EnergyLogic Presents

Creating Consistent REM Ratings

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FOR HOMES









Agenda

What is QA?

How does REMrate work?

What are some REMrate MVP entries?

Questions

Lunch



About your Presenters

Glenn and Tom do QA

We do a LOT of QA

• EnergyLogic =~ 3000

Rating Provider =~ 2500

• 3rd Party QA =~2000



What is QA? Why do we do it?

- HERS Police? Or Constructive Feedback Loop?
- 10% File QA
- 1% Field QA
- Improve Ratings
- Improve Raters



What is QA? How do we do it?

Compare REM file to field data collection

Look at plans and takeoffs, photos, etc.

- What determines pass or fail?
- Pass / Fail threshold is +/- 3 points or 3%



How Hard Is It?

It is VERY hard to be VERY good

• EVERYONE FAILS (some) QA (even me)

HERS ratings are a constant learning opportunity.



How Hard Is It?

Tiny mistakes in a REM file compound

Set yourself up to minimize these mistakes



How does REMrate Work?

Inputs

- CFA
- Volume
- Floors
- U-factors
- Doors
- Mechanical Equip
- Blower Door

Outputs

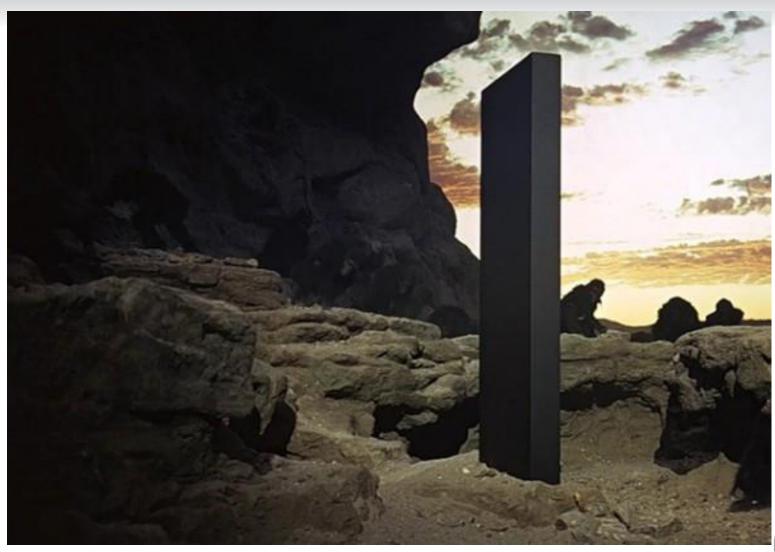
HERS Score

Code Compliance

[other useful stuff]



How does REM/Rate Work?





What does REM value most?



What (we think) REM values most

- Floors above grade
- Foundation Type
- Framed Floors
- Radiant Barrier Roof
- CFLs
- Clothes Washer
- Sealed Attic Gables
- Roof Color

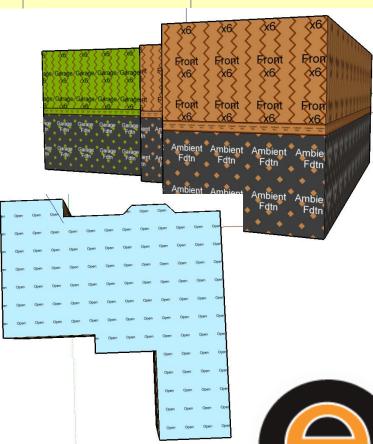
- Mechanical EAE
- Building Area
- Window Orientation
- On Grade Slab
- Ventilation
- Climate Zone



Let's Do an Inspection

Morning 10077 Hough Point
Subdivision: Meridian
Parker
KB
1763
Xcel-ES-09 Code-Final w/LtO





Where are we anyway?

San Diego 92023

Charleston 29023

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Propane:	None ▼		V3.1 ENERGY	Fails
			Tax Credit	Fails
Oil:	None		DOE Zero Ene	Fails
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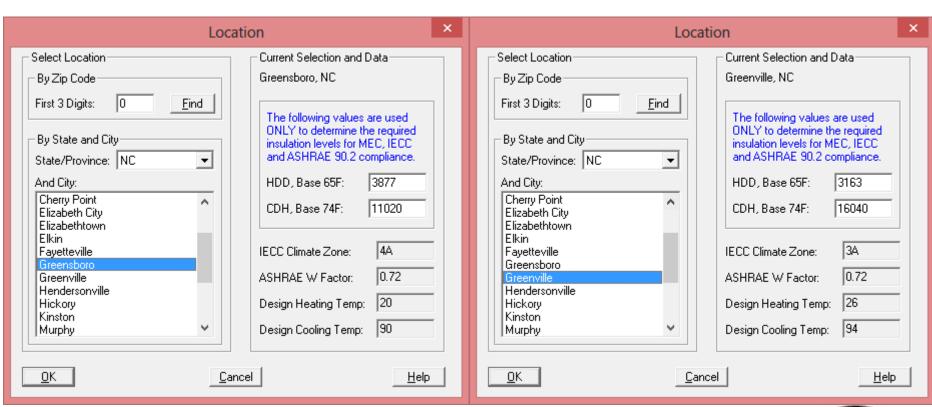
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Gas: California NG ▼	V3.0 ENERGY Fails	
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	Tax Credit Fails	
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None	NY HERS Score N/A	
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Where are we anyway?

Greensboro, NC – 4A

Greenville, NC – 3A



Another 9 point HERS Swing

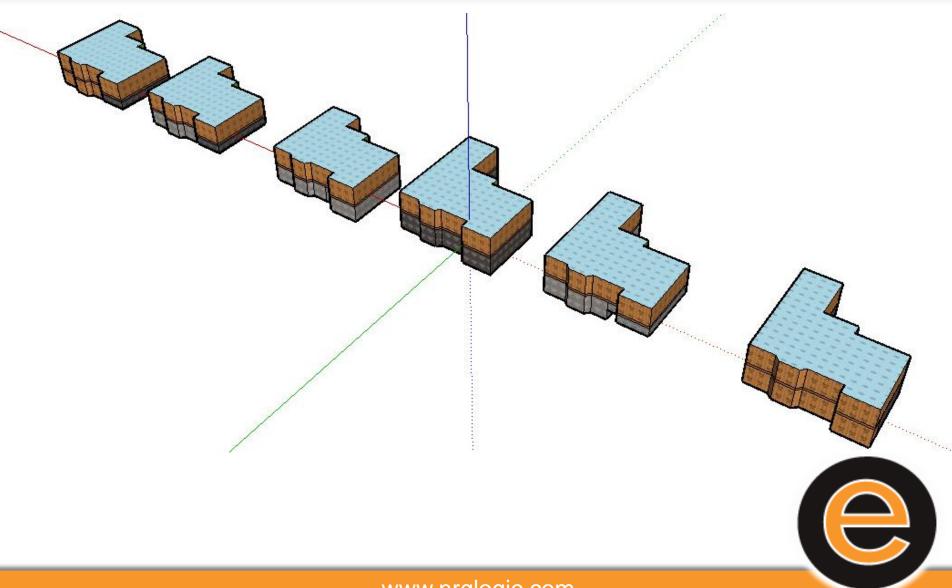


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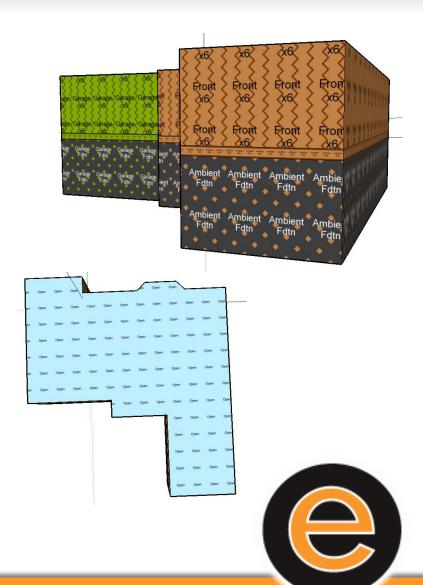


Choose Wisely!



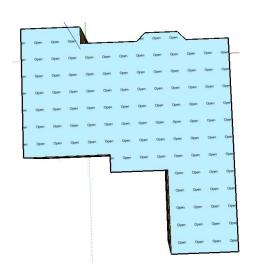




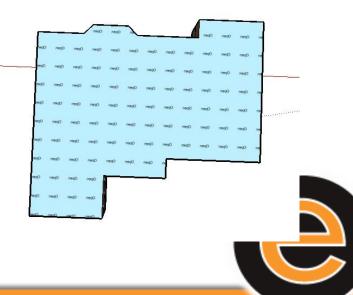


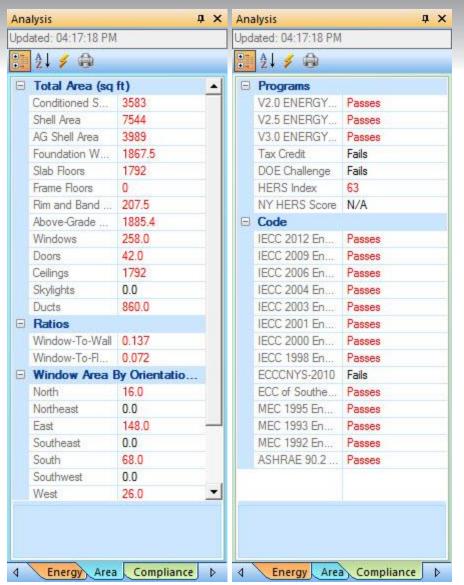




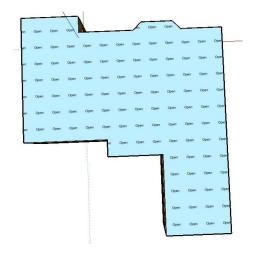




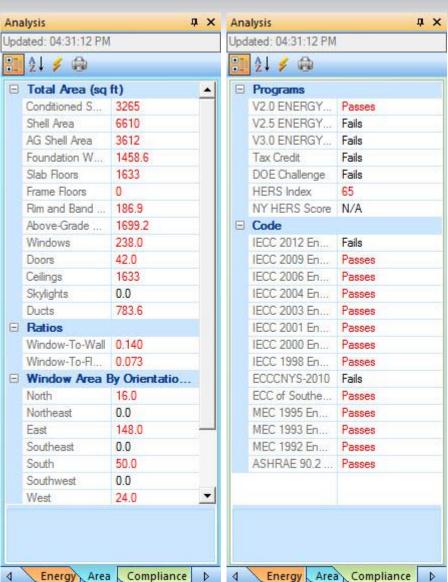




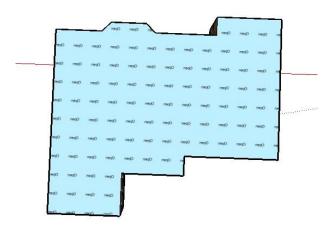














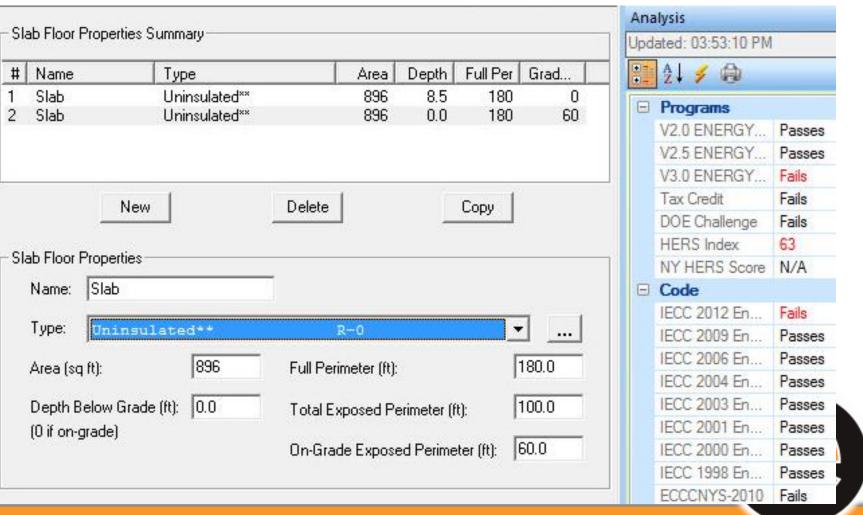
Common Modeling Mistakes



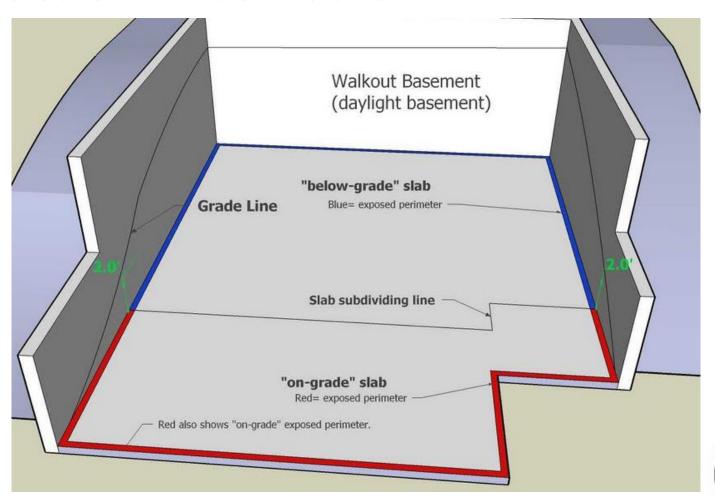




1 slab tricks REM/Rate

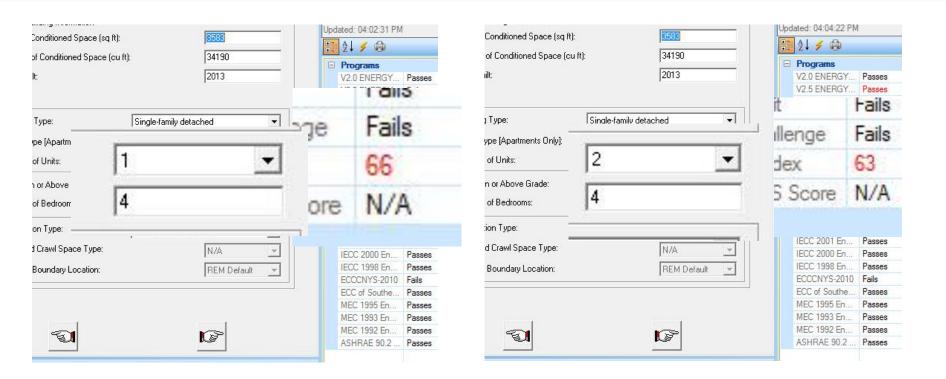


Be sure to model 2 slabs









On-Grade Slab = Floor On or Above Grade!

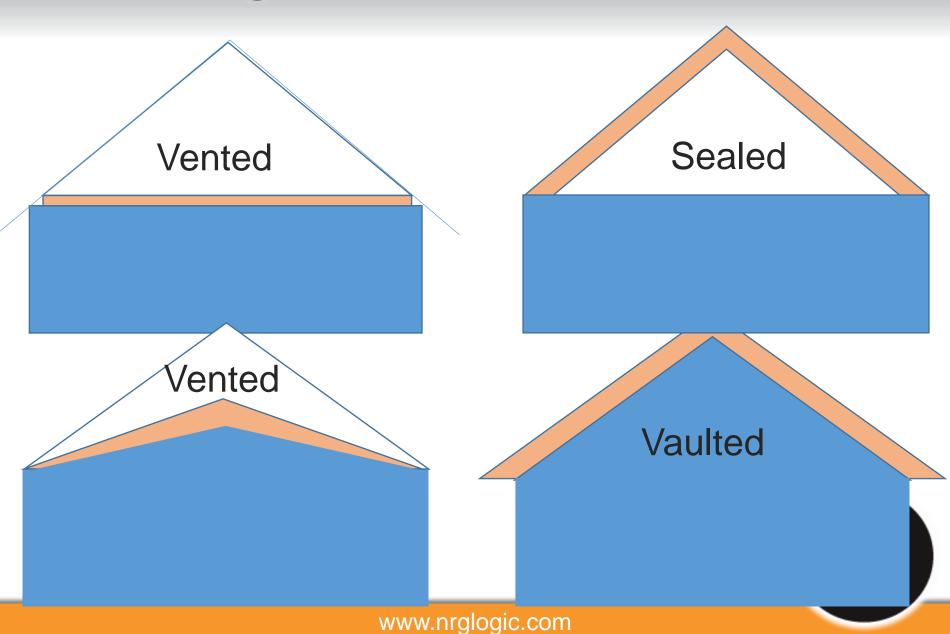


Model 2 slabs – Use the help menu!

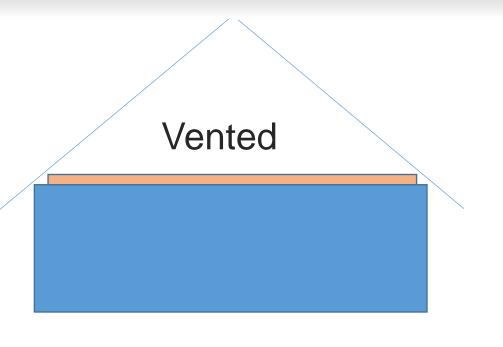
Floors ON OR ABOVE grade



Modeling Attics



Modeling Attics – Vented/Flat





Ceiling area = Attic Exterior Area





Modeling Attics – Vault/Cathedral

- Ceiling area = Attic Exterior Area
- Ceiling library type = Vaulted
- Calculate button does nothing!

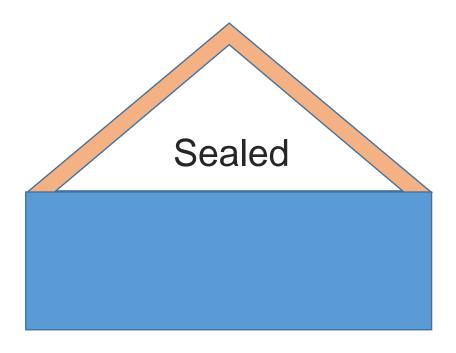






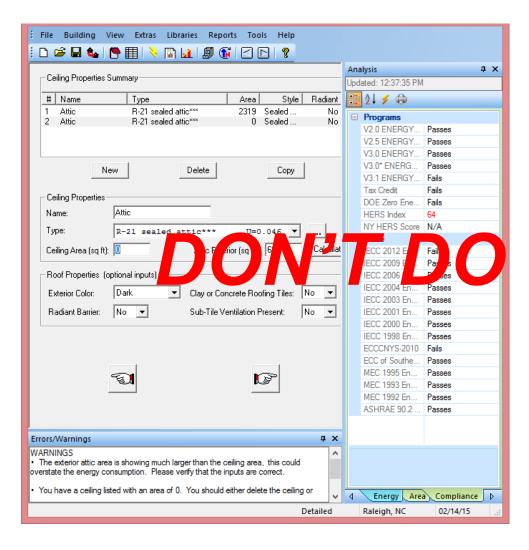
Modeling Attics – Sealed

- Ceiling area < Attic Exterior Area
- Insulated gable end walls must be modeled
- Best practice is to model as AGW with sealed attic location





Modeling Sealed Attics



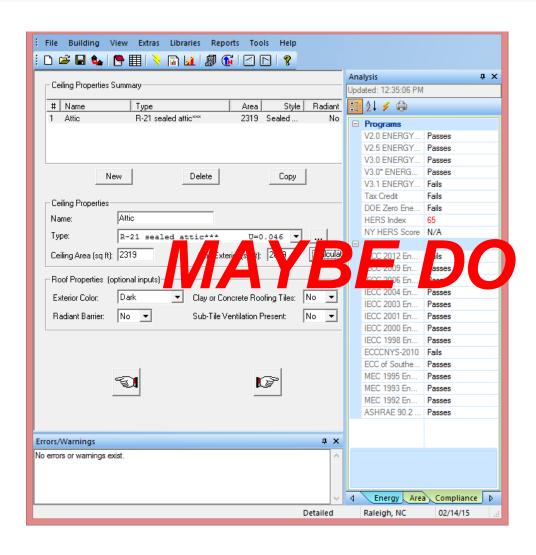
- Gable walls included on Ceilings page
- Modeled as ceiling with only exterior area

THIS

- Ceiling /= Exterior
- HERS 64



Modeling Sealed Attics



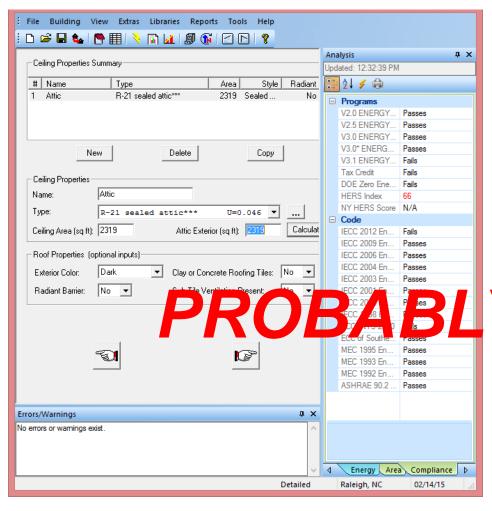
- Gable walls included on Ceilings page
- Used "calculate" shortcut (x1.25)

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- Ceiling /= Exterior
- HERS 65



Modeling Sealed Attics



- Gable walls modeled on AGW Screen
- Ceiling = Exterior
- HERS 66

BLY DO THIS



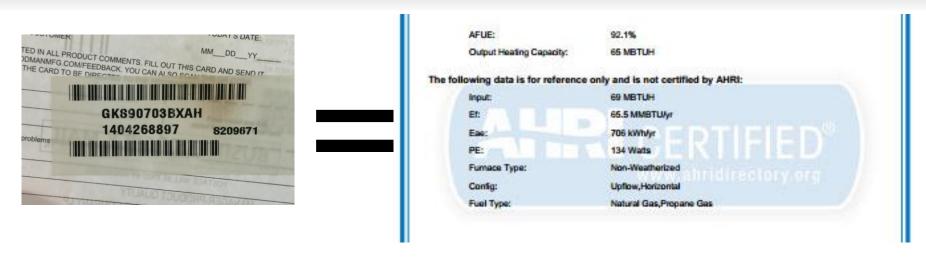
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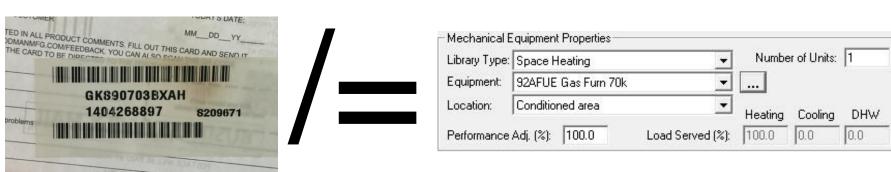
Who can tell me what this is?





Mechanical Equipment

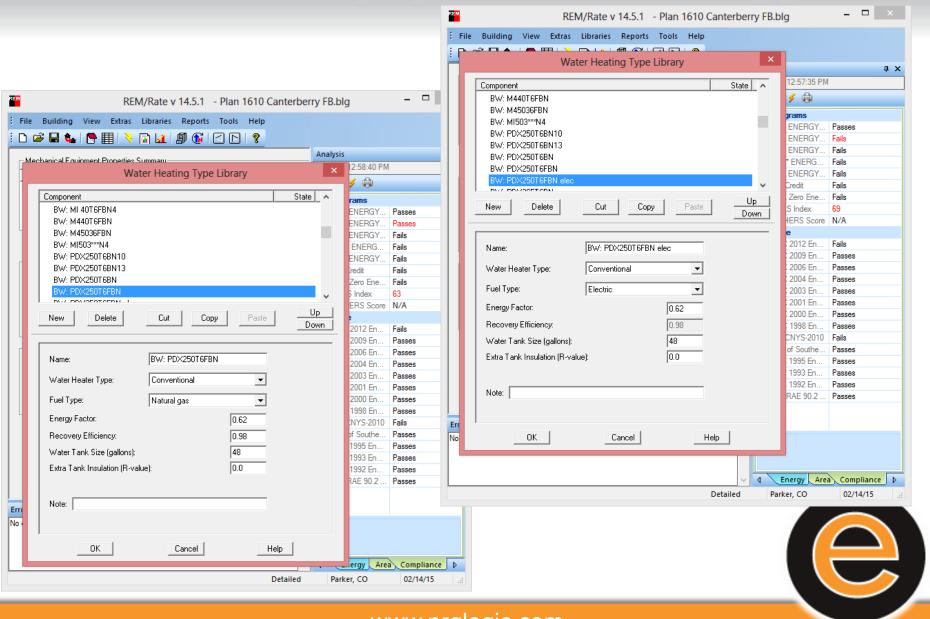




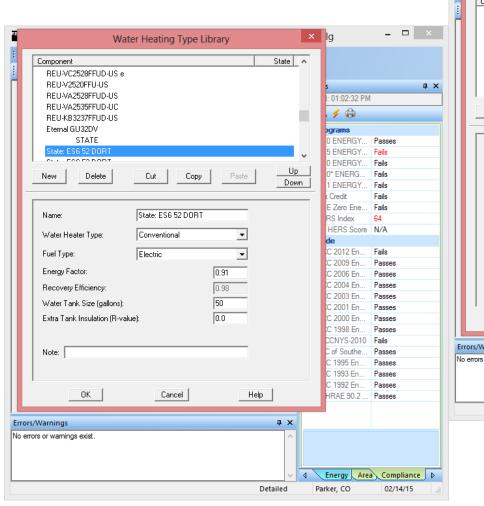
Might not change HERS score – BUT COME ON

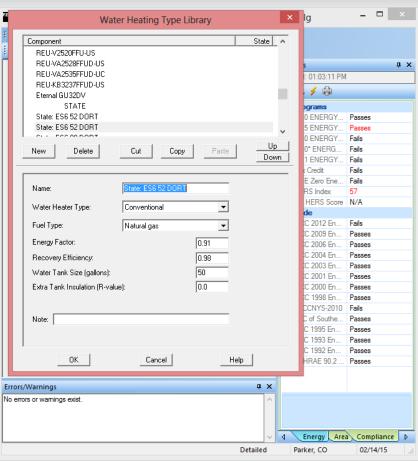


Mechanical Equipment – Fuel Type



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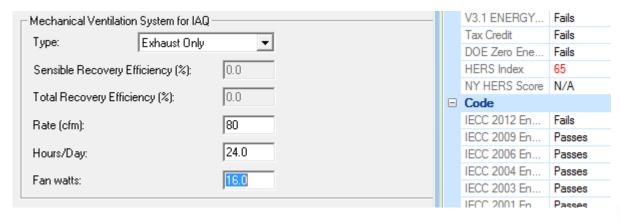




Ventilation

Wattage

⊢Mechanical Ventilation System for IAQ			V3.1 ENERGY	Fails
Type: Exhaust Only ▼			Tax Credit	Fails
Exhaust Only			DOE Zero Ene	Fails
Sensible Recovery Efficiency (%):	0.0		HERS Index	64
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Total Recovery Efficiency (%):	0.0		Code	
Rate (cfm):	80		IECC 2012 En	Fails
			IECC 2009 En	Passes
Hours/Day:	24.0		IECC 2006 En	Passes
Fan watts:	15.0		IECC 2004 En	Passes
			IECC 2003 En	Passes
			IECC 2004 E	n

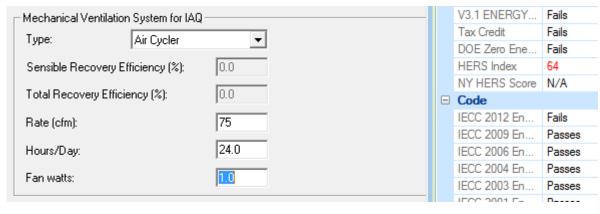




Ventilation

AirCycler

⊢Mechanical Ventilation System for IAQ			V3.1 ENERGY	Fails
Type: Air Cycler	-1		Tax Credit	Fails
Type.			DOE Zero Ene	Fails
Sensible Recovery Efficiency (%):	0.0		HERS Index	70
	0.0		NY HERS Score	N/A
Total Recovery Efficiency (%):		⊟	Code	
Rate (cfm):	75		IECC 2012 En	Fails
			IECC 2009 En	Passes
Hours/Day:	24.0		IECC 2006 En	Passes
Fan watts:	350.0		IECC 2004 En	Passes
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The VERY SIMPLE stuff - Roof

- Roofing
 - Radiant Barrier will almost always move 1 HERS point
 - Tile roof with sub-tile ventilation might, too

Roof Properties (o	ptional inputs)—			
Exterior Color:	Medium	▼	Clay or Concrete Roofing Tiles:	No ▼
Radiant Barrier:	No ▼		Sub-Tile Ventilation Present:	No ▼





The VERY SIMPLE stuff - Lights

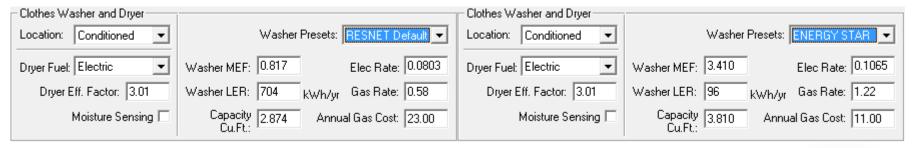
- CFLs
 - HUGE HERS and Program Compliance swings
 - Count your fixtures!
 - Use the blink test!



Qualifying Light Fixtures ... kitchens, dining rooms,
 living rooms, family rooms/dens, bathrooms, hallways,
 stairways, entrances, bedrooms, garage, utility rooms,
 home offices, and outdoor ... fixtures mounted on a
 building or pole. This excludes plug-in lamps, closets,
 unfinished basements, and landscape lighting.

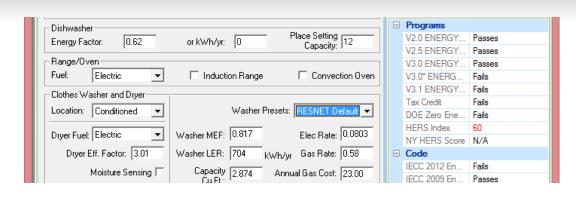
The VERY SIMPLE stuff - Appliances

- RESNET Default for Clothes Washers is 7x (!!!) worse than ENERGY STAR
 - Unlikely to see "RESNET Default" washer in new home
- 1 point HERS move for each Washer move
- Best to choose preset closest to installed washer
 - Monkeying with part of the settings will screw you up!

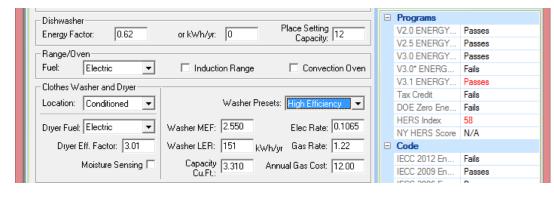




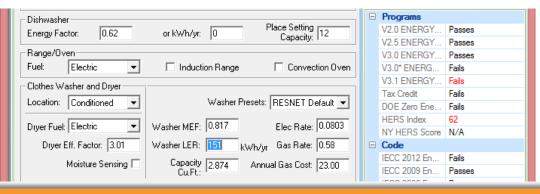
The VERY SIMPLE stuff – Appliances



- RESNET Default
- HERS 60



- High Efficiency
- HERS 58



- Default w/ 151LER
- HERS 62

I'm a RESNET QAD - Ask Me Anything



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