

**AHRI Standard 1240 (I-P)**

**2017 Standard for  
Performance Rating of Active  
Chilled Beams**



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#### Note:

This standard supersedes AHRI Standard 1240 (I-P)-2016.  
For SI ratings, see AHRI Standard 1241 (SI)-2017.

#### **Scope of Certification Program and Certified Ratings**

Please refer to the most current version of the Active Chilled Beams Certification Program Operations Manual (OM) for the scope of the certification program and certified ratings.

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# PERFORMANCE RATING OF ACTIVE CHILLED BEAMS

## Section 1. Purpose

**1.1 Purpose.** The purpose of this standard is to provide, for Active Chilled Beams: definitions; classifications; standard equipment; testing requirements; rating requirements; minimum data requirements for published ratings; marking and nameplate data; and conformance conditions.

## Section 2. Scope

**2.1** This standard applies to Active Chilled Beams as defined in Section 3, including Multi-service Active Chilled Beams and Room Air Induction Units.

**2.2 Exclusions.**

**2.2.1** This standard does not apply to Active Chilled Beams employing volatile-refrigerant coils, condensing coils, or steam coils.

**2.2.2** This standard does not apply to Passive Chilled Beams.

## Section 3. Definitions

All terms in this document will follow the standard industry definitions in the ASHRAE Terminology website (<https://www.ashrae.org/resources--publications/free-resources/ashrae-terminology>), unless otherwise defined in this section.

**3.1 Active Chilled Beam.** An air induction and diffusion device which introduces conditioned air for the purposes of temperature and/or humidity control. Primary Air is delivered through a series of Nozzles, which induces and conditions Secondary Air through a unit mounted coil.

**3.1.1 Multi-service Active Chilled Beam.** A chilled beam that incorporates space services other than cooling such as lighting. This type of Active Chilled Beam is usually customized to meet specific project requirements.

**3.1.2 Room Air Induction Unit.** A type of Active Chilled Beam that requires more than 1.5 in H<sub>2</sub>O of inlet static pressure to operate.

**3.2 Air-induction Process.** The process by which a jet of Primary Air induces Secondary Air through the coil.

**3.2.1 Primary Air.** Air delivered through the Nozzle(s) of an Active Chilled Beam.

**3.2.2 Secondary Air.** Air induced through the coil of an Active Chilled Beam.

**3.2.3 Supply Air.** The mixture of Primary Air and Secondary Air that is discharged to the space by the Active Chilled Beam.

**3.2.4 Nozzle.** An air flow opening in the Plenum which discharges a jet of Primary Air via the Air-induction Process.

**3.2.5 Plenum.** An air compartment under positive pressure, and consisting of inlet(s) and Nozzle(s) for Primary Air. Also referred to as a *Plenum Chamber*.

**3.2.6 Induction Ratio.** The ratio of the volumetric flow rate of Secondary Air to Primary Air.

**3.2.7 Air Outlet(s) and Inlet(s).** Openings for the delivery or induction of air.

**3.2.7.1 Supply Air Outlet.** An opening for the delivery of Supply Air from the active chilled beam unit.