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Table 5.3.2 Thermal Resistances, R_p , of Surfaces¹.

Position of surface	Direction of heat flow	Indoor – Still Air, R_{fi}			Outdoor – Moving Air, R_{fo}	
		Non-reflective surface	Reflective surface		Non-reflective surface	
			Aluminum-coated paper, polished	Bright aluminum foil	15 mph wind, winter design	7.5 mph wind, summer design
Vertical	Horizontal	0.68	1.35	1.70	0.17	0.25
Horizontal	Up	0.61	1.10	1.32	0.17	0.25
	Down	0.92	2.70	4.55	0.17	0.25

1. ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals, 2005, www.ASHRAE.org.

Table 5.3.3 Thermal Resistances, R_a , of Air Spaces¹.

Position of Air Space	Direction of Heat Flow	Air Space		Non-Reflective Surfaces	Reflective Surfaces		
		Mean temp., °F	Temp. difference, °F		One side ²	One side ³	Both sides ³
Vertical	Horizontal (walls)	Winter					
		50	10	1.01	2.32	3.40	3.63
		50	30	0.91	1.89	2.55	2.67
	Horizontal (walls)	Summer					
		90	10	0.85	2.15	3.40	3.69
Horizontal	Up (roofs)	Winter					
		50	10	0.93	1.95	2.66	2.80
		50	30	0.84	1.58	2.01	2.09
	Down (floors)	50	30	1.22	3.86	8.17	9.60
		50	10	1.24	4.09	9.27	11.15
	Down (roofs)	Summer					
		90	10	1.00	3.41	8.19	10.07

1 For 3½ in. air space thickness. The values, with the exception of those for reflective surfaces, heat flow down, will differ about 10% for air space thicknesses of ¼ in. to 6 in. Refer to the ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals for values of other thicknesses, reflective surfaces, heat flow directions, mean temperatures, and temperature differentials. ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals, 2005, www.ASHRAE.org.

2 Aluminum painted paper.

3 Bright aluminum foil.