
**Building environment design —
Design, test methods and control of
hydronic radiant heating and cooling
panel systems —**

**Part 3:
Design of ceiling mounted radiant
panels**

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Foreword

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Introduction

There are various types of hydronic radiant heating and cooling systems: ceiling mounted radiant panels, chilled beams, pipe embedded ceilings, walls, and floors. In those system alternatives, ceiling mounted radiant panels are widely used and frequently installed on T-bar grids designed to support the dropped acoustical ceiling. The ceiling mounted radiant panels are top loaded with thermal insulation to prevent heat gain from or loss to the plenum space. In some cases, free hanging metal panels suspended under the room ceiling by wire hangers without topside insulation are also used for space heating and cooling. Both top and bottom surfaces of the free-hanging metal panel are used as heat transfer surfaces. In principle, ceiling mounted radiant panel systems are able to accommodate varying space sensible loads by controlling panel surface temperature. Heat is transferred from the radiant panel by the heat transfer mechanisms of convection and radiation.

Generally, low temperature radiant heating and high temperature radiant cooling are classified as embedded radiant heating and cooling systems and ceiling mounted radiant panel systems.

While ISO 11855 is for embedded radiant heating and cooling systems without an open air gap, ISO 18566 is for radiant heating and cooling panel systems with an open air gap. Because the system specifications for ISO 18566 are different from those of ISO 11855, it was necessary to develop separate ISO standards regarding the design and test methods of the cooling and heating capacity and control.

ISO 18566-1 specifies the comfort criteria, technical specifications and requirements which should be considered in the manufacturing and installation of radiant heating and cooling systems. ISO 18566-2 provides the test facility and test method for heating and cooling capacity of ceiling mounted radiant panels. ISO 18566-3 specifies the design considerations and design processes of ceiling mounted radiant panels. ISO 18566-4 addresses the control of ceiling mounted radiant heating and cooling panels to ensure the maximum performance which was intended in the design stage when the system is actually being operated in a building.

ISO 18566 does not cover the panels that are embedded into the ceiling, wall or floor structure.

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Part 3: Design of ceiling mounted radiant panels

1 Scope

This document specifies the design of ceiling mounted radiant panels.

This document is applicable to water-based heating and cooling panel systems (free hanging) in residential, commercial and industrial buildings. The methods apply to systems mounted to the ceiling construction with an open air gap.

This document applies to all types of prefabricated radiant panels that are part of the room periphery.

This document does not cover panels embedded into ceiling, wall or floor structures without open air gap and hybrid (combined thermal radiation and forced-convection) ceiling panels.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 18566-1, *Building environment design — Design, test methods and control of hydronic radiant heating and cooling panel systems — Part 1: Definition, symbols, technical specifications and requirements*

ISO 18566-2, *Building environment design — Design, test methods and control of hydronic radiant heating and cooling panel systems — Part 2: Determination of heating and cooling capacity of ceiling mounted radiant panels*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 18566-1 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Symbols

For the purposes of this document, the symbols in ISO 18566-1 apply.