

WRAL HURRICANE CENTER

2013



The Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale categorizes hurricanes by intensity on a scale of 1 to 5

CATEGORY 1

- Winds: 74 to 95 mph
- Damage: Minimal; signs tree damage, power lines blown down

CATEGORY 2

- Winds: 96 to 110 mph
- Damage: Moderate; larger signs, tree branches blown down

CATEGORY 3

- Winds: 111 to 129 mph
- Damage: Extensive; minor damage to buildings trees blown down

CATEGORY 4

- Winds: 130 to 156 mph
- Damage: Extreme; almost total destruction of doors and windows

CATEGORY 5

- Winds: Over 156 mph
- Damage: Catastrophic; buildings, roofs, structures destroyed