

**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, California 95814Main website: [www.energy.ca.gov](http://www.energy.ca.gov)**NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL  
OF STANDARD U-FACTORS FOR INSULATED METAL PANEL WALLS**

As part of the adoption of the *2005 Building Energy Efficiency Standards*, the California Energy Commission adopted Joint Appendix IV, which contains standard U-factor, C-factor and Thermal Mass data for roof, wall and floor construction assemblies (see page IV-1 of the Joint Appendices at:

[http://www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2005standards/2004-10-06\\_400-03-001-JAF.PDF](http://www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2005standards/2004-10-06_400-03-001-JAF.PDF)).

The data in Joint Appendix IV must be used for all residential and nonresidential compliance approaches, including the mandatory requirements, prescriptive envelope component approach, prescriptive overall envelope approach and performance approach for nonresidential, high-rise residential and hotel/motel buildings, and the mandatory requirements, prescriptive and performance approaches for low-rise residential buildings.

If a construction assembly is not adequately represented in Joint Appendix IV, an applicant may request approval by the Energy Commission's Executive Director for different data for that construction assembly. The approval of the Executive Director is based on the technical justification submitted by the applicant. Approved standard data for the construction assembly will be published as an addendum to Joint Appendix IV for use in all compliance approaches.

This Notice of Approval of Standard U-factor data for Insulated Metal Panel Walls for use in Low-Rise Residential Buildings and for Type V Nonresidential Buildings authorizes the use of the data shown in the attached Table IV.10a with the limitations in the description following the table. Table IV.10a is officially added as an addendum to Joint Appendix IV.

Approved by:

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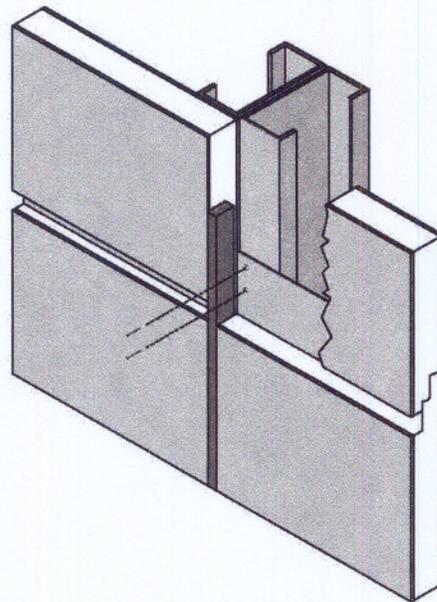
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Dated 3/12/07

**Table IV.10a – U-factors of Insulated Metal Panel Walls**

Panel Thickness	U-factor (Btu/°F-ft <sup>2</sup> )	
		A
2"	1	0.078
2 ½"	2	0.063
3"	3	0.053
4"	4	0.041
5"	5	0.033
6"	6	0.027

This table contains thermal performance data (U-factors) for foamed-in-place, insulated metal panel walls consisting of liquid polyurethane or polyisocyanurate injected between metal skins in individual molds or on fully automated production lines. Metal building construction is the most common application for this product where the inner metal panel is fastened to the frame of the structure. This fastening allows continuous insulation between the metal panels. This table can only be used for insulated panels that are factory built. This table does not apply to panels that utilize polystyrene, or to field applied products such as spray applied insulations.



*Figure IV.10a – Insulated Metal Panel Walls*

**Assumptions.** These data are calculated using the parallel path method documented in the 2001 ASHRAE Fundamentals. These calculations assume an exterior air film of R-0.17, light gauge metal exterior R-0.0747, continuous insulation R-5.9 per inch, light gauge metal interior R-0.0747 interior air film (heat flow horizontal) of R-0.68. The panels are assumed to be continuous with no framing penetration.