

RESEARCH CONCERNING THERMICAL LOSS CALCULATION

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Abstract: *In order to find the correct solutions from a thermal point of view, we must take into account the following: the insulation of the walls, of the roofs, or terraces; the presence of thermal bridges; the types of windows and window frames; ventilation; the system of producing heat and hot water; the construction site.*

INTRODUCTION

The objects of the heat transfer research are obtaining a coherent quality balance for a building's structure because any wall assembly must have a convenient, suitable insulation and establishing a conventional energy consumption value for a building as a C coefficient (kilowattore primarily energy / year – Kwh/year) equal to the total of different forms of consumption (heating, warm water, ventilation, climatization, auxiliary equipments, lighting, etc.),

Annual energetic balance of a building shows that a dwelling has, by its very conception to:

- be well insulated, to minimize the energy loss in winter and to avoid climatization in summer;
- have well oriented surfaces in order to optimize solar heating in winter and avoid excessive heat in summer

Exigences related to the summer confort refer to the inner temperature that cannot be higher than a certain value (25- 26°C), windows closed. This temperature depends on:

- the nature of the walls, opaque surfaces, transparent ones, especially, their orientation and inclination

- climate region
- building thermal inertia

solar protection: volets, stores, etc.

The building can be decomposed in various surfaces (walls) that can be also decomposed in various elements:

- the surfaces of the opaque or transparent walls:
 - exterior walls
 - terraces
 - panels (towards the garage, attics, etc.)
 - windows and doors (gates)
- a junction line between panels and walls

The coefficient $K_{\text{referință}}$ [W/m²·K], represents a medium coefficient of loss through the walls, being a global heat shift coefficient $K_{\text{ref.}} = 1/R_p$ where, R_p , represents the thermal resistance of the wall. The conductive thermal resistance of a wall depends on the wall's

thickness (δ) and on the material's conductiveness coefficient (λ): $R_p = \frac{\delta}{\lambda}$

In what the insulation of different elements is concerned, the materials have a great importance. Their resistance must be higher than the minimum one depending on the destination and on the type of wall.

By thermal bridge we understand a region where the thermal insulation is interrupted and by which there is a heat loss to the exterior. These thermal bridges can damage the insulation. The more significant thermal bridges occur at the connections between:

- walls and superior panels
- walls and intermediary panels
- walls and inferior panels
- separating walls and inferior panels
- separating walls and exterior panels
- separating walls and intermediary panels
- separating walls and superior panels

Windows and window frames have different thermal qualities, depending on the materials that have been used (glass, wood, plastic, metal). They must have a global thermal resistance following regulations or calculations of minimum thermal loss.

The ventilation (natural or through controlled ventilation systems) must not exceed a loss level of about 50W.

The system of heating and obtaining hot water (using an external or local primary energy source) refers usually to a boiler or to a thermal micro-central (local source), associated to heaters or warmed panels.

The construction site means the altitude and its dependence of the average exterior temperature, an important element for the calculation.

A calculation of the economical rentability of an (energetic) investment based on the calculation of the financial benefits obtained is hard to do, because, especially of the fluctuation of the conventional combustible.

In order to avoid this difficulty, a method of duration of the investment recovery calculation has been suggested. This method is based on the determination of the energy contained in all the component parts of the installation and on the conventional combustible economy obtained through the application of the investment.

In order to calculate the duration of the energetic recovery of an investment in the energetic field, we need to determine:

- the annual net economy of conventional combustible, E_c , in kg c.c. / year (or kWh/year);
- the consumption of the energy included in the products that constitute the installation, C_e , in kg c.c. (or kWh).

$$D_{re} = C_e / E_c \quad (\text{years})$$

CONCLUSION

The values needed for the thermal resistances will be calculated depending on the climate of the region where the building will be placed and the constructive solution will be adapted following these calculations in depending on The local climate will always determine the membrane types and their installation procedure. The exterior thin sheet blocks the occurrence of air currents through the wall, fact that would diminish considerably its insulating properties. The external thin-sheet is waterproof, but allows water vapours to

pass, so that the wall can “breathe”.

The membrane that blocks the passing of the water vapours is also very important, defining the inner humidity. It is wrong, although it is a frequent procedure in our country as well, to mount a polyethylene thin-sheet on the inner side of the wall, indifferently of the climate and of the destination of the house.

The polyethylene is practically a barrier for the water vapours and its inner position is justified only by very cold climates in the long periods of the year.

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