

Clarification Request

References: 135.1-2025 9.13.1.2.1, 9.13.1.2.3

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Background: 135-2024 12.13

ASHRAE 135-2024 clause 12.13.7 seems to imply, that the `Modification_date` property of a file object can contain an unspecified datetime value when the device does not have local date and local time.

Clause 12.13.8 only requires the `Archive` property to change to `FALSE` when `Modification_date` changes.

Problem:

Above mentioned tests contain steps like:

7. VERIFY `Modification_Date` = (the current date and time)
8. VERIFY `ARCHIVE` = `FALSE`

After `AtomicWriteFile` requests. But without local date and local time the device is not required to change `Modification_date` to „current date and time“ and `Archive` to `FALSE`.

Questions:

Should the steps for modification date be skipped when the device does not have local date / local time?

Should the steps for checking archive be skipped when the device does not have local date and local time and does not change the archive property when changing file content?

Response:

Yes.

Yes.