

# A Second Look: Enhancing HERS with ENERGY STAR

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### **Agenda**

- Industry terminology:
  - What Granite and Horse Racing has to do with the HERS Index
- Marketing wins = Fancy Dinners & Engagement rings
  - Because explaining items in appealing & familiar terminology is important
- Costs associated with a HERS Rating/ENERGY STAR
  - Revision 08
  - When a builder stops paying
  - How to transition a builder from the HERS Index to ENERGY STAR and save them money





















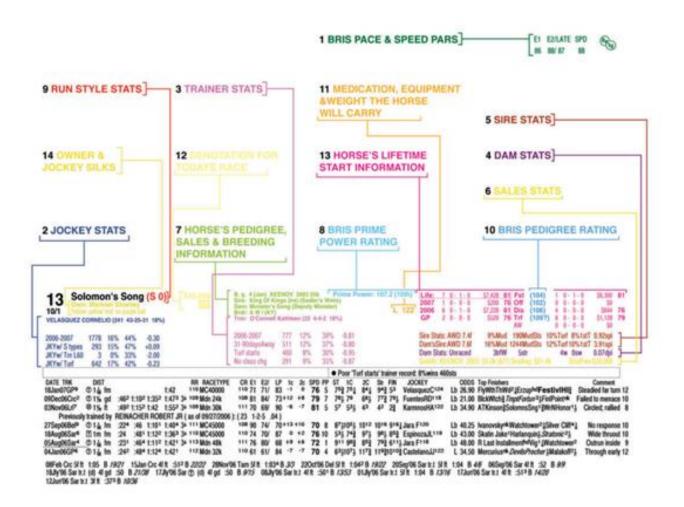


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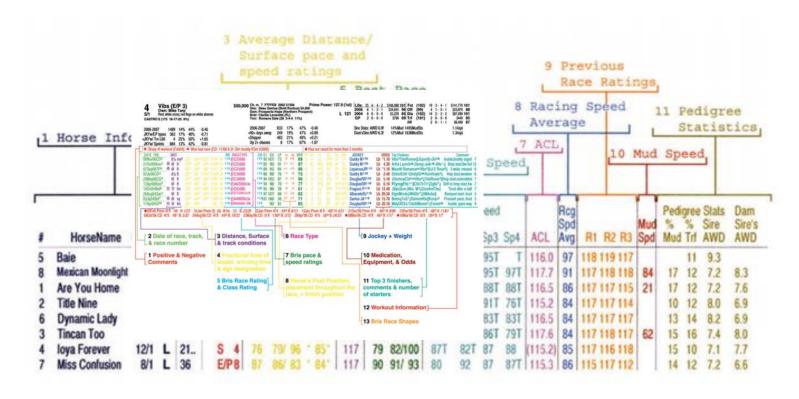
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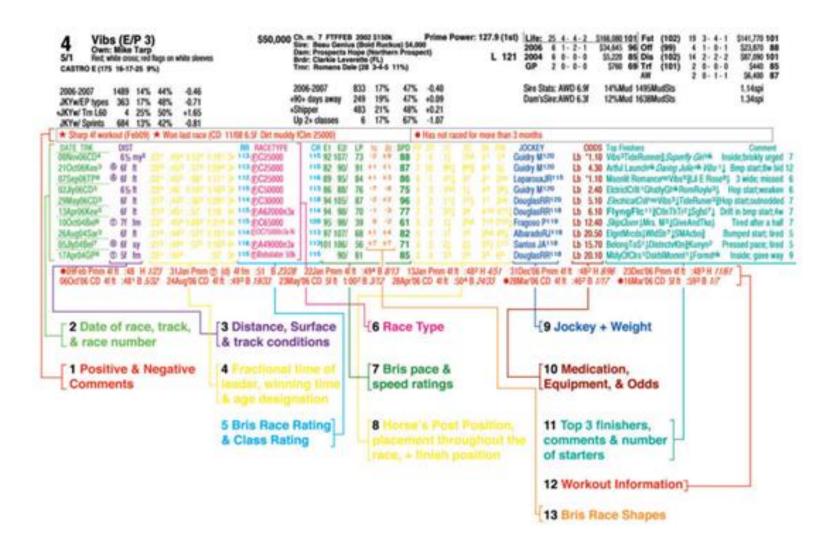


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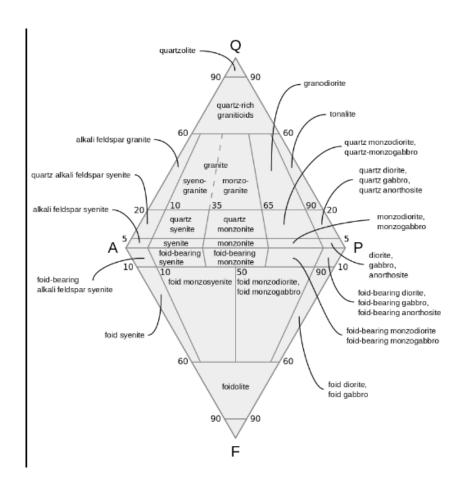








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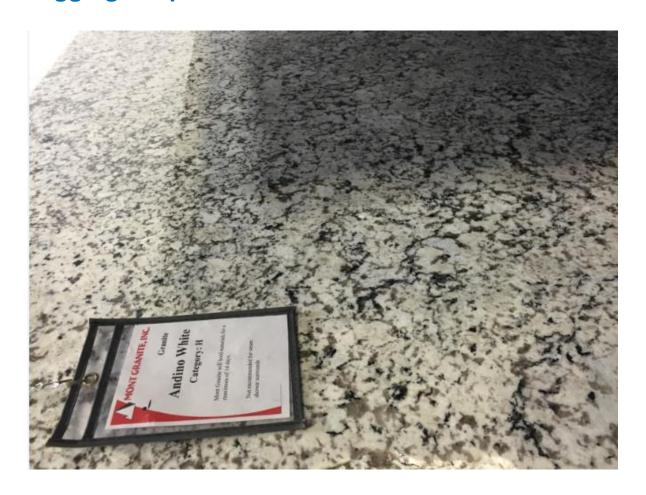
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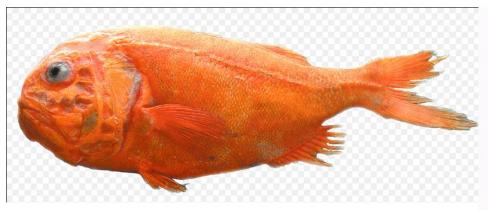
#### And what is it whittled down to?

- Will I win money?
- Does it look good in my kitchen?





# Marketing Achievements: Getting people to pay premium prices for Slimeheads and Drill Bits









#### **Slimeheads and Toothfishes**









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#### Slimeheads, Toothfish, Sea Urchin

- Slimehead = Orange Roughy
- Toothfish = Chilean Sea Bass
- Sea Urchin = Uni
- The marketing transformation took decades







#### **Drill bits and saw Monopoly**







#### **Marketing FTW**

- No one wanted to eat Slimeheads, lobster's, Harlot's eggs, or Patagonia Toothfish
- No one wanted a small piece of rock on their finger until marketers made us associate love with diamonds.
- Nobody knew they needed personal TV's that also worked as phones, or watches that tracked how many steps we took.
- How does this relate back to ENERGY STAR Certified Homes?









# 1. Branding.







Every single day, consumers choose products more than

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDaggV6OK8w
Or search for "ENERGY STAR Better is Better"





- 1. Branding.
- 2. Preparing for code.





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- 3. Risk mitigation.







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# Sales Training Kit What we use to sell people on so they live on a swamp







#### How to Use It

- The training consists of two 1-hour long modules:
  - Can be completed all at once or in two sessions
  - Designed to be presented during your regularly scheduled sales meetings
- Many resources are provided to help the trainer implement the training.

General ENERGY STAR Resources									
Resource	Where to go for more information								
ENERGY STAR for New Homes Partner Page	www.energystar.gov/newhomespartners								
My ENERGY STAR Account, where you can update your company's contact information	www.energystar.gov/mesa								
Partner Locator	www.energystar.gov/partnerlocator								
Frequently Asked Questions & Answers	www.energystar.gov/faqs								
Tax Credit Information	www.energystar.gov/taxcredits								
Training Requirements	www.energystar.gov/newhomestraining								
Marketing and Educational Resources									
Resource	Where to go for more information								
Marketing Resources	www.energystar.gov/newhomesmarketing								
Educational Resources	www.energystar.gov/newhomeseducation								
ENERGY STAR Logos and Identity Guidelines	www.energystar.gov/logos								
Weblinking Policy for ENERGY STAR's Partner Locator	www.energystar.gov/weblinking								
100% Commitment	www.energystar.gov/mesa in the "My ENERGY STAR Program(s)" section under the link for "Homebuilder"								
Consumer Brochures	www.energystar.gov/publications								
Printable Home Features Fact Sheets	www.energystar.gov/newhomefactsheets								
Upcoming Live Webinar Calendar	www.energystar.gov/newhomeswebinars								
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National Program     Requirements     Regional Specifications     Sector-Specific Policies     Heading Timeline     Checklists     Policy Changes and     Clarifications	www.energystar.gov/newhomesguidelines								
ENERGY STAR Certified Multifamily High Rise Program	www.energystar.gov/mfhr								
Other EPA Programs									
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Indoor airPLUS	www.epa.gov/indoorairplus								
WaterSense®	www.epa.gov/induoran plus www.epa.gov/watersense								





#### The Resources

- 1. Trainer's Guide that provides the course agenda, learning objectives and step-by-step instructions on how to prepare for the training.
- 2. Participant Guide combined with four in-class activities and an optional field activity.
- 3. Participant Guide: *Trainer's Version* to assist in facilitation of activities.
- 4. PowerPoint with speaker's notes providing the point of each slide and optional narration.
- 5. Optional Q&A to test participants
- 6. Certificate of Completion





#### **Consumer Brochure**

(www.energystar.gov/publications)







# The little label with a big message.

#### Better is Better.

At first glance, it may seem like a small thing. Your new home's ENERGY STAR label measures just three by five inches. But what it stands for is really big.

The ENERGY STAR label means that your new home has been designed and built to standards well above most other homes on the market today. It means better quality, better comfort, and better durability. It also means that your new home is a better value for today, and a better investment for tomorrow. And it means that your home has undergone a better process of inspections, testing, and verification to ensure that it meets strict requirements set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

New homes that earn the ENERGY STAR label deliver energy efficiency savings of up to 30 percent when compared to typical new homes—and the difference is even more striking when put side-by-side with most rease homes.

Every ENERGY STAR certified new home also helps protect our environment. So far, these homes have helped to avoid greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those from more than 450,000 vehicles.

This better approach to building results in a new home that brings peace of mind, enduring quality, wall-to-wall comfort, and proven value. Your ENERGY STAR certified new home has simply been built better in every way.

ENERGY STAR. It's the little label with a big message: Better is Better.





# Rev. 08 is Great







#### What is a Revision 08?

1 It clarifies

2 It simplifies

3 It improves





#### What is a Revision 08?

## It's driven entirely by your feedback





## Partner feedback: Too much paperwork



**Solution**: Reduce paperwork collection to a single-page





### Partner feedback: Challenging workflow



Solution: Front-load req.'s to design stage & simplify final inspection





## Partner feedback: More HVAC training & resources needed



Solution: Develop videos and build upon existing platforms





### **Summary: Why Rev. 08 is Great**

### For Raters:

- Reduces all paperwork collection to a one-page report per HVAC design.
- Greatly improves predictability at final inspection.
- Easier than ever to include ENERGY STAR certification in your offerings.

## For Builders:

- Estimated to reduce costs from Revision 07.
- Less hassle-factor for them and their trades.
- Continues to help improve performance and reduce cost of HVAC system.





# How to transform your builder from a HERS Rated home to an ENERGY STAR home

## In 5 easy steps







### What's a builder really paying for?

- Currently for a HERS Index, a builder is paying Raters to assess the energy performance of his house.
- Why does he care about the energy performance of his house?
  - A utility is giving them money to care.
  - He's trying to sell more of his homes.
- Compared to virtually every other subcontractor, lowest cost subcontractor.





### **Market penetration for building houses**

#### Market Penetration of subcontractors







#### Assess the costs associated with the HERS Index

- The national average HERS Index over for 2013 was 64, in 2014 was 63, and as of right now the guess is that it is somewhere in the mid to low 60s for 2015.
- The average HERS Index for a home to meet ENERGY STAR ranges from 75 to 68 depending on the size of the house.
- That means builders are paying a premium for an additional 5 to 8 HERS Index points.
- If builders are only doing the HERS Index as a marketing ploy, how can we help them transition to ENERGY STAR, while saving money?





#### Find the difference between ENERGY STAR and HERS Index

## **House Characteristics:**

- Built in Abilene Texas
- Square footage = 2917 square feet
- Bedrooms = 4
- Home type = Single Family Detached
- HERS Index = 66
- Target HERS Index to meet ENERGY STAR = 69

Let's make some costs cuts!





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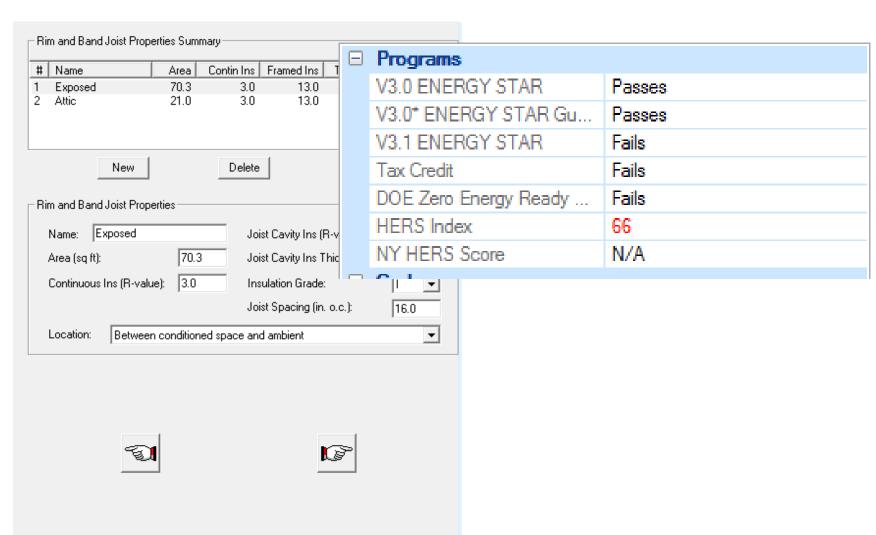
## **Areas of Focus:**

- Insulation
- HVAC
- Infiltration
- Lighting





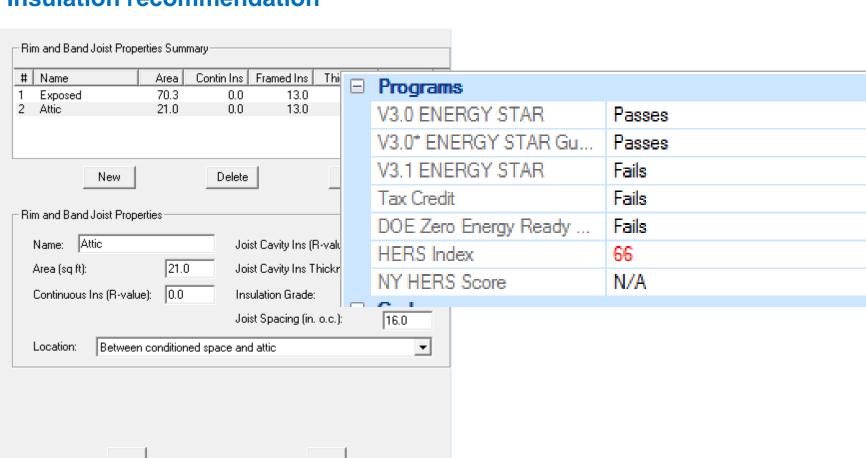
#### Insulation recommendation







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### **Insulation Recommendation**

Component		U-Value	State
R-11 Steel Framed		0.130	
Mobile Home Wall		0.104	
ICF Wall R-20		0.046	
ICF Wall R-15		0.059	
Max Wood Std U-0.222		0.222	
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## **HVAC Equipment**

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1	80 AFUE Gas Furn 48
2	80 AFUE Gas Furn 36
3	16SEER A/C 3.5 ton**
4	16SEER A/C 2.5 ton**
5	40 gal. 0.62EF Gas**

Programs	
V3.0 ENERGY STAR	Passes
V3.0° ENERGY STAR Gu	Passes
V3.1 ENERGY STAR	Fails
Tax Credit	Fails
DOE Zero Energy Ready	Fails
HERS Index	66
NY HERS Score	N/A
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1	80 AFUE Gas Furn 48k**
2	80 AFUE Gas Furn 36k**
3	16SEER A/C 3.5 ton**
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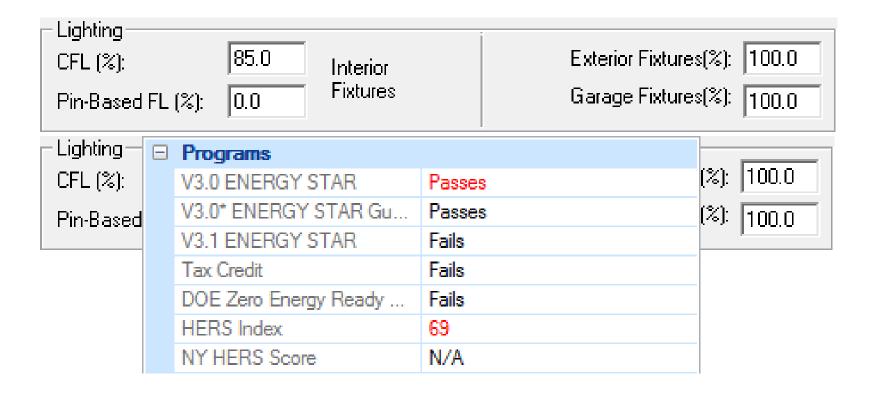
## Infiltration

⊢ Whole House Infiltration—	□ Programs
Measurement Type: Blower door test ▼	V3.0 ENERGY STAR Passes
	V3.0* ENERGY STAR Gu Passes
CFM @ 50 Pasc	V3.1 ENERGY STAR Fails
Cooling Season Infiltration Value: 2350	Tax Credit Fails
Shelter Class 4 ▼	DOE Zero Energy Ready Fails
Code Verification: Tested ▼	HERS Index 68
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	□ Code
- Whole House Infiltration Pr	ograms
Measurement Type: Blower door test ▼	.0 ENERGY STAR Fails
Heating Season Infiltration Value: 3000 V3	.0* ENERGY STAR Gu Passes
Cooling Season Infiltration Value:	.1 ENERGY STAR Fails
Shelter Class 4 ▼	x Credit Fails
Code Verification: Tested ▼	DE Zero Energy Ready Fails
Code Verification: Tested HE	ERS Index 70
N)	/ HERS Score N/A
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### Lighting







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## HERS to ENERGY STAR

Measure	HERS Points
Removed costs associated with flash and batt insulation at the rim joists	HERS Index up 2 points
Advanced Framing techniques	No Change
16 SEER AC to 14.5 SEER AC	HERS Index up 2 points
Increased lighting from 85% to 100%	HERS Index down 1 point
Reduce Cooling Size of AC Units	No Impact
Total	HERS 69 and ENERGY STAR





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## **Cost Savings**

Measure	Costs saved
Removed costs associated with flash and batt insulation at the rim joists	\$400
Advanced Framing techniques	\$150
16 SEER AC to 14.5 SEER AC	\$600
Increased lighting from 85% to 100%	(-\$50)
Reduce Cooling Size of AC Units	\$250
Total	\$1400





## Design Review

Measure	Cost over HERS
Credentialed HVAC contractor	+\$25
HVAC designer completes <u>ENERGY STAR HVAC Design Report</u>	+\$15
Whole-house ventilation system	+\$150 to \$375
Rater completes Rater Design Review Checklist	+\$25
Total	-\$215 - \$440





## Pre-Drywall Inspection

Measure	Cost over HERS
Rater completes pre-drywall tasks on the Rater Field Checklist	+\$75





## **Final Inspection**

Measure	Cost over HERS
Contractor & Rater conduct static pressure test	-\$25
Contractor conducts refrigerant charge test	-\$25
Contractor fills out HVAC Commissioning Checklist	-\$25
Bedroom comfort vents & verification	-\$200
Rater verifies vent. system, exhaust fans, & filter; completes remaining Rater Field Checklist	-\$50
Total	-\$325





## **Total Savings**

Measure	Cost over HERS
Total Savings from going from HERS 66 to HERS 69	\$1400
Total Costs going from HERS Index House to ENERGY STAR	\$615 - \$840
Total Savings for the builder	\$560 - \$785





#### **Summary**

- ENERGY STAR offers branding and sales support to help builders market their homes.
- For builders pursuing low HERS Index, opportunity for significant cost savings on per house basis.





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