

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.^{8,9,10}

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 ^{Ref 2} ISO 4.8 in operation ^{Ref 2} ISO 4.8 at rest ^{Ref 2} Class 100 ^{Ref 4}	Grade B ^{Ref 2} ISO 7 in operation ^{Ref 2} ISO 5 at rest ^{Ref 2} Class 10,000 ^{Ref 4}	Grade C ^{Ref 2} ISO 8 in operation ^{Ref 2} ISO 7 at rest ^{Ref 2} Class 100,000 ^{Ref 4}	Grade D ^{Ref 2} Not Specified in operation ^{Ref 2} ISO 8 at rest ^{Ref 2}	Preferred ISO 8 at rest Controlled Not Classified (CNC) ^{Ref 8} Level II and Level III protection ^{Ref 9, 10}	Controlled Not Classified (CNC) ^{Ref 8} Level I Protection ^{Ref 9, 10}
Recommended Temperature / Humidity	Generally, [] °C Generally, [] % RH ^{Ref 6}	Generally, [] °C Generally, [] % RH ^{Ref 6}	Generally, [] °C Generally, [] % RH ^{Ref 6}	Generally, [] °C Generally, [] % RH ^{Ref 6}	Generally, [] °C Generally, [] % RH	Generally, [] °C Generally, [] % RH
Filtration, Air Flow & Face Velocity/ Air Changes per hour (ACH)	Minimum HEPA Filter ^{Refs 4, 8} Laminar ^{Ref 2} OR Unidirectional ^{Refs 4, 6} Face Velocity [] m/sec ^{Refs 2, 4, 6} Min [] ACH ^{Ref 1} (Best Engineering Practice may call for [] + ACHs)	Minimum HEPA Filter ^{Ref 8} Mixed Flow ^{Ref 6} Face Velocity [] m/sec ^{Refs 2, 4} [] ACH ^{Refs 1, 6}	Minimum HEPA Filter ^{Ref 8} Mixed Flow ^{Ref 6} Face Velocity [] m/sec ^{Refs 2, 6} [] ACH ^{Refs 1, 8}	Minimum HEPA Filter ^{Ref 8} Mixed Flow ^{Ref 6} Face Velocity Not Specified ^{Refs 2, 6} [] ACH ^{Ref 8}	Minimum [] Filter ^{Ref 9, 10} Mixed Flow ^{Ref 6} Face Velocity Not Specified ^{Refs 2, 6} [] ACH ^{Ref 8}	Minimum [] Filter ^{Ref 9, 10} Mixed Flow ^{Ref 6} Face Velocity Not Specified ^{Refs 2, 6} [] ACH ^{Ref 8}
Differential Pressures (continuous monitoring required)	[] Pa differential to adjacent rooms of different classes ^{Refs 2, 4} ≥ [] Pa ([] " wg) to adjacent unclassified rooms ^{Ref 4}	[] Pa differential to adjacent rooms of different classes ^{Refs 2, 4} ≥ [] Pa ([] " wg) to adjacent unclassified rooms ^{Ref 4}	[] Pa differential to adjacent rooms of different classes ^{Refs 2, 4} ≥ [] Pa ([] " wg) to adjacent unclassified rooms ^{Ref 4}	[] Pa differential to adjacent unclassified rooms ^{Ref 4}	[] 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	At Rest: $\frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{m}^3} > 5.0\mu\text{m}$ ^{Ref 2} $\frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{m}^3} > 0.5\mu\text{m}$ <small>Refs 2, 5</small> In Operation: $\frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{m}^3} > 5.0\mu\text{m}$ ^{Ref 2} $\frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{m}^3} > 0.5\mu\text{m}$ <small>Refs 2, 5</small>	At Rest: $\frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{m}^3} > 5.0\mu\text{m}$ ^{Ref 2} $\frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{m}^3} > 0.5\mu\text{m}$ <small>Ref 2</small> In Operation: $\frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{m}^3} > 5.0\mu\text{m}$ ^{Ref 2} $\frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{m}^3} > 0.5\mu\text{m}$ <small>Refs 2, 5</small>	At Rest: $\frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{m}^3} > 5.0\mu\text{m}$ ^{Ref 2} $\frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{m}^3} > 0.5\mu\text{m}$ <small>Ref 2</small> In Operation: $\frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{m}^3} > 5.0\mu\text{m}$ ^{Ref 2} $\frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{m}^3} > 0.5\mu\text{m}$ ^{Refs 2, 5}	At Rest: $\frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{m}^3} > 5.0\mu\text{m}$ ^{Ref 2} $\frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{m}^3} > 0.5\mu\text{m}$ ^{Ref 2} In Operation: $\frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{m}^3} > 0.5\mu\text{m}$ ^{Ref 2}	At Rest (Preferred, Not Required): $\frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{m}^3} > 5.0\mu\text{m}$ ^{Ref 2} $\frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{m}^3} > 0.5\mu\text{m}$ ^{Refs 2, 5} In Operation: Not Specified	Not Specified
Viable Counts – Airborne 90mm Settle Plate and Active Air Sampling	Settle Plate: $\leq \frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{CFU}} \frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{hrs}}$ ^{Refs 2, 4} AND $\leq \frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{[Redacted]}} \%$ Recovery Rate ^{Ref 1} Active Air: $\leq \frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{CFU/m}^3}$ ^{Refs 2, 4} AND $\leq \frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{[Redacted]}} \%$ Recovery Rate ^{Ref 1}	Settle Plate: $\leq \frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{CFU}} \frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{hrs}}$ ^{Refs 2, 4} AND $\leq \frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{[Redacted]}} \%$ Recovery Rate ^{Ref 1} Active Air: $\leq \frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{CFU/m}^3}$ ^{Refs 2, 4} AND $\leq \frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{[Redacted]}} \%$ Recovery Rate ^{Ref 1}	Settle Plate: $\leq \frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{CFU}} \frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{hrs}}$ ^{Refs 2, 4} AND $\leq \frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{[Redacted]}} \%$ Recovery Rate ^{Ref 1} Active Air: $\leq \frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{CFU/m}^3}$ ^{Refs 2, 4} AND $\leq \frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{[Redacted]}} \%$ Recovery Rate ^{Ref 1}	Settle Plate: $\leq \frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{CFU}} \frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{hrs}}$ ^{Ref 2} Active Air: $\leq \frac{\text{[Redacted]}}{\text{CFU/m}^3}$ ^{Ref 2}	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	< █ CFU/plate ^{Ref 2} AND < █ % Recovery Rate ^{Ref 1}	< █ CFU/plate ^{Ref 2} AND < █ % Recovery Rate ^{Ref 1}	< █ CFU/plate ^{Ref 2} AND < █ % Recovery Rate ^{Ref 1}	< █ CFU/plate ^{Ref 2}	Not Specified	Not Specified
Viable Counts – Gown	< █ % Recovery Rate ^{Ref 1}	< █ % Recovery Rate ^{Ref 1}	█ % Recovery Rate ^{Ref 1}	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified
Viable Counts – Gloves	< █ CFU/glove print ^{Ref 2} AND < █ % Recovery Rate ^{Ref 1}	< █ CFU/glove print ^{Ref 2} AND < █ % recovery Rate ^{Ref 1}	Not Specified ^{Ref 2} AND < █ % Recovery Rate ^{Ref 1}	Not Specified ^{Ref 2}	Not Specified	Not Specified
Maximum Testing Interval – ISO Class Microbial	Re-Classification: █ months ^{Ref 7} Process Control: █ during critical processing steps (unless not possible) ^{Ref 2}	Re-Classification: █ months ^{Ref 7} Process Control: █ for ISO Grade █ background areas ^{Ref 2} OR each shift/batch ^{Ref 1}	Re-Classification: █ months ^{Ref 7} Process Control: █ or Each Shift (if adjacent to ISO Grade █) ^{Ref 1}	Re-Classification: Not Specified – recommend █ months. Process Control: █ ^{Ref 1}	Re-Classification (Preferred, Not Required): █ months ^{Ref 7} Process Control: Not Specified	Re-Classification: Not Specified – recommend █ 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 ^{Ref 2} ISO 4.8 in operation ^{Ref 2} ISO 4.8 at rest ^{Ref 2} Class 100 ^{Ref 4}	Maximum Particulate Count	At Rest: <div> <div></div> /m³ > 5.0µm ^{Ref 2} </div> <div> <div></div> /m³ > 0.5µm ^{Ref 2} </div> In Operation: <div> <div></div> /m³ > 5.0µm ^{Ref 2} </div> <div> <div></div> /m³ > 0.5µm ^{Refs 2, 5} </div>
Recommended Temperature / Humidity	Generally, <div></div> °C Generally, <div></div> % RH ^{Ref 6}	Viable Counts – Airborne 90mm Settle Plate and Active Air Sampling	Settle Plate: <div> <div></div> % Recovery Rate ^{Ref 1} </div> Active Air: <div> <div></div> % Recovery Rate ^{Ref 1} </div>
Filtration, Air Flow & Face Velocity/ Air Changes per hour (ACH)	Minimum HEPA Filter ^{Ref 4} Mixed, Unidirectional OR Laminar ^{Ref 1} Unidirectional at Critical Points ^{Refs 1, 2} Velocity not Specified ^{Refs 1, 2} Air Changes not Specified ^{Refs 1, 6, 8}	Viable Counts – Surface Swab or 55mm Contact Plate	< <div></div> % Recovery Rate ^{Ref 1}
Differential Pressures (continuous monitoring required)	<div></div> Pa <div></div> " wg) differential to background environment ^{Ref 4}	Viable Counts – Gown	< <div></div> % Recovery Rate ^{Ref 1}
Background Area Designation	Minimum ISO Grade <div></div>	Viable Counts – Gloves	< <div></div> % recovery Rate ^{Ref 1}
		Maximum Testing Interval	Re-Classification: <div></div> months ^{Ref 7} Process Control: <div></div> during critical processing steps (unless not possible) ^{Ref 2}

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