>0.67</u>	<u>0.64</u>	<u>0.64</u>	<u>0.64</u>