

# Environment and Compartments

Key word:    **VERSN**  
Inputs: Version Number, Title

VERSN    1 Example Case for CFAST 1.6 User's Guide

Key word:    **TIMES**  
Inputs: Simulation time, Print Interval, History Interval, Display Interval, Copy Count

TIMES    200    10    10    0    0

Key word:    **DUMPR**  
Input: History File

DUMPR PRM.HI

Key words:   **EAMB and TAMB (External and Internal)**  
Inputs: Ambient Temperature, Ambient Pressure, Station Elevation

TAMB    300.   101300.    0.  
EAMB    300.   101300.    0.

Key word:    **WIND**  
Inputs: Wind Speed, Reference Height, Lapse Rate Coefficient

WIND    5.14    22.5    0.16

Key word:    **WIDTH, DEPTH, HEIGH, HI/F**  
Input: Compartment Width

WIDTH    4.00    4.00  
DEPTH    4.00    4.00  
HEIGH    2.30    2.30  
HI/F     0.00    2.30

Two additional commands, ROOMA and ROOMH, may be used for defining compartment properties. The ROOMA and ROOMH commands allows for non-rectangular rooms by specifying cross-sectional area as a function of height.

Key word: ROOMA, ROOMH

Input: First Compartment, Number of Area Data Points, Area Data Point(s)

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ROOMA 1 3 10.0 5.0 3.0
ROOMH 1 3 0.0 1.0 2.0
```

The above example specifies that compartment 1 has a cross-sectional area of 10, 5 and 3 m<sup>2</sup> at elevations 0.0, 1.0 and 2.0 m respectively.

Key word: CEILI, WALLS, FLOOR

Inputs: Material names

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CEILI GYPSUM GYPSUM
WALLS PINEWOOD PINEWOOD
FLOOR CONCRETE CONCRETE
```

Key word: HVENT

Inputs: First Compartment, Second Compartment, Vent Number, Width, Soffit, Sill, Wind

```
HVENT 2 3 1 1.07 2.00 1.00 0.00
```

Key word: CVENT

Inputs: First Compartment, Second Compartment, Vent Number, Width for each time

```
CVENT 1 3 1 1.00 1.00
```

Key word: VVENT

Inputs: First Compartment, Second Compartment, Area, Shape

```
VVENT 2 1 1.00 1
```

Key word: DETECT

Inputs: Detector Type, Compartment, Activation Temperature, Depth Position, Breadth Position, Height Position, RTI, Sprinkler, Spray Density

# Fire Specification

Fire specifications allow the user to describe the fire source in the simulation. By default, the fire is placed in the center of the compartment on the floor. To place the fire in a different location, the FPOS key word may be included in the input file.

With the three parameters, the heat of combustion (HOC) from CHEMI, FMASS and FQDOT, the pyrolysis and heat release rate are over specified. The model uses the last two of the three to obtain the third parameter. That is, if the three were specified in the order HOC, FMASS and FQDOT, then FQDOT would be divided by FMASS to obtain the HOC for each time interval.

Species production rates are specified in a manner similar to the fire, entering the rates as a series of points with respect to time:

- Nitrogen
- Oxygen
- Carbon Dioxide
- Carbon Monoxide
- Hydrogen Cyanide
- Hydrogen Chloride
- Total Unburned Hydrocarbons
- Water
- Soot (Smoke Density)
- Concentration-Time Product

For a type one (LFBT=1) fire, only the concentration-time product of pyrolysate (CT) can be specified; for LFBT=2, all species are tracked.

An example for two time points, 0 and 400 Seconds

Key word: FTIME  
Inputs: Time Points

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FTIME 400. <<<=== There is an implicit point at time=0
```

Key word: CHEMI  
Inputs: Molar Weight, Relative Humidity, Lower Oxygen Limit, Heat of Combustion, Initial Fuel Temperature, Gaseous Ignition Temperature, Radiative Fraction

```
CHEMI 16. 0. 10.0 18100000. 300. 400. 0.
```

Key word: FAREA  
Inputs: Fuel Area

FAREA 0.00 0.00

Key word: FHIGH  
Inputs: Fuel Height

FHIGH 0.00 0.01

Key word: FMASS  
Inputs: Mass Loss Rate

FMASS 0.0014 0.0014

Key word: FPOS  
Inputs: Depth, Breadth, Height (relative to the left rear corner of the compartment)

FPOS 2.00 2.00 0.00 (The default is -1 -1 0 which is the bottom center)

Key word: FQDOT  
Inputs: Heat Release Rate (Watts)

FQDOT 2.53E+04 2.53E+04

Key word: LFBO  
Input: Compartment of Fire Origin

LFBO 1 (compartment 1; an entry of 0 turns off the main fire)

Key word: LFBT  
Input: Fire Type (1 or 2)

Always us 2!!! A type 1 (unconstrained has limitations)

Key words: HCN, HCL, CT, HCR, or O2  
Inputs: Composition of the Pyrolyzed Fuel (kg/kg)

Key words: OD and CO  
Inputs: Yield with respect to CO<sub>2</sub> (kg/kg)

HCR 0.333 0.333  
CO 0.010 0.010

## Forced Ventilation

CAUTION: Nodes specified by each MVDCT entry must connect with other nodes, fans, or compartments. Do not specify ducts which are isolated from the rest of the system. The heights for interior nodes are absolute heights above the reference datum specified by TAMB.

Key word: INELV  
Inputs: Node Number, Height

INELV 1 2.10 2 4.40 3 4.40

Key word: MVDCT  
Inputs: First Node Number, Second Node Number, Length, Diameter, Absolute Roughness, First Flow Coefficient, First Area, Second Flow Coefficient, Second Area

MVDCT 1 2 2.30 0.10 .00200 0.00 1.0000 0.00 1.0000

Key word: MVOPN  
Inputs: Compartment Number, Duct Work Node Number, Orientation, Height, Area

MVOPN 1 1 V 2.10 0.12

Key word: MVFAN  
Inputs: First Node, Second Node, Minimum Pressure, Maximum Pressure, Coefficients

A fan is defined using the MVFAN line to indicate node numbers and to specify the fan curve with power law coefficients. There must be at least one and a maximum of five coefficients specified for each MVFAN entry. The fan coefficients are simply the coefficients of an interpolating polynomial for the flow speed as a function of the pressure across the fan housing. In this example, the coefficients:

B( 1) = 0.140E+00 b(1)  
B( 2) = -0.433E-03 b(2) x p

were calculated from entries made in FAST:

	PRESSURE	FLOW
Minimum	0.00	0.1400
Maximum	300.00	0.0101

Which gives us MVFAN 2 3 0.0 300.0 0.140E+00 -0.433E-03

## Other commands and attributes

### Ceiling Jet

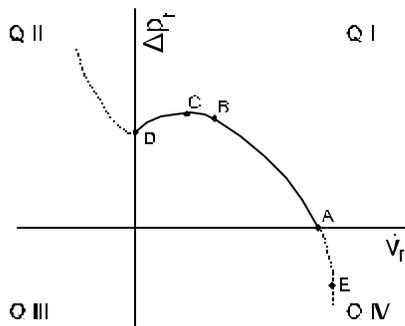
Key word: CJET  
 Input: OFF, CEILING, WALL, or ALL

CJET CEILING

The OBJECT key word allows the specification of additional objects to be burned in the fire scenario. The object name and object compartment are required if the OBJECT key word is used. All other input items have default values if they are not specified. These defaults are: start time 0.0, first element 1, depth (x position) one half the depth of the compartment, breadth (y position) one half the width of the compartment, and height (z position) 0.0. To specify any input item, all preceding items on the OBJECT line must also be specified. For example, the first element can not be set if start time is not set. Positioning of the object within a compartment is specified in the same manner as for the main fire. See figure below.

Key word: OBJECT  
 Inputs: Object Name, Object Compartment, Ignition Criterion Value, Ignition Criterion Type, Depth Position, Breadth Position, Height Position, Normal Vector (Depth), Normal Vector (Breadth), Normal Vector (Height), Horizontal Flame Spread Ignition Position, Vertical Flame Spread Ignition Position

```
OBJECT SOFA      1      10      1      4.00      2.00
0.00
OBJECT WARDROBE  1      30      3      0.00      2.00
0.00
```



Typical fan performance at constant speed.

Heat transfer between the ceiling and floor of specified compartments is included with the CFCON keyword. Ceiling to floor heat transfer occurs between interior compartments of the structure or between an interior compartment and the outdoors.

Key word: CFCON

Input: First Compartment, Second Compartment

CFCON 1 2

Horizontal conduction between specified compartments is included with the HHEAT keyword. Ceiling to floor heat transfer occurs between interior compartments of the structure or between an interior compartment and the outdoors.

Key word: HHEAT

Input: First Compartment, Number of Partrs, Second Compartment, Fraction

```
HHEAT 2 3 1 0.5 3 0.25 4 0.25
```

The TARGET keyword is used to specify arbitrary targets placed anywhere in a compartment.

Key word: TARGET

Input: Compartment, Depth Position, Breadth Position, Height Position, Normal Vector (Depth), Normal Vector (Breadth), Normal Vector (Height), Material, Method, Equation Type

```
TARGET 1 7.62000 1.52400 4.26720 0.000000 1.00000 0.000000
```

The TARG keyword is used to specify targets on the interior bounding surface of a compartment.

Key word: TARG

Input: Compartment, Surface, Depth Position, Breadth Position, Method, Equation Type

```
TARG 1 DOWN 4.57000 7.62000
```

For stairwells, elevator shafts, and similar compartments, the use of a single, well-mixed zone better approximates conditions within the compartment. To specify use of a one zone model for individual compartments rather than the typical two zone model, the SHAFT keyword is used.

Key word: SHAFT

Input: Compartment

```
SHAFT 1
```

For long hallways or corridors, there can be a significant delay time for the initial hot gas layer to travel along the ceiling to the far end of the compartment.

Key word: HALL

Input: Compartment, Velocity, Depth, Decay Distance

```
HALL 1
```