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Insulated Concrete Sandwich Walls

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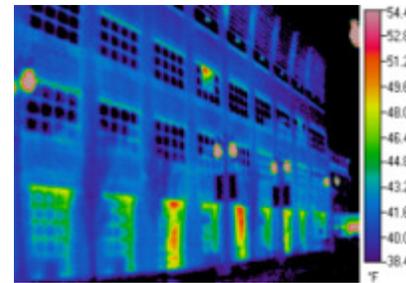
- ❑ The online course provides an overview of insulated concrete sandwich panels, their benefits, applications, thermal and moisture resistant properties and contribution to sustainable buildings.



Insulated Concrete Sandwich Walls

Learning Objectives

- ❑ ***Participants will be able to:***
 - ❑ Utilize the architectural aspects of insulated concrete sandwich walls.
 - ❑ Understand why it is important to insulate a concrete wall.
 - ❑ Understand the different sandwich wall panel types and wythe connectors.
 - ❑ Understand the types and properties of rigid foam plastic insulation used in sandwich wall panels.
 - ❑ Understand overall physical properties of insulated concrete sandwich walls.



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Program Agenda

- ❑ ***Introduction to Insulated Concrete Sandwich Walls***
- ❑ Thermal Performance
- ❑ Types of Insulated Concrete Sandwich Walls
 - ❑ Non-Composite Wall Panel
 - ❑ Structurally Composite Wall Panel
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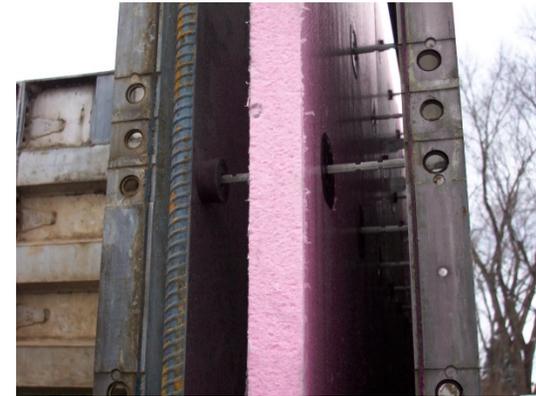
Insulated Concrete Sandwich Wall Construction Techniques



Plant Precast



Site Cast Tilt-Up



Cast in Place

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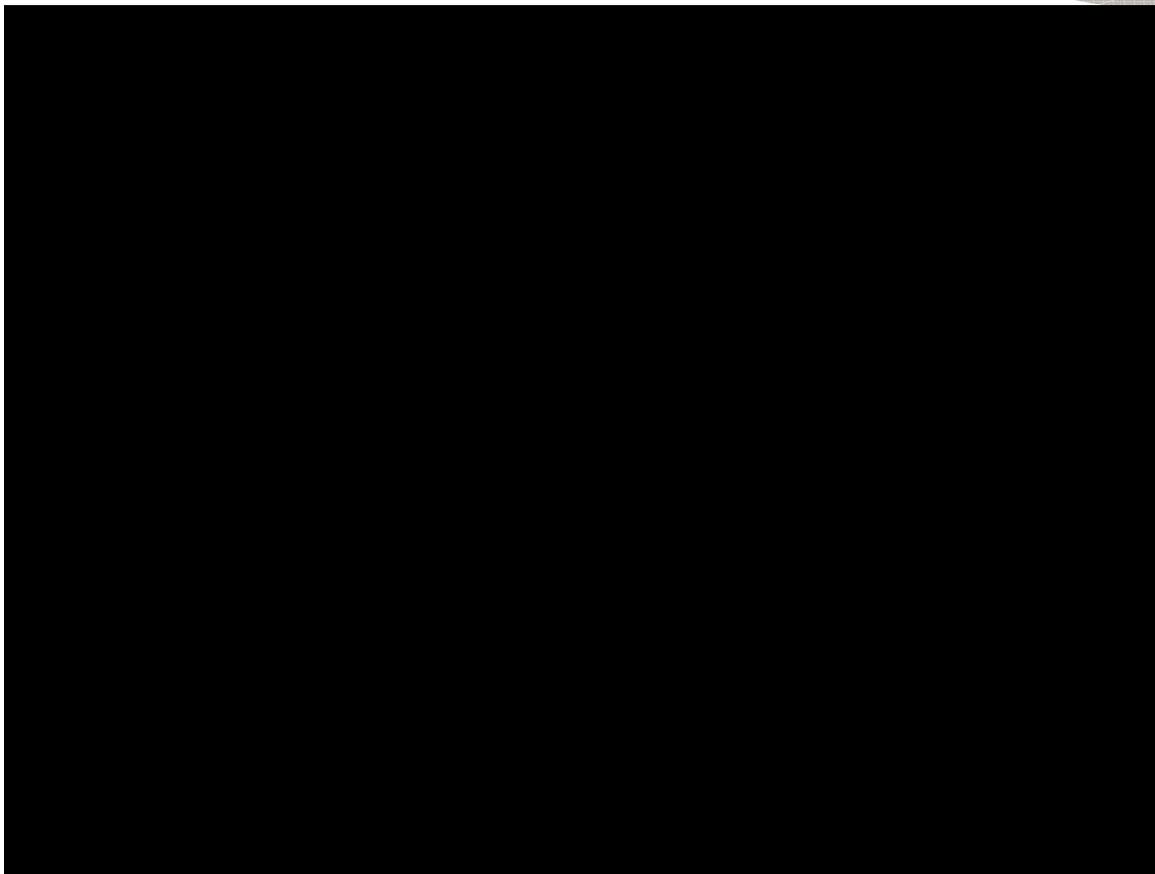
Benefits to Using Insulated Concrete Sandwich Walls

- ❑ Speed of Construction
- ❑ Limited Site Disturbance
- ❑ Load Bearing or Cladding
- ❑ Attractive Appearance
- ❑ Energy Efficiency
 - ❑ Continuous Insulation “ci”
- ❑ Air & Moisture Barrier
 - ❑ Exceeds requirements of IECC
- ❑ Fire & Blast Resistant
 - ❑ NFPA 285 & ASTM E-119
- ❑ One Economical Assembly
 - ❑ Early enclosure allows follow-on trades to start sooner



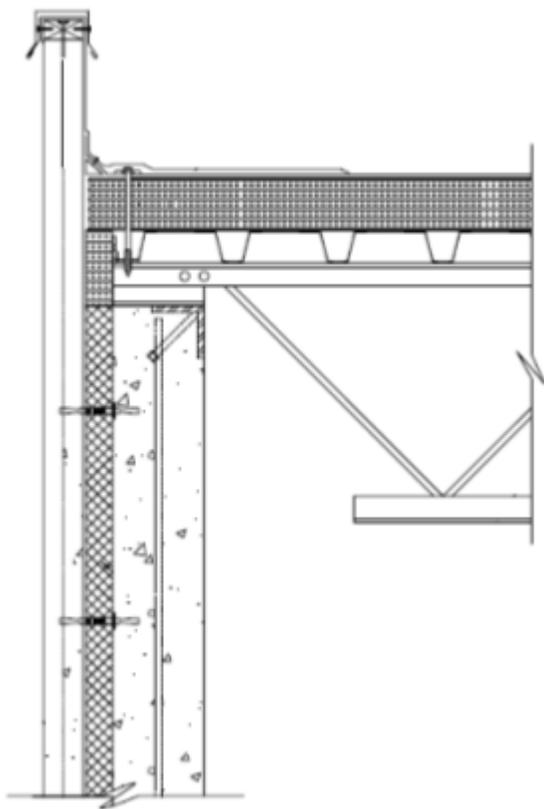
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Site-Cast Tilt-Up Construction

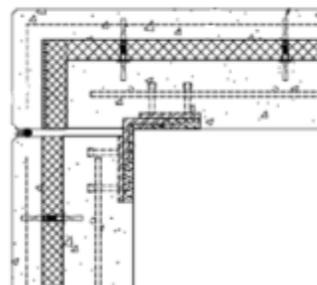


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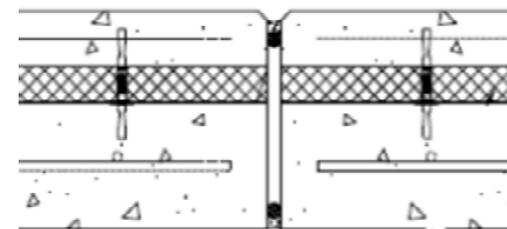
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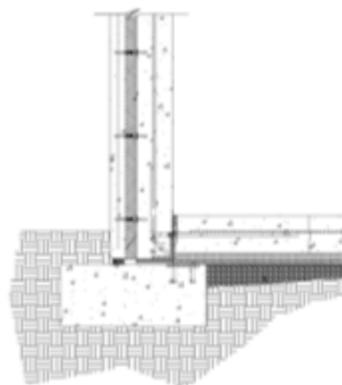
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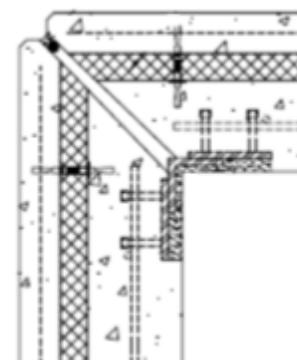
90° Corner



Typical Panel to Panel



Typical Footing



45° Corner

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Color, Form, & Texture



Thin Brick



Color, Sand-blasting & Etching



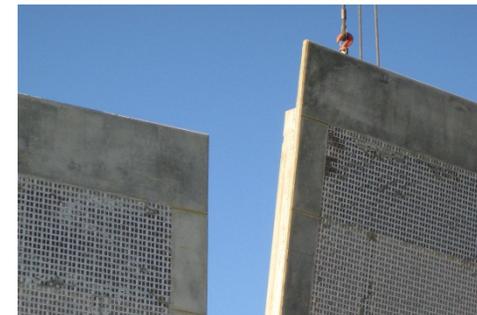
Form Liners

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Thin Brick – West Des Moines, IA

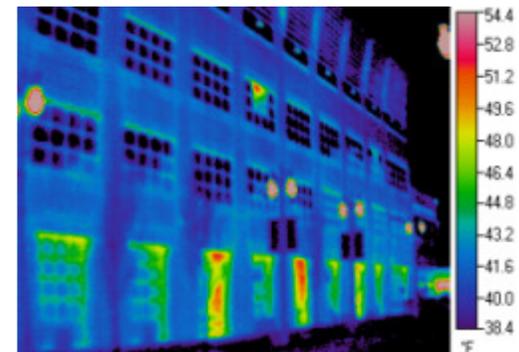
“Durability, strength, thermal value properties and the ability to integrate brick into the wall system made Thermomass the ideal solution”

- Rick Hansen, M+H Architects



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Thin Brick – Detroit, MI



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Pigmented Concrete, Exposed Aggregate, Radius Panel – Colorado Springs, CO



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Pigmented Exterior Concrete with Exposed Aggregate – Lehi, UT



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Painted Concrete with Reveals – Indian Springs, NV



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Distressed Wood – Modesto, CA



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Natural Concrete - Colorado



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Natural Concrete – Des Moines, IA



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Natural Concrete – Woodinville, WA



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Redwood Siding - Napa, CA

“Because the concrete absorbs and releases moisture reflecting the relative humidity of the interior air, the interior humidity is stabilized.”

- Michael Addleman, Bethlehem Construction



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Reveals & Paint Replicate Stone – Charlotte, NC

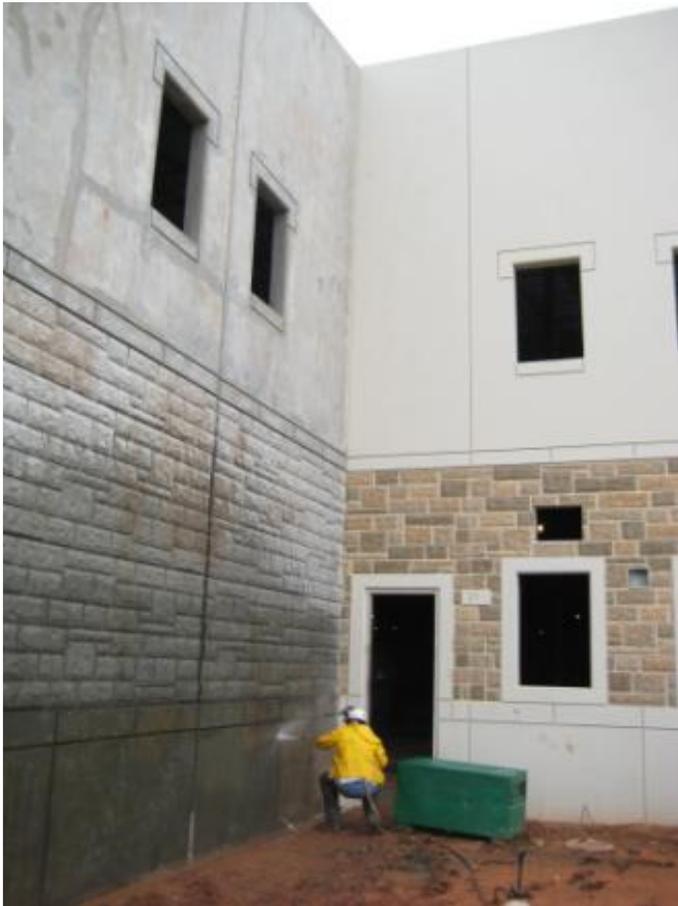
“Concrete is much more durable and can create interesting acoustical conditions for churches looking for slightly reverberant spaces.”

- Glen Stephens, SAA Architects



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Form Liner and Stain – Norman, OK



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Form Liner Replicating Stone – Bloomington, IN



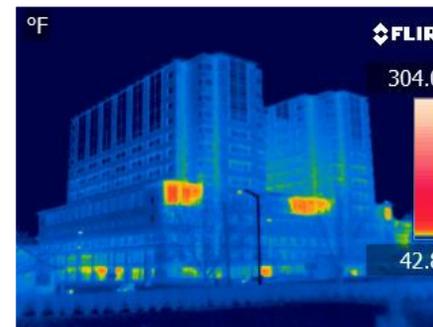
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Form Liners & Colored Concrete – Jacksonville, FL



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Thin Brick – Lexington, KY



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Brick, Form Liner & Color – Ft Worth, TX



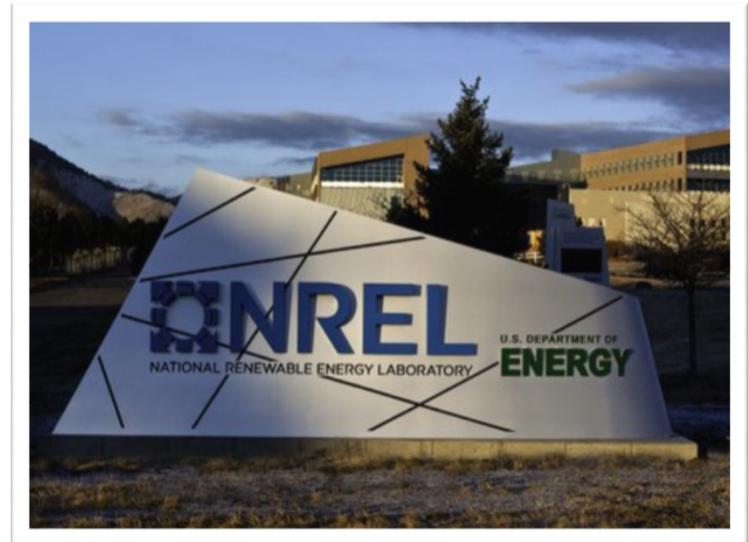
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White Cement / Thin Brick – Madison, WI



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Sand Blast Colored Concrete – Golden, CO



- ❑ Zero Energy
- ❑ LEED Platinum



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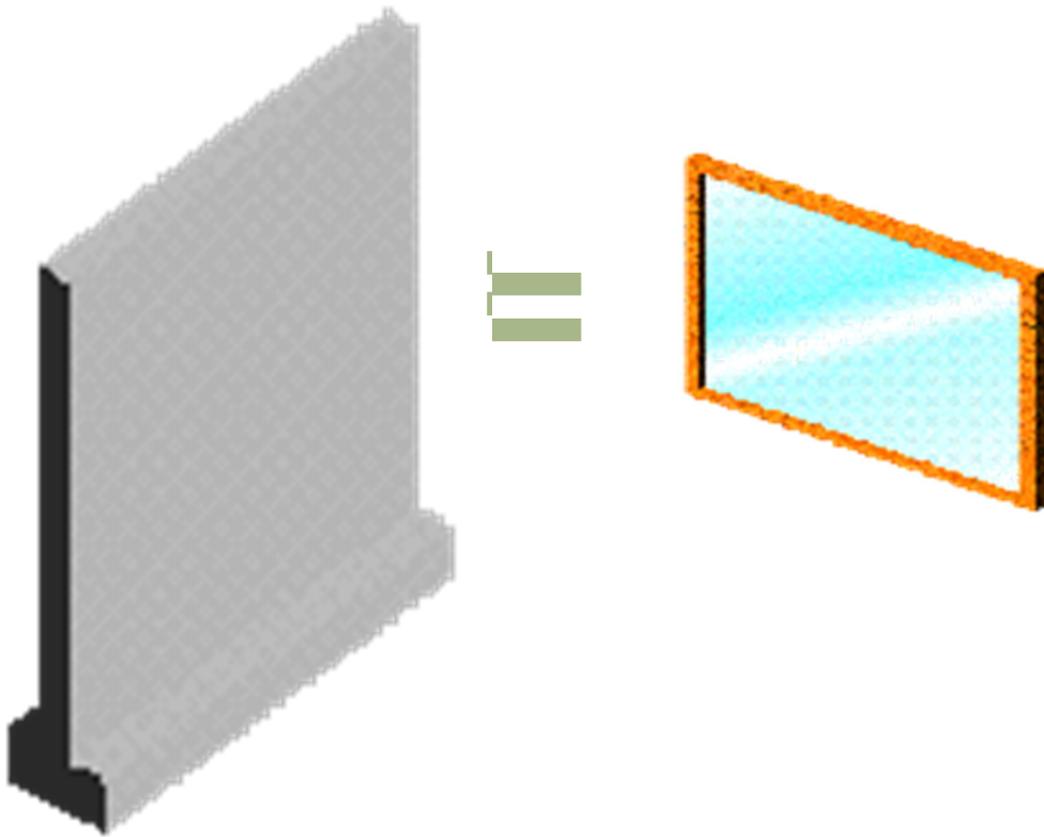
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Thermal Performance

Un-insulated concrete walls



- ❑ Did you know that 7" of load-bearing structural concrete has approximately the same R-Value as a single panel of glass....**R-1.4** !
- ❑ **"ci" is Important !**

Thermal Performance

The importance of insulation

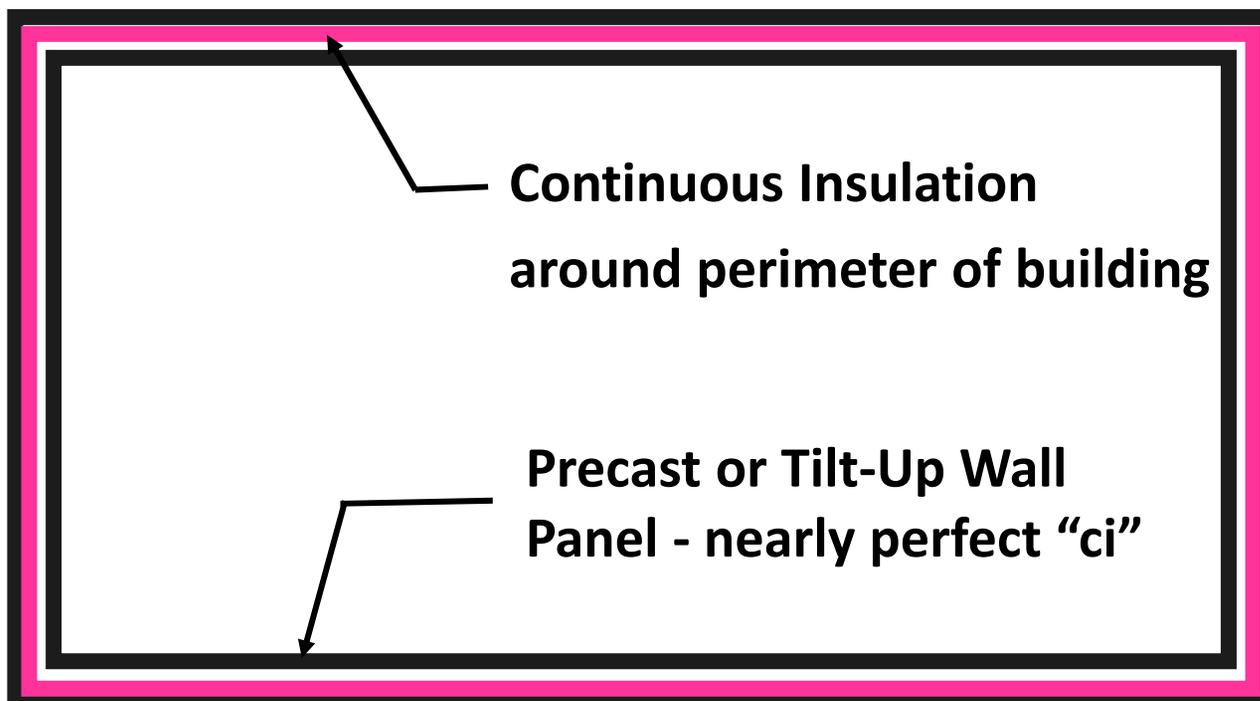
- ❑ ***Why is “ci” important?***
 - ❑ Payback for client – it’s the right thing to do!
 - ❑ Sustainable rating program (IgCC or LEED)
 - ❑ Affects HVAC equipment sizing
 - ❑ Health of the building environment
 - ❑ Moisture Management
 - ❑ Indoor Air Quality
 - ❑ Minimum code requirements (IECC or ASHRAE 90.1)



Continuous Insulation “ci”

- ❑ **Continuous Insulation (“ci”) – ASHRAE 90.1 Definition:**

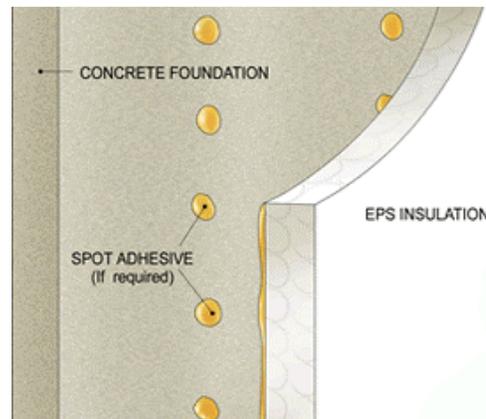
“Insulation that is continuous across all structural members without thermal bridges other than fasteners and service openings ... interior, exterior or integral.”



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Insulation Position

- ❑ **Interior:** Insulation is on the inside of the bulk mass of the wall system.
- ❑ **Exterior:** Outside of the bulk mass of the wall system.
- ❑ **Integral:** Sandwiched between substantial amounts of mass.



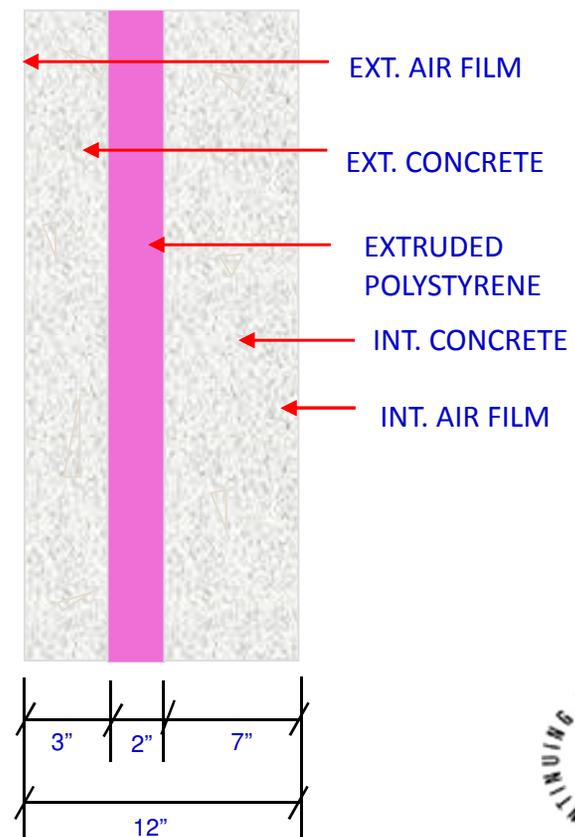
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Material R-Value

Components:

	<i>R-Value:</i>
Interior Air Film	0.68
7" Concrete	0.56
2" XPS Insulation	10.00 ci
3" Concrete	0.24
Exterior Air Film	0.17

MATERIAL R-VALUE: 11.65



- ❑ **Example:** 7" int. concrete, 2" XPS, 3" ext. concrete
- ❑ **Note:** Edge-to-edge continuous insulation (ci)

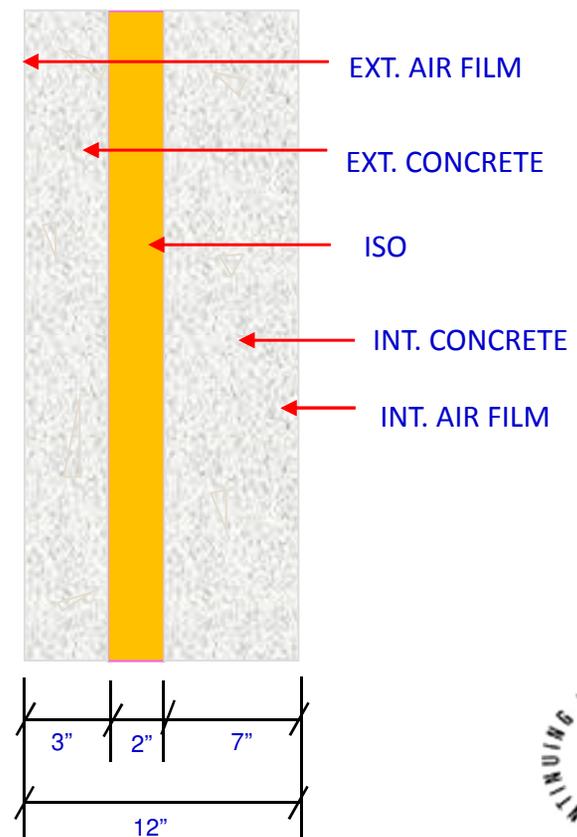
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Material R-Value

Components:

	R-Value:
Interior Air Film	0.68
7" Concrete	0.56
2" ISO Insulation	13.00 ci
3" Concrete	0.24
Exterior Air Film	0.17

MATERIAL R-VALUE: 14.65



- ❑ **Example:** 7" int. concrete, 2" ISO, 3" ext. concrete
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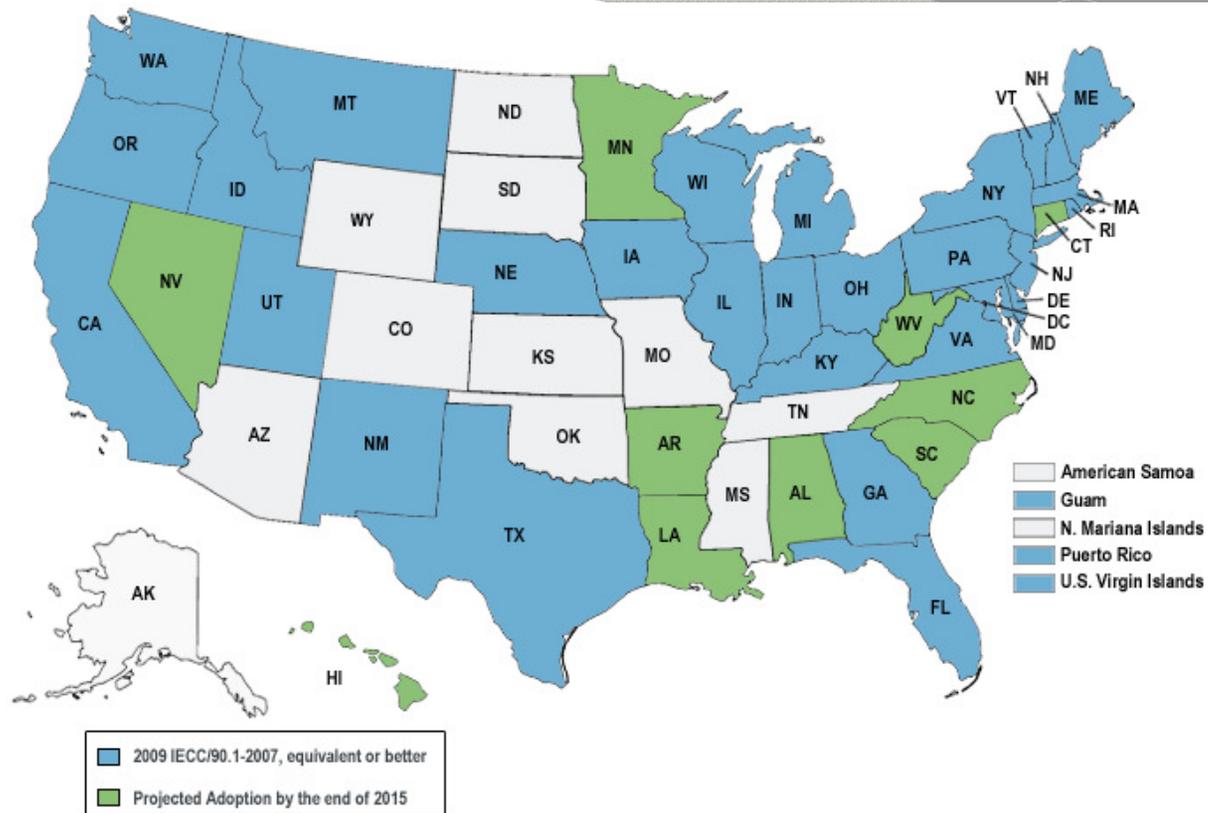
Energy Code

- ❑ The building insulation world is rapidly changing!
- ❑ Since 2007, ASHRAE (American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers) and the IECC (International Energy Conservation Code) have implemented significant increases to the minimum required roof and wall insulation levels in the national model energy code for buildings.
 - ❑ What does this mean to you?
- ❑ All buildings will become significantly more efficient – a trend seen from the designer all the way to the job-site and into building operations and maintenance.



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Currently Adopted Commercial Energy Code in Each State

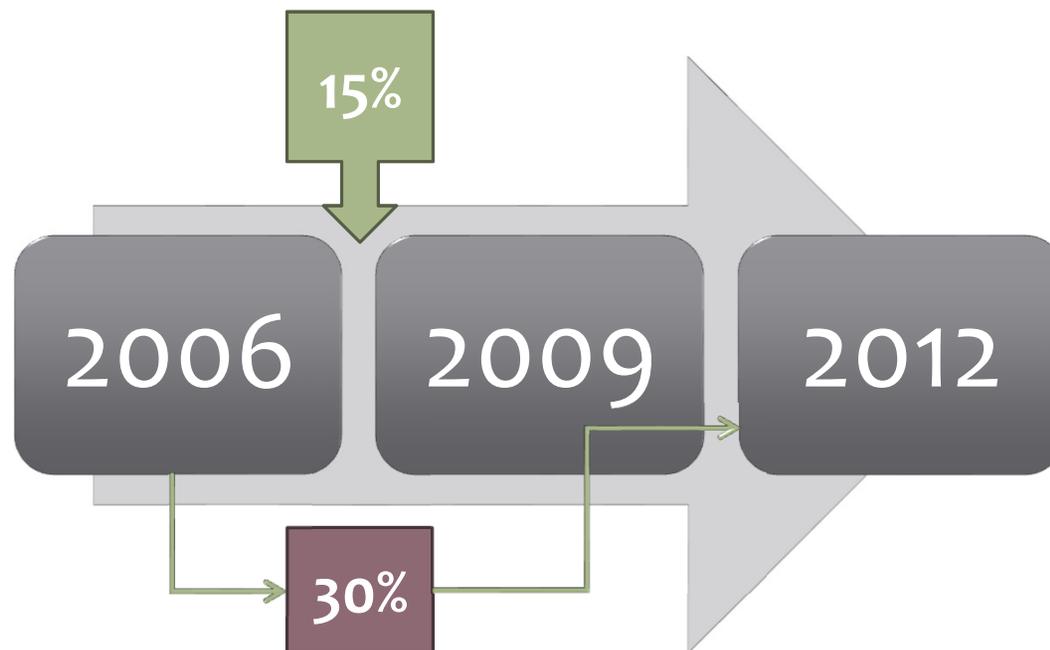


States that are expected to have commercial energy codes meeting or exceeding 90.1-2007 or the 2009 IECC by the end of 2015



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IECC Trend

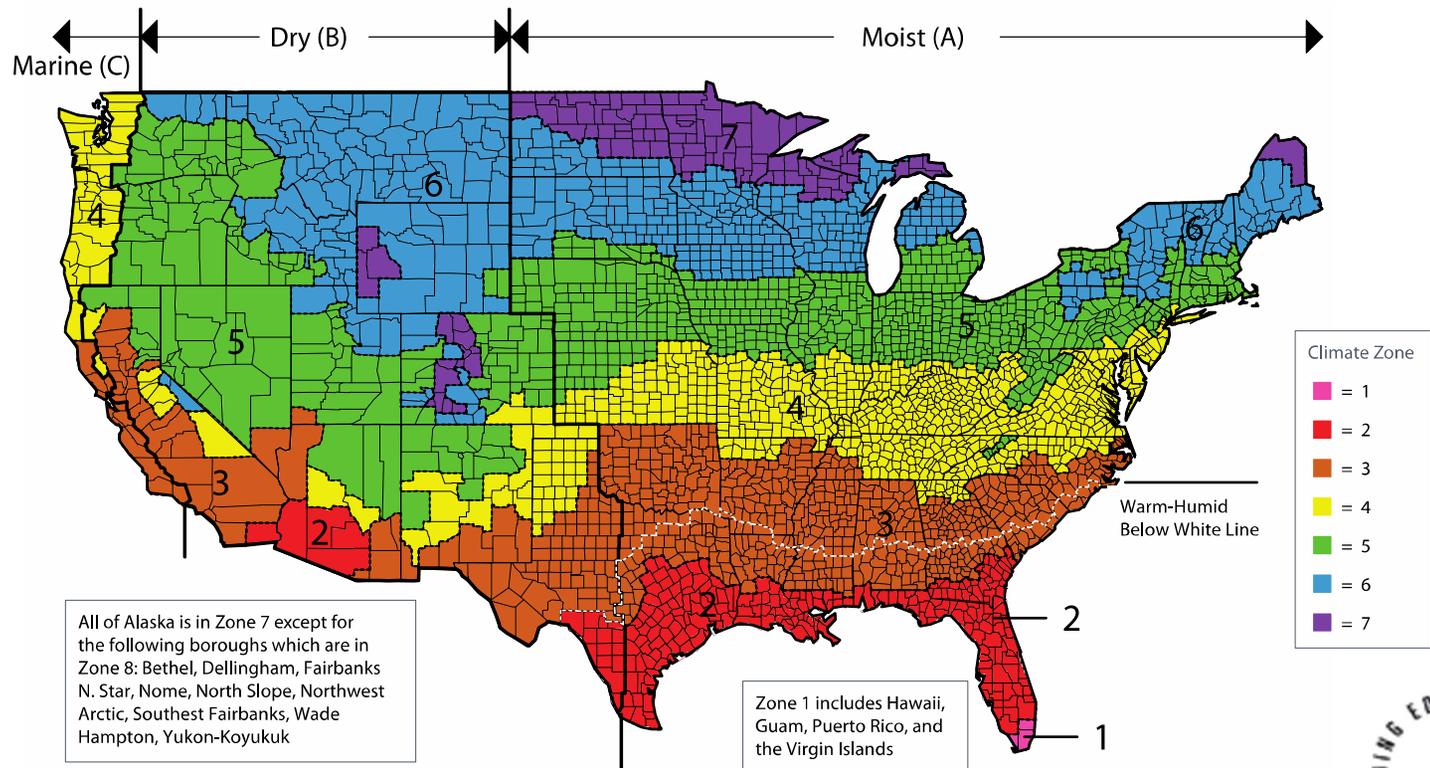


Thermal Performance & Air Barrier Performance!



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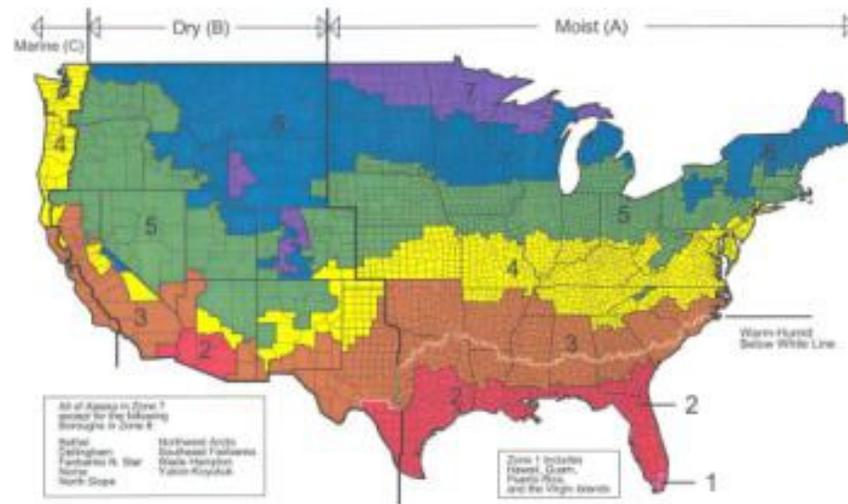
US Climate Zones



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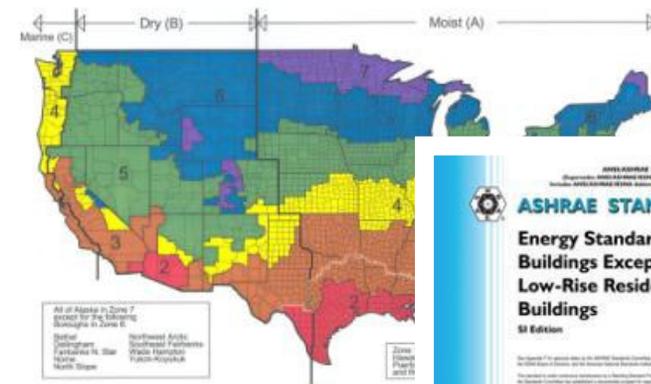
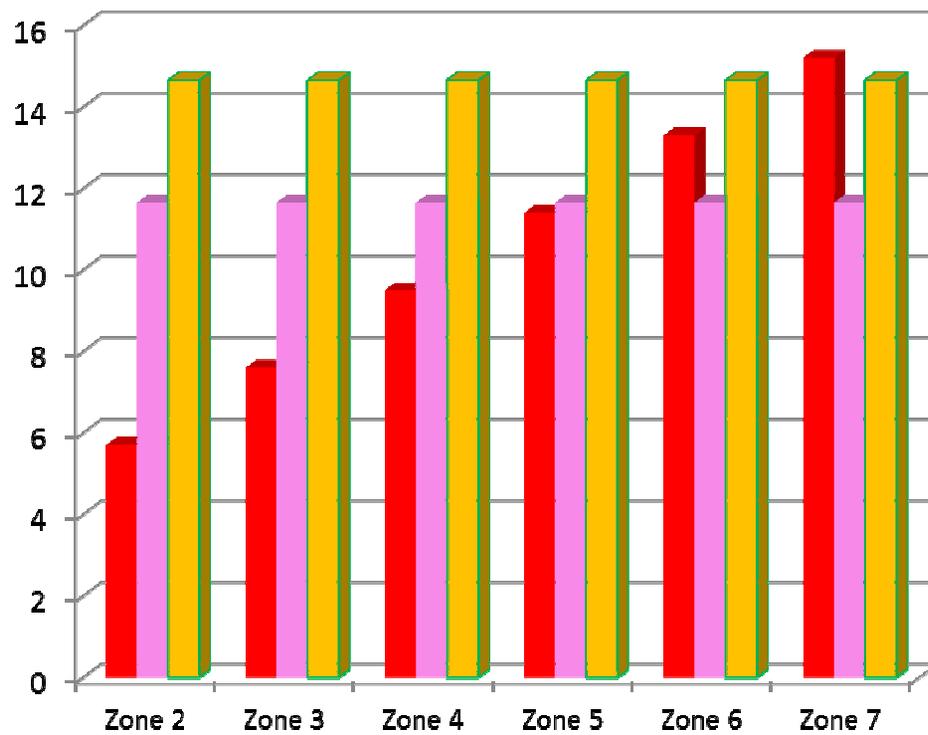
ASHRAE 90.1 -2009: Mass Wall Requirements

Climate Zone	COM	REZ
3	R-7.6 ci	R-9.5 ci
5	R-11.4 ci	R-13.3 ci
6	R-13.3 ci	R-15.2 ci
2	R-5.7 ci	R-7.6 ci
4	R-9.5 ci	R-11.4 ci

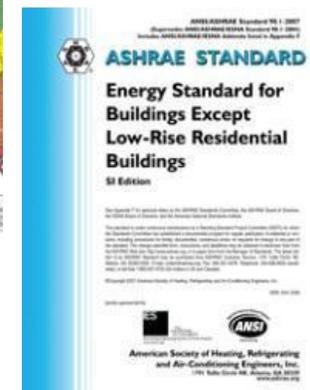


Thermal Performance

ASHRAE 90.1 -2009: Commercial Mass Wall Compliance



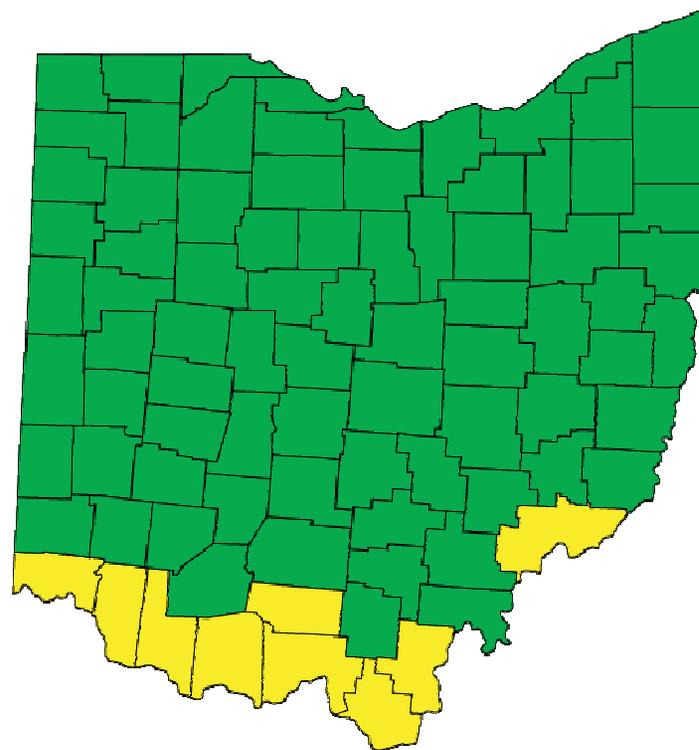
- Code Req'd
- 2" XPS
- 2" ISO



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IECC 2009: Commercial Energy Efficiency Mass Wall Insulation Requirements

Climate Zone	Above Grade	Group R
4	R-9.5 ci	R-11.4 ci
5	R-11.4 ci	R-13.3 ci



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Walls Above Grade Requirement – 2009 IECC, Table C502.2 (1)

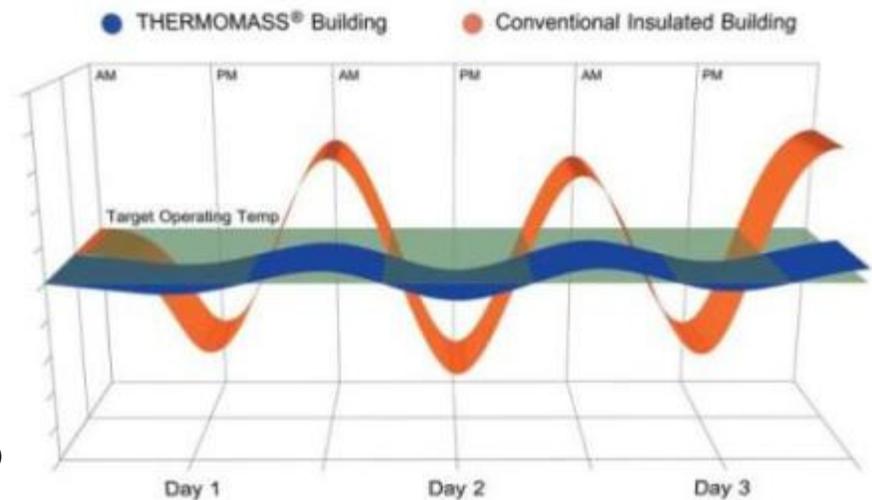
	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8
Mass	NR	5.7 ci	7.6 ci	9.5 ci	11.4 ci	13.3 ci	15.2 ci	25 ci
Metal	16	16	19	19	13 + 5.6 ci	13 + 5.6 ci	19 + 5.6 ci	19 + 5.6 ci
Metal- framed	13	13	13 + 3.8 ci	13 + 7.5 ci				
Wood- framed	13	13	13	13	13 + 3.8 ci	13 + 7.5 ci	13 + 7.5 ci	13 + 15.6 ci



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Thermal Mass Effect

- ❑ The ability of concrete to store energy and dampen the effect of temperature change on heating and cooling systems is known as the “Thermal Mass Effect.”
- ❑ Due to the mass effect of integrally insulated concrete walls, the performance R-value of the high performance wall system can be two to three times greater than that of the material R-value, resulting in energy cost savings up to or exceeding 50%.



Thermal Performance

United States City Comparison

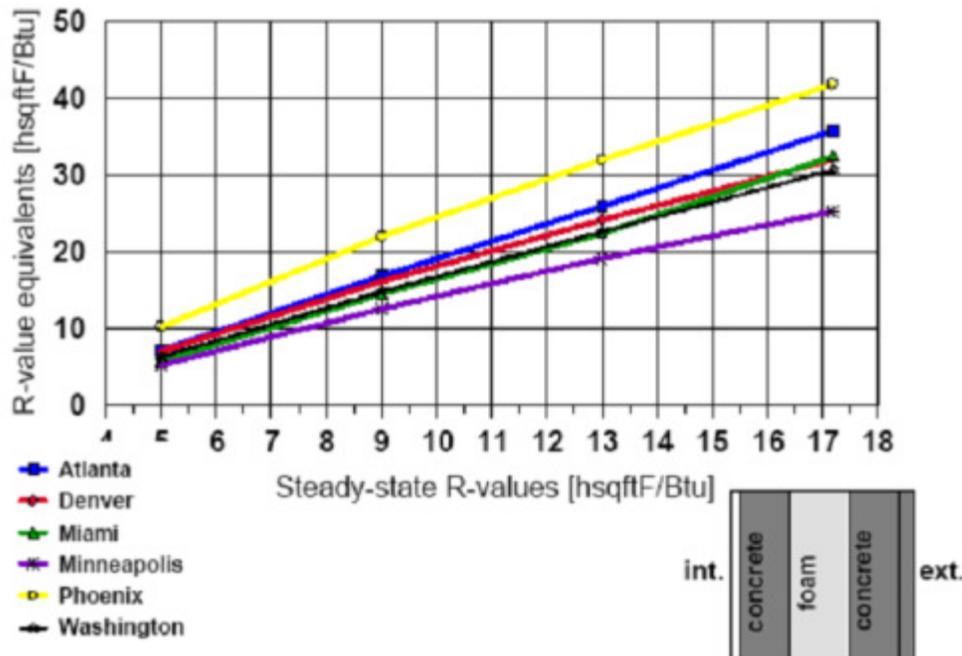


Figure 6. Dynamic R-value equivalents for massive walls with foam core and concrete layers located on both sides.



ASHRAE 90.1: System Performance Criteria

ASHRAE 90.1-1989 Building Envelope Performance Study

Study Provided For:
University of Kentucky
 Lexington, KY

SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA		MASS ANALYSIS 1.2			
<p>The result of the balanced equation comparison of the designed, high-mass concrete wall to the similarly designed, non-mass wall is a relationship of energy performance in Btu/s to R-value. Note: The material wall R-value is not altered by the dynamics of the building and the climate. The performance value represented below is a portrayal of energy consumption as a function of insulation performance.</p>					
PERFORMANCE STUDY SUMMARY					
BUILDING AS DESIGNED	North East South West			STEADY-STATE WALL R-value:	
	COOLING LOAD FOR DESIGNED WALL				11.37
	WCc	2,834,498	2,691,481	3,251,191	
	WCI	11,249,687			
	Btu Consumption	11,249,687			
COMPARISON BUILDING	North East South West			STEADY-STATE WALL U-value:	
	COOLING LOAD FOR DESIGNED WALL				28.73
	WCc	3,555,107	3,288,535	3,934,618	
	WCI	14,031,906			
	Btu Consumption	14,031,906			
BUILDING AS DESIGNED	North East South West			STEADY-STATE WALL U-value:	
	HEATING LOAD FOR DESIGNED WALL				0.088
	WCh	3,724,973	3,694,414	3,477,827	
	WCI	14,563,068			
	Btu Consumption	14,563,068			
COMPARISON BUILDING	North East South West			STEADY-STATE WALL U-value:	
	HEATING LOAD FOR DESIGNED WALL				0.03
	WCh	2,959,994	2,971,122	2,910,147	
	WCI	11,793,726			
	Btu Consumption	11,793,726			
BUILDING AS DESIGNED	TOTAL ESTIMATED LOAD			WALL HEAT CAPACITY	
	WCI	25,813			
	Btu Consumption	25,812,754			
	TOTAL ESTIMATED LOAD			WALL HEAT CAPACITY	
	WCI	25,826			
Btu Consumption	25,825,632				
<p>THIS THERMAL MASS, ANALYTICAL COMPARISON RESULTS IN THE DESIGNED WALL BEHAVING AS A WALL WITH A MATERIAL R-VALUE OF:</p>				28.73	

Material R-Value of R-11.37 performs as R-28.73



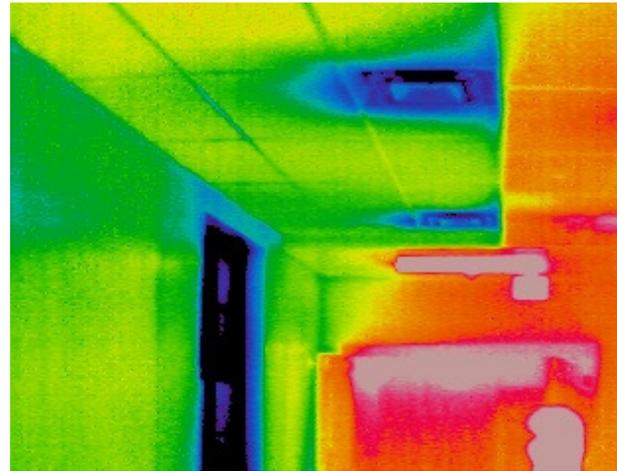
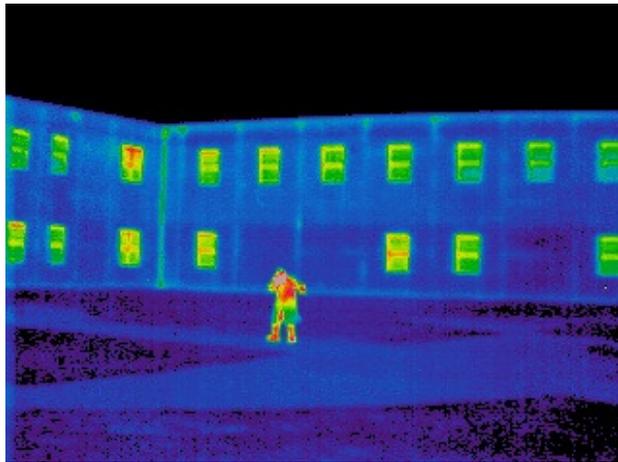
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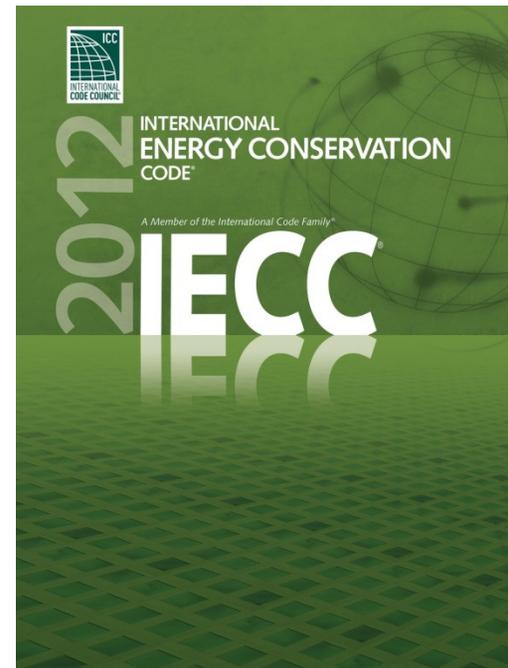
Thermal Mass Effect -> Air Barrier



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Mandatory 2012 IECC Requirements

- ❑ C402.4 Air Leakage - The thermal building envelope must also comply by providing:
 - ❑ C402.4.1 – A continuous air barrier throughout the building thermal envelope, except climate zones 1-3.
- ❑ C402.4.2 - All penetrations caulked and sealed.
- ❑ C402.4.3 to C402.4.7 - Minimum air leakage values for fenestrations, doors, vestibules, intakes and exhausts
- ❑ C402.4.8 – Minimum air leakage for recessed lighting



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Continuous Air Barrier



***Tilt-Up Concrete complies with section C402.4.1.2.1
with air permeability of 0.004 cfm/ft² or less***



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Panel Joint Complies with C402.4.2



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USACOE Air Leakage Test Protocol



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Air Leakage Test Protocol for
Building Envelopes

Version 3 - May 11, 2012

- ❑ Evidenced the tightest building tested was a concrete building.
- ❑ 0.04 cfm/sq.ft. was measured (Durstson 2012)
- ❑ Results were 4x tighter than average of all buildings tested.
- ❑ Results were 10x greater than the minimum requirements of 2012 IECC.



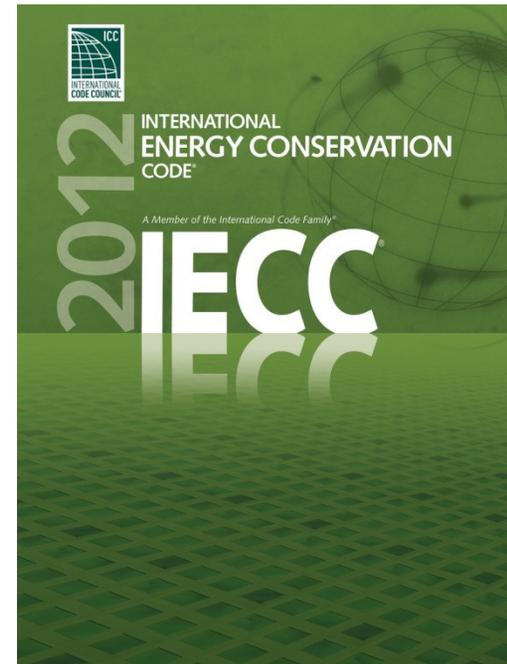
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Opaque Building Envelope Barrier

- ❑ Three Compliance Path Options:
 - ❑ Comply with material properties
 - ❑ Comply with assemblies rated or tested
 - ❑ Compliance demonstrated through whole-building test.



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The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Thermomass website. On the left is the Thermomass logo. To its right are five main menu items: Products (Versatile concrete insulation systems), Construction (Building methods & installation guides), Resources (Specifications, testing data, details & more), Projects (Photographs & case studies of our work), and Company (Our people, history, news, events & more). Below these items is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and a search button. To the right of the search bar is a secondary navigation menu with links for All, Analysis, Approvals/Tests, CEU, Details, Literature, Specs, and Videos.



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About Our Analyses



The **Mass Correction Analysis** shows how a Thermomass "high mass" wall behaves in a given climate in comparison to a "low mass" wall (such as stick-built or insulated metal panel) as a whole in terms of building performance. This analysis produces a steady-state (material) R-value and the (effective) R-value required of a low-mass wall to match a Thermomass wall in RTU consumption. In other



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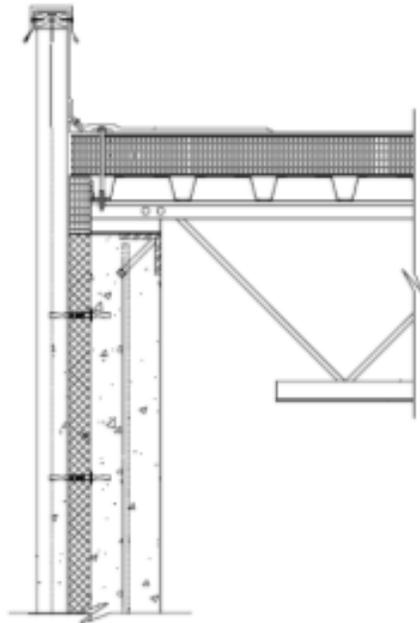
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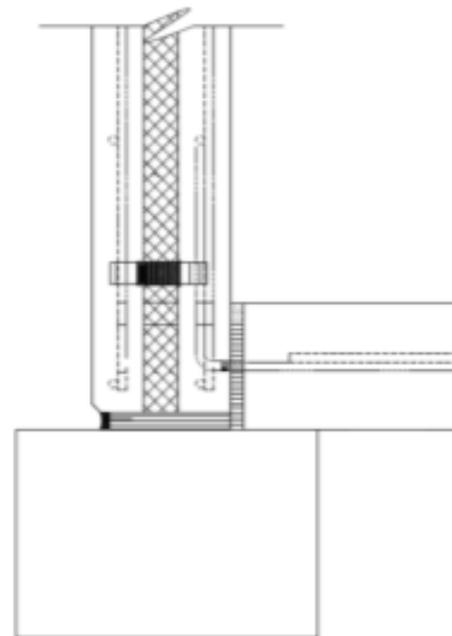


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Wall Types



Non-Composite Wall Panel



Structurally Composite Wall Panel

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Non-Composite Sandwich Wall Panel



- ❑ Precast, Site-Cast Tilt-Up, and Cast-In-Place
- ❑ The inner and outer wythe work independently of one another and are allowed to move due to temperature changes.
- ❑ Designed for ambient & low temp facilities.
- ❑ Thermal bow is eliminated.
- ❑ The inner wythe is the structural wythe.
- ❑ The outer wythe acts only as cladding.
- ❑ Minimum exterior wythe thickness is 2-in.
- ❑ Add any required reveal depths.
- ❑ Minimum interior wythe as required by design

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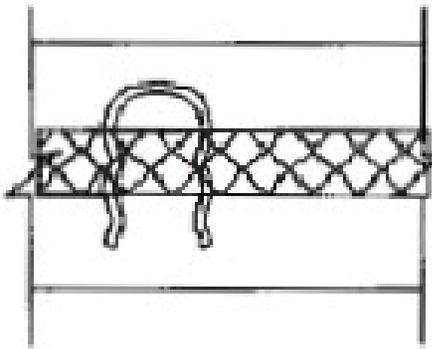
Structurally Composite Sandwich Wall Panel



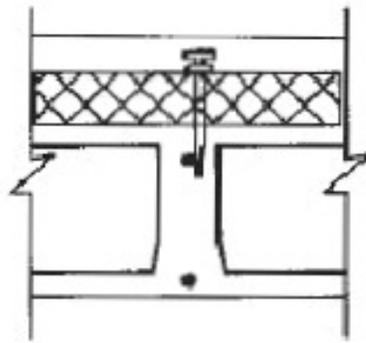
- ❑ Precast and Site-Cast Tilt-Up
- ❑ The two layers of concrete act together to support the loads imposed.
- ❑ Designed for room temperature buildings only.
- ❑ Panels can be cladding or support joist loads.
- ❑ Panels are either pre-stressed or mild reinforced.
- ❑ While the panels are thinner they may be subject to solid sections of concrete to achieve composite action.
- ❑ Minimum wythe thickness is 2-in.
- ❑ Typical configurations include 3" or 4" of concrete.

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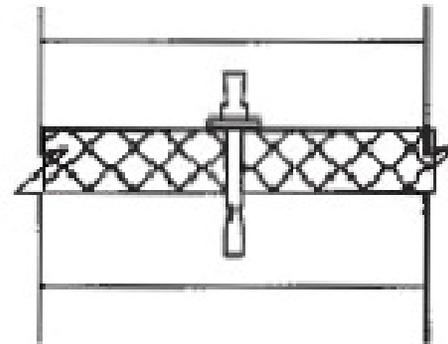
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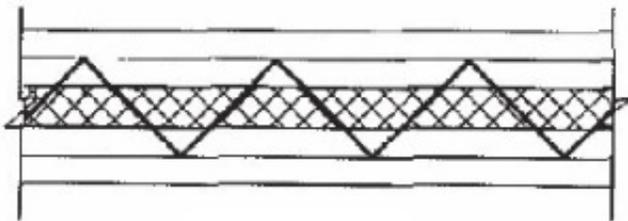
□ Metallic Pin



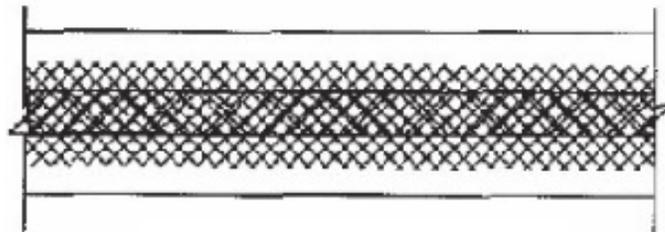
□ Plastic Pin



□ Fiber-Composite



□ Truss

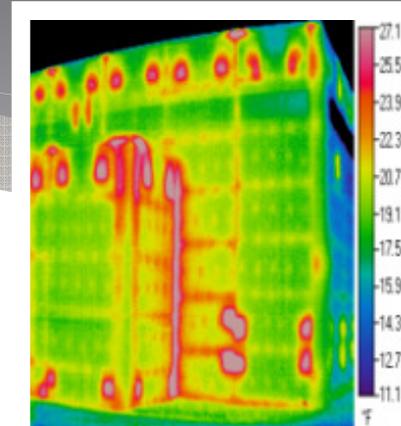


□ Carbon Fiber Grid

Connection Devices

Metallic Pin

- ❑ Thermally conductive
- ❑ Quality control issues
- ❑ Typically requires solid areas of concrete
- ❑ Used in non-composite designs



Metal Ties



Connection Devices

Fiber-Composite



- ❑ 76,000 E-CR Glass Fibers
- ❑ Composed of E-CR Glass/Vinyl Ester Resin
- ❑ Eliminates thermal short circuits in the wall panel.
- ❑ Same Coefficient of Thermal Expansion as concrete.
- ❑ Tested ICC ES AC320
- ❑ ICC ESR – 1746
- ❑ City of Los Angeles
- ❑ City of New York
- ❑ Zulassung
- ❑ CSTB (Avis Techniques)
- ❑ UAE – Dubai



Ult. Pullout Capacity = 2828 lbs.

Ult. Shear Strength = 608 lbs.

(Based on ESR-1746)



Connection Devices

Thermal Efficiency

Panel Description	Material R-Value ¹	Test R-Value	Percent Loss
Panel with only steel ties	10.48	7.55	27.96%
Panel with only solid concrete	10.48	5.77	44.94%
Panel with solid concrete & steel ties	10.48	4.55	56.58%
Panel with fiber connector	10.48	10.57	-0.86%



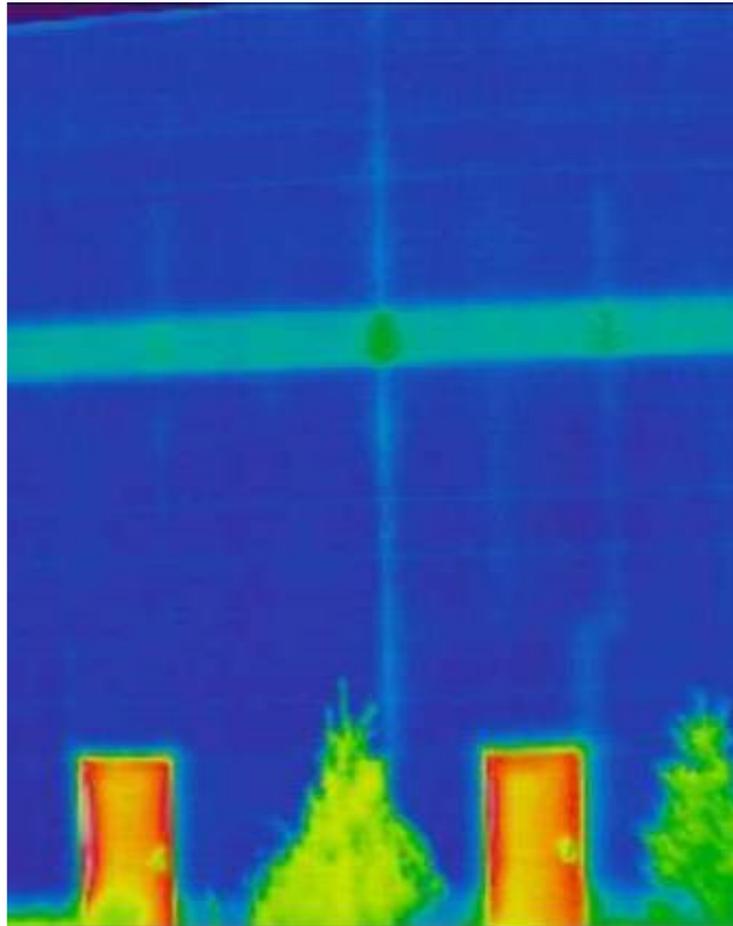
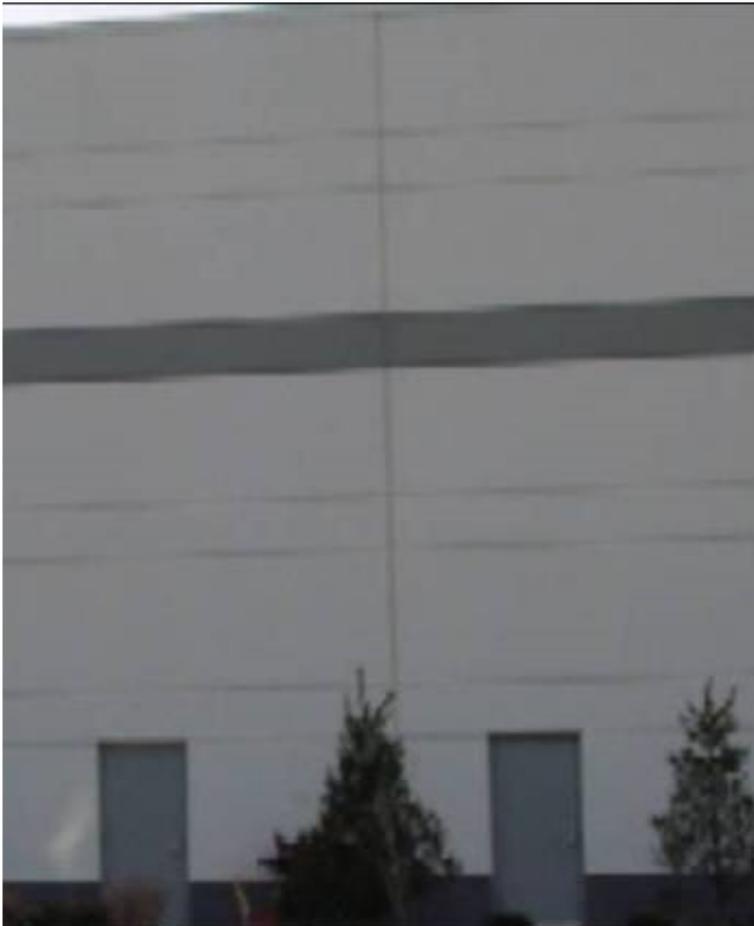
1. Value obtained summing R-values for concrete & insulation layers, no air films included.
Note: All 3-2-3 panels made with extruded polystyrene.

Source: "Summary of Thermal Tests of Insulated Concrete Sandwich Walls U.S. Dept. of Energy 1998-1999." Composite Technologies Corp., IA, 1999.



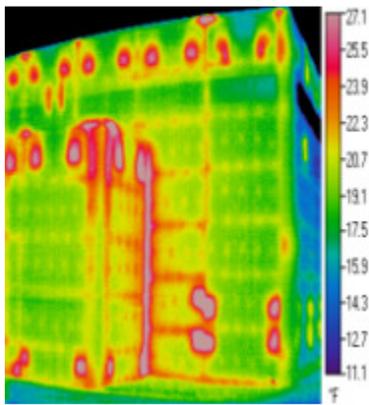
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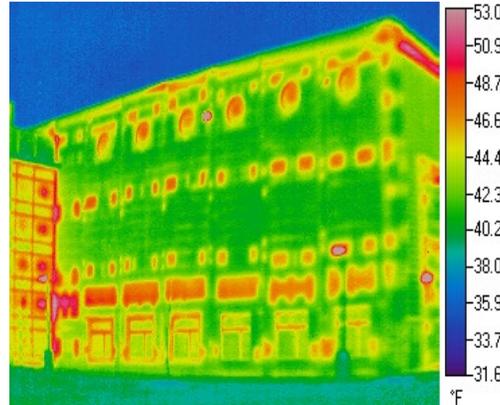


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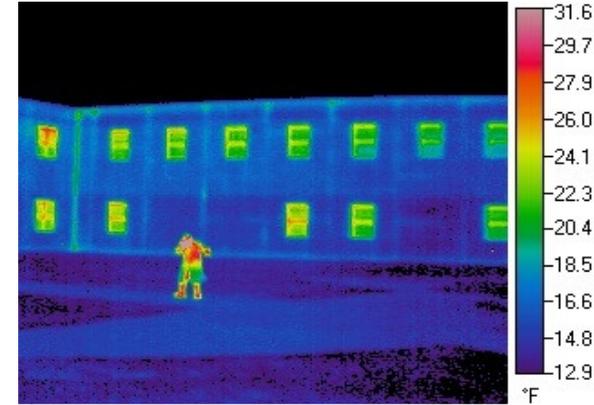
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Metal Ties



Carbon Fiber

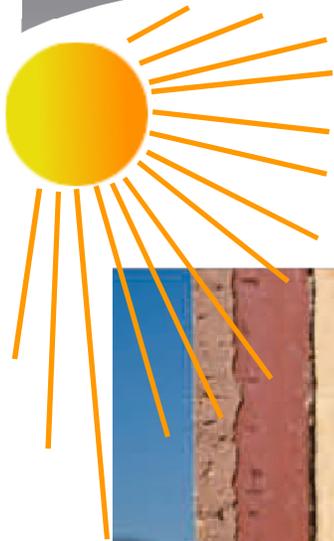


Fiber Composite



Air & Moisture Management

Considerations



- ❑ There is no “cavity”, any dew point occurs in the foam or exterior wythe, so there is no condensation.
- ❑ There are no thermal bridges in the wall.
- ❑ The walls are resistant to moisture
- ❑ Low-perm insulation creates moisture barrier
- ❑ Edge to edge detailing prevents vapor diffusion and air infiltration.

Insulated Concrete Sandwich Walls

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Sustainability

Case Studies



Sustainability

Limited Site Disturbance – University of North Florida, Social Sciences - Jacksonville



- ❑ Conservation of natural areas on the site and the restoration of damaged ones.
- ❑ The requirements can be met by limiting site disturbance to pre-described distances.



Sustainability

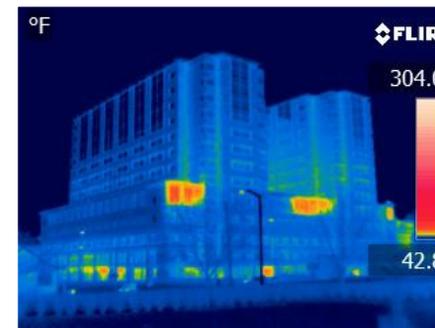
Materials & Resources – NASA – Kennedy Space Center – Cape Canaveral, FL

- ❑ Most reinforcing bars and mesh are manufactured from recycled steel
 - ❑ Manufactured/melted 100% scrap;
5% post-industrial; 95% post-consumer
- ❑ Some insulation types are made up of partially recycled material.
- ❑ Aggregates, cement and supplementary materials are all typically extracted, harvested, or recovered from within 500 miles of the project site or plant.



Sustainability

Indoor Environment Quality – University of Kentucky Hospital – Lexington, KY



Sustainability

Energy Efficiency – Catholic University of America, DC

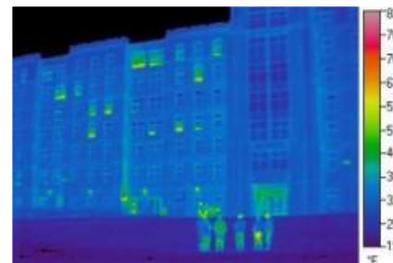


CRITICAL MASS THERE ARE NO EASY ANSWERS FOR THERMAL MASS

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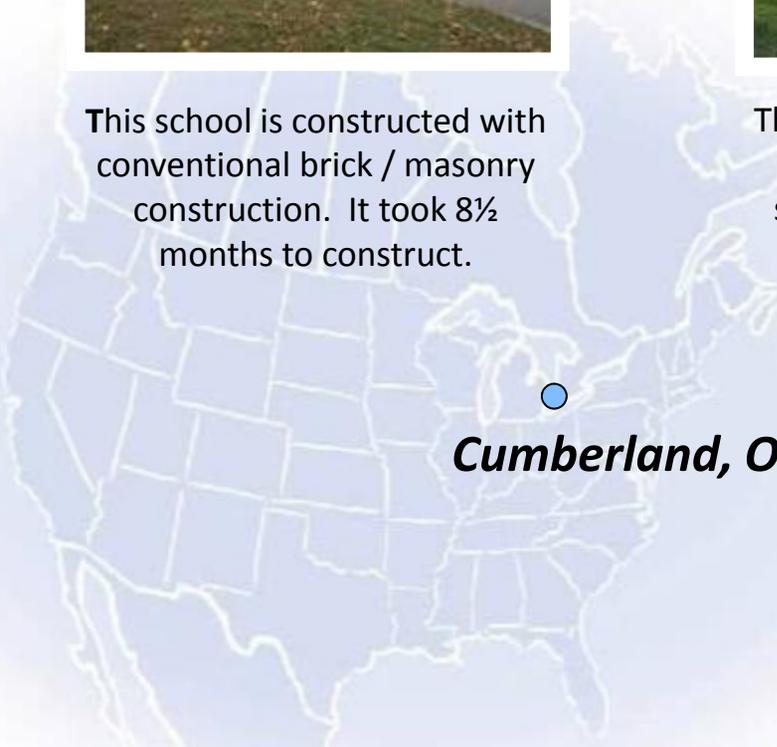
Energy Efficiency – Cumberland, ON School District



This school is constructed with conventional brick / masonry construction. It took 8½ months to construct.



This school is 4,000 sq.ft. larger but was constructed with a sandwich wall. Construction time was only 5½ months!


Cumberland, ON

<i>School Type</i>	<i>Electrical</i> (per day)	<i>Natural Gas</i> (per day)
<i>CMU</i>	<i>\$118.89</i>	<i>\$100.78</i>
<i>Sandwich</i>	<i>\$91.02</i>	<i>\$65.95</i>
<i>% Savings</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>35%</i>



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Insulated Concrete Sandwich Walls

Summary

- ❑ Speed of Construction
- ❑ Limited Site Disturbance
- ❑ Load Bearing or Cladding
- ❑ Attractive Appearance
- ❑ Energy Efficiency
 - ❑ Continuous Insulation “ci”
- ❑ Air & Moisture Barrier
 - ❑ Exceeds requirements of IECC
- ❑ Fire & Blast Resistant
 - ❑ NFPA 285 & ASTM E-119
- ❑ One Economical Assembly
 - ❑ Early enclosure allows follow-on trades to start sooner



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Energy Efficiency in Concrete Terms

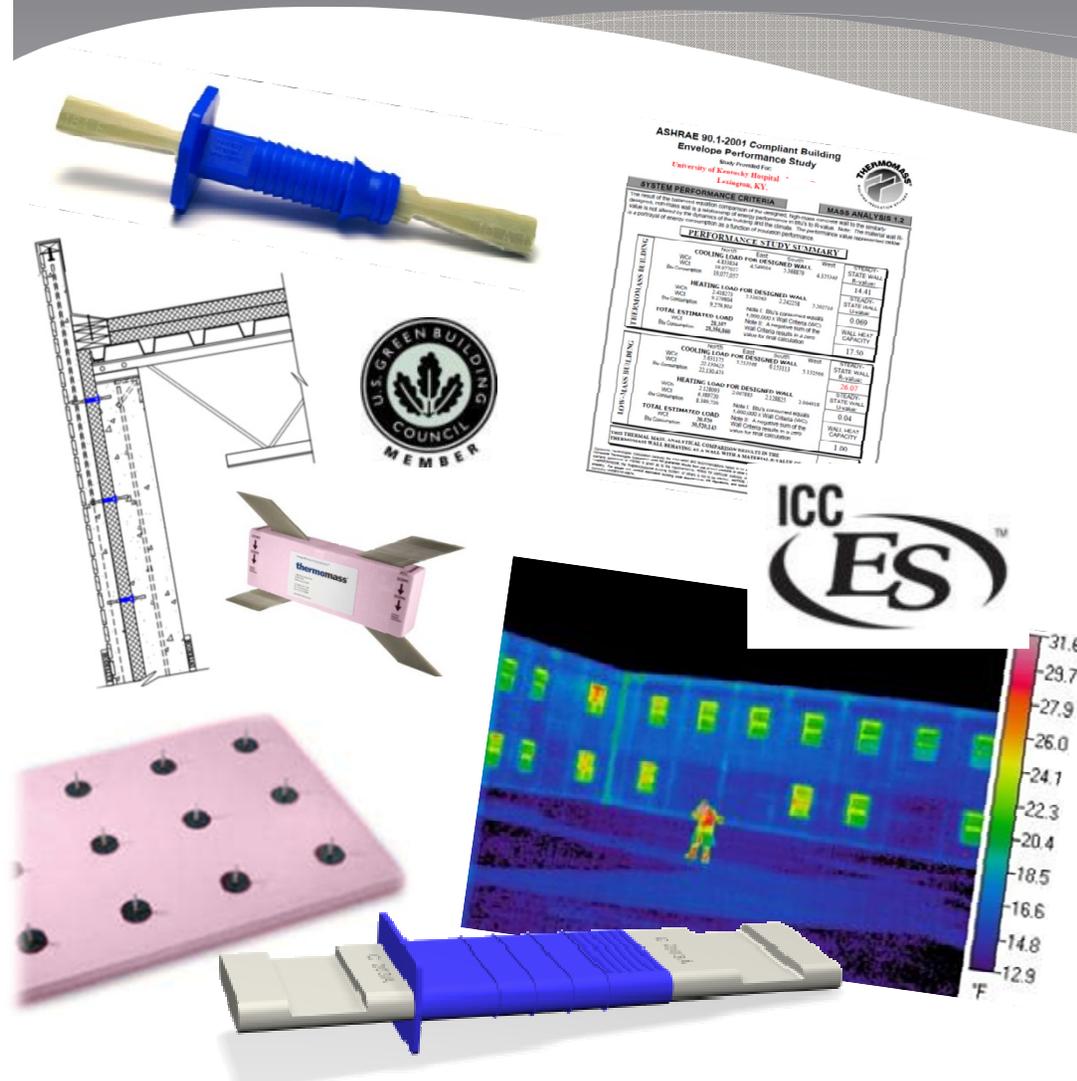
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