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Cost Segregation Study

Four-Family

Sample: 4-Unit Residential (Golden Model)

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Sections appear in the order listed. The Part numbers are the study's 17 part structure; the Element numbers are the 13 principal elements of a quality study that IRS Publication 5653 describes. Optional parts are present only when the property facts call for them, so a study without a look-back adjustment, a like-kind exchange or separately stated indirect costs omits those parts entirely rather than printing an empty page.

Letter of Transmittal

September 1, 2026

Property Owner

Property Owner

Dear Property Owner,

Enclosed is the cost segregation study for Sample: 4-Unit Residential (Golden Model), a Four-Family placed in service on January 1, 2026. The study separates the components of the property into their MACRS recovery classes so that personal property and land improvements are depreciated over their own recovery periods rather than over the 27.5 year life of the building shell.

Land was determined first and removed from the purchase price. The remaining depreciable building basis of \$722,500 was allocated across 16 asset rows using the modeled residual method. The allocation reconciles exactly: the schedule totals \$722,500, which equals the building basis to the dollar at every position. Each row carries its building system, its IRC character, its Rev. Proc. 87-56 asset class, the rationale for its classification, the authority behind it and a confidence score; rows below the review threshold are marked so your preparer can see them at a glance.

The study was run at the Conservative, Middle of the Road and Aggressive positions on one land value, and the Middle of the Road position is the one stated in the depreciation schedules, on the Form 4562 map and in the fixed asset file. At that position \$173,400 (24.0%) of the basis is classified into short life classes; the first year deduction with the study is \$192,536 against \$25,179 without it, a difference of \$167,357 (Conservative \$111,571, Aggressive \$223,143).

SmartCostSeg does not prepare tax returns and does not provide legal advice. Your CPA or tax preparer files the return, decides which elections to make, and applies the passive activity and loss limitation rules to your situation. The CPA Next Steps section lists what this study hands to that process.

Reviewed by: _____ **Ashley Robinson** **Date:** _____

Ashley Robinson

Brad Thomas

Part 1: Executive Summary

DEPRECIABLE BUILDING BASIS \$722,500	RECLASSIFIED TO SHORT LIFE (MIDDLE OF THE ROAD) \$173,400	SHARE OF BASIS RECLASSIFIED 24.0%
ADDITIONAL FIRST-YEAR DEDUCTION \$167,357	EST. FIRST-YEAR TAX SAVINGS AT 32% \$53,554	LAND ALLOCATION (15.0% OF PRICE) \$127,500

Allocation by Recovery Class at the Three Positions

Recovery Class	Life	Conservative	Middle of the Road (stated)	Aggressive
5-Year Personal Property (§1245)	5	\$80,920	\$121,380	\$161,840
15-Year Land Improvements	15	\$34,680	\$52,020	\$69,360
27.5-Year Residential Rental Property	27.5	\$606,900	\$549,100	\$491,300
Total Depreciable Building Basis		\$722,500	\$722,500	\$722,500

The Three Positions

Position	Short-Life Share	§168(k) Allowance	First Year With Study	Without Study	Additional	Est. Tax Savings
Conservative	16.0%	\$115,600	\$136,750	\$25,179	\$111,571	\$35,703
Middle of the Road (stated)	24.0%	\$173,400	\$192,536	\$25,179	\$167,357	\$53,554
Aggressive	32.0%	\$231,200	\$248,322	\$25,179	\$223,143	\$71,406

The three positions run the asset model and the MACRS engine on one land value; the Middle of the Road position is the one stated in Part 15, on the Form 4562 map and in the fixed asset file, and every schedule carries the other two beside it. Tax savings use the 32% combined rate stated in the assumptions; the actual rate depends on the taxpayer's return.

Part 1A: The Land Question and the Nine Positions

The land question, and what it is worth

The three positions describe the building only. Land is carved out first and never depreciates, so the less of the price assigned to land, the more there is to depreciate: a low land value is the aggressive land position and a high land value is the conservative one. Because the allocation is a judgment, this grid runs the whole model at a higher and a lower land value as well as the engineering estimate, so the effect of that judgment is visible rather than assumed; 9 positions are shown, ranked by first year benefit.

Rank	Land allocation	Land	Classification position	Depreciable basis	Additional year 1 deduction	Est. year 1 tax saving
1	Low land (more to depreciate)	\$106,250	Aggressive	\$743,750	\$229,346	\$73,391
2	Engineering estimate	\$127,500	Aggressive	\$722,500	\$222,792	\$71,293
3	High land (less to depreciate)	\$148,750	Aggressive	\$701,250	\$216,240	\$69,197
4	Low land (more to depreciate)	\$106,250	Middle of the Road	\$743,750	\$172,010	\$55,043
5	Engineering estimate (recommended)	\$127,500	Middle of the Road	\$722,500	\$167,094	\$53,470
6	High land (less to depreciate)	\$148,750	Middle of the Road	\$701,250	\$162,180	\$51,898
7	Low land (more to depreciate)	\$106,250	Conservative	\$743,750	\$114,673	\$36,695
8	Engineering estimate	\$127,500	Conservative	\$722,500	\$111,396	\$35,647
9	High land (less to depreciate)	\$148,750	Conservative	\$701,250	\$108,120	\$34,598

The land allocation on its own

Holding the classification position at Middle of the Road, this is what the land question alone is worth. It is the honest way to see whether the allocation is worth arguing about on this property.

Land allocation	Land	Additional year 1 deduction	Est. year 1 tax saving
High land (less to depreciate)	\$148,750	\$162,180	\$51,898
Engineering estimate	\$127,500	\$167,094	\$53,470
Low land (more to depreciate)	\$106,250	\$172,010	\$55,043

Every cell is a full run of the asset model and the MACRS engine at that land value, not an interpolation. The recommended cell is the engineering estimate crossed with Middle of the Road, and it is the position stated everywhere else in this study. A cell is named by both of its coordinates because the two axes move in opposite directions: more land allocated leaves less depreciable basis, while a more aggressive classification takes more of whatever basis remains. Tax savings use the 32% combined rate stated in the assumptions.

Part 2: Property and Acquisition (1 of 2)

Property Type	Four-Family
Building Area	4,200 square feet
Year Built	1994
Units	4
Stories	2
Address	Not supplied
Owner Entity	Property Owner
Purchase Date	January 1, 2026
Acquired (binding contract)	January 1, 2026
Placed in Service	January 1, 2026
Total Consideration	\$850,000
Land (determined first)	\$127,500 (15.0%), owner-provided estimate
Depreciable Building Basis	\$722,500

Building Systems and Ownership Boundary

The subject is a Four-Family (4,200 square feet, 4 units, 2 stories, built 1994).

Building systems were modeled from the property type's component profile; the variance drivers for this type are per-unit kitchens; shared site amenities. No engineering take-off was performed unless noted in the methodology.

Part 2: Property and Acquisition (2 of 2)

Land Determination

Total consideration	\$850,000
Less: land value (owner-provided estimate)	\$(127,500)
Land as a share of the consideration	15.0%
Depreciable building basis	\$722,500

Land is not depreciable and was determined first: \$127,500 (15.0% of the purchase price) by owner-provided estimate. The depreciable building basis is \$722,500. Land is determined first and is held constant within each position, so the Conservative, Middle of the Road and Aggressive columns of this study all rest on the same land value. Because the allocation itself is a judgment, Part 1 also shows what the result would be at a higher and a lower land value, so the effect of that judgment can be seen rather than assumed. The three positions describe the building only. Land is carved out first and never depreciates, so the less of the price assigned to land, the more there is to depreciate: a low land value is the aggressive land position and a high land value is the conservative one.

Land is not depreciable and is a fact of the acquisition: the same value is used under the Conservative, Middle of the Road and Aggressive positions and is never a scenario lever.

Part 3 (Element 1): Preparer Expertise and Responsibilities

Publication 5653 lists preparation by an individual with expertise and experience as the first principal element of a quality study. This part states who did what on this study. Roles and responsibilities print from the preparer team records entered by the firm; credential and experience lines print only as entered and are never inferred, so a blank line means nothing is claimed.

No preparer team records have been entered for this study. The study was prepared by SmartCostSeg's analysis system and reviewed by Ashley Robinson; no professional credential is claimed for any person named in this study.

Responsibilities of the Analysis System and the Reviewer

- The analysis system determined land first, ran the asset model and the MACRS engine at the three positions, applied the recovery periods, methods and conventions of the law tables, reconciled the allocation to the building basis and produced every schedule in this study.
- The reviewer named in the certification reviewed the inputs, the documents listed in Part 5, the classification rationale of each row and the reconciliation before the study was released; rows marked Review are the rows the reviewer flags for the preparer's own confirmation.
- The taxpayer's return preparer applies the study on the return, makes the elections and applies the loss limitation rules; SmartCostSeg does not prepare returns.

The ATG scorecard marks this element Partial until a credential or experience line has been entered for at least one role.

Part 4 (Element 2): Methodology (1 of 2)

Method applied: Modeled residual method

Land was determined first and removed from the purchase price. The method runs in eleven steps: (1) acquisition documents, (2) inspection, (3) building system identification, (4) functional classification, (5) engineering take-offs, (6) unit costs, (7) component valuation, (8) §1245 and §1250 analysis, (9) MACRS classification, (10) basis reconciliation and (11) depreciation. Steps 1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10 and 11 were performed on the inputs and documents received; steps 2, 5, 6 and 7 are modeled: the Four-Family component profile assigns modeled shares of basis to each 5-year, 7-year and 15-year component and no take-off, unit cost or site inspection was performed. The residual, everything not identified as personal property or a land improvement, stays in the building shell at its 27.5-year recovery period.

The study runs the asset model and the MACRS engine three times on one land value, at the Conservative (16.0%), Middle of the Road (24.0%) and Aggressive (32.0%) positions; every row, class total, waterfall, bonus and first year table carries the three columns, and the Middle of the Road position is the one stated in the depreciation schedules, on the Form 4562 map and in the fixed asset CSV.

The Conservative, Middle of the Road and Aggressive percentages for Four-Family are transcribed verbatim from the Expectation Guide row "Duplex / Triplex / Fourplex"; they are planning priors, not a substitute for documentation. The 5-year and 15-year split for this property type follows the Expectation Guide row "Apartments" (typical split between 5-year and 15-year property), applied at the range midpoints. The comparative band for every property type is SmartCostSeg house judgment used to gauge an allocation against the type's own Conservative, Middle of the Road and Aggressive positions; it is not an IRS threshold, an industry percentile or a published median.

Each row carries its building system, its IRC character, its Rev. Proc. 87-56 asset class, the authored rationale that applies the Whiteco permanence factors and the functional allocation approach of Hospital Corp. of America to that component, the authority for its classification and a confidence score; rows under 0.85 are marked as requiring review. This is a model, not an engineering take-off: it is consistent with the residual approach the IRS Cost Segregation Audit Techniques Guide describes and is labeled as such throughout.

Catalog corrections and house judgments disclosed: Residential built in cabinets, counters and vanities stay with the building; Retail and office removable millwork stays 5 year; 7 year office furniture, fixtures and equipment; Car wash building and related land improvements on asset class 57.1 at every position.

No site visit or photographic survey was performed; Part 16 lists what is still required.

Part 4 (Element 2): Methodology (2 of 2)

Basis of the Analysis

Site survey	None performed; no site visit and no photographic survey
Unit cost source	SmartCostSeg component weight tables by property category (modeled shares of building basis); residual to the building shell
Indirect cost treatment	Indirect and soft costs are not separately allocated on an acquisition: the purchase price is a lump sum apportioned between land and the depreciable improvements, and no indirect cost of production exists to allocate. Part 4 and Part 14 explain the treatment.
Documents reviewed	0 documents, listed in full in Part 5
Asset rows produced	16 rows, 2 flagged for review

The method is stated so a reviewer can weigh it. A modeled residual allocation is not an engineering take-off, and this report never describes it as one.

Part 5 (Element 3): Documentation Reviewed

No source documents were supplied for this property. The schedule is therefore modeled from the property type and the inputs entered, and Part 4 says so plainly.

This list is what was actually reviewed. Nothing is listed here as boilerplate, and a document marked Excluded was received but not relied on. Plan sheets and engineering exhibits, when received, are listed in Part 16.

Part 6 (Element 4): Interview Memorandum

Status: Pending. Pending: no interview has been recorded for this study. The memorandum lists the parties a study of this kind interviews as applicable and what each interview would establish; the classifications in Part 10 rest on the documents received and the modeled shares until an interview is recorded.

Interviewee (as applicable)	Status
Owner/Acquisition Team	Pending
Property Manager	Pending
Chief Engineer/Facilities	Pending
Controller/Accounting	Pending
General Contractor	Pending
Architect	Pending
Electrical Engineer	Pending
Mechanical Engineer	Pending
Construction Manager	Pending
Tenant/Leasing Personnel	Pending
Specialty System Operators	Pending

What Each Interview Establishes

- Ownership: who owns each component, so tenant owned and landlord owned property is never mixed.
- Function: what each component serves, which decides the §1245 or §1250 character of rows now marked preliminary.
- Construction: how each component is built and attached, the Whiteco permanence facts behind the rationale column.
- Cost: which invoices, contracts and schedules of values carry each cost, replacing modeled shares with identifiable costs.
- Dedicated Use: which electrical, plumbing and mechanical runs serve specific equipment rather than the building.
- Building Use: how the building is used, including any use that changes the recovery period (short stays, mixed use).
- Supporting Records: which drawings, photographs and records exist and can be added to Part 5 and Part 16.

No interviewee is named and no finding is recorded on this page until an interview is entered on the study record; the preliminary rows in Part 10 keep their asterisk until ownership, function and cost are verified.

Part 7 (Elements 5 and 6): Nomenclature and Numbering System (1 of 3)

Common Nomenclature (Element 5)

Every asset carries a worksheet Asset ID of the form SYSTEM-nnn, where SYSTEM is the building system prefix below and nnn a sequence within that system (ELEC-001, SIGN-001, SITE-001), and an IRS asset class column that prints the Rev. Proc. 87-56 class with a two digit worksheet sub code (57.0-08). The same asset keeps the same identifier across the Conservative, Middle of the Road and Aggressive positions, in the schedules, on the Form 4562 map and in the fixed asset CSV, so every dollar can be traced from the schedule to its source.

Prefix	Building system	MasterFormat divisions (worksheet cross reference)	Rows in Part 10
STRUCT	Structure and building envelope	03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08	1
ELEC	Electrical distribution	26	2
PLMB	Plumbing and fire protection	21, 22	1
LOWV	Low voltage, communications and security	27, 28	1
FIN	Interior finishes	09	2
FF&E	Furniture, fixtures and equipment	12	1
EQUIP	Process and specialty equipment	11	2
SITE	Site improvements and site utilities	31, 32, 33	6

Standard Numbering System (Element 6)

Sequence numbers run per building system in schedule order (structure first, site and parking structures last); sub codes run per IRS asset class; the residual building shell is the last STRUCT row and carries sub code B-01. Asset descriptions use the common names of the trade (the ATG's nomenclature rule): no building sewer is called process piping and no exit sign is called a decorative placard.

Sub codes (for example 57.0-08) are SmartCostSeg worksheet identifiers appended to the Rev. Proc. 87-56 asset class; they are not IRS designations. Building component sub codes carry the prefix B because the IRS assigns no decimal asset class number to individual building components.

Part 7 (Elements 5 and 6): Nomenclature and Numbering System (2 of 3)

IRS Asset Class Reference (Rev. Proc. 87-56)

The classes the schedule uses, with the class life, the recovery periods and the property group example the Audit Techniques Guide gives for this kind of property. Sub codes appended to these classes in Part 10 are workpaper identifiers, not IRS designations.

Class	Rev. Proc. 87-56 description	Class life	GDS	ADS	Method	IRC	Example for this property group
00.3	Land Improvements: Includes improvements directly to or added to land, whether such improvements are section 1245 property or section 1250 property, provided such improvements are depreciable. Examples of such assets might include sidewalks, roads, canals, waterways, drainage facilities, sewers (not including municipal sewers in Class 51), wharves and docks, bridges, fences, landscaping shrubbery, or radio and television transmitting towers. Does not include land improvements that are explicitly included in any other class, and buildings and structural components as defined in section 1.48-1(e) of the regulations. <i>Asset class 00.3 holds both §1245 and §1250 property, so a row in 00.3 states its own IRC character and is never labeled §1245 mechanically.</i>	20	15	20	150DB	§1245 or §1250	Driveways, walkways, fencing, landscaping, irrigation, exterior site lighting and site drainage
57.0	Distributive Trades and Services: Includes assets used in wholesale and retail trade, and personal and professional services. Includes section 1245 assets used in marketing petroleum and petroleum products.	9	5	9	200DB	§1245	Appliances, carpet and window treatments used in the rental activity (Pub. 527 Table 2-1 is the clearer support; the 57.0 label is not automatic in residential use)
B	Building and structural components (Reg. §1.48-1(e)); nonresidential real property recovers over 39 years and residential rental property over 27.5 years, straight line, mid month convention. Not a Rev. Proc. 87-56 asset class. <i>Building component sub codes carry the prefix B because the IRS assigns no decimal asset class number to individual building components.</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	SL	§1250	Foundation, framing, roofing, exterior walls, windows, general electrical, general plumbing, HVAC, general lighting, kitchen cabinets and built in millwork, bathroom vanities, hard surface flooring

Part 7 (Elements 5 and 6): Nomenclature and Numbering System (3 of 3)

IRS Asset Class Reference (Rev. Proc. 87-56) (continued)

Class	Rev. Proc. 87-56 description	Class life	GDS	ADS	Method	IRC	Example for this property group
functional_analysis	Functional analysis (no Rev. Proc. 87-56 class asserted): the row is classified by its function under Reg. §1.48-1(e) and the Whiteco permanence factors, and its recovery period follows that determination. <i>Printed where no class number exists rather than inventing one (protocol Step 9).</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	§1245 or §1250	Window treatments, electronic access and security equipment, data and communications equipment; site drainage and retaining walls pending fact specific classification
follows_underlying	Follows the underlying asset: dedicated hook ups, branch circuits and connections take the IRC character, class and recovery period of the equipment they serve (functional allocation, Hospital Corp. of America; ATG Ch. 8.A.5).	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	§1245	Dedicated appliance and equipment electrical

Authorities for each class are printed in full in Part 17. Class 00.3 includes land improvements whether they are §1245 property or §1250 property, so each 00.3 row states its own character in Part 10.

Part 8 (Element 7): Legal Analysis (1 of 5)

The framework, the permanence factors applied system by system, the distinctions the Audit Techniques Guide draws for this property group, and the rules that decide the character of a row. Every row of Part 10 states the answer for its own component in the Function / Classification Rationale column.

Framework: buildings, structural components and tangible personal property

Every row is classified under Treas. Reg. §1.48-1(e): a building is any structure or edifice enclosing a space within its walls, usually covered by a roof, whose purpose is to provide shelter or housing or working, office, parking, display or sales space, and a structural component is a part of the building that relates to its operation or maintenance (walls, partitions, floors, ceilings, permanent coverings, windows, doors, central air conditioning and heating, plumbing, electric wiring and lighting fixtures, chimneys, stairs, elevators, sprinklers, fire escapes and other components relating to the operation or maintenance of a building). Everything else that is tangible property is analyzed as tangible personal property.

Hospital Corp. of America v. Commissioner, 109 T.C. 21 (1997), holds that the investment tax credit precedents govern the line between §1245 and §1250 property under MACRS; the Service acquiesced in result only and accepts a correct functional allocation of an electrical distribution system, which is the approach every ELEC and PLMB row in this study takes. Movability alone is not determinative.

Whiteco Industries, Inc. v. Commissioner, 65 T.C. 664 (1975), supplies the six permanence factors, restated at Pub. 5653 p. 21: (1) Is the property capable of being moved, and has it in fact been moved? (2) Is the property designed or constructed to remain permanently in place? (3) Are there circumstances, which tend to show the expected or intended lengths of affixation, i.e., are there circumstances, which show that the property may or will have to be moved? (4) How substantial of a job is the removal of a property and how time-consuming is it? Is it 'readily removable'? (5) How much damage will the property sustain upon its removal? (6) What is the manner of affixation of the property to the land? The factors are applied system by system below and the answer for each row is stated in its Function / Classification Rationale column in Part 10.

Authorities: Reg. §1.48-1(e); HCA (1997); Whiteco (1975).

Structure and building envelope (STRUCT): the permanence factors applied

1 row in Part 10 carries the STRUCT prefix. Foundations, framing, roofing, exterior walls and openings are designed and constructed to remain permanently in place and cannot be removed without destroying the structure, so every permanence factor points to a structural component under Reg. §1.48-1(e)(2). Rows in this system are §1250 building property unless a supplied row documents otherwise.

Authorities: Reg. §1.48-1(e); Whiteco (1975).

Part 8 (Element 7): Legal Analysis (2 of 5)

Electrical distribution (ELEC): the permanence factors applied

2 rows in Part 10 carry the ELEC prefix. General distribution (service entrance, switchgear, panels and the branch circuits that serve lighting and convenience outlets) relates to the operation of the building and is §1250. Branch circuits, disconnects and outlets that are necessary to and used directly with a specific item of equipment follow that equipment under the functional allocation approach the ATG accepts (Ch. 8.A.5, Hospital Corp. of America); those rows are §1245 and take the recovery period of the equipment served. The permanence factors are applied to the equipment, not to the wire.

Authorities: HCA (1997); Cost Segregation ATG; Reg. §1.48-1(e).

Plumbing and fire protection (PLMB): the permanence factors applied

1 row in Part 10 carries the PLMB prefix. Water supply, sanitary and storm piping and fire protection that serve the building are §1250. Water, gas, refrigerant and drain hook ups directly connected to a specific appliance or item of equipment follow that equipment (ATG Retail Exhibit A, Plumbing). Removability is weighed against the damage removal would cause to the connected system.

Authorities: HCA (1997); ATG Retail Exhibit A; Reg. §1.48-1(e).

Low voltage, communications and security (LOWV): the permanence factors applied

1 row in Part 10 carries the LOWV prefix. Building security, fire alarm and life safety wiring protect the building and its occupants and are §1250 (ATG Retail Exhibit A, Security Systems). Data, communications, paging and merchandise surveillance devices and their cabling serve the business rather than the building; they are readily removable and reusable, so factors 1, 2, 4 and 5 point to tangible personal property.

Authorities: ATG Retail Exhibit A; Whiteco (1975).

Part 8 (Element 7): Legal Analysis (3 of 5)

Interior finishes (FIN): the permanence factors applied

2 rows in Part 10 carry the FIN prefix. Permanently affixed finishes (ceramic tile, terrazzo, drywall, paint, permanent ceilings) are structural components. Carpet, vinyl composition tile and sheet vinyl installed with strippable adhesives, and other finishes that can be removed without damage to the finish or the building, are §1245 under the ATG Retail Exhibit A floor coverings row; factor 5 (damage on removal) is decisive.

Authorities: ATG Retail Exhibit A; Whiteco (1975); Reg. §1.48-1(e).

Furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E): the permanence factors applied

1 row in Part 10 carries the FF&E prefix. Furniture, movable fixtures and loose equipment are capable of being moved, are not affixed beyond leveling or anchoring for safety, and sustain no damage on removal, so all six factors point to tangible personal property (asset class 00.11 in office use, 57.0 in retail and service use).

Authorities: Whiteco (1975); Rev. Proc. 87-56, 00.11; Rev. Proc. 87-56, 57.0.

Process and specialty equipment (EQUIP): the permanence factors applied

2 rows in Part 10 carry the EQUIP prefix. Kitchen, laundry, wash, medical and other operating equipment is machinery rather than a structural component even when bolted down: factor 2 (designed to remain in place) is outweighed by factors 1, 4 and 5 and by the equipment's function. Car wash systems are listed as machinery and equipment in the ATG auto dealership matrix (Ch. 7.F).

Authorities: Whiteco (1975); Cost Segregation ATG.

Part 8 (Element 7): Legal Analysis (4 of 5)

Site improvements and site utilities (SITE): the permanence factors applied

6 rows in Part 10 carry the SITE prefix. Paving, curbing, sidewalks, fencing, landscaping, pole mounted site lighting and site drainage are land improvements in asset class 00.3, which holds both §1245 and §1250 property. Site preparation directly associated with a building follows the building, site preparation directly associated with depreciable land improvements follows them, and one time clearing and grading to allow development is land (ATG Retail Exhibit A, Site Prep/Grading). The question for this system is whether the improvement is to the land or to the building, not the permanence factors.

Authorities: Rev. Proc. 87-56, 00.3; ATG Retail Exhibit A.

Distinctions the Audit Techniques Guide draws for this property group

Short life (§1245 property or a land improvement)	Long life (the building and its structural components)
Appliances, carpet, furniture and window treatments used in the rental activity (§1245, 5 years)	Kitchen cabinets, built in millwork and bathroom vanities (§1250, 27.5 years, structural component analysis)
Dedicated appliance and equipment electrical (§1245, follows the underlying asset)	General electrical, general plumbing, HVAC and general lighting (§1250, 27.5 years)
Asphalt parking, concrete walkways, landscaping, irrigation, fencing and exterior site lighting (asset class 00.3, 15 years)	Site preparation, building related earthwork and building related site utilities (§1250, building; capitalized under §263A)
Site drainage, stormwater and retaining walls (asset class 00.3, 15 years, subject to fact specific classification)	Foundation and structural concrete (§1250, 27.5 years)

Authorities: Pub. 527; HCA (1997); Rev. Proc. 87-56, 00.3.

Part 8 (Element 7): Legal Analysis (5 of 5)

Asset categories before activity categories

Rev. Proc. 87-56 has two broad categories of asset classes: asset categories 00.11 through 00.4, which describe specific assets used in all business activities, and activity categories 01.1 through 80.0, which describe assets used in specific business activities. An item described in both is classified to the asset category unless it is specifically excluded from the asset category or specifically included in the activity category (Norwest Corp. v. Commissioner, 111 T.C. 105 (1998); Rev. Rul. 2003-81). A desk is class 00.11 (7 years) and a cash register is class 57.0 (5 years) because cash registers are not listed in an asset category but are assets used in retail. Property with no class life and no activity class defaults to 7-year GDS and 12-year ADS, a category the ATG notes very few assets fall into.

Authorities: Cost Segregation ATG; Norwest (1998); Rev. Rul. 2003-81.

Land improvements (asset class 00.3) hold both characters

Asset class 00.3 includes improvements directly to or added to land whether such improvements are §1245 property or §1250 property, so the class does not settle the character of a row. Each of the 6 00.3 rows in this study states its own IRC character in Part 10 (0 §1245, 6 §1250); the recovery period is 15 years at 150 percent declining balance either way, and the character matters on disposition (Part 14).

Authorities: Rev. Proc. 87-56, 00.3; IRC §1245; IRC §1250.

Preliminary classifications and the asterisk convention

* Preliminary, subject to documentation, ownership, use/function and acquisition verification. A preliminary classification is one whose ownership, function, construction, cost, dedicated use, building use and supporting records have not all been established through the documents in Part 5 and the interviews in Part 6; the schedule prints the asterisk so the reader can see which rows still rest on the modeled shares or on a single source.

Authorities: Cost Segregation ATG.

Part 9 (Element 8): Engineering Take-Offs and Unit Costs

No engineering take-off was performed.

No engineering take-off was performed. Each modeled row is a share of its class pool (the 5-year, 7-year and 15-year pools sized by the property type's Conservative, Middle of the Road and Aggressive percentages and split by the type's 5/15 category), and the residual stays in the building shell. Quantity prints TBD, pending field inventory and unit cost prints a dash on every modeled row; the Source of Cost column names the pool each row was drawn from.

Costing Tiers Used (protocol Step 6, best evidence first)

Tier	Source of cost	Rows in Part 10
1	Actual identifiable cost	0
2	Actual cost allocated through engineering analysis	0
3	Engineering quantity takeoff x supported unit cost	0
4	Replacement/reproduction cost estimate	0
5	Residual/pro-rata allocation	16

Sources

- SmartCostSeg component weight tables by split category (house judgment, disclosed in Part 4)
- The Conservative, Middle of the Road and Aggressive percentages for Four-Family are transcribed verbatim from the Expectation Guide row "Duplex / Triplex / Fourplex"; they are planning priors, not a substitute for documentation.
- The 5-year and 15-year split for this property type follows the Expectation Guide row "Apartments" (typical split between 5-year and 15-year property), applied at the range midpoints.

A field inventory, record drawings or a contractor's schedule of values replace the modeled shares with take-off quantities and supported unit costs (protocol Step 6: actual identifiable cost first, then actual cost allocated through engineering analysis, then quantity times unit cost, then a replacement cost estimate, and residual allocation last).

Quantity prints "TBD, pending field inventory" and unit cost prints "—" on every modeled row of Part 10; the Source of Cost column names the pool each modeled row was drawn from.

Part 10 (Element 9): Detailed Asset Classification and Cost Schedule (1 of 4)

Asset ID	Asset/Component	Location	Building System	Function/Classification Rationale	IRC Classification	IRS Asset Class	MACRS Recovery Period	§168(k) Eligibility	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Source of Cost	Legal Authority	Supporting Documentation
FIN-001	Carpet, vinyl and other removable floor coverings	Building-wide (modeled share)	Interior finishes	Carpet, vinyl composition tile and sheet vinyl laid with strippable adhesives can be removed without damage to the finish or the building and serve the occupant's use rather than the operation of the building; under Reg. §1.48-1(e) and the ATG floor coverings row they are tangible personal property, so Whiteco factors 1, 4 and 5 all point to §1245 property.	§1245	57.0-01*	5-year	Eligible, 100%; screen pending (Part 14)	TBD, pending field inventory	—	\$29,803	Modeled share of the 5-year pool for Four-Family	Reg. §1.48-1(e)	None on file
EQUIP-001	Kitchen and laundry appliances	Building-wide (modeled share)	Process and specialty equipment	Ranges, refrigerators, dishwashers and laundry machines are movable equipment connected by plug or simple hook up; Pub. 527 Table 2-1 lists appliances used in a residential rental activity as 5 year property and every Whiteco permanence factor points to tangible personal property.	§1245	57.0-02*	5-year	Eligible, 100%; screen pending (Part 14)	TBD, pending field inventory	—	\$18,966	Modeled share of the 5-year pool for Four-Family	Pub. 527	None on file
ELEC-001	Decorative and accent lighting fixtures	Building-wide (modeled share)	Electrical distribution	Neon, track and accent fixtures that are decorative in nature and not necessary for the operation of the building are tangible personal property under the ATG lighting rows; the row is limited to fixtures that do not provide the primary source of illumination, which stays with the building.	§1245	57.0-03*	5-year	Eligible, 100%; screen pending (Part 14)	TBD, pending field inventory	—	\$10,837	Modeled share of the 5-year pool for Four-Family	ATG Retail Exhibit A	None on file
ELEC-002	Electrical branch circuits and outlets dedicated to equipment REVIEW	Building-wide (modeled share)	Electrical distribution	Branch circuits, outlets and disconnects that are necessary to and used directly with a specific item of equipment rather than the general building service follow that equipment under the functional allocation approach of Hospital Corp. of America and ATG Ch. 8.A.5; the permanence factors are applied to the equipment served, not to the wire.	§1245	Follows underlying asset*	5-year	Eligible, 100%; screen pending (Part 14)	TBD, pending field inventory	—	\$16,256	Modeled share of the 5-year pool for Four-Family	HCA (1997)	None on file
PLMB-001	Plumbing connections dedicated to equipment and appliances REVIEW	Building-wide (modeled share)	Plumbing and fire protection	Water, gas and drain hook ups directly connected to a specific appliance or item of equipment take the character and recovery period of that equipment (ATG Retail Exhibit A, Plumbing; Hospital Corp. of America); general supply, sanitary and storm piping remain with the building.	§1245	Follows underlying asset*	5-year	Eligible, 100%; screen pending (Part 14)	TBD, pending field inventory	—	\$10,838	Modeled share of the 5-year pool for Four-Family	HCA (1997)	None on file

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Part 10 (Element 9): Detailed Asset Classification and Cost Schedule (2 of 4)

Asset ID	Asset/Component	Location	Building System	Function/Classification Rationale	IRC Classification	IRS Asset Class	MACRS Recovery Period	§168(k) Eligibility	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Source of Cost	Legal Authority	Supporting Documentation
FF&E-001	Window treatments (blinds, drapes and hardware)	Building-wide (modeled share)	Furniture, fixtures and equipment	Blinds, drapes and their hardware are readily removable accessories that sustain no damage on removal and are not part of the building envelope; no Rev. Proc. 87-56 class number is asserted and the classification rests on the Whiteco permanence factors.	\$1245	Functional analysis*	5-year	Eligible, 100%; screen pending (Part 14)	TBD, pending field inventory	—	\$5,419	Modeled share of the 5-year pool for Four-Family	Whiteco (1975)	None on file
LOWV-001	Low-voltage security, access-control and data cabling	Building-wide (modeled share)	Low voltage, communications and security	Data, communications, access control and surveillance devices and their cabling serve the business conducted in the building rather than the building itself and can be removed and reused; building fire alarm and life safety wiring are excluded and stay §1250 (ATG Retail Exhibit A, Security Systems).	\$1245	Functional analysis*	5-year	Eligible, 100%; screen pending (Part 14)	TBD, pending field inventory	—	\$6,773	Modeled share of the 5-year pool for Four-Family	HCA (1997)	None on file
FIN-002	Miscellaneous removable finishes and accessories	Building-wide (modeled share)	Interior finishes	Removable accessories and finish items that are neither structural components nor permanently affixed finishes are classified by function under Reg. §1.48-1(e); permanently affixed tile, drywall and paint remain with the building.	\$1245	Functional analysis*	5-year	Eligible, 100%; screen pending (Part 14)	TBD, pending field inventory	—	\$9,483	Modeled share of the 5-year pool for Four-Family	Reg. §1.48-1(e)	None on file
EQUIP-002	Commercial kitchen equipment and connections	Building-wide (modeled share)	Process and specialty equipment	Commercial cooking, refrigeration and food preparation equipment is machinery used in the restaurant activity even when bolted to the floor; asset class 57.0 covers assets used in personal services and every Whiteco factor points to tangible personal property.	\$1245	57.0-04*	5-year	Eligible, 100%; screen pending (Part 14)	TBD, pending field inventory	—	\$13,005	Modeled share of the 5-year pool for Four-Family	HCA (1997)	None on file
SITE-001	Parking lot paving, curbs and striping	Site (modeled share)	Site improvements and site utilities	Grade level surface parking, curbing and striping are depreciable improvements to land in asset class 00.3 rather than to the building; they are inherently permanent, so the row carries §1250 character.	\$1250	00.3-01*	15-year	Eligible, 100%; screen pending (Part 14)	TBD, pending field inventory	—	\$18,207	Modeled share of the 15-year land improvement pool for Four-Family	Rev. Proc. 87-56, 00.3	None on file

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Part 10 (Element 9): Detailed Asset Classification and Cost Schedule (3 of 4)

Asset ID	Asset/Component	Location	Building System	Function/Classification Rationale	IRC Classification	IRS Asset Class	MACRS Recovery Period	§168(k) Eligibility	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Source of Cost	Legal Authority	Supporting Documentation
SITE-002	Sidewalks and exterior hardscape	Site (modeled share)	Site improvements and site utilities	Sidewalks and exterior hardscape are named in asset class 00.3 as improvements directly to land; they are inherently permanent land improvements and carry §1250 character.	§1250	00.3-02*	15-year	Eligible, 100%; screen pending (Part 14)	TBD, pending field inventory	—	\$5,202	Modeled share of the 15-year land improvement pool for Four-Family	Rev. Proc. 87-56, 00.3	None on file
SITE-003	Landscaping, shrubbery and planting beds	Site (modeled share)	Site improvements and site utilities	Shrubbery and planting beds adjacent to the building that would be replaced with it are depreciable land improvements named in asset class 00.3; one time clearing and grading is land and is excluded.	§1250	00.3-03*	15-year	Eligible, 100%; screen pending (Part 14)	TBD, pending field inventory	—	\$13,005	Modeled share of the 15-year land improvement pool for Four-Family	Rev. Proc. 87-56, 00.3	None on file
SITE-004	Site drainage, storm structures and retention	Site (modeled share)	Site improvements and site utilities	Storm structures, catch basins and retention serving the site are drainage facilities named in asset class 00.3; building related earthwork stays with the building, so the row is limited to the site share.	§1250	00.3-04*	15-year	Eligible, 100%; screen pending (Part 14)	TBD, pending field inventory	—	\$5,202	Modeled share of the 15-year land improvement pool for Four-Family	Rev. Proc. 87-56, 00.3	None on file
SITE-005	Fencing, gates and retaining walls	Site (modeled share)	Site improvements and site utilities	Fences, gates and retaining walls are named in asset class 00.3; the row carries §1250 character as an inherently permanent land improvement.	§1250	00.3-05*	15-year	Eligible, 100%; screen pending (Part 14)	TBD, pending field inventory	—	\$5,202	Modeled share of the 15-year land improvement pool for Four-Family	Rev. Proc. 87-56, 00.3	None on file
SITE-006	Site and parking-lot lighting (poles, bases, circuits)	Site (modeled share)	Site improvements and site utilities	Pole mounted lighting poured in concrete footings that illuminates parking and walkways is a land improvement in asset class 00.3 under the ATG exterior lighting row; the class holds both characters and the poles are carried as §1250 pending field verification.	§1250	00.3-06*	15-year	Eligible, 100%; screen pending (Part 14)	TBD, pending field inventory	—	\$5,202	Modeled share of the 15-year land improvement pool for Four-Family	Rev. Proc. 87-56, 00.3	None on file

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Part 10 (Element 9): Detailed Asset Classification and Cost Schedule (4 of 4)

Asset ID	Asset/Component	Location	Building System	Function/Classification Rationale	IRC Classification	IRS Asset Class	MACRS Recovery Period	\$168(k) Eligibility	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Source of Cost	Legal Authority	Supporting Documentation
STRUCT-001	Building structure and structural components including built in cabinets, counters and vanities (residual, 27.5-year)	Building shell (residual)	Structure and building envelope	Foundation, framing, roofing, exterior walls, general electrical, general plumbing, HVAC, built in kitchen cabinets, counters and bathroom vanities, and permanently affixed finishes are structural components under Reg. §1.48-1(e)(2), recovered as residential rental property over 27.5 years, straight line, mid month convention.	\$1250	B-01*	27.5-year	Not eligible: real property	TBD, pending field inventory	—	\$549,100	Residual of the building basis after the modeled pools for Four-Family	Reg. §1.48-1(e)	None on file
All classes, total allocated (reconciles to the depreciable basis)											\$722,500			

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Part 11 (Element 10): Basis Reconciliation

From the total consideration to an unreconciled difference of zero: land is removed first, the depreciable basis is split into direct and indirect cost, and every recovery class is listed under each position. The engine refuses to build a study whose allocation does not equal the depreciable basis, so the last line is zero by construction, not by a plug.

Line	Conservative	Middle of the Road (stated)	Aggressive
Total consideration (purchase price)	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
Less: nondepreciable land (owner-provided estimate)	\$(127,500)	\$(127,500)	\$(127,500)
Adjustments to basis	\$-	\$-	\$-
Depreciable basis	\$722,500	\$722,500	\$722,500
Direct costs identified	\$722,500	\$722,500	\$722,500
Indirect costs allocated (Part 12)	\$-	\$-	\$-
5-Year Personal Property (§1245)	\$80,920	\$121,380	\$161,840
15-Year Land Improvements	\$34,680	\$52,020	\$69,360
27.5-Year Residential Rental Property	\$606,900	\$549,100	\$491,300
Total allocated	\$722,500	\$722,500	\$722,500
Unreconciled difference	\$-	\$-	\$-

The schedule foots. Total allocated of \$722,500 equals the depreciable building basis of \$722,500 to the dollar at the Conservative, Middle of the Road and Aggressive positions, so there is no unallocated remainder and no rounding plug anywhere in the schedule.

Indirect costs allocated in Part 12 sit inside the class lines: each row of Part 15 shows its direct cost and its indirect allocation separately, and the two always add to the row's reconciled cost.

Part 13 (Element 12): Section 1245 Property Schedule

Every row this study classifies as §1245 property, listed separately from the §1250 building property so the return preparer and a later disposition can find them without re-reading the schedule. Character is stated per row in Part 10; it is never inferred from the recovery class.

Asset ID	Component	System	IRS Asset Class	Conservative	Middle of the Road	Aggressive
FIN-001	Carpet, vinyl and other removable floor coverings	FIN	57.0-01*	\$19,869	\$29,803	\$39,737
EQUIP-001	Kitchen and laundry appliances	EQUIP	57.0-02*	\$12,643	\$18,966	\$25,288
ELEC-001	Decorative and accent lighting fixtures	ELEC	57.0-03*	\$7,225	\$10,837	\$14,450
ELEC-002	Electrical branch circuits and outlets dedicated to equipment	ELEC	Follows underlying asset*	\$10,838	\$16,256	\$21,675
PLMB-001	Plumbing connections dedicated to equipment and appliances	PLMB	Follows underlying asset*	\$7,225	\$10,838	\$14,450
FF&E-001	Window treatments (blinds, drapes and hardware)	FF&E	Functional analysis*	\$3,612	\$5,419	\$7,225
LOWV-001	Low-voltage security, access-control and data cabling	LOWV	Functional analysis*	\$4,516	\$6,773	\$9,031
FIN-002	Miscellaneous removable finishes and accessories	FIN	Functional analysis*	\$6,322	\$9,483	\$12,644
EQUIP-002	Commercial kitchen equipment and connections	EQUIP	57.0-04*	\$8,670	\$13,005	\$17,340
Total §1245 property (16.8% of the depreciable basis at the stated position)				\$80,920	\$121,380	\$161,840

On a later disposition, gain is ordinary income under IRC §1245 to the extent of depreciation allowed or allowable on these rows, including the §168(k) allowance; the maximum §1245 ordinary recapture exposure equals their full cost, \$121,380 at the Middle of the Road position (Conservative \$80,920, Middle of the Road \$121,380, Aggressive \$161,840). The remaining \$601,120 is §1250 property (the building and its structural components, and land improvements carrying §1250 character), where ordinary recapture is limited to additional depreciation over straight line and unrecaptured §1250 gain is taxed at a maximum 25 percent rate. Every row in this schedule was classified from §1250 building property to §1245 property by this study; no separately acquired §1245 property was reported, so nothing is listed twice.

Part 14 (Element 13): Related Tax Considerations (1 of 2)

The eight considerations Publication 5653 lists beside the classification itself, each marked as it applies to this property on the facts recorded. A Pending mark means the owner has not yet answered the question and the assumptions say what the study rests on meanwhile.

§168(k) used property acquisition requirements (related party and prior use) PENDING

The four used property screening questions of Treas. Reg. §1.168(k)-2(b)(3)(iii) have not all been answered. The study applies the 100% allowance the dates support; a Yes to any question removes it from every class.

Authorities: Reg. §1.168(k)-2(b)(3)(iii); IRC §179(d)(2)-(3); IRC §168(k).

Placed in service date APPLIES

This study treats every asset as acquired 2026-01-01 and placed in service 2026-01-01, in tax year 2026. Property is placed in service when it is ready and available for its specific use (Pub. 946), which can precede or follow the closing date; the placed in service date fixes the tax year of the first deduction, the applicable convention and, together with the acquisition date, the §168(k) rate.

Convention resolved: half-year for personal property (0% of the personal property basis fell in the fourth quarter, under the 40 percent test); mid-month for real property. If the placed in service date differs from the date recorded, every schedule in Part 15 shifts with it.

Authorities: Pub. 946; Rev. Proc. 87-57; IRC §168(k).

Ground lease and leasehold interests PENDING

Ground lease or leasehold status has not been recorded. A leasehold changes what is depreciated, not how components are classified; improvements on leased property are recovered under §168 regardless of the lease term.

Authorities: IRC §178; Reg. §1.167(a)-4; Reg. §1.48-1(e).

Ownership of tenant improvements PENDING

Ownership of any tenant improvements has not been recorded. Tax ownership decides who depreciates an improvement; rows that belong to a tenant or that a §110 allowance funded would leave this study.

Authorities: IRC §110; Reg. §1.167(a)-4; Reg. §1.48-1(e).

Part 14 (Element 13): Related Tax Considerations (2 of 2)

§263A uniform capitalization, kept apart from Treas. Reg. §1.263(a)-3 **DOES NOT APPLY**

Acquired property held for rental or use is not produced, so §263A does not apply to the purchase; acquisition costs are capitalized under §263(a). §263A and Treas. Reg. §1.263(a)-3 are different rules, kept apart.

Accounting method and Form 3115 **DOES NOT APPLY**

Every asset is placed in service in 2026, the current tax year, so the classification goes on the original return and no method change is involved; a later adoption would need Form 3115 (DCN 7), not an amended return.

Sampling methodology (Rev. Proc. 2011-42) **DOES NOT APPLY**

No statistical sampling was used: every asset is listed individually in Part 10, and a modeled row is a share of a class pool, not a sampled unit projected to a population. Any sampling must follow Rev. Proc. 2011-42.

Disposition and recapture **APPLIES**

Gain on a later disposition of the §1245 property listed in Part 13 is ordinary income to the extent of depreciation allowed or allowable, including the §168(k) allowance (IRC §1245). The maximum §1245 ordinary recapture exposure is the full cost of those rows: \$121,380 at the Middle of the Road position (Conservative \$80,920, Middle of the Road \$121,380, Aggressive \$161,840).

The §1250 pool of \$601,120 (the building and its structural components, and land improvements carrying §1250 character) is subject to IRC §1250, where ordinary recapture is limited to additional depreciation over straight line, generally zero under straight line MACRS, and unrecaptured §1250 gain is taxed at a maximum 25 percent rate. The disposition of a single reclassified component before the building is sold follows Treas. Reg. §1.168(i)-8 (partial dispositions), cited here for reference.

Authorities: IRC §1245; IRC §1250; Reg. §1.168(i)-8.

Part 15: Depreciation and §168(k) Analysis

Binding contract / acquired date	January 1, 2026
Placed-in-service date	January 1, 2026
Additional first-year depreciation rate	100%
Rule applied	Acquired and placed in service after January 19, 2025: 100% additional first-year depreciation, made permanent by OBBBA (IRC §168(k); Treas. Reg. §1.168(k)-2).
Eligible basis (recovery period of 20 years or less, stated position)	\$173,400
Additional first-year depreciation (stated position)	\$173,400

15 of 16 asset rows are eligible; 1 are not. Reasons recorded for the ineligible rows: Not eligible: 27.5-year real property is outside §168(k).

The Allowance and the First Year at Each Position

Position	§168(k) Allowance	First Year With Study	Without Study	Additional	Est. Tax Savings
Conservative	\$115,600	\$136,750	\$25,179	\$111,571	\$35,703
Middle of the Road (stated)	\$173,400	\$192,536	\$25,179	\$167,357	\$53,554
Aggressive	\$231,200	\$248,322	\$25,179	\$223,143	\$71,406

Elections and Notes

- The used property acquisition screen (prior depreciable interest, related party, controlled group, carryover or §1014 basis) has not been answered; the allowance shown is what the dates support and is subject to that screen (Part 14).
- Additional first-year depreciation applies to property with a recovery period of 20 years or less; 27.5-year and 39-year real property is not eligible.
- An election out of additional first-year depreciation is made by property class on the return; whether it fits the overall tax position is your CPA's call.
- Bonus by position: Conservative \$115,600, Middle of the Road \$173,400, Aggressive \$231,200; the Middle of the Road position is the one this study states.

An election out of additional first-year depreciation is made by property class on a timely filed return. Whether to make it is your preparer's call, not this study's.

Part 15: Depreciation Schedules (1 of 5)

5-Year Personal Property (§1245) (Middle of the Road position)

Year	Calendar Year	Bonus	Regular	Total	Cumulative
1	2026	\$121,380	\$-	\$121,380	\$121,380

Basis fully recovered above; the remaining 5 years through 2031 each carry \$0.

Part 15: Depreciation Schedules (2 of 5)

15-Year Land Improvements (Middle of the Road position)

Year	Calendar Year	Bonus	Regular	Total	Cumulative
1	2026	\$52,020	\$-	\$52,020	\$52,020

Basis fully recovered above; the remaining 15 years through 2041 each carry \$0.

Year-by-Year Comparison (first 14 years)

Year	With Cost Segregation	Without Cost Segregation	Difference	Cumulative Difference
1	\$192,536	\$25,179	\$167,357	\$167,357
2	\$19,965	\$26,270	\$(6,305)	\$161,052
3	\$19,966	\$26,270	\$(6,304)	\$154,748
4	\$19,965	\$26,270	\$(6,305)	\$148,443
5	\$19,965	\$26,271	\$(6,306)	\$142,137
6	\$19,966	\$26,270	\$(6,304)	\$135,833
7	\$19,965	\$26,270	\$(6,305)	\$129,528
8	\$19,965	\$26,270	\$(6,305)	\$123,223
9	\$19,965	\$26,270	\$(6,305)	\$116,918
10	\$19,966	\$26,270	\$(6,304)	\$110,614
11	\$19,965	\$26,270	\$(6,305)	\$104,309
12	\$19,965	\$26,270	\$(6,305)	\$98,004
13	\$19,965	\$26,270	\$(6,305)	\$91,699
14	\$19,966	\$26,270	\$(6,304)	\$85,395

The comparison runs 28 years; every remaining year is printed in full in the schedule tables on the preceding pages.

Convention

The half-year convention applies to personal property: fourth-quarter personal-property basis is 0.0% of the year's, below the threshold that would trigger the mid-quarter convention. Real property uses the mid-month convention.

Part 15: Depreciation Schedules (3 of 5)

27.5-Year Residential Rental Property (Middle of the Road position)

Year	Calendar Year	Bonus	Regular	Total	Cumulative
1	2026	\$-	\$19,136	\$19,136	\$19,136
2	2027	\$-	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$39,101
3	2028	\$-	\$19,966	\$19,966	\$59,067
4	2029	\$-	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$79,032
5	2030	\$-	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$98,997
6	2031	\$-	\$19,966	\$19,966	\$118,963
7	2032	\$-	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$138,928
8	2033	\$-	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$158,893
9	2034	\$-	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$178,858
10	2035	\$-	\$19,966	\$19,966	\$198,824
11	2036	\$-	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$218,789
12	2037	\$-	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$238,754
13	2038	\$-	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$258,719
14	2039	\$-	\$19,966	\$19,966	\$278,685
15	2040	\$-	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$298,650
16	2041	\$-	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$318,615
17	2042	\$-	\$19,966	\$19,966	\$338,581
18	2043	\$-	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$358,546
19	2044	\$-	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$378,511
20	2045	\$-	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$398,476
21	2046	\$-	\$19,966	\$19,966	\$418,442
22	2047	\$-	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$438,407
23	2048	\$-	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$458,372
24	2049	\$-	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$478,337
25	2050	\$-	\$19,966	\$19,966	\$498,303
26	2051	\$-	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$518,268
27	2052	\$-	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$538,233
28	2053	\$-	\$10,867	\$10,867	\$549,100
27.5-Year Residential Rental Property total				\$549,100	

Part 15: Depreciation Schedules (4 of 5)

Combined — all classes (with the study) (Middle of the Road position)

Year	Calendar Year	Bonus	Regular	Total	Cumulative
1	2026	\$173,400	\$19,136	\$192,536	\$192,536
2	2027	\$—	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$212,501
3	2028	\$—	\$19,966	\$19,966	\$232,467
4	2029	\$—	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$252,432
5	2030	\$—	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$272,397
6	2031	\$—	\$19,966	\$19,966	\$292,363
7	2032	\$—	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$312,328
8	2033	\$—	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$332,293
9	2034	\$—	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$352,258
10	2035	\$—	\$19,966	\$19,966	\$372,224
11	2036	\$—	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$392,189
12	2037	\$—	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$412,154
13	2038	\$—	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$432,119
14	2039	\$—	\$19,966	\$19,966	\$452,085
15	2040	\$—	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$472,050
16	2041	\$—	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$492,015
17	2042	\$—	\$19,966	\$19,966	\$511,981
18	2043	\$—	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$531,946
19	2044	\$—	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$551,911
20	2045	\$—	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$571,876
21	2046	\$—	\$19,966	\$19,966	\$591,842
22	2047	\$—	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$611,807
23	2048	\$—	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$631,772
24	2049	\$—	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$651,737
25	2050	\$—	\$19,966	\$19,966	\$671,703
26	2051	\$—	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$691,668
27	2052	\$—	\$19,965	\$19,965	\$711,633
28	2053	\$—	\$10,867	\$10,867	\$722,500
Combined — all classes (with the study) total				\$722,500	

Part 15: Depreciation Schedules (5 of 5)

Without a study — whole building straight-line, 27.5-year, mid-month

Year	Calendar Year	Bonus	Regular	Total	Cumulative
1	2026	\$—	\$25,179	\$25,179	\$25,179
2	2027	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$51,449
3	2028	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$77,719
4	2029	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$103,989
5	2030	\$—	\$26,271	\$26,271	\$130,260
6	2031	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$156,530
7	2032	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$182,800
8	2033	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$209,070
9	2034	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$235,340
10	2035	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$261,610
11	2036	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$287,880
12	2037	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$314,150
13	2038	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$340,420
14	2039	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$366,690
15	2040	\$—	\$26,271	\$26,271	\$392,961
16	2041	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$419,231
17	2042	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$445,501
18	2043	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$471,771
19	2044	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$498,041
20	2045	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$524,311
21	2046	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$550,581
22	2047	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$576,851
23	2048	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$603,121
24	2049	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$629,391
25	2050	\$—	\$26,271	\$26,271	\$655,662
26	2051	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$681,932
27	2052	\$—	\$26,270	\$26,270	\$708,202
28	2053	\$—	\$14,298	\$14,298	\$722,500
Without a study — whole building straight-line, 27.5-year, mid-month total				\$722,500	

Part 16: Photographs, Plans and Engineering Exhibits

No admissible site photographs were supplied for this property, so there is nothing to reproduce here. The list below is what would raise the evidentiary quality of the study.

Evidence Still Required

- No source documents were supplied; the study relies on the owner-provided inputs and the modeled schedule.
- No site photographs were supplied; no virtual site survey was performed.
- No plans or record drawings were supplied; building system quantities rest on the modeled shares until drawings or a field inventory are received.

Supplying these items lets the schedule move from a modeled allocation toward a documented one on the rows they cover.

Documentation Completeness Review

What a full engineering quality classification wants for this kind of property, and what is present here. 0 of 10 categories are documented, which is 0 percent of the weighted total.

Documentation category	Why it matters	Weight	Status
Site improvements photographed	Paving, curbs, sidewalks and drainage carry the 15 year land improvement analysis	3	Not available
Exterior building components documented	Establishes the shell and what is attached to it	3	Not available
Unit or suite interiors documented	Finishes, millwork and fixtures are where most 5 year property is found	3	Not available
Equipment and appliance inventory	Identifies the equipment that dedicated electrical and plumbing follow	3	Not available
Panel or load schedule	The only thing that splits a raceway line between dedicated and general	2	Not available
Plumbing fixture or equipment schedule	The same split for plumbing	2	Not available
Flooring documented	Carpet and removable flooring separate from the structural slab	2	Not available
Site plan or civil drawings	Quantities for paving, landscaping and site lighting	2	Not available
Security or low voltage documentation	Cameras, access control and data are specialty systems	1	Not available
Engineering measurements or take-off	Turns trade totals into per asset quantities	1	Not available

Completeness is weighted: a category that decides an asset level classification counts 3, one that supports it counts 2, one that corroborates it counts 1. The figure is computed from the rows above, not estimated.

Part 17: Legal Authority Appendix (1 of 3)

The authorities this study relies on, grouped in the order of the authority hierarchy (the Code, the regulations, Rev. Proc. 87-56, rulings and procedures, case law, then other published IRS guidance). Each asset row of Part 10 names the one that governs it; an authority marked verify before print is cited for reference only.

Tier	Authority	Applied To
1. Code	IRC §168(k); Treas. Reg. §1.168(k)-2 (additional first-year depreciation)	Part 15; Part 14 (Element 13)
1. Code	IRC §1245(a)(1)-(3) and §1245(b) (gain on the disposition of section 1245 property is ordinary income to the extent of the recomputed basis, which adds back all depreciation and amortization allowed or allowable, including the §168(k) allowance; exceptions for gifts, transfers at death and certain tax-free transfers)	Part 8 (Element 7); Part 14 (Element 13); Part 13 (Element 12)
1. Code	IRC §1250(a), (c) and (d); IRC §1(h)(1)(E) and §1(h)(6) (section 1250 property is depreciable real property other than section 1245 property; ordinary recapture is limited to additional depreciation, which is generally zero under straight-line MACRS; unrecaptured section 1250 gain is taxed at a maximum rate of 25 percent)	Part 8 (Element 7); Part 14 (Element 13); Part 13 (Element 12)
1. Code	IRC §263A(a), (b), (f) and (g); Treas. Reg. §1.263A-1(e)(3) and (e)(4); Treas. Reg. §1.263A-12 (uniform capitalization of the direct and allocable indirect costs of real or tangible personal property produced by the taxpayer, where produce includes construct, build, install and improve; interest paid or incurred during the production period is capitalized under §263A(f); property acquired and held for rental or use is not produced and is not subject to §263A)	Part 14 (Element 13)
1. Code	IRC §179(d)(2) and (d)(3) (property is acquired by purchase only when it is not acquired from a person whose relationship would disallow losses under §267 or §707(b), not acquired from a component member of the same controlled group, and its basis is not determined by reference to the transferor's basis or under §1014(a); cost excludes basis determined by reference to other property held by the acquirer), applied to used property through IRC §168(k)(2)(E)(ii)	Part 14 (Element 13)
1. Code	IRC §110(a)-(d) (a qualified lessee construction allowance received under a short-term lease of retail space is excluded from the lessee's income and the improvement it funds is treated as nonresidential real property of the lessor; a short-term lease is 15 years or less under §168(i)(3))	Part 14 (Element 13)
1. Code	IRC §178(a) and (b) (in amortizing the cost of acquiring a lease, the term includes renewal options and any other period the parties reasonably expect the lease to be renewed if less than 75 percent of the cost is attributable to the remaining term)	Part 14 (Element 13)
2. Regulations	Treas. Reg. §1.48-1(e)(1)-(2) (building and structural components)	Part 10 (3 rows); Part 8 (Element 7); Part 14 (Element 13); Part 7 (Elements 5 and 6)

Part 17: Legal Authority Appendix (2 of 3)

Tier	Authority	Applied To
2. Regulations	Treas. Reg. §1.263(a)-3 (amounts paid to improve tangible property)	Part 14 (Element 13)
2. Regulations	Treas. Reg. §1.263(a)-2(f) (amounts paid to facilitate the acquisition of real or personal property are capitalized; inherently facilitative amounts under §1.263(a)-2(f)(2)(ii) include appraisal, title, permit, architectural, engineering, environmental and inspection services pertaining to particular properties)	Part 14 (Element 13)
2. Regulations	Treas. Reg. §1.168(k)-2(b)(3)(iii) (used property acquisition requirements: the taxpayer or a predecessor had no depreciable interest in the property within the five calendar years before the placed-in-service year, the acquisition is by purchase under §179(d)(2)(A)-(C), and the cost meets §179(d)(3); a lessee that acquires the leased property excludes its own improvements from bonus-eligible basis)	Part 14 (Element 13)
2. Regulations	Treas. Reg. §1.167(a)-4 (capital expenditures by a lessee or lessor for a building or other permanent improvements on leased property are recovered under §168 without regard to the period of the lease; see IRC §168(i)(8)(A))	Part 14 (Element 13)
2. Regulations	Treas. Reg. §1.168(i)-8 (dispositions of MACRS property, including the partial disposition of a reclassified component) [verify before print: cited for reference in Part 14 only]	Part 14 (Element 13)
3. Rev. Proc. 87-56	Rev. Proc. 87-56, 1987-2 C.B. 674, Asset Class 00.11 (Office Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment: furniture and fixtures that are not a structural component of a building, such as desks, files, safes and communications equipment): class life 10 years, 7-year GDS, 10-year ADS	Part 8 (Element 7)
3. Rev. Proc. 87-56	Rev. Proc. 87-56, 1987-2 C.B. 674, Asset Class 00.3 (Land Improvements: improvements directly to or added to land, whether such improvements are section 1245 property or section 1250 property, provided such improvements are depreciable; excludes buildings and structural components as defined in Treas. Reg. §1.48-1(e)): class life 20 years, 15-year GDS, 20-year ADS, 150 percent declining balance	Part 10 (6 rows); Part 8 (Element 7); Part 7 (Elements 5 and 6)
3. Rev. Proc. 87-56	Rev. Proc. 87-56, 1987-2 C.B. 674, Asset Class 57.0 (Distributive Trades and Services: assets used in wholesale and retail trade and personal and professional services, including section 1245 assets used in marketing petroleum and petroleum products): class life 9 years, 5-year GDS, 9-year ADS	Part 8 (Element 7); Part 7 (Elements 5 and 6)
4. Rulings and procedures	Rev. Proc. 87-57 (MACRS percentage tables)	Part 15; Part 14 (Element 13)

Part 17: Legal Authority Appendix (3 of 3)

Tier	Authority	Applied To
4. Rulings and procedures	Rev. Rul. 90-38 (change in method of accounting, not amended returns)	Part 14 (Element 13)
4. Rulings and procedures	Rev. Proc. 2025-23 (automatic accounting method changes; DCN 7)	Part 14 (Element 13)
4. Rulings and procedures	Rev. Proc. 2011-42, 2011-37 I.R.B. 318 (statistical sampling: a taxpayer may use only the sampling procedures of the revenue procedure; the least advantageous 95 percent one-sided confidence limit applies unless relative precision does not exceed 10 percent; samples that fail the criteria are rejected)	Part 14 (Element 13)
4. Rulings and procedures	Rev. Rul. 2003-81, 2003-2 C.B. 126 (an asset described in both a Rev. Proc. 87-56 asset category and an activity category is classified to the asset category unless it is specifically excluded from the asset category or specifically included in the activity category)	Part 8 (Element 7)
5. Case law	Hospital Corp. of America v. Commissioner, 109 T.C. 21 (1997)	Part 10 (4 rows); Part 8 (Element 7); Part 7 (Elements 5 and 6)
5. Case law	Whiteco Industries, Inc. v. Commissioner, 65 T.C. 664 (1975) (six permanence factors)	Part 10 (1 row); Part 8 (Element 7); Part 7 (Elements 5 and 6)
5. Case law	Norwest Corp. & Subs. v. Commissioner, 111 T.C. 105 (1998) (an asset described in a Rev. Proc. 87-56 asset category is classified there before any activity category)	Part 8 (Element 7)
6. IRS guidance	IRS Publication 946, How To Depreciate Property	Part 4 (Element 2); Part 14 (Element 13)
6. IRS guidance	IRS Cost Segregation Audit Techniques Guide (Publication 5653, rev. 2-6-2025)	ATG Quality Scorecard (Pub. 5653 Principal Elements); Part 8 (Element 7); Part 14 (Element 13)
6. IRS guidance	IRS Cost Segregation Audit Techniques Guide (Publication 5653), Ch. 7.B, Retail Industry Exhibit A (pp. 172-183)	Part 10 (1 row); Part 8 (Element 7)
6. IRS guidance	IRS Publication 527, Residential Rental Property, chapter 2 (appliances, carpets and furniture used in a residential rental activity are 5-year property; fences and other land improvements are 15-year property)	Part 10 (1 row); Part 8 (Element 7)

Audit-Risk Gauge



THIS STUDY (MIDDLE OF THE ROAD)
24.0%

BAND MIDPOINT
21.0%

GAUGE
Within the band

This study reclassifies 24.0% of the depreciable building basis out of the building's straight-line recovery period at the Middle of the Road position (Conservative 16.0%, Middle of the Road 24.0%, Aggressive 32.0% of building basis in the short-life classes). SmartCostSeg's comparative band for Four-Family is 18% to 30% (midpoint 21%); the gauge reads GREEN. The gauge compares the reclassified share with SmartCostSeg's comparative band for this property type and with the type's own Conservative, Middle of the Road and Aggressive positions. The band is house judgment; it is not an IRS threshold, an industry percentile or a published median, and the IRS publishes no such figure. Estimates are ranges, never guarantees. Real-world studies on similar buildings have reclassified between 7% and 33% of basis — building-specific characteristics matter.

The gauge compares the share of basis this study reclassifies against SmartCostSeg's comparative band for the property type. It is a self-check, not a prediction of examination, and it is not a statement about the IRS or any IRS threshold.

ATG Quality Scorecard (Pub. 5653 Principal Elements)

IRS Publication 5653 (the Cost Segregation Audit Techniques Guide) describes 13 principal elements of a quality study. This scorecard states, element by element, what this study actually contains, with the status derived from the data in it. A Partial or Not performed mark is an honest description of scope, not a defect being hidden. The study is structured to address these published characteristics; the Service publishes no approval of any study format and none is claimed.

#	Principal element (Pub. 5653, verbatim)	Status	What this study contains
1	Preparation by an Individual with Expertise and Experience	PARTIAL	Partial: no preparer team rows have been entered; the reviewer named in the certification is Ashley Robinson. Roles, responsibilities and credential lines print only from owner entered rows and are never inferred.
2	Detailed Description of the Methodology	MET	Modeled residual method; the eleven step method of Part 4 states each step and what it rests on.
3	Use of Appropriate Documentation	PARTIAL	Partial: no documents were supplied; the list is empty rather than boilerplate and Part 16 lists what is still required.
4	Interviews Conducted with Appropriate Parties	PARTIAL	Partial, pending: no interview has been recorded; Part 6 lists the parties and what each interview would establish.
5	Use of a Common Nomenclature	MET	Building system prefixes and trade names for 8 systems; class reference with 5 Rev. Proc. 87-56 rows (Part 7).
6	Use of a Standard Numbering System	MET	Workpaper ids SYSTEM-nnn and two level class sub codes on all 16 rows, stable across the three positions (Part 7).
7	Explanation of the Legal Analysis	MET	13 analysis blocks: the §1.48-1(e) framework, the six Whiteco factors applied per building system, the ATG distinctions for the property group and the asset category first rule (Part 8).
8	Determination of Unit Costs and Engineering "Take-Off,"	PARTIAL	Partial: modeled shares of class pools, not a take-off; quantity prints TBD, pending field inventory and unit cost prints a dash on every modeled row (Part 9).
9	Organization of Assets into Lists or Groups	MET	16 rows organized by building system and class with class subtotals under every position (Part 10).
10	Reconciliation of Total Allocated Costs to Total Actual Costs	MET	Allocated \$722,500 = depreciable basis \$722,500 at every position; the waterfall ends at an unreconciled difference of \$0 (Part 11).
11	Explanation of the Treatment of Indirect Costs	MET	Met by explanation: acquired property carries no separately stated indirect costs; the treatment of acquisition costs is explained in Part 4 and Part 14 (§263A does not apply to a purchase).
12	Identification and Listing of § 1245 Property	MET	9 §1245 rows totalling \$121,380 (16.8% of basis) listed separately with the recapture note (Part 13).
13	Consideration of Related Aspects (e.g., § 263A, Change in Accounting Method, and Sampling Techniques)	PARTIAL	Partial: 3 of the eight considerations are pending an owner answer (Part 14); 2 rows flagged for review.

Assumptions, Limiting Conditions and Certification

Assumptions and Limiting Conditions

- Building basis of \$722,500 = purchase price \$850,000 less land \$127,500 (owner-provided estimate); the land value is the same under all three positions.
- Acquired 2026-01-01; placed in service 2026-01-01; Acquired and placed in service after January 19, 2025: 100% additional first-year depreciation, made permanent by OBBBA (IRC §168(k); Treas. Reg. §1.168(k)-2).
- Combined marginal tax rate of 32% is used for tax-savings figures; the actual rate depends on the taxpayer's return.
- The asset schedule is modeled from the Four-Family component profile; the three positions reclassify 16.0%, 24.0% and 32.0% of building basis, and the Middle of the Road position is the one stated in the schedules, on Form 4562 and in the CSV. It is not an engineering take-off or an invoice-level cost record.
- Recovery periods and methods follow the MACRS percentage tables (Rev. Proc. 87-57); the half-year convention applies to personal property because 0% of that basis was placed in service in the fourth quarter.
- Every classification marked with an asterisk is preliminary and subject to documentation, ownership, use/function and acquisition verification; the interview memorandum and the documents schedule state what has and has not been verified.
- Estimates are ranges, never guarantees. Real-world studies on similar buildings have reclassified between 7% and 33% of basis — building-specific characteristics matter.
- The §168(k) used property acquisition screen is pending: the owner has not confirmed the absence of a prior depreciable interest, a related party seller, a controlled group seller or a carryover basis. The allowance shown is subject to that screen (Part 14).

Certification

This study was prepared by SmartCostSeg's analysis system and reviewed by Ashley Robinson. The asset schedule is modeled residual method; where a row is marked "requires review", the classification should be confirmed against the property's actual construction before it is relied upon.

The reviewer has no present or contemplated interest in the property and no personal interest with respect to the parties involved. The fee for this study is not contingent on the depreciation reported or on any tax result.

The analysis relies on the inputs, documents and photographs listed in this study. It is not a tax return, an appraisal, a legal opinion or a guarantee of any tax outcome; implementation belongs to the taxpayer's CPA.

This study was prepared solely for Property Owner and its income tax return preparer, for use in preparing the federal income tax return and the depreciation records for the property described in Part 2. It is not to be relied on by lenders, buyers, insurers or any other third party, or reproduced except for that return, its examination or an appeal; the workpapers are held in confidence.

Reviewed by: _____ **Ashley Robinson** **Date:** _____

Form 4562 Line Map

The rows below map this study onto Form 4562 for the placed-in-service year at the Middle of the Road position. The fixed-asset import file carries the same rows for the depreciation software, with the Conservative, Middle of the Road and Aggressive costs beside the stated one.

Line	Description	Amount
14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property placed in service during the tax year <i>100% of \$173,400 eligible basis at the Middle of the Road position.</i>	\$173,400
19b	5-Year Personal Property (§1245) <i>Basis for depreciation \$0 (cost \$121,380 less bonus \$121,380); 5-year; HY; 200DB; placed in service 2026-01-01.</i>	\$-
19e	15-Year Land Improvements <i>Basis for depreciation \$0 (cost \$52,020 less bonus \$52,020); 15-year; HY; 150DB; placed in service 2026-01-01.</i>	\$-
19h	27.5-Year Residential Rental Property <i>Basis for depreciation \$549,100 (cost \$549,100 less bonus \$0); 27.5-year; MM; SL; placed in service 2026-01-01.</i>	\$19,136
17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in prior tax years <i>None — every asset in this study is placed in service in the current tax year.</i>	\$-
22	Total depreciation (this study)	\$192,536

The line map is a preparation aid. The return itself is prepared and signed by your CPA or tax preparer.

CPA Next Steps

1. Enter the study on Form 4562 using the line map in this report (line 14 for the special depreciation allowance, the line 19 rows by class); the fixed-asset import CSV carries the same rows, with the Conservative, Middle of the Road and Aggressive costs beside the stated position.
2. No Form 3115 is needed: every asset is placed in service in 2026, the current tax year, so the study is applied on the original return.
3. Check state conformity: some states do not follow federal additional first-year depreciation and require an add-back with their own recovery schedule.
4. Confirm how the deductions are used: passive-activity limits, real-estate-professional status and the excess-business-loss rules govern whether the first-year deduction offsets other income or carries forward.
5. Plan for a future sale: accelerated depreciation is subject to recapture on disposition; the study changes the timing of deductions, not their total. Keep the §1245 schedule (Part 13) with the fixed asset register; it is the recapture map for a later disposition.
6. Consider whether an election out of additional first-year depreciation by property class fits the overall tax position for the year.
7. Load the fixed-asset import CSV into the depreciation software and reconcile its TOTAL row to the building basis before filing.
8. Resolve the related tax items Part 14 marks pending (the §168(k) used property screen, ground lease and tenant improvement ownership) before the return is filed; each can change the allowance or the owner of an asset.
9. Ask the owner to complete the interviews listed as Pending in Part 6, or record that none will be conducted; the preliminary rows in Part 10 keep their asterisk until ownership, function and cost are verified.

Appendix: Representative Photography

The photographs in this section are representative of the building type. They were not taken at the subject property, and they play no part in the evidence, the methodology or the scorecard. What was and was not supplied for this property is stated in the evidence exhibit.



RP-1 A two story four unit residential building with a walk up entrance and landscaped grounds. Representative of the building type; not this property.

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RP-2 A small two story apartment building with an exterior stair and resident parking at grade. Representative of the building type; not this property.

Photo: Jake Ryan via Pexels (Pexels License).



RP-3 A row of attached brick residential units with covered porches, the scale of small multifamily stock. Representative of the building type; not this property.

Photo: Joshua Teichroew via Pexels (Pexels License).

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This study was prepared by SmartCostSeg's analysis system and reviewed by Ashley Robinson. SmartCostSeg does not prepare tax returns and does not provide legal advice; the deductions this study supports depend on your specific tax situation and are applied on a return your preparer signs.

Reference LPCS-R2UPQV. Report SCS-LPCS-R2UPQV, version 1, issued September 1, 2026. Recovery classes shown throughout use the labels 5-Year Personal Property, 7-Year Personal Property, 15-Year Land Improvements and 39-Year Nonresidential Real Property.

Computed under law as of 2026-07, engine engine v0.1 (engine v0.1).