
OpenStudio-HPXML Documentation

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The OpenStudio-HPXML repository consists of a simple residential EnergyPlus-based workflow build on top of [OpenStudio measures](#). The workflow operates using [HPXML building description files](#).

The two OpenStudio measures used by the workflow are:

1. `HPXMLtoOpenStudio`: A measure that translates an HPXML file to an OpenStudio model.
2. `SimulationOutputReport`: A reporting measure that generates a variety of annual/timeseries outputs for a residential HPXML-based model.

1.1 Scope (Dwelling Units)

The OpenStudio-HPXML workflow is intended to be used to model individual residential dwelling units – either a single-family detached (SFD) building, or a single unit of a single-family attached (SFA) or multifamily (MF) building. This approach was taken because:

- It is required/desired for certain projects.
- It improves runtime speed by being able to simulate individual units in parallel (as opposed to simulating the entire building).
- It doesn't necessarily preclude the possibility of running a single integrated EnergyPlus simulation.

To model units of SFA/MF buildings, current capabilities include:

- Defining surfaces adjacent to generic SFA/MF spaces (e.g., “other housing unit” or “other multifamily buffer space”).
- Locating various building components (e.g., ducts, water heaters, appliances) in these SFA/MF spaces.
- Defining shared systems (HVAC, water heating, mechanical ventilation, etc.) by approximating the energy use attributed to the unit.

Note that only the energy use attributed to each dwelling unit is calculated. Other OpenStudio capabilities should be used to supplement this workflow if the energy use of non-residential dwelling spaces (e.g., gyms, elevators, corridors, etc.) are of interest.

For situations where more complex, integrated modeling is required, it is possible to merge multiple OpenStudio models together into a single model, such that one could merge all residential OSMs together and potentially combine it with a commercial OSM. That capability is outside the scope of this project.

1.2 Accuracy vs Speed

The EnergyPlus simulation engine is like a Swiss army knife. There are often multiple models available for the same building technology with varying trade-offs between accuracy and speed. This workflow standardizes the use of EnergyPlus (e.g., the choice of models appropriate for residential buildings) to provide a fast and easy to use solution.

The workflow is continuously being evaluated for ways to reduce runtime without significant impact on accuracy. End-to-end simulations typically run in 3-10 seconds, depending on complexity, computer platform and speed, etc.

There are additional ways that software developers using this workflow can reduce runtime:

- Run on Linux/Mac platform, which is significantly faster than Windows.
- Run on computing environments with 1) fast CPUs, 2) sufficient memory, and 3) enough processors to allow all simulations to run in parallel.
- Limit requests for timeseries output (e.g., `--hourly`, `--daily`, `--timestep` arguments) and limit the number of output variables requested.
- Avoid using the `--add-component-loads` argument if heating/cooling component loads are not of interest.
- Use the `--skip-validation` argument if the HPXML input file has already been validated against the Schema & Schematron documents.

1.3 License

This project is available under a BSD-3-like license, which is a free, open-source, and permissive license. For more information, check out the [license file](#).

2.1 Setup

To get started:

1. Download [OpenStudio 3.1.0](#) and install the Command Line Interface/EnergyPlus components, or use the [nrel/openstudio docker image](#).
2. Download the [latest release](#).

2.2 Running

To programatically run simulations, it's recommended to use the OpenStudio [Command Line Interface](#). Two general approaches (basic and advanced) for running via the CLI are described below. The OpenStudio measures can also be run from user interfaces (e.g., the OpenStudio Application or OpenStudio Parametric Analysis Tool (PAT)).

Note: If the `openstudio` command is not found, it's because the executable is not in your `PATH`. Either add the executable to your `PATH` or point directly to the executable found in the `openstudio-X.X.X/bin` directory.

2.2.1 Basic Run

The simplest and fastest method is to call the OpenStudio CLI with the provided `workflow/run_simulation.rb` script.

For example: `openstudio workflow/run_simulation.rb -x workflow/sample_files/base.xml`

This will create a “run” directory with all input/output files. By default it will be found at the same location as the input HPXML file.

Run `openstudio workflow/run_simulation.rb -h` to see all available commands/arguments.

2.2.2 Advanced Run

If additional flexibility is desired (e.g., specifying individual measure arguments, including additional OpenStudio measures to run alongside this measure in a workflow, etc.), create an [OpenStudio Workflow \(OSW\)](#) file. The OSW is a JSON file that will specify all the OpenStudio measures (and their arguments) to be run sequentially. A template OSW that simply runs the HPXMLtoOpenStudio and SimulationOutputReport measures on the workflow/sample_files/base.xml file can be found at workflow/template.osw.

For example: `openstudio run -w workflow/template.osw`

This will create a “run” directory with all input/output files. By default it will be found at the same location as the OSW file.

2.2.3 Outputs

In addition to the standard EnergyPlus outputs found in the run directory, a variety of high-level annual outputs are conveniently reported in the resulting `run/results_annual.csv` (or `run/results_annual.json`) file.

Timeseries outputs can also be requested using either the Basic or Advanced approaches. When requested, timeseries outputs will be found in the `run/results_timeseries.csv` (or `run/results_timeseries.json`) file.

See [Workflow Outputs](#) for a description of all available outputs available.

OpenStudio-HPXML requires a building description in an [HPXML file](#) format. HPXML is an open data standard for collecting and transferring home energy data. Using HPXML files reduces the complexity and effort for software developers to leverage the EnergyPlus simulation engine.

3.1 Using HPXML

HPXML is an flexible and extensible format, where nearly all elements in the schema are optional and custom elements can be included. Because of this, a stricter set of requirements for the HPXML file have been developed for purposes of running EnergyPlus simulations.

HPXML files submitted to OpenStudio-HPXML should undergo a two step validation process:

1. Validation against the HPXML Schema

The HPXML XSD Schema can be found at `HPXMLtoOpenStudio/resources/HPXML.xsd`. It should be used by the software developer to validate their HPXML file prior to running the simulation. XSD Schemas are used to validate what elements/attributes/enumerations are available, data types for elements/attributes, the number/order of children elements, etc.

OpenStudio-HPXML **does not** validate the HPXML file against the XSD Schema and assumes the file submitted is valid. However, OpenStudio-HPXML does automatically check for valid data types (e.g., integer vs string), enumeration choices, and numeric values within min/max.

2. Validation using Schematron

The Schematron document for the EnergyPlus use case can be found at `HPXMLtoOpenStudio/resources/EPvalidator.xml`. Schematron is a rule-based validation language, expressed in XML using XPath expressions, for validating the presence or absence of inputs in XML files. As opposed to an XSD Schema, a Schematron document validates constraints and requirements based on conditionals and other logical statements. For example, if an element is specified with a particular value, the applicable enumerations of another element may change.

OpenStudio-HPXML **automatically validates** the HPXML file against the Schematron document and reports any validation errors, but software developers may find it beneficial to also integrate Schematron validation into their software.

Important: Usage of both validation approaches (XSD and Schematron) is recommended for developers actively working on creating HPXML files for EnergyPlus simulations:

- Validation against XSD for general correctness and usage of HPXML
 - Validation against Schematron for understanding XML document requirements specific to running EnergyPlus
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3.1.1 Input Defaults

A large number of elements in the HPXML file are optional and can be defaulted. Default values, equations, and logic are described throughout this documentation.

Defaults can also be seen in the `in.xml` file generated in the run directory, where additional fields are populated for inspection.

For example, suppose a HPXML file has a window defined as follows:

```
<Window>
  <SystemIdentifier id='Window' />
  <Area>108.0</Area>
  <Azimuth>0</Azimuth>
  <UFactor>0.33</UFactor>
  <SHGC>0.45</SHGC>
  <AttachedToWall idref='Wall' />
</Window>
```

In the `in.xml` file, the window would have additional elements like so:

```
<Window>
  <SystemIdentifier id='Window' />
  <Area>108.0</Area>
  <Azimuth>0</Azimuth>
  <UFactor>0.33</UFactor>
  <SHGC>0.45</SHGC>
  <InteriorShading>
    <SystemIdentifier id='WindowInteriorShading' />
    <SummerShadingCoefficient dataSource='software'>0.7</SummerShadingCoefficient>
    <WinterShadingCoefficient dataSource='software'>0.85</WinterShadingCoefficient>
  </InteriorShading>
  <FractionOperable dataSource='software'>0.67</FractionOperable>
  <AttachedToWall idref='Wall' />
</Window>
```

Note: The OpenStudio-HPXML workflow generally treats missing elements differently than missing values. For example, if there is a `Window` with no `Overhangs` element defined, the window will be interpreted as having no overhangs and modeled this way. On the other hand, if there is a `Window` with no `FractionOperable` value defined, it is assumed that the operable property of the window is unknown and will be defaulted in the model according to *HPXML Windows*.

3.2 HPXML Software Info

High-level simulation inputs are entered in `/HPXML/SoftwareInfo`.

3.2.1 HPXML Simulation Control

EnergyPlus simulation controls are entered in /HPXML/SoftwareInfo/extension/SimulationControl.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	Default	Description
Timestep	inte-ger	min-utes	Divisor of 60	No	60 (1 hour)	Timestep
BeginMonth	inte-ger		1 - 12 ¹	No	1 (January)	Run period start date
BeginDayOfMonth	inte-ger		1 - 31	No	1	Run period start date
EndMonth	inte-ger		1 - 12	No	12 (December)	Run period end date
EndDayOfMonth	inte-ger		1 - 31	No		Run period end date
CalendarYear	inte-ger		> 1600	No	2007 (for TMY weather) ²	Calendar year (for start day of week)
DaylightSaving/Enabled	boolean			No	true	Daylight savings enabled?

If daylight saving is enabled, additional information is specified in DaylightSaving.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Re-quired	Default	Descrip-tion
BeginMonth and BeginDayOfMonth	inte-ger		1 - 12 and 1 - 31	No	EPW else 3/12 (March 12) ³	Start date
EndMonth and EndDayOfMonth	inte-ger		1 - 12 and 1 - 31	No	EPW else 11/5 (November 5)	End date

3.2.2 HPXML HVAC Sizing Control

HVAC equipment sizing controls are entered in /HPXML/SoftwareInfo/extension/HVACSizingControl.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Description
AllowIncreasedFixedCapacities	boolean			No	false	Logic for fixed capacity HVAC equipment ⁴
UseMaxLoadForHeatPumps	boolean			No	true	Logic for autosized heat pumps ⁵

¹ BeginMonth/BeginDayOfMonth date must occur before EndMonth/EndDayOfMonth date (e.g., a run period from 10/1 to 3/31 is invalid).

² CalendarYear only applies to TMY (Typical Meteorological Year) weather. For AMY (Actual Meteorological Year) weather, the AMY year will be used regardless of what is specified.

³ Daylight savings dates will be defined according to the EPW weather file header; if not available, fallback default values listed above will be used.

⁴ If AllowIncreasedFixedCapacities is true, the larger of user-specified fixed capacity and design load will be used (to reduce potential for unmet loads); otherwise user-specified fixed capacity is used.

⁵ If UseMaxLoadForHeatPumps is true, autosized heat pumps are sized based on the maximum of heating/cooling design loads; otherwise sized per ACCA Manual J/S based on cooling design loads with some oversizing allowances for heating design loads.

3.3 HPXML Building Summary

High-level building summary information is entered in `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/BuildingSummary`.

3.3.1 HPXML Site

Building site information is entered in `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/BuildingSummary/Site`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SiteType	string		See ⁶	No	sub-urban	Terrain type for infiltration model
ShieldingofHome	string		See ⁷	No	nor-mal	Presence of nearby buildings, trees, obstructions for infiltration model
extension/Neighbors	element		>= 0	No	<none>	Presence of neighboring buildings for solar shading

For each neighboring building defined, additional information is entered in a `extension/Neighbors/NeighborBuilding`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
Azimuth	inte-ger	deg	0 - 359	Yes		Direction of neighbors (clockwise from North)
Distance	dou-ble	ft	> 0	Yes		Distance of neighbor from the dwelling unit
Height	dou-ble	ft	> 0	No	See ⁸	Height of neighbor

3.3.2 HPXML Building Occupancy

Building occupancy is entered in `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/BuildingSummary/BuildingOccupancy`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	Default	Notes
NumberOfResidents	inte-ger		>= 0	No	<number of bedrooms>	Number of occupants ⁹

⁶ SiteType choices are “rural”, “suburban”, or “urban”.

⁷ ShieldingofHome choices are “normal”, “exposed”, or “well-shielded”.

⁸ If Height not provided, assumed to be same height as the dwelling unit.

⁹ NumberOfResidents is only used for occupant heat gain. Most occupancy assumptions (e.g., usage of plug loads, appliances, hot water, etc.) are driven by the number of bedrooms, not number of occupants.

3.3.3 HPXML Building Construction

Building construction is entered in `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/BuildingSummary/BuildingConstruction`.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
ResidentialFacilityType	string		See ¹⁰	Yes		Type of dwelling unit
NumberOfConditionedFloors	double		> 0	Yes		Number of conditioned floors (including a basement)
NumberOfConditionedFloorsAboveGrade	double		> 0, <= NumberOfConditionedFloors	Yes		Number of conditioned floors above grade (including a walkout basement)
NumberOfBedrooms	integer		> 0 ¹¹	Yes		Number of bedrooms ¹²
NumberOfBathrooms	integer		> 0	No	See ¹³	Number of bathrooms
ConditionedFloorArea	double	ft ²	> 0	Yes		Floor area within conditioned space boundary
ConditionedBuildingVolume or AverageCeilingHeight	double	ft ³ or ft	> 0	No	See ¹⁴	Volume/ceiling height within conditioned space boundary
extension/HasFlueOrChimney	boolean			No	See ¹⁵	Presence of flue or chimney for infiltration model

¹⁰ ResidentialFacilityType choices are “single-family detached”, “single-family attached”, “apartment unit”, or “manufactured home”.

¹¹ NumberOfBedrooms must also be <= (ConditionedFloorArea-120)/70.

¹² NumberOfBedrooms is currently used to determine usage of plug loads, appliances, hot water, etc.

¹³ If NumberOfBathrooms not provided, calculated as NumberOfBedrooms/2 + 0.5 based on the 2010 BAHSP.

¹⁴ If neither ConditionedBuildingVolume nor AverageCeilingHeight provided, AverageCeilingHeight defaults to 8.0. If needed, additional defaulting is performed using the following relationship: ConditionedBuildingVolume = ConditionedFloorArea * AverageCeilingHeight.

¹⁵ If HasFlueOrChimney not provided, assumed to be true if any of the following conditions are met:

- heating system is non-electric Furnace, Boiler, WallFurnace, FloorFurnace, Stove, PortableHeater, or FixedHeater and AFUE/Percent is less than 0.89,
- heating system is non-electric Fireplace, or
- water heater is non-electric with energy factor (or equivalent calculated from uniform energy factor) less than 0.63.

3.4 HPXML Weather Station

Weather information is entered in `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/ClimateandRiskZones/WeatherStation`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
<code>SystemIdentifier</code>	<code>id</code>			Yes		Unique identifier
<code>Name</code>	<code>string</code>			Yes		Name of weather station
<code>extension/EPWFilePath</code>	<code>string</code>			Yes		Path to the EnergyPlus weather file (EPW) ¹⁶

3.5 HPXML Enclosure

The dwelling unit's enclosure is entered in `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Enclosure`.

All surfaces that bound different space types of the dwelling unit (i.e., not just thermal boundary surfaces) must be specified in the HPXML file. For example, an attached garage would generally be defined by walls adjacent to conditioned space, walls adjacent to outdoors, a slab, and a roof or ceiling. For software tools that do not collect sufficient inputs for every required surface, the software developers will need to make assumptions about these surfaces or collect additional input.

Interior partition surfaces (e.g., walls between rooms inside conditioned space, or the floor between two conditioned stories) can be excluded.

For single-family attached (SFA) or multifamily (MF) buildings, surfaces between unconditioned space and the neighboring unit's same unconditioned space should set `InteriorAdjacentTo` and `ExteriorAdjacentTo` to the same value. For example, a foundation wall between the unit's vented crawlspace and the neighboring unit's vented crawlspace would use `InteriorAdjacentTo="crawlspace - vented"` and `ExteriorAdjacentTo="crawlspace - vented"`.

Warning: It is the software tool's responsibility to provide the appropriate building surfaces. While some error-checking is in place, it is not possible to know whether some surfaces are incorrectly missing.

Also note that wall and roof surfaces do not require an azimuth to be specified. Rather, only the windows/skylights themselves require an azimuth. Thus, software tools can choose to use a single wall (or roof) surface to represent multiple wall (or roof) surfaces for the entire building if all their other properties (construction type, interior/exterior adjacency, etc.) are identical.

3.5.1 HPXML Air Infiltration

Building air leakage is entered in `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Enclosure/AirInfiltration/AirInfiltrationMeasurement`.

¹⁶ A full set of U.S. TMY3 weather files can be [downloaded here](#).

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
BuildingAirLeakageUnitofMeasure	string		See ¹⁷	Yes		Units for air leakage
HousePressure	double	Pa	> 0	See ¹⁸		House pressure with respect to outside ¹⁹
BuildingAirLeakageAirLeakage	double		> 0	Yes		Value for air leakage
InfiltrationVolume	double	ft3	> 0, >= ConditionedBuildingVolume	No	Conditioned-BuildingVolume	Volume associated with infiltration measurement

3.5.2 HPXML Attics

If the dwelling unit has a vented attic, attic ventilation information can be optionally entered in `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Enclosure/Attics/Attic[AtticType/Attic[Vented="true"]]/VentilationRate`.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
UnitofMeasure	string		See ²⁰	No	SLA	Units for ventilation rate
Value	double		> 0	No	1/300 ²¹	Value for ventilation rate

3.5.3 HPXML Foundations

If the dwelling unit has a vented crawlspace, crawlspace ventilation information can be optionally entered in `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Enclosure/Foundations/Foundation[FoundationType/Crawlspace[Vented="true"]]/VentilationRate`.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
UnitofMeasure	string		See ²²	No	SLA	Units for ventilation rate
Value	double		> 0	No	1/150 ²³	Value for ventilation rate

3.5.4 HPXML Roofs

Each pitched or flat roof surface that is exposed to ambient conditions is entered as an `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Enclosure/Roofs/Roof`.

For a multifamily building where the dwelling unit has another dwelling unit above it, the surface between the two dwelling units should be considered a `FrameFloor` and not a `Roof`.

¹⁷ UnitofMeasure choices are “ACH” (air changes per hour at user-specified pressure), “CFM” (cubic feet per minute at user-specified pressure), or “ACHnatural” (natural air changes per hour).

¹⁸ HousePressure only required if BuildingAirLeakage/UnitofMeasure is not “ACHnatural”.

¹⁹ HousePressure typical value is 50 Pa.

²⁰ UnitofMeasure choices are “SLA” (specific leakage area) or “ACHnatural” (natural air changes per hour).

²¹ Value default based on ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019.

²² UnitofMeasure only choice is “SLA” (specific leakage area).

²³ Value default based on ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
InteriorAdjacentTo	string		See ²⁴	Yes		Interior adjacent space type
Area	double	ft2	> 0	Yes		Gross area (including skylights)
Azimuth	integer	deg	0 - 359	No	See ²⁵	Azimuth (clockwise from North)
RoofType	string		See ²⁶	No	asphalt or fiberglass shingles	Roof type
SolarAbsorptance or RoofColor	double or string		0 - 1 or See ²⁷	Yes	See ²⁸	Solar absorptance or color
Emittance	double		0 - 1	No	0.90	Emittance
Pitch	integer	?:12	>= 0	Yes		Pitch
RadiantBarrier	boolean			No	false	Presence of radiant barrier
RadiantBarrierGrade	integer		1 - 3	See ²⁹		Radiant barrier installation grade
InsulationSystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
InsulationAssemblyEffectiveRValue	double	F-ft2-hr/Btu	> 0	Yes		Assembly R-value ³⁰

3.5.5 HPXML Rim Joists

Each rim joist surface (i.e., the perimeter of floor joists typically found between stories of a building or on top of a foundation wall) is entered as an /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Enclosure/RimJoists/RimJoist.

²⁴ InteriorAdjacentTo choices are “attic - vented”, “attic - unvented”, “living space”, or “garage”. See *HPXML Locations* for descriptions.

²⁵ If Azimuth not provided, modeled as four surfaces of equal area facing every direction.

²⁶ RoofType choices are “asphalt or fiberglass shingles”, “wood shingles or shakes”, “slate or tile shingles”, or “metal surfacing”.

²⁷ RoofColor choices are “light”, “medium”, “medium dark”, “dark”, or “reflective”.

²⁸ If SolarAbsorptance not provided, defaults based on RoofColor/RoofType:

- **asphalt or fiberglass shingles:** dark=0.92, medium dark=0.89, medium=0.85, light=0.75, reflective=0.50
- **wood shingles or shakes:** dark=0.92, medium dark=0.89, medium=0.85, light=0.75, reflective=0.50
- **slate or tile shingles:** dark=0.90, medium dark=0.83, medium=0.75, light=0.60, reflective=0.30
- **metal surfacing:** dark=0.90, medium dark=0.83, medium=0.75, light=0.60, reflective=0.30

²⁹ RadiantBarrierGrade only required if RadiantBarrier is provided.

³⁰ AssemblyEffectiveRValue includes all material layers, interior/exterior air films, and insulation installation grade.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
ExteriorAdjacentTo	string		See ³¹	Yes		Exterior adjacent space type
InteriorAdjacentTo	string		See ³²	Yes		Interior adjacent space type
Area	double	ft2	> 0	Yes		Gross area
Azimuth	integer	deg	0 - 359	No	See ³³	Azimuth (clockwise from North)
Siding	string		See ³⁴	No	wood siding	Siding material
SolarAbsorptance or Color	double or string		0 - 1 or See ³⁵	Yes	See ³⁶	Solar absorptance or color
Emittance	double		0 - 1	No	0.90	Emittance
InsulationSystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
InsulationAssemblyEffectiveRValue	double	F-ft2-hr/Btu	> 0	Yes		Assembly R-value ³⁷

3.5.6 HPXML Walls

Each wall that has no contact with the ground and bounds a space type is entered as an `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Enclosure/Walls/Wall`.

³¹ ExteriorAdjacentTo choices are “outside”, “attic - vented”, “attic - unvented”, “basement - conditioned”, “basement - unconditioned”, “crawl space - vented”, “crawl space - unvented”, “garage”, “other housing unit”, “other heated space”, “other multifamily buffer space”, or “other non-freezing space”. See *HPXML Locations* for descriptions.

³² InteriorAdjacentTo choices are “living space”, “attic - vented”, “attic - unvented”, “basement - conditioned”, “basement - unconditioned”, “crawl space - vented”, “crawl space - unvented”, or “garage”. See *HPXML Locations* for descriptions.

³³ If Azimuth not provided, modeled as four surfaces of equal area facing every direction.

³⁴ Siding choices are “wood siding”, “vinyl siding”, “stucco”, “fiber cement siding”, “brick veneer”, or “aluminum siding”.

³⁵ Color choices are “light”, “medium”, “medium dark”, “dark”, or “reflective”.

³⁶ If SolarAbsorptance not provided, defaults based on Color:

- **dark:** 0.95
- **medium dark:** 0.85
- **medium:** 0.70
- **light:** 0.50
- **reflective:** 0.30

³⁷ AssemblyEffectiveRValue includes all material layers, interior/exterior air films, and insulation installation grade.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
ExteriorAdjacentTo	string		See ³⁸	Yes		Exterior adjacent space type
InteriorAdjacentTo	string		See ³⁹	Yes		Interior adjacent space type
WallType	element		1 ⁴⁰	Yes		Wall type (for thermal mass)
Area	double	ft2	> 0	Yes		Gross area (including doors/windows)
Azimuth	integer	deg	0 - 359	No	See ⁴¹	Azimuth (clockwise from North)
Siding	string		See ⁴²	No	wood siding	Siding material
SolarAbsorptance or Color	double or string		0 - 1 or See ⁴³	Yes	See ⁴⁴	Solar absorptance or color
Emittance	double		0 - 1	No	0.90	Emittance
Insulation/ SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
Insulation/ AssemblyEffectiveRValue	double	F-ft2-hr/Btu	> 0	Yes		Assembly R-value ⁴⁵

3.5.7 HPXML Foundation Walls

Each wall that is in contact with the ground should be specified as an /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Enclosure/FoundationWalls/FoundationWall.

Other walls (e.g., wood framed walls) that are connected to a below-grade space but have no contact with the ground should be specified as a Wall and not a FoundationWall.

³⁸ ExteriorAdjacentTo choices are “outside”, “attic - vented”, “attic - unvented”, “basement - conditioned”, “basement - unconditioned”, “crawl space - vented”, “crawl space - unvented”, “garage”, “other housing unit”, “other heated space”, “other multifamily buffer space”, or “other non-freezing space”. See *HPXML Locations* for descriptions.

³⁹ InteriorAdjacentTo choices are “living space”, “attic - vented”, “attic - unvented”, “basement - conditioned”, “basement - unconditioned”, “crawl space - vented”, “crawl space - unvented”, or “garage”. See *HPXML Locations* for descriptions.

⁴⁰ WallType child element choices are WoodStud, DoubleWoodStud, ConcreteMasonryUnit, StructurallyInsulatedPanel, InsulatedConcreteForms, SteelFrame, SolidConcrete, StructuralBrick, StrawBale, Stone, LogWall, or Adobe.

⁴¹ If Azimuth not provided, modeled as four surfaces of equal area facing every direction.

⁴² Siding choices are “wood siding”, “vinyl siding”, “stucco”, “fiber cement siding”, “brick veneer”, or “aluminum siding”.

⁴³ Color choices are “light”, “medium”, “medium dark”, “dark”, or “reflective”.

⁴⁴ If SolarAbsorptance not provided, defaults based on Color:

- **dark:** 0.95
- **medium dark:** 0.85
- **medium:** 0.70
- **light:** 0.50
- **reflective:** 0.30

⁴⁵ AssemblyEffectiveRValue includes all material layers, interior/exterior air films, and insulation installation grade.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
ExteriorAdjacentTo	string		See ⁴⁶	Yes		Exterior adjacent space type ⁴⁷
InteriorAdjacentTo	string		See ⁴⁸	Yes		Interior adjacent space type
Height	double	ft	> 0	Yes		Total height
Area	double	ft2	> 0	Yes		Gross area (including doors/windows)
Azimuth	integer	deg	0 - 359	No	See ⁴⁹	Azimuth (clockwise from North)
Thickness	double	inches	> 0	No	8.0	Thickness excluding interior framing
DepthBelowGrade	double	ft	0 - Height	Yes		Depth below grade ⁵⁰
Insulation/SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
Insulation/Layer[InstallationType="continuous - interior"]	element		0 - 1	See ⁵¹		Interior insulation layer
Insulation/Layer[InstallationType="continuous - exterior"]	element		0 - 1	See ⁵²		Exterior insulation layer
Insulation/AssemblyEffectiveRValue	double	F-ft2-hr/Btu	> 0	See ⁵³		Assembly R-value ⁵⁴

If insulation layers are provided, additional information is entered in each `FoundationWall/Insulation/Layer`.

⁴⁶ ExteriorAdjacentTo choices are "ground", "basement - conditioned", "basement - unconditioned", "crawlspace - vented", "crawlspace - unvented", "garage", "other housing unit", "other heated space", "other multifamily buffer space", or "other non-freezing space". See *HPXML Locations* for descriptions.

⁴⁷ InteriorAdjacentTo choices are "basement - conditioned", "basement - unconditioned", "crawlspace - vented", "crawlspace - unvented", or "garage". See *HPXML Locations* for descriptions.

⁴⁸ Interior foundation walls (e.g., between basement and crawlspace) should **not** use "ground" even if the foundation wall has some contact with the ground due to the difference in below-grade depths of the two adjacent spaces.

⁴⁹ If Azimuth not provided, modeled as four surfaces of equal area facing every direction.

⁵⁰ For exterior foundation walls, depth below grade is relative to the ground plane. For interior foundation walls, depth below grade is the vertical span of foundation wall in contact with the ground. For example, an interior foundation wall between an 8 ft conditioned basement and a 3 ft crawlspace has a height of 8 ft and a depth below grade of 5 ft. Alternatively, an interior foundation wall between an 8 ft conditioned basement and an 8 ft unconditioned basement has a height of 8 ft and a depth below grade of 0 ft.

⁵¹ Layer[InstallationType="continuous - interior"] only required if AssemblyEffectiveRValue is not provided.

⁵² Layer[InstallationType="continuous - exterior"] only required if AssemblyEffectiveRValue is not provided.

⁵³ AssemblyEffectiveRValue only required if Layer elements are not provided.

⁵⁴ AssemblyEffectiveRValue includes all material layers, interior air film, and insulation installation grade. R-value should **not** include exterior air film (for any above-grade exposure) or any soil thermal resistance.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
NominalRValue	double	F-ft2-hr/Btu	≥ 0	Yes		R-value of the foundation wall insulation; use zero if no insulation
extension/ DistanceToTopOfInsulation	double	ft	≥ 0	Yes		Vertical distance from top of foundation wall to top of insulation
extension/ DistanceToBottomOfInsulation	double	ft	DistanceTo- TopOfInsulation - Height	Yes		Vertical distance from top of foundation wall to bottom of insulation

3.5.8 HPXML Frame Floors

Each horizontal floor/ceiling surface that is not in contact with the ground (Slab) nor adjacent to ambient conditions above (Roof) is entered as an /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Enclosure/FrameFloors/FrameFloor.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
ExteriorAdjacentTo	string		See ⁵⁵	Yes		Exterior adjacent space type
InteriorAdjacentTo	string		See ⁵⁶	Yes		Interior adjacent space type
Area	double	ft2	> 0	Yes		Gross area
Insulation/ SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
Insulation/ AssemblyEffectiveRValue	double	F-ft2-hr/Btu	> 0	Yes		Assembly R-value ⁵⁷

For frame floors adjacent to “other housing unit”, “other heated space”, “other multifamily buffer space”, or “other non-freezing space”, additional information is entered in FrameFloor.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
extension/ OtherSpaceAboveOrBelow	string		See ⁵⁸	Yes		Specifies if above/below the MF space type

⁵⁵ ExteriorAdjacentTo choices are “outside”, “attic - vented”, “attic - unvented”, “basement - conditioned”, “basement - unconditioned”, “crawl space - vented”, “crawl space - unvented”, “garage”, “other housing unit”, “other heated space”, “other multifamily buffer space”, or “other non-freezing space”. See *HPXML Locations* for descriptions.

⁵⁶ InteriorAdjacentTo choices are “living space”, “attic - vented”, “attic - unvented”, “basement - conditioned”, “basement - unconditioned”, “crawl space - vented”, “crawl space - unvented”, or “garage”. See *HPXML Locations* for descriptions.

⁵⁷ AssemblyEffectiveRValue includes all material layers, interior/exterior air films, and insulation installation grade.

⁵⁸ OtherSpaceAboveOrBelow choices are “above” or “below”.

3.5.9 HPXML Slabs

Each space type that borders the ground (i.e., basements, crawlspaces, garages, and slab-on-grade foundations) should have a slab entered as an /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Enclosure/Slabs/Slab.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
InteriorAdjacentTo	string		See ⁵⁹	Yes		Interior adjacent space type
Area	double	ft2	> 0	Yes		Gross area
Thickness	double	inches	>= 0	No	See ⁶⁰	Thickness ⁶¹
ExposedPerimeter	double	ft	>= 0	Yes		Perimeter exposed to ambient conditions ⁶²
PerimeterInsulationDepth	double	ft	>= 0	Yes		Depth from grade to bottom of vertical insulation
UnderSlabInsulationWidth	double	ft	>= 0	See ⁶³		Width from slab edge inward of horizontal insulation
UnderSlabInsulationSpansEntireSlab	boolean			See ⁶⁴		Whether horizontal insulation spans entire slab
DepthBelowGrade	double	ft	>= 0	See ⁶⁵		Depth from the top of the slab surface to grade
PerimeterInsulation/SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
PerimeterInsulation/Layer/NominalRValue	double	F-ft2-hr/Btu	>= 0	Yes		R-value of vertical insulation
UnderSlabInsulation/SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
UnderSlabInsulation/Layer/NominalRValue	double	F-ft2-hr/Btu	>= 0	Yes		R-value of horizontal insulation
extension/CarpetFraction	double	frac	0 - 1	No	See ⁶⁶	Fraction of slab covered by carpet
extension/CarpetRValue	double	F-ft2-hr/Btu	>= 0	No	See ⁶⁷	Carpet R-value

3.5.10 HPXML Windows

Each window or glass door area is entered as an /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Enclosure/Windows/Window.

⁵⁹ InteriorAdjacentTo choices are “living space”, “basement - conditioned”, “basement - unconditioned”, “crawlspace - vented”, “crawlspace - unvented”, or “garage”. See *HPXML Locations* for descriptions.

⁶⁰ If Thickness not provided, defaults to 0 when adjacent to crawlspace and 4 inches for all other cases.

⁶¹ For a crawlspace with a dirt floor, enter a thickness of zero.

⁶² ExposedPerimeter includes any slab length that falls along the perimeter of the building’s footprint (i.e., is exposed to ambient conditions). So a basement slab edge adjacent to a garage or crawlspace, for example, should not be included.

⁶³ UnderSlabInsulationWidth only required if UnderSlabInsulationSpansEntireSlab=true is not provided.

⁶⁴ UnderSlabInsulationSpansEntireSlab=true only required if UnderSlabInsulationWidth is not provided.

⁶⁵ DepthBelowGrade only required if the attached foundation has no FoundationWalls. For foundation types with walls, the the slab’s position relative to grade is determined by the FoundationWall/DepthBelowGrade value.

⁶⁶ If CarpetFraction not provided, defaults to 0.8 when adjacent to conditioned space, otherwise 0.0.

⁶⁷ If CarpetRValue not provided, defaults to 2.0 when adjacent to conditioned space, otherwise 0.0.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
Area	double	ft2	> 0	Yes		Total area
Azimuth	integer	deg	0 - 359	Yes		Azimuth (clockwise from North)
UFactor	double	Btu/F-ft2-hr	> 0	Yes		Full-assembly NFRC U-factor
SHGC	double		0 - 1	Yes		Full-assembly NFRC solar heat gain coefficient
ExteriorShading/SummerShadingCoefficient	double	frac	0 - 1	No	1.00	Exterior summer shading coefficient (1=transparent, 0=opaque)
ExteriorShading/WinterShadingCoefficient	double	frac	0 - 1	No	1.00	Exterior winter shading coefficient (1=transparent, 0=opaque)
InteriorShading/SummerShadingCoefficient	double	frac	0 - 1	No	0.70 ⁶⁸	Interior summer shading coefficient (1=transparent, 0=opaque)
InteriorShading/WinterShadingCoefficient	double	frac	0 - 1	No	0.85 ⁶⁹	Interior winter shading coefficient (1=transparent, 0=opaque)
Overhangs	element		0 - 1	No	<none>	Presence of overhangs (including roof eaves)
FractionOperable	double	frac	0 - 1	No	0.67	Operable fraction ⁷⁰
AttachedToWall	idref		See ⁷¹	Yes		ID of attached wall

If overhangs are specified, additional information is entered in Overhangs.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
Depth	double	inches	>= 0	Yes		Depth of overhang
DistanceToTopOfWindow	double	ft	>= 0	Yes		Vertical distance from overhang to top of window
DistanceToBottomOfWindow	double	ft	> DistanceToTopOfWindow	Yes		Vertical distance from overhang to bottom of window ⁷²

3.5.11 HPXML Skylights

Each skylight is entered as an /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Enclosure/Skylights/Skylight.

⁶⁸ InteriorShading/SummerShadingCoefficient default value indicates 30% reduction in solar heat gain, based on ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019.

⁶⁹ InteriorShading/WinterShadingCoefficient default value indicates 15% reduction in solar heat gain, based on ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019.

⁷⁰ FractionOperable reflects whether the windows are operable (can be opened), not how they are used by the occupants. If a Window represents a single window, the value should be 0 or 1. If a Window represents multiple windows (e.g., 4), the value should be between 0 and 1 (e.g., 0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, or 1). The total open window area for natural ventilation is calculated using A) the operable fraction, B) the assumption that 50% of the area of operable windows can be open, and C) the assumption that 20% of that openable area is actually opened by occupants whenever outdoor conditions are favorable for cooling.

⁷¹ AttachedToWall must reference a Wall or FoundationWall.

⁷² The difference between DistanceToBottomOfWindow and DistanceToTopOfWindow defines the height of the window.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
Area	dou-ble	ft2	> 0	Yes		Total area
Azimuth	in-te-ger	deg	0 - 359	Yes		Azimuth (clockwise from North)
UFactor	dou-ble	Btu/F-ft2-hr	> 0	Yes		Full-assembly NFRC U-factor
SHGC	dou-ble		0 - 1	Yes		Full-assembly NFRC solar heat gain coefficient
ExteriorShading/ SummerShadingCoefficient	dou-ble	frac	0 - 1	No	1.00	Exterior summer shading coefficient (1=transparent, 0=opaque)
ExteriorShading/ WinterShadingCoefficient	dou-ble	frac	0 - 1	No	1.00	Exterior winter shading coefficient (1=transparent, 0=opaque)
InteriorShading/ SummerShadingCoefficient	dou-ble	frac	0 - 1	No	1.00	Interior summer shading coefficient (1=transparent, 0=opaque)
InteriorShading/ WinterShadingCoefficient	dou-ble	frac	0 - 1	No	1.00	Interior winter shading coefficient (1=transparent, 0=opaque)
AttachedToRoof	idref		See ⁷³	Yes		ID of attached roof

3.5.12 HPXML Doors

Each opaque door is entered as an /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Enclosure/Doors/Door.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
AttachedToWall	idref		See ⁷⁴	Yes		ID of attached wall
Area	dou-ble	ft2	> 0	Yes		Total area
Azimuth	in-te-ger	deg	0 - 359	Yes		Azimuth (clockwise from North)
RValue	dou-ble	F-ft2-hr/Btu	> 0	Yes		R-value

3.6 HPXML Systems

The dwelling unit's systems are entered in /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Systems.

3.6.1 HPXML Heating Systems

Each heating system (other than a heat pump) is entered as an /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Systems/HVAC/HVACPlant/HeatingSystem.

⁷³ AttachedToRoof must reference a Roof.

⁷⁴ AttachedToWall must reference a Wall or FoundationWall.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	Default	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
HeatingSystemType	element		1 ⁷⁵	Yes		Type of heating system
HeatingSystemFuel	string		See ⁷⁶	Yes		Fuel type
HeatingCapacity	double	Btu/hr	>= 0	No	auto-sized	Input heating capacity
FractionHeatLoadServed	double	frac	0 - 1 ⁷⁷	Yes		Fraction of heating load served

Electric Resistance

If electric resistance heating is specified, additional information is entered in HeatingSystem.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
AnnualHeatingEfficiency [Units="Percent Value]	double	frac	0 - 1	Yes		Efficiency

Furnace

If a furnace is specified, additional information is entered in HeatingSystem.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
DistributionSystem	idref		See ⁷⁸	Yes		ID of attached distribution system
AnnualHeatingEfficiency [Units="AFUE Value]	double	frac	0 - 1	Yes		Rated efficiency
extension/ FanPowerWattsPerCFM	double	W/cfm	>= 0	No	See ⁷⁹	Fan power ⁸⁰
extension/ AirflowDefectRatio	double	frac	> -1	No	0.0	Deviation between design/installed airflows ⁸¹

⁷⁵ HeatingSystemType child element choices are ElectricResistance, Furnace, WallFurnace, FloorFurnace, Boiler, Stove, PortableHeater, FixedHeater, or Fireplace.

⁷⁶ HeatingSystemFuel choices are "electricity", "natural gas", "fuel oil", "fuel oil 1", "fuel oil 2", "fuel oil 4", "fuel oil 5/6", "diesel", "propane", "kerosene", "coal", "coke", "bituminous coal", "wood", or "wood pellets". For ElectricResistance, "electricity" is required.

⁷⁷ The sum of all FractionHeatLoadServed (across both HeatingSystems and HeatPumps) must be less than or equal to 1.

⁷⁸ HVACDistribution type must be AirDistribution (type: "regular velocity" or "gravity") or DSE.

⁷⁹ If FanPowerWattsPerCFM not provided, defaulted to 0 W/cfm if gravity distribution system, else 0.5 W/cfm if AFUE <= 0.9, else 0.375 W/cfm.

⁸⁰ If there is a cooling system attached to the DistributionSystem, the heating and cooling systems cannot have different values for FanPowerWattsPerCFM.

⁸¹ AirflowDefectRatio is defined as (InstalledAirflow - DesignAirflow) / DesignAirflow; a value of zero means no airflow defect. See ANSI/RESNET/ACCA 310-2020 Standard for Grading the Installation of HVAC Systems for more information.

Wall/Floor Furnace

If a wall furnace or floor furnace is specified, additional information is entered in `HeatingSystem`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
AnnualHeatingEfficiency [Units="AFUE"] Value	double	frac	0 - 1	Yes		Rated efficiency
extension/ FanPowerWatts	double	W	>= 0	No	0	Fan power

Boiler

If a boiler is specified, additional information is entered in `HeatingSystem`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
IsSharedSystem	boolean			No	false	Whether it serves multiple dwelling units
DistributionSystem	idref		See ⁸²	Yes		ID of attached distribution system
AnnualHeatingEfficiency [Units="AFUE"] Value	double	frac	0 - 1	Yes		Rated efficiency

If an in-unit boiler is specified, additional information is entered in `HeatingSystem`.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
ElectricAuxiliaryEnergy or extension/ SharedLoopWatts	double	kWh/yr	>= 0	No	See ⁸³	Electric auxiliary energy

If instead a shared boiler is specified, additional information is entered in `HeatingSystem`.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
NumberOfUnitsServed	integer		> 1	Yes		Number of dwelling units served
ElectricAuxiliaryEnergy or extension/ SharedLoopWatts	double	kWh/yr or W	>= 0	No	See ⁸⁴	Electric auxiliary energy or shared loop power
ElectricAuxiliaryEnergy or extension/ FanCoilWatts	double	kWh/yr or W	>= 0	No ⁸⁵		Electric auxiliary energy or fan coil power

⁸² For in-unit boilers, HVACDistribution type must be HydronicDistribution (type: "radiator", "baseboard", "radiant floor", "radiant ceiling", or "water loop") or DSE. For shared boilers, HVACDistribution type must be HydronicDistribution (type: "radiator", "baseboard", "radiant floor", "radiant ceiling", or "water loop") or AirDistribution (type: "fan coil"). If the shared boiler has "water loop" distribution, a [Water-Loop-to-Air Heat Pump](#) must also be specified.

⁸³ If ElectricAuxiliaryEnergy not provided, defaults as follows:

- **Oil boiler:** 330 kWh/yr
- **Gas boiler:** 170 kWh/yr

Stove

If a stove is specified, additional information is entered in HeatingSystem.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
AnnualHeatingEfficiency [Units="Percent Value]	double	frac	0 - 1	Yes		Efficiency
extension/FanPowerWatts	double	W	>= 0	No	40	Fan power

Portable/Fixed Heater

If a portable heater or fixed heater is specified, additional information is entered in HeatingSystem.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
AnnualHeatingEfficiency [Units="Percent Value]	double	frac	0 - 1	Yes		Efficiency
extension/FanPowerWatts	double	W	>= 0	No	0	Fan power

Fireplace

If a fireplace is specified, additional information is entered in HeatingSystem.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
AnnualHeatingEfficiency [Units="Percent Value]	double	frac	0 - 1	Yes		Efficiency
extension/FanPowerWatts	double	W	>= 0	No	0	Fan power

3.6.2 HPXML Cooling Systems

Each cooling system (other than a heat pump) is entered as an /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Systems/HVAC/HVACPlant/CoolingSystem.

⁸⁴ If ElectricAuxiliaryEnergy nor SharedLoopWatts provided, defaults as follows:

- **Shared boiler w/ baseboard:** 220 kWh/yr
- **Shared boiler w/ water loop heat pump:** 265 kWh/yr
- **Shared boiler w/ fan coil:** 438 kWh/yr

⁸⁵ FanCoilWatts only used if boiler connected to fan coil and SharedLoopWatts provided.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
CoolingSystemType	string		See ⁸⁶	Yes		Type of cooling system
CoolingSystemFuel	string		See ⁸⁷	Yes		Fuel type
FractionCoolLoadServed	double	frac	0 - 1 ⁸⁸	Yes		Fraction of cooling load served

Central Air Conditioner

If a central air conditioner is specified, additional information is entered in `CoolingSystem`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
DistributionSystem	idref		See ⁸⁹	Yes		ID of attached distribution system
AnnualCoolingEfficiency [Unit Value]	double	SEER/W/h	> 0	Yes		Rated efficiency
CoolingCapacity	double	Btu/hr	>= 0	No	auto-sized	Cooling capacity
SensibleHeatFraction	double	frac	0 - 1	No		Sensible heat fraction
CompressorType	string		See ⁹⁰	No	See ⁹¹	Type of compressor
extension/ FanPowerWattsPerCFM	double	W/cfm	>= 0	No	See ⁹²	Fan power ⁹³
extension/ AirflowDefectRatio	double	frac	> -1	No	0.0	Deviation between design/installed airflows ⁹⁴
extension/ ChargeDefectRatio	double	frac	> -1	No	0.0	Deviation between design/installed charges ⁹⁵

Room Air Conditioner

If a room air conditioner is specified, additional information is entered in `CoolingSystem`.

⁸⁶ CoolingSystemType choices are “central air conditioner”, “room air conditioner”, “evaporative cooler”, “mini-split”, “chiller”, or “cooling tower”.

⁸⁷ CoolingSystemFuel only choice is “electricity”.

⁸⁸ The sum of all FractionCoolLoadServed (across both CoolingSystems and HeatPumps) must be less than or equal to 1.

⁸⁹ HVACDistribution type must be AirDistribution (type: “regular velocity”) or DSE.

⁹⁰ CompressorType choices are “single stage”, “two stage”, or “variable speed”.

⁹¹ If CompressorType not provided, defaults to “single stage” if SEER <= 15, else “two stage” if SEER <= 21, else “variable speed”.

⁹² If FanPowerWattsPerCFM not provided, defaults to using attached furnace W/cfm if available, else 0.5 W/cfm if SEER <= 13.5, else 0.375 W/cfm.

⁹³ If there is a heating system attached to the DistributionSystem, the heating and cooling systems cannot have different values for FanPowerWattsPerCFM.

⁹⁴ AirflowDefectRatio is defined as (InstalledAirflow - DesignAirflow) / DesignAirflow; a value of zero means no airflow defect. See ANSI/RESNET/ACCA 310-2020 Standard for Grading the Installation of HVAC Systems for more information.

⁹⁵ ChargeDefectRatio is defined as (InstalledCharge - DesignCharge) / DesignCharge; a value of zero means no refrigerant charge defect. See ANSI/RESNET/ACCA 310-2020 Standard for Grading the Installation of HVAC Systems for more information.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
AnnualCoolingEfficiency [Units="Value]	double	Btu/Wh	> 0	Yes		Rated efficiency
CoolingCapacity	double	Btu/hr	>= 0	No	auto-sized	Cooling capacity
SensibleHeatFraction	double	frac	0 - 1	No		Sensible heat fraction

Evaporative Cooler

If an evaporative cooler is specified, additional information is entered in CoolingSystem.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	Default	Notes
DistributionSystem	idref		See ⁹⁶	No		ID of attached distribution system
CoolingCapacity	double	Btu/hr	>= 0	No	auto-sized	Cooling capacity

Mini-Split

If a mini-split is specified, additional information is entered in CoolingSystem.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
DistributionSystem	idref		See ⁹⁷	No		ID of attached distribution system
AnnualCoolingEfficiency [Units="Value]	double	Btu/Wh	> 0	Yes		Rated cooling efficiency
CoolingCapacity	double	Btu/hr	>= 0	No	auto-sized	Cooling capacity
SensibleHeatFraction	double	frac	0 - 1	No		Sensible heat fraction
extension/ ChargeDefectRatio	double	frac	> -1	No	0.0	Deviation between design/installed charges ⁹⁸

If a ducted mini-split is specified (i.e., a DistributionSystem has been entered), additional information is entered in CoolingSystem.

⁹⁶ If provided, HVACDistribution type must be AirDistribution (type: "regular velocity") or DSE.

⁹⁷ If provided, HVACDistribution type must be AirDistribution (type: "regular velocity") or DSE.

⁹⁸ ChargeDefectRatio is defined as (InstalledCharge - DesignCharge) / DesignCharge; a value of zero means no refrigerant charge defect. See ANSI/RESNET/ACCA 310-2020 Standard for Grading the Installation of HVAC Systems for more information.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
extension/ FanPowerWattsPerCFM	dou- ble	W/cfm	≥ 0	No	0.18	Fan power
extension/ AirflowDefectRatio	dou- ble	frac	> -1	No	0.0	Deviation between de- sign/installed airflows ⁹⁹

Chiller

If a chiller is specified, additional information is entered in `CoolingSystem`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
IsSharedSystem	boolean		true	Yes		Whether it serves multiple dwelling units
DistributionSystem	idref		See ¹⁰⁰	Yes		ID of attached distribution system
NumberOfUnitsServed	inte- ger		> 1	Yes		Number of dwelling units served
CoolingCapacity	dou- ble	Btu/hr	≥ 0	Yes		Total cooling capacity
AnnualCoolingEfficiency [Units ton"]/Value	dou- ble	kW/ton	> 0	Yes		Rated efficiency
extension/SharedLoopWatts	dou- ble	W	≥ 0	Yes		Pumping and fan power serving the system
extension/FanCoilWatts	dou- ble	W	≥ 0	See ¹⁰¹		Fan coil power

Note: Chillers are modeled as central air conditioners with a SEER equivalent using the equation from [ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019](#).

Cooling Tower

If a cooling tower is specified, additional information is entered in `CoolingSystem`.

⁹⁹ AirflowDefectRatio is defined as $(\text{InstalledAirflow} - \text{DesignAirflow}) / \text{DesignAirflow}$; a value of zero means no airflow defect. See ANSI/RESNET/ACCA 310-2020 Standard for Grading the Installation of HVAC Systems for more information.

¹⁰⁰ HVACDistribution type must be HydronicDistribution (type: "radiator", "baseboard", "radiant floor", "radiant ceiling", or "water loop") or AirDistribution (type: "fan coil"). If the chiller has "water loop" distribution, a *Water-Loop-to-Air Heat Pump* must also be specified.

¹⁰¹ FanCoilWatts only required if chiller connected to fan coil.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-efault	Notes
IsSharedSystem	boolean		true	Yes		Whether it serves multiple dwelling units
DistributionSystem	idref		See ¹⁰²	Yes		ID of attached distribution system
NumberOfUnitsServed	inte-ger		> 1	Yes		Number of dwelling units served
extension/ SharedLoopWatts	dou-ble	W	>= 0	Yes		Pumping and fan power serving the system

Note: Cooling towers w/ water loop heat pumps are modeled as central air conditioners with a SEER equivalent using the equation from ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019.

3.6.3 HPXML Heat Pumps

Each heat pump is entered as an /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Systems/HVAC/HVACPlant/HeatPump.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-efault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
HeatPumpType	string		See ¹⁰³	Yes		Type of heat pump
HeatPumpFuel	string		See ¹⁰⁴	Yes		Fuel type
BackupSystemFuel	string		See ¹⁰⁵	No		Fuel type of backup heating, if present

If a backup system fuel is provided, additional information is entered in HeatPump.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-efault	Notes
BackupAnnualHeatingEfficiency[Units=double or Units="AFUE"]/Value	double	frac	"0 - 1"	Yes		Backup heating efficiency
BackupHeatingCapacity	dou-ble	Btu/hr	>= 0	No	au-to-sized	Backup heating capacity
BackupHeatingSwitchoverTemperature	dou-ble	F		No	<none>	Backup heating switchover temperature ¹⁰⁶

¹⁰² HVACDistribution type must be HydronicDistribution (type: "water loop"). A *Water-Loop-to-Air Heat Pump* must also be specified.

¹⁰³ HeatPumpType choices are "air-to-air", "mini-split", "ground-to-air", or "water-loop-to-air".

¹⁰⁴ HeatPumpFuel only choice is "electricity".

¹⁰⁵ BackupSystemFuel choices are "electricity", "natural gas", "fuel oil", "fuel oil 1", "fuel oil 2", "fuel oil 4", "fuel oil 5/6", "diesel", "propane", "kerosene", "coal", "coke", "bituminous coal", "wood", or "wood pellets".

¹⁰⁶ Provide BackupHeatingSwitchoverTemperature for, e.g., a dual-fuel heat pump, in which there is a discrete outdoor temperature when the heat pump stops operating and the backup heating system starts operating. If not provided, the backup heating system will operate as needed when the heat pump has insufficient capacity.

Air-to-Air Heat Pump

If an air-to-air heat pump is specified, additional information is entered in `HeatPump`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
<code>DistributionSystem</code>	idref		See ¹⁰⁷	Yes		ID of attached distribution system
<code>CompressorType</code>	string		See ¹⁰⁸	No	See ¹⁰⁹	Type of compressor
<code>HeatingCapacity</code>	double	Btu/hr	≥ 0	No	auto-sized	Heating capacity (excluding any backup heating)
<code>HeatingCapacity17F</code>	double	Btu/hr	≥ 0	No		Heating capacity at 17F, if available
<code>CoolingCapacity</code>	double	Btu/hr	≥ 0	No	auto-sized	Cooling capacity
<code>CoolingSensibleHeatFraction</code>	double	frac	0 - 1	No		Sensible heat fraction
<code>FractionHeatLoadServed</code>	double	frac	0 - 1 ¹¹⁰	Yes		Fraction of heating load served
<code>FractionCoolLoadServed</code>	double	frac	0 - 1 ¹¹¹	Yes		Fraction of cooling load served
<code>AnnualCoolingEfficiency [Unit: Value]</code>	double	Btu/Wh	> 0	Yes		Rated cooling efficiency
<code>AnnualHeatingEfficiency [Unit: Value]</code>	double	Btu/Wh	> 0	Yes		Rated heating efficiency
<code>extension/ FanPowerWattsPerCFM</code>	double	W/cfm	≥ 0	No	See ¹¹²	Fan power
<code>extension/ AirflowDefectRatio</code>	double	frac	> -1	No	0.0	Deviation between design/installed airflows ¹¹³
<code>extension/ ChargeDefectRatio</code>	double	frac	> -1	No	0.0	Deviation between design/installed charges ¹¹⁴

Mini-Split Heat Pump

If a mini-split heat pump is specified, additional information is entered in `HeatPump`.

¹⁰⁷ HVACDistribution type must be AirDistribution (type: “regular velocity”) or DSE.

¹⁰⁸ CompressorType choices are “single stage”, “two stage”, or “variable speed”.

¹⁰⁹ If CompressorType not provided, defaults to “single stage” if SEER ≤ 15 , else “two stage” if SEER ≤ 21 , else “variable speed”.

¹¹⁰ The sum of all FractionHeatLoadServed (across both HeatingSystems and HeatPumps) must be less than or equal to 1.

¹¹¹ The sum of all FractionCoolLoadServed (across both CoolingSystems and HeatPumps) must be less than or equal to 1.

¹¹² If FanPowerWattsPerCFM not provided, defaulted to 0.5 W/cfm if HSPF ≤ 8.75 , else 0.375 W/cfm.

¹¹³ AirflowDefectRatio is defined as $(\text{InstalledAirflow} - \text{DesignAirflow}) / \text{DesignAirflow}$; a value of zero means no airflow defect. See ANSI/RESNET/ACCA 310-2020 Standard for Grading the Installation of HVAC Systems for more information.

¹¹⁴ ChargeDefectRatio is defined as $(\text{InstalledCharge} - \text{DesignCharge}) / \text{DesignCharge}$; a value of zero means no refrigerant charge defect. See ANSI/RESNET/ACCA 310-2020 Standard for Grading the Installation of HVAC Systems for more information.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
DistributionSystem	idref		See ¹¹⁵	No		ID of attached distribution system, if present
HeatingCapacity	double	Btu/hr	>= 0	No	auto-sized	Heating capacity (excluding any backup heating)
HeatingCapacity17F	double	Btu/hr	>= 0	No		Heating capacity at 17F, if available
CoolingCapacity	double	Btu/hr	>= 0	No	auto-sized	Cooling capacity
CoolingSensibleHeatFraction	double	frac	0 - 1	No		Sensible heat fraction
FractionHeatLoadServed	double	frac	0 - 1 ¹¹⁶	Yes		Fraction of heating load served
FractionCoolLoadServed	double	frac	0 - 1 ¹¹⁷	Yes		Fraction of cooling load served
AnnualCoolingEfficiency[UnitsValue]	double	Btu/Wh	> 0	Yes		Rated cooling efficiency
AnnualHeatingEfficiency[UnitsValue]	double	Btu/Wh	> 0	Yes		Rated heating efficiency
extension/ChargeDefectRatio	double	frac	> -1	No	0.0	Deviation between design/installed charges ¹¹⁸

If a ducted mini-split is specified (i.e., a DistributionSystem has been entered), additional information is entered in HeatPump.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
extension/FanPowerWattsPerCFM	double	W/cfm	>= 0	No	0.18	Fan power
extension/AirflowDefectRatio	double	frac	> -1	No	0.0	Deviation between design/installed airflows ¹¹⁹

Ground-to-Air Heat Pump

If a ground-to-air heat pump is specified, additional information is entered in HeatPump.

¹¹⁵ If provided, HVACDistribution type must be AirDistribution (type: “regular velocity”) or DSE.

¹¹⁶ The sum of all FractionHeatLoadServed (across both HeatingSystems and HeatPumps) must be less than or equal to 1.

¹¹⁷ The sum of all FractionCoolLoadServed (across both CoolingSystems and HeatPumps) must be less than or equal to 1.

¹¹⁸ ChargeDefectRatio is defined as (InstalledCharge - DesignCharge) / DesignCharge; a value of zero means no refrigerant charge defect. See ANSI/RESNET/ACCA 310-2020 Standard for Grading the Installation of HVAC Systems for more information.

¹¹⁹ AirflowDefectRatio is defined as (InstalledAirflow - DesignAirflow) / DesignAirflow; a value of zero means no airflow defect. See ANSI/RESNET/ACCA 310-2020 Standard for Grading the Installation of HVAC Systems for more information.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
IsSharedSystem	boolean			No	false	Whether it has a shared hy-dronic circulation loop ¹²⁰
DistributionSystem	idref		See ¹²¹	Yes		ID of attached distribution system
HeatingCapacity	double	Btu/hr	>= 0	No	auto-sized	Heating capacity (excluding any backup heating)
CoolingCapacity	double	Btu/hr	>= 0	No	auto-sized	Cooling capacity
CoolingSensibleHeatFraction	double	frac	0 - 1	No		Sensible heat fraction
FractionHeatLoadServed	double	frac	0 - 1 ¹²²	Yes		Fraction of heating load served
FractionCoolLoadServed	double	frac	0 - 1 ¹²³	Yes		Fraction of cooling load served
AnnualCoolingEfficiency[Un-its Served] Value	double	Btu/W-h	> 0	Yes		Rated cooling efficiency
AnnualHeatingEfficiency[Un-its Served] Value	double	W/W	> 0	Yes		Rated heating efficiency
NumberOfUnitsServed	integer		> 0	See ¹²⁴		Number of dwelling units served
extension/ PumpPowerWattsPerTon	double	W/ton	>= 0	No	See ¹²⁵	Pump power ¹²⁶
extension/ SharedLoopWatts	double	W	>= 0	See ¹²⁷		Shared pump power ¹²⁸
extension/ FanPowerWattsPerCFM	double	W/cfm	>= 0	No	See ¹²⁹	Fan power
extension/ AirflowDefectRatio	double	frac	> -1	No	0.0	Deviation between de-sign/installed airflows ¹³⁰
extension/ ChargeDefectRatio	double	frac	0.0 ¹³¹	No	0.0	Deviation between de-sign/installed charges ¹³²

Water-Loop-to-Air Heat Pump

If a water-loop-to-air heat pump is specified, additional information is entered in `HeatPump`.

¹²⁰ IsSharedSystem should be true if the SFA/MF building has multiple ground source heat pumps connected to a shared hydronic circulation loop.

¹²¹ HVACDistribution type must be AirDistribution (type: “regular velocity”) or DSE.

¹²² The sum of all FractionHeatLoadServed (across both HeatingSystems and HeatPumps) must be less than or equal to 1.

¹²³ The sum of all FractionCoolLoadServed (across both CoolingSystems and HeatPumps) must be less than or equal to 1.

¹²⁴ NumberOfUnitsServed only required if IsSharedSystem is true, in which case it must be > 1.

¹²⁵ If PumpPowerWattsPerTon not provided, defaults to 30 W/ton per ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019 for a closed loop system.

¹²⁶ Pump power is calculated using PumpPowerWattsPerTon and the cooling capacity in tons, unless the system only provides heating, in which case the heating capacity in tons is used instead. Any pump power that is shared by multiple dwelling units should be included in SharedLoopWatts, *not* PumpPowerWattsPerTon, so that shared loop pump power attributed to the dwelling unit is calculated.

¹²⁷ SharedLoopWatts only required if IsSharedSystem is true.

¹²⁸ Shared loop pump power attributed to the dwelling unit is calculated as SharedLoopWatts / NumberOfUnitsServed.

¹²⁹ If FanPowerWattsPerCFM not provided, defaulted to 0.5 W/cfm if COP <= 8.75/3.2, else 0.375 W/cfm.

¹³⁰ AirflowDefectRatio is defined as (InstalledAirflow - DesignAirflow) / DesignAirflow; a value of zero means no airflow defect. See ANSI/RESNET/ACCA 310-2020 Standard for Grading the Installation of HVAC Systems for more information.

¹³¹ ChargeDefectRatio currently constrained to zero for ground-to-air heat pumps due to an EnergyPlus limitation; this constraint will be relaxed in the future.

¹³² ChargeDefectRatio is defined as (InstalledCharge - DesignCharge) / DesignCharge; a value of zero means no refrigerant charge defect. See ANSI/RESNET/ACCA 310-2020 Standard for Grading the Installation of HVAC Systems for more information.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
DistributionSystem	idref		See ¹³³	Yes		ID of attached distribution system
HeatingCapacity	double	Btu/hr	> 0	No	auto-sized	Heating capacity
CoolingCapacity	double	Btu/hr	> 0	See ¹³⁴		Cooling capacity
AnnualCoolingEfficiency[Units=DOE Value]	double	"Btu/Wh	> 0	See ¹³⁵		Rated cooling efficiency
AnnualHeatingEfficiency[Units=DOE Value]	double	"W/W	> 0	See ¹³⁶		Rated heating efficiency

Note: If a water loop heat pump is specified, there must be at least one shared heating system (i.e., *Boiler*) and/or one shared cooling system (i.e., *Chiller* or *Cooling Tower*) specified with water loop distribution.

3.6.4 HPXML HVAC Control

If any HVAC systems are specified, a single thermostat is entered as a /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Systems/HVAC/HVACControl.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
extension/ CeilingFanSetpointTempCoolingSeasonOffset	double	F	>= 0	No	0	Cooling setpoint temperature offset ¹³⁷

Thermostat setpoints are additionally entered using either simple inputs or detailed inputs.

Simple Inputs

To define simple thermostat setpoints, additional information is entered in HVACControl.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SetpointTempHeatingSeason	double	F		Yes		Heating setpoint temperature
SetpointTempCoolingSeason	double	F		Yes		Cooling setpoint temperature

If there is a heating temperature setback, additional information is entered in HVACControl.

¹³³ HVACDistribution type must be AirDistribution (type: "regular velocity") or DSE.

¹³⁴ CoolingCapacity required if there is a shared chiller or cooling tower with water loop distribution.

¹³⁵ AnnualCoolingEfficiency required if there is a shared chiller or cooling tower with water loop distribution.

¹³⁶ AnnualHeatingEfficiency required if there is a shared boiler with water loop distribution.

¹³⁷ CeilingFanSetpointTempCoolingSeasonOffset should only be used if there are sufficient ceiling fans present to warrant a reduced cooling setpoint.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SetbackTempHeatingSeason	double	F		Yes		Heating setback temperature
TotalSetbackHoursperWeekHeatingSeason	integer	hrs/week	> 0	Yes		Hours/week of heating temperature setback
extension/ SetbackStartHourHeatingSeason	integer		0 - 23	No	23 (11pm)	Daily setback start hour

If there is a cooling temperature setup, additional information is entered in HVACControl.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SetupTempCoolingSeason	double	F		Yes		Cooling setup temperature
TotalSetupHoursperWeekCoolingSeason	integer	hrs/week	> 0	Yes		Hours/week of cooling temperature setup
extension/ SetupStartHourCoolingSeason	integer		0 - 23	No	9 (9am)	Daily setup start hour

Detailed Inputs

To define detailed thermostat setpoints, additional information is entered in HVACControl.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
extension/ WeekdaySetpointTempsHeatingSeason	array	F		Yes		24 comma-separated weekday heating setpoints
extension/ WeekendSetpointTempsHeatingSeason	array	F		Yes		24 comma-separated weekend heating setpoints
extension/ WeekdaySetpointTempsCoolingSeason	array	F		Yes		24 comma-separated weekday cooling setpoints
extension/ WeekendSetpointTempsCoolingSeason	array	F		Yes		24 comma-separated weekend cooling setpoints

3.6.5 HPXML HVAC Distribution

Each separate HVAC distribution system is entered as a /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Systems/HVAC/HVACDistribution.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
DistributionSystemType	element		1 ¹³⁸	Yes		Type of distribution system
ConditionedFloorAreaServed	double	ft2	> 0	See ¹³⁹		Conditioned floor area served

Note: There should be at most one heating system and one cooling system attached to a distribution system. See *HPXML Heating Systems*, *HPXML Cooling Systems*, and *HPXML Heat Pumps* for information on which DistributionSystemType is allowed for which HVAC system. Also note that some HVAC systems (e.g., room air conditioners) are not allowed to be attached to a distribution system.

Air Distribution

To define an air distribution system, additional information is entered in HVACDistribution/DistributionSystemType/AirDistribution.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
AirDistributionType	string		See ¹⁴⁰	Yes		Type of air distribution
DuctLeakageMeasurement [DuctType="supply"]	element		1	See ¹⁴¹		Supply duct leakage value
DuctLeakageMeasurement [DuctType="return"]	element		1	See ¹⁴²		Return duct leakage value
Ducts	element		>= 0	No		Supply/return ducts ¹⁴³
NumberOfReturnRegisters	integer		>= 0	No	See ¹⁴⁴	Number of return registers

Additional information is entered in each DuctLeakageMeasurement.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
DuctLeakage/Units	string		See ¹⁴⁵	Yes		Duct leakage units
DuctLeakage/Value	double		>= 0 ¹⁴⁶	Yes		Duct leakage value ¹⁴⁷
DuctLeakage/TotalOrToOutside	string		See ¹⁴⁸	Yes		Type of duct leakage (outside conditioned space vs total)

Additional information is entered in each Ducts.

¹³⁸ DistributionSystemType child element choices are AirDistribution, HydronicDistribution, or Other=DSE.

¹³⁹ ConditionedFloorAreaServed required only when DistributionSystemType is AirDistribution and AirDistribution/Ducts are present.

¹⁴⁰ AirDistributionType choices are “regular velocity”, “gravity”, or “fan coil” and are further restricted based on attached HVAC system type (e.g., only “regular velocity” or “gravity” for a furnace, only “fan coil” for a shared boiler, etc.).

¹⁴¹ Supply duct leakage required if AirDistributionType is “regular velocity” or “gravity” and optional if AirDistributionType is “fan coil”.

¹⁴² Return duct leakage required if AirDistributionType is “regular velocity” or “gravity” and optional if AirDistributionType is “fan coil”.

¹⁴³ Provide a Ducts element for each supply duct and each return duct.

¹⁴⁴ If NumberOfReturnRegisters not provided and AirDistribution/Ducts are present, defaults to one return register per conditioned floor per ASHRAE Standard 152, rounded up to the nearest integer if needed.

¹⁴⁵ Units choices are “CFM25” or “Percent”.

¹⁴⁶ Value also must be < 1 if Units is Percent.

¹⁴⁷ If the HVAC system has no return ducts (e.g., a ducted evaporative cooler), use zero for the Value.

¹⁴⁸ TotalOrToOutside only choice is “to outside”.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
DuctInsulationRValue	double	F-ft2-hr/Btu	>= 0	Yes		R-value of duct insulation ¹⁴⁹
DuctSurfaceArea	double	ft2	>= 0	See ¹⁵⁰	See ¹⁵¹	Duct surface area
DuctLocation	string		See ¹⁵²	See ¹⁵³	See ¹⁵⁴	Duct location

Hydronic Distribution

To define a hydronic distribution system, additional information is entered in HVACDistribution/DistributionSystemType/HydronicDistribution.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
HydronicDistributionType	string		See ¹⁵⁵	Yes		Type of hydronic distribution system

Distribution System Efficiency (DSE)

Warning: A simplified DSE model is provided for flexibility, but it is **strongly** recommended to use one of the other detailed distribution system types for better accuracy. Also note that when specifying a DSE system, its effect is reflected in the *Workflow Outputs* but is **not** reflected in the raw EnergyPlus simulation outputs.

To define a DSE system, additional information is entered in HVACDistribution.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
AnnualHeatingDistributionSystemEfficiency	double	Efficiency	Deny	Yes		Seasonal distribution system efficiency for heating
AnnualCoolingDistributionSystemEfficiency	double	Efficiency	Deny	Yes		Seasonal distribution system efficiency for cooling

DSE values can be calculated from [ASHRAE Standard 152](#).

¹⁴⁹ DuctInsulationRValue should not include air films (i.e., use 0 for an uninsulated duct).

¹⁵⁰ DuctSurfaceArea and DuctLocation are either both required or both disallowed.

¹⁵¹ If DuctSurfaceArea not provided, duct areas will be calculated based on [ASHRAE Standard 152](#):

- **Primary supply ducts:** $0.27 * F_{out} * \text{ConditionedFloorAreaServed}$
- **Secondary supply ducts:** $0.27 * (1 - F_{out}) * \text{ConditionedFloorAreaServed}$
- **Primary return ducts:** $b_r * F_{out} * \text{ConditionedFloorAreaServed}$
- **Secondary return ducts:** $b_r * (1 - F_{out}) * \text{ConditionedFloorAreaServed}$

where F_{out} is 1.0 when $\text{NumberOfConditionedFloorsAboveGrade} \leq 1$ and 0.75 when $\text{NumberOfConditionedFloorsAboveGrade} > 1$, and b_r is $0.05 * \text{NumberOfReturnRegisters}$ with a maximum value of 0.25.

¹⁵² DuctLocation choices are “living space”, “basement - conditioned”, “basement - unconditioned”, “crawl space - unvented”, “crawl space - vented”, “attic - unvented”, “attic - vented”, “garage”, “outside”, “exterior wall”, “under slab”, “roof deck”, “other housing unit”, “other heated space”, “other multifamily buffer space”, or “other non-freezing space”. See [HPXML Locations](#) for descriptions.

¹⁵³ DuctLocation and DuctSurfaceArea are either both required or both disallowed.

¹⁵⁴ If DuctLocation not provided, defaults to the first present space type: “basement - conditioned”, “basement - unconditioned”, “crawl space - vented”, “crawl space - unvented”, “attic - vented”, “attic - unvented”, “garage”, or “living space”. Any secondary ducts (i.e., when $\text{NumberOfConditionedFloorsAboveGrade} > 1$) will always be located in “living space”.

¹⁵⁵ HydronicDistributionType choices are “radiator”, “baseboard”, “radiant floor”, or “radiant ceiling”.

3.6.6 HPXML Whole Ventilation Fan

Each mechanical ventilation system that provides ventilation to the whole dwelling unit is entered as a `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Systems/MechanicalVentilation/VentilationFans/VentilationFan`. If not entered, the simulation will not include mechanical ventilation.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
UsedForWholeBuildingVentilation	boolean		true	Yes		Must be set to true
IsSharedSystem	boolean		See ¹⁵⁶	No	false	Whether it serves multiple dwelling units
FanType	string		See ¹⁵⁷	Yes		Type of ventilation system
TestedFlowRate RatedFlowRate	or double	cfm	>= 0	Yes		Flow rate ¹⁵⁸
HoursInOperation	double	hrs/day	0 - 24	No	See ¹⁵⁹	Hours per day of operation
FanPower	double	W	>= 0	Yes		Fan power

Exhaust/Supply Only

If a supply only or exhaust only system is specified, no additional information is entered.

Balanced

If a balanced system is specified, no additional information is entered.

Heat Recovery Ventilator

If a heat recovery ventilator system is specified, additional information is entered in `VentilationFan`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SensibleRecoveryEfficiency AdjustedSensibleRecoveryEfficiency	or double	frac	0 - 1	Yes		(Adjusted) Sensible recovery efficiency

Energy Recovery Ventilator

If an energy recovery ventilator system is specified, additional information is entered in `VentilationFan`.

¹⁵⁶ For central fan integrated supply systems, `IsSharedSystem` must be false.

¹⁵⁷ `FanType` choices are “energy recovery ventilator”, “heat recovery ventilator”, “exhaust only”, “supply only”, “balanced”, or “central fan integrated supply”.

¹⁵⁸ For a central fan integrated supply system, the flow rate should equal the amount of outdoor air provided to the distribution system.

¹⁵⁹ If `HoursInOperation` not provided, defaults to 24 (i.e., running continuously) for all system types other than central fan integrated supply (CFIS), and 8.0 (i.e., running intermittently) for CFIS systems.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
TotalRecoveryEfficiency AdjustedTotalRecoveryEfficiency	or double	frac	0 - 1	Yes		(Adjusted) Total re-covery efficiency
SensibleRecoveryEfficiency AdjustedSensibleRecoveryEfficiency	or double	frac	0 - 1	Yes		(Adjusted) Sensible recovery efficiency

Central Fan Integrated Supply

If a central fan integrated supply system is specified, additional information is entered in `VentilationFan`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
AttachedToHVACDistributionSystem	string		See ¹⁶⁰	Yes		ID of attached distribution system

Shared System

If the specified system is a shared system (i.e., serving multiple dwelling units), additional information is entered in `VentilationFan`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
FractionRecirculation	double	frac	0 - 1	Yes		Fraction of supply air that is recirculated ¹⁶¹
extension/ InUnitFlowRate	double	cfm	≥ 0 ¹⁶²	Yes		Flow rate delivered to the dwelling unit
extension/ PreHeating	element		0 - 1	No	<none>	Supply air preconditioned by heating equipment? ¹⁶³
extension/ PreCooling	element		0 - 1	No	<none>	Supply air preconditioned by cooling equipment? ¹⁶⁴

If pre-heating is specified, additional information is entered in `extension/PreHeating`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
Fuel	string		See ¹⁶⁵	Yes		Pre-heating equipment fuel type
AnnualHeatingEfficiencyValue	double	Units: W/W _{HP}	≥ 0	Yes		Pre-heating equipment annual COP
FractionVentilationHeatingLoadServed	double	frac	0 - 1	Yes		Fraction of ventilation heating load served by pre-heating equipment

¹⁶⁰ HVACDistribution type cannot be HydronicDistribution.

¹⁶¹ 1-FractionRecirculation is assumed to be the fraction of supply air that is provided from outside. The value must be 0 for exhaust only systems.

¹⁶² InUnitFlowRate must also be < TestedFlowRate (or RatedFlowRate).

¹⁶³ PreHeating not allowed for exhaust only systems.

¹⁶⁴ PreCooling not allowed for exhaust only systems.

If pre-cooling is specified, additional information is entered in extension/PreCooling.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
Fuel	string		See ¹⁶⁶	Yes		Pre-cooling equipment fuel type
AnnualCoolingEfficiencyValue	double	Units W/W	> 0	Yes		Pre-cooling equipment annual COP
FractionVentilationCoolingLoadServed	double	frac	0 - 1	Yes		Fraction of ventilation cooling load served by pre-cooling equipment

3.6.7 HPXML Local Ventilation Fan

Each kitchen range fan or bathroom fan that provides local ventilation is entered as a /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Systems/MechanicalVentilation/VentilationFans/VentilationFan. If not entered, the simulation will not include kitchen/bathroom fans.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
UsedForLocalVentilation	boolean		true	Yes		Must be set to true
Quantity	inte-ger		>= 0	No	See ¹⁶⁷	Number of identical fans
RatedFlowRate	double	cfm	>= 0	No	See ¹⁶⁸	Flow rate
HoursInOperation	double	hrs/day	0 - 24	No	See ¹⁶⁹	Hours per day of operation
FanLocation	string		See ¹⁷⁰	Yes		Location of the fan
FanPower	double	W	>= 0	No	See ¹⁷¹	Fan power
extension/StartHour	inte-ger		0 - 23	No	See ¹⁷²	Daily start hour of operation

3.6.8 HPXML Whole House Fan

Each whole house fan that provides cooling load reduction is entered as a /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Systems/MechanicalVentilation/VentilationFans/VentilationFan. If not entered, the simulation will not include whole house fans.

¹⁶⁵ Fuel choices are “natural gas”, “fuel oil”, “fuel oil 1”, “fuel oil 2”, “fuel oil 4”, “fuel oil 5/6”, “diesel”, “propane”, “kerosene”, “coal”, “coke”, “bituminous coal”, “anthracite coal”, “electricity”, “wood”, or “wood pellets”.

¹⁶⁶ Fuel only choice is “electricity”.

¹⁶⁷ If Quantity not provided, defaults to 1 for kitchen fans and NumberofBathrooms for bath fans based on the 2010 BAHSP.

¹⁶⁸ If RatedFlowRate not provided, defaults to 100 cfm for kitchen fans and 50 cfm for bath fans based on the 2010 BAHSP.

¹⁶⁹ If HoursInOperation not provided, defaults to 1 based on the 2010 BAHSP.

¹⁷⁰ FanLocation choices are “kitchen” or “bath”.

¹⁷¹ If FanPower not provided, defaults to 0.3 W/cfm * RatedFlowRate based on the 2010 BAHSP.

¹⁷² If StartHour not provided, defaults to 18 for kitchen fans and 7 for bath fans based on the 2010 BAHSP.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
UsedForSeasonalCoolingLoadReduction	boolean		true	Yes		Must be set to true
RatedFlowRate	double	cfm	≥ 0	Yes		Flow rate
FanPower	double	W	≥ 0	Yes		Fan power

Note: The whole house fan is assumed to operate during hours of favorable outdoor conditions and will take priority over operable windows (natural ventilation).

3.6.9 HPXML Water Heating Systems

Each water heater is entered as a /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Systems/WaterHeating/WaterHeatingSystem. If not entered, the simulation will not include water heating.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
IsSharedSystem	boolean			No	false	Whether it serves multiple dwelling units or shared laundry room
WaterHeaterType	string		See ¹⁷³	Yes		Type of water heater
Location	string		See ¹⁷⁴	No	See ¹⁷⁵	Water heater location
FractionDHWLoadServed	double	frac	$0 - 1$ ¹⁷⁶	Yes		Fraction of hot water load served ¹⁷⁷
HotWaterTemperature	double	F	> 0	No	125	Water heater setpoint
UsesDesuperheater	boolean			No	false	Presence of desuperheater?
NumberOfUnitsServed	integer		> 0	See ¹⁷⁸		Number of dwelling units served directly or indirectly

¹⁷³ WaterHeaterType choices are “storage water heater”, “instantaneous water heater”, “heat pump water heater”, “space-heating boiler with storage tank”, or

Conventional Storage

If a conventional storage water heater is specified, additional information is entered in `WaterHeatingSystem`.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
FuelType	string		See ¹⁷⁹	Yes		Fuel type
TankVolume	double	gal	> 0	No	See ¹⁸⁰	Tank volume
HeatingCapacity	double	Btuh	> 0	No	See ¹⁸¹	Heating capacity
UniformEnergyFactor or EnergyFactor	double	frac	< 1	Yes		EnergyGuide label rated efficiency
FirstHourRating	double	gal/hr	> 0	See ¹⁸²		EnergyGuide label first hour rating
RecoveryEfficiency	double	frac	0 - 1	No	See ¹⁸³	Recovery efficiency
WaterHeaterJacket/ JacketRValue	double	F-ft ² -hr/Btu	>= 0	No	0	R-value of additional tank insulation wrap

Tankless

If an instantaneous tankless water heater is specified, additional information is entered in `WaterHeatingSystem`.

“space-heating boiler with tankless coil”.

¹⁷⁴ Location choices are “living space”, “basement - unconditioned”, “basement - conditioned”, “attic - unvented”, “attic - vented”, “garage”, “crawl space - unvented”, “crawl space - vented”, “other exterior”, “other housing unit”, “other heated space”, “other multifamily buffer space”, or “other non-freezing space”. See *HPXML Locations* for descriptions.

¹⁷⁵ If Location not provided, defaults to the first present space type:

- **IECC zones 1-3, excluding 3A:** “garage”, “living space”
- **IECC zones 3A, 4-8, unknown:** “basement - conditioned”, “basement - unconditioned”, “living space”

¹⁷⁶ The sum of all `FractionDHWLoadServed` (across all `WaterHeatingSystems`) must equal to 1.

¹⁷⁷ `FractionDHWLoadServed` represents only the fraction of the hot water load associated with the hot water **fixtures**. Additional hot water load from clothes washers/dishwashers will be automatically assigned to the appropriate water heater(s).

¹⁷⁸ `NumberOfUnitsServed` only required if `IsSharedSystem` is true, in which case it must be > 1.

¹⁷⁹ `FuelType` choices are “natural gas”, “fuel oil”, “fuel oil 1”, “fuel oil 2”, “fuel oil 4”, “fuel oil 5/6”, “diesel”, “propane”, “kerosene”, “coal”, “coke”, “bituminous coal”, “anthracite coal”, “electricity”, “wood”, or “wood pellets”.

¹⁸⁰ If `TankVolume` not provided, defaults based on Table 8 in the 2014 BAHSP.

¹⁸¹ If `HeatingCapacity` not provided, defaults based on Table 8 in the 2014 BAHSP.

¹⁸² `FirstHourRating` only required if `UniformEnergyFactor` provided.

¹⁸³ If `RecoveryEfficiency` not provided, defaults as follows based on a regression analysis of AHRI certified water heaters:

- **Electric:** 0.98
- **Non-electric, EnergyFactor < 0.75:** $0.252 * \text{EnergyFactor} + 0.608$
- **Non-electric, EnergyFactor >= 0.75:** $0.561 * \text{EnergyFactor} + 0.439$

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
FuelType	string		See ¹⁸⁴	Yes		Fuel type
PerformanceAdjustment	double	frac		No	See ¹⁸⁵	Multiplier on efficiency, typically to account for cycling
UniformEnergyFactor or EnergyFactor	double	frac	< 1	Yes		EnergyGuide label rated efficiency

Heat Pump

If a heat pump water heater is specified, additional information is entered in `WaterHeatingSystem`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
FuelType	string		See ¹⁸⁶	Yes		Fuel type
TankVolume	double	gal	> 0	Yes		Tank volume
UniformEnergyFactor or EnergyFactor	double	frac	> 1	Yes		EnergyGuide label rated efficiency
FirstHourRating	double	gal/hr	> 0	See ¹⁸⁷		EnergyGuide label first hour rating
WaterHeaterInsulation/Jacket/JacketRValue	double	F-ft2-hr/Btu	>= 0	No	0	R-value of additional tank insulation wrap

Combi Boiler w/ Storage

If a combination boiler w/ storage tank (sometimes referred to as an indirect water heater) is specified, additional information is entered in `WaterHeatingSystem`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
RelatedHVACSystem	idref		See ¹⁸⁸	Yes		ID of boiler
TankVolume	double	gal	> 0	Yes		Volume of the storage tank
WaterHeaterInsulation/Jacket/JacketRValue	double	F-ft2-hr/Btu	>= 0	No	0	R-value of additional storage tank insulation wrap
StandbyLoss	double	F/hr	> 0	No	See ¹⁸⁹	Storage tank standby losses

¹⁸⁴ FuelType choices are “natural gas”, “fuel oil”, “fuel oil 1”, “fuel oil 2”, “fuel oil 4”, “fuel oil 5/6”, “diesel”, “propane”, “kerosene”, “coal”, “coke”, “bituminous coal”, “anthracite coal”, “electricity”, “wood”, or “wood pellets”.

¹⁸⁵ If PerformanceAdjustment not provided, defaults to 0.94 (UEF) or 0.92 (EF) based on ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019.

¹⁸⁶ FuelType only choice is “electricity”.

¹⁸⁷ FirstHourRating only required if UniformEnergyFactor provided.

¹⁸⁸ RelatedHVACSystem must reference a HeatingSystem of type Boiler.

¹⁸⁹ If StandbyLoss not provided, defaults based on a regression analysis of AHRI Directory of Certified Product Performance.

Combi Boiler w/ Tankless Coil

If a combination boiler w/ tankless coil is specified, additional information is entered in `WaterHeatingSystem`.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
<code>RelatedHVACSystem</code>	<code>idref</code>		See ¹⁹⁰	Yes		ID of boiler

Desuperheater

If the water heater uses a desuperheater, additional information is entered in `WaterHeatingSystem`.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
<code>RelatedHVACSystem</code>	<code>idref</code>		See ¹⁹¹	Yes		ID of heat pump or air conditioner

3.6.10 HPXML Hot Water Distribution

If any water heating systems are provided, a single hot water distribution system is entered as a `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Systems/WaterHeating/HotWaterDistribution`.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
<code>SystemIdentifier</code>	<code>id</code>			Yes		Unique identifier
<code>SystemType</code>	<code>element</code>		1 ¹⁹²	Yes		Type of in-unit distribution system serving the dwelling unit
<code>PipeInsulation/PipeRValue</code>	<code>double</code>	<code>F-ft2-hr/Btu</code>	<code>>= 0</code>	No	0.0	Pipe insulation R-value
<code>DrainWaterHeatRecovery</code>	<code>element</code>		<code>0 - 1</code>	No	<code><none></code>	Presence of drain water heat recovery device
<code>extension/SharedRecirculation</code>	<code>element</code>		<code>0 - 1</code> ¹⁹³	No	<code><none></code>	Presence of shared recirculation system serving multiple dwelling units

Note: In attached/multifamily buildings, only the hot water distribution system serving the dwelling unit should be defined. The hot water distribution associated with, e.g., a shared laundry room should not be defined.

Standard

If the in-unit distribution system is specified as standard, additional information is entered in `SystemType/Standard`.

¹⁹⁰ `RelatedHVACSystem` must reference a `HeatingSystem` (Boiler).

¹⁹¹ `RelatedHVACSystem` must reference a `HeatPump` (air-to-air, mini-split, or ground-to-air) or `CoolingSystem` (central air conditioner or mini-split).

¹⁹² `SystemType` child element choices are `Standard` and `Recirculation`.

¹⁹³ If `SharedRecirculation` is provided, `SystemType` must be `Standard`. This is because a stacked recirculation system (i.e., shared recirculation loop plus an additional in-unit recirculation system) is more likely to indicate input errors than reflect an actual real-world scenario.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
PipingLength	double	ft	> 0	No	See ¹⁹⁴	Length of piping ¹⁹⁵

Recirculation

If the in-unit distribution system is specified as recirculation, additional information is entered in `SystemType/Recirculation`.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
ControlType	string		See ¹⁹⁶	Yes		Recirculation control type
RecirculationPipingLoopLength	double	ft	> 0	No	See ¹⁹⁷	Recirculation piping loop length ¹⁹⁸
BranchPipingLoopLength	double	ft	> 0	No	10	Branch piping loop length ¹⁹⁹
PumpPower	double	W	>= 0	No	50 ²⁰⁰	Recirculation pump power

Shared Recirculation

If a shared recirculation system is specified, additional information is entered in `extension/SharedRecirculation`.

¹⁹⁴

If PipingLength not provided, calculated using the following equation from ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019:

$$\text{PipeL} = 2.0 * (\text{CFA} / \text{NCfl})^{0.5} + 10.0 * \text{NCfl} + 5.0 * \text{Bsmnt}$$

where

CFA = conditioned floor area [ft²],

NCfl = number of conditioned floor levels number of conditioned floor levels in the residence including conditioned basements,

Bsmnt = presence (1.0) or absence (0.0) of an unconditioned basement in the residence.

¹⁹⁵ PipingLength is the length of hot water piping from the hot water heater (or from a shared recirculation loop serving multiple dwelling units) to the farthest hot water fixture, measured longitudinally from plans, assuming the hot water piping does not run diagonally, plus 10 feet of piping for each floor level, plus 5 feet of piping for unconditioned basements (if any).

¹⁹⁶ ControlType choices are “manual demand control”, “presence sensor demand control”, “temperature”, “timer”, or “no control”.

¹⁹⁷

If RecirculationPipingLoopLength not provided, calculated using the following equation from ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019:

$$\text{RecircPipeL} = 2.0 * (2.0 * (\text{CFA} / \text{NCfl})^{0.5} + 10.0 * \text{NCfl} + 5.0 * \text{Bsmnt}) - 20.0$$

where

CFA = conditioned floor area [ft²],

NCfl = number of conditioned floor levels number of conditioned floor levels in the residence including conditioned basements,

Bsmnt = presence (1.0) or absence (0.0) of an unconditioned basement in the residence.

¹⁹⁸ RecirculationPipingLoopLength is the recirculation loop length including both supply and return sides, measured longitudinally from plans, assuming the hot water piping does not run diagonally, plus 20 feet of piping for each floor level greater than one plus 10 feet of piping for unconditioned basements.

¹⁹⁹ BranchPipingLoopLength is the length of the branch hot water piping from the recirculation loop to the farthest hot water fixture from the recirculation loop, measured longitudinally from plans, assuming the branch hot water piping does not run diagonally.

²⁰⁰ PumpPower default based on ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
NumberOfUnitsServed	integer		> 1	Yes		Number of dwelling units served
PumpPower	double	W	>= 0	No	220 ²⁰¹	Shared recirculation pump power
ControlType	string		See ²⁰²	Yes		Shared recirculation control type

Drain Water Heat Recovery

If a drain water heat recovery (DWHR) device is specified, additional information is entered in `DrainWaterHeatRecovery`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
FacilitiesConnected	string		See ²⁰³	Yes		Specifies which facilities are connected
EqualFlow	boolean			Yes		Specifies how the DHWR is configured ²⁰⁴
Efficiency	double	frac	0 - 1	Yes		Efficiency according to CSA 55.1

3.6.11 HPXML Water Fixtures

Each water fixture is entered as a `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Systems/WaterHeating/WaterFixture`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
WaterFixtureType	string		See ²⁰⁵	Yes		Type of water fixture
LowFlow	boolean			Yes		Whether the fixture is considered low-flow ²⁰⁶

In addition, a `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Systems/WaterHeating/extension/WaterFixturesUsageMultiplier` can be optionally provided that scales hot water usage. If not provided, it is assumed to be 1.0.

²⁰¹ PumpPower default based on ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019.

²⁰² ControlType choices are “manual demand control”, “presence sensor demand control”, “timer”, or “no control”.

²⁰³ FacilitiesConnected choices are “one” or “all”. Use “one” if there are multiple showers and only one of them is connected to the DWHR. Use “all” if there is one shower and it’s connected to the DWHR or there are two or more showers connected to the DWHR.

²⁰⁴ EqualFlow should be true if the DWHR supplies pre-heated water to both the fixture cold water piping and the hot water heater potable supply piping.

²⁰⁵ WaterFixtureType choices are “shower head” or “faucet”.

²⁰⁶ LowFlow should be true if the fixture’s flow rate (gpm) is <= 2.0.

3.6.12 HPXML Solar Thermal

A single solar hot water system can be entered as a `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Systems/SolarThermal/SolarThermalSystem`. If not entered, the simulation will not include solar hot water.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
SystemType	string		See ²⁰⁷	Yes		Type of solar thermal system

Solar hot water systems can be described with either simple or detailed inputs.

Simple Inputs

To define a simple solar hot water system, additional information is entered in `SolarThermalSystem`.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
SolarFraction	double	frac	0 - 1	Yes		Solar fraction ²⁰⁸
ConnectedTo	idref		See ²⁰⁹	No ²¹⁰	<none>	Connected water heater

Detailed Inputs

To define a detailed solar hot water system, additional information is entered in `SolarThermalSystem`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
CollectorArea	double	ft2	> 0	Yes		Area
CollectorLoopType	string		See ²¹¹	Yes		Loop type
CollectorType	string		See ²¹²	Yes		System type
CollectorAzimuth	integer	deg	0 - 359	Yes		Azimuth (clockwise from North)
CollectorTilt	double	deg	0 - 90	Yes		Tilt relative to horizontal
CollectorRatedOpticalEfficiency	double	frac	0 - 1	Yes		Rated optical efficiency ²¹³
CollectorRatedThermalLoss	double	Btu/hr-ft2-R	> 0	Yes		Rated thermal losses ²¹⁴
StorageVolume	double	gal	> 0	No	See ²¹⁵	Hot water storage volume
ConnectedTo	idref		See ²¹⁶	Yes		Connected water heater

²⁰⁷ SystemType only choice is "hot water".

²⁰⁸ Portion of total conventional hot water heating load (delivered energy plus tank standby losses). Can be obtained from [Directory of SRCC OG-300 Solar Water Heating System Ratings](#) or [NREL's System Advisor Model](#) or equivalent.

²⁰⁹ ConnectedTo must reference a `WaterHeatingSystem`. The referenced water heater cannot be a space-heating boiler nor attached to a desuperheater.

²¹⁰ If ConnectedTo not provided, solar fraction will apply to all water heaters in the building.

3.6.13 HPXML Photovoltaics

Each solar electric photovoltaic (PV) system is entered as a /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Systems/Photovoltaics/PVSystem. If not entered, the simulation will not include photovoltaics.

Many of the inputs are adopted from the [PVWatts](#) model.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
IsSharedSystem	boolean			No	false	Whether it serves multiple dwelling units
Location	string		See ²¹⁷	No	roof	Mounting location
ModuleType	string		See ²¹⁸	No	standard	Type of module
Tracking	string		See ²¹⁹	No	fixed	Type of tracking
ArrayAzimuth	integer	deg	0 - 359	Yes		Direction panels face (clockwise from North)
ArrayTilt	double	deg	0 - 90	Yes		Tilt relative to horizontal
MaxPowerOutput	double	W	>= 0	Yes		Peak power
InverterEfficiency	double	frac	0 - 1	No	0.96	Inverter efficiency
SystemLossesFraction or YearModulesManufactured	double or integer	frac or #	0 - 1 or > 1600	No	0.14	System losses ²²⁰
extension/ NumberofBedroomsServed	integer		> 1	See ²²¹		Number of bedrooms served

3.6.14 HPXML Generators

Each generator that provides on-site power is entered as a /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Systems/extension/Generators/Generator. If not entered, the simulation will not include generators.

²¹¹ CollectorLoopType choices are “liquid indirect”, “liquid direct”, or “passive thermosyphon”.

²¹² CollectorType choices are “single glazing black”, “double glazing black”, “evacuated tube”, or “integrated collector storage”.

²¹³ CollectorRatedOpticalEfficiency is FRTA (y-intercept) from the [Directory of SRCC OG-100 Certified Solar Collector Ratings](#).

²¹⁴ CollectorRatedThermalLosses is FRUL (slope) from the [Directory of SRCC OG-100 Certified Solar Collector Ratings](#).

²¹⁵ If StorageVolume not provided, calculated as 1.5 gal/ft2 * CollectorArea.

²¹⁶ ConnectedTo must reference a WaterHeatingSystem that is not of type space-heating boiler nor connected to a desuperheater.

²¹⁷ Location choices are “ground” or “roof” mounted.

²¹⁸ ModuleType choices are “standard”, “premium”, or “thin film”.

²¹⁹ Tracking choices are “fixed”, “1-axis”, “1-axis backtracked”, or “2-axis”.

²²⁰ System losses due to soiling, shading, snow, mismatch, wiring, degradation, etc. If YearModulesManufactured provided but not SystemLossesFraction, system losses calculated as: $\text{SystemLossesFraction} = 1.0 - (1.0 - 0.14) * (1.0 - (1.0 - 0.995^{(\text{CurrentYear} - \text{YearModulesManufactured}))})$.

²²¹ NumberofBedroomsServed only required if IsSharedSystem is true, in which case it must be > NumberofBedrooms. PV generation will be apportioned to the dwelling unit using its number of bedrooms divided by the total number of bedrooms served by the PV system.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
IsSharedSystem	boolean			No	false	Whether it serves multiple dwelling units
FuelType	string		See ²²²	Yes		Fuel type
AnnualConsumptionkBtu	double	kBtu/yr	> 0	Yes		Annual fuel consumed
AnnualOutputkWh	double	kWh/yr	> 0 ²²³	Yes		Annual electricity produced
NumberOfBedroomsServed	integer		> 1	See ²²⁴		Number of bedrooms served

Note: Generators will be modeled as operating continuously (24/7).

3.7 HPXML Appliances

Appliances entered in /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Appliances.

3.7.1 HPXML Clothes Washer

A single clothes washer can be entered as a /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Appliances/ClothesWasher. If not entered, the simulation will not include a clothes washer.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
IsSharedAppliance	boolean			No	false	Whether it serves multiple dwelling units ²²⁵
Location	string		See ²²⁶	No	living space	Location
IntegratedModifiedEnergyFactor or ModifiedEnergyFactor	double	ft ³ /kWh/cy ⁰	> 0	No	See ²²⁷	EnergyGuide label efficiency ²²⁸
AttachedToWaterHeatingSystem	idref		See ²²⁹	See ²³⁰		ID of attached water heater
extension/UsageMultiplier	double		>= 0	No	1.0	Multiplier on energy & hot water usage

²²² FuelType choices are “natural gas” or “propane”.

²²³ AnnualOutputkWh must also be < AnnualConsumptionkBtu*3.412 (i.e., the generator must consume more energy than it produces).

²²⁴ NumberOfBedroomsServed only required if IsSharedSystem is true, in which case it must be > NumberOfBedrooms. Annual consumption and annual production will be apportioned to the dwelling unit using its number of bedrooms divided by the total number of bedrooms served by the generator.

²²⁵ For example, a clothes washer in a shared laundry room of a MF building.

²²⁶ Location choices are “living space”, “basement - conditioned”, “basement - unconditioned”, “garage”, “other housing unit”, “other heated space”, “other multifamily buffer space”, or “other non-freezing space”. See *HPXML Locations* for descriptions.

²²⁷ If neither IntegratedModifiedEnergyFactor nor ModifiedEnergyFactor provided, the following default values representing a standard clothes washer from 2006 will be used: IntegratedModifiedEnergyFactor = 1.0, RatedAnnualkWh = 400, LabelElectricRate = 0.12, LabelGasRate = 1.09, LabelAnnualGasCost =

If `IntegratedModifiedEnergyFactor` or `ModifiedEnergyFactor` is provided, a complete set of `EnergyGuide` label information is entered in `ClothesWasher`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
<code>RatedAnnualkWh</code>	double	kWh/yr	> 0	Yes		EnergyGuide label annual consumption
<code>LabelElectricRate</code>	double	\$/kWh	> 0	Yes		EnergyGuide label electricity rate
<code>LabelGasRate</code>	double	\$/therm	> 0	Yes		EnergyGuide label natural gas rate
<code>LabelAnnualGasCost</code>	double	\$	> 0	Yes		EnergyGuide label annual gas cost
<code>LabelUsage</code>	double	cyc/wk	> 0	Yes		EnergyGuide label number of cycles
<code>Capacity</code>	double	ft ³	> 0	Yes		Clothes dryer volume

Clothes washer energy use and hot water use is calculated per the Energy Rating Rated Home in [ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019 Addendum A](#).

3.7.2 HPXML Clothes Dryer

A single clothes dryer can be entered as a `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Appliances/ClothesDryer`. If not entered, the simulation will not include a clothes dryer.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
<code>SystemIdentifier</code>	id			Yes		Unique identifier
<code>IsSharedAppliance</code>	boolean			No	false	Whether it serves multiple dwelling units ²³¹
<code>Location</code>	string		See ²³²	No	living space	Location
<code>FuelType</code>	string		See ²³³	Yes		Fuel type
<code>CombinedEnergyFactor</code> or <code>EnergyFactor</code>	double	lb/kWh	> 0	No	See ²³⁴	EnergyGuide label efficiency ²³⁵
<code>extension/UsageMultiplier</code>	double		>= 0	No	1.0	Multiplier on energy use
<code>extension/IsVented</code>	boolean			No	true	Whether dryer is vented
<code>extension/VentedFlowRate</code>	double	cfm	>= 0	See ²³⁶	100 ²³⁷	Exhaust flow rate during operation

27.0, `LabelUsage` = 6, `Capacity` = 3.0.

²²⁸ If `ModifiedEnergyFactor` (MEF) provided instead of `IntegratedModifiedEnergyFactor` (IMEF), it will be converted using the [Interpretation on ANSI/RESNET 301-2014 Clothes Washer IMEF](#): $IMEF = (MEF - 0.503) / 0.95$.

²²⁹ `AttachedToWaterHeatingSystem` must reference a `WaterHeatingSystem`.

²³⁰ `AttachedToWaterHeatingSystem` only required if `IsSharedAppliance` is true.

²³¹ For example, a clothes dryer in a shared laundry room of a MF building.

²³² Location choices are “living space”, “basement - conditioned”, “basement - unconditioned”, “garage”, “other housing unit”, “other heated space”, “other multifamily buffer space”, or “other non-freezing space”. See [HPXML Locations](#) for descriptions.

²³³ `FuelType` choices are “natural gas”, “fuel oil”, “fuel oil 1”, “fuel oil 2”, “fuel oil 4”, “fuel oil 5/6”, “diesel”, “propane”, “kerosene”, “coal”, “coke”, “bituminous coal”, “anthracite coal”, “electricity”, “wood”, or “wood pellets”.

²³⁴ If neither `CombinedEnergyFactor` nor `EnergyFactor` provided, the following default values representing a standard clothes dryer from 2006 will be used:

Clothes dryer energy use is calculated per the Energy Rating Rated Home in [ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019 Addendum A](#).

3.7.3 HPXML Dishwasher

A single dishwasher can be entered as a `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Appliances/Dishwasher`. If not entered, the simulation will not include a dishwasher.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	Default	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
IsSharedAppliance	boolean			No	false	Whether it serves multiple dwelling units ²³⁸
Location	string		See ²³⁹	No	living space	Location
RatedAnnualkWh or EnergyFactor	double	kWh/yr or #	> 0	No	See ²⁴⁰	EnergyGuide label consumption/efficiency ²⁴¹
AttachedToWaterHeatingSystem	idref		See ²⁴²	See ²⁴³		ID of attached water heater
extension/UsageMultiplier	double		>= 0	No	1.0	Multiplier on energy & hot water usage

If the `RatedAnnualkWh` or `EnergyFactor` is provided, a complete set of EnergyGuide label information is entered in `Dishwasher`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
LabelElectricRate	double	\$/kWh	> 0	Yes		EnergyGuide label electricity rate
LabelGasRate	double	\$/therm	> 0	Yes		EnergyGuide label natural gas rate
LabelAnnualGasCost	double	\$	> 0	Yes		EnergyGuide label annual gas cost
LabelUsage	double	cyc/wk	> 0	Yes		EnergyGuide label number of cycles
PlaceSettingCapacity	integer	#	> 0	Yes		Number of place settings

Dishwasher energy use and hot water use is calculated per the Energy Rating Rated Home in [ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019 Addendum A](#).

CombinedEnergyFactor = 3.01.

²³⁵ If EnergyFactor (EF) provided instead of CombinedEnergyFactor (CEF), it will be converted using the following equation based on the [Interpretation on ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2014 Clothes Dryer CEF](#): $CEF = EF / 1.15$.

²³⁶ VentedFlowRate only required if IsVented is true.

²³⁷ VentedFlowRate default based on the 2010 BAHSP.

²³⁸ For example, a dishwasher in a shared mechanical room of a MF building.

²³⁹ Location choices are “living space”, “basement - conditioned”, “basement - unconditioned”, “garage”, “other housing unit”, “other heated space”, “other multifamily buffer space”, or “other non-freezing space”. See [HPXML Locations](#) for descriptions.

²⁴⁰ If neither RatedAnnualkWh nor EnergyFactor provided, the following default values representing a standard dishwasher from 2006 will be used: RatedAnnualkWh = 467, LabelElectricRate = 0.12, LabelGasRate = 1.09, LabelAnnualGasCost = 33.12, LabelUsage = 4, PlaceSettingCapacity = 12.

²⁴¹ If EnergyFactor (EF) provided instead of RatedAnnualkWh, it will be converted using the following equation based on [ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2014](#): $RatedAnnualkWh = 215.0 / EF$.

²⁴² AttachedToWaterHeatingSystem must reference a WaterHeatingSystem.

²⁴³ AttachedToWaterHeatingSystem only required if IsSharedAppliance is true.

3.7.4 HPXML Refrigerators

Each refrigerator can be entered as a /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Appliances/Refrigerator. If not entered, the simulation will not include a refrigerator.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
Location	string		See ²⁴⁴	No	See ²⁴⁵	Location
RatedAnnualkWh or extension/ AdjustedAnnualkWh	dou- ble	kWh/yr	> 0	No	See ²⁴⁶	Annual consumption
PrimaryIndicator	boolean			See ²⁴⁷		Primary refrigerator?
extension/UsageMultiplier	dou- ble		>= 0	No	1.0	Multiplier on energy use
extension/ WeekdayScheduleFractions	ar- ray			No	See ²⁴⁸	24 comma-separated weekday fractions
extension/ WeekendScheduleFractions	ar- ray			No		24 comma-separated weekend fractions
extension/ MonthlyScheduleMultipliers	ar- ray			No	See ²⁴⁹	12 comma-separated monthly multipliers

3.7.5 HPXML Freezers

Each standalone freezer can be entered as a /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Appliances/Freezer. If not entered, the simulation will not include a standalone freezer.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
Location	string		See ²⁵⁰	No	See ²⁵¹	Location
RatedAnnualkWh or extension/ AdjustedAnnualkWh	dou- ble	kWh/yr	> 0	No	319.8 ²⁵²	Annual consumption
extension/UsageMultiplier	dou- ble		>= 0	No	1.0	Multiplier on energy use
extension/ WeekdayScheduleFractions	ar- ray			No	See ²⁵³	24 comma-separated weekday fractions
extension/ WeekendScheduleFractions	ar- ray			No		24 comma-separated weekend fractions
extension/ MonthlyScheduleMultipliers	ar- ray			No	See ²⁵⁴	12 comma-separated monthly multipliers

²⁴⁴ Location choices are “living space”, “basement - conditioned”, “basement - unconditioned”, “garage”, “other housing unit”, “other heated space”, “other multifamily buffer space”, or “other non-freezing space”. See *HPXML Locations* for descriptions.

²⁴⁵ If Location not provided and is the *primary* refrigerator, defaults to “living space”. If Location not provided and is a *secondary* refrigerator, defaults to the first present space type: “garage”, “basement - unconditioned”, “basement - conditioned”, or “living space”.

²⁴⁶ If neither RatedAnnualkWh nor AdjustedAnnualkWh provided, it will be defaulted to represent a standard refrigerator from 2006 using the following equation based on ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019: RatedAnnualkWh = 637.0 + 18.0 * NumberofBedrooms.

²⁴⁷ If multiple refrigerators are specified, there must be exactly one refrigerator described with PrimaryIndicator=true.

²⁴⁸ If WeekdayScheduleFractions or WeekendScheduleFractions not provided, default values from Figure 16 of the 2010 BAHSP are used: “0.040, 0.039, 0.038, 0.037, 0.036, 0.036, 0.038, 0.040, 0.041, 0.041, 0.040, 0.040, 0.042, 0.042, 0.042, 0.041, 0.044, 0.048, 0.050, 0.048, 0.047, 0.046, 0.044, 0.041”.

²⁴⁹ If MonthlyScheduleMultipliers not provided, default values from Figure 24 of the 2010 BAHSP are used: “0.837, 0.835, 1.084, 1.084, 1.084, 1.096, 1.096, 1.096, 1.096, 0.931, 0.925, 0.837”.

3.7.6 HPXML Dehumidifier

Each dehumidifier can be entered as a `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Appliances/Dehumidifier`. If not entered, the simulation will not include a dehumidifier.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
Type	string		See ²⁵⁵	Yes		Type of dehumidifier
Location	string		See ²⁵⁶	Yes		Location of dehumidifier
Capacity	double	pints/day	> 0	Yes		Dehumidification capacity
IntegratedEnergyFactor or EnergyFactor	double	liters/kWh	> 0	Yes		Rated efficiency
DehumidistatSetpoint	double	frac	0 - 1 ²⁵⁷	Yes		Relative humidity setpoint
FractionDehumidificationLoadServed	double	frac	0 - 1 ²⁵⁸	Yes		Fraction of dehumidification load served

Note: Dehumidifiers are currently modeled as located within conditioned space; the model is not suited for a dehumidifier in, e.g., a wet unconditioned basement or crawlspace. Therefore the dehumidifier Location is currently restricted to “living space”.

3.7.7 HPXML Cooking Range/Oven

A single cooking range can be entered as a `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Appliances/CookingRange`. If not entered, the simulation will not include a cooking range/oven.

²⁵⁰ Location choices are “living space”, “basement - conditioned”, “basement - unconditioned”, “garage”, “other housing unit”, “other heated space”, “other multifamily buffer space”, or “other non-freezing space”. See *HPXML Locations* for descriptions.

²⁵¹ If Location not provided, defaults to “garage” if present, otherwise “basement - unconditioned” if present, otherwise “basement - conditioned” if present, otherwise “living space”.

²⁵² RatedAnnualkWh default based on the 2010 BAHSP.

²⁵³ If WeekdayScheduleFractions or WeekendScheduleFractions not provided, default values from Figure 16 of the 2010 BAHSP are used: “0.040, 0.039, 0.038, 0.037, 0.036, 0.036, 0.038, 0.040, 0.041, 0.041, 0.040, 0.040, 0.040, 0.042, 0.042, 0.042, 0.041, 0.044, 0.048, 0.050, 0.048, 0.047, 0.046, 0.044, 0.041”.

²⁵⁴ If MonthlyScheduleMultipliers not provided, default values from Figure 24 of the 2010 BAHSP are used: “0.837, 0.835, 1.084, 1.084, 1.084, 1.096, 1.096, 1.096, 0.931, 0.925, 0.837”.

²⁵⁵ Type choices are “portable” or “whole-home”.

²⁵⁶ Location only choice is “living space”.

²⁵⁷ If multiple dehumidifiers are entered, they must all have the same setpoint or an error will be generated.

²⁵⁸ The sum of all FractionDehumidificationLoadServed (across all Dehumidifiers) must be less than or equal to 1.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	Default	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
Location	string		See ²⁵⁹	No	living space	Location
FuelType	string		See ²⁶⁰	Yes		Fuel type
IsInduction	boolean			No	false	Induction range?
extension/ UsageMultiplier	dou- ble		>= 0	No	1.0	Multiplier on energy use
extension/ WeekdayScheduleFractions	array			No	See ²⁶¹	24 comma-separated weekday fractions
extension/ WeekendScheduleFractions	array			No		24 comma-separated weekend fractions
extension/ MonthlyScheduleMultipliers	array			No	See ²⁶²	12 comma-separated monthly multipliers

If a cooking range is specified, a single oven is also entered as a `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Appliances/Oven`.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
IsConvection	boolean			No	false	Convection oven?

Cooking range/oven energy use is calculated per the Energy Rating Rated Home in [ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019](#).

3.8 HPXML Lighting & Ceiling Fans

Lighting and ceiling fans are entered in `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Lighting`.

3.8.1 HPXML Lighting

Nine `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Lighting/LightingGroup` elements must be provided, each of which is the combination of:

- `LightingType`: ‘LightEmittingDiode’, ‘CompactFluorescent’, and ‘FluorescentTube’
- `Location`: ‘interior’, ‘garage’, and ‘exterior’

Information is entered in each `LightingGroup`.

²⁵⁹ Location choices are “living space”, “basement - conditioned”, “basement - unconditioned”, “garage”, “other housing unit”, “other heated space”, “other multifamily buffer space”, or “other non-freezing space”. See *HPXML Locations* for descriptions.

²⁶⁰ FuelType choices are “natural gas”, “fuel oil”, “fuel oil 1”, “fuel oil 2”, “fuel oil 4”, “fuel oil 5/6”, “diesel”, “propane”, “kerosene”, “coal”, “coke”, “bituminous coal”, “anthracite coal”, “electricity”, “wood”, or “wood pellets”.

²⁶¹ If `WeekdayScheduleFractions` or `WeekendScheduleFractions` not provided, default values from Figure 22 of the 2010 BAHSP are used: “0.007, 0.007, 0.004, 0.004, 0.007, 0.011, 0.025, 0.042, 0.046, 0.048, 0.042, 0.050, 0.057, 0.046, 0.057, 0.044, 0.092, 0.150, 0.117, 0.060, 0.035, 0.025, 0.016, 0.011”.

²⁶² If `MonthlyScheduleMultipliers` not provided, default values from Figure 24 of the 2010 BAHSP are used: “1.097, 1.097, 0.991, 0.987, 0.991, 0.890, 0.896, 0.896, 0.890, 1.085, 1.085, 1.097”.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
LightingType	ele-ment		1 ²⁶³	Yes		Lighting type
Location	string		See ²⁶⁴	Yes		See ²⁶⁵
FractionofUnitsInLocation	double	frac	0 - 1 ²⁶⁶	Yes		Fraction of light fixtures in the location with the specified lighting type

Additional information is entered in `Lighting`.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
extension/ InteriorUsageMultiplier	double		>= 0	No	1.0	Multiplier on interior lighting use
extension/ GarageUsageMultiplier	double		>= 0	No	1.0	Multiplier on garage lighting use
extension/ ExteriorUsageMultiplier	double		>= 0	No	1.0	Multiplier on exterior lighting use
extension/ InteriorWeekdayScheduleFractions	array			No	See ²⁶⁷	24 comma-separated interior weekday fractions
extension/ InteriorWeekendScheduleFractions	array			No		24 comma-separated interior weekend fractions
extension/ InteriorMonthlyScheduleMultipliers	array			No		12 comma-separated interior monthly multipliers
extension/ GarageWeekdayScheduleFractions	array			No	See ²⁶⁸	24 comma-separated garage weekday fractions
extension/ GarageWeekendScheduleFractions	array			No		24 comma-separated garage weekend fractions
extension/ GarageMonthlyScheduleMultipliers	array			No		12 comma-separated garage monthly multipliers
extension/ ExteriorWeekdayScheduleFractions	array			No	See ²⁶⁹	24 comma-separated exterior weekday fractions
extension/ ExteriorWeekendScheduleFractions	array			No		24 comma-separated exterior weekend fractions
extension/ ExteriorMonthlyScheduleMultipliers	array			No		12 comma-separated exterior monthly multipliers
extension/ ExteriorHolidayLighting	element		0 - 1	No	<none>	Presence of additional holiday lighting?

If exterior holiday lighting is specified, additional information is entered in `extension/ExteriorHolidayLighting`.

²⁶³ `LightingType` child element choices are `LightEmittingDiode`, `CompactFluorescent`, or `FluorescentTube`.

²⁶⁴ Location choices are "interior", "garage", or "exterior".

²⁶⁵ Garage lighting is ignored if the building has no garage specified elsewhere.

²⁶⁶ The sum of `FractionofUnitsInLocation` for a given `Location` (e.g., interior) must be less than or equal to 1. If the fractions sum to less than 1, the remainder is assumed to be incandescent lighting.

²⁶⁷ If *interior* schedule values not provided, they will be calculated using Lighting Calculation Option 2 (location-dependent lighting profile) of the 2010 BAHSP.

²⁶⁸ If *garage* schedule values not provided, they will be defaulted using Appendix C Table 8 of the Title 24 2016 Res. ACM Manual.

²⁶⁹ If *exterior* schedule values not provided, they will be defaulted using Appendix C Table 8 of the Title 24 2016 Res. ACM Manual.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	Default	Notes
Load[Units="kWh/day"]/Value	double	kWh/day	>= 0	No	See ²⁷⁰	Holiday lighting energy use per day
PeriodBeginMonth	integer		1 - 12	No	11 (November)	Holiday lighting start date
PeriodBeginDayOfMonth	integer		1 - 31	No	24	Holiday lighting start date
PeriodEndMonth	integer		1 - 12	No	1 (January)	Holiday lighting end date
PeriodEndDayOfMonth	integer		1 - 31	No	6	Holiday lighting end date
WeekdayScheduleFractions	array			No	See ²⁷¹	24 comma-separated holiday weekday fractions
WeekendScheduleFractions	array			No		24 comma-separated holiday weekend fractions

Interior, exterior, and garage lighting energy use is calculated per the Energy Rating Rated Home in [ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019](#).

3.8.2 HPXML Ceiling Fans

Each ceiling fan is entered as a `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Lighting/CeilingFan`. If not entered, the simulation will not include a ceiling fan.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
Airflow[FanSpeed="medium"]/Efficiency	double	cfm/W	> 0	No	See ²⁷²	Efficiency at medium speed
Quantity	integer		> 0	No	See ²⁷³	Number of similar ceiling fans

Ceiling fan energy use is calculated per the Energy Rating Rated Home in [ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019](#).

Note: A reduced cooling setpoint can be specified for summer months when ceiling fans are operating. See [HPXML HVAC Control](#) for more information.

²⁷⁰ If Value not provided, defaults to 1.1 for single-family detached and 0.55 for others.

²⁷¹ If WeekdayScheduleFractions not provided, defaults to "0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.008, 0.098, 0.168, 0.194, 0.284, 0.192, 0.037, 0.019".

²⁷² If Efficiency not provided, defaults to 3000 / 42.6 based on [ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019](#).

²⁷³ If Quantity not provided, defaults to NumberofBedrooms + 1 based on [ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019](#).

3.9 HPXML Pools & Hot Tubs

3.9.1 HPXML Pools

A single pool can be entered as a `/HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/Pools/Pool`. If not entered, the simulation will not include a pool.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
Type	string		See ²⁷⁴	Yes		Pool type

Pool Pump

If a pool is specified, a single pool pump can be entered as a `Pool/PoolPumps/PoolPump`. If not entered, the simulation will not include a pool heater.

Element	Type	Units	Con-straints	Re-quired	De-fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
Type	string		See ²⁷⁵	Yes		Pool pump type
Load[Units="kWh/year"]/Value	double	kWh/yr	≥ 0	No	See ²⁷⁶	Pool pump energy use
extension/UsageMultiplier	double		≥ 0	No	1.0	Multiplier on pool pump energy use
extension/WeekdayScheduleFractions	array			No	See ²⁷⁷	24 comma-separated week-day fractions
extension/WeekendScheduleFractions	array			No		24 comma-separated week-end fractions
extension/MonthlyScheduleMultipliers	array			No	See ²⁷⁸	12 comma-separated monthly multipliers

Pool Heater

If a pool is specified, a pool heater can be entered as a `Pool/Heater`. If not entered, the simulation will not include a pool heater.

²⁷⁴ Type choices are “in ground”, “on ground”, “above ground”, “other”, “unknown”, or “none”. If “none” is entered, the simulation will not include a pool.

²⁷⁵ Type choices are “single speed”, “multi speed”, “variable speed”, “variable flow”, “other”, “unknown”, or “none”. If “none” is entered, the simulation will not include a pool pump.

²⁷⁶ If Value not provided, defaults based on the 2010 BAHSP: $158.5 / 0.070 * (0.5 + 0.25 * \text{NumberofBedrooms} / 3 + 0.35 * \text{ConditionedFloorArea} / 1920)$.

²⁷⁷ If WeekdayScheduleFractions or WeekendScheduleFractions not provided, default values from Figure 23 of the 2010 BAHSP are used: “0.003, 0.003, 0.003, 0.004, 0.008, 0.015, 0.026, 0.044, 0.084, 0.121, 0.127, 0.121, 0.120, 0.090, 0.075, 0.061, 0.037, 0.023, 0.013, 0.008, 0.004, 0.003, 0.003, 0.003”.

²⁷⁸ If MonthlyScheduleMultipliers not provided, default values from Figure 24 of the 2010 BAHSP are used: “1.154, 1.161, 1.013, 1.010, 1.013, 0.888, 0.883, 0.883, 0.888, 0.978, 0.974, 1.154”.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
Type	string		See ²⁷⁹	Yes		Pool heater type
Load[Units="kWh/year" or Units="therm/year"]/Value	double	kWh/yr or therm/yr	>= 0	No	See ²⁸⁰	Pool heater energy use
extension/UsageMultiplier	double		>= 0	No	1.0	Multiplier on pool heater energy use
extension/WeekdayScheduleFractions	array			No	See ²⁸¹	24 comma-separated weekday fractions
extension/WeekendScheduleFractions	array			No		24 comma-separated weekend fractions
extension/MonthlyScheduleMultipliers	array			No	See ²⁸²	12 comma-separated monthly multipliers

3.9.2 HPXML Hot Tubs

A single hot tub can be entered as a /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/HotTubs/HotTub. If not entered, the simulation will not include a hot tub.

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
Type	string		See ²⁸³	Yes		Hot tub type

Hot Tub Pump

If a hot tub is specified, a single hot tub pump can be entered as a HotTub/HotTubPumps/HotTubPump. If not entered, the simulation will not include a hot tub pump.

²⁷⁹ Type choices are “none”, “gas fired”, “electric resistance”, or “heat pump”. If “none” is entered, the simulation will not include a pool heater.

²⁸⁰ If Value not provided, defaults as follows:

- **gas fired:** $3.0 / 0.014 * (0.5 + 0.25 * \text{NumberOfBedrooms} / 3 + 0.35 * \text{ConditionedFloorArea} / 1920)$ (based on the 2010 BAHSP)
- **electric resistance:** $8.3 / 0.004 * (0.5 + 0.25 * \text{NumberOfBedrooms} / 3 + 0.35 * \text{ConditionedFloorArea} / 1920)$ (based on the 2010 BAHSP)
- **heat pump:** (electric resistance) / 5.0 (based on an average COP of 5 from Energy Saver)

²⁸¹ If WeekdayScheduleFractions or WeekendScheduleFractions not provided, default values from Figure 23 of the 2010 BAHSP are used: “0.003, 0.003, 0.003, 0.004, 0.008, 0.015, 0.026, 0.044, 0.084, 0.121, 0.127, 0.121, 0.120, 0.090, 0.075, 0.061, 0.037, 0.023, 0.013, 0.008, 0.004, 0.003, 0.003, 0.003”.

²⁸² If MonthlyScheduleMultipliers not provided, default values from Figure 24 of the 2010 BAHSP are used: “1.154, 1.161, 1.013, 1.010, 1.013, 0.888, 0.883, 0.883, 0.888, 0.978, 0.974, 1.154”.

²⁸³ Type choices are “in ground”, “on ground”, “above ground”, “other”, “unknown”, or “none”. If “none” is entered, the simulation will not include a hot tub.

Element	Type	Units	Con- straints	Re- quired	De- fault	Notes
SystemIdentifier	id			Yes		Unique identifier
Type	string		See ²⁸⁴	Yes		Hot tub pump type
Load[Units="kWh/year"]/ Value	dou- ble	kWh/yr	>= 0	No	See ²⁸⁵	Hot tub pump energy use
extension/ UsageMultiplier	dou- ble		>= 0	No	1.0	Multiplier on hot tub pump energy use
extension/ WeekdayScheduleFractions	ar- ray			No	See ²⁸⁶	24 comma-separated week- day fractions
extension/ WeekendScheduleFractions	ar- ray			No		24 comma-separated week- end fractions
extension/ MonthlyScheduleMultipliers	ar- ray			No	See ²⁸⁷	12 comma-separated monthly multipliers

Hot Tub Heater

If a hot tub is specified, a hot tub heater can be entered as a `HotTub/Heater`. If not entered, the simulation will not include a hot tub heater.

²⁸⁴ Type choices are "single speed", "multi speed", "variable speed", "variable flow", "other", "unknown", or "none". If "none" is entered, the simulation will not include a hot tub pump.

²⁸⁵ If Value not provided, defaults based on the 2010 BAHSP: $59.5 / 0.059 * (0.5 + 0.25 * \text{NumberofBedrooms} / 3 + 0.35 * \text{ConditionedFloorArea} / 1920)$.

²⁸⁶ If WeekdayScheduleFractions or WeekendScheduleFractions not provided, default values from Figure 23 of the 2010 BAHSP are used: "0.024, 0.029, 0.024, 0.029, 0.047, 0.067, 0.057, 0.024, 0.024, 0.019, 0.015, 0.014, 0.014, 0.014, 0.024, 0.058, 0.126, 0.122, 0.068, 0.061, 0.051, 0.043, 0.024, 0.024".

²⁸⁷ If MonthlyScheduleMultipliers not provided, default values from Figure 24 of the 2010 BAHSP are used: "0.921, 0.928, 0.921, 0.915, 0.921, 1.160, 1.158, 1.158, 1.160, 0.921, 0.915, 0.921".

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
SystemIdentifier	string			Yes		Unique identifier
Type	string		See ²⁸⁸	Yes		Hot tub heater type
Load[Units="therm/year" or Units="therm/year"]/Value	double	kWh/yr or therm/yr	>= 0	No	See ²⁸⁹	Hot tub heater energy use
extension/UsageMultiplier	double		>= 0	No	1.0	Multiplier on hot tub heater energy use
extension/WeekdayScheduleFractions	array			No	See ²⁹⁰	24 comma-separated weekday fractions
extension/WeekendScheduleFractions	array			No		24 comma-separated weekend fractions
extension/MonthlyScheduleMultipliers	array			No	See ²⁹¹	12 comma-separated monthly multipliers

3.10 HPXML Misc Loads

Miscellaneous loads are entered in /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/MiscLoads.

3.10.1 HPXML Plug Loads

Each type of plug load can be entered as a /HPXML/Building/BuildingDetails/MiscLoads/PlugLoad.

It is required to include miscellaneous plug loads (PlugLoadType="other"), which represents all residual plug loads not explicitly captured elsewhere. It is common to include television plug loads (PlugLoadType="TV other"), which represents all television energy use in the home. It is less common to include the other plug load types, as they are less frequently found in homes. If not entered, the simulation will not include that type of plug load.

²⁸⁸ Type choices are "none", "gas fired", "electric resistance", or "heat pump". If "none" is entered, the simulation will not include a hot tub heater.

²⁸⁹ If Value not provided, defaults as follows:

- **gas fired [therm/year]:** $0.87 / 0.011 * (0.5 + 0.25 * \text{NumberofBedrooms} / 3 + 0.35 * \text{ConditionedFloorArea} / 1920)$ (based on the 2010 BAHSP)
- **electric resistance [kWh/year]:** $49.0 / 0.048 * (0.5 + 0.25 * \text{NumberofBedrooms} / 3 + 0.35 * \text{ConditionedFloorArea} / 1920)$ (based on the 2010 BAHSP)
- **heat pump [kWh/year]** = (electric resistance) / 5.0 (based on an average COP of 5 from Energy Saver)

²⁹⁰ If WeekdayScheduleFractions or WeekendScheduleFractions not provided, default values from Figure 23 of the 2010 BAHSP are used: "0.024, 0.029, 0.024, 0.029, 0.047, 0.067, 0.057, 0.024, 0.024, 0.019, 0.015, 0.014, 0.014, 0.014, 0.024, 0.058, 0.126, 0.122, 0.068, 0.061, 0.051, 0.043, 0.024, 0.024".

²⁹¹ If MonthlyScheduleMultipliers not provided, default values from Figure 24 of the 2010 BAHSP are used: "0.837, 0.835, 1.084, 1.084, 1.084, 1.096, 1.096, 1.096, 0.931, 0.925, 0.837".

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
SystemIdentifier	string			Yes		Unique identifier
PlugLoadType	string		See ²⁹²	Yes		Type of plug load
Load[Units="kWh/year"]/Value	double	kWh/yr	>= 0	No	See ²⁹³	Annual electricity consumption
extension/FracSensible	double		0 - 1	No	See ²⁹⁴	Fraction that is sensible heat gain to conditioned space ²⁹⁵
extension/FracLatent	double		0 - 1	No	See ²⁹⁶	Fraction that is latent heat gain to conditioned space
extension/UsageMultiplier	double		>= 0	No	1.0	Multiplier on electricity use
extension/WeekdayScheduleFractions	array			No	See ²⁹⁷	24 comma-separated weekday fractions
extension/WeekendScheduleFractions	array			No	See ²⁹⁸	24 comma-separated weekend fractions
extension/MonthlyScheduleMultipliers	array			No	See ²⁹⁹	12 comma-separated monthly multipliers

²⁹² PlugLoadType choices are “other”, “TV other”, “well pump”, or “electric vehicle charging”.

²⁹³ If Value not provided, defaults as:

- **other:** 0.91 * ConditionedFloorArea (based on ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019)
- **TV other:** 413.0 + 69.0 * NumberOfBedrooms (based on ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019)
- **well pump:** 50.8 / 0.127 * (0.5 + 0.25 * NumberOfBedrooms / 3 + 0.35 * ConditionedFloorArea / 1920) (based on the 2010 BAHSP)
- **electric vehicle charging:** 1666.67 (calculated using AnnualMiles * kWhPerMile / (ChargerEfficiency * BatteryEfficiency) where AnnualMiles=4500, kWhPerMile=0.3, ChargerEfficiency=0.9, and BatteryEfficiency=0.9)

²⁹⁴ If FracSensible not provided, defaults as:

- **other:** 0.855
- **TV other:** 1.0
- **well pump:** 0.0
- **electric vehicle charging:** 0.0

²⁹⁵ The remaining fraction (i.e., 1.0 - FracSensible - FracLatent) must be > 0 and is assumed to be heat gain outside conditioned space and thus lost.

²⁹⁶ If FracLatent not provided, defaults as:

- **other:** 0.045
- **TV other:** 0.0
- **well pump:** 0.0
- **electric vehicle charging:** 0.0

²⁹⁷ If WeekdayScheduleFractions not provided, defaults as:

- **other:** “0.035, 0.033, 0.032, 0.031, 0.032, 0.033, 0.037, 0.042, 0.043, 0.043, 0.043, 0.044, 0.045, 0.045, 0.044, 0.046, 0.048, 0.052, 0.053, 0.05, 0.047,

Element	Type	Units	Constraints	Required	Default	Notes
SystemIdentifier	string			Yes		Unique identifier
FuelLoadType	string		See ³⁰⁰	Yes		Type of fuel load
Load["Units="double"/"year"]/Value	double	therm/yr	>= 0	No	See ³⁰¹	Annual fuel consumption
FuelType	string		See ³⁰²	Yes		Fuel type
extension/FracSensible	double		0 - 1	No	See ³⁰³	Fraction that is sensible heat gain to conditioned space ³⁰⁴
extension/FracLatent	double		0 - 1	No	See ³⁰⁵	Fraction that is latent heat gain to conditioned space
extension/UsageMultiplier	double		>= 0	No	1.0	Multiplier on fuel use
extension/WeekdayScheduleFractions	array			No	See ³⁰⁶	24 comma-separated weekday fractions
extension/WeekendScheduleFractions	array			No		24 comma-separated weekend fractions
extension/MonthlyScheduleMultipliers	array			No	See ³⁰⁷	12 comma-separated monthly multipliers

³⁰⁰ FuelLoadType choices are “grill”, “fireplace”, or “lighting”.

³⁰¹ If Value not provided, calculated as based on the 2010 BAHSP:

- **grill:** $0.87 / 0.029 * (0.5 + 0.25 * \text{NumberofBedrooms} / 3 + 0.35 * \text{ConditionedFloorArea} / 1920)$
- **fireplace:** $1.95 / 0.032 * (0.5 + 0.25 * \text{NumberofBedrooms} / 3 + 0.35 * \text{ConditionedFloorArea} / 1920)$
- **lighting:** $0.22 / 0.012 * (0.5 + 0.25 * \text{NumberofBedrooms} / 3 + 0.35 * \text{ConditionedFloorArea} / 1920)$

³⁰² FuelType choices are “natural gas”, “fuel oil”, “fuel oil 1”, “fuel oil 2”, “fuel oil 4”, “fuel oil 5/6”, “diesel”, “propane”, “kerosene”, “coal”, “coke”, “bituminous coal”, “anthracite coal”, “wood”, or “wood pellets”.

³⁰³ If FracSensible not provided, defaults to 0.5 for fireplace and 0.0 for all other types.

³⁰⁴ The remaining fraction (i.e., $1.0 - \text{FracSensible} - \text{FracLatent}$) must be > 0 and is assumed to be heat gain outside conditioned space and thus lost.

³⁰⁵ If FracLatent not provided, defaults to 0.1 for fireplace and 0.0 for all other types.

³⁰⁶ If WeekdayScheduleFractions or WeekendScheduleFractions not provided, default values from Figure 23 of the 2010 BAHSP are used:

- **grill:** “0.004, 0.001, 0.001, 0.002, 0.007, 0.012, 0.029, 0.046, 0.044, 0.041, 0.044, 0.046, 0.042, 0.038, 0.049, 0.059, 0.110, 0.161, 0.115, 0.070, 0.044, 0.019, 0.013, 0.007”;
- **fireplace:** “0.044, 0.023, 0.019, 0.015, 0.016, 0.018, 0.026, 0.033, 0.033, 0.032, 0.033, 0.033, 0.032, 0.032, 0.032, 0.032, 0.033, 0.045, 0.057, 0.066, 0.076, 0.081, 0.086, 0.075, 0.065”;
- **lighting:** “0.044, 0.023, 0.019, 0.015, 0.016, 0.018, 0.026, 0.033, 0.033, 0.032, 0.033, 0.033, 0.032, 0.032, 0.032, 0.032, 0.033, 0.045, 0.057, 0.066, 0.076, 0.081, 0.086, 0.075, 0.065”.

³⁰⁷ If MonthlyScheduleMultipliers not provided, default values from Figure 24 of the 2010 BAHSP are used:

- **grill:** “1.097, 1.097, 0.991, 0.987, 0.991, 0.890, 0.896, 0.896, 0.890, 1.085, 1.085, 1.097”;
- **fireplace:** “1.154, 1.161, 1.013, 1.010, 1.013, 0.888, 0.883, 0.883, 0.888, 0.978, 0.974, 1.154”;
- **lighting:** “1.154, 1.161, 1.013, 1.010, 1.013, 0.888, 0.883, 0.883, 0.888, 0.978, 0.974, 1.154”.

3.11 HPXML Locations

The various locations used in an HPXML file are defined as follows:

Value	Description	Temperature	Building Type
outside	Ambient environment	Weather data	Any
ground		EnergyPlus calculation	Any
living space	Above-grade conditioned floor area	EnergyPlus calculation	Any
attic - vented		EnergyPlus calculation	Any
attic - unvented		EnergyPlus calculation	Any
basement - conditioned	Below-grade conditioned floor area	EnergyPlus calculation	Any
basement - unconditioned		EnergyPlus calculation	Any
crawlspace - vented		EnergyPlus calculation	Any
crawlspace - unvented		EnergyPlus calculation	Any
garage	Single-family garage (not shared parking)	EnergyPlus calculation	Any
other housing unit	E.g., conditioned adjacent unit or conditioned corridor	Same as living space	SFA/MF only
other heated space	E.g., shared laundry/equipment space	Avg of living space/outside; min of 68F	SFA/MF only
other multifamily buffer space	E.g., enclosed unconditioned stairwell	Avg of living space/outside; min of 50F	SFA/MF only
other non-freezing space	E.g., shared parking garage ceiling	Floats with outside; minimum of 40F	SFA/MF only
other exterior	Water heater outside	Weather data	Any
exterior wall	Ducts in exterior wall	Avg of living space/outside	Any
under slab	Ducts under slab (ground)	EnergyPlus calculation	Any
roof deck	Ducts on roof deck (outside)	Weather data	Any

3.12 Validating & Debugging Errors

When running HPXML files, errors may occur because:

1. An HPXML file provided is invalid (either relative to the HPXML schema or the EnergyPlus Use Case).
2. An unexpected EnergyPlus simulation error occurred.

If an error occurs, first look in the run.log for details. If there are no errors in that log file, then the error may be in the EnergyPlus simulation – see eplusout.err.

Contact us if you can't figure out the cause of an error.

3.13 Sample Files

Dozens of sample HPXML files are included in the workflow/sample_files directory. The sample files help to illustrate how different building components are described in HPXML.

Each sample file generally makes one isolated change relative to the base HPXML (base.xml) building. For example, the base-dhw-dwhr.xml file adds a `DrainWaterHeatRecovery` element to the building.

You may find it useful to search through the files for certain HPXML elements or compare (diff) a sample file to the base.xml file.

OpenStudio-HPXML generates a number of workflow outputs:

File	Notes
results_annual.csv (or .json)	Summary annual outputs in either CSV or JSON formats. See <i>Annual Outputs</i> .
re- results_timeseries.csv (or .json)	Timeseries outputs in either CSV or JSON formats. See <i>Timeseries Outputs</i> . Only generated if requested.
in.idf	The EnergyPlus input file.
in.xml	HPXML file populated with defaulted values (e.g., autosized HVAC capacities); defaults use the <code>dataSource='software'</code> attribute.
in.osm	The OpenStudio model file. Only generated if the <code>debug</code> argument is used.
run.log	Errors/warnings generated by the OpenStudio-HPXML workflow.
eplusout.*	Minimal E+ files (e.g., sql output, error file, etc.). ALL output files can be generated using the <code>debug</code> argument.

4.1 Annual Outputs

OpenStudio-HPXML will always generate an annual output file called `results_annual.csv` (or `results_annual.json`), co-located with the EnergyPlus output. The file includes the following sections of output:

4.1.1 Annual Energy Consumption by Fuel Use

Current fuel uses are listed below.

Type	Notes
Fuel Use: Electricity: Total (MBtu)	
Fuel Use: Electricity: Net (MBtu)	Subtracts any power produced by PV or generators.
Fuel Use: Natural Gas: Total (MBtu)	
Fuel Use: Fuel Oil: Total (MBtu)	Includes “fuel oil”, “fuel oil 1”, “fuel oil 2”, “fuel oil 4”, “fuel oil 5/6”, “kerosene”, and “diesel”
Fuel Use: Propane: Total (MBtu)	
Fuel Use: Wood: Total (MBtu)	
Fuel Use: Wood Pellets: Total (MBtu)	
Fuel Use: Coal: Total (MBtu)	Includes “coal”, “anthracite coal”, “bituminous coal”, and “coke”.

4.1.2 Annual Energy Consumption By End Use

Current end uses are listed below.

Note that all end uses are mutually exclusive – the “Electricity: Heating” end use, for example, excludes energy reported in the “Electricity: Heating Fans/Pumps” end use. So the sum of all end uses for a given fuel (e.g., sum of all “End Use: Natural Gas: **”) equal the above reported fuel use (e.g., “Fuel Use: Natural Gas: Total”).

Type	Notes
End Use: Electricity: Heating (MBtu)	Excludes fans/pumps
End Use: Electricity: Heating Fans/Pumps (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Cooling (MBtu)	Excludes fans/pumps
End Use: Electricity: Cooling Fans/Pumps (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Hot Water (MBtu)	Excludes recirc pump and solar thermal pump
End Use: Electricity: Hot Water Recirc Pump (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Hot Water Solar Thermal Pump (MBtu)	Non-zero only when using detailed (not simple) solar thermal inputs
End Use: Electricity: Lighting Interior (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Lighting Garage (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Lighting Exterior (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Mech Vent (MBtu)	Excludes preheating/precooling
End Use: Electricity: Mech Vent Preheating (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Mech Vent Precooling (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Whole House Fan (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Refrigerator (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Freezer (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Dehumidifier (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Dishwasher (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Clothes Washer (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Clothes Dryer (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Range/Oven (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Ceiling Fan (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Television (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Plug Loads (MBtu)	Excludes independently reported plug loads (e.g., well pump)

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Type	Notes
End Use: Electricity: Electric Vehicle Charging (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Well Pump (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Pool Heater (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Pool Pump (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Hot Tub Heater (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: Hot Tub Pump (MBtu)	
End Use: Electricity: PV (MBtu)	Negative value for any power produced
End Use: Electricity: Generator (MBtu)	Negative value for any power produced
End Use: Natural Gas: Heating (MBtu)	
End Use: Natural Gas: Hot Water (MBtu)	
End Use: Natural Gas: Clothes Dryer (MBtu)	
End Use: Natural Gas: Range/Oven (MBtu)	
End Use: Natural Gas: Mech Vent Preheating (MBtu)	
End Use: Natural Gas: Mech Vent Precooling (MBtu)	
End Use: Natural Gas: Pool Heater (MBtu)	
End Use: Natural Gas: Hot Tub Heater (MBtu)	
End Use: Natural Gas: Grill (MBtu)	
End Use: Natural Gas: Lighting (MBtu)	
End Use: Natural Gas: Fireplace (MBtu)	
End Use: Natural Gas: Generator (MBtu)	Positive value for any fuel consumed
End Use: Fuel Oil: Heating (MBtu)	
End Use: Fuel Oil: Hot Water (MBtu)	
End Use: Fuel Oil: Clothes Dryer (MBtu)	
End Use: Fuel Oil: Range/Oven (MBtu)	
End Use: Fuel Oil: Mech Vent Preheating (MBtu)	
End Use: Fuel Oil: Mech Vent Precooling (MBtu)	
End Use: Fuel Oil: Grill (MBtu)	
End Use: Fuel Oil: Lighting (MBtu)	
End Use: Fuel Oil: Fireplace (MBtu)	
End Use: Propane: Heating (MBtu)	
End Use: Propane: Hot Water (MBtu)	
End Use: Propane: Clothes Dryer (MBtu)	
End Use: Propane: Range/Oven (MBtu)	
End Use: Propane: Mech Vent Preheating (MBtu)	
End Use: Propane: Mech Vent Precooling (MBtu)	
End Use: Propane: Grill (MBtu)	
End Use: Propane: Lighting (MBtu)	
End Use: Propane: Fireplace (MBtu)	
End Use: Propane: Generator (MBtu)	Positive value for any fuel consumed
End Use: Wood Cord: Heating (MBtu)	
End Use: Wood Cord: Hot Water (MBtu)	
End Use: Wood Cord: Clothes Dryer (MBtu)	
End Use: Wood Cord: Range/Oven (MBtu)	
End Use: Wood Cord: Mech Vent Preheating (MBtu)	
End Use: Wood Cord: Mech Vent Precooling (MBtu)	
End Use: Wood Cord: Grill (MBtu)	
End Use: Wood Cord: Lighting (MBtu)	
End Use: Wood Cord: Fireplace (MBtu)	
End Use: Wood Pellets: Heating (MBtu)	

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Type	Notes
End Use: Wood Pellets: Hot Water (MBtu)	
End Use: Wood Pellets: Clothes Dryer (MBtu)	
End Use: Wood Pellets: Range/Oven (MBtu)	
End Use: Wood Pellets: Mech Vent Preheating (MBtu)	
End Use: Wood Pellets: Mech Vent Precooling (MBtu)	
End Use: Wood Pellets: Grill (MBtu)	
End Use: Wood Pellets: Lighting (MBtu)	
End Use: Wood Pellets: Fireplace (MBtu)	
End Use: Coal: Heating (MBtu)	
End Use: Coal: Hot Water (MBtu)	
End Use: Coal: Clothes Dryer (MBtu)	
End Use: Coal: Range/Oven (MBtu)	
End Use: Coal: Mech Vent Preheating (MBtu)	
End Use: Coal: Mech Vent Precooling (MBtu)	
End Use: Coal: Grill (MBtu)	
End Use: Coal: Lighting (MBtu)	
End Use: Coal: Fireplace (MBtu)	

4.1.3 Annual Building Loads

Current annual building loads are listed below.

Type	Notes
Load: Heating (MBtu)	Includes HVAC distribution losses.
Load: Cooling (MBtu)	Includes HVAC distribution losses.
Load: Hot Water: Delivered (MBtu)	Includes contributions by desuperheaters or solar thermal systems.
Load: Hot Water: Tank Losses (MBtu)	
Load: Hot Water: Desuperheater (MBtu)	Load served by the desuperheater.
Load: Hot Water: Solar Thermal (MBtu)	Load served by the solar thermal system.

4.1.4 Annual Unmet Building Loads

Current annual unmet building loads are listed below.

Type	Notes
Unmet Load: Heating (MBtu)	
Unmet Load: Cooling (MBtu)	

These numbers reflect the amount of heating/cooling load that is not met by the HVAC system, indicating the degree to which the HVAC system is undersized. An HVAC system with sufficient capacity to perfectly maintain the thermostat setpoints will report an unmet load of zero.

Note that if a building has partial (or no) HVAC system, the unserved load will not be included in the unmet load outputs. For example, if a building has a room air conditioner that meets 33% of the cooling load, the remaining 67% of the load is not included in the unmet load. Rather, the unmet load is only the amount of load that the room AC *should* be serving but is not.

4.1.5 Peak Building Electricity

Current peak building electricity outputs are listed below.

Type	Notes
Peak Electricity: Winter Total (W)	Winter season defined by operation of the heating system.
Peak Electricity: Summer Total (W)	Summer season defined by operation of the cooling system.

4.1.6 Peak Building Loads

Current peak building loads are listed below.

Type	Notes
Peak Load: Heating (kBtu)	Includes HVAC distribution losses.
Peak Load: Cooling (kBtu)	Includes HVAC distribution losses.

4.1.7 Annual Component Building Loads

Note: This section is only available if the `--add-component-loads` argument is used. The argument is not used by default for faster performance.

Component loads represent the estimated contribution of different building components to the annual heating/cooling building loads. The sum of component loads for heating (or cooling) will roughly equal the annual heating (or cooling) building load reported above.

Current component loads disaggregated by Heating/Cooling are listed below.

Type	Notes
Component Load: *: Roofs (MBtu)	Heat gain/loss through HPXML <code>Roof</code> elements adjacent to conditioned space
Component Load: *: Ceilings (MBtu)	Heat gain/loss through HPXML <code>FrameFloor</code> elements (inferred to be ceilings) adjacent to conditioned space
Component Load: *: Walls (MBtu)	Heat gain/loss through HPXML <code>Wall</code> elements adjacent to conditioned space
Component Load: *: Rim Joists (MBtu)	Heat gain/loss through HPXML <code>RimJoist</code> elements adjacent to conditioned space
Component Load: *: Foundation Walls (MBtu)	Heat gain/loss through HPXML <code>FoundationWall</code> elements adjacent to conditioned space
Component Load: *: Doors (MBtu)	Heat gain/loss through HPXML <code>Door</code> elements adjacent to conditioned space
Component Load: *: Windows (MBtu)	Heat gain/loss through HPXML <code>Window</code> elements adjacent to conditioned space, including solar
Component Load: *: Skylights (MBtu)	Heat gain/loss through HPXML <code>Skylight</code> elements adjacent to conditioned space, including solar
Component Load: *: Floors (MBtu)	Heat gain/loss through HPXML <code>FrameFloor</code> elements (inferred to be floors) adjacent to conditioned space
Component Load: *: Slabs (MBtu)	Heat gain/loss through HPXML <code>Slab</code> elements adjacent to conditioned space
Component Load: *: Internal Mass (MBtu)	Heat gain/loss from internal mass (e.g., furniture, interior walls/floors) in conditioned space
Component Load: *: Infiltration (MBtu)	Heat gain/loss from airflow induced by stack and wind effects
Component Load: *: Natural Ventilation (MBtu)	Heat gain/loss from airflow through operable windows
Component Load: *: Mechanical Ventilation (MBtu)	Heat gain/loss from airflow/fan energy from mechanical ventilation systems (including clothes dryer exhaust)
Component Load: *: Whole House Fan (MBtu)	Heat gain/loss from airflow due to a whole house fan
Component Load: *: Ducts (MBtu)	Heat gain/loss from conduction and leakage losses through supply/return ducts outside conditioned space
Component Load: *: Internal Gains (MBtu)	Heat gain/loss from appliances, lighting, plug loads, water heater tank losses, etc. in the conditioned space

4.1.8 Annual Hot Water Uses

Current annual hot water uses are listed below.

Type	Notes
Hot Water: Clothes Washer (gal)	
Hot Water: Dishwasher (gal)	
Hot Water: Fixtures (gal)	Showers and faucets.
Hot Water: Distribution Waste (gal)	

4.2 Timeseries Outputs

OpenStudio-HPXML can optionally generate a timeseries output file. The timeseries output file is called `results_timeseries.csv` (or `results_timeseries.json`) and co-located with the EnergyPlus output.

Depending on the outputs requested, the file may include:

Type	Notes
Fuel Consumptions	Energy use for each fuel type (in kBtu for fossil fuels and kWh for electricity).
End Use Consumptions	Energy use for each end use type (in kBtu for fossil fuels and kWh for electricity).
Hot Water Uses	Water use for each end use type (in gallons).
Total Loads	Heating, cooling, and hot water loads (in kBtu) for the building.
Component Loads	Heating and cooling loads (in kBtu) disaggregated by component (e.g., Walls, Windows, Infiltration, Ducts, etc.).
Unmet Loads	Unmet heating and cooling loads (in kBtu) for the building.
Zone Temperatures	Average temperatures (in deg-F) for each space modeled (e.g., living space, attic, garage, basement, crawlspace, etc.).
Airflows	Airflow rates (in cfm) for infiltration, mechanical ventilation (including clothes dryer exhaust), natural ventilation, whole house fans.
Weather	Weather file data including outdoor temperatures, relative humidity, wind speed, and solar.

Timeseries outputs can be one of the following frequencies: hourly, daily, monthly, or timestep (i.e., equal to the simulation timestep, which defaults to an hour but can be sub-hourly).

Timestamps in the output use the end-of-hour (or end-of-day for daily frequency, etc.) convention. Most outputs will be summed over the hour (e.g., energy) but some will be averaged over the hour (e.g., temperatures, airflows).

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