

2022 CalCERTS *Single-Family* Alterations HERS Verification Summary Table

Scope of Work	Duct Testing CF3R-MCH-20	Refrigerant Charge CF3R-MCH-25	Cooling Coil Airflow CF3R-MCH-23	Fan Efficacy CF3R-MCH-22
	Mandatory Measure All Climate Zones	CZ's 2, 8-15 Prescriptive Req.	Mandatory Measure All Climate Zones	Mandatory Measure All Climate Zones
Entirely New Split System Equipment and Ducts (If a portion of the replacement duct system is inaccessible, then it is considered altered)	≤ 5% No Options No Exceptions	Verify Charge Verify Airflow ≥ 350 cfm/ton	≥ 350 cfm/ton	≤ .45 Watts/cfm for Gas Furnaces ≤ .58 Watts/cfm for others
			OR Installer may demonstrate compliance using Return Duct Sizing per Tables 150.0-B/C	
New Duct System or New Package Unit ≥ 75% is new ducting and the retained portions are accessible and can be sealed	≤ 5% No Options No Exceptions	N/A	≥ 350 cfm/ton	≤ .45 Watts/cfm for Gas Furnaces ≤ .58 Watts/cfm for others
			OR Installer may demonstrate compliance using Return Duct Sizing per Tables 150.0-B/C	
New Small Duct High Velocity System Equipment and Ducts	≤ 5% No Options No Exceptions	Verify Charge Verify Airflow ≥ 250 cfm/ton	≥ 250 cfm/ton	≤ .62 Watts/cfm
			OR Installer may demonstrate compliance using Return Duct Sizing per Tables 150.0-B/C	
Entirely New Multi-Split Equipment and Ducts	≤ 5% x 350 cfm/ton nominal No Options No Exceptions	Verify Charge (weigh-in only)	N/A	N/A
GARAGES Altered Ducts or System Components Located in Garage Spaces Regardless of Duct length or Piece of Equipment	≤ 6% OR ≤ 10% Total Leakage with all accessible leaks in the garage sealed using smoke	N/A	N/A	N/A
Altered Duct System > 25' Replaced and < 75% of ducting has been replaced	≤ 10% W/Options See Exceptions	N/A	N/A	N/A
Altered Duct System ≤ 40' Existing ducts located in any space	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Furnace/FAU Change-out Only < 75% of ducting has been replaced	≤ 10% W/Options See Exceptions	N/A	N/A	N/A
Condenser or Coil Change-out Only < 75% of ducting has been replaced	≤ 10% W/Options See Exceptions	Verify Charge Verify Airflow ≥ 300 cfm/ton	N/A	N/A
Refrigerant containing component Replacement of any of the following: Line-set, TXV, Compressor or Filter Drier	N/A	Verify Charge Verify Airflow ≥ 300 cfm/ton	N/A	N/A
Package Unit < 75% of ducting has been replaced	≤ 10% W/Options See Exceptions	Verify Airflow ≥ 300 cfm/ton	N/A	N/A
Ductless Mini Split	N/A	Verify Charge (weigh-in only)	N/A	N/A
Ducted Mini Split < 75% of ducting has been replaced	≤ 10% W/Options See Exceptions	Verify Charge (weigh-in only)	N/A	N/A
Ducted Multi Split < 75% of ducting has been replaced	≤ 10% x 350 cfm/ton W/Options See Exceptions	Verify Charge (weigh-in only)	N/A	N/A

Exceptions to HERS Verification Requirements

Determination of HERS verification requirements begins with determining the scope of work and then considering the climate zone. Although duct sealing and airflow/fan watt draw verifications are required in all climate zones, refrigerant charge verifications are only required in climate zones 2 and 8-15. You must also determine if there are any exemptions that apply to the system.

See the reverse side for the exceptions to Duct Testing, Refrigerant Charge, Airflow/Fan Efficacy and Mini Splits.

Exceptions to Duct Sealing Verification

Exceptions do not apply to Entirely New or Replacement Space Conditioning Systems (Cut-In).

1. The system is not ducted (e.g., ductless mini-split, wall units, etc.).
2. There are less than 40 feet of ducts total in any space including plenums and the FAU.
3. The ducts are constructed, insulated, or sealed with asbestos.
4. The system was previously tested by a HERS Rater and that HERS Verification Certificate is available. Exception does not apply if more than 25 feet of ducts have been added or replaced since the original verification. It does apply to systems passed as part of a sample group.

Exceptions to the Refrigerant Charge Verification

1. Air conditioning not installed or determined to be non-operational by the local code enforcement agency.
2. New package units with factory charge certified by installer on the CF2R-MCH-25. Minimum airflow must still be verified for ducted systems.

Exceptions to System Airflow and Fan Efficacy Verification

1. The system is not ducted.
2. The system does not have air conditioning.
3. Mini/multi-split VRF (variable refrigerant flow) systems with one or multiple indoor coils.

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Duct Testing Form – CF3R-MCH-20

In all climate zones, when space conditioning systems utilize forced air duct systems to supply conditioned air (heating or cooling), duct leakage verification will be required if;

- Greater than 25' of new or replacement ducts are installed, or
- New or replacement space-conditioning system equipment is installed including the FAU, condenser, evaporator coil and/or heating coil.

Compliance criteria:

- New duct system shall have total duct leakage \leq **5%**. No exceptions, No options.

Compliance criteria options for existing ducting

- Other duct systems shall have total duct leakage \leq **10%**, duct leakage to outside \leq **7%**, or use the Seal All Accessible Leaks protocol which requires a visual inspection and Smoke Test.

Airflow Form – CF3R-MCH-23 / Fan-Efficacy Form – CF3R-MCH-22

In all climate zones, when space conditioning systems utilize forced air duct systems to supply cooling, if a duct system meets the definition of a 'NEW' duct system then;

- Measured Airflow shall be \geq **350 CFM/ton**, and
- Measured Fan Efficacy shall be \leq **0.45 Watts/CFM** for Gas Furnaces Only.
- Measured Fan Efficacy shall be \leq **0.58 Watts/CFM** for all other types of furnaces other than gas.

Small Duct High Velocity duct systems:

- Measured airflow shall be \geq **250 CFM/ton**, and
- Measured fan Efficacy shall be \leq **0.62 Watts/CFM**.

Note: Cooling must be present but not necessarily newly installed to trigger this verification.

Alternative to measured Airflow/Fan-Efficacy

- If the installed return system follows the sizing requirements of Table 150.0-B/C, reported on the MCH-28, testing Airflow and Fan-Efficacy is not required.

Refrigerant Charge Form – CF3R-MCH-25

In Climate Zones 2 or 8 - 15, if a refrigerant containing component is altered, replaced or newly installed, refrigerant charge verification will be required.

Note: Charge verification applies to all system types including package units and mini-split systems. Refrigerant containing components include the condenser, evaporator coil, compressor, line-set, TXV/EXV, or filter drier.

As part of all charge verifications, ducted systems shall demonstrate **minimum airflow** requirements:

- New Duct Systems – See Airflow/Fan-Efficacy above.
- All other duct systems shall have measured **Airflow \geq 300 CFM/ton**. If the system fails to meet the required 300 cfm/ton, the installer shall perform all applicable steps in the Airflow Remediation protocol RA3.3.3.1.5.1.