

Determining UA

Step I: The Building Envelope (conductive heat transfer)

$$Q = UA_{\text{envelope}} \times \Delta T$$

Q = Heat loss or gain (Btu/h)

U = conductance (Btu/h sf °F)

A = area (sf)

$\Delta T = T_{\text{outside}} - T_{\text{inside}}$ (°F)

U ~ C (conductance)

C = 1/R (resistance)

Finding UA is a process of finding the R-values of each layer of the building envelope

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Description	Density lb/ft ³ (kg/m ³)	Conductivity ^b		Conductance		I-P Resistance ^c (R)		SI Resistance ^c (R)		
		BTU-in h ft ² °F (W/m K)	(k)	BTU h ft ² °F (W/m ² K)	(C)	Per Inch Thickness (1/k) °F ft ² h Btu-in	For Thickness Listed (1/C) °F ft ² h Btu	Specific Heat BTU lb °F (kJ/kg K)	Per Meter Thickness (1/k) K m W	For Thickness Listed (1/C) K m ² W
Plywood or wood panels	0.75 in. 19.0 mm	34 540	—	1.07 6.1	—	—	0.93	0.29	—	0.16
Vegetable fiber board										
Sheathing, regular density ^a	0.5 in. 12.7 mm	18 290	—	0.76 4.3	—	—	1.32	0.31 1.3	—	0.23
	0.78125 in. 19.8 mm	18 290	—	0.49 2.8	—	—	2.06	—	—	0.36
Sheathing intermediate density ^a	0.5 in. 12.7 mm	22 350	—	0.92 5.2	—	—	1.09	0.31 1.30	—	0.19
Nail-base sheathing ^a	0.5 in. 12.7 mm	25 400	—	0.94 5.3	—	—	1.06	0.31 1.30	—	0.19
Shingle backer	0.375 in. 9.5 mm	18 290	—	1.06 6.0	—	—	0.94	0.31 1.30	—	0.17
Shingle backer	0.3125 in. 7.9 mm	18 290	—	1.28 7.3	—	—	0.78	—	—	0.14
Sound deadening board	0.5 in. 12.7 mm	15 240	—	0.74 4.2	—	—	1.35	0.30 1.26	—	0.24
Tile and lay-in panels, plain or acoustic										
	0.5 in. 12.7 mm	18 290	0.40 0.058	—	—	2.50 17.0	—	0.14 0.59	17.0	—
	0.5 in. 12.7 mm	18 290	—	0.80 4.5	—	—	1.25	—	—	0.22

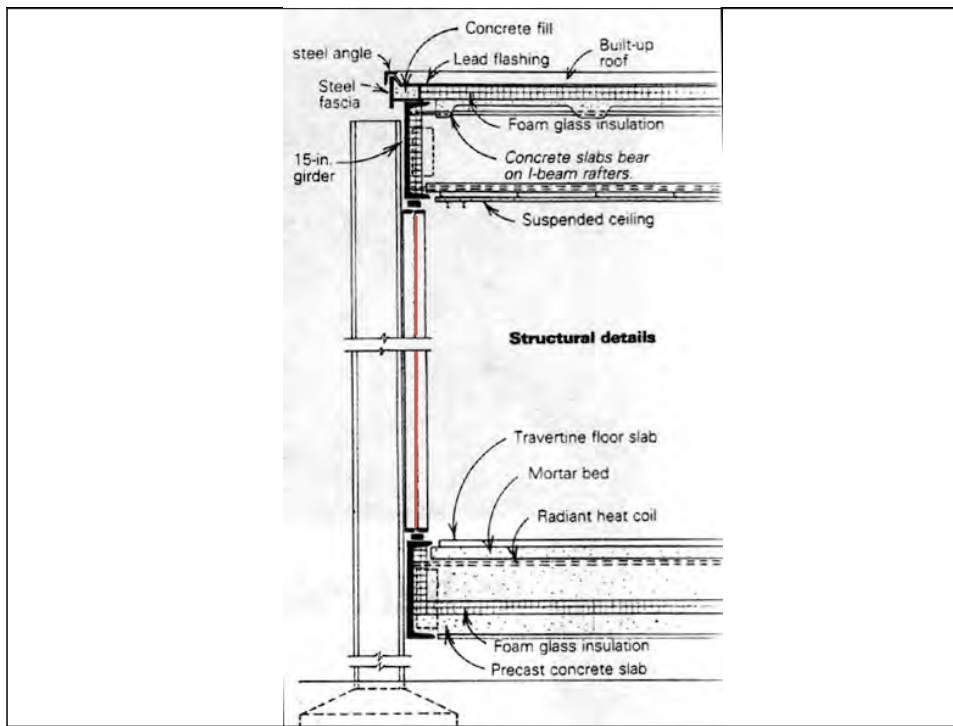


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Wood, bevel, 0.5 × 8 in., lapped (13 × 200 mm)	—	—	1.23 6.98	—	0.81	0.28 1.17	—	0.14
Wood, bevel, 0.75 × 10 in., lapped (19 × 250 mm)	—	—	0.95 5.40	—	1.05	0.28 1.17	—	0.18
Wood, plywood, 0.375 in. (9.5 mm) lapped	—	—	1.69 9.60	—	0.59	0.29 1.22	—	0.10
Aluminum, steel, or vinyl ^d over sheathing								
Hollow-backed	—	—	1.64 9.31	—	0.61	0.29 ^e 1.22	—	0.11
Insulating-board backed nominal 0.375 in. (9.5 mm)	—	—	0.55 3.12	—	1.82	0.32 1.34	—	0.32
Insulating-board backed nominal 0.375 in. (9.5 mm), foil backed	—	—	0.34 1.93	—	2.96	—	—	0.52
Architectural (soda-lime float) glass	158 2526	6.9	— 30.6	—	—	0.21 0.84	—	0.018
Woods (12% moisture content) ^{d,f}								
Hardwoods						0.39 ^g 1.63		
Oak	41.2–46.8 659–749	1.12–1.25 0.16–0.18	—	0.89–0.80	—	—	6.2–5.5	—

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TABLE E.3 Thermal Properties of Surface Air Films and Air Spaces

Position of Surface		Direction of Heat Flow		Surface Emittance, ϵ									
				I-P Units ^c					SI Units ^d				
				Nonreflective		Reflective		Nonreflective		Reflective			
$\epsilon = 0.90$	$\epsilon = 0.20$	$\epsilon = 0.05$	$\epsilon = 0.90$	$\epsilon = 0.20$	$\epsilon = 0.05$	$\epsilon = 0.90$	$\epsilon = 0.20$	$\epsilon = 0.05$	$\epsilon = 0.90$	$\epsilon = 0.20$	$\epsilon = 0.05$		
h_i	R	h_i	R	h_i	R	h_i	R	h_i	R	h_i	R	h_i	R
Still Air													
Horizontal	Upward	1.63	0.61	0.91	1.10	0.76	1.32	9.26	0.11	5.17	0.19	4.32	0.23
Sloping-45°	Upward	1.60	0.62	0.88	1.14	0.73	1.37	9.09	0.11	5.00	0.20	4.15	0.24
Vertical	Horizontal	1.46	0.68	0.74	1.35	0.59	1.70	8.29	0.12	4.20	0.24	3.35	0.30
Sloping-45°	Downward	1.32	0.76	0.60	1.67	0.45	2.22	7.50	0.13	3.41	0.29	2.56	0.39
Horizontal	Downward	1.08	0.92	0.37	2.70	0.22	4.55	6.13	0.16	2.10	0.48	1.25	0.80
Moving Air (any position)		h_o R						h_o R					
Winter Wind													
15 mph (6.7 m/s)	Any	6.00	0.17					34.0	0.030				
Summer Wind													
7.5 mph (3.4 m/s)	Any	4.00	0.25					22.7	0.044				

Table E.14
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TABLE E.14 U-Factors of Representative Window Assemblies

Glazing System Description	Aluminum without Thermal Break	Aluminum with Thermal Break	Wood/Vinyl	Insulated Fiberglass/Vinyl
	Btu/h ft ² °F (W/m ² K)	Btu/h ft ² °F (W/m ² K)	Btu/h ft ² °F (W/m ² K)	Btu/h ft ² °F (W/m ² K)
Single glazing with uncoated 1/4 in. [3.2 mm] clear pane	1.27 (7.21)	1.08 (6.13)	0.89 (5.03)	0.81 (4.60)
Single glazing with uncoated 1/4 in. [6.4 mm] acrylic/polycarbonate pane	1.14 (6.47)	0.96 (5.45)	0.78 (4.43)	0.71 (4.03)
Double glazing with 1/4 in. [3.2 mm] panes: uncoated clear I clear with 1/4 in. [6.4 mm] air space	0.87 (4.94)	0.65 (3.69)	0.55 (3.12)	0.49 (2.78)
Double glazing with 1/4 in. [3.2 mm] panes: uncoated clear I clear with 1/4 in. [13 mm] air space	0.81 (4.60)	0.60 (3.41)	0.51 (2.90)	0.44 (2.50)
Double glazing with 1/4 in. [3.2 mm] panes: uncoated clear I low-e (0.2) on surface ³ 3 with 1/2 in. [13 mm] air space	0.71 (4.03)	0.51 (2.90)	0.42 (2.39)	0.36 (2.04)
Triple glazing with 1/4 in. [3.2 mm] panes: uncoated clear I clear with 1/4 in. [13 mm] air spaces	0.67 (3.80)	0.46 (2.61)	0.39 (2.21)	0.34 (1.93)
Triple glazing with 1/4 in. [3.2 mm] panes: uncoated clear I low-e (0.2) on surfaces ³ 3 and 5 with 1/4 in. [13 mm] air spaces	0.58 (3.29)	0.38 (2.16)	0.31 (1.76)	0.27 (1.53)
Quadruple glazing with 1/4 in. [3.2 mm] panes: uncoated clear I low-e (0.1) on surfaces ³ 3 and 5 with 1/4 in. [13 mm] air spaces	0.54 (3.07)	0.34 (1.93)	0.28 (1.59)	0.24 (1.36)

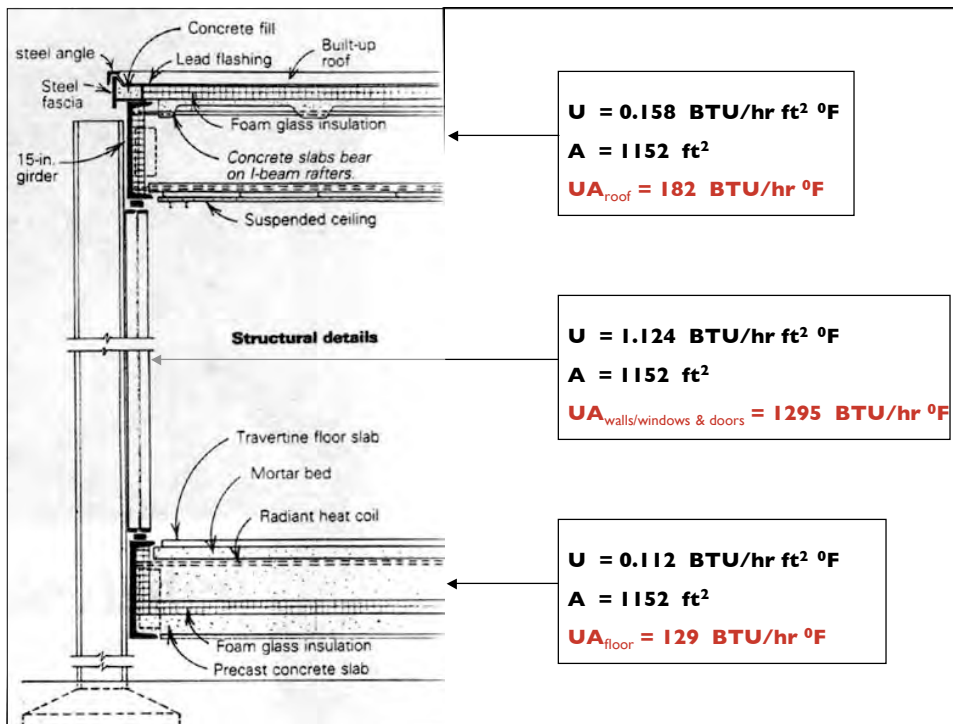
Source: Excerpted with permission of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc. from the 2001 ASHRAE Handbook—Fundamentals (Chapter 30, Table 4).
^aBased upon an operable 3-ft x 5-ft (0.9-m x 1.5-m) aluminum-framed window.
^bGlazing surfaces are numbered starting with the surface closest to the sun; thus, surface 2 would be the inner surface of an exterior pane of glass.

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Table E.1
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	R Resistance hr ft ² °F BTU	Path 1 (insulation) hr ft ² °F BTU	Path 2 (framing) hr ft ² °F BTU	
outside air film	0.17	0.17	0.17	outside air film
glass	0.04	0.79	0.79	1/2" wood siding
inside air film	0.68	0.62	0.62	1/2" plywood
		15.73		5-1/2" batt insulation
			5.50	5-1/2" wood framing
		0.45	0.45	1/2" gypsum board
		0.68	0.68	inside Air Film
	0.89	18.44	8.21	
		x 85%	x 15%	
R glass total	0.89	15.67	1.23	
		16.91		R wall total
U value glass = 1/R total	1.124	0.059		U value wall = 1/R total

Additional Tables in MEEB 10th edition to find
Envelope U-values

- Table E.3 Properties of Surface Air Films and Air Spaces
- Table E.6 U-values for Common Wall, Roof and Floor Assemblies
- Table E.11 Heat Loss Coefficient of Floor Slabs (F), per Unit of Perimeter
- Table E.10 U-values for Wood and Steel Doors
- Table E.14 Window Characteristics (U-values)
- Table E.16 Skylight U-Factors
- Table E.27 Estimated Overall Infiltration Rates for Small Buildings



Building Envelope Summary

		Before Design Changes				After Design Changes*			
Building Element	Description	U value BTU/h ft ² °F	Area ft ²	U x A BTU/h °F	U x A BTU/h °F	Area ft ²	U value BTU/h ft ² °F	Description	
Roof	metal deck with foam-glass insulation	0.158	1152	182	182	1152	0.158	no changes	
Walls	Walls	1.124	1152	1295	605	576	1.050	existing glass	
Windows	(same as walls)				34	576	0.059	insulated wood frame	
Doors	(same as walls)							(same as walls)	
Floor	travertine + concrete over metal deck w/foam-glass insulation	0.112	1152	129	129	1152	0.112	no changes	
UA envelope				1606	950	UA envelope			

*The "After Design Changes" portion of this chart shows what would happen to the conductive heat loss (UAenvelope) if 1/2 of the glass walls were replaced with the wood frame walls developed earlier in this lecture.

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Step 2: Infiltration (convective heat transfer)

$$Q = .018 \times V_{\text{air}} \times \text{ACH} \times \Delta T$$

- Q = heat loss or gain
- .018 = volumetric heat capacity of air (BTU/ft³ °F)
- ACH = air changes per hour
- V_{air} = volume of air (ft³)
- ΔT = T_{inside} - T_{outside}

MEEB Table E.27
Estimated Infiltration Rates for Small Buildings

TABLE E.27 Estimated Overall Infiltration Rates for Small Buildings

Part A. Construction Types																			
Construction Type	Description																		
Tight	Good multifamily residential construction with close-fitting doors, windows, and framing is considered tight. New houses with full vapor retarder, no fireplace, well-fitted windows, weather-stripped doors, one-story, and less than 1500 ft ² (140 m ²) floor area fall into this category.																		
Medium	Medium structures include new two-story frame houses or one-story houses more than 10 years old with average maintenance, a floor area greater than 1500 ft ² (140 m ²), average-fit windows and doors, and a fireplace with damper and glass closure. Below-average multifamily construction falls in this category.																		
Loose	Loose structures are poorly constructed single and multifamily residences with poorly fitted windows and doors. Examples include houses more than 20 years old, of average maintenance, having a fireplace without damper or glass closure, or having more than an average number of vented appliances. Average manufactured homes are in this category.																		
Part B. Design Infiltration Rate (ACH) for Winter: Indoors 68°F (20°C); Wind Speed = 15 mph (6.7 m/s)																			
Winter Outdoor Design Temperature																			
Construction Type	°F: 50	40	30	20	10	0	-10	-20	-30	-40									
	°C: 10	4	-1	-7	-12	-18	-23	-29	-34	-40									
Tight	0.41	0.43	0.45	0.47	0.49	0.51	0.53	0.55	0.57	0.59									
Medium	0.69	0.73	0.77	0.81	0.85	0.89	0.93	0.97	1.00	1.05									
Loose	1.11	1.15	1.20	1.23	1.27	1.30	1.35	1.40	1.43	1.47									
Part C. Design Infiltration Rate (ACH) for Summer: Indoors 75°F (24°C); Wind Speed = 7.5 mph (3.4 m/s)																			
Summer Outdoor Design Temperature																			
Construction Type	°F: 85	90	95	100	105	110													
	°C: 29	32	35	38	41	43													
Tight	0.33	0.34	0.35	0.36	0.37	0.38													
Medium	0.46	0.48	0.50	0.52	0.54	0.56													
Loose	0.68	0.70	0.72	0.74	0.76	0.78													
Part D. Infiltration Rates per Unit Floor Area																			
Ceiling Air		Air Changes per Hour																	
Height	Flow	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0
7.5 ft	cfm/ft ²	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.11	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.23	0.24	0.25
2.3 m	L/s m ²	0.20	0.25	0.31	0.41	0.46	0.51	0.56	0.66	0.71	0.76	0.81	0.91	0.97	1.02	1.07	1.17	1.22	1.27
8.0 ft	cfm/ft ²	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.23	0.24	0.26	0.27
2.4 m	L/s m ²	0.20	0.25	0.36	0.41	0.46	0.56	0.61	0.66	0.76	0.81	0.86	0.97	1.02	1.07	1.17	1.22	1.32	1.37
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9.0 ft	cfm/ft ²	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.11	0.12	0.14	0.15	0.17	0.18	0.20	0.21	0.23	0.24	0.26	0.27	0.29	0.30
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$$Q = .018 \times 9216 \text{ ft}^3 \times 1.30 \times \Delta T$$

$$Q = 216 \text{ BTU/hr} \cdot ^\circ\text{F} \times \Delta T$$

$$\text{“UA”}_{\text{infiltration}} = 216 \text{ BTU/hr} \cdot ^\circ\text{F}$$

Farnsworth House Results

$$Q = UA_{ref} \times \Delta T$$

Step 1: $UA_{envelope} = 1521 \text{ BTU/hr} - ^\circ\text{F}$

Step 2: $\text{"UA"}_{infiltration} = 216 \text{ BTU/hr} - ^\circ\text{F}$

Total: $UA_{reference} = 1737 \text{ BTU/hr} - ^\circ\text{F}$

Note:

Step 3: "UA"_{perimeter} is not applicable since the Farnsworth House is not built with the floor in **contact with the earth.**