2019 ENERGY CODE



Nonresidential - Commercial **Refrigeration System Features**

Application: Retail food stores with \ge 8000 ft² of conditioned area that use either refrigerated display cases, or walk-in coolers or freezers.

	Mandatory Requirements							
					Lighting Control §120.6(b)3A, §120.6(b)3B			Heat
Refrigeration Component Used	Variable Speed Fan Control ^D §120.6(b)1A	Variable Setpoint Control §§120.6(b)1B, C, D	Floating Suction Pressure ^F §120.6(b)2A	Liquid Subcooling ^c §120.6(b)2B	Timed Overrides: Allow ON <1 hour	Manual Overrides: Turn OFF after <1 hour	Motion Sensor: Reduce power by 50% (min.) within 30 min. after the area is vacated	Recovery ⁶ §120.6(b)4 Minimum 25% of THR
Condensers ^{A, B, H}	YES	YESĔ	no	no	no	no	no	YES ^G
Compressors	no	no	YES	YES	no	no	no	no
Refrigerated Display Cases	no	no	no	no	YES	YES	YES	no

A Minimum condensing temperature set point ≤70°F. Refer to Table 1 below for Minimum Specific Efficiency Requirements. Air-cooled condensers, except microchannel condensers and reused condensers, must have a fin density no greater than 10 fins per inch.

- B Not applicable to new condenser replacement where compressor system Total Heat of Rejection (THR) is not increased, and less than 25% of the attached compressors and attached display cases are new.
- C Requires low temperature systems with a design capacity \geq 100,000 Btu/hr and a saturated suction temperature \leq 10°F to have (1) subcooled liquid temperature at \leq 50°F and (2) saturated suction temperature operation at \geq 18°F.
- D For fan-powered condensers and gas coolers.
- E Based on ambient drybulb for air-cooled condensers and adiabatic condensers in all Climate Zones except 16. For evaporative-cooled condensers, variable setpoint control is based on ambient wetbulb temperature.

- F Not applicable to single compressor systems without continuous variable capacity and suction groups that comprise the high side of a two-stage or cascade systems, or have design saturated suction temperature of >30°F, or primarily serve chillers.
- G Only if THR for individual refrigeration system is \geq 150,000 Btu/hr at design conditions. Exempt for sites in Climate Zone 15 with systems that are reused for an addition or alteration.
- H All transcritical CO₂ refrigerated systems are required to have variable speed fan control, but are exempt from variable setpoint control logic, condensing temperatures and efficiency requirements listed in Sections 120.6(b)1B, C, D, E, F and G.

Condenser Type	Minimum Specific Efficiency	Rating Condition		
Evaporative-Cooled with THR Capacity >8,000 MBH	350 Btuh/W	100°F Saturated Condensing Temperature (SCT), 70°F Outdoor Wetbulb Temperature		
Evaporative-Cooled with THR Capacity <8,000 MBH and Indoor Evaporative-Cooled	160 Btuh/W	100°F SCT, 70°F Outdoor Wetbulb Temperature		
Air-Cooled	665 Btuh/W Halocarbon 75 Btuh/W Ammonia	105°F SCT, 95°F Outdoor Drybulb Temperature		
Adiabatic Dry Mode	45 Btu/W Halocarbon	105°F SCT, 95°F Entering DryBulb Temperature		

Table 1: Fan-powered Condensers - Minimum Efficiency Requirements Source: Table 120.6-C in §120.6(b)



For More Information

Primary Sources

• Energy Code Section 120.6(b) - Mandatory Requirements for Commercial Refrigeration energycodeace.com/site/custom/public/reference-ace-2019/Documents/ section1206mandatoryrequirementsforcoveredprocesses.htm

California Energy Commission Information & Services

- Energy Code Hotline: 1-800-772-3300 (Free) or Title24@energy.ca.gov
- Online Resource Center:

energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/ online-resource-center

 The Energy Commission's main web portal for the Energy Standards, including information, documents and historical information

Additional Resources

- Energy Code Ace: EnergyCodeAce.com
 - An online "one-stop-shop" providing free resources and training to help appliance and building industry professionals decode and comply with Title 24, Part 6 and Title 20. The site is administered by California's investor-owned utilities.
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