Updating Solar Heat Gain Coefficients in the HERS Guidelines

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Table 4. Shading and Solar Heat Gain Coefficients

CLIMATE	SEASON	SC	SHGC
HDD65 > 3500	Heating	0.703	0.612
	Cooling	0.547	0.476
HDD65 < 3500	Heating	0.414	0.360
	Cooling	0.322	0.280

Current Table 4

Season	SC[1]	SHGC[2]
Heating	0.675	0.581
Cooling	0.541	0.466

[1] For calculation tools using shading coefficients
[2] For calculation tools using solar heat gain coefficients as defined by NFRC 200

Reason for the Proposal

- Bring the Guidelines in alignment with current codes
- Correct current bias toward heating energy savings
  - Enhance cooling performance up to 30%
  - Reduce peak demand and emissions
- Align the Guidelines with proposed Tax credit criteria