# Energy Audit of an Existing Building: Cooling Load Approach

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**Abstract:** *This project has been carried to perform energy audit in an office building in order to find out the energy saving measures. The objective of this project is to obtain information about the building cooling systems, lighting systems and finally to find minimal cost and building measures that can be implemented to reduce energy consumption of that building with a set of improvements of the lighting system and an extensive use of day lighting strategies. One building has been chosen for this project and a detailed energy audit has been conducted in the building with the permission from the building management. Finally there are few energy saving measures recommended for this building and the energy consumption has been found to decrease after implementing those measures in the building. The effect of significant building parameters like orientation, window glass shade type, wall insulation, roof type and floor type can be easily investigated. Effect of all these parameters have been investigated for a typical building block to arrive at an intelligent decision. Various calculations of cooling land for existing building which comes out be 404. 182 KW. After that modifications have been suggested with regard to insulation provision, reduction of quantity of air-conditioners and using double glazed glass on window panes. Cooling load calculations after modifications have been done comes out to be 247.557KW thereby saving about 38.75% of total cooling load. The objectives of the project are: 1) To achieve energy savings. 2) To provide a high quality internal environment. 3) To provide recommendations to reduce the monthly electricity bills.*

**Keywords:** Cooling Load Approach

## **1. Introduction**

A building should be designed keeping in mind the health and wellbeing of the building occupants: Another important, feature of a green building should be such that its design should aim to provide comfortable and safe environment for is its inhabitants. It means that building will be pleasant and safe for human inhabitants .Materials used should be safe for humans and architecture design should also be very intuitive, so as to have provision for fresh air and and natural sunlight.

An important benefit of Green Building is its Energy Efficiency, which results in reducing energy consumption for AC's and Heating needs, It should feature elements like effective use of natural lighting, cool roof and wall panels, and green energy generating systems all aimed at reducing energy consumption', the result of using green building is clean environment and cost savings for the owners of the building.

## **2. Site Selection and Description**

#### **Building Characteristics**

To calculate space heat gain, the following information on building envelope is required.

- a) Architectural plans, sections and elevations for estimating buildings dimensions/area/volume.
- b) Building orientation (N,S,E,W,NE,SE,SW,NW,etc) location etc.
- c) External/Internal shading, ground reflectance etc.
- d) Materials of construction for external walls, roofs, windows, doors, internal walls, partitions, ceiling, insulating materials and thick nesses, external wall and roof colors-select and/or compute U-values for walls, roof, windows, doors, partitions, etc. Check if the structure is insulated and/or exposed to high wind.

#### **Operating Schedules**

Obtain the schedule of occupants, lighting, equipment, appliances, and processes that contribute to the internal loads and determine whether air conditioning equipment will be operated continuously or intermittently (such as, shut down during off periods, night set-back, and weekend shut down). Gather the following information.

- a) Lighting requirements, types of following fixtures.
- b) Appliances requirements such as computers, printers, fax machines, water coolers, refrigerators, microwave, miscellaneous electrical panels, cable etc.
- c) Heat released by the HVAC equipment.
- d) Number of occupants, time of building occupancy and type of building company.

The following data related to the building is:

- 1) Location: Latitude [32°420 N] and Longitude [7452fl E]
- 2) Type of building: Office
- 3) Total Occupants: 137 persons
- 4) Working Hours: 8 hrs of working -9.00 to 17.00 hrs
- 5) Number of floors: 3
- 6) Floor area: 150 ft x 53 ft = 7950 ft
- 7) Floor-to-floor Height: 10 ft
- 8) Windows: Single Regular Glass
- 9) Wall: Thickness = 11 inch  $[U= 2.77 W/m2-K]$
- 10) Exterior wall structure:
	- Face brick  $= 9$  inches
	- Plaster  $= 1$  inch (on both side)
- 11) Roof: Thickness = 6 inch  $[U= 7.2 W/m2-K]$
- 12) Roofs:
	- Facebrick=l inch
		- Concrete slab  $=$  4 inches
	- Plaster (inside) = 1 inches 13) Exterior window:
	- Regular Single glass = 3mm

• Exterior shading coefficient  $(SC) = 30\%$  of regular single glass

## **3. Cooling Load Calculations**

Cooling load calculations may be used to accomplish one or more •of the following objectives:

- a)Provide information for equipment selection, system sizing and system design.
- b)Provide data for evaluating the optimum possibilities for load reduction.
- c)Permit analysis of partial loads as required for system design, operation and control.

This provides a procedure for preparing a manual calculation for cooling load. A number of published methods, tables and charts from industry handbooks, manufacturer's engineering data and manufacturer's catalog data usually provide a good source of design information and criteria in the preparation of the HVAC load calculation.

For strictly manual cooling load calculation method, the most practical to use is the CLTD method as described in the 1997 ASHRAE Fundamentals. It should be noted that the results obtained from using the CLTD method depend largely on the characteristics of the space being considered and how they vary from the model used to generate the CLTD data shown on the various tables.









Where:

- L=Low Daily Range, Less than  $16^0$ F
- M=Medium Daily Range, 16 to  $25^0F$

**Table 4.4:** Formulae for Residential Cooling Load Calculations



#### • Where:

q=sensible cooling load, Btu/hr

U=Coefficient of heat transfer roof or wall or glass  $(W/m^2-K)$ 

A=Area of roof,  $ft<sup>2</sup>$ 

CLTD=Cooling Load Temperature difference <sup>OF</sup>

GLF=glass load factor

## **Related Terms**

Relevant terms related to heat transmission and load calculations are defined below in accordance with ASHRAE standard 12-75.

- **Cooling Load Temperature Difference (CLTD):-** It is defined as an equivalent temperature used for calculating the instantaneous external cooling load across a wall or roof. A value used in cooling load calculations for the effective temperature difference across a wall or ceiling, which accounts for the effect of radiant heat as well as the temperature difference.
- **Heat Transfer Coefficient (U-Factor):-** It is the rate of heat flow through a unit area of building envelope material or assembly, including its boundary films, as per unit of temperature difference between the inside and outside air.
- **Thermal Resistance (R):-** It is defined as the reciprocal of a heat transfer coefficient. Thermal resistance is a heat property-and a measure of temperature difference, by which an object-or material resist a heat flow (heat per time unit or thermal resistance). For example, a wall with a u-value of 0.25 would have a resistance value of  $R=1/U=1/0.25=4.0$ .
- **Thermal Conductivity (K):-** It is defined as the ability of a material to transfer heat. Given two surface on either side of the material with a temperature difference between them, the thermal conductivity is the heat energy

transferred per unit time and per unit surface area, divided by the temperature difference.

- Example of Cooling Load Calculation: Consider first floor VIG Room: Floor to Ceiling height – 3.0048m (10ft) Outdoor temperature -41 deg C ROOF:
- **Thermal resistance of brick R1=L1/K<sup>1</sup>**  $=0.0254/0.7$  $=0.036(m^2-K)/VV$
- Thermal resistance of plaster  $R2=L_2/K_2$  $=0.1016/1.5$  $=0.077(m^2-K)/W$
- Thermal resistance of plaster  $R3 = L_3/K_3$ =0.0254/0.721  $=0.035(m^2-K)/W$ U-Factor of roof = $1/(R1+R2+R3)$ =7.2W/(m<sup>2</sup>-K) Area (A)= $6mx5.18m=31.08m<sup>2</sup>$ Cooling load (KW)=U x A x CLTD =7.2 x 31.08 x 28  $= 6.265KW$ WALLS: • Thermal resistance of brick  $R1 = L1/K1$  $= 0.2286/0.7$  $= 0.326$  (m2- K)/W Thermal resistance of plaster R2=  $L2/K2$ 
	- $= 0.0254/0.721$
	- $= 0.035$  (m2- K)/W
	- U-Factor of wall =  $1/(R1+2R2)$  2.52W/(m2-K) South wall Area (A) = (6m x 3.048m) —(3.26 mx 1.68m)  $= 12.81$  m2 Cooling load  $(kW) = U x A x CLTD$ =2.52x12.81x120.424kW North wall area  $= 16.46$  m2 Cooling load  $(kW) = U x A x CLTD$  $= 2.52 \times 16.46 \times 10 = 0.454$  kW South Window: Area (A) =  $3.26$ m x  $1.68$ m (1 - 0.30)  $3.83$ m2 Cooling load  $(kW) = A x GLF$
	- $= 3.83 \times 120 = 0.459$  KW
	- North door:
- Thermal resistance of wood  $R1 = L1/K1$  $= 0.035/0.12$  $= 0.291$  (m2- K)/W U-Factor of wood  $= 1/ (RI) = 3.43$  $W/(m2-K)$ Area =  $0.91$ m x  $2m = 1.82$  m2 Cooling load (kW) = U x A x CLTD = 3.43 x 1.82 x 10 =
- 0.062 KW ALUMINIUM DOOR:
- U-factor of Aluminium =  $2500$ W/m2-K [Assume K = 150 W/ rn-K and  $L = 6$ cm]
- U-factor of glass = 266.67 W/m2-K [Assume K =  $0.8$  W/  $rm-K$  and  $L = 3mm$ ]
- Q (Aluminium door) U aiXAXzT U gXAXtT  $= 2500 \times 2.1 \times (26 - 22) - 266.67 \times 0.8 \times (26 - 22)$  $= 20.148$  KW Where:
	- $=$  temperature difference (deg C) Hall temperature  $= 26$  deg C Room temperature  $= 22$  deg C











<b>AGM ROOM</b>						
Item	Net Area	<b>GLF</b>			U-Factor CLTD Cooling Load	
	(m <sup>2</sup> )		$(W/m^2)$ W/(m <sup>2</sup> -K)		(KW)	
Roof	31.08		7.2	28	6.265	
North Wall	12.81		2.52	10	0.323	
North Window	3.83	91			0.349	
South Wall	16.46		2.52	12	0.498	
South Door	1.82		3.43	12	0.075	
East Wall	12.09		2.52	16	0.487	
<b>East Window</b>	2.59	173			0.448	

**Table 4:6:** Cooling Load for Second Floor without Insulation for Temperature  $41^{\circ}$ C.















**Table 4:7:** Cooling Load for Third Floor Without insulation for temperature  $41^0C$ 















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<b>OPEN HALL</b>					
Item	Net Area	<b>GLF</b>	U-Factor	<b>CLTD</b>	Cooling
	(m <sup>2</sup> )	(W/m <sup>2</sup> )	$W/(m^2-K)$		Load (KW)
Roof	327.57		7.2	28	66.04
North Wall	8.462		2.52	10	0.213
South Wall	53.247		2.52	12	1.610
East Wall	8.777		2.52	16	0.354
South Window	11.50		2.52	16	0.354
East Window	5.18	173			1.380
North Window	3.83	91			0.697

**Table 4:8:** Cooling Load for Appliances of First Floor FIRST FLOOR











## **4. Cooling Load Calculations by using insulation**

## **By providing 5mm Fibre Glass insulation:**

The Standards known to us shown that the cooling load for the given building is high. So we need to reduce this load as we are provided naturally with the day lighting. Moreover, there is no provision of insulation inside the building so if we provide 5mm fibre glass insulation (K=0.04W/m-K) to the walls and roofs of the building then therer will be new U-value of walls and roofs due to which the cooling load can be reduced.

Therefore:  $R($ insulation $) = L/K$ 

 =0.005/0.04  $=0.125 \text{m}^2$ -K/W

**New U-Factor of wall** =  $1/(R1+2R2+R$  (insulation)  $=1/(0.326+2(0.0352)+0.125)=1.91 \text{W/m}^2-\text{K}$ 

**New U-Factor of roof** =  $1/(R1+R2+R3+R$ (insulation)  $=1/(0.036+0.067+0.035+0.125)$  $=3.78W/m^2-K$ 













**Table 4:12:** Cooling Load for Second Floor Using Fibre















<b>OPEN HALL</b>					
Item	Net Area		GLF   U-Factor CLTD		Cooling
	(m <sup>2</sup> )		$(W/m^2)$ W/(m <sup>2</sup> -K)		Load (KW)
Roof	424.46		3.78	28	44.924
South Wall	73.12		1.92	12	1.684
South Window	26.81	274			7.35
East Wall	12.17		1.92	16	0.374
East Window	3.83	173			0.662

**Table 4:13:** Cooling Load for Third Floor Using Fibre Glass Insulation



















## **5. Results**

## **5.1 Analysis of Results**

The following two tables show the results obtained by calculating usual and recommended total cooling load so that we are able to compare the energy saving.

**Table 5.1:** Analysis of Total Cooling Load without







## **5.2.1 Reducing the number of Air-Conditioners Used**

We can reduce the number of air conditioners by calculating the tonnage capacity per room for the given area following the tonnage calculator given by the blue star India limited.



Floor)						
<b>First Floor</b>						
Rooms				Actual Number of AC Recommended Number of AC		
	$1.5$ ton 2 ton		Actual	$1.5 \text{ ton}$		2 ton Recommended
	window	split	power	window	split	power
	AC.	AC	consumed	AC	AC.	consumed
			(KW)			(KW)
<b>VIG</b>			5.28	1		5.28
<b>ROOM</b>						
AGM	$\mathfrak{D}$		10.56			7.04
<b>ROOM</b>						
<b>CPCC</b>		$\mathfrak{D}$	14.08			7.04
<b>ROOM</b>						
<b>DGM</b>			5.28			5.28
<b>ROOM</b>						
HALL	8	42.24	5			26.4
<b>TOTAL</b>			77.44			51.04

**Table 5.4:** Power consumed by Air-Conditioners (Second Floor)



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**Figure 5.1:** Graph showing comparison of actual and recommended total cooling load