

COEFFICIENTS OF TRANSMISSION (U) OF FRAME CONSTRUCTION CEILINGS AND FLOORS

Coefficients are expressed in Btu per (hour) (square foot) (Fahrenheit degree difference between the air on the two sides) and are based on still air (no wind) conditions on both sides.

^a Coefficients corrected for framing on basis of 15 per cent area, 2 in. x 4 in. (nominal) framing, 10 in. on centers.

3 in. yellow pine or fir.
1 in. pine or fir sub-flooring plus 1 in. hardwood finish flooring.

^d Plaster assumed: $\frac{1}{4}$ in. thick.

* Plaster assumed $\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick.

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¹ Based on insulation in contact with ceiling and consequently no air space between.

For H in insulating board sheathing applied to the underside of the joists, the coefficient for U in Table 6 is applicable only for U in joists.

For W in insulating board sheathing applied to the underside of the joists, the coefficient for single wood floor (Column M) is 0.18 and for double wood floor (Column N) is 0.16. For coefficients with insulation between joists, see Table 6.

Coefficients are expressed in Btu per (hour) (square foot) (Fahrenheit degree difference in temperature between the air on the two sides), and are based on still air (no wind) conditions on both sides.

Diagram illustrating the cross-section of a ceiling and floor assembly. The top layer is labeled "TYPE OF CEILING", the middle section is labeled "CEILING", and the bottom layer is labeled "FLOOR".

^a Thickness of tile assumed to be 1 in.^b Conductivity of Asphalt Tile assumed to be 3.1.

* Thickness of wood assumed to be $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; thickness of mastic, $\frac{1}{4}$ in. ($k = 4.5$). Col. D may also be used for concrete covered with carpet.

^d Based on $\frac{3}{4}$ in. yellow pine or fir sub-flooring and $\frac{3}{4}$ in. hardwood finish flooring with an air space between sub-floor and concrete.

* Thickness of plaster assumed to be $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

/ Thickness of plaster assumed to be 1 in.

^g For other thicknesses of concrete, interpolate.

$U = 0.10^{\circ}$ Btu per (hour) (square foot) (Fahrenheit degree temperature difference between the ground and the air over the floor).

* Until more complete data are available, it is recommended that a coefficient of 0.10 be used for all types of concrete floors on the ground, with or without insulation. For basement walls below grade, the same average coefficient (0.10). A lower ground temperature should, however, be used for wall and floor temperatures obtained in Chapter 14. For further data see A.S.H.V.E. RESEARCH REPORT NO. 1213—Heat Loss Through Basement Walls and Floors, by F. C. Houghten, S. I. Taimuty, Carl Gutberlet and C. J. Brown (A.S.H.V.E. TRANSACTIONS, Vol. 49, 1942, p. 369).

of the ground, on the material constituting the wall or floor, and on the conductivity of the surrounding earth. The conductivity of the earth will vary with local conditions and is usually unknown. Tests⁸ at the A.S.H.V.E. Research Laboratory indicate a heat flow of approximately 2.0 Btu per (hour) (square foot) through an uninsulated concrete basement floor with a temperature difference of 20 F between ground temperature and the air temperature 6 in. above the floor. Based on this result, a coefficient of 0.10 Btu per (hour) (square foot) (Fahrenheit degree difference) is recommended for calculation where it is desirable to allow for the small basement floor heat loss, *e.g.* for heated basements.

For basement walls the same coefficient may be used, but due to closer proximity to the surface of the ground, the temperature difference for winter design conditions will be greater than for the floor. The test results