

**MICHIGAN UNIFORM ENERGY CODE
RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY (PRESCRIPTIVE) MAJOR POINTS**

402.2.3 Attic & crawl access doors. Gasketed & with same *R*-value as assembly requirement.

402.2.6 Floors. Insulation shall be installed to maintain permanent contact with underside of subfloor decking.

402.2.7 Basement walls. Insulated from top of wall to floor, or can do floor above for unconditioned space.

402.2.8 Slab on grade. From top of slab downward and/or horizontal 4' below grade. Can be mitered 45° at top.

401.3 Certificate. A permanent certificate shall be posted on or in the electrical distribution panel, and shall meet all of the following:

- a) Be affixed or attached so it does not cover or obstruct the visibility of the circuit directory label, service disconnect label, or other required labels.
- b) Be completed by the builder or registered design professional.
- c) List the predominant *R*-values of insulation installed in or on ceiling/roof, walls, foundation (slab, basement wall, crawlspace wall and/or floor) and ducts outside conditioned spaces and *U*-factors for fenestration. If there is more than 1 value for each component, then the certificate shall list the value covering the largest area.
- d) List the types and efficiencies of heating, cooling, and service water heating equipment.
- e) If a gas-fired unvented room heater, electric furnace, or baseboard electric heater is installed in the residence, then the certificate shall list "gas-fired unvented room heater," as appropriate. An efficiency shall not be listed for gas-fired unvented room heaters, electric furnaces, or electric baseboard heaters.

**Table 402.1.1
INSULATION AND FENESTRATION REQUIREMENTS BY COMPONENTS**

CLIMATE ZONE	FENESTRATION U-FACTOR	SKYLIGHT ^a U-FACTOR	CEILING R-VALUE	WOOD FRAME WALL R-VALUE	MASS WALL R-VALUE ^f	FLOOR R-VALUE	BASEMENT ^b WALL R-VALUE	SLAB ^c R-VALUE & DEPTH	CRAWL SPACE ^c WALL R-VALUE
6A	0.35	0.60	49	20 or 13+5 ^e	15/19	30 ^d	15/19	10, 4 ft	10/13 + 24"

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

- a. The fenestration *U*-factor column excludes skylights.
- b. The first *R*-value applies to continuous insulation, for the second to framing cavity insulation; either insulation meets the requirement.
- c. *R*-5 shall be added to the required slab edge *R*-values for heated slabs. Insulation depth shall be the depth of the footing or 2 feet, whichever is less, in zones 1-3 for heated slabs.
- d. Or insulation sufficient to fill the framing cavity, *R*-19 minimum.
- e. "13+5" means *R*-13 cavity insulation plus *R*-5 insulated sheathing. If structural sheathing covers 25% or less of the exterior, *R*-5 sheathing is not required where structural sheathing is used. If structural sheathing covers more than 25% of exterior, structural sheathing shall be supplemented with insulated sheathing of at least *R*-2.
- f. The second *R*-value applies when more than half the insulation is on the interior.

402.2.1 Ceilings with attic space. Can use *R*-38 in entire ceiling with *R*-38 energy heel trusses.

402.2.9 Crawl space walls. Can be insulated in lieu of floor for conditioned space; from floor to grade then additional 24" horizontal or vertical. Ground must be covered with a class 1 vapor retarder with joints over-lapped 6" and sealed and 6" up and sealed to walls.

402.3.6 Replacement fenestration. Must comply with 402.1.1.

402.4.1 Building thermal envelope. The *building thermal envelope* shall be durably sealed to limit infiltration. The sealing methods between dissimilar materials shall allow for differential expansion and contraction. The following shall be caulked, gasketed, weatherstripped or otherwise sealed with an air barrier material, suitable film or solid material:

- 1. All joints, seams and penetrations.
- 2. Site-built windows, doors or skylights.
- 3. Openings between window and door assemblies and their respective jambs and framing.
- 4. Utility penetrations.
- 5. Dropped ceilings or chases adjacent to the thermal envelope.
- 6. Knee walls.
- 7. Walls and ceilings separating a garage from conditioned spaces.
- 8. Behind tubs and showers on exterior walls.
- 9. Common walls between dwelling units.
- 10. Attic access openings.
- 11. Rim joist junction.
- 12. Other sources of infiltration.

103.2 Information on construction documents. Construction documents shall be drawn to scale upon suitable material. Electronic media documents are permitted to be submitted when *approved* by the *code official*. Construction documents shall be of sufficient clarity to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed, and show in sufficient detail pertinent data and features of the building, systems and equipment as herein governed. Details shall include, but are not limited to, as applicable, insulation materials and their *R*-values; fenestration *U*-factors and SHGCs; area-weighted *U*-factor and SHGC calculations; mechanical system design criteria; mechanical and service water heating system and equipment types, sizes and efficiencies; economizer description; equipment and system controls; fan motor horsepower (hp) and controls; duct sealing, duct and pipe insulation and location; lighting fixture schedule with wattage and control narrative; and air sealing details.

104.2 Required approvals. Work shall not be done beyond the point indicated in each successive inspection without first obtaining the approval of the *code official*.

104.6 Inspection requirements. It shall be the duty of the holder of the permit or their duly authorized agent to notify the *code official* when work is ready for inspection. It shall be the duty of the permit holder to provide access to and means for inspections of such work that are required by this code.

104.8.1 Revocation. The *code official* is authorized to, in writing, suspend or revoke a notice of approval issued under the provisions of this code wherever the certificate is issued in error, or on the basis of incorrect information supplied, or where it is determined that the building or structure, premise, or portion thereof is in violation of any ordinance or regulation or any of the provisions of this code.

303.1.3 Fenestration products shall be labeled and certified.

303.2.1 Exterior foundation insulation must be protected.

303.3 Maintenance instructions for mechanical equipment shall be clearly labeled.

402.4.5 Recessed lighting. When installed in the building thermal envelope, recessed lighting fixtures shall meet 1 of the following requirements:

- a) Type IC rated, manufactured with no penetrations between the inside of the recessed fixture and ceiling cavity and sealed or gasketed to prevent air leakage into the unconditioned space.
- b) Type IC or non-IC rated, installed inside a sealed box constructed from a minimum 0.5-inch-thick (12.7 mm) gypsum wallboard or constructed from a pre-formed polymeric vapor barrier, or other air-tight assembly manufactured for this purpose, while maintaining required clearances of not less than 0.5 inch (12.7 mm) from combustible material and not less than 3 inches (76 mm) from insulation material.
- c) Type IC rated and admitting not more than 2.0 cubic feet per minute (cfm) (0.944 L/s) of air movement from the conditioned space to ceiling cavity when tested in accordance with ASTM E 283. The lighting fixture shall be tested at 1.57 psi (75 Pa) pressure difference and shall be labeled.

403.1.1 Programmable thermostat. Where the primary heating system is a forced-air furnace, at least one thermostat per dwelling unit shall be capable of controlling the heating and cooling system on a daily schedule to maintain different temperature set points at different times of the day. This thermostat shall include the capability to set back or temporarily operate the system to maintain zone temperatures down to 55°F (13°C) or up to 85°F (29°C). The thermostat shall initially be programmed with a heating temperature set point no higher than 70°F (21°C) and a cooling temperature set point no lower than 78°F (26°C).

403.1.2 Heat pump supplementary heat (Mandatory). Heat pumps having supplementary electric-resistance heat shall have controls that, except during defrost, prevent supplemental heat operation when the heat pump compressor can meet the heating load.

403.2.1 Insulation (Prescriptive). Supply ducts in attics shall be insulated to a minimum of R-8. All other ducts shall be insulated to a minimum of R-6. **Exception:** Ducts or portions thereof located completely inside the *building thermal envelope*.

403.2.2 Sealing (Mandatory). All ducts, air handlers, filter boxes, and building cavities used as ducts shall be sealed. Joints and seams shall comply with section M1601.4.1 of the Michigan residential code.

403.2.3 Building cavities (Mandatory). Building framing cavities shall not be used as supply ducts.

403.3 Mechanical system piping insulation – R-3.

403.4 Hot water pipe insulation – R-2. Need shutoff on circulating systems.

403.5 Mechanical ventilation (Mandatory). Outdoor air intakes and exhausts shall have automatic or gravity dampers that close when the ventilation system is not operating.

403.6 Equipment sizing (Mandatory). Heating and cooling equipment shall be sized in accordance with Section M1401.3 of the *International Residential Code*.

404.1 Lighting equipment. A minimum of 50 percent of the lamps in permanently installed lighting fixtures shall be high-efficacy lamps.

**TABLE 402.4.2
AIR BARRIER AND INSULATION INSPECTION COMPONENT CRITERIA**

COMPONENT initial ea box if in compliance	CRITERIA
Air barrier and thermal barrier	Exterior thermal envelope insulation for framed walls is installed in substantial contact and continuous alignment with building envelope air barrier. Breaks or joints in the air barrier are filled or repaired. Air-permeable insulation is not used as a sealing material. Air-permeable insulation is inside of an air barrier.
Ceiling/attic	Air barrier in any dropped ceiling/soffit is substantially aligned with insulation and any gaps are sealed. Attic access (except unvented attic), knee wall door, or drop down stair is sealed.
Walls	Corners and headers are insulated. Junction of foundation and sill plate is sealed.
Windows and doors	Space between window/door jambs and framing is sealed.
Rim joists	Rim joists are insulated and include an air barrier.
Floors (including above-garage and cantilevered floors)	Insulation is installed to maintain permanent contact with underside of subfloor decking. Air barrier is installed at any exposed edge of insulation.
Crawl space walls	Insulation is permanently attached to walls. Floor in unvented crawl space is covered with Class 1 vapor retarder with overlapping joints sealed.
Shafts, penetrations	Duct shafts, utility penetrations, knee walls and flue shafts opening to exterior or unconditioned space are sealed.
Narrow cavities	Batts in narrow cavities are cut to fit, or narrow cavities are filled by sprayed/blown insulation.
Garage separation	Air sealing is provided between the garage and conditioned spaces.
Recessed lighting	Recessed light fixtures are air tight, IC rated, and sealed to drywall. Exception – fixtures in conditioned spaces.
Plumbing and wiring	Insulation is placed between outside and pipes. Batting insulation is cut to fit around wiring and plumbing, or sprayed/blown insulation extends behind piping and wiring.
Shower/tub on exterior wall	Showers and tubs on exterior walls have insulation and an air barrier separating them from the exterior wall.
Electrical/phone box on exterior walls	Air barrier extends behind boxes or air sealed-type boxes are installed.
Common wall	Air barrier is installed in common wall between dwelling units.
HVAC register boots	HVAC register boots that penetrate building envelope are sealed to subfloor or drywall.
Fireplace	Fireplace walls include an air barrier.

402.4.2 Air sealing and insulation. Building envelope air tightness shall be demonstrated by (402.4.2.1) - A blower door test **or**:

402.4.2.2 Visual inspection option. In lieu of blower door test. Building envelope tightness and insulation installation shall be considered acceptable when the items listed in Table 402.4.2, applicable to the method of construction, are field verified. Where required by the **code official**, an **approved** third party shall make the inspection.

I _____ have performed the above inspection as required and hereby affirm that the listed structure
(print name)

complies with the 2009 Michigan Energy Code.

Structure Address: _____

Permit #: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____