Instructions for

Pressure Diagnostics

Program "Press"

Solving for

Minneapolis Blower Door™, Model 3

Duct Blaster™

Basic Zone Pressure Diagnostics (ZPD)

(Hole, Door, and Vent methods)

Duct Series Leakage Testing

(Add-a-Hole, Blower door subtraction,

Full-Nelson, and Nelson with NFR Twist)

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ZipTest Pro² Building Diagnostics Software for the Texas Instruments TI-86 Graphing Calculator

INTRODUCTION

This software program, "Press," is intended to be used as a diagnostic tool for residential and commercial weatherization and new construction analysis.

Procedures included in this program are:

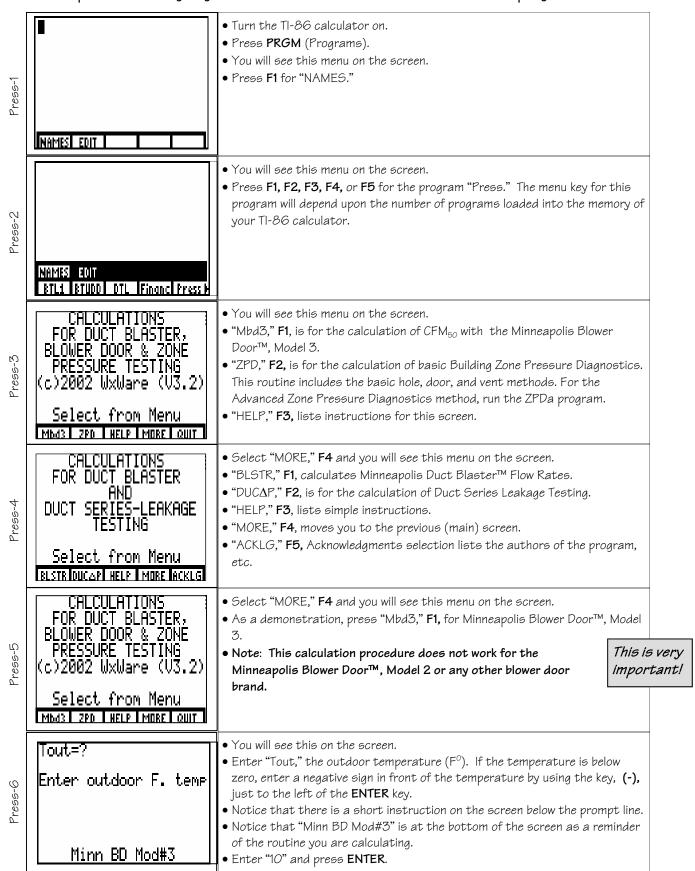
- 1) Calculation of CFM₅₀ for Minneapolis Blower Door®, Model 3. Can't-Reach-Fifty values and temperature adjustments are incorporated into the program.
- 2) Calculation of building CFM $_{50}$ zone pressure diagnostics, basic methods (the ZipTest Pro 2 software package also include an advanced zone pressure diagnostics program, ZPDa):
 - Hole Method.
 - Door Method.
 - Vent Method.
- 3) Calculation of Minneapolis Duct Blaster[™] Flow Rates, both older (serial numbers from 0-591) and newer (serial numbers from 592 and up) models.
- 4) Calculation of Duct CFM $_{50}$ Series Leakage Values (Building/Duct, Duct/Outdoors, Total Path):
 - Add-a-Hole Method.
 - Blower-Door-Subtraction Method.
 - Full-Nelson Method.
 - Nelson-with-NFR-Twist Method.

For more information about these test procedures, consult the following documents:

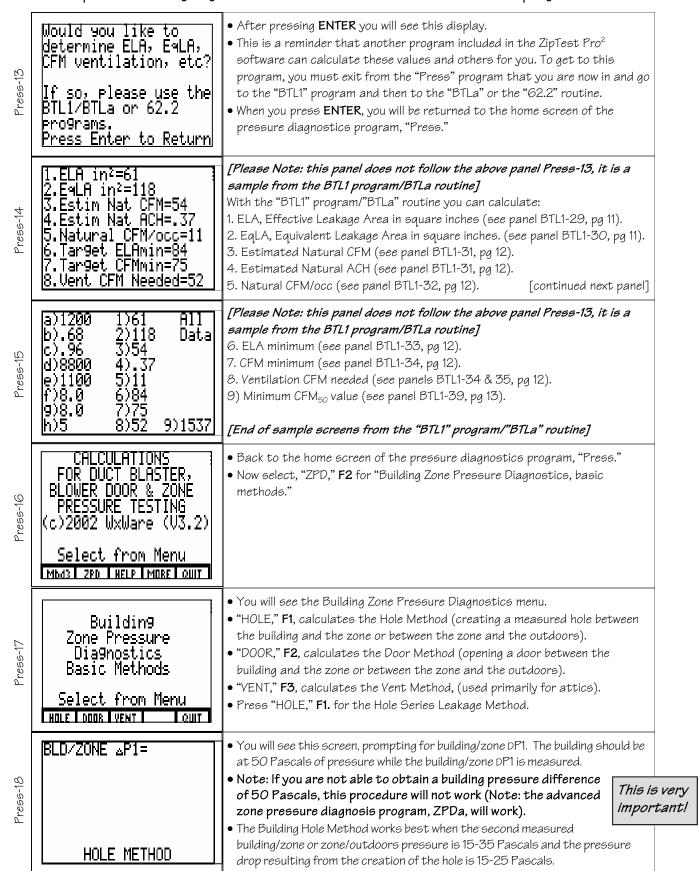
- Minneapolis Blower Door® Manual, Model 3, the Energy Conservatory.
- Minneapolis Duct Blaster® Manual, the Energy Conservatory.
- Pressure Diagnostics, Michael Blasnik and Jim Fitzgerald.
- The Airflow Diagnostic Procedure, John Tooley and Neil Moyer.
- "Building Tightness Guidelines: When Is a House Too Tight?" George Tsongas, Home Energy, March/April, 1993

PROGRAM OPERATION

Follow the instructions beginning on page 43.	Pictures of the TI-86 screens appear on the left
side of pages 43 through 58 with explanations at the	right of each picture.

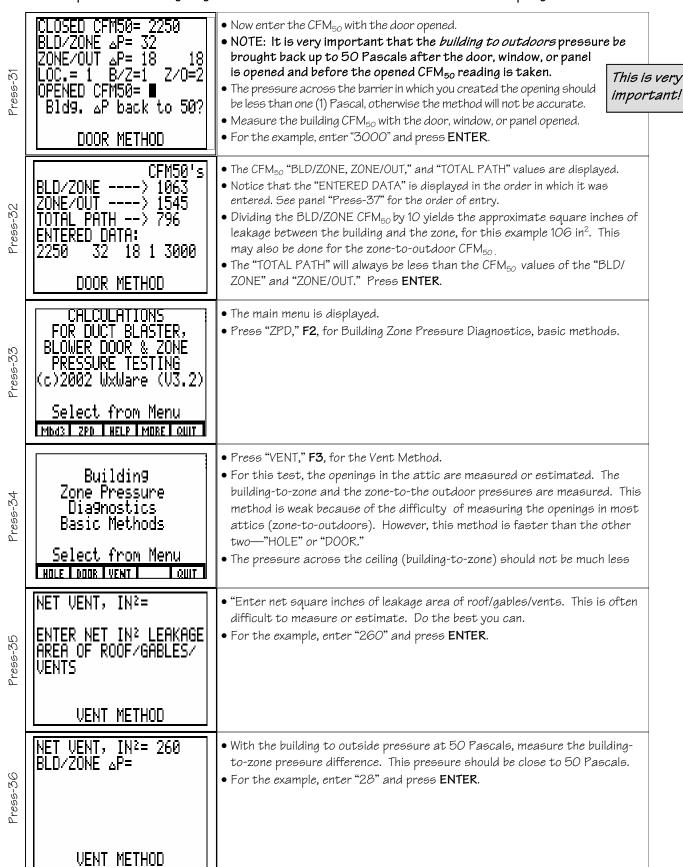


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Press-19	BLD/ZONE AP1= 35 ZONE/OUT AP1= 15 HOLE METHOD	 Enter "35" as the "BLD/ZONE ΔΡ1." Press ENTER. Now you are prompted to enter the "Zone/Out ΔΡ1."Notice that the number "is displayed at the right. This is the value of the building/zone pressure subtracted from 50 building/outdoors pressure. Enter "15" as "ZONE/OUT ΔΡ1." "BLD/ZONE ΔΡ1" plus "ZONE/OUT ΔΡ1" should equal 50, plus or minus 2. Press ENTER. 	"15"
Press-20	BLD/ZONE AP1= 35 ZONE/OUT AP1= 15 15 LOC.= B/Z=1 Z/O=2 INDICATE LOCATION OF CREATED HOLE HOLE METHOD	 Indicate the location of the measured hole, between the building and the zone or between the zone and the outdoors. It is a good idea to create thole in the tightest air barrier (that between the building and zone or the between the zone and the outdoors). This is because we should drop the pressure across the barrier in which the hole is created by 15 or more Pascals. For our example, it is best to create a hole from the building to zone where we have a ΔP1 of 35 Pascals. Enter "1" and press ENTER. 	the at e
Press-21	BLD/ZONE	 Enter the square inches of the added hole. For our example, we will use 130 square inches. Press ENTER. 	
Press-22	BLD/ZONE AP1= 35 ZONE/OUT AP1= 15 15 LOC.= 1 B/Z=1 Z/O=2 ADDED HOLE, IN2= 130 BLD/ZONE AP2= Bld9. AP back to 50? HOLE METHOD	1 20.0.0.0 2.0 =	his is very nportant!
Press-23	BLD/ZONE △P1= 35 ZONE/OUT △P1= 15 15 LOC.= 1 B/Z=1 Z/O=2 ADDED HOLE, IN²= 130 BLD/ZONE △P2= 28 ZONE/OUT △P2= 22 HOLE METHOD	 Enter the new (with-hole) zone to outdoor pressure, "ZONE/OUT ΔP2." Notice that to the right of "ZONE/OUT ΔP2" the suggested pressure is displayed. Your measured "ZONE/OUT ΔP2" should be within 2 Pascals o this displayed number. Enter "22" and press ENTER. 	of
Press-24	CFM50's BLD/ZONE> 2205 ZONE/OUT> 3824 TOTAL PATH> 1749 ENTERED DATA: 35 15 1 130 28 22 HOLE METHOD	 The CFM₅₀ "BLD/ZONE, ZONE/OUT," and "TOTAL PATH" values are displayed. Notice that the "ENTERED DATA" is displayed in the order in which it was entered on the previous screen. Dividing the "BLD/ZONE" CFM₅₀ by 10 yields the approximate square inches cleakage between the building and the zone, for this example 220 in². This may also be done for the zone-to-outdoor CFM₅₀. The TOTAL PATH will always be less than the CFM₅₀ values of the BLD/ZONE ZONE/OUT. Press ENTER. 	of ay

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Press-25	CALCULATIONS FOR DUCT BLASTER, BLOWER DOOR & ZONE PRESSURE TESTING (c)2002 WxWare (V3.2)	 The main menu is displayed. Press "ZPT," F2, for Building Zone Pressure Diagnostics. 	
Ψ.	Select from Menu		
Press-26	Building Zone Pressure Diagnostics Basic Methods	 Press "DOOR," F2, for the Door Method. For this test, a door or other openable panel is closed for the first set of pressure readings and opened for the second set of pressure readings. The size of the door or openable panel does not need to be measured. If the initial, closed pressure readings are close to 50 or 0, this method may not work well. 	
	Select from Menu		
Press-27	CLOSED CFM50=	 Enter the initial building CFM₅₀. This is a value that you might already know if you have done a single- or multi-point blower door test on the building. This initial CFM₅₀. should be 200 and preferably 400 or more for this test to work well. Enter "2250" and press ENTER. 	
	DOOR METHOD		
Press-28	CLOSED CFM50= 2250 BLD/ZONE AP=	 Measure the building-to-zone pressure, "BLD/ZONE ΔP." Enter "32" and press ENTER. 	
	DOOR METHOD		
Press-29	CLOSED CFM50= 2250 BLD/ZONE	 Measure the zone-to-outdoors pressure, "ZONE/OUT ΔP." Notice that the suggested "ZONE/OUT ΔP" pressure is displayed at the right. Your measured "ZONE/OUT ΔP" should be within 2 Pascals of this displayed number. Enter "18" and press ENTER. 	
	DOOR METHOD		
Press-30	CLOSED CFM50= 2250 BLD/ZONE △P= 32 ZONE/OUT △P= 18 18 LOC.= B/Z=1 Z/O=2 INDICATE LOCATION OF OPENED DOOR DOOR METHOD	 Indicate the location of the opened door or panel, between the building and the zone or between the zone and the outdoors. It is a good idea to open a door, window, or panel in the tightest air barrier (that between the building and zone or that between the zone and the outdoors). For our example, it is best to create a hole from the building to the zone where we have a ΔP of 32 Pascals. Enter "1" and press ENTER. 	



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Press-43	DUCT△P=?25 FAN△P=?100	 Enter the Duct Blaster™ fan pressure. For the example, enter "100" and press ENTER.
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Press-44	DUCTAP=?25 0=OPEN FANAP=?100 1=RING 1 CONFIG=? 2=RING 2 3=RING 3	 Finally, enter the Duct Blaster™ configuration that you used. Enter "1" for this example and press ENTER.
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Press-45	DUCTAP=?25	 The flow of the Duct Blaster™ fan is given and the CFM₂₅ and CFM₅₀ of the duct system tested. If the maximum duct pressure attainable were 23 Pascals, the first "CFM25=" value would be "CFM23=" instead. Notice that the approximate leakage area — in square inches — is also listed on the screen. Press ENTER.
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Press-46	CALCULATIONS FOR DUCT BLASTER, BLOWER DOOR & ZONE PRESSURE TESTING (c)2002 WxWare (V3.2)	 Once again, back to the main menu. Press "MORE," F4, to go to the other primary menu.
	Select from Menu	
Press-47	CALCULATIONS : FOR DUCT BLASTER AND DUCT SERIES-LEAKAGE TESTING	• Press "DUC∆P," F2 , for the Duct Series Leakage Tests menu.
9	Select from Menu BLSTR DUCAPH HELP MORE WCKLG	
Press-48	DUCT SERIES-LEAKAGE TESTS	 "HOLE," F1, calculates duct leakage using the Add-a-Hole Method. "MODBD," F2, calculates duct leakage using the Blower-Door-Subtraction Method. "NELSN," F3, calculates duct leakage using the Full-Nelson Method.
Pre	Select from Menu HOLE IMODSBINELSNITWIST QUIT	 "TWIST," F4, calculates duct leakage using the Nelson-with-NFR-Twist Method (NFR is Natural Florida Retrofit). Press F1 for Add-a-Hole Method.

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Press-55	DUCT SERIES-LEAKAGE TESTS	 The Duct Series Leakage menu is displayed. Press "MODSB," F2, for the Duct Modified Subtraction Method calculation. The method works best when the duct leakage is less than 200 CFM₅₀ 	
Pre	Select from Menu HOLE MODSBINELSNITWIST QUIT		
	AIR HANDLER OFF	Air handler should be off.	
(0)	PRESS ENTER	• Press ENTER.	
Press-56			
	DUCT MOD. SUB. METHOD		
	OPENED CFM50=	\bullet With the blower door, measure the CFM $_{50}$ with the duct system open to the building, i.e. not taped or sealed.	
Press-57		• For the example, enter "2000" and press ENTER.	
	DUCT MOD. SUB. METHOD		
	OPENED CFM50= 2000	 Now seal registers and grilles and measure the CFM₅₀ with the blower door. Press ENTER. 	
Press-58	SEAL REG. AND GRILLES		
Preg	PRESS ENTER		
	DUCT MOD. SUB. METHOD		
<u> </u>	OPENED CFM50= 2000 CLOSED CFM50= 1856	Now enter the Closed CFM50 (registers and grilles sealed). For the example enter "1856."	
Press-59	SEAL REG. AND GRILLES	• Press ENTER.	
Pre	PRESS ENTER		
	DUCT MOD. SUB. METHOD		
Press-60	OPENED CFM50= 2000 CLOSED CFM50= 1856 BLD/DUC ⊿P= 38 DUC/OUT ⊿P= 11∎ 12	 Enter the building-to-duct pressure difference with the registers and grilles sealed. For the example, enter "38." Press ENTER. Enter the duct-to-outdoor pressure difference with the registers and grilles sealed. Press ENTER. 	
	DUCT MOD. SUB. METHOD		

Press-79	Mbd3 TEST CALCULATES CFM50 FOR MINNEAPOLIS BLOWER DOOR MODEL 3. CAN'T REACH 50 VALUES ARE INCORPORATED.	 The "Mbd3," F1, menu item. Press ENTER. 	
	Help Screen		
Press-80	ZPD TESTS CALCULATES SERIES-LEAKAGE CFM50 VALUES USING HOLE; DOOR & VENT METHODS. IF YOU CAN'T REACH A BUILDING PRESSURE OF 50 Pa,THE CALCULATION IS NOT VALID.	• The "ZPD," F2 , menu item. • Press ENTER.	
Press-81	'MORE' TAKES YOU TO ! THE NEXT MENU.	• The "MORE," F4 , menu item. • Press ENTER .	
	Help Screen		
Press-82	'QUIT' EXITS PROGRAM.	 And the "QUIT," F4, menu item. Always exit this and other TI-86 programs by pressing the "QUIT" menu key. This resets the decimal place to "float" so that you can perform accurate calculations with the calculator functions of the TI-86. Press ENTER. 	
	Help Screen		
Press-83	CHLCULATIONS FOR DUCT BLASTER, BLOWER DOOR & ZONE PRESSURE TESTING (c)2002 WxWare (V3.2)	 And, back to the main menu screen. Press "MORE," F4, for the other primary menu screen. 	
	Select from Menu Mbd3 ZPD HELP MORE QUIT		
Press-84	CALCULATIONS FOR DUCT BLASTER AND DUCT SERIES-LEAKAGE TESTING	 There is a "HELP," F3, button on this menu also. Go ahead, press it. 	
	Select from Menu BLSTR DUCAP HELP MORE ACKLG		

Press-85	'BLSTR' TEST IS FOR STAND CALCULATING CFM FLOW WITH THE MINNEAPOLIS DUCT BLASTER. TO FIND CFM FLOW, ENTER FAN PRESSURE, & RING CONFIGURATION.	The "BLSTR," F1, menu item. Press ENTER.	
Press-86	'DUC⊿P' TESTS ALLOW : THE CALCULATION OF DUCT LEAKAGE. ADD-A- HOLE,MODIFIED SUBTRAC TION, NELSON AND NFR TWIST METHODS ARE INCLUDED. Help Screen	 The "DUC∆P," F2, menu item. Press ENTER. 	
Press-87	'MORE' TAKES YOU TO : THE NEXT MENU. Help Screen	The "MORE," F4, menu item. Press ENTER.	
Press-88	'ACKLG' (ACKNOWLEDG- I MENTS),LISTS CREDITS, SUPPORT AND REGISTRA- TION INFORMATION. Help Screen	 The "ACKLG," F4, menu item. Press Enter. 	
Press-89	CALCULATIONS FOR DUCT BLASTER AND DUCT SERIES-LEAKAGE TESTING Select from Menu BLSTRIDUCAPI HELP MORE ACKLG	Now we are back to one of the primary screens. Press "ACKLG," F5. This is the acknowledgments section.	
Press-90	WELCOME TO THE WORLD 3 OF PRESSURES & FLOWS, A GATHERING OF WORKS FROM ENERGY CONSERVA- TORY, GRASP & NATURAL FLORIDA RETROFIT. THIS PROGRAM WAS WRIT TEN BY NEIL MOYER AND	This is the first acknowledgments screen. Press ENTER.	

Press-91	RICK KARG (207) 725-3 6723.IF YOU PURCHASED THIS PROGRAM FROM WxWare, YOU ARE A REGISTERED USER, ENTIT LED TO SUPPORT AND UP DATE NOTIFICATION.	This is the second acknowledgments screen. Press ENTER.
Press-92	TO REGISTER YOUR COPY CONTACT WxWare AT 220 MEADOW ROAD, TOPSHAM, MAINE 04086: E-MAIL rjkar90kar9.com: OR 207-725-6723. (September 2002)	 This is the third acknowledgments screen. Press ENTER.
Press-93	CALCULATIONS FOR DUCT BLASTER, BLOWER DOOR & ZONE PRESSURE TESTING (c)2002 WxWare (V3.2) Select from Menu	 Once again, back to the main menu screen. Press "QUIT," F5. Note: Always exit the program by pressing QUIT; this automatically resets the decimal place for calculator use.
Press-94	Done	 You have now exited from the program. If you want to get back to the program quickly after pressing "QUIT," simply press ENTER. Note: The TI-86 automatically shuts off after two minutes of non-use. When you turn it back on, you will be able to pick up right where it shut off.
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