Photo Documentation Requirements in Support of HERS® Ratings

The HERS® Standards Section 904.3.2.7.3.1 outlines the requirements for photo documentation of Minimum Rated Features for all HERS Ratings. The list of mandatory photographs is as follows:

- Building's front, left, back, and right elevations
- Slab insulation (where applicable)
- Foundation Wall Assembly (where applicable), including R-value (Batt) or Depth of Insulation (Blown or Spray Foam)
- Above Grade Wall Assembly, including R-value (Batt) or Depth of Insulation (Blown or Spray Foam)
- Attic/Ceiling/Roof Deck Assembly and R-value or Depth of Insulation
- Infiltration Test Result or Automated Report
- Duct Leakage to Outside and/or Total Duct Leakage Test Result or Automated Report for Each System
- Mechanical Ventilation System, Including Nameplate/Model Number, Controls, and Test Result for Each System
- Heating System Equipment, Including any Nameplate/Model Number
- Cooling System Equipment, Including any Nameplate/Model Number for Coil and Condenser
- Water Heating System Equipment, Including any Nameplate/Model Number
- Refrigerator(s)/Freezer(s), Including Nameplate/Model Number
- Dishwasher(s), Including Nameplate/Model Number
- Clothes Dryer(s), Including Nameplate/Model Number
- Clothes Washer(s), Including Nameplate/Model Number

These are the minimum required photos to support a HERS Rating. It is considered Best Practice, but not required by HERS Standards, to go beyond these required photos and include photos of additional features, such as ceiling fan model numbers, lighting, floor

assemblies, etc. Additional programs or certifications, such as HVAC Grading or the ENERGY STAR program, have additional requirements for photo documentation.

If you have any questions about the photo documentation requirements as outlined above, please contact your RESNET® QA team at technicalsupport@resnet.us