

## CHAPTER 3 [CE]

# GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

### SECTION C301 CLIMATE ZONES

**C301.1 General.** Rhode Island shall be considered as climate zone 5 with the following design conditions.

**C301.2 Warm humid counties.** Section deleted in Rhode Island.

**C301.3 International climate zones.** Section deleted in Rhode Island.

**Table C301.3(1) International climate zone definitions.** Table deleted in Rhode Island.

**C301.4 Tropical climate zone.** Section deleted in Rhode Island.

### SECTION C302 DESIGN CONDITIONS

**C302.1 Interior design conditions.** The interior design temperatures used for energy load calculations shall be a maximum of 72°F (22°C) for heating and minimum of 75°F (24°C) for cooling.

### SECTION C303 MATERIALS, SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT

**C303.1 Identification.** Materials, systems and equipment shall be identified in a manner that will allow a determination of compliance with the applicable provisions of this code.

**C303.1.1 Building thermal envelope insulation.** An *R*-value identification mark shall be applied by the manufac-

turer to each piece of *building thermal envelope* insulation 12 inches (305 mm) or greater in width. Alternately, the insulation installers shall provide a certification listing the type, manufacturer and *R*-value of insulation installed in each element of the *building thermal envelope*. For blown or sprayed insulation (fiberglass and cellulose), the initial installed thickness, settled thickness, settled *R*-value, installed density, coverage area and number of bags installed shall be *listed* on the certification. For sprayed polyurethane foam (SPF) insulation, the installed thickness of the areas covered and *R*-value of installed thickness shall be *listed* on the certification. For insulated siding, the *R*-value shall be labeled on the product's package and shall be *listed* on the certification. The insulation installer shall sign, date and post the certification in a conspicuous location on the job site.

**C303.1.1.1 Blown or sprayed roof/ceiling insulation.**

The thickness of blown-in or sprayed roof/ceiling insulation (fiberglass or cellulose) shall be written in inches (mm) on markers that are installed at least one for every 300 square feet (28 m<sup>2</sup>) throughout the attic space. The markers shall be affixed to the trusses or joists and marked with the minimum initial installed thickness with numbers not less than 1 inch (25 mm) in height. Each marker shall face the attic access opening. Spray polyurethane foam thickness and installed *R*-value shall be *listed* on certification provided by the insulation installer.

**C303.1.2 Insulation mark installation.** Insulating materials shall be installed such that the manufacturer's *R*-value mark is readily observable upon inspection.

**TABLE C301.1  
CLIMATE ZONE VALUES**

EXTERIOR DESIGN CONDITIONS	PROVIDENCE COUNTY VALUES	ALL OTHERS' VALUES
Winter, design dry-bulb (degree F)	0	5
Summer, design dry-bulb	87	89
Summer design wet-bulb	71	73
Degree days heating	6831	5950
Degree days cooling	371	811

**TABLE C301.3(2)  
RHODE ISLAND CLIMATE ZONE DEFINITION**

ZONE NUMBER	THERMAL CRITERIA	
	IP Units	SI Units
5	5400 < HDD65°F ≤ 7200	3000 < HDD18°C ≤ 4000

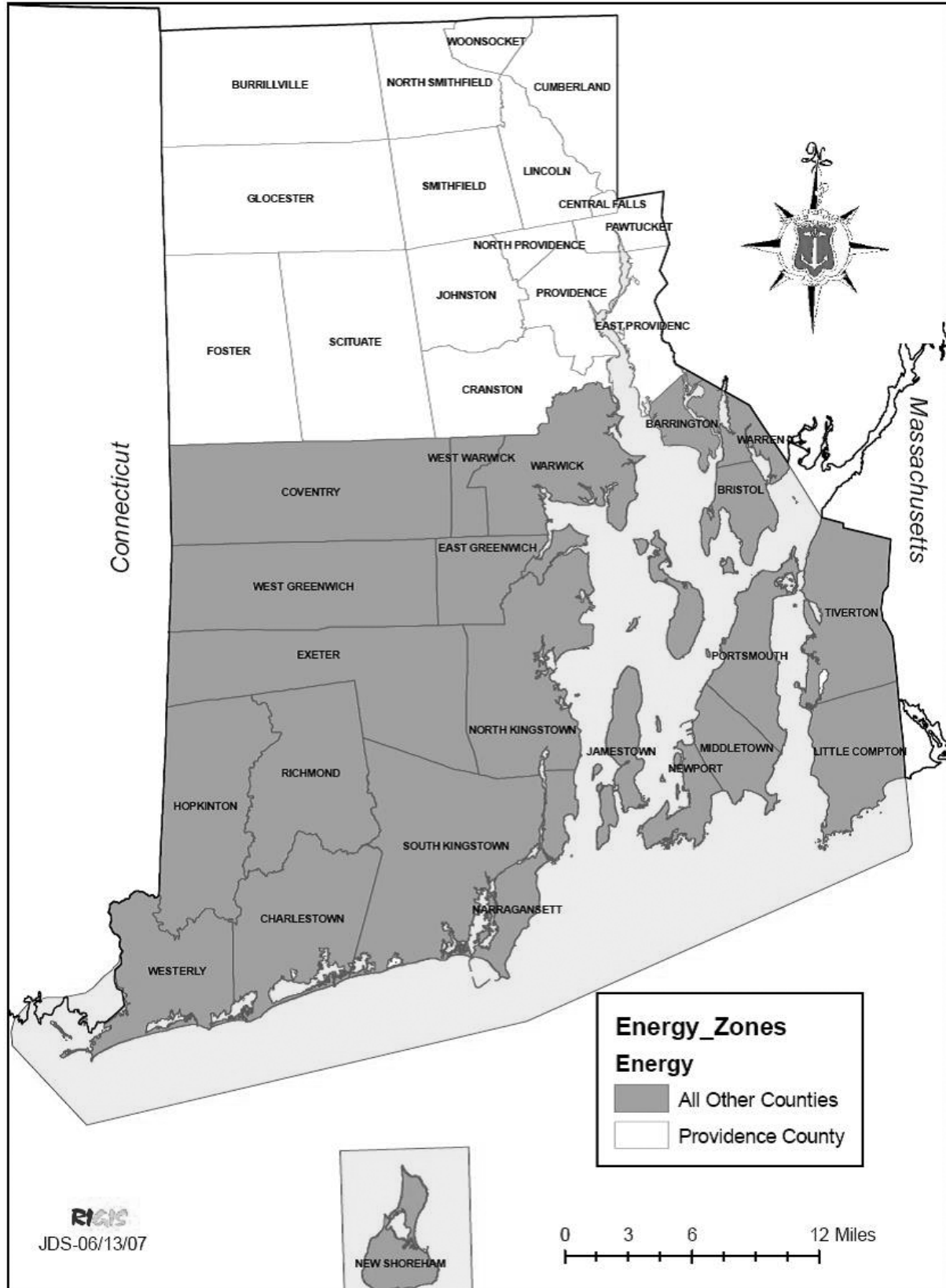


FIGURE C301.1  
CLIMATE ZONES

**C303.1.3 Fenestration product rating.** *U*-factors of fenestration products (windows, doors and skylights) shall be determined in accordance with NFRC 100.

**Exception:** Where required, garage door *U*-factors shall be determined in accordance with either NFRC 100 or ANSI/DASMA 105.

*U*-factors shall be determined by an accredited, independent laboratory, and *labeled* and certified by the manufacturer.

Products lacking such a *labeled U*-factor shall be assigned a default *U*-factor from Table C303.1.3(1) or C303.1.3(2). The solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) and *visible transmittance* (VT) of glazed fenestration products (windows, glazed doors and skylights) shall be determined in accordance with NFRC 200 by an accredited, independent laboratory, and *labeled* and certified by the manufacturer. Products lacking such a *labeled* SHGC or VT shall be assigned a default SHGC or VT from Table C303.1.3(3).

**TABLE C303.1.3(1)  
DEFAULT GLAZED FENESTRATION U-FACTORS**

FRAME TYPE	SINGLE PANE	DOUBLE PANE	SKYLIGHT	
			Single	Double
Metal	1.20	0.80	2.00	1.30
Metal with Thermal Break	1.10	0.65	1.90	1.10
Nonmetal or Metal Clad	0.95	0.55	1.75	1.05
Glazed Block	0.60			

**TABLE C303.1.3(2)  
DEFAULT DOOR U-FACTORS**

DOOR TYPE	U-FACTOR
Uninsulated Metal	1.20
Insulated Metal	0.60
Wood	0.50
Insulated, nonmetal edge, max 45% glazing, any glazing double pane	0.35

**TABLE C303.1.3(3)  
DEFAULT GLAZED FENESTRATION SHGC AND VT**

	SINGLE GLAZED		DOUBLE GLAZED		GLAZED BLOCK
	Clear	Tinted	Clear	Tinted	
SHGC	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
VT	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.6

**C303.1.4 Insulation product rating.** The thermal resistance (*R*-value) of insulation shall be determined in accordance with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission *R*-value rule (CFR Title 16, Part 460) in units of  $h \cdot ft^2 \cdot ^\circ F/Btu$  at a mean temperature of 75°F (24°C).

**C303.1.4.1 Insulated siding.** The thermal resistance (*R*-value) of insulated siding shall be determined in accordance with ASTM C1363. Installation for testing

shall be in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.

**C303.2 Installation.** Materials, systems and equipment shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions and the *International Building Code*.

**C303.2.1 Protection of exposed foundation insulation.**

Insulation applied to the exterior of basement walls, crawl-space walls and the perimeter of slab-on-grade floors shall have a rigid, opaque and weather-resistant protective covering to prevent the degradation of the insulation’s thermal performance. The protective covering shall cover the exposed exterior insulation and extend not less than 6 inches (153 mm) below grade.

**C303.3 Maintenance information.** Maintenance instructions shall be furnished for equipment and systems that require preventive maintenance. Required regular maintenance actions shall be clearly stated and incorporated on a readily accessible label. The label shall include the title or publication number for the operation and maintenance manual for that particular model and type of product.

