

## HVAC – Basis of Design: Room Classification Tables for Clean Rooms

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### Table I. Summary Table for Temperature, Humidity, Air Change and Pressure Differential Requirements

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Consult Design Engineering Firm for proper LotterBhanson - C.E.C.H.S. Room Classification based on operations covered in ISPE Baseline Guides.<sup>8,9,10</sup>

LotterBhanson - C.E.C.H.S. Designation	ISO 5 / Grade A	ISO 7 / Grade B	ISO 8 / Grade C	Grade D	CNC Level 2/3	CNC Level 1
Other Industry Designations	Grade A <sup>Ref 2</sup> ISO 4.8 in operation <sup>Ref 2</sup>  ISO 4.8 at rest <sup>Ref 2</sup> Class 100 <sup>Ref 4</sup>	Grade B <sup>Ref 2</sup> ISO 7 in operation <sup>Ref 2</sup> ISO 5 at rest <sup>Ref 2</sup>  Class 10,000 <sup>Ref 4</sup>	Grade C <sup>Ref 2</sup> ISO 8 in operation <sup>Ref 2</sup> ISO 7 at rest <sup>Ref 2</sup>  Class 100,000 <sup>Ref 4</sup>	Grade D <sup>Ref 2</sup> Not Specified in operation <sup>Ref 2</sup>  ISO 8 at rest <sup>Ref 2</sup>	Preferred ISO 8 at rest Controlled Not Classified (CNC) <sup>Ref 8</sup>  Level II and Level III protection <sup>Ref 9, 10</sup>	Controlled Not Classified (CNC) <sup>Ref 8</sup>  Level I Protection <sup>Ref 9, 10</sup>
Recommended Temperature / Humidity	Generally, [ ] °C Generally, [ ] % RH <sup>Ref 6</sup>	Generally, [ ] °C Generally, [ ] % RH <sup>Ref 6</sup>	Generally, [ ] °C Generally, [ ] % RH <sup>Ref 6</sup>	Generally, [ ] °C Generally, [ ] % RH <sup>Ref 6</sup>	Generally, [ ] °C Generally, [ ] % RH	Generally, [ ] °C Generally, [ ] % RH
Filtration, Air Flow & Face Velocity/ Air Changes per hour (ACH)	Minimum HEPA Filter <sup>Refs 4, 8</sup>  Laminar <sup>Ref 2</sup> OR Unidirectional <sup>Refs 4, 6</sup> Face Velocity [ ] m/sec <sup>Refs 2, 4, 6</sup>  Min [ ] ACH <sup>Ref 1</sup> (Best Engineering Practice may call for [ ] + ACHs)	Minimum HEPA Filter <sup>Ref 8</sup>  Mixed Flow <sup>Ref 6</sup> Face Velocity [ ] m/sec <sup>Refs 2, 4</sup> [ ] ACH <sup>Refs 1, 6</sup>	Minimum HEPA Filter <sup>Ref 8</sup> Mixed Flow <sup>Ref 6</sup> Face Velocity [ ] <sup>Refs 2, 6</sup> [ ] ACH <sup>Refs 1, 8</sup>	Minimum HEPA Filter <sup>Ref 8</sup> Mixed Flow <sup>Ref 6</sup> Face Velocity Not Specified <sup>Refs 2, 6</sup> [ ] ACH <sup>Ref 8</sup>	Minimum [ ] Filter <sup>Ref 9, 10</sup> Mixed Flow <sup>Ref 6</sup> Face Velocity Not Specified <sup>Refs 2, 6</sup> [ ] ACH <sup>Ref 8</sup>	Minimum [ ] Filter <sup>Ref 9, 10</sup> Mixed Flow <sup>Ref 6</sup> Face Velocity Not Specified <sup>Refs 2, 6</sup> [ ] ACH <sup>Ref 8</sup>
Differential Pressures (continuous monitoring required)	[ ] Pa differential to adjacent rooms of different classes <sup>Refs 2, 4</sup> [ ] Pa ([ ] "wg) to adjacent unclassified rooms <sup>Ref 4</sup>	[ ] Pa differential to adjacent rooms of different classes <sup>Refs 2, 4</sup> [ ] Pa ([ ] "wg) to adjacent unclassified rooms <sup>Ref 4</sup>	[ ] Pa differential to adjacent rooms of different classes <sup>Refs 2, 4</sup> [ ] Pa ([ ] "wg) to adjacent unclassified rooms <sup>Ref 4</sup>	[ ] Pa differential to adjacent unclassified rooms <sup>Ref 4</sup>	[ ] Pa differential to adjacent unclassified rooms	[ ] Pa differential to adjacent unclassified rooms

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### Table II. Summary Table Environmental Monitoring Limits per Grade

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LotterBhanson - C.E.C.H.S. Designation	ISO 5 / Grade A	ISO 7 / Grade B	ISO 8 / Grade C	Grade D	CNC Level 2/3	CNC Level 1
Maximum Allowed Particulate Count	<p><b>At Rest:</b> <math>\text{#/m}^3 &gt; 5.0\mu\text{m}</math> Ref 2  <math>\text{#/m}^3 &gt; 0.5\mu\text{m}</math> Refs 2, 5</p> <p><b>In Operation:</b> <math>\text{#/m}^3 &gt; 5.0\mu\text{m}</math> Ref 2  <math>\text{#/m}^3 &gt; 0.5\mu\text{m}</math> Refs 2, 5</p>	<p><b>At Rest:</b> <math>\text{#/m}^3 &gt; 5.0\mu\text{m}</math> Ref 2  <math>\text{#/m}^3 &gt; 0.5\mu\text{m}</math> Ref 2</p> <p><b>In Operation:</b> <math>\text{#/m}^3 &gt; 5.0\mu\text{m}</math> Ref 2  <math>\text{#/m}^3 &gt; 0.5\mu\text{m}</math> Refs 2, 5</p>	<p><b>At Rest:</b> <math>\text{#/m}^3 &gt; 5.0\mu\text{m}</math> Ref 2  <math>\text{#/m}^3 &gt; 0.5\mu\text{m}</math> Ref 2</p> <p><b>In Operation:</b> <math>\text{#/m}^3 &gt; 5.0\mu\text{m}</math> Ref 2  <math>\text{#/m}^3 &gt; 0.5\mu\text{m}</math> Refs 2, 5</p>	<p><b>At Rest:</b> <math>\text{#/m}^3 &gt; 5.0\mu\text{m}</math> Ref 2  <math>\text{#/m}^3 &gt; 0.5\mu\text{m}</math> Ref 2</p> <p><b>In Operation:</b> <math>\text{#/m}^3 &gt; 5.0\mu\text{m}</math> Ref 2</p>	<p><b>At Rest (Preferred, Not Required):</b> <math>\text{#/m}^3 &gt; 5.0\mu\text{m}</math> Ref 2  <math>\text{#/m}^3 &gt; 0.5\mu\text{m}</math> Refs 2, 5</p> <p><b>In Operation:</b> Not Specified</p>	Not Specified
Viable Counts – Airborne 90mm Settle Plate and Active Air Sampling	<p><b>Settle Plate:</b> <math>\leq \text{CFU}/\text{hrs}</math> Refs 2, 4  AND  <math>\leq \text{ % Recovery Rate}</math> Ref 1</p> <p><b>Active Air:</b> <math>\leq \text{CFU}/\text{m}^3</math> Refs 2, 4  AND  <math>\leq \text{ % Recovery Rate}</math> Ref 1</p>	<p><b>Settle Plate:</b> <math>\leq \text{CFU}/\text{hrs}</math> Refs 2, 4  AND  <math>\leq \text{ % Recovery Rate}</math> Ref 1</p> <p><b>Active Air:</b> <math>\leq \text{CFU}/\text{m}^3</math> Refs 2, 4  AND  <math>\leq \text{ % Recovery Rate}</math> Ref 1</p>	<p><b>Settle Plate:</b> <math>\leq \text{CFU}/\text{hrs}</math> Refs 2, 4  AND  <math>\leq \text{ % Recovery Rate}</math> Ref 1</p> <p><b>Active Air:</b> <math>\leq \text{CFU}/\text{m}^3</math> Refs 2, 4  AND  <math>\leq \text{ % Recovery Rate}</math> Ref 1</p>	<p><b>Settle Plate:</b> <math>\leq \text{CFU}/\text{hrs}</math> Ref 2  <b>Active Air:</b> <math>\leq \text{CFU}/\text{m}^3</math> Ref 2</p>	Not Specified	Not Specified

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**Table III. Summary Table Environmental Monitoring Limits per Grade (Continued)**

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LotterBhanson - C.E.C.H.S. Designation	ISO 5 / Grade A	ISO 7 / Grade B	ISO 8 / Grade C	Grade D	CNC Level 2/3	CNC Level 1
Viable Counts – Surface Swab or 55mm Contact Plate	< [REDACTED] CFU/plate Ref 2 AND < [REDACTED] % Recovery Rate Ref 1	< [REDACTED] CFU/plate Ref 2 AND < [REDACTED] % Recovery Rate Ref 1	< [REDACTED] CFU/plate Ref 2 AND < [REDACTED] % Recovery Rate Ref 1	< [REDACTED] CFU/plate Ref 2	Not Specified	Not Specified
Viable Counts – Gown	< [REDACTED] % Recovery Rate Ref 1	< [REDACTED] % Recovery Rate Ref 1	< [REDACTED] % Recovery Rate Ref 1	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified
Viable Counts – Gloves	< [REDACTED] CFU/glove print Ref 2 AND < [REDACTED] % Recovery Rate Ref 1	< [REDACTED] CFU/glove print Ref 2 AND < [REDACTED] % recovery Rate Ref 1	Not Specified Ref 2 AND < [REDACTED] % Recovery Rate Ref 1	Not Specified Ref 2	Not Specified	Not Specified
Maximum Testing Interval – ISO Class Microbial	Re-Classification: [REDACTED] months Ref 7 Process Control: [REDACTED] during critical processing steps (unless not possible) Ref 2	Re-Classification: [REDACTED] months Ref 7 Process Control: [REDACTED] for ISO Grade [REDACTED] background areas Ref 2 OR each shift/batch Ref 1	Re-Classification: [REDACTED] months Ref 7 Process Control: [REDACTED] or Each Shift (if adjacent to ISO Grade [REDACTED] Ref 1	Re-Classification: Not Specified – recommend [REDACTED] months. Process Control: [REDACTED] Ref 1	Re-Classification (Preferred, Not Required): [REDACTED] months Ref 7 Process Control: Not Specified	Re-Classification: Not Specified – recommend [REDACTED] months. Process Control: Not Specified

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### Table IV. Isolator/Glovebox and RABS Design Requirements

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LotterBhanson - C.E.C.H.S. Designation	Isolator/RABS ISO 5 / Grade A	LotterBhanson - C.E.C.H.S. Designation	Isolator/RABS ISO 5 / Grade A
Other Industry Designations	Grade A <sup>Ref 2</sup> ISO 4.8 in operation <sup>Ref 2</sup> ISO 4.8 at rest <sup>Ref 2</sup> Class 100 <sup>Ref 4</sup>	Maximum Particulate Count	<b>At Rest:</b> █ / m <sup>3</sup> > 5.0µm <sup>Ref 2</sup> █ / m <sup>3</sup> > 0.5µm <sup>Ref 2</sup> <b>In Operation:</b> █ / m <sup>3</sup> > 5.0µm <sup>Ref 2</sup> █ / m <sup>3</sup> > 0.5µm <sup>Refs 2, 5</sup>
Recommended Temperature / Humidity	Generally, █ °C Generally, █ % RH <sup>Ref 6</sup>	Viable Counts – Airborne 90mm Settle Plate and Active Air Sampling	<b>Settle Plate:</b> █ % Recovery Rate <sup>Ref 1</sup> <b>Active Air:</b> █ % Recovery Rate <sup>Ref 1</sup>
Filtration, Air Flow & Face Velocity/ Air Changes per hour (ACH)	Minimum HEPA Filter <sup>Ref 4</sup> Mixed, Unidirectional OR Laminar <sup>Ref 1</sup> , Unidirectional at Critical Points <sup>Refs 1, 2</sup> Velocity not Specified <sup>Refs 1, 2</sup> Air Changes not Specified <sup>Refs 1, 6, 8</sup>	Viable Counts – Surface Swab or 55mm Contact Plate	█ % Recovery Rate <sup>Ref 1</sup>
Differential Pressures (continuous monitoring required)	█ Pa █ " wg) differential to background environment <sup>Ref 4</sup>	Viable Counts – Gown	█ % Recovery Rate <sup>Ref 1</sup>
Background Area Designation	Minimum ISO Grade █	Viable Counts – Gloves	█ % recovery Rate <sup>Ref 1</sup>
		Maximum Testing Interval	<b>Re-Classification:</b> █ months <sup>Ref 7</sup> <b>Process Control:</b> █ during critical processing steps (unless not possible) <sup>Ref 2</sup>

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