

## Tax Deduction Qualified Software for Buildings Placed in Service per Announcement 2023-1.

### OpenStudio 3.9.0

On this page you'll find information about the OpenStudio 3.9.0 Qualified Software for Calculating Commercial Building Tax Deductions | Department of Energy <http://energy.gov/eere/buildings/qualified-software-calculating-commercial-building-tax-deductions>, which calculates energy and power cost savings that meet federal tax incentive requirements for commercial buildings.

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*Statements and information in the right hand column of this table are from the software developer.*

Internal Revenue Code §179D (c)(1) and (d) Regulations Notice 2006-52, Section 6 requirements as amplified by Notice 2008-40, Section 4 requirements.

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| (1) The name, address, and (if applicable) web site of the software developer;                                                                                                                              | Amir Roth<br>Technology Manager, Building Energy Modeling<br>Office of Building Technologies, EE-2J<br>U.S. Department of Energy<br>1000 Independence Avenue, SW<br>Washington, CD 20585-0121<br><a href="http://energyplus.net">http://energyplus.net</a>                          |
| (2) The name, email address, and telephone number of the person to contact for further information regarding the software;                                                                                  | Amir Roth<br><a href="mailto:Amir.roth@ee.doe.gov">Amir.roth@ee.doe.gov</a><br>202-287-1694                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| (3) The name, version, or other identifier of the software as it will appear on the list;                                                                                                                   | <i>OpenStudio, Version 3.9.0</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| (4) All test results, input files, output files, weather data, modeler reports, and the executable version of the software with which the tests were conducted; and                                         | Provided to DOE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| (5) A declaration by the manager in charge of software development, made under penalties of perjury, that all statements and information in the right hand column of this table are true and correct.       | On behalf of the <i>OpenStudio Software</i> development team I certify the following:                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| (a) The software has been tested according to ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 140-2020 Standard Method of Test for the Evaluation of Building Energy Analysis Computer Programs (except for sections 5.2.4, 7, and 8); | The software has been tested according to the American National Standards Institute/American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ANSI/ASHRAE) Standard 140-2020 Standard Method of Test for Evaluation of Building Energy Analysis Computer Programs. |
| (b) The software can model explicitly <sup>(1)</sup> —                                                                                                                                                      | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> is fully compliant with ASHRAE 90.1-2007 and meets all of the below requirements.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| (i) 8,760 hours per year;                                                                                                                                                                                   | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> complies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| (ii) Calculation methodologies for the building components being modeled;                                                                                                                       | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> complies.           |
| (iii) Hourly variations in occupancy, lighting power, miscellaneous equipment power, thermostat setpoints, and HVAC system operation, defined separately for each day of the week and holidays; | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> complies.           |
| (iv) Thermal mass effects;                                                                                                                                                                      | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> complies.           |
| (v) Ten or more thermal zones;                                                                                                                                                                  | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> complies.           |
| (vi) Part-load performance curves for mechanical equipment;                                                                                                                                     | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> complies.           |
| (vii) Capacity and efficiency correction curves for mechanical heating and cooling equipment; and                                                                                               | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> complies.           |
| (viii) Air-side and water-side economizers with integrated control.                                                                                                                             | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> complies.           |
| (c) <sup>(2)</sup> The software can explicitly model each of the following HVAC systems listed in Appendix G of Standard 90.1-2007 <sup>(1)</sup> :                                             |                                                    |
| (i) Packaged Terminal Air Conditioner (PTAC), constant volume (CV) fan, DX coil cooling, hot-water fossil fuel boiler.                                                                          | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models this system. |
| (ii) Packaged Terminal Heat Pump (PTHP), CV fan, DX coil cooling, electric heat pump heating.                                                                                                   | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models this system. |
| (iii) Packaged Rooftop Air Conditioner (PSZ-AC), CV fan, DX coil cooling, fossil fuel furnace heating.                                                                                          | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models this system. |
| (iv) Packaged Rooftop Heat Pump (PSZ-HP), CV fan, DX coil cooling, electric heat pump heating.                                                                                                  | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models this system. |
| (v) Packaged Rooftop Variable-Air-Volume (PVAV) with reheat, Variable-Air-Volume (VAV) fans, DX coil cooling, hot-water fossil fuel boiler.                                                     | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models this system. |
| (vi) Packaged VAV with parallel fan-powered boxes (PVAV with PFP boxes) with reheat, VAV fans, DX coil cooling, electric resistance heating.                                                    | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models this system. |
| (vii) Packaged Rooftop VAV with reheat, VAV fans, chilled water cooling, hot-water                                                                                                              | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models this system. |

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| fossil fuel boiler.                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                               |
| (viii) VAV with PFP boxes with reheat, VAV fans, chilled water cooling, electric resistance heating.                                                                          | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models this system.                                                                            |
| (d) The software can—                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                               |
| (i) Either directly determine energy and power costs or produce hourly reports of energy use by energy source suitable for determining energy and power costs separately; and | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> complies.                                                                                      |
| (ii) Design load calculations to determine required HVAC equipment capacities and air and water flow rates.                                                                   | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> complies.                                                                                      |
| (e) <sup>(2)</sup> The software can explicitly model:                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                               |
| (i) Natural ventilation.                                                                                                                                                      | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models natural ventilation.                                                                    |
| (ii) Mixed mode (natural and mechanical) ventilation.                                                                                                                         | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models mixed mode ventilation.                                                                 |
| (iii) Earth tempering of outdoor air.                                                                                                                                         | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models earth tempering of outdoor air.                                                         |
| (iv) Displacement ventilation.                                                                                                                                                | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models displacement ventilation                                                                |
| (v) Evaporative cooling.                                                                                                                                                      | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models evaporative cooling.                                                                    |
| (vi) Water use by occupants for cooking, cleaning or other domestic uses.                                                                                                     | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models water use by occupants                                                                  |
| (vii) Water use by heating, cooling, or other equipment, or for on-site landscaping.                                                                                          | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models water use by heating, cooling, and other equipment as well as for on- site landscaping. |
| (viii) Automatic interior or exterior lighting controls (such as occupancy, photocells, or time-clocks).                                                                      | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models automatic interior and exterior lighting controls.                                      |
| (ix) Daylighting (sidelighting, skylights, or tubular daylight devices).                                                                                                      | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models sidelighting, skylights, and tubular daylighting devices.                               |
| (x) Improved fan system efficiency through static pressure reset.                                                                                                             | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models improved fan system efficiency through static pressure reset.                           |
| (xi) Radiant heating or cooling (low or high temperature).                                                                                                                    | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models low and high temperature radiant heating and cooling.                                   |

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| (xii) Multiple or variable-speed control for fans, cooling equipment, or cooling towers.                                         | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models multiple and variable-speed control for fans, cooling equipment, and cooling towers.                             |
| (xiii) On-site energy systems (such as combined heat and power systems, fuel cells, solar photovoltaic, solar thermal, or wind). | The <i>OpenStudio Software</i> models on-site energy systems including combined heat and power, photovoltaic systems, and solar water and air systems. |

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- 1) 90.1-2007 is defined by the PATH Act of 2015 as "Standard 90.1-2007 of ASHRAE and IESNA (as in effect on the day before the date of the adoption of Standard 90.1-2010 of such Societies)." This definition includes 90.1-2007 and the addenda supplement package (Addenda a, b, c, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, s, t, u, w, y, ad, and aw) and addendum r, plus all published errata.
- 2) Software that cannot explicitly model one or more of the HVAC systems or features in sections 5.c and 5.e of the table can still be listed as qualified software. It cannot, however, be used for 179D analyses of projects that need to model such systems or features. When this is the case, the statement used for the particular requirements shall be as follows: The *OpenStudio Software* cannot model *system or feature X* and shall not be used for projects with this technology.

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