

# Guide to the Prescriptive Energy Efficiency Design Summary Form

This form must accurately reflect the information contained on the drawings and specifications being submitted. Refer to Supplementary Standard SB-12 for details about building code compliance requirements. Further information about energy efficiency requirements for new buildings is available from the provincial building code website or the municipal building department.

The building code permits a house designer to use one of four energy efficiency compliance options:

1. Comply with the SB-12 Prescriptive design tables (this form is for this option (Option 1)),
2. Use the SB-12 Performance compliance method, and model the design against the prescriptive standards,
3. Design to Energy Star, or
4. Design to R2000 standards.

## COMPLETING THE FORM

### B. Compliance Options

Indicate the compliance option being used.

- SB-12 Prescriptive requires that the building conforms to a package of thermal insulation, window and mechanical system efficiency requirements set out in Subsection 3.1.1. of SB-12. Energy efficiency design modeling and testing of the building is not required under this option. Certain substitutions are permitted. In which case, the applicable airtightness targets in Table 3.1.1.4.A must be met.

### C. Project Design Conditions

**Climatic Zone:** The number of degree days for Ontario cities is contained in Supplementary Standard SB-1. **Windows, Skylights and Glass Doors:** If the ratio of the total gross area of windows, sidelights, skylights, glazing in doors and sliding glass doors to the total gross area of walls is more than 17%, higher efficiency glazing is required. If the ratio is more than 22%, the SB-12 Prescriptive option may not be used. The total area is the sum of all the structural rough openings. Some exceptions apply. Refer to 3.1.1.1. of SB-12 for further details.

**Fuel Source and Heating Equipment Efficiency:** The fuel source and efficiency of the proposed heating equipment must be specified in order to determine which SB-12 Prescriptive compliance package table applies.

**Other Building Conditions:** These construction conditions affect SB-12 Prescriptive compliance requirements.

### D. Building Specifications

**Thermal Insulation:** Indicate the RSI or R-value being proposed where they apply to the house design. Under the SB-12 Prescriptive option, alternative ICF wall insulation is permitted in certain conditions where other design elements meet higher standards. Refer to SB-12 for further details. Where effective insulation values are being used, the Authority Having Jurisdiction may require supporting documentation.

## BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR AIRTIGHTNESS IN NEW HOUSES

All houses must comply with increased air barrier requirements in the building code. Notice of air barrier completion must be provided and an inspection conducted prior to it being covered.

The air leakage rates in Table 3.1.1.4.A are not requirements. This provision is a voluntary provision for when credits for airtightness are claimed. Credit for air tightness allows the designer to substitute the requirements of compliance packages as set out in Table 3.1.1.4.B or 3.1.1.4.C. Neither the air leakage test nor compliance with airtightness targets given in Table 3.1.1.4.A are required, unless credit for airtightness is claimed. Table 3.1.1.4.A provides airtightness targets in three different metrics; ACH, NLA, NLR. Any one of them can be used. OBC Reference Default Air Leakage Rates (Table 3.1.1.4.A)

Building Type	Airtightness Targets			
	ACH @ 50 Pa	NLA @ 10 Pa	NLR @ 50 Pa	
Detached dwelling	2.5	1.26 cm <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>	1.81 in <sup>2</sup> /100ft <sup>2</sup>	0.93 L/s/m <sup>2</sup> 0.18 cfm50/ft <sup>2</sup>
Attached dwelling	3.0	2.12 cm <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>	3.06 in <sup>2</sup> /100ft <sup>2</sup>	1.32 L/s/m <sup>2</sup> 0.26 cfm50/ft <sup>2</sup>

The building code requires that a blower door test be conducted to verify the air tightness of the house during construction if the SB-12 Prescriptive option with airtightness credit being applied. Results of the airtightness test may need to be submitted to the Authority Having Jurisdiction. Airtightness of less than 2.5 ACH @ 50 Pa (or NLA or NLR equivalent) in the case of detached houses, or 3.0 ACH @ 50 Pa (or NLA or NLR equivalent) in the case of attached houses is necessary to meet the required energy efficiency standard.

### E. House Designer

The building code requires designers providing information about whether a building complies with the building code to have a BCIN. Exemptions apply to architects, engineers and owners designing their own house.

# Energy Efficiency Design Summary: Prescriptive Method

(Building Code Part 9, Residential)

This form is used by a designer to demonstrate that the energy efficiency design of a house complies with the building code using the prescriptive method described in Subsection 3.1.1. of SB-12. This form is applicable where the ratio of gross area of windows/sidelights/skylights/glazing in doors and sliding glass doors to the gross area of peripheral walls is not more than 22%.

For use by Principal Authority	
Application No:	Model/Certification Number

## A. Project Information

Building number, street name		Unit number	Lot/Con
Municipality	Postal code	Reg. Plan number / other description	

## B. Prescriptive Compliance

[indicate the building code compliance package being employed in this house design]

SB-12 Prescriptive (input design package):	Package: _____	Table: _____
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## C. Project Design Conditions

Climatic Zone (SB-1):	Heating Equipment Efficiency	Space Heating Fuel Source
<input type="checkbox"/> Zone 1 (< 5000 degree days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ≥ 92% AFUE	<input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Propane <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Fuel
<input type="checkbox"/> Zone 2 (≥ 5000 degree days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ≥ 84% < 92% AFUE	<input type="checkbox"/> Oil <input type="checkbox"/> Electric <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Energy
Ratio of Windows, Skylights & Glass (W, S & G) to Wall Area	Other Building Characteristics	
Area of walls = _____ m <sup>2</sup> or _____ ft <sup>2</sup>	W, S & G % = _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Log/Post&Beam <input type="checkbox"/> ICF Above Grade <input type="checkbox"/> ICF Basement
Area of W, S & G = _____ m <sup>2</sup> or _____ ft <sup>2</sup>	Utilize window averaging: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Slab-on-ground <input type="checkbox"/> Walkout Basement
		<input type="checkbox"/> Air Conditioning <input type="checkbox"/> Combo Unit
		<input type="checkbox"/> Air Sourced Heat Pump (ASHP)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ground Sourced Heat Pump (GSHP)

## D. Building Specifications

[provide values and ratings of the energy efficiency components proposed]

Energy Efficiency Substitutions			
<input type="checkbox"/> ICF (3.1.1.2.(5) & (6) / 3.1.1.3.(5) & (6))			
<input type="checkbox"/> Combined space heating and domestic water heating systems (3.1.1.2.(7) / 3.1.1.3.(7))			
<input type="checkbox"/> Airtightness substitution(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Table 3.1.1.4.B Required: _____	Permitted Substitution: _____	
Airtightness test required (Refer to Design Guide Attached)	<input type="checkbox"/> Table 3.1.1.4.C Required: _____	Permitted Substitution: _____	
	Required: _____	Permitted Substitution: _____	

Building Component	Minimum RSI / R values or Maximum U-Value <sup>(1)</sup>	Building Component	Efficiency Ratings
<b>Thermal Insulation</b>	Nominal      Effective	<b>Windows &amp; Doors</b> Provide U-Value <sup>(1)</sup> or ER rating	
Ceiling with Attic Space		Windows/Sliding Glass Doors	
Ceiling without Attic Space		Skylights/Glazed Roofs	
Exposed Floor		<b>Mechanicals</b>	
Walls Above Grade		Heating Equip.(AFUE)	
Basement Walls		HRV Efficiency (SRE% at 0°C)	
Slab (all >600mm below grade)		DHW Heater (EF)	
Slab (edge only ≤600mm below grade)		DWHR (CSA B55.1 (min. 42% efficiency))	# Showers _____
Slab (all ≤600mm below grade, or heated)		Combined Heating System	

(1) U value to be provided in either W/(m<sup>2</sup>•K) or Btu/(h•ft<sup>2</sup>•F) but not both.

## E. Designer(s)

[name(s) & BCIN(s), if applicable, of person(s) providing information herein to substantiate that design meets the building code]

Qualified Designer Declaration of designer to have reviewed and take responsibility for the design work.		
Name	BCIN	Signature

# Guide to the Energy Efficiency Design Summary Form for Performance & Other Acceptable Compliance Methods

## COMPLETING THE FORM

### B. Compliance Options

Indicate the compliance option being used.

- SB-12 Performance refers to the method of compliance in Subsection 3.1.2. of SB-12. Using this approach the designer must use recognized energy simulation software (such as HOT2000 V10.51 or newer), and submit documents which show that the annual energy use of the proposed building is equal to or less than a prescriptive (referenced) building package.
- ENERGY STAR houses must be designed to *ENERGY STAR* requirements and verified on completion by a licensed energy evaluator and/or service organization. The *ENERGY STAR* BOP form must be submitted with the permit documents.
- *R-2000* houses must be designed to the *R-2000 Standard* and verified on completion by a licensed energy evaluator and/or service organization. The HOT2000 report must be submitted with the permit documents.

### C. Project Design Conditions

*Climatic Zone:* The number of degree days for Ontario cities is contained in Supplementary Standard SB-1. *Windows, Skylights and Glass Doors:* If the ratio of the total gross area of windows, sidelights, skylights, glazing in doors and sliding glass doors to the total gross area of walls is more than 17%, higher efficiency glazing is required. The total area is the sum of all the structural rough openings. Some exceptions apply. Refer to 3.1.1.1. of SB-12 for further details.

*Fuel Source and Heating Equipment Efficiency:* The fuel source and efficiency of the proposed heating equipment must be specified in order to determine which SB-12 Prescriptive compliance package table applies. *Other Building Conditions:* These construction conditions affect SB-12 Prescriptive compliance requirements.

### D. Building Specifications

*Thermal Insulation:* Indicate the RSI or R-value being proposed where they apply to the house design. Refer to SB-12 for further details.

### E. Performance Design Summary

A summary of the performance design applicable only to the SB-12 Performance option.

### F. ENERGY STAR or R-2000 Performance Method

Design to ENERGY STAR or R-2000 Standards.

### G. House Designer

The building code requires designers providing information about whether a building complies with the building code to have a BCIN. Exemptions apply to architects, engineers and owners designing their own house.

## BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR AIRTIGHTNESS IN NEW HOUSES

All houses must comply with increased air barrier requirements in the building code. Notice of air barrier completion must be provided and an inspection conducted prior to it being covered.

The air leakage rates in Table 3.1.2.1. are not requirements. The Table is not intended to require or suggest that the building meet those airtightness targets. They are provided only as default or reference values for the purpose of annual energy simulations, should the builder/owner decide to perform such simulations. They are given in three different metrics; ACH, NLA, NLR. Any one of them can be used. They can be used as a default values for both a reference and proposed building or, where an air leakage test is conducted and credit for airtightness is claimed, the airtightness values in Table 3.1.2.1. can be used for the reference building and the actual leakage rates obtained from the air leakage test can be used as inputs for the proposed building.

OBC Reference Default Air Leakage Rates (Table 3.1.2.1.)

Detached dwelling	3.0 ACH50	NLA 2.12 cm <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>	NLR 1.32 L/s/m <sup>2</sup>
Attached dwelling	3.5 ACH50	NLA 2.27 cm <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>	NLR 1.44 L/s/m <sup>2</sup>

The building code requires that a blower door test be conducted to verify the air tightness of the house during construction if the SB-12 Performance option is used and an air tightness of less than 3.0 ACH @ 50 Pa (or NLA or NLR equivalent) in the case of detached houses, or 3.5 ACH @ 50 Pa (or NLA or NLR equivalent) in the case of attached houses is necessary to meet the required energy efficiency standard.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY LABELING FOR NEW HOUSES

ENERGY STAR and R-2000 may issue labels for new homes constructed under their energy efficiency programs. The building code does not currently regulate or require new home labeling.

# Energy Efficiency Design Summary:

## Performance & Other Acceptable Compliance Methods

(Building Code Part 9, Residential)

This form is used by a designer to demonstrate that the energy efficiency design of a house complies with the building code using the Performance or Other Acceptable Compliance Methods described in Subsections 3.1.2. and 3.1.3. of SB-12.

This form must accurately reflect the information contained on the drawings and specifications being submitted. Refer to Supplementary Standard SB-12 for details about building code compliance requirements. Further information about energy efficiency requirements for new buildings is available from the provincial building code website or the municipal building department.

For use by Principal Authority	
Application No:	Model/Certification Number

### A. Project Information

Building number, street name		Unit number	Lot/Con
Municipality	Postal code	Reg. Plan number / other description	

### B. Compliance Option [indicate the building code compliance option being employed in this house design]

<input type="checkbox"/> SB-12 Performance* [SB-12 - 3.1.2.]	* Attach energy performance results using an approved software (see guide)
<input type="checkbox"/> ENERGY STAR®* [SB-12 - 3.1.3.]	* Attach Builder Option Package [BOP] form
<input type="checkbox"/> R-2000®*[SB-12 - 3.1.3.]	* Attach R-2000 HOT2000 Report

### C. Project Building Design Conditions

Climatic Zone (SB-1):	Heating Equipment Efficiency	Space Heating Fuel Source
<input type="checkbox"/> Zone 1 (< 5000 degree days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ≥ 92% AFUE	<input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Propane <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Fuel
<input type="checkbox"/> Zone 2 (≥ 5000 degree days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ≥ 84% < 92% AFUE	<input type="checkbox"/> Oil <input type="checkbox"/> Electric <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Energy
Ratio of Windows, Skylights & Glass (W, S & G) to Wall Area		
Area of walls = _____ m <sup>2</sup> or _____ ft <sup>2</sup>	W, S & G % = _____	Other Building Characteristics
Area of W, S & G = _____ m <sup>2</sup> or _____ ft <sup>2</sup>		<input type="checkbox"/> Log/Post&Beam <input type="checkbox"/> ICF Above Grade <input type="checkbox"/> ICF Basement <input type="checkbox"/> Slab-on-ground <input type="checkbox"/> Walkout Basement <input type="checkbox"/> Air Conditioning <input type="checkbox"/> Combo Unit <input type="checkbox"/> Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Source Heat Pump (GSHP)
SB-12 Performance Reference Building Design Package indicating the prescriptive package to be compared for compliance		
SB-12 Referenced Building Package (input design package): Package: _____ Table: _____		

### D. Building Specifications [provide values and ratings of the energy efficiency components proposed, or attach ENERGY STAR BOP form

Building Component	Minimum RSI / R values or Maximum U-Value <sup>(1)</sup>		Building Component	Efficiency Ratings
<b>Thermal Insulation</b>	Nominal	Effective	<b>Windows &amp; Doors</b> Provide U-Value <sup>(1)</sup> or ER rating	
Ceiling with Attic Space			Windows/Sliding Glass Doors	
Ceiling without Attic Space			Skylights/Glazed Roofs	
Exposed Floor			<b>Mechanicals</b>	
Walls Above Grade			Heating Equip.(AFUE)	
Basement Walls			HRV Efficiency (SRE% at 0°C)	
Slab (all >600mm below grade)			DHW Heater (EF)	
Slab (edge only ≤600mm below grade)			DWHR (CSA B55.1 (min. 42% efficiency))	# Showers _____
Slab (all ≤600mm below grade, or heated)			Combined Space / Dom. Water Heating	

(1) U value to be provided in either W/(m<sup>2</sup>•K) or Btu/(h•ft<sup>2</sup>•F) but not both.

**E. Performance Design Verification** [Subsection 3.1.2. Performance Compliance]

The annual energy consumption using Subsection 3.1.1. SB-12 Reference Building Package is \_\_\_\_\_ GJ (1 GJ =1000MJ)

The annual energy consumption of this house as designed is \_\_\_\_\_ GJ

The software used to simulate the annual energy use of the building is: \_\_\_\_\_

The building is being designed using an air tightness baseline of:

- OBC reference ACH, NLA or NLR default values (no depressurization test required)
- Targeted ACH, NLA or NLR. Depressurization test to meet \_\_\_\_\_ ACH50 or NLR or NLA

Reduction of overall thermal performance of the proposed building envelope is not more than 25% of the envelope of the compliance package it is compared against (3.1.2.1.(6)).

Standard Operating Conditions Applied (A-3.1.2.1 - 4.6.2)

Reduced Operating Conditions for Zero-rated homes Applied (A-3.1.2.1 - 4.6.2.5)

On Site Renewable(s): Solar: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Types: \_\_\_\_\_

**F. ENERGY STAR or R-2000 Performance Design Verification** [Subsection 3.1.3. Other Acceptable Compliance Methods]

- The NRCan "ENERGY STAR for New Homes Standard Version 12.6 " technical requirements, applied to this building design result in the building performance meeting or exceeding the prescriptive performance requirements of the Supplementary Standard SB12 (A-3.1.3.1).
- The NRCan, "2012 R-2000 Standard " technical requirements, applied to this building design result in the building performance meeting or exceeding the prescriptive performance requirements of the Supplementary Standard SB12 (A-3.1.3.1).

**Performance Energy Modeling Professional**

Energy Evaluator/Advisor/Rater/CEM Name and company:

Accreditation or Evaluator/Advisor/Rater License #

**ENERGY STAR or R-2000**

Energy Evaluator/Advisor/Rater/ Name and company:

Evaluator/Advisor/Rater License #

**G. Designer(s)** [name(s) & BCIN(s), if applicable, of person(s) providing information herein to substantiate that design meets the building code]

**Qualified Designer:** Declaration of designer to have reviewed and take responsibility for the design work.

Name	BCIN	Signature