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What is a Building?

A Building is an Environmental Separator

- Control heat flow
- Control airflow
- Control water vapor flow
- Control rain
- Control ground water
- Control light and solar radiation
- Control noise and vibrations
- Control contaminants, environmental hazards and odors
- Control insects, rodents and vermin
- Control fire
- Provide strength and rigidity
- Be durable
- Be aesthetically pleasing
- Be economical

Arrhenius Equation

For Every 10 Degree K Rise

Activation Energy Doubles

$$k = Ae^{-E_a/(RT)}$$

Damage Functions

Water

Heat

Ultra-violet Radiation

2nd Law of Thermodynamics

Heat Flow Is From Warm To Cold

Moisture Flow Is From Warm To Cold

Moisture Flow Is From More To Less

Air Flow Is From A Higher Pressure to a Lower Pressure

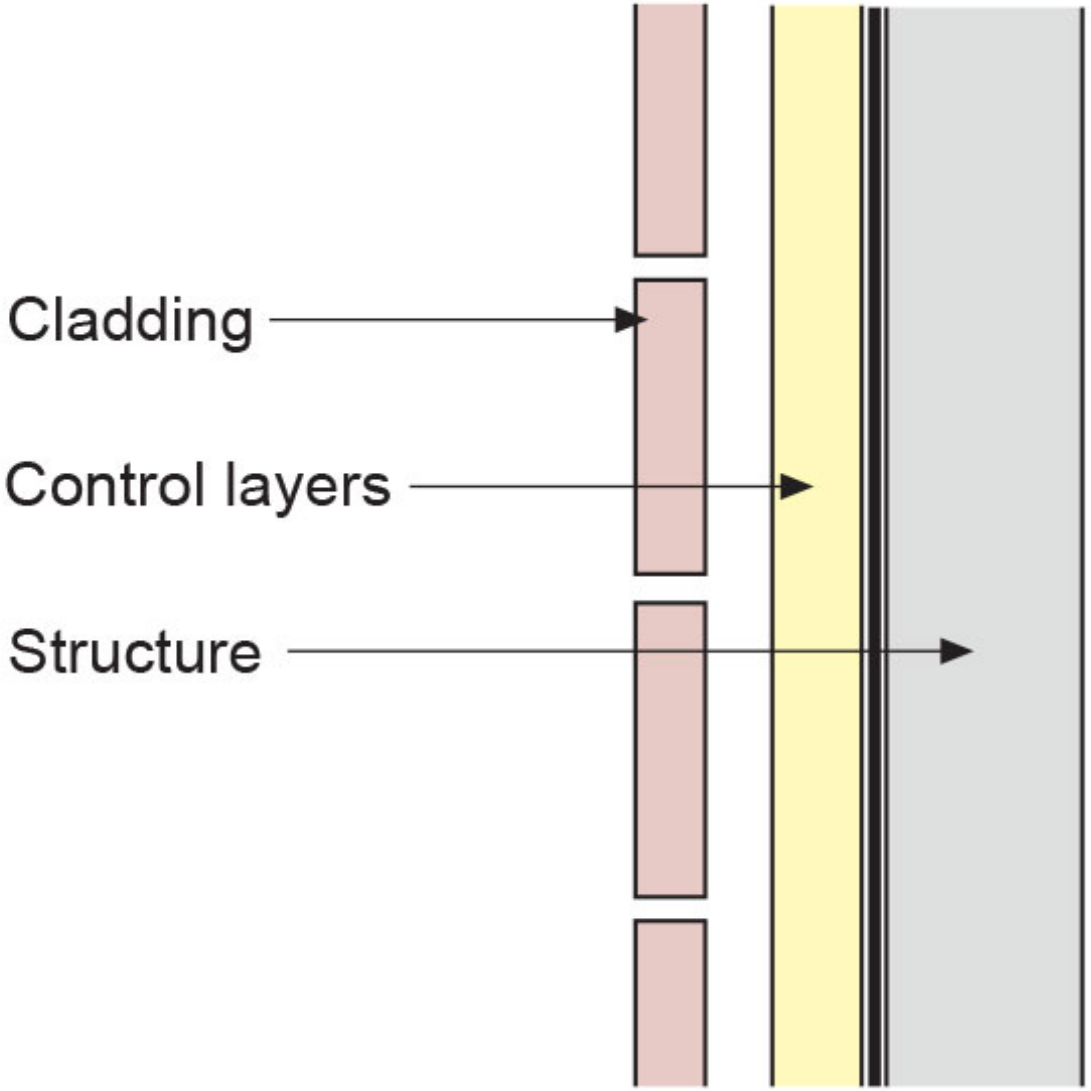
Gravity Acts Down

Water Control Layer

Air Control Layer

Vapor Control Layer

Thermal Control Layer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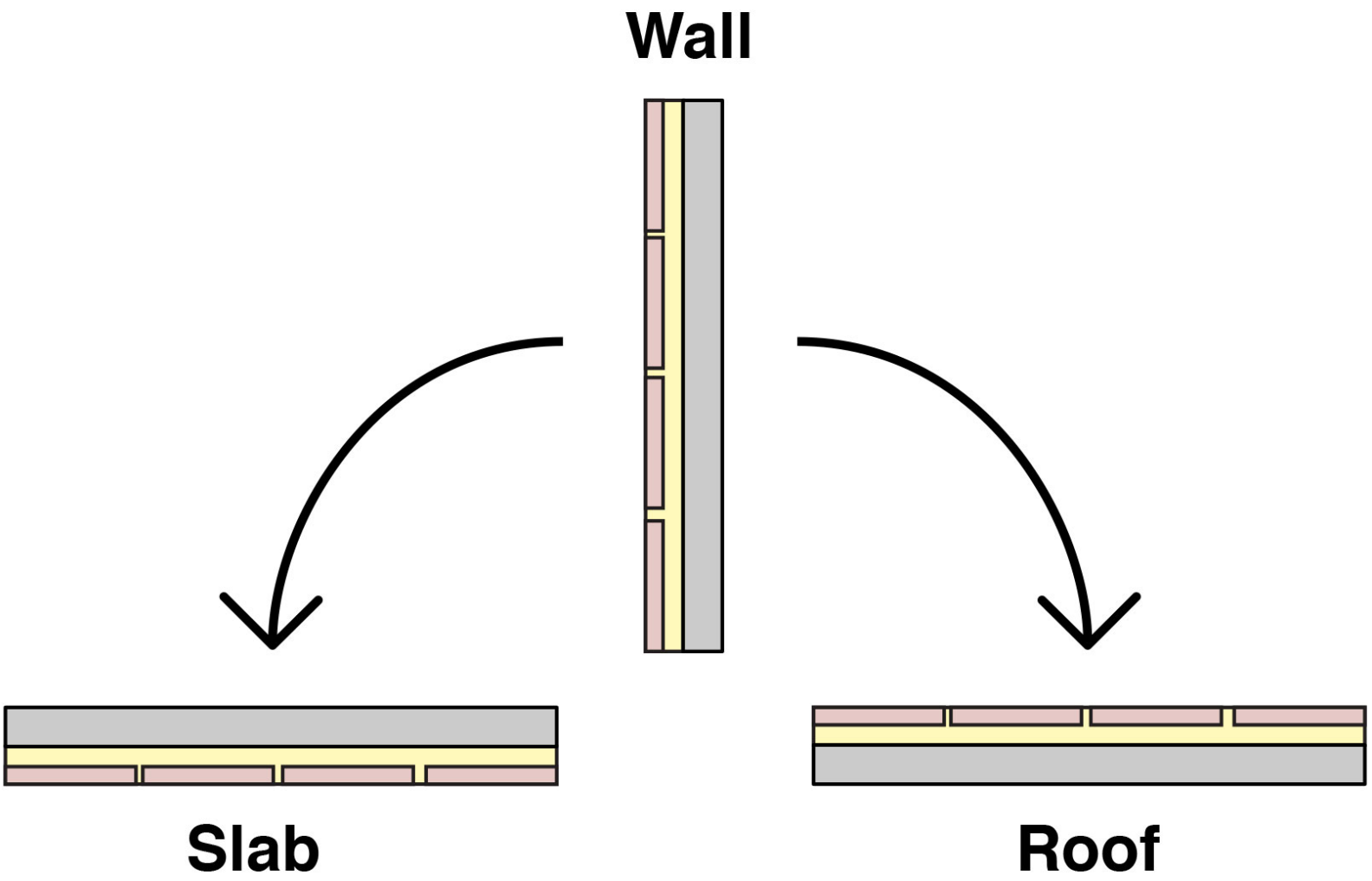
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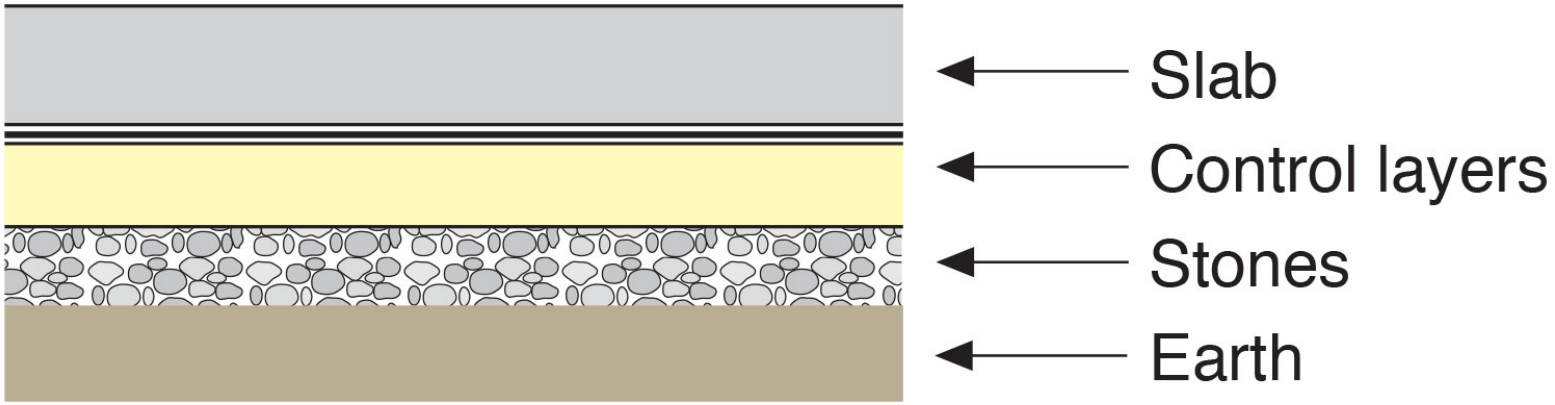
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Control layer
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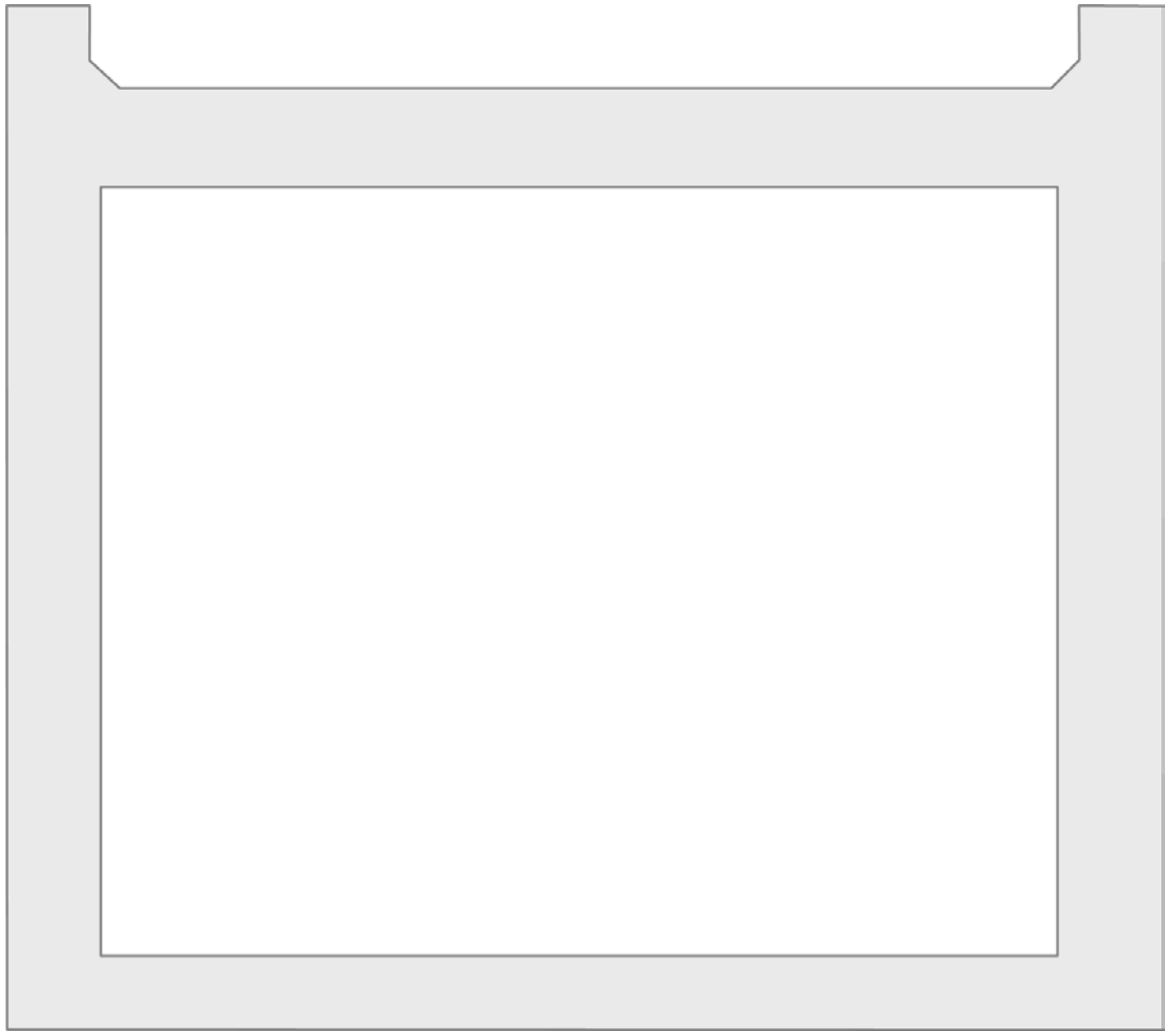


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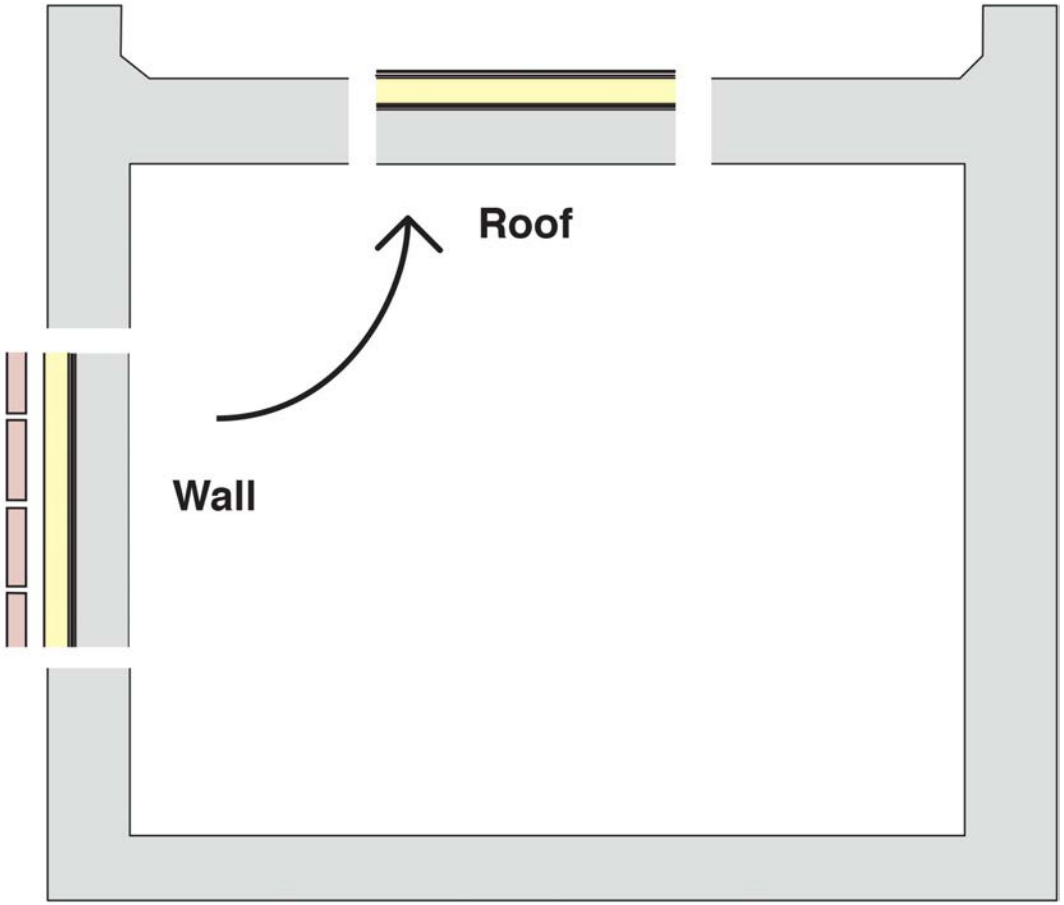
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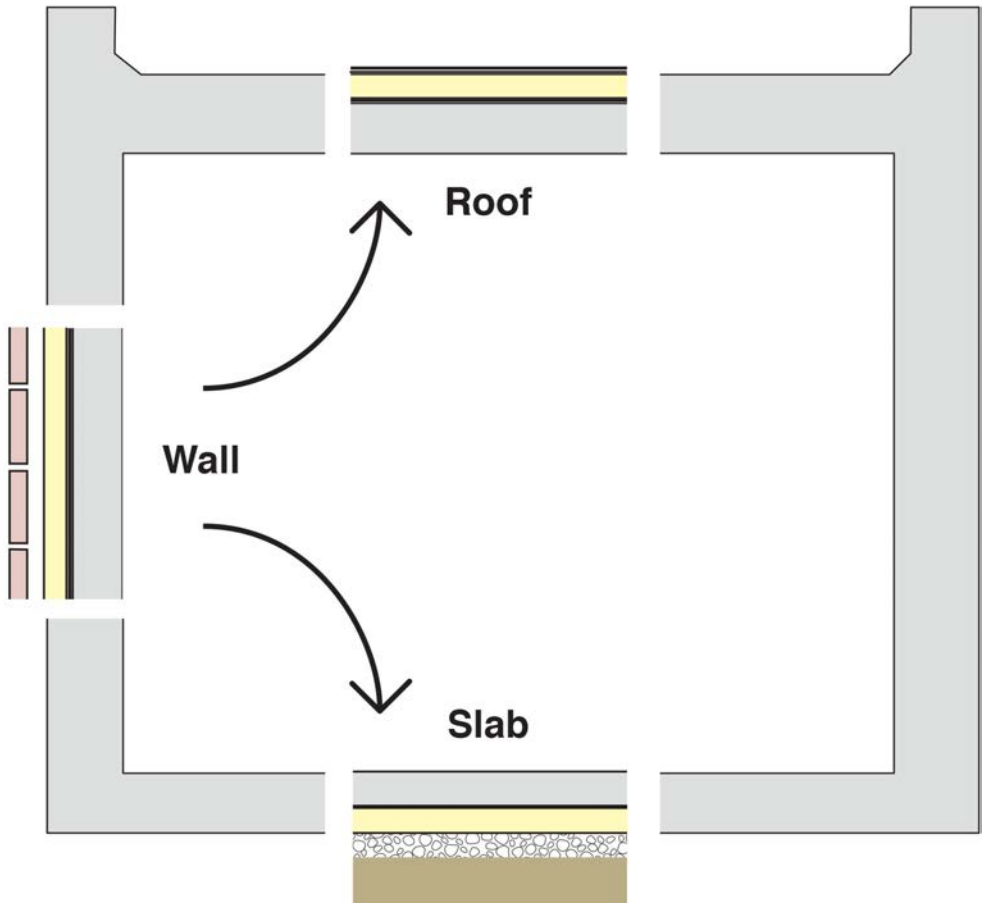
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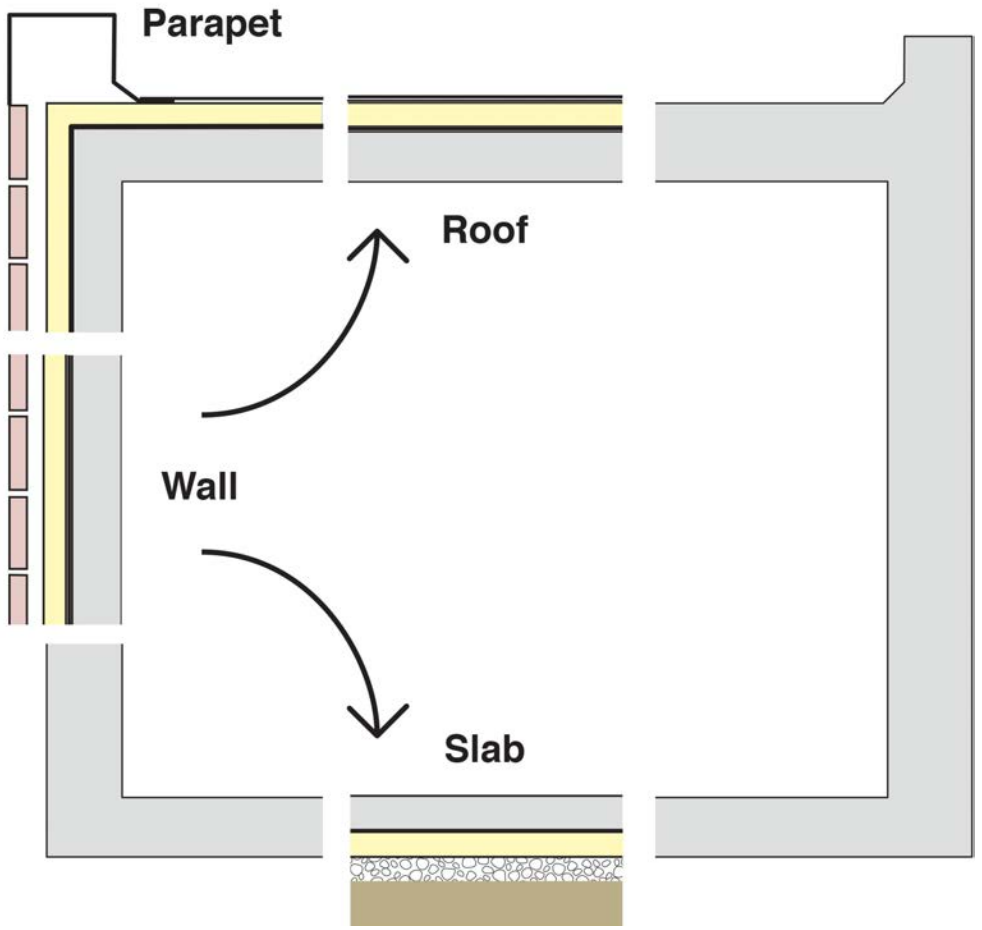
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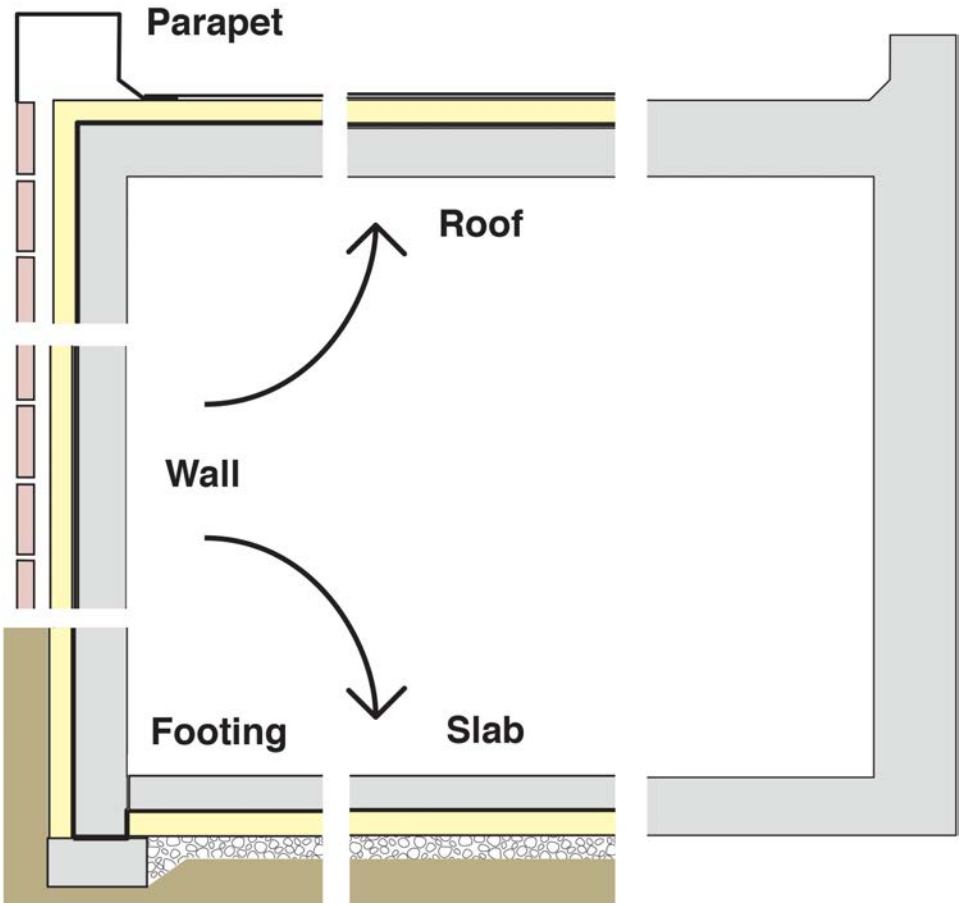
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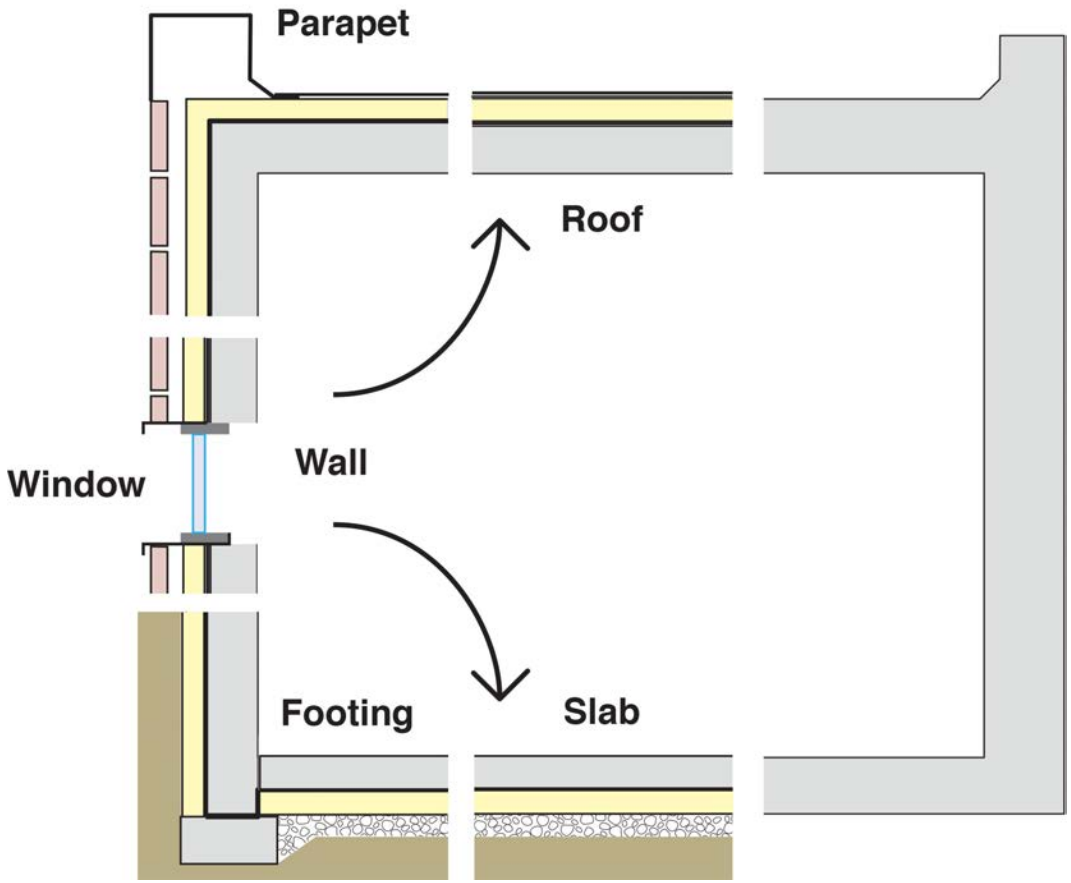
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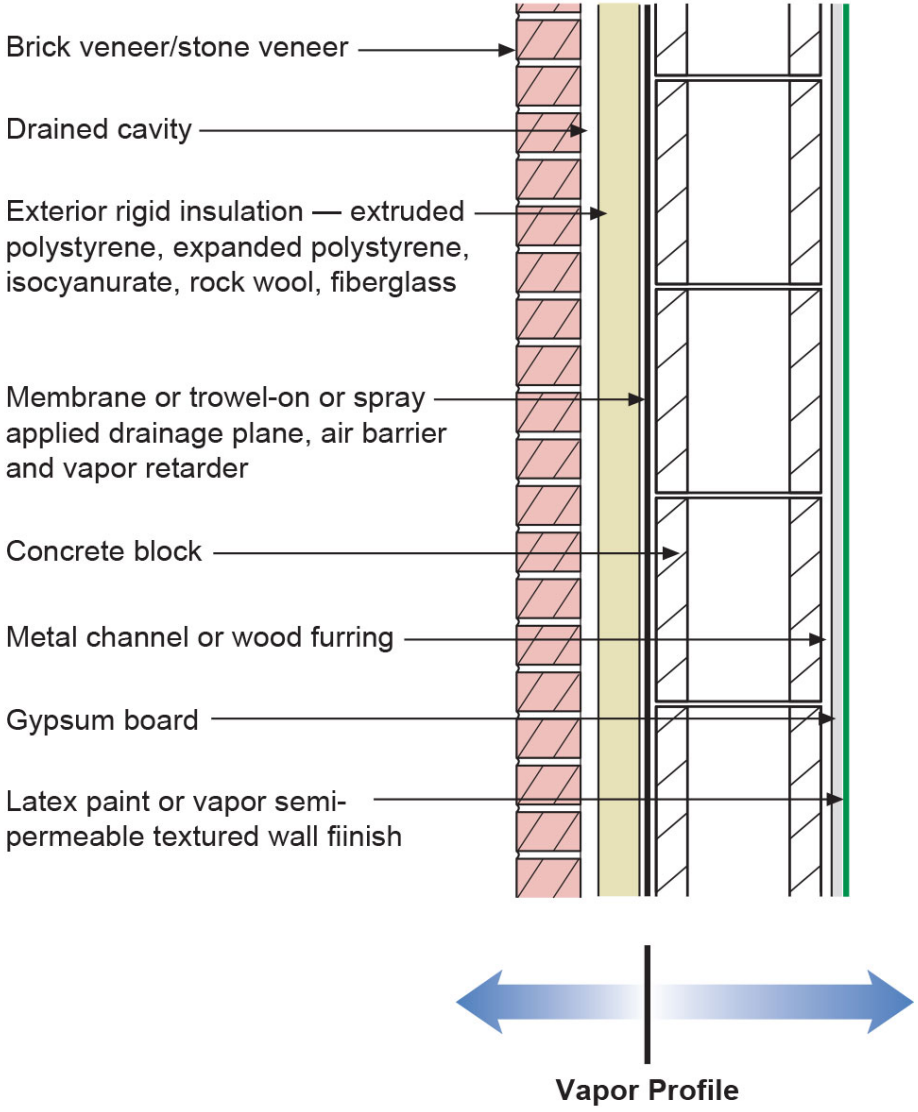
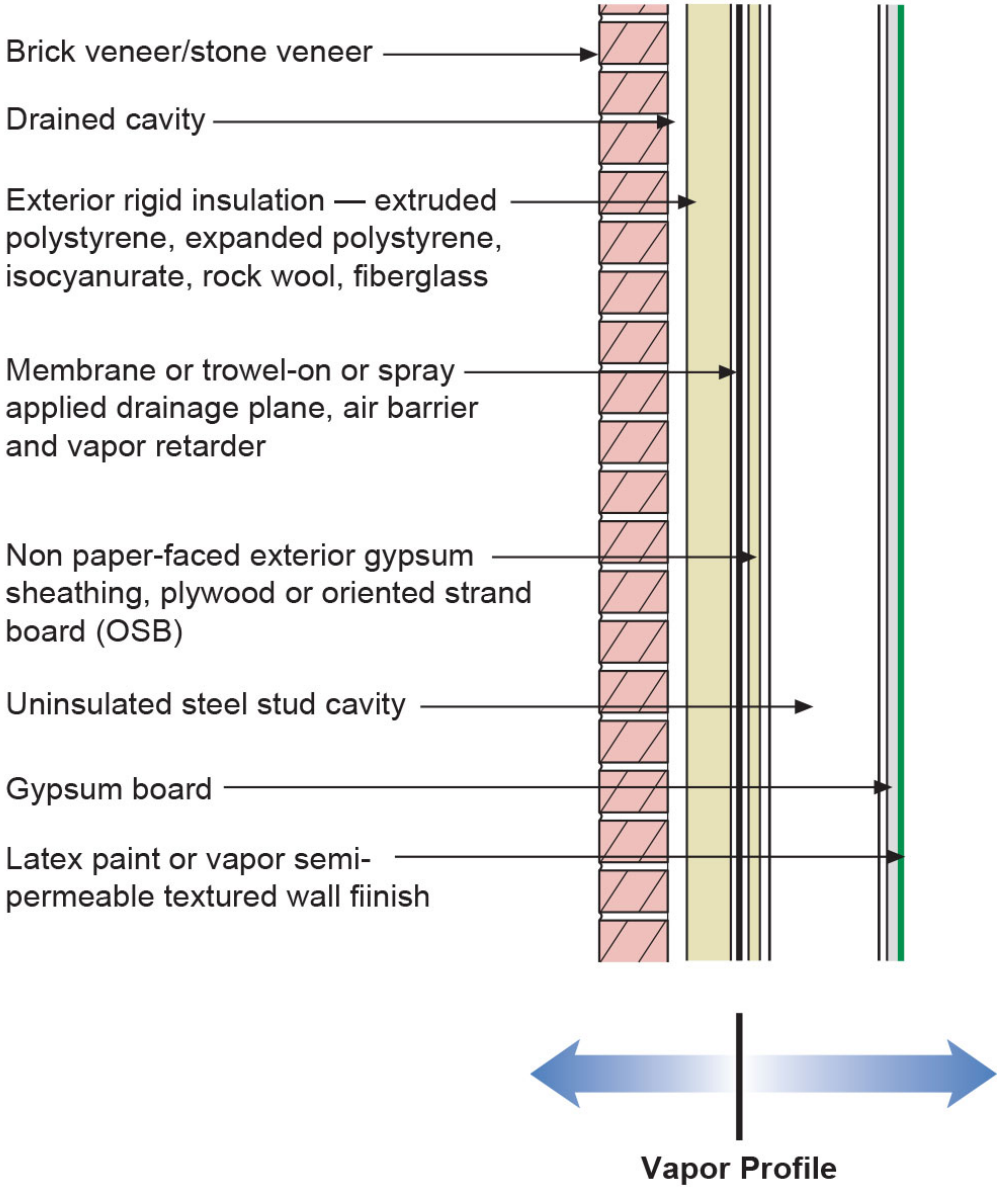

Brick veneer/stone veneer
Drained cavity
Exterior rigid insulation — extruded polystyrene, expanded polystyrene, isocyanurate, rock wool, fiberglass
Membrane or trowel-on or spray applied drainage plane, air barrier and vapor retarder
Concrete block
Metal channel or wood furring
Gypsum board
Latex paint or vapor semi-permeable textured wall fiinish
Vapor Profile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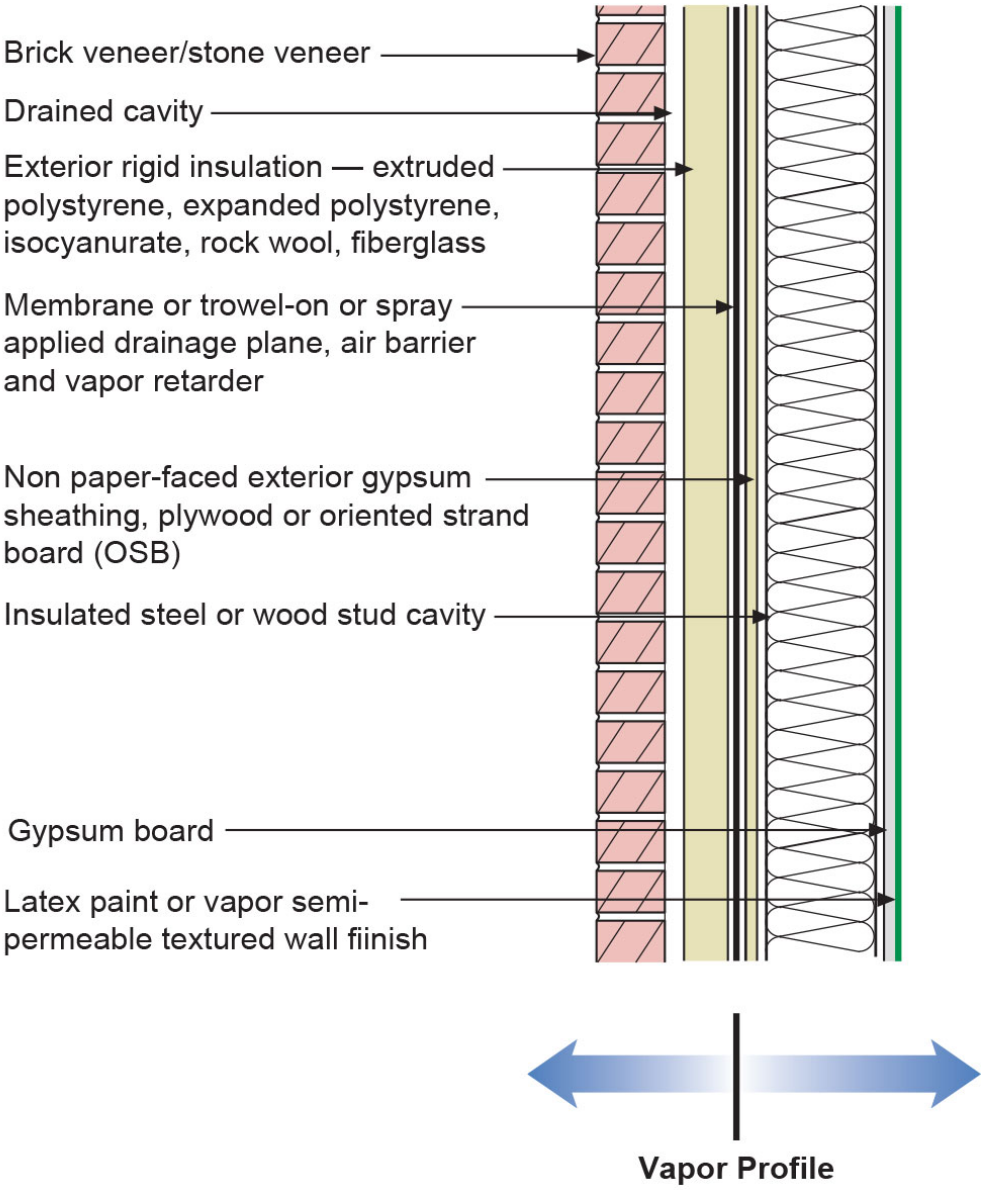
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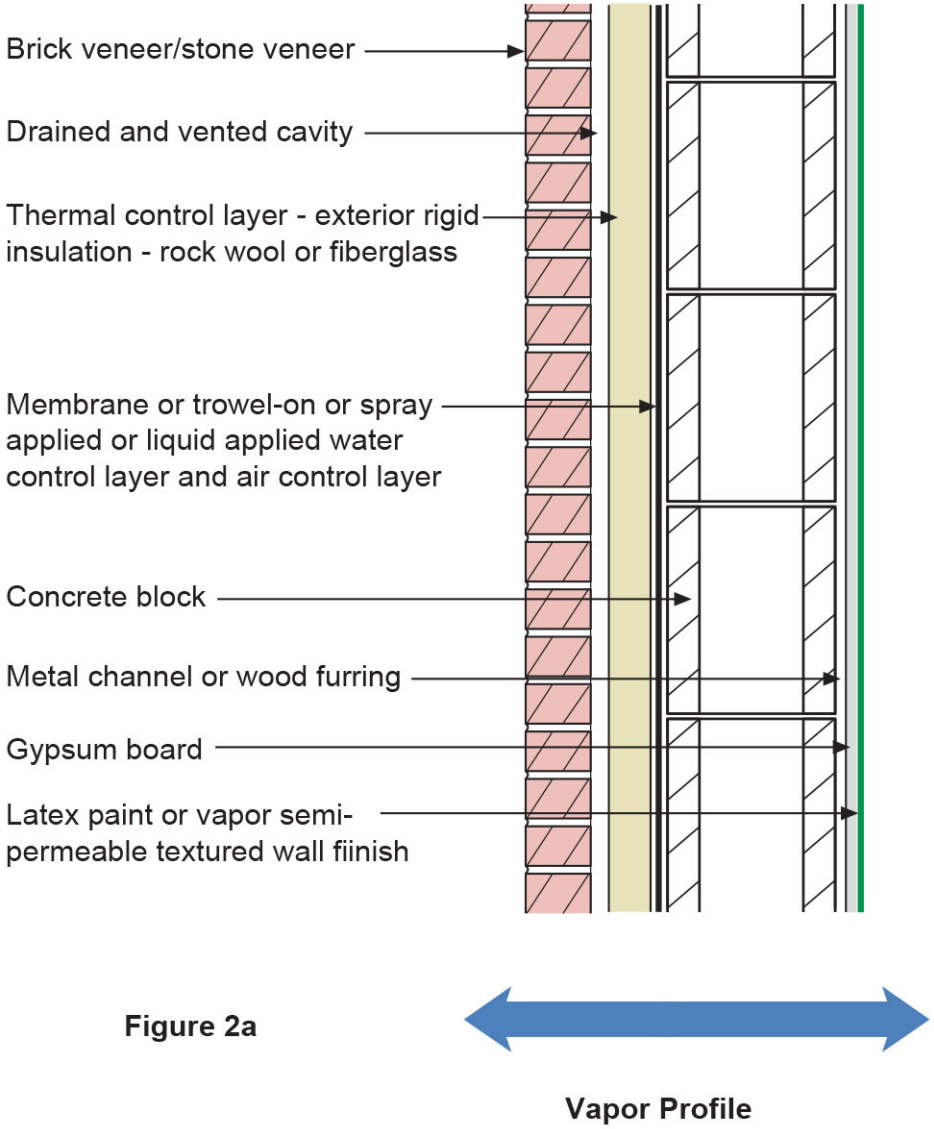
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Drained and vented cavity
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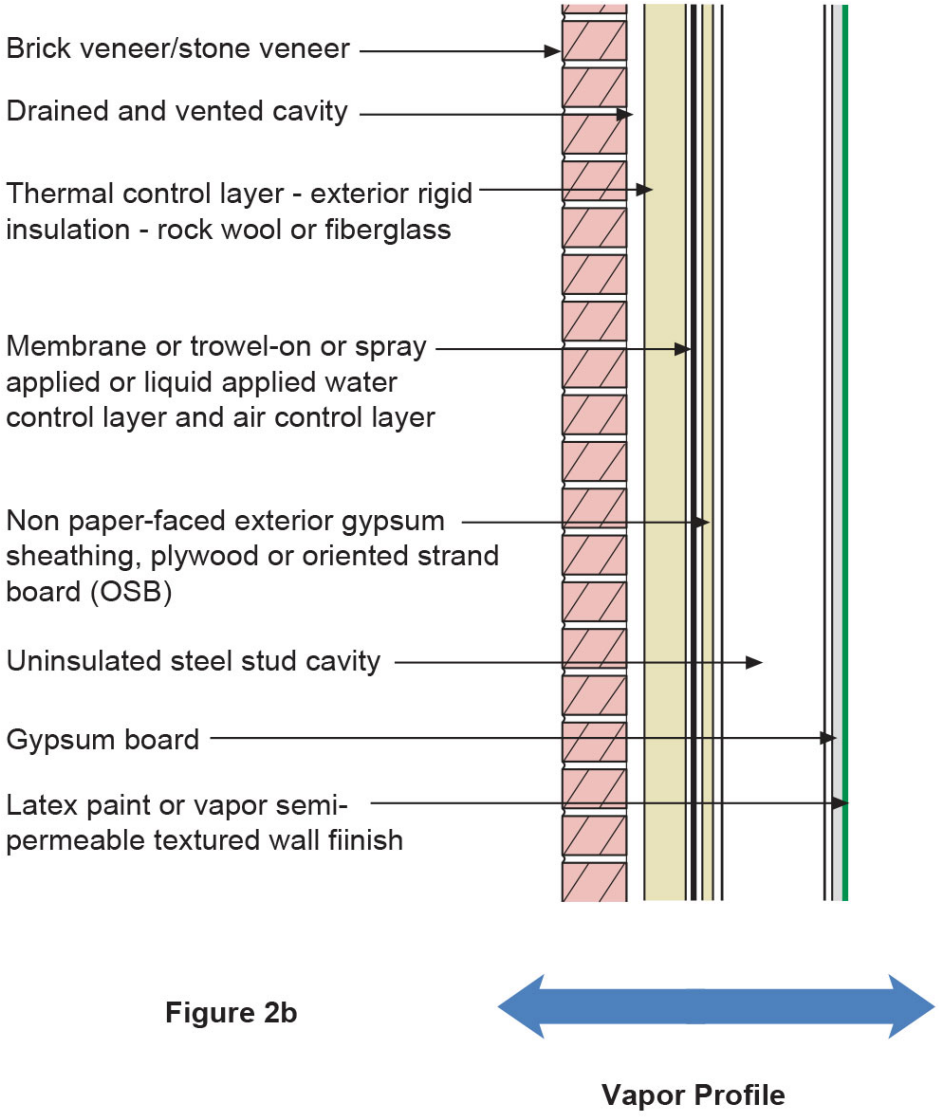
Vapor Profile

Figure 2a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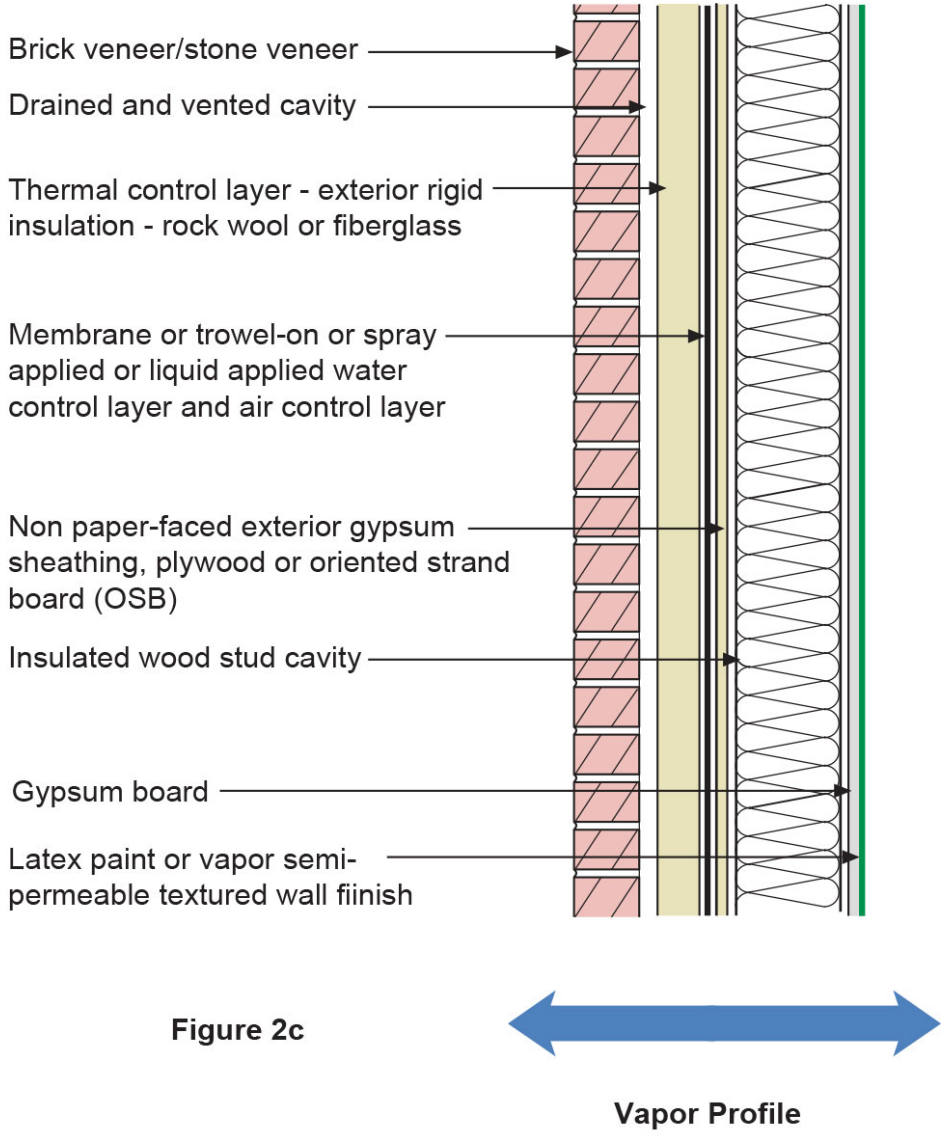
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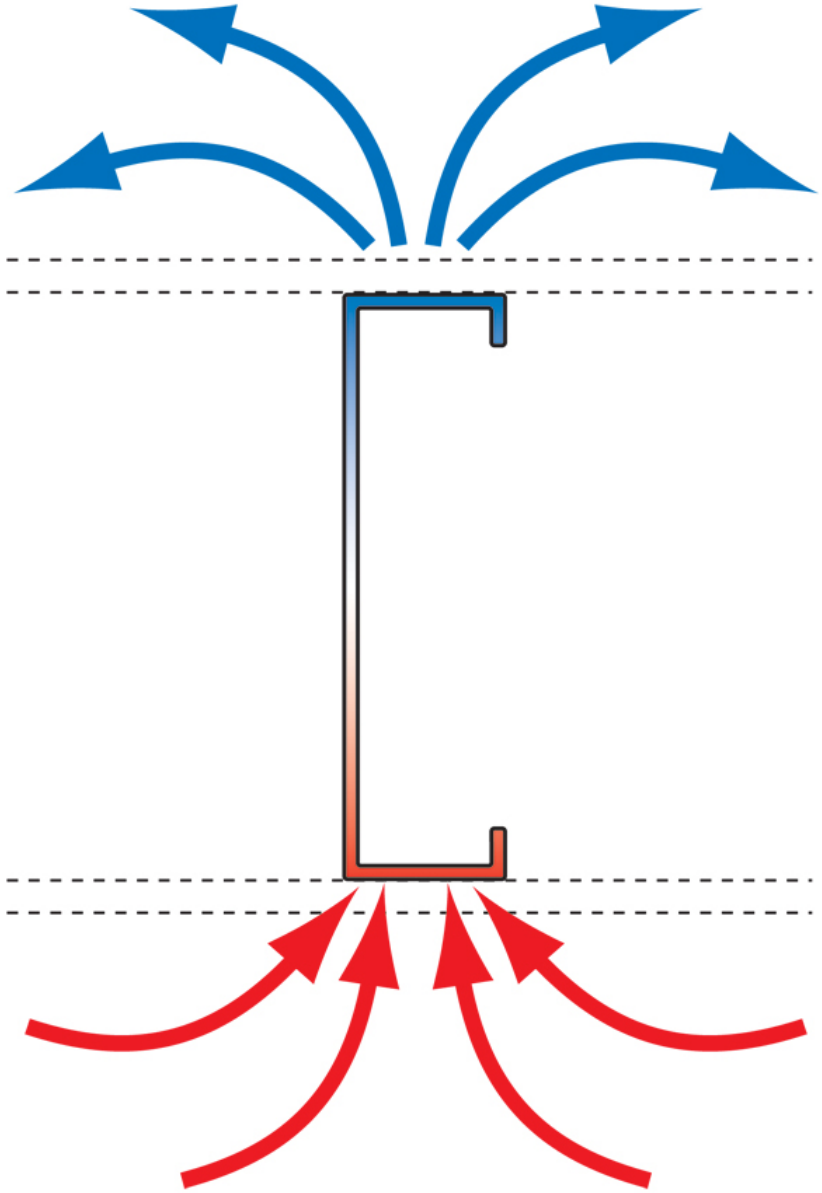
Figure 2c



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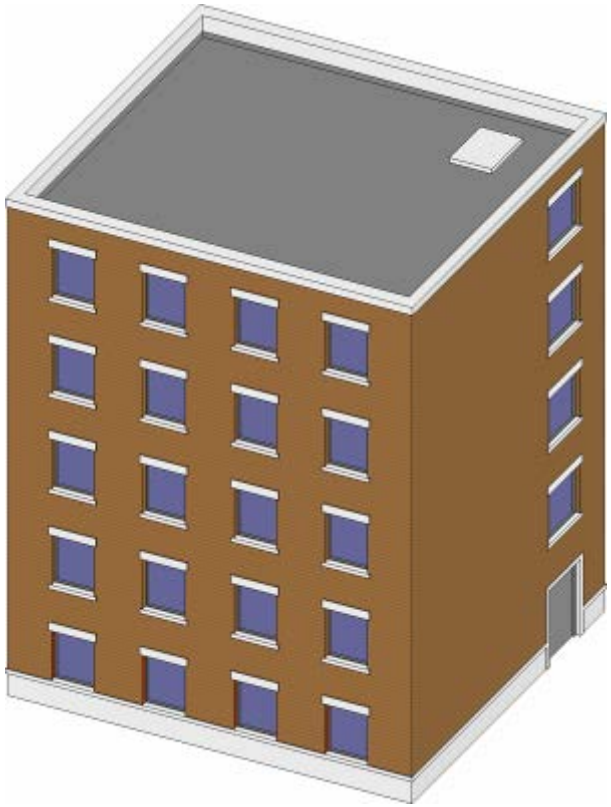
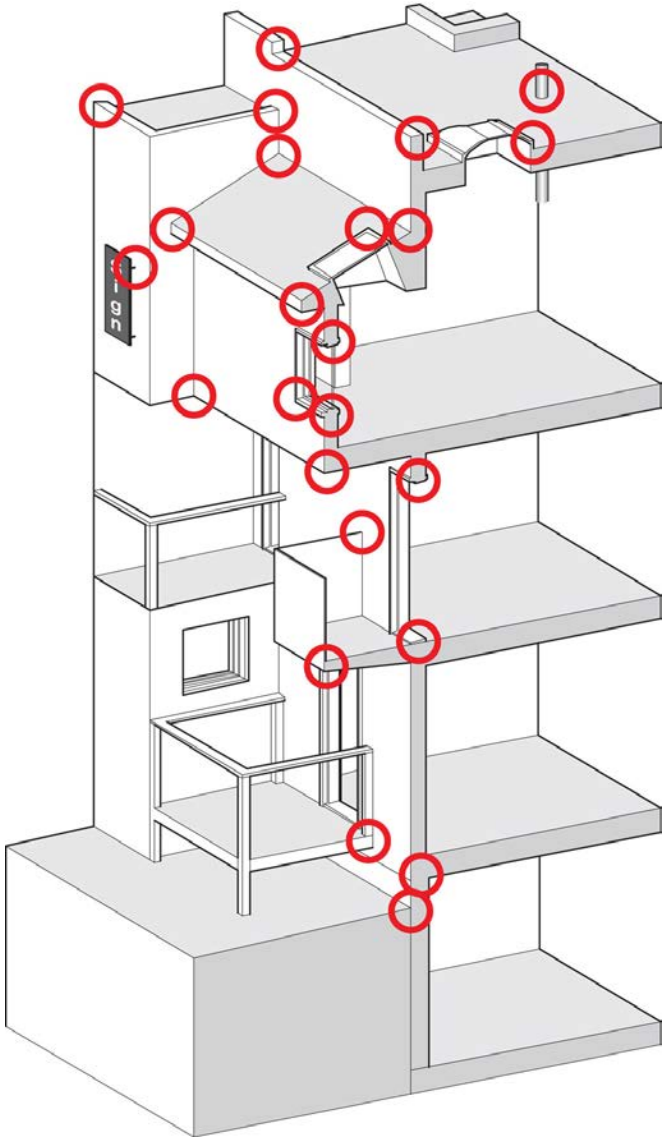


- Structure
- Rain/Air/Vapor
- Insulation
- Finish



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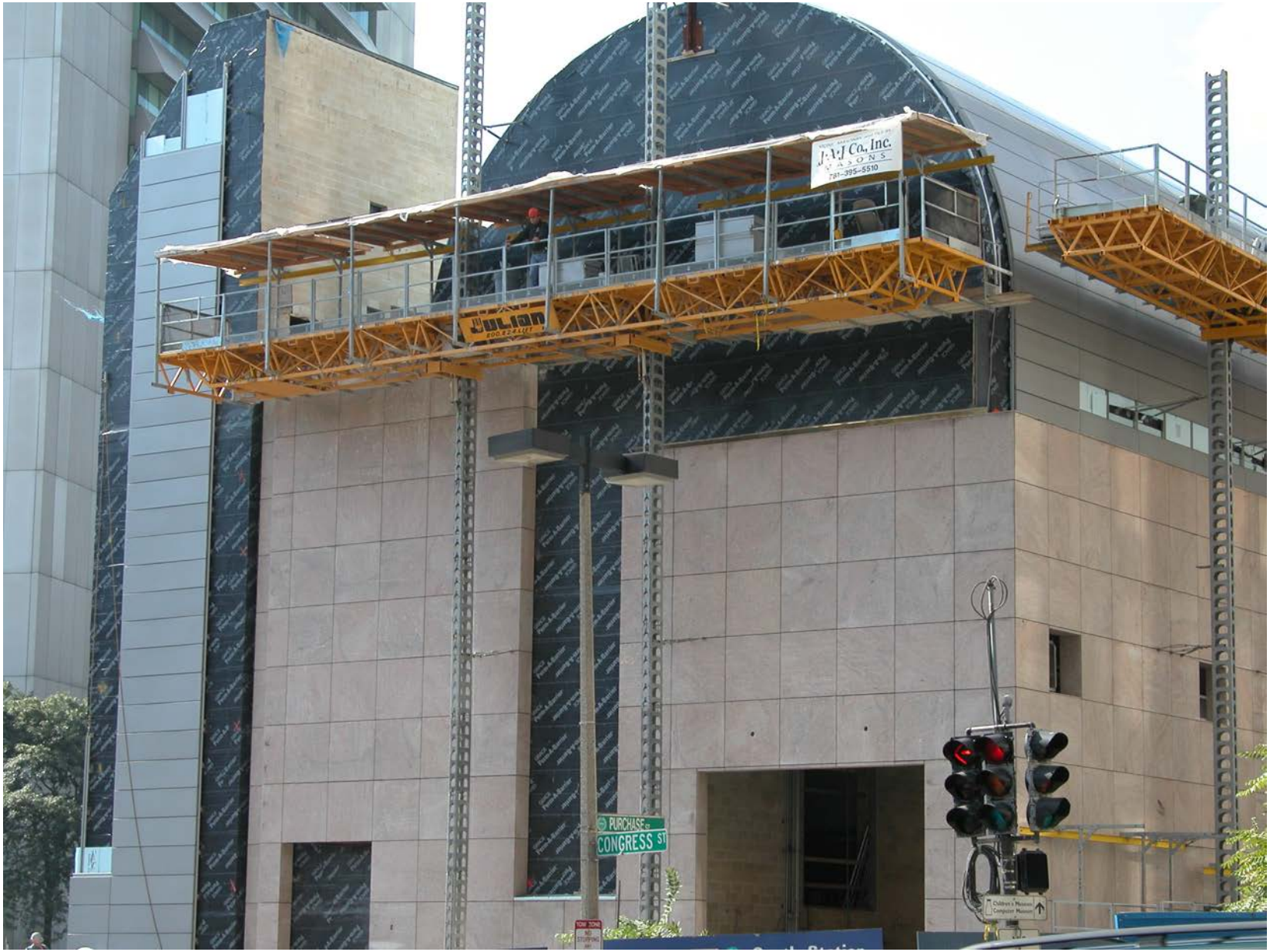
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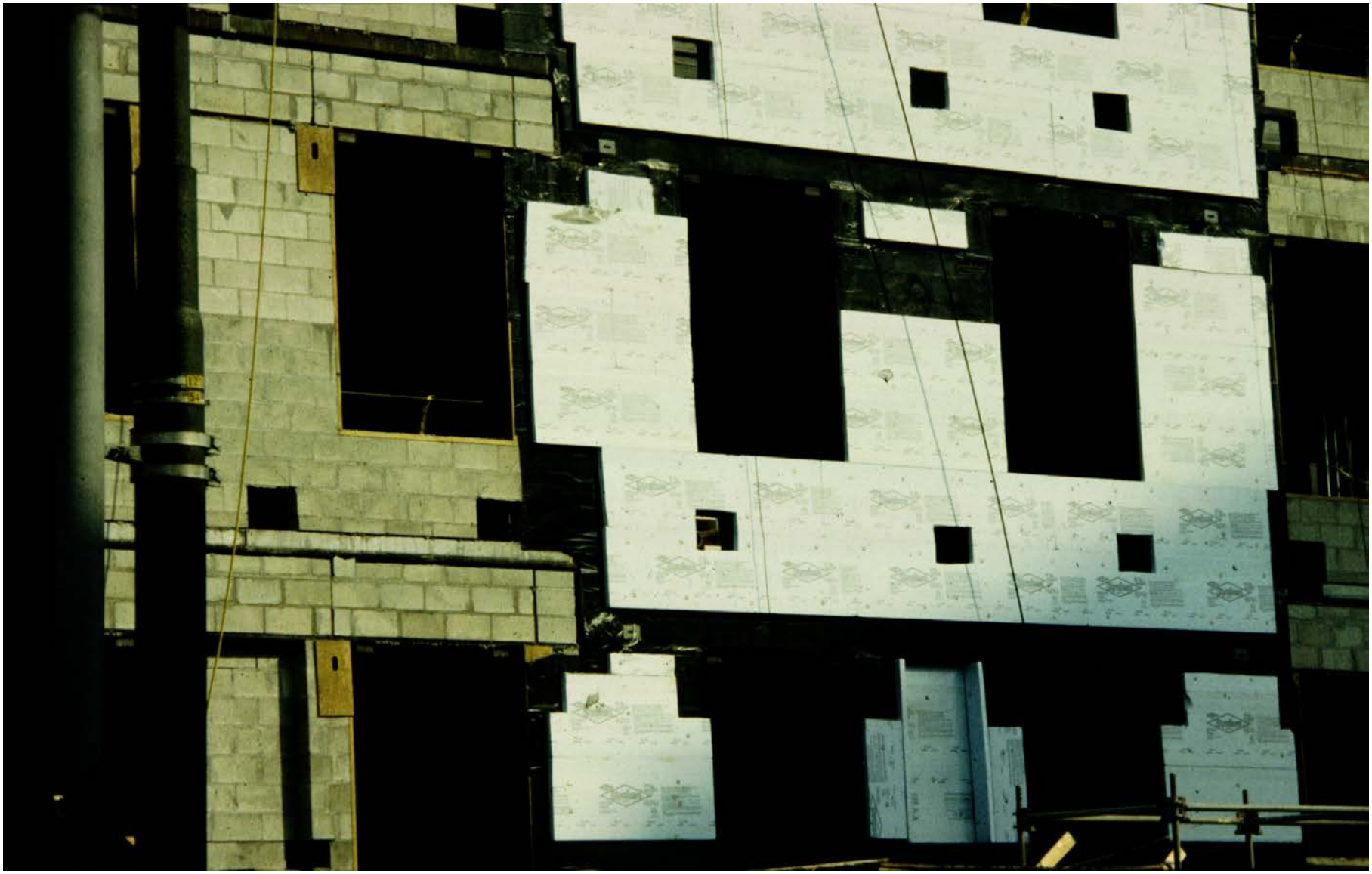


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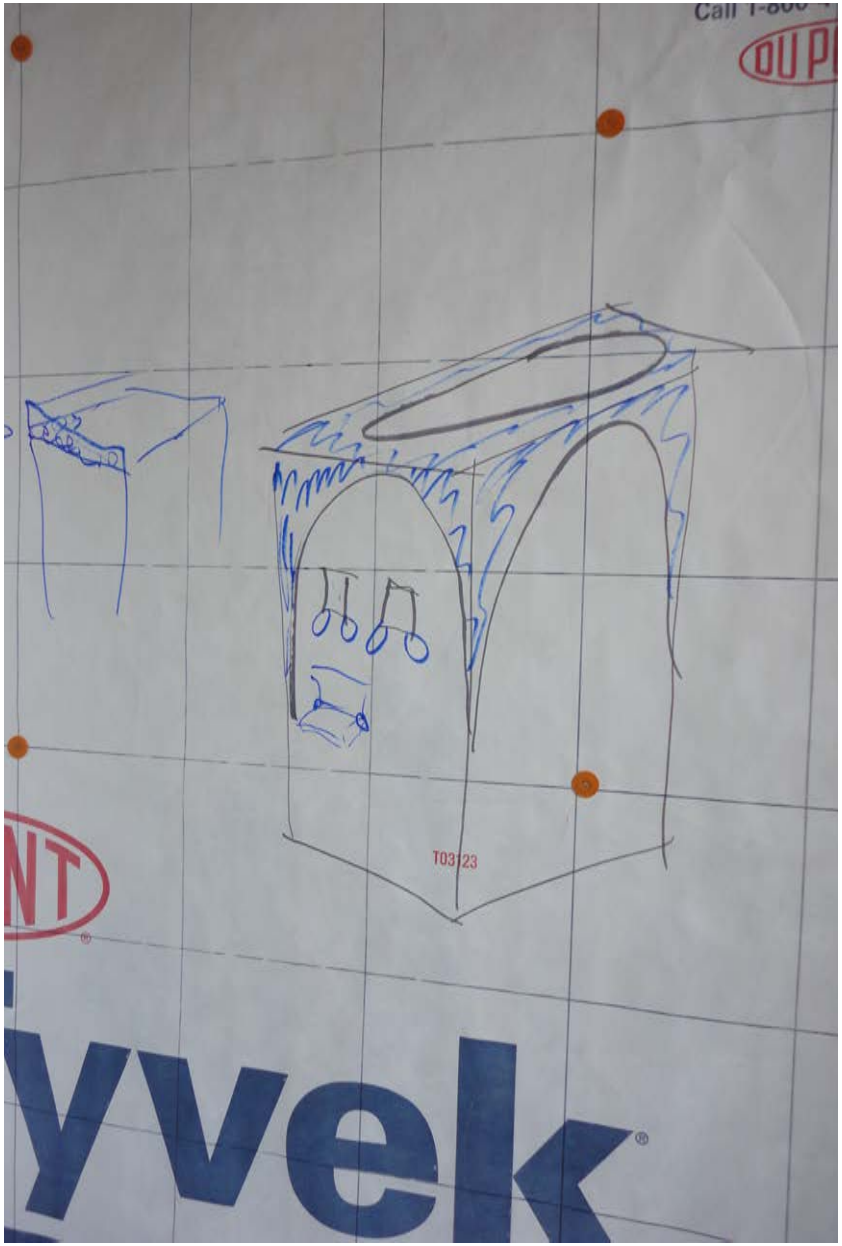
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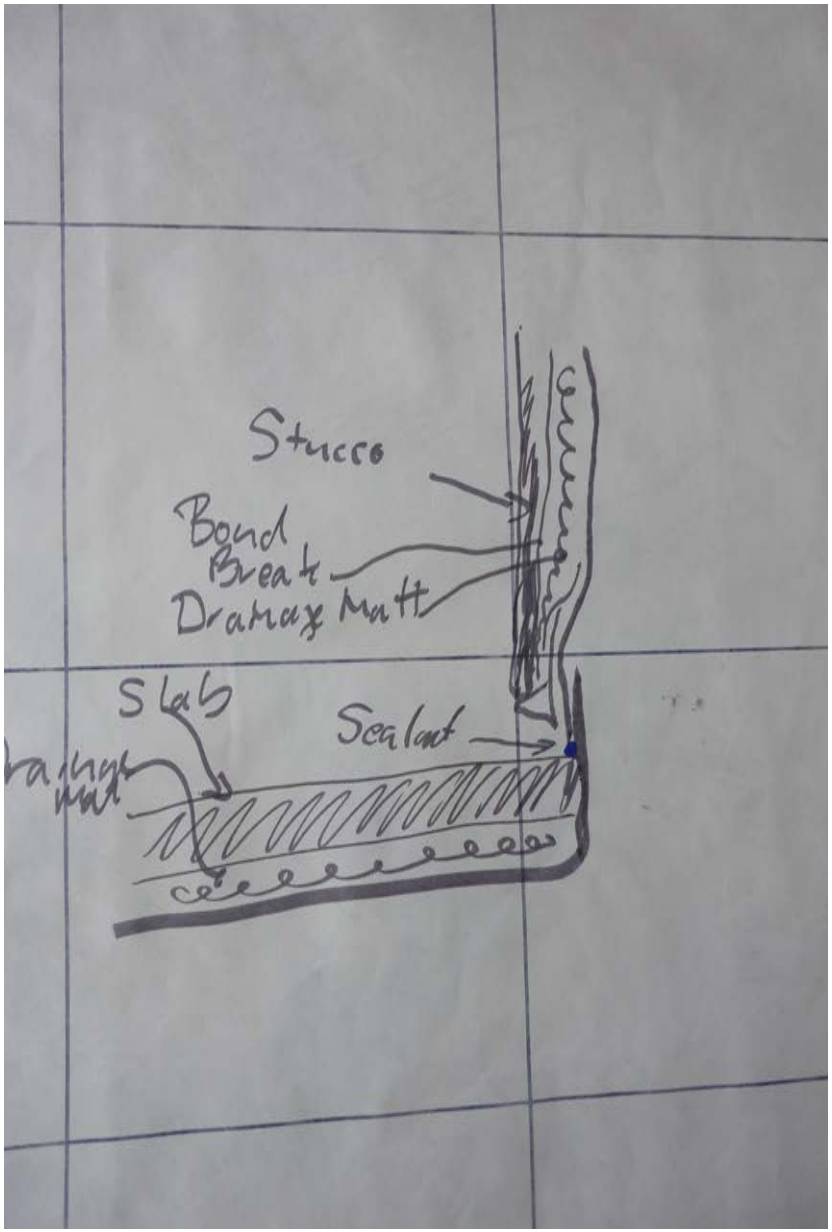
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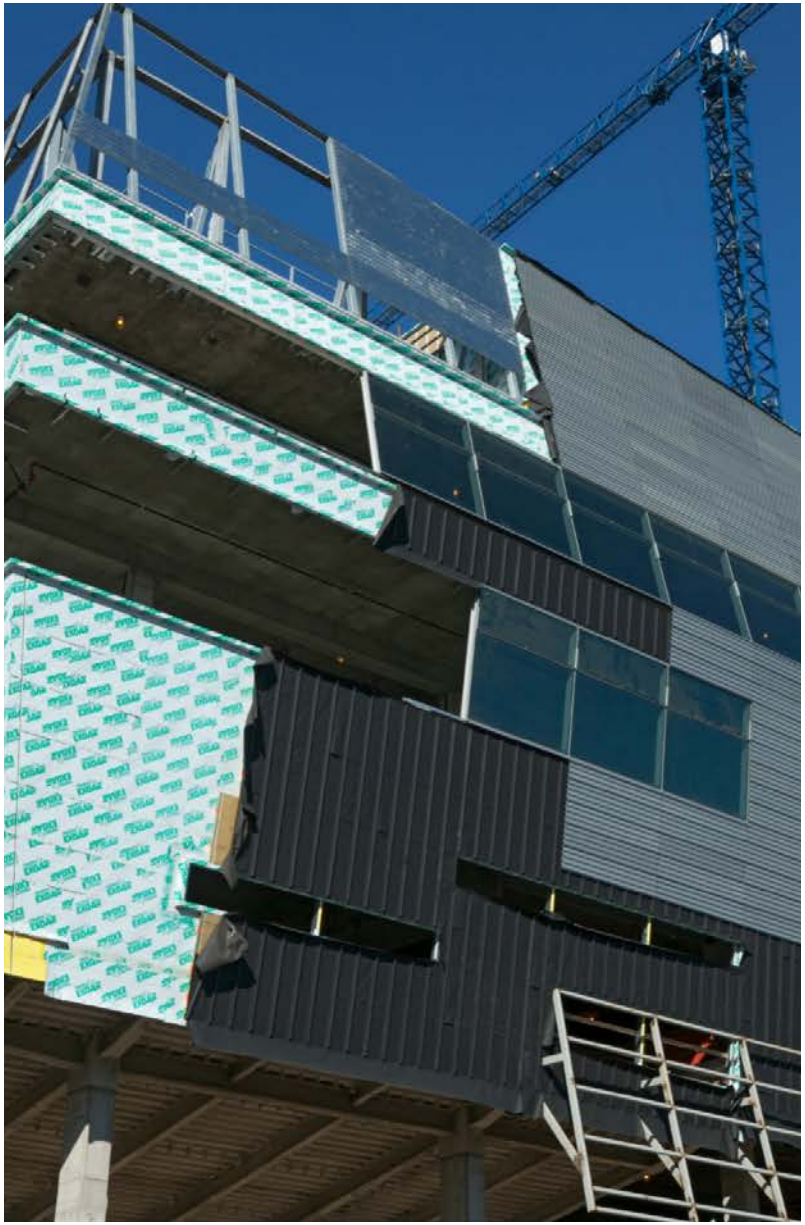


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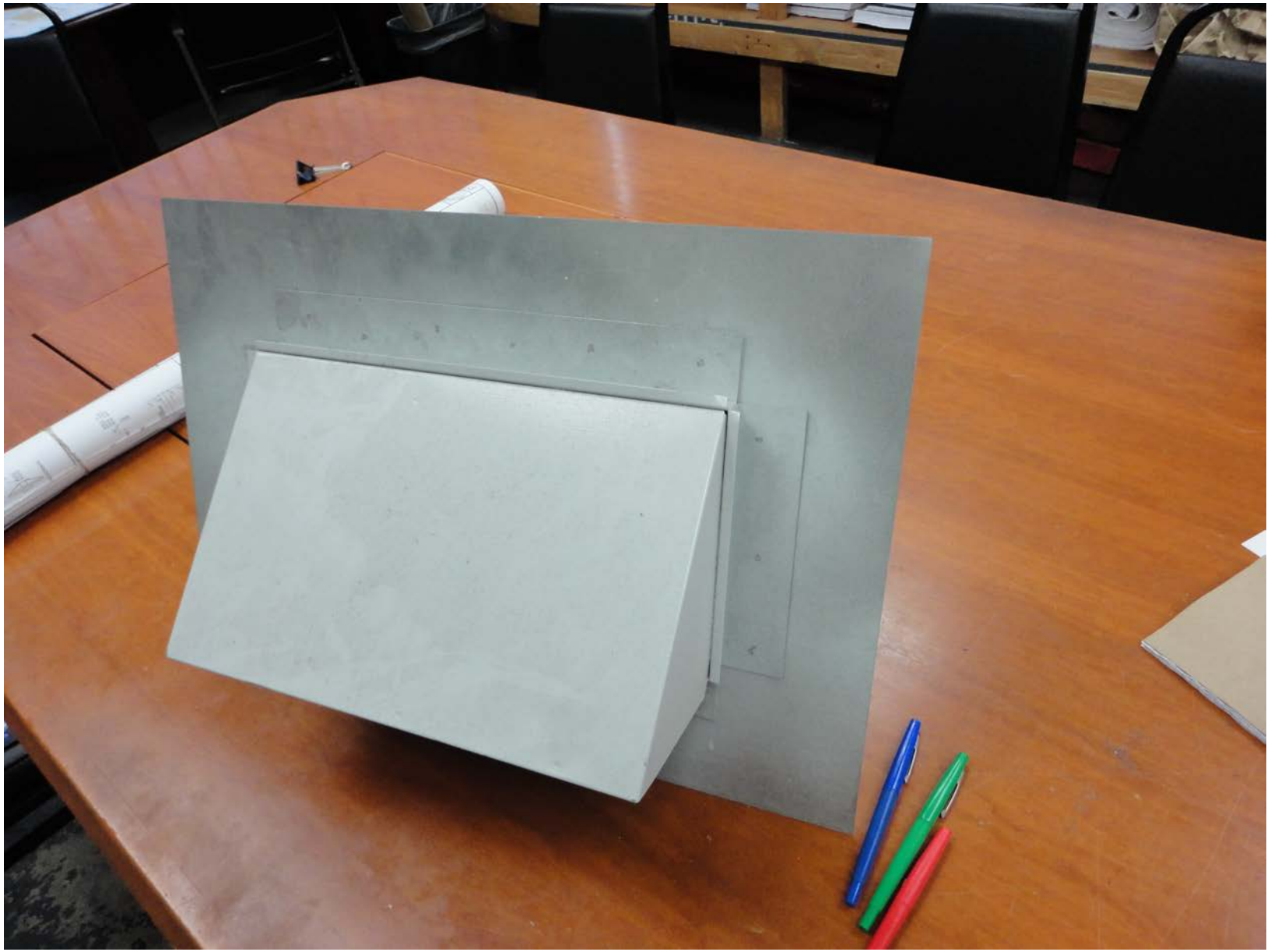


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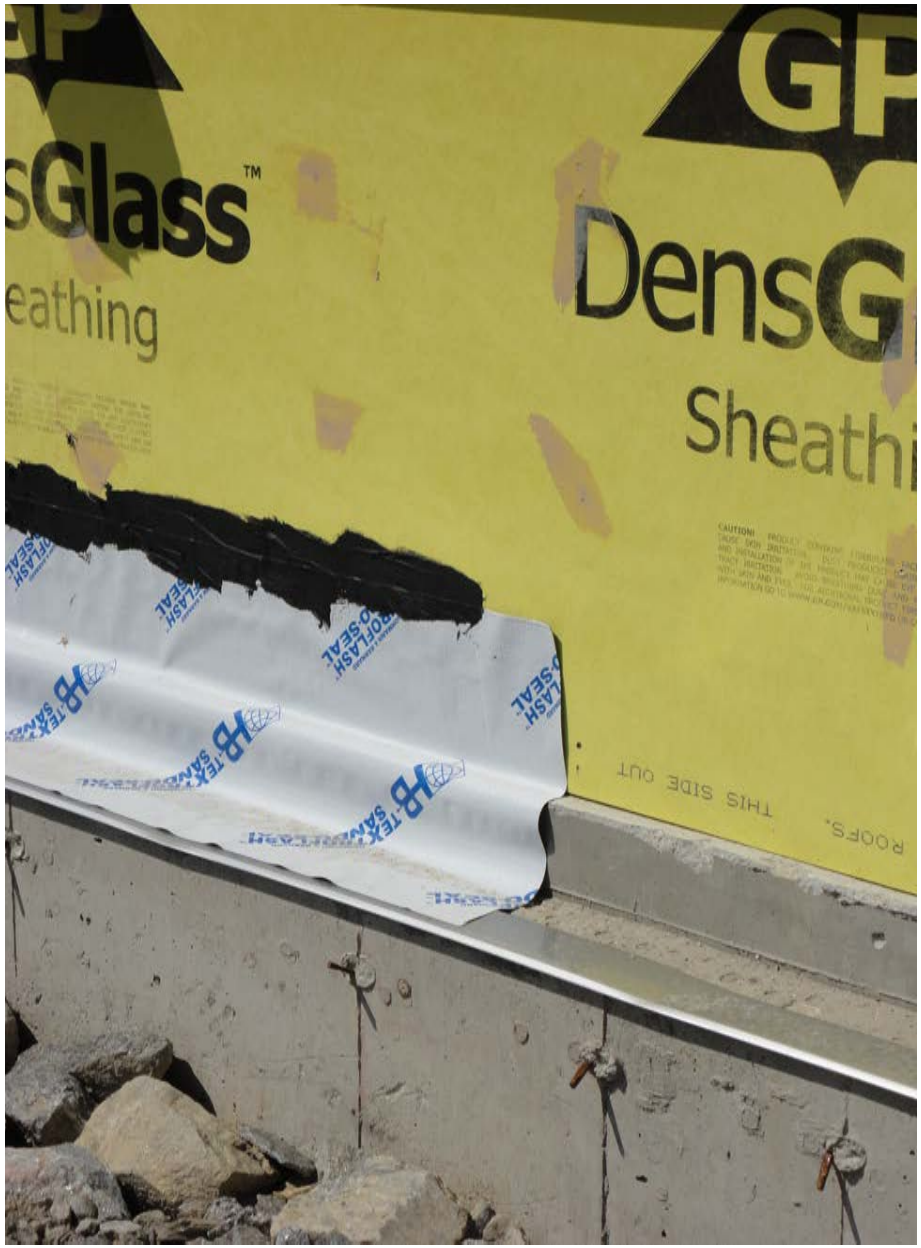
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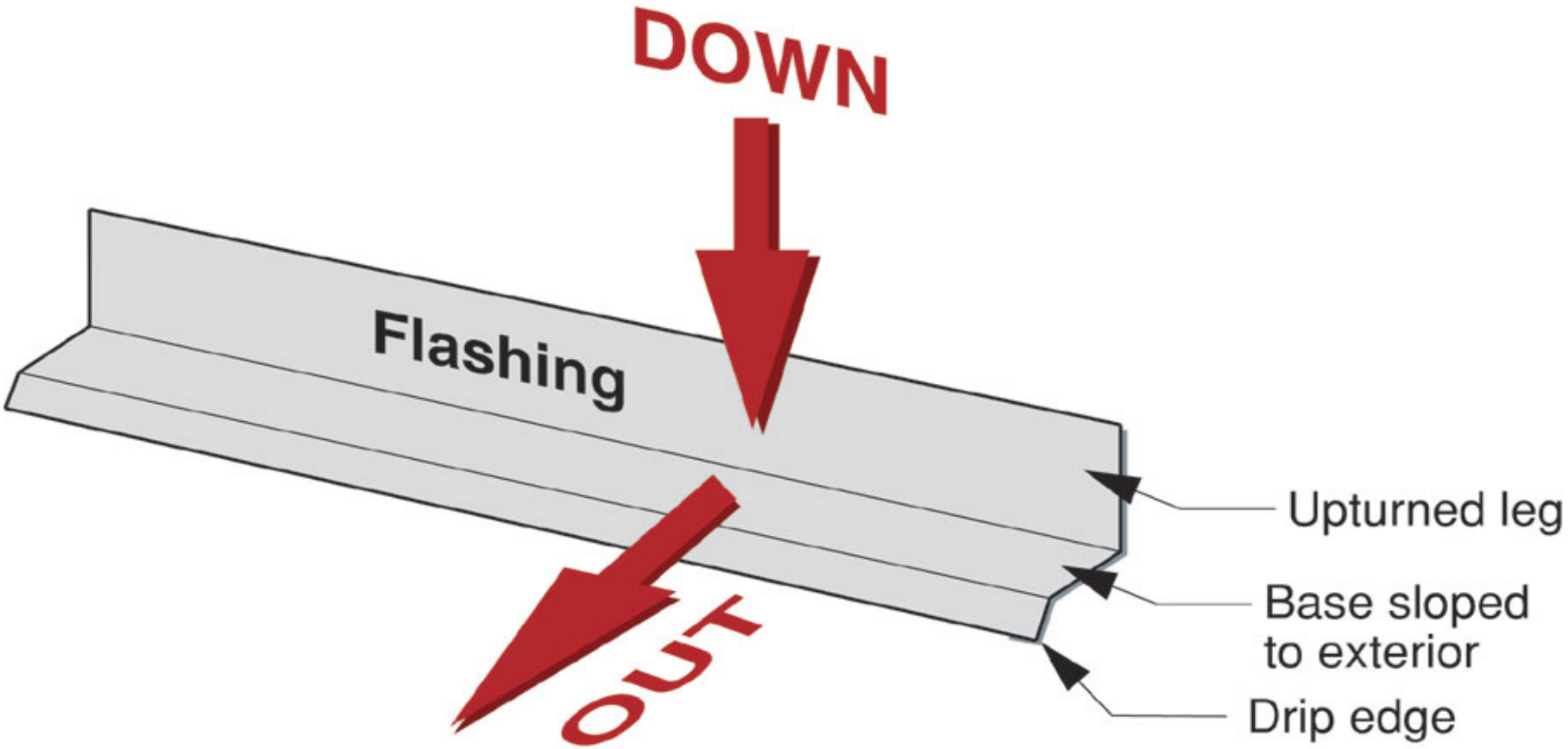
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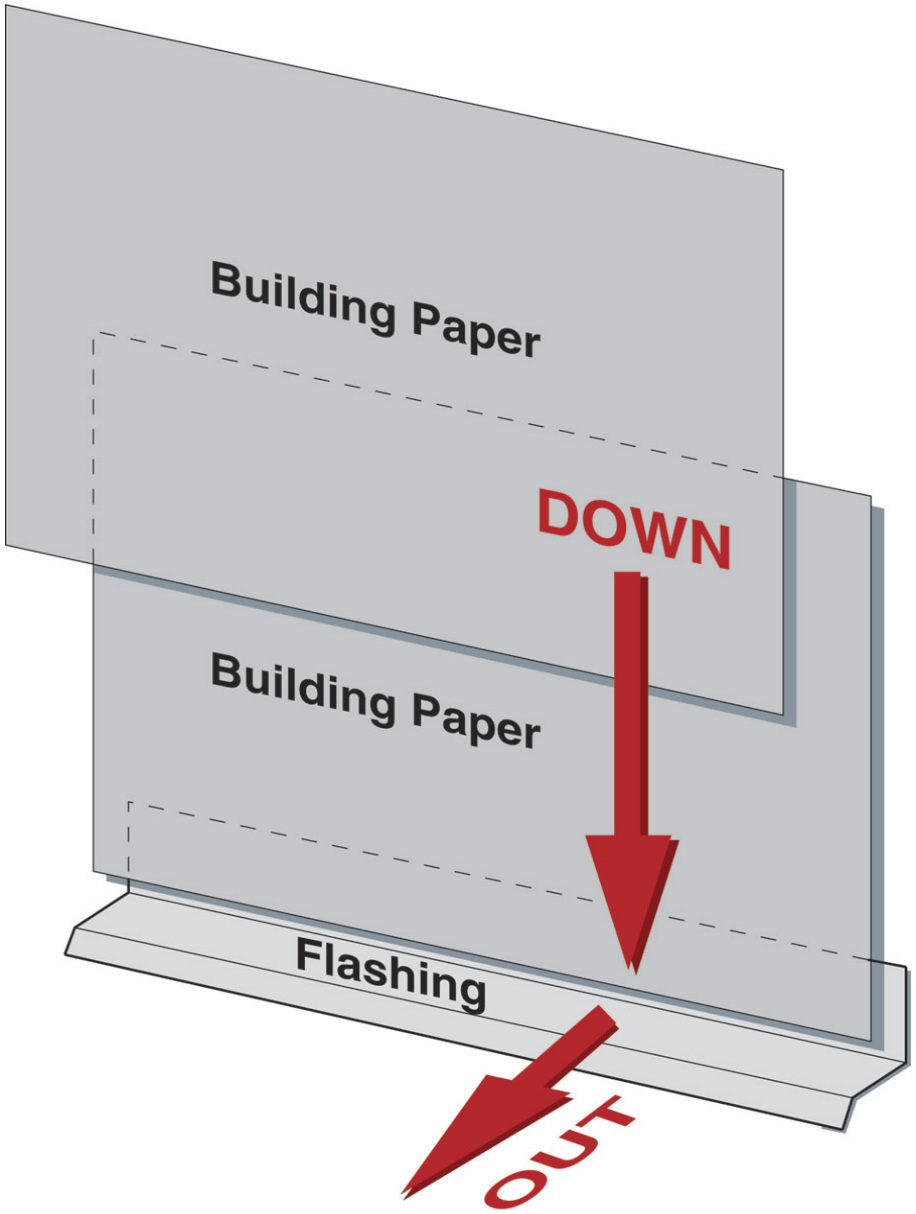
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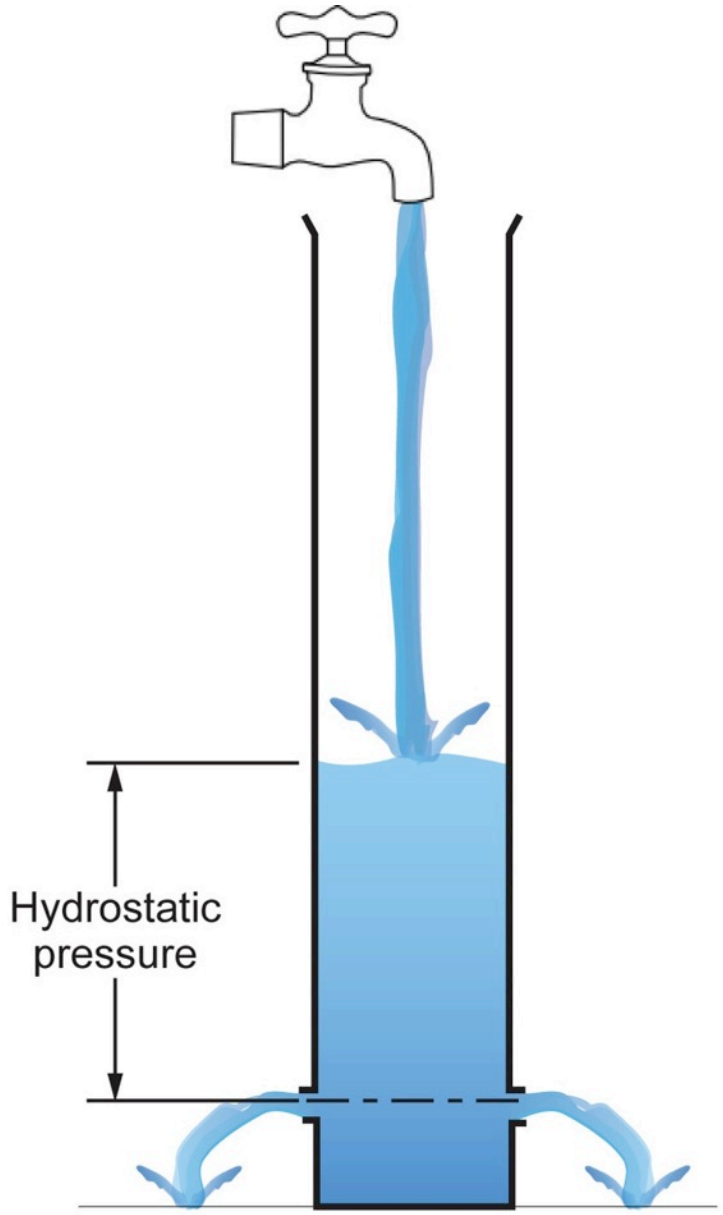
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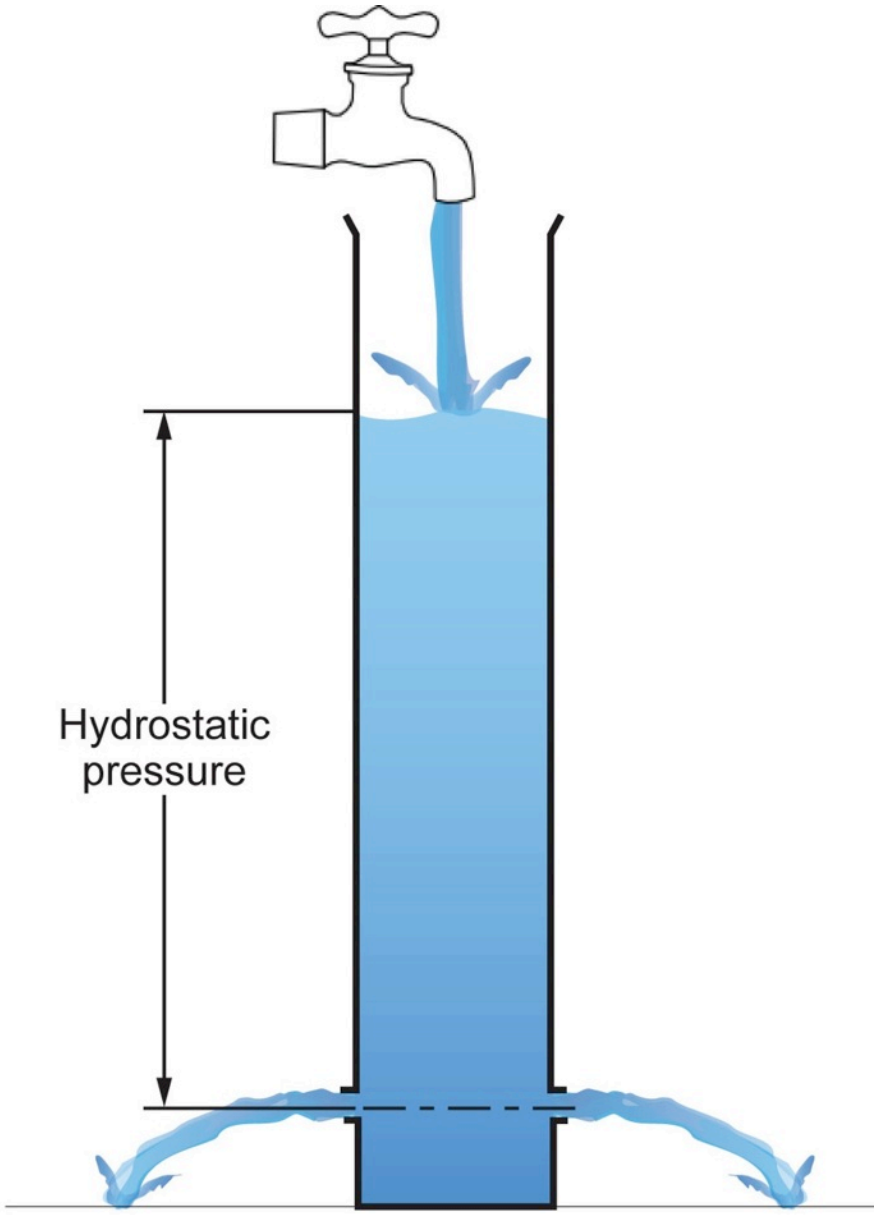
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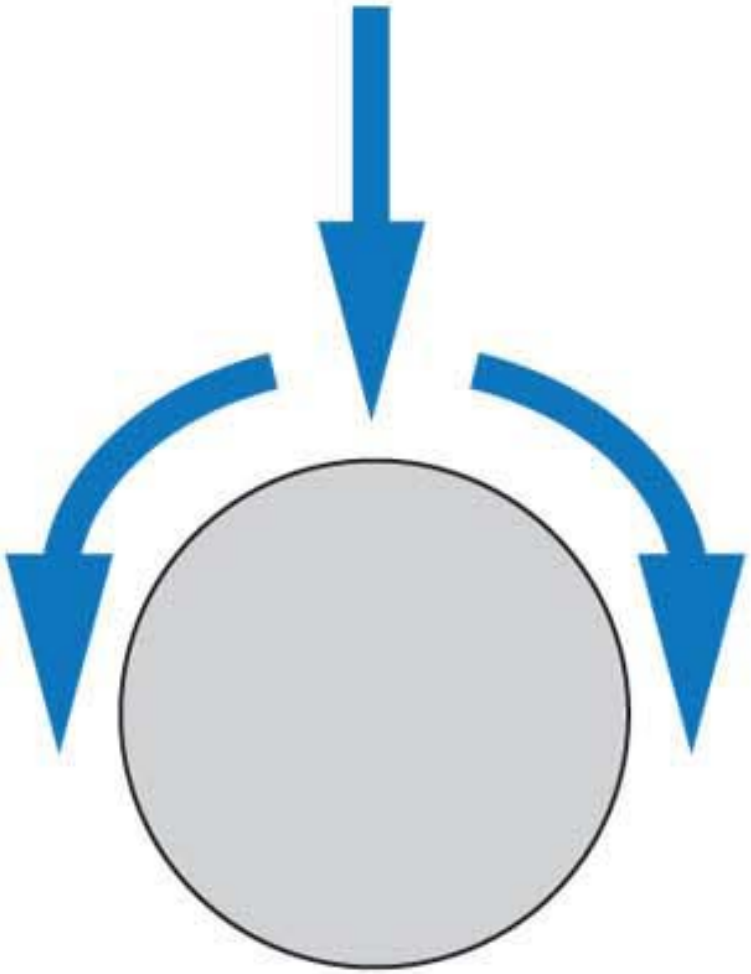

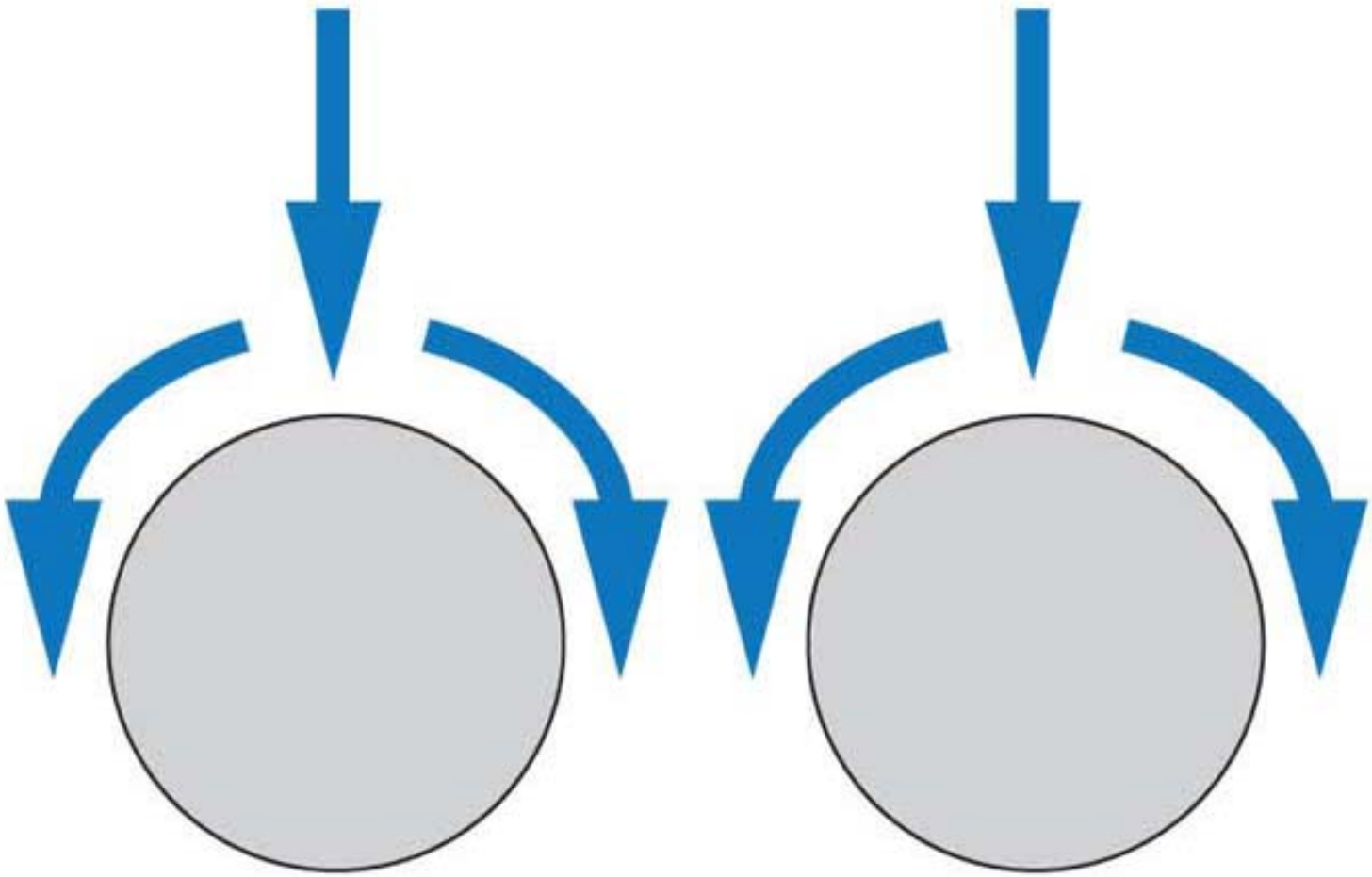

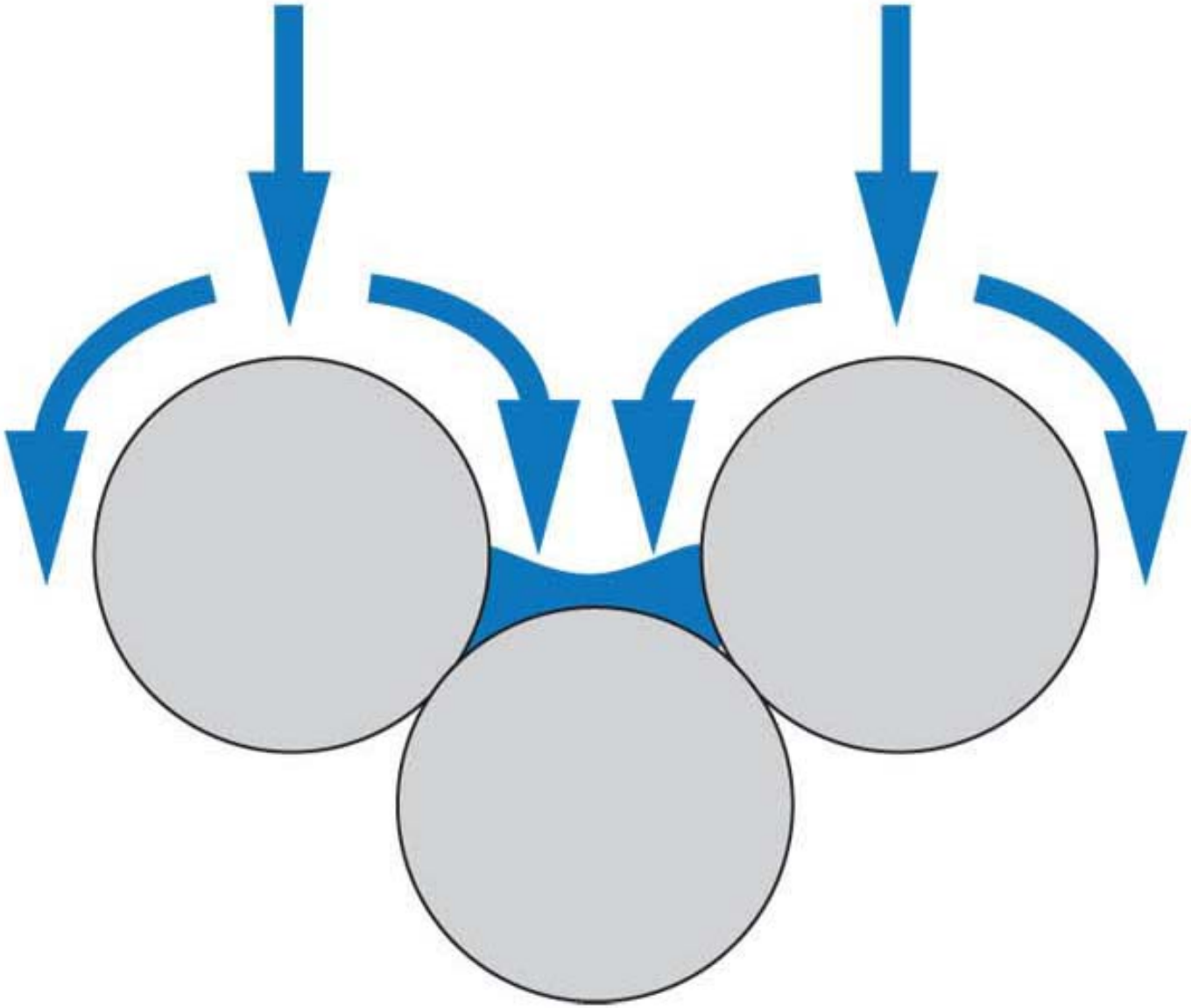

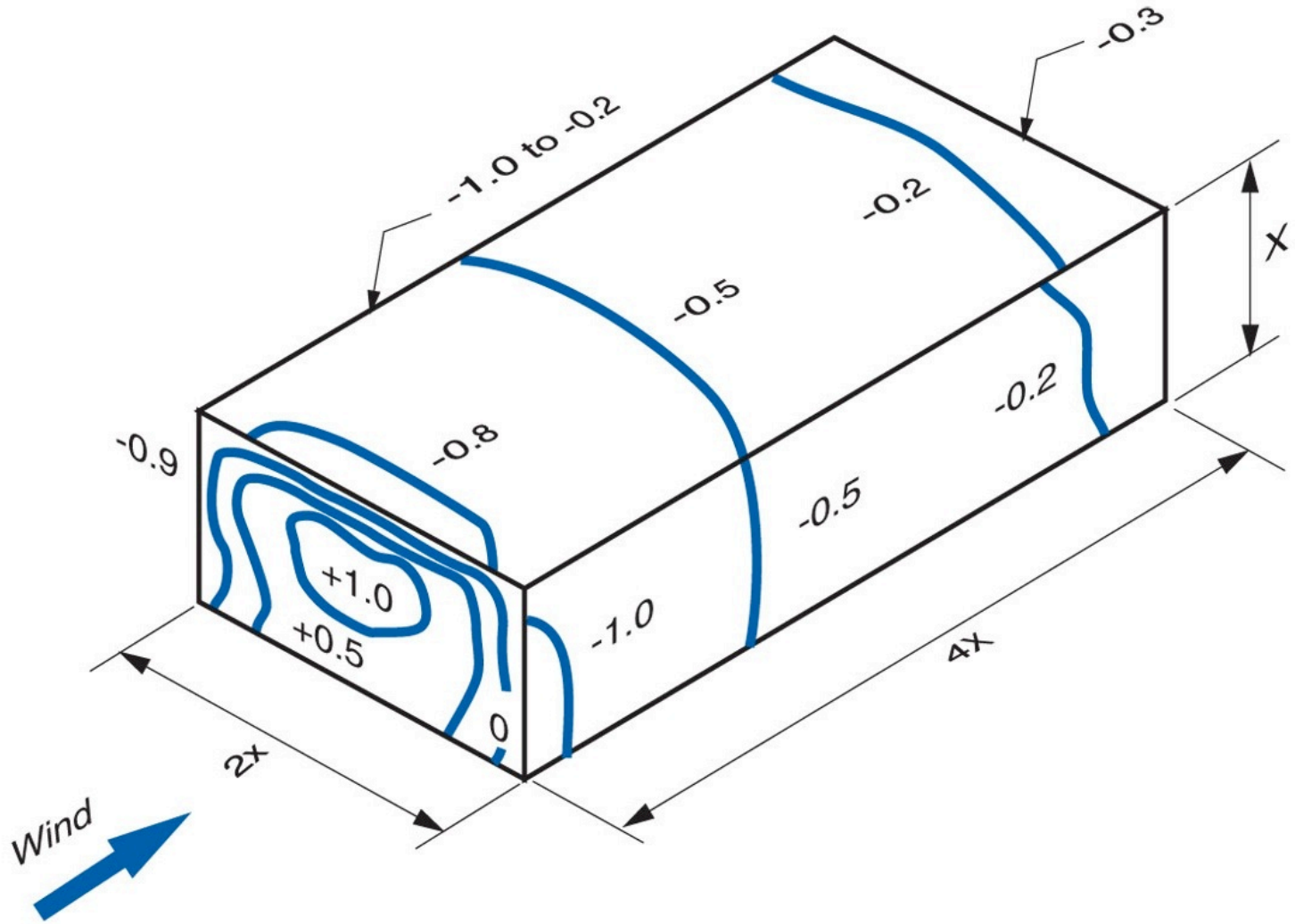
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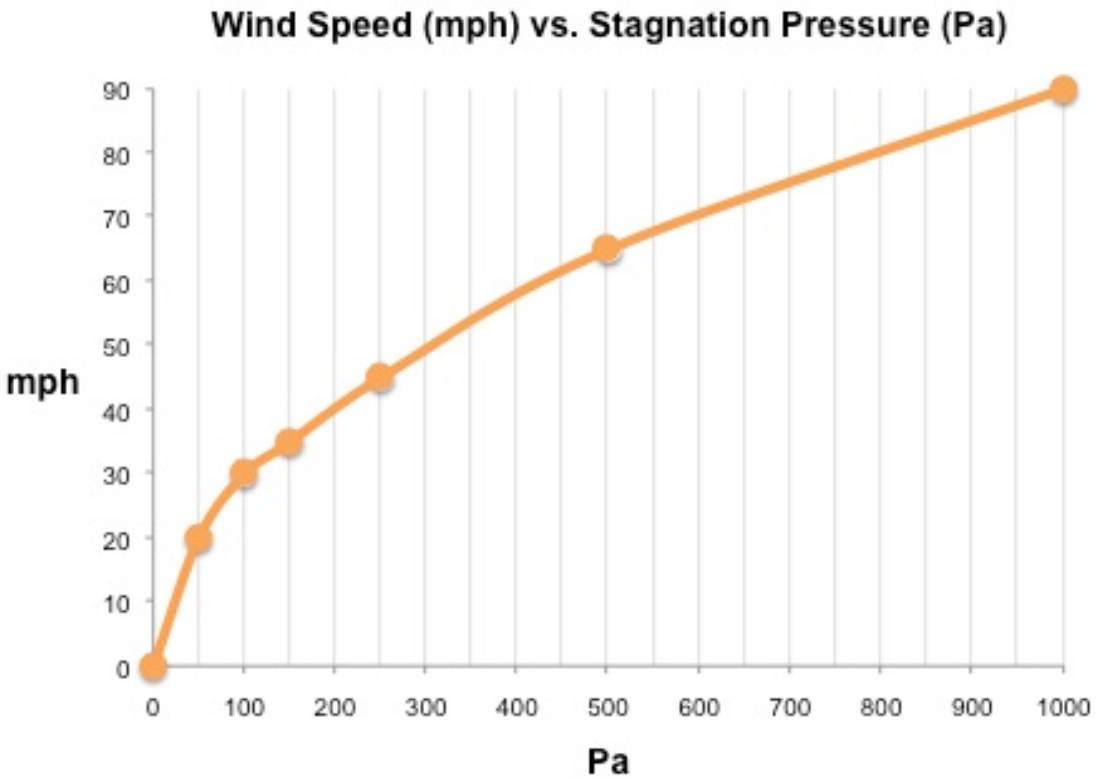


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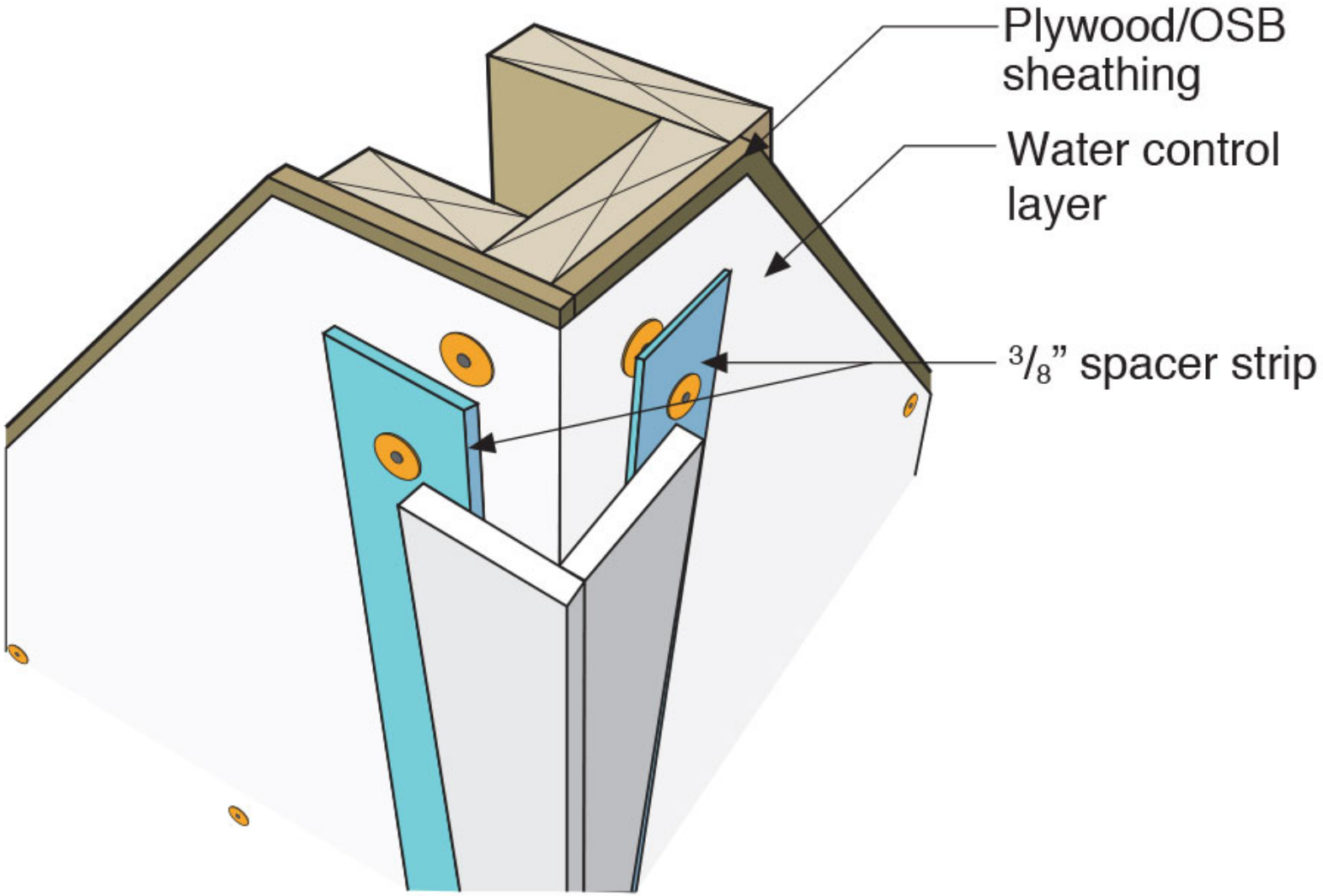
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Water control layer
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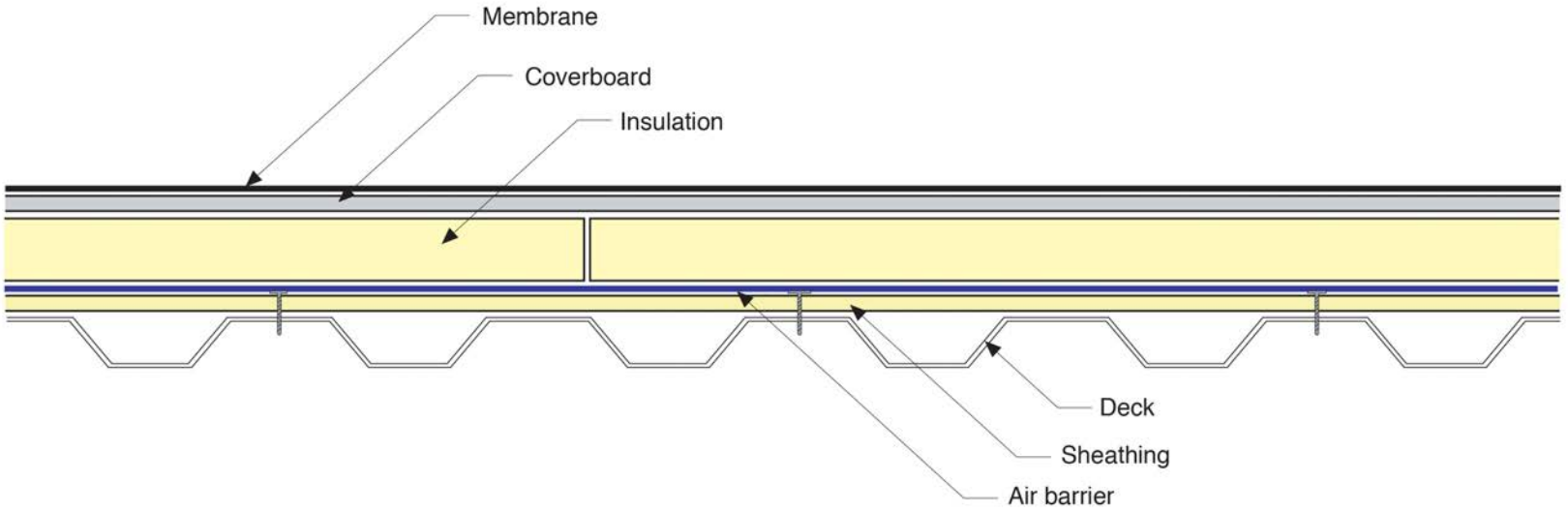
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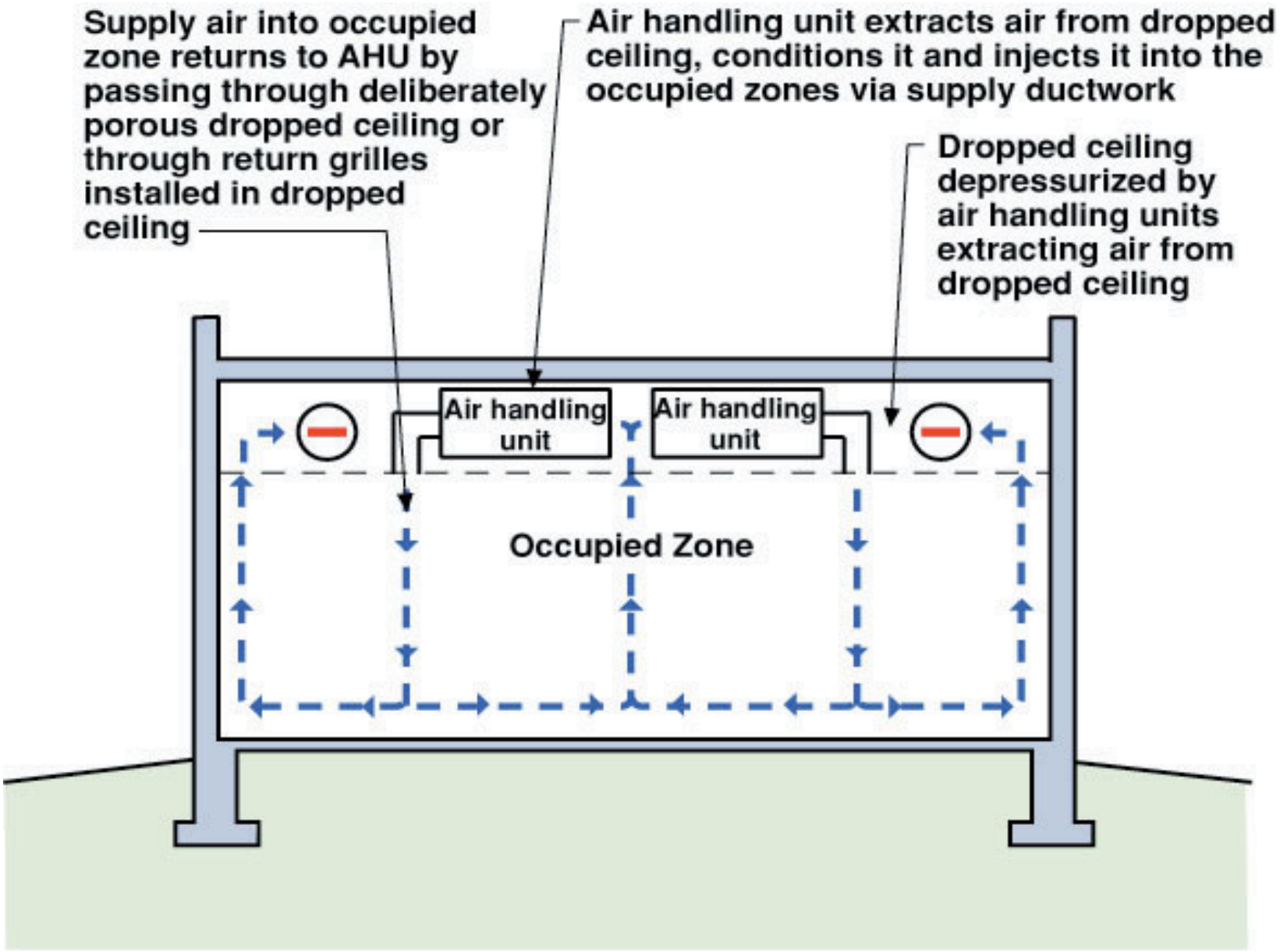
Air Leakage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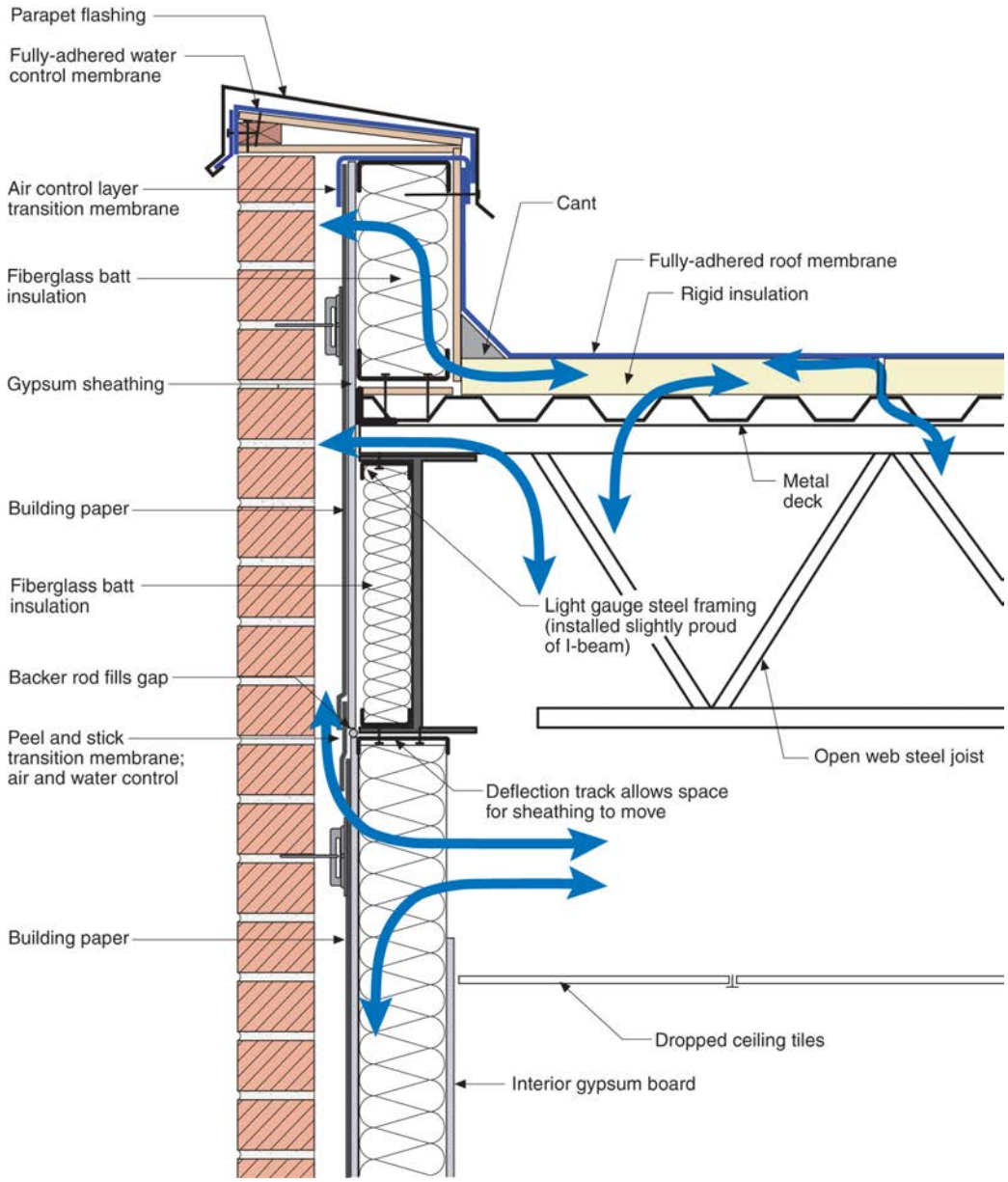
Dropped ceiling depressurized by air handling units extracting air from dropped ceiling
Air handling unit
Air handling unit
Occupied Zone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Fully-adhered water control membrane
Air control layer transition membrane
Fiberglass batt insulation
Gypsum sheathing
Building paper
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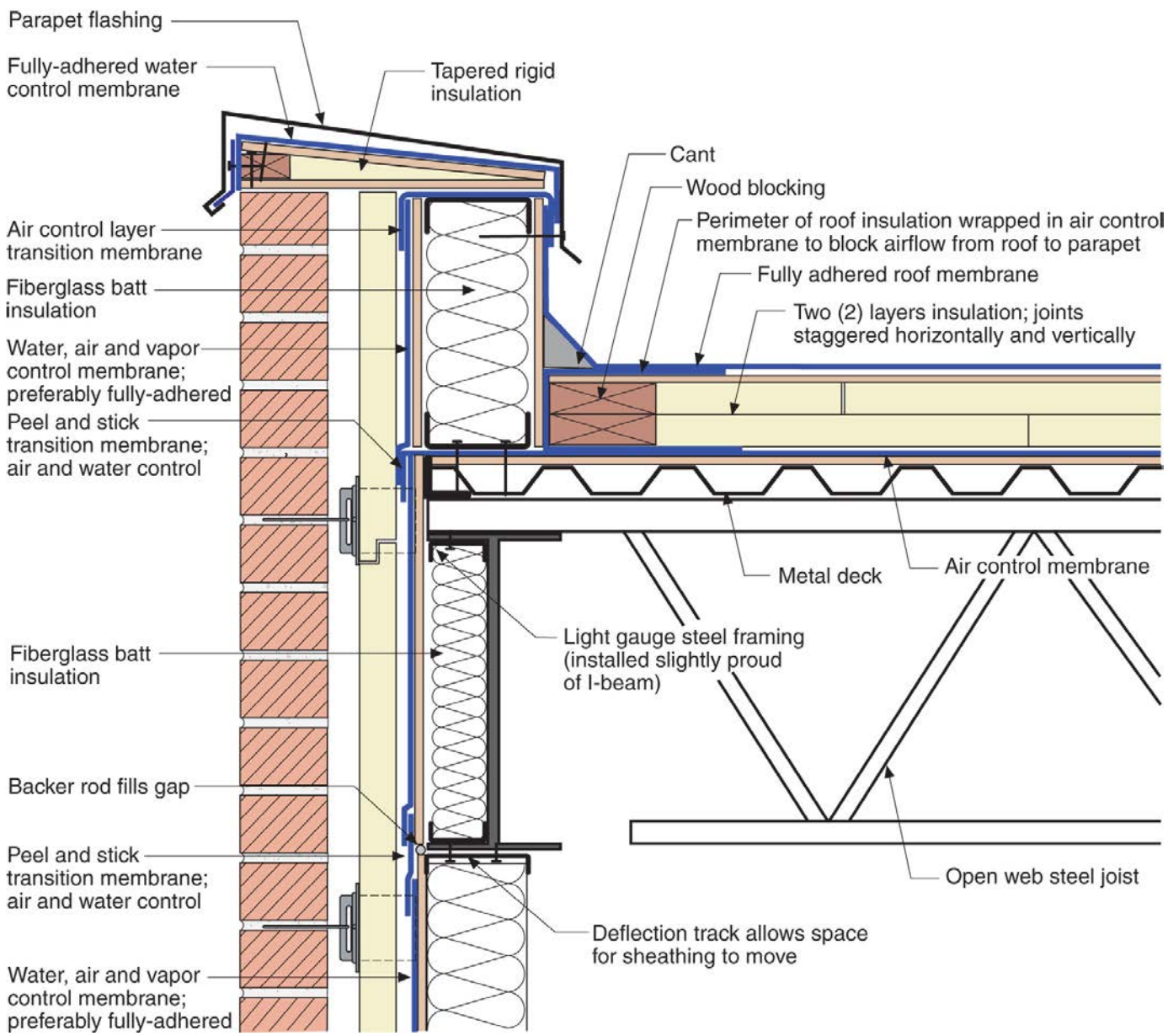
Backer rod fills gap
Peel and stick transition membrane; air and water control
Building paper
Cant
Fully-adhered roof membrane
Rigid insulation
Metal deck
Light gauge steel framing (installed slightly proud of I-beam)
Open web steel joist
Deflection track allows space for sheathing to move
Dropped ceiling tiles
Interior gypsum board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Fully adhered roof membrane
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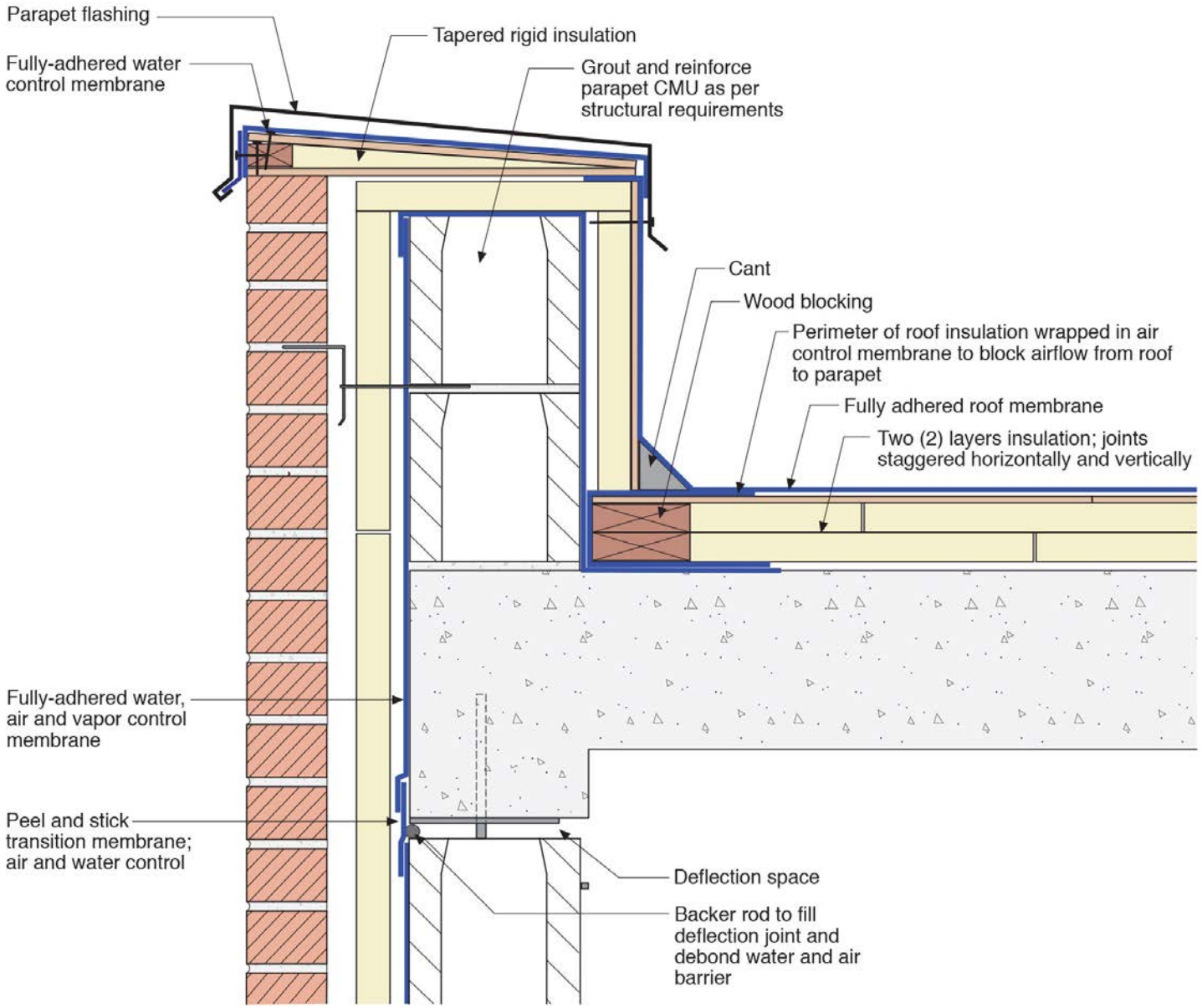
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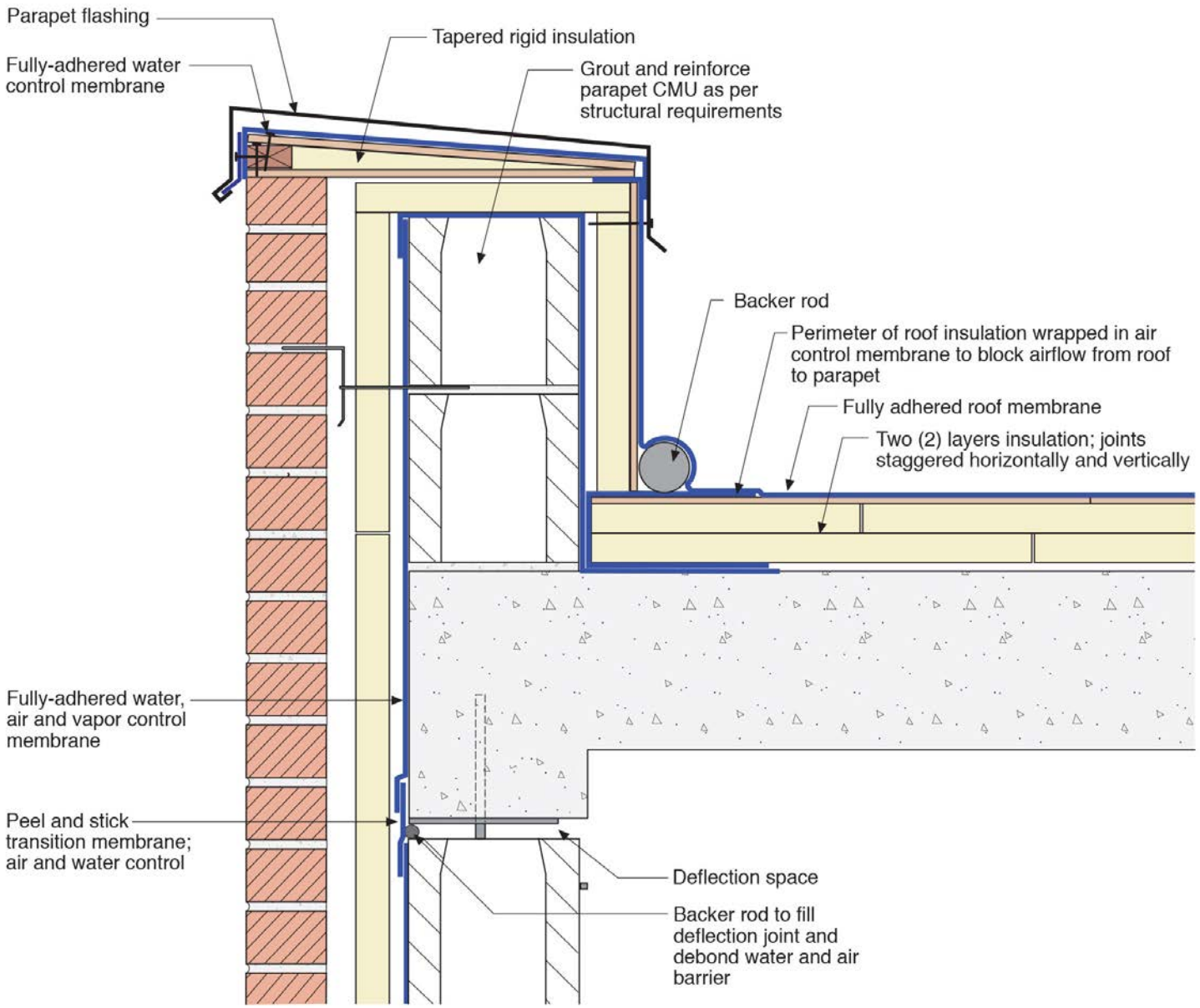
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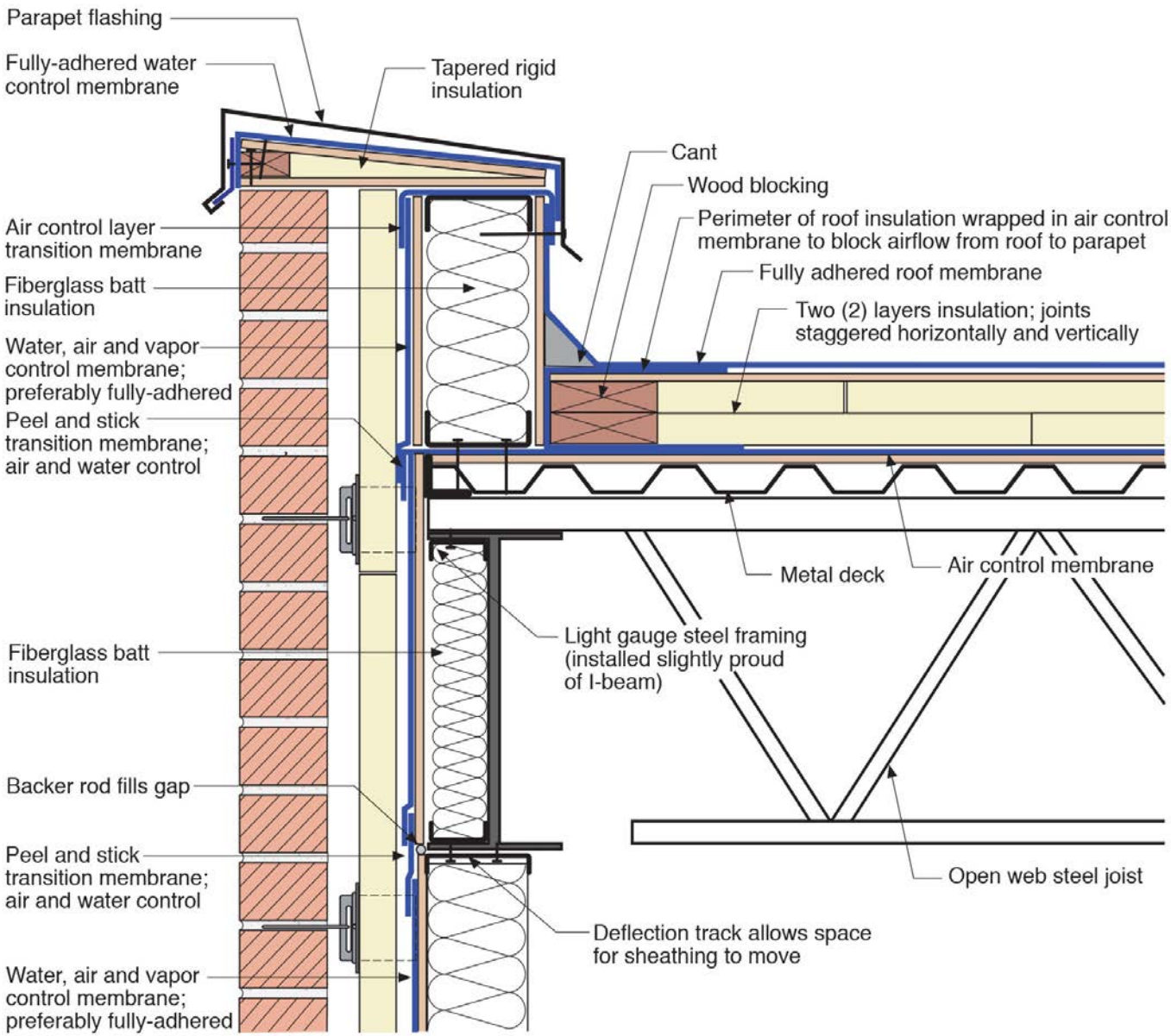
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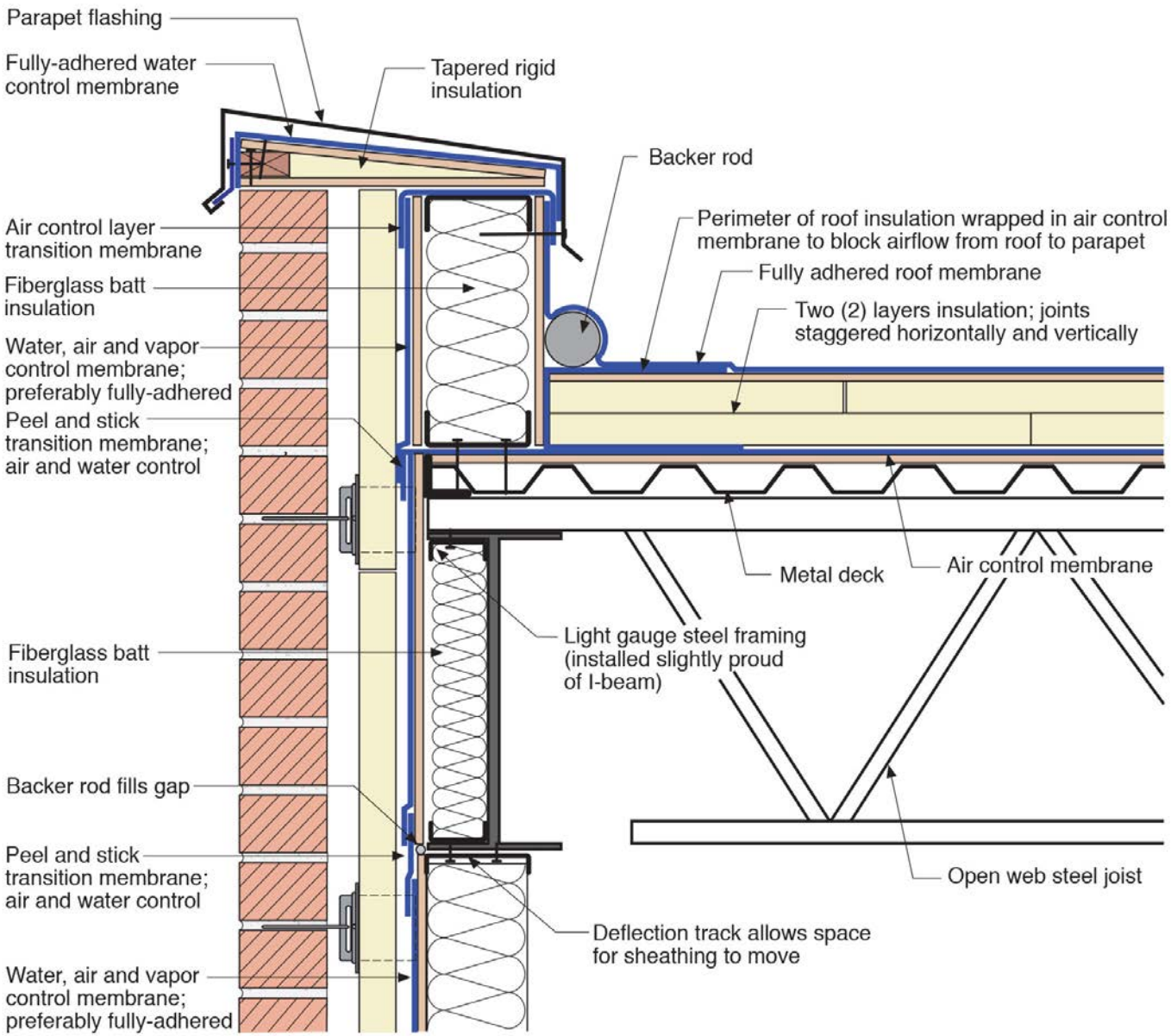
Backer rod fills gap
Peel and stick transition membrane; air and water control
Open web steel joist
Deflection track allows space for sheathing to move
Water, air and vapor control membrane; preferably fully-adhered


Parapet flashing
Fully-adhered water control membrane
Tapered rigid insulation
Backer rod
Perimeter of roof insulation wrapped in air control membrane to block airflow from roof to parapet
Fully adhered roof membrane
Two (2) layers insulation; joints staggered horizontally and vertically
Air control layer transition membrane
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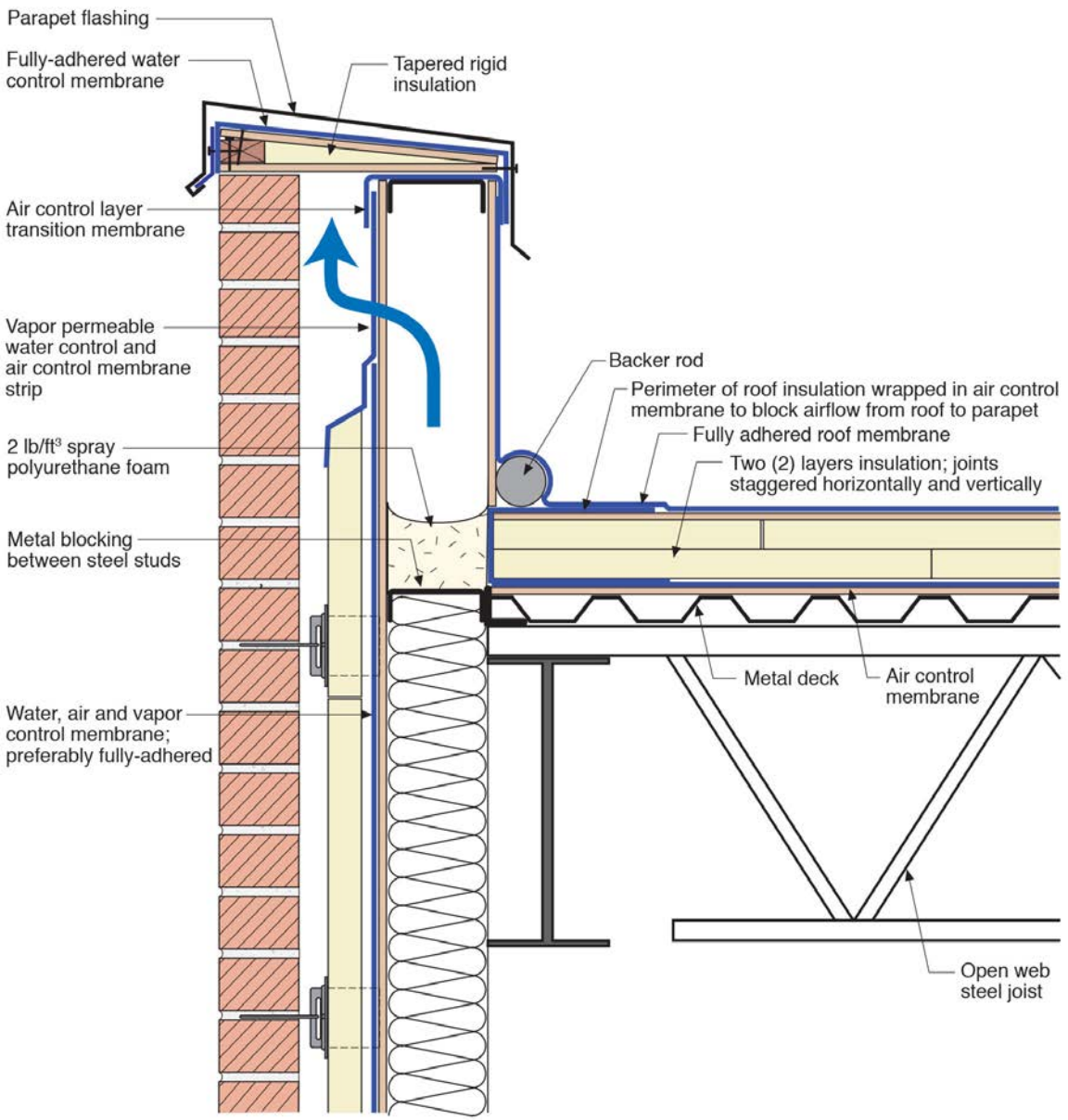
Parapet flashing
Fully-adhered water control membrane
Tapered rigid insulation
Air control layer transition membrane
Vapor permeable water control and air control membrane strip
2 lb/ft³ spray polyurethane foam
Metal blocking between steel studs
Water, air and vapor control membrane; preferably fully-adhered
Backer rod
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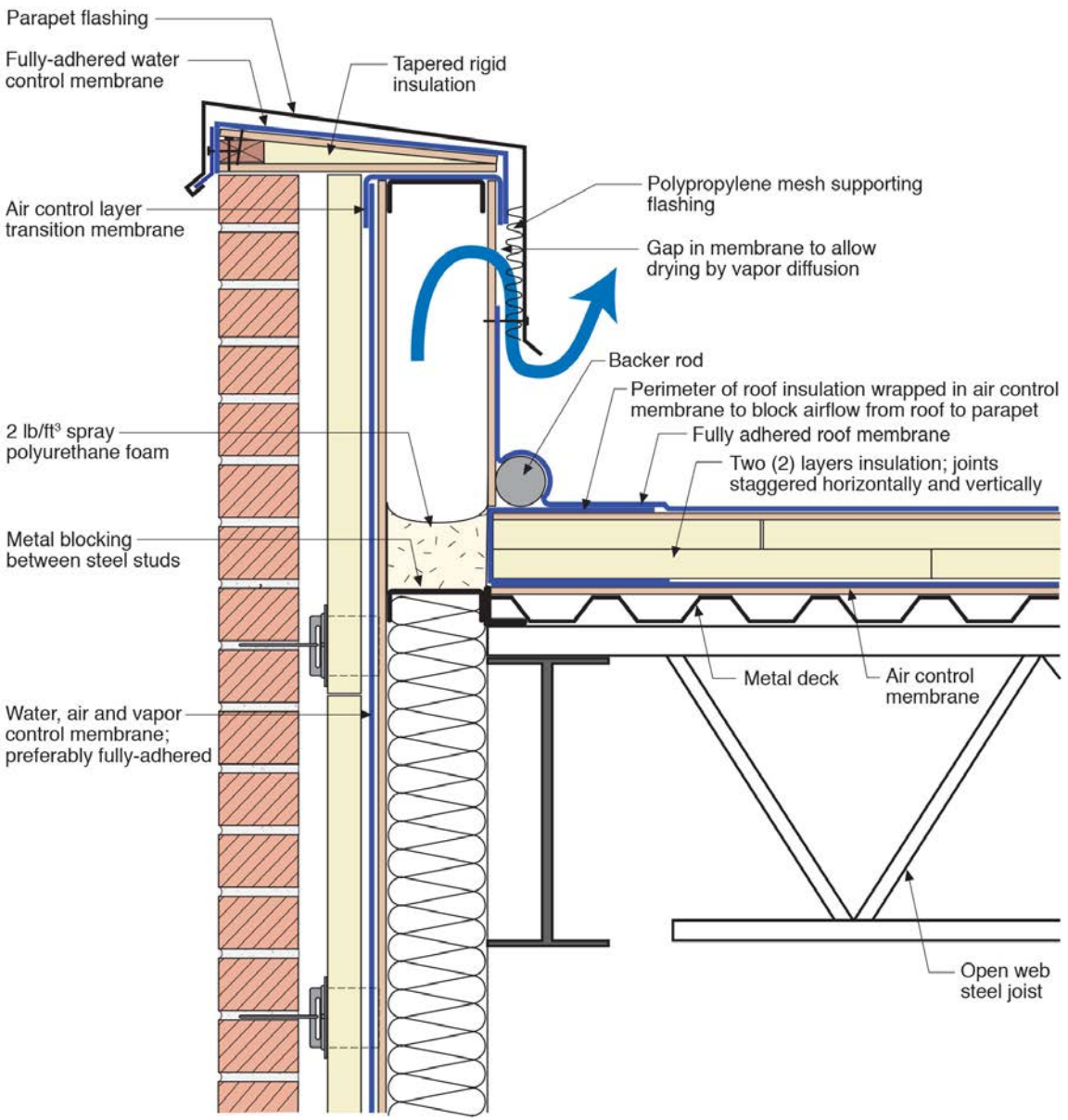
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Tapered rigid insulation
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Polypropylene mesh supporting flashing
Gap in membrane to allow drying by vapor diffusion
Backer rod
Perimeter of roof insulation wrapped in air control membrane to block airflow from roof to parapet
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Metal blocking between steel studs
Metal deck
Air control membrane
Water, air and vapor control membrane; preferably fully-adhered
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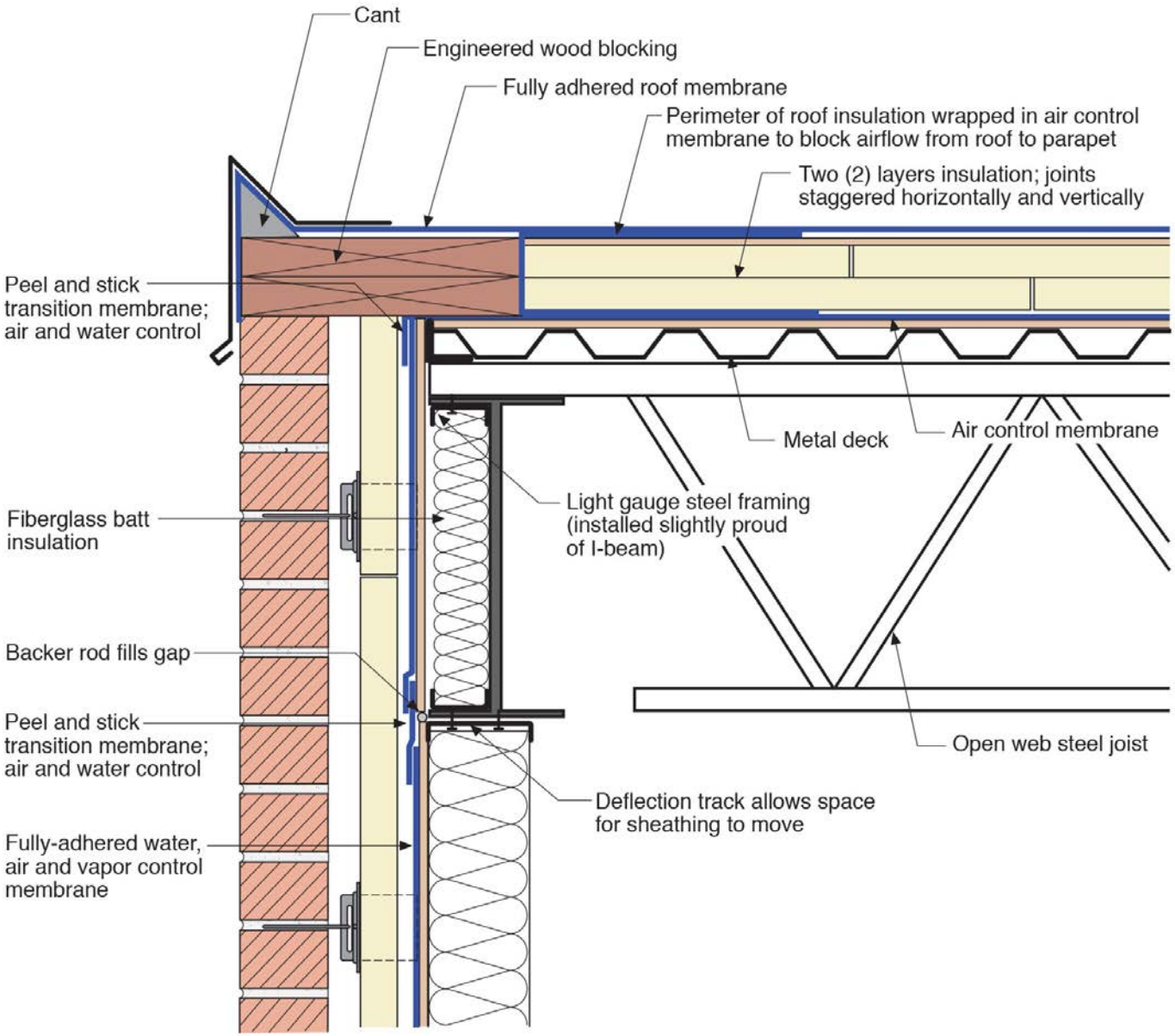
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Engineered wood blocking
Fully adhered roof membrane
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Peel and stick transition membrane; air and water control
Metal deck
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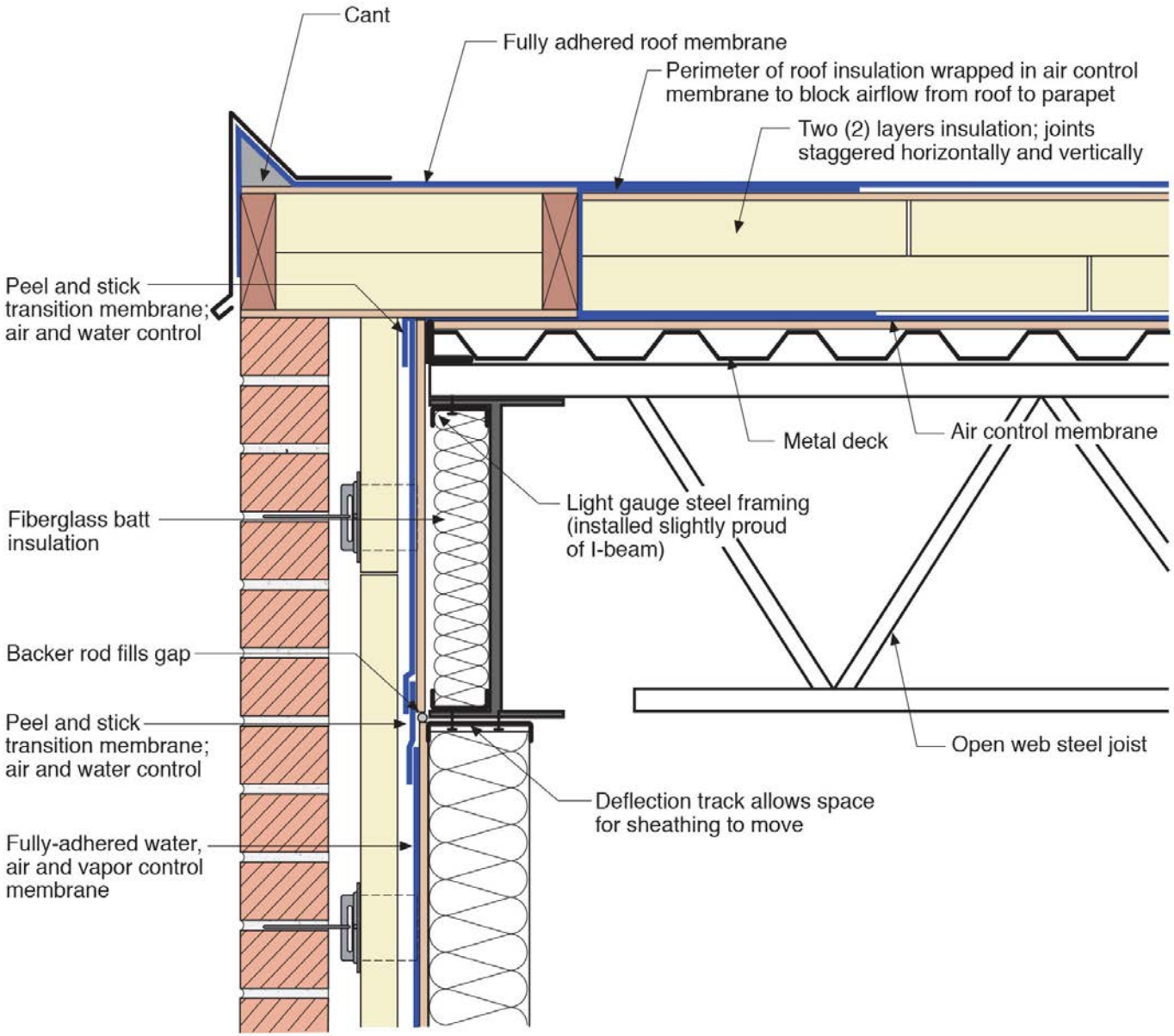
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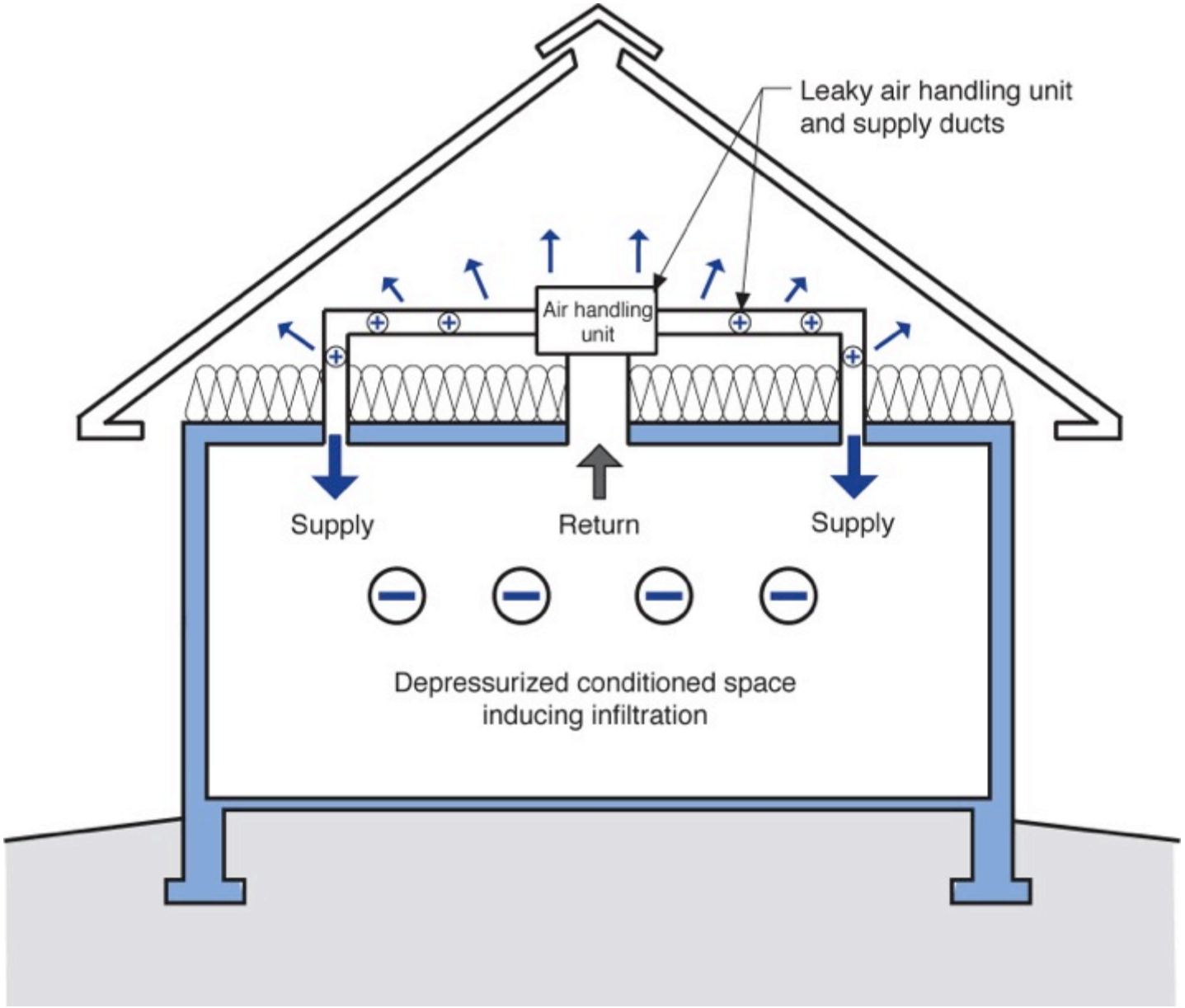
Leaky air handling unit
and supply ducts
Air handling
unit
Supply
Return
Supply
Depressurized conditioned space
inducing infiltration

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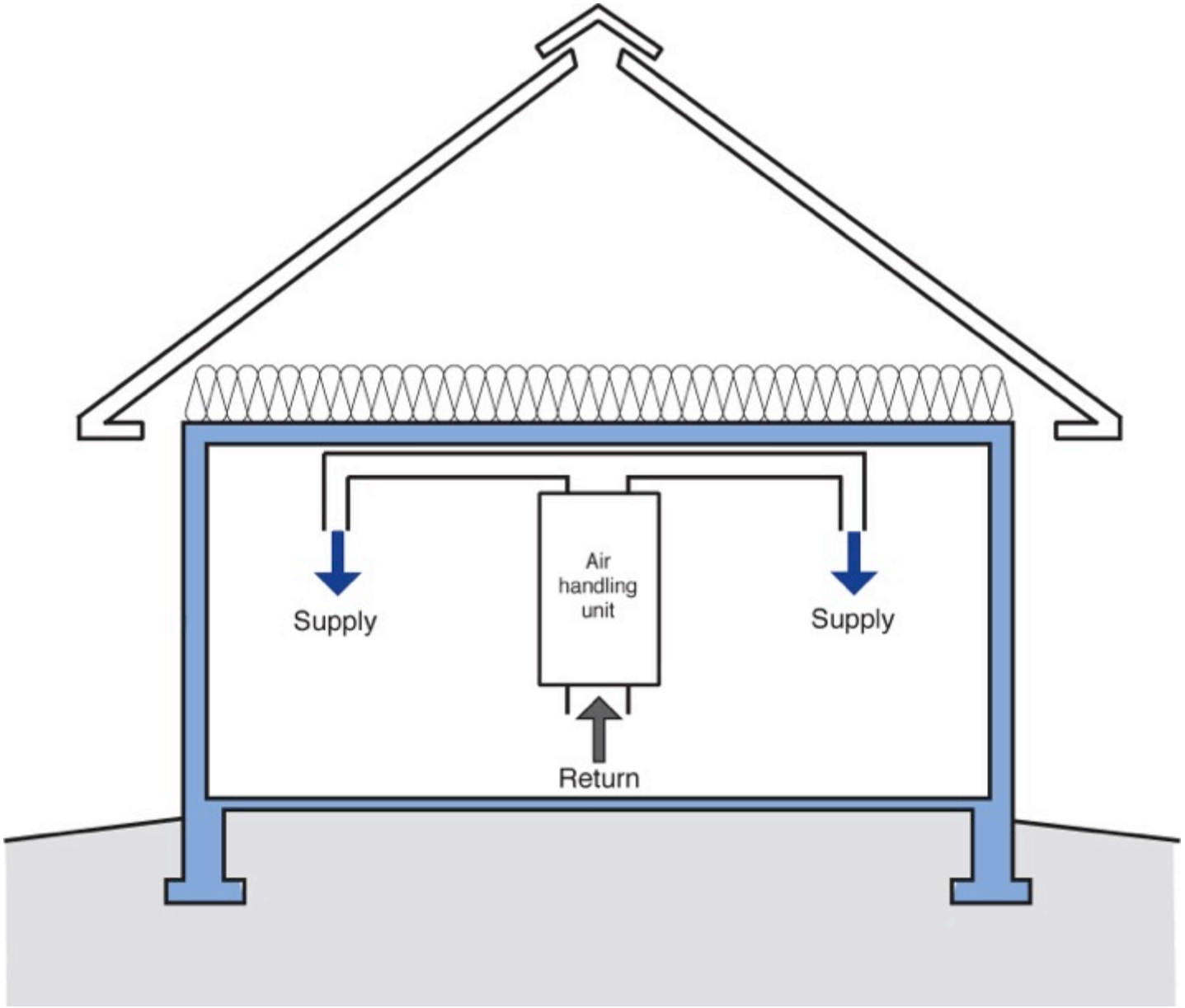
Not all the Time…..but.....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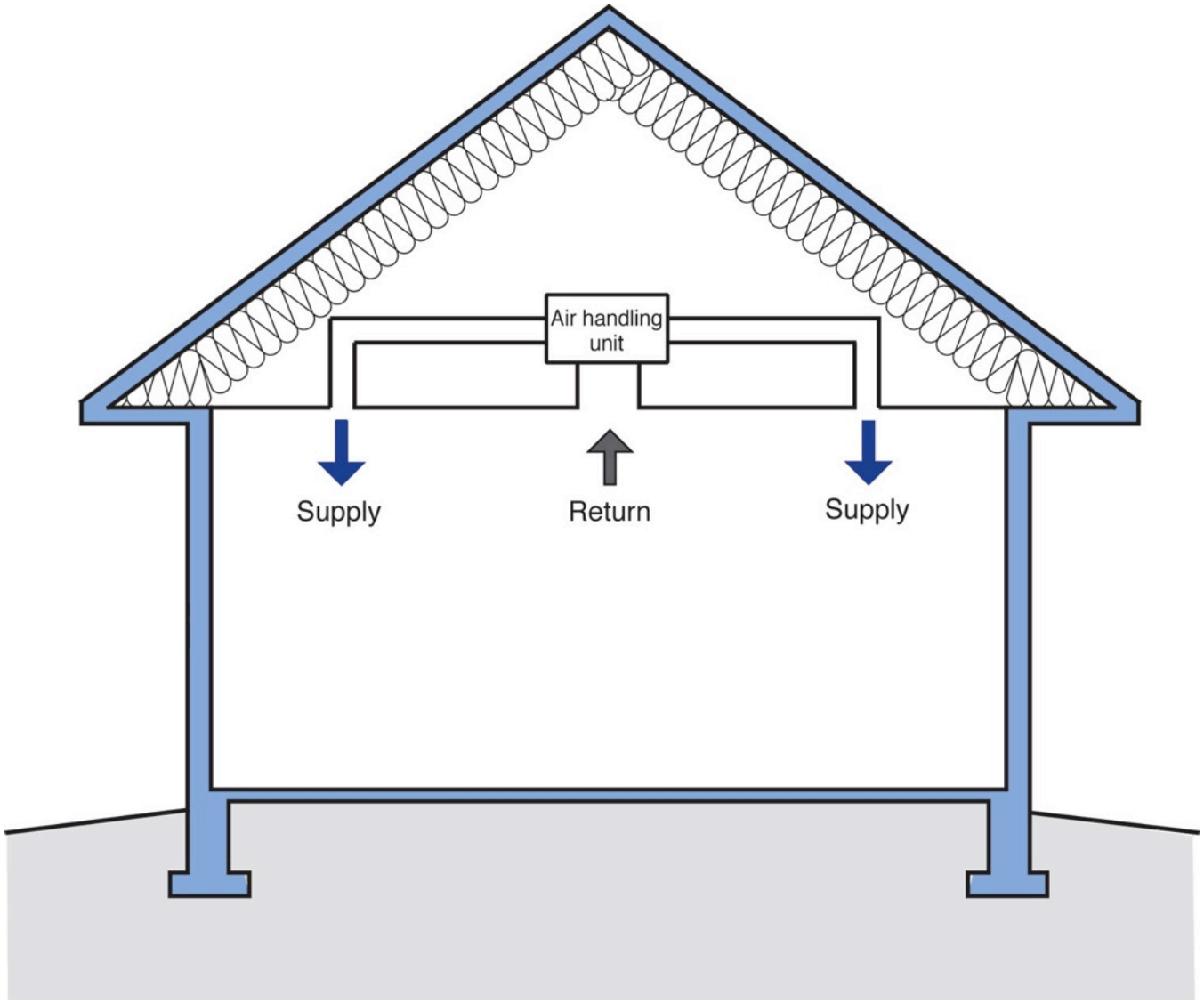
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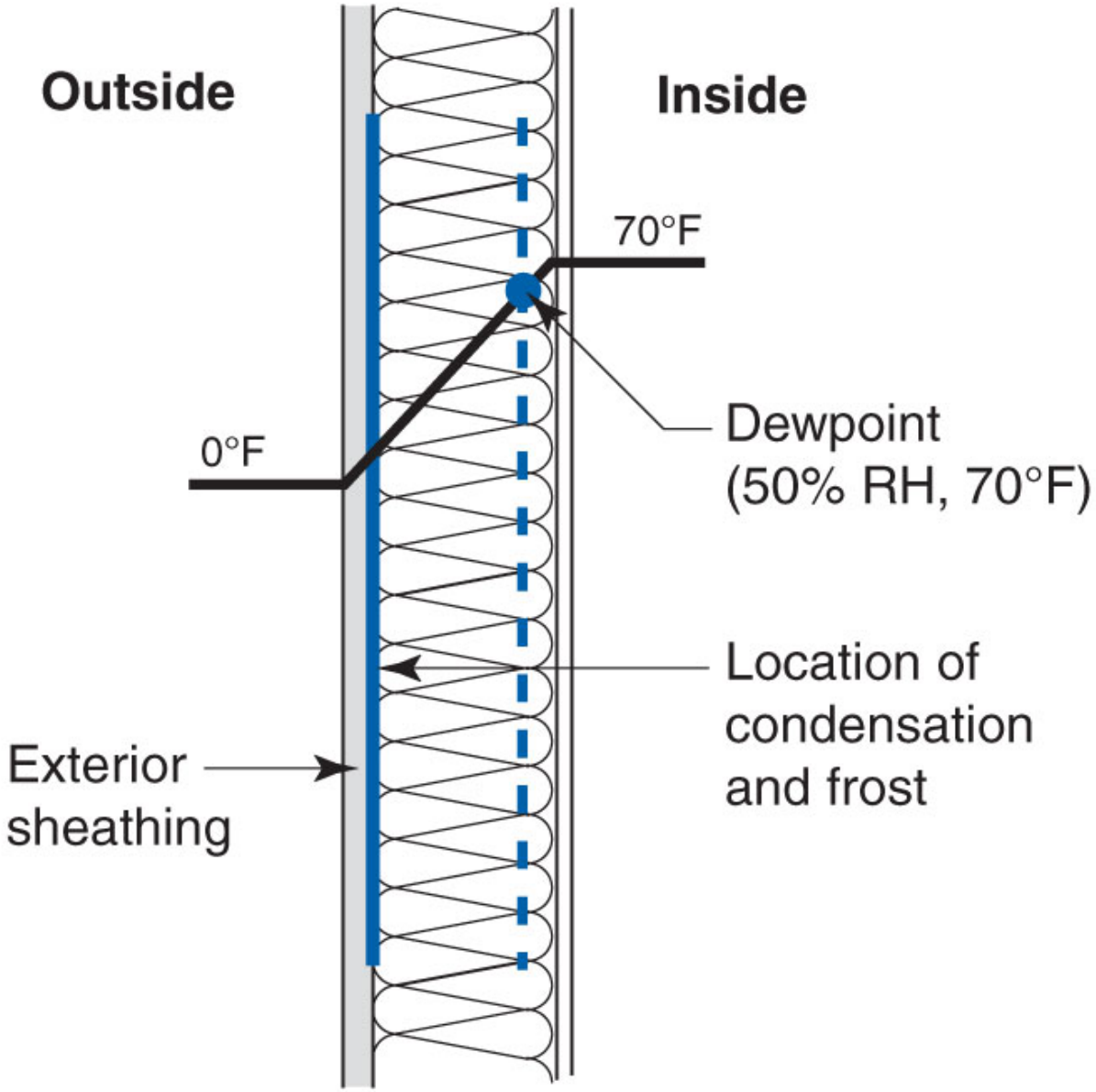
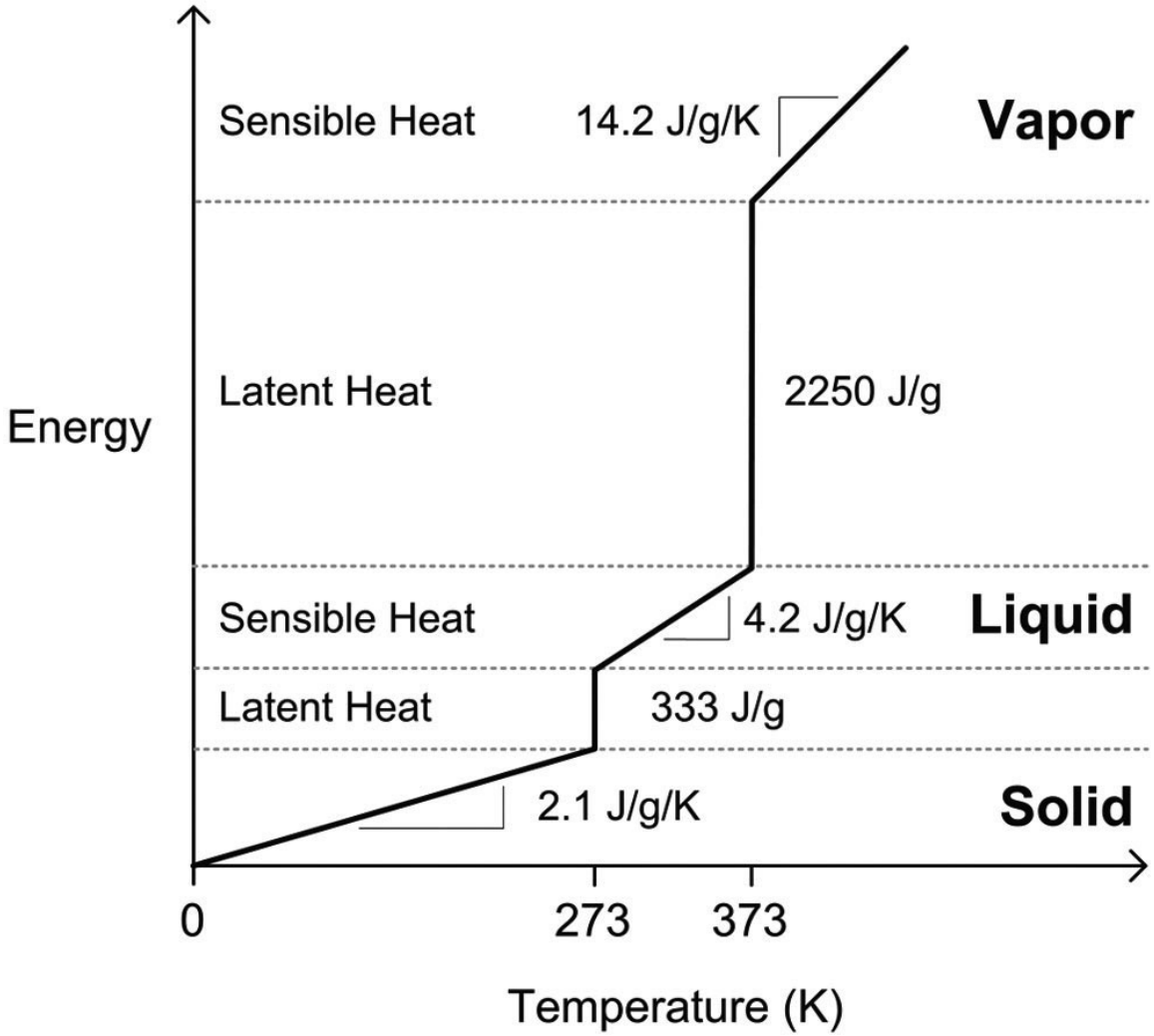
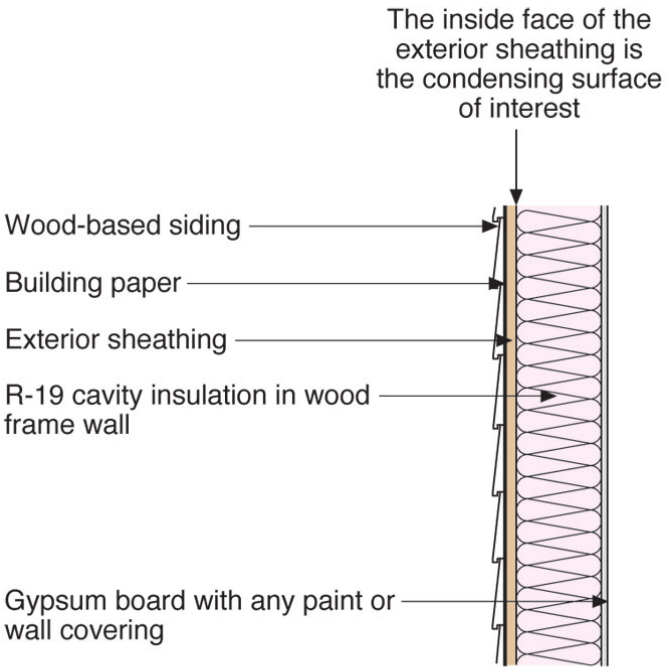
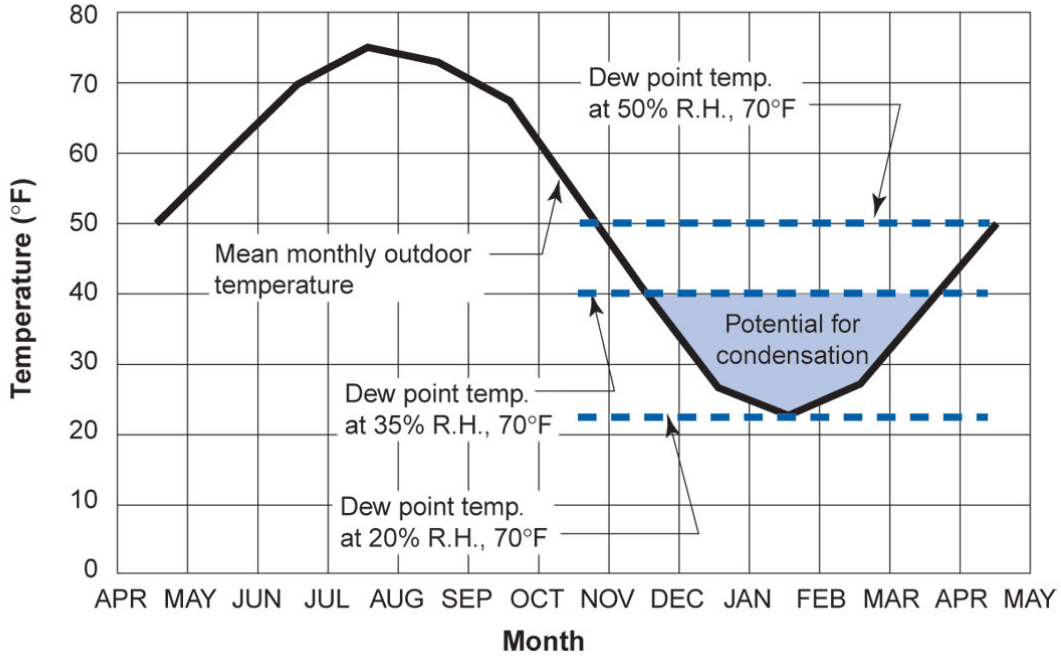
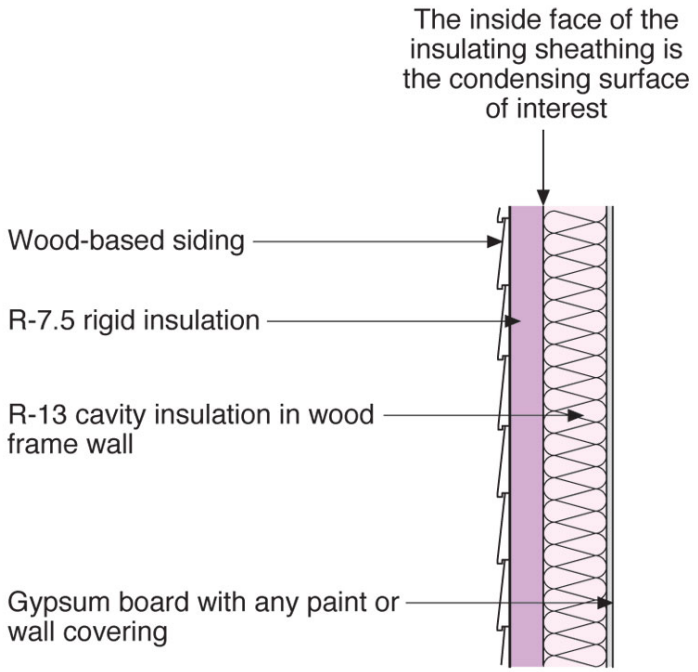

Outside
Inside
70°F
0°F
Dewpoint
(50% RH, 70°F)
Location of
condensation
and frost
Exterior
sheathing

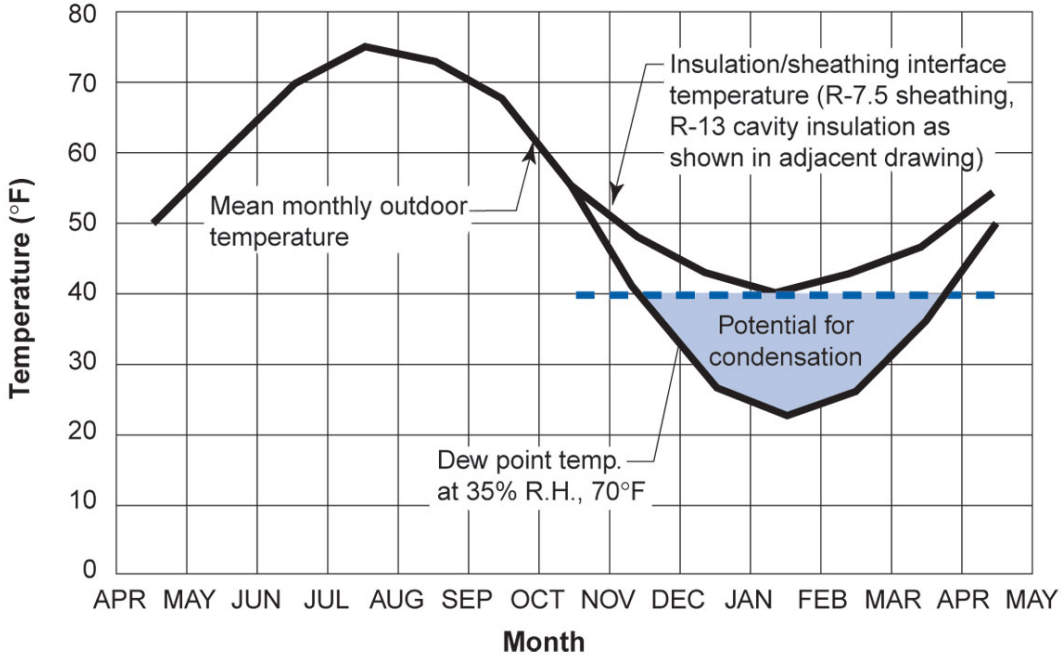


Simple linearized energy-temperature relation for water
From Straube & Burnett, 2005


The inside face of the exterior sheathing is the condensing surface of interest
Wood-based siding
Building paper
Exterior sheathing
R-19 cavity insulation in wood frame wall
Gypsum board with any paint or wall covering


Temperature (°F)
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0
APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY
Month
Dew point temp. at 50% R.H., 70°F
Mean monthly outdoor temperature
Potential for condensation
Dew point temp. at 35% R.H., 70°F
Dew point temp. at 20% R.H., 70°F


The inside face of the insulating sheathing is the condensing surface of interest
Wood-based siding
R-7.5 rigid insulation
R-13 cavity insulation in wood frame wall
Gypsum board with any paint or wall covering


Temperature (°F)
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0
APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY
Month
Insulation/sheathing interface temperature (R-7.5 sheathing, R-13 cavity insulation as shown in adjacent drawing)
Mean monthly outdoor temperature
Potential for condensation
Dew point temp. at 35% R.H., 70°F

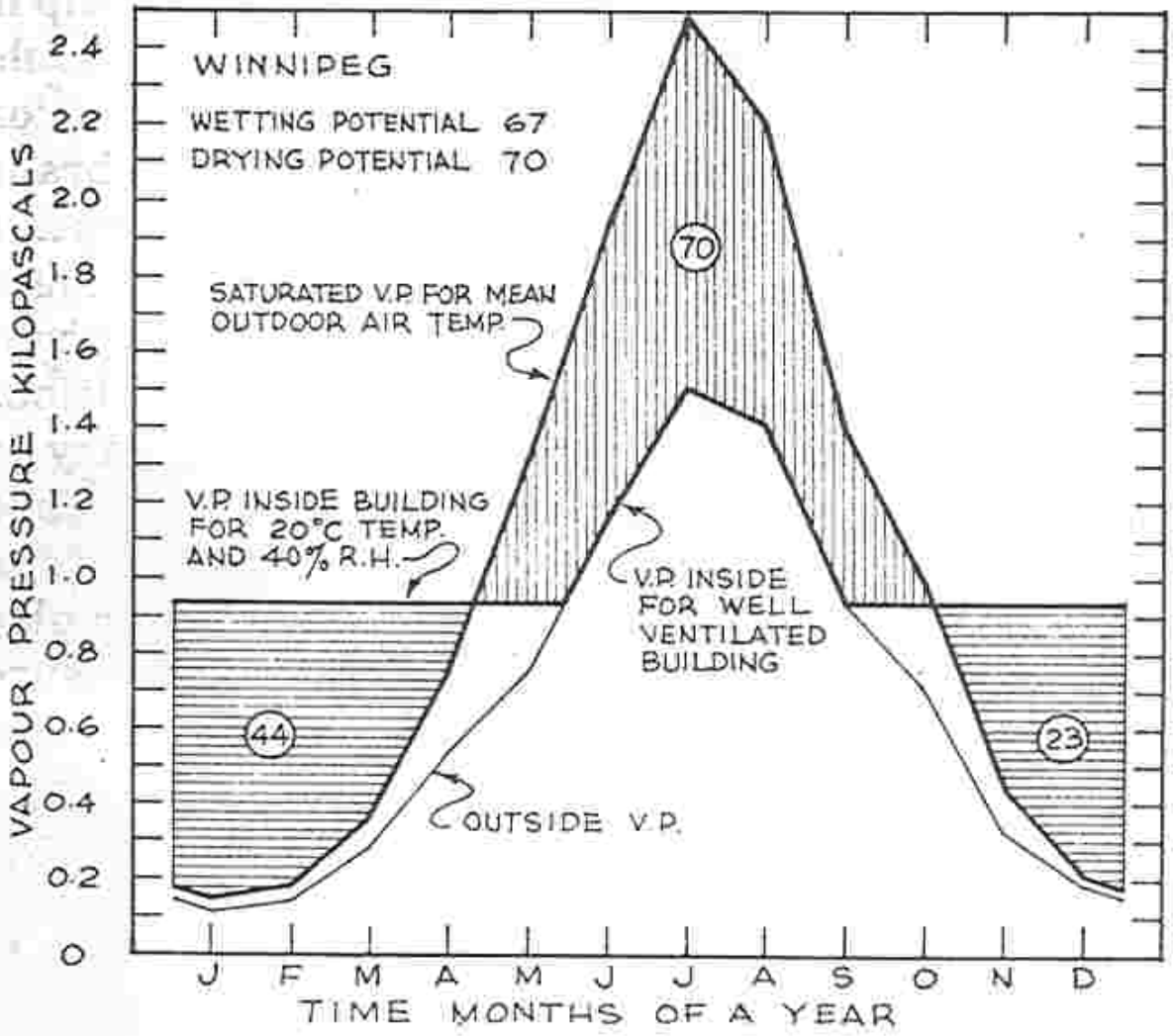
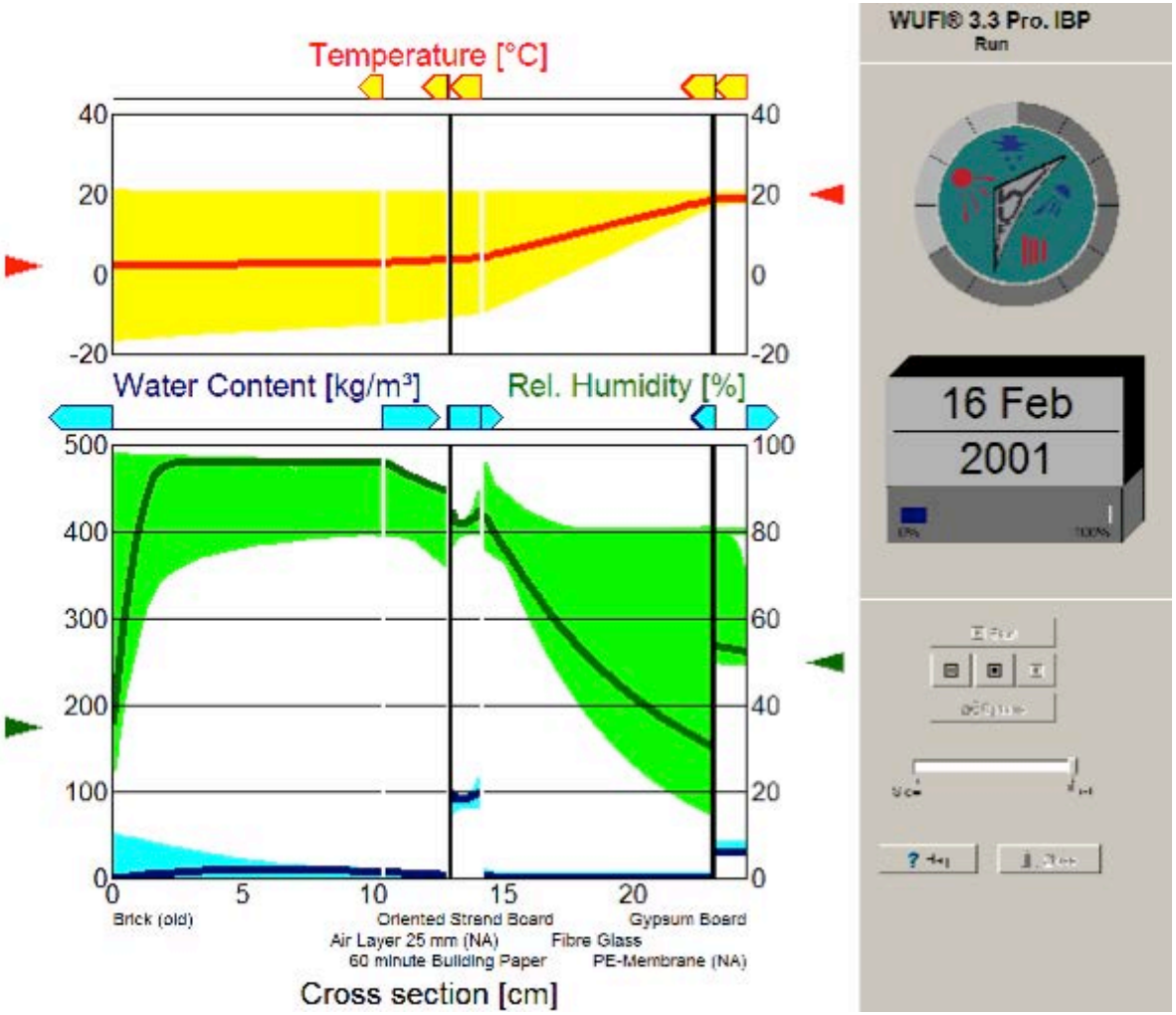


Figure 8-7. Outside vapour pressure, saturated vapour pressure and inside vapour pressure for Winnipeg.


Temperature [°C]
40
20
0
-20
Water Content [kg/m³]
Rel. Humidity [%]
500
400
300
200
100
0
100
80
60
40
20
0
0
5
10
15
20
Brick (old)
Oriented Strand Board
Air Layer 25 mm (NA)
60 minute Building Paper
Fibre Glass
Gypsum Board
PE-Membrane (NA)
Cross section [cm]
WUFI® 3.3 Pro. IBP
Run
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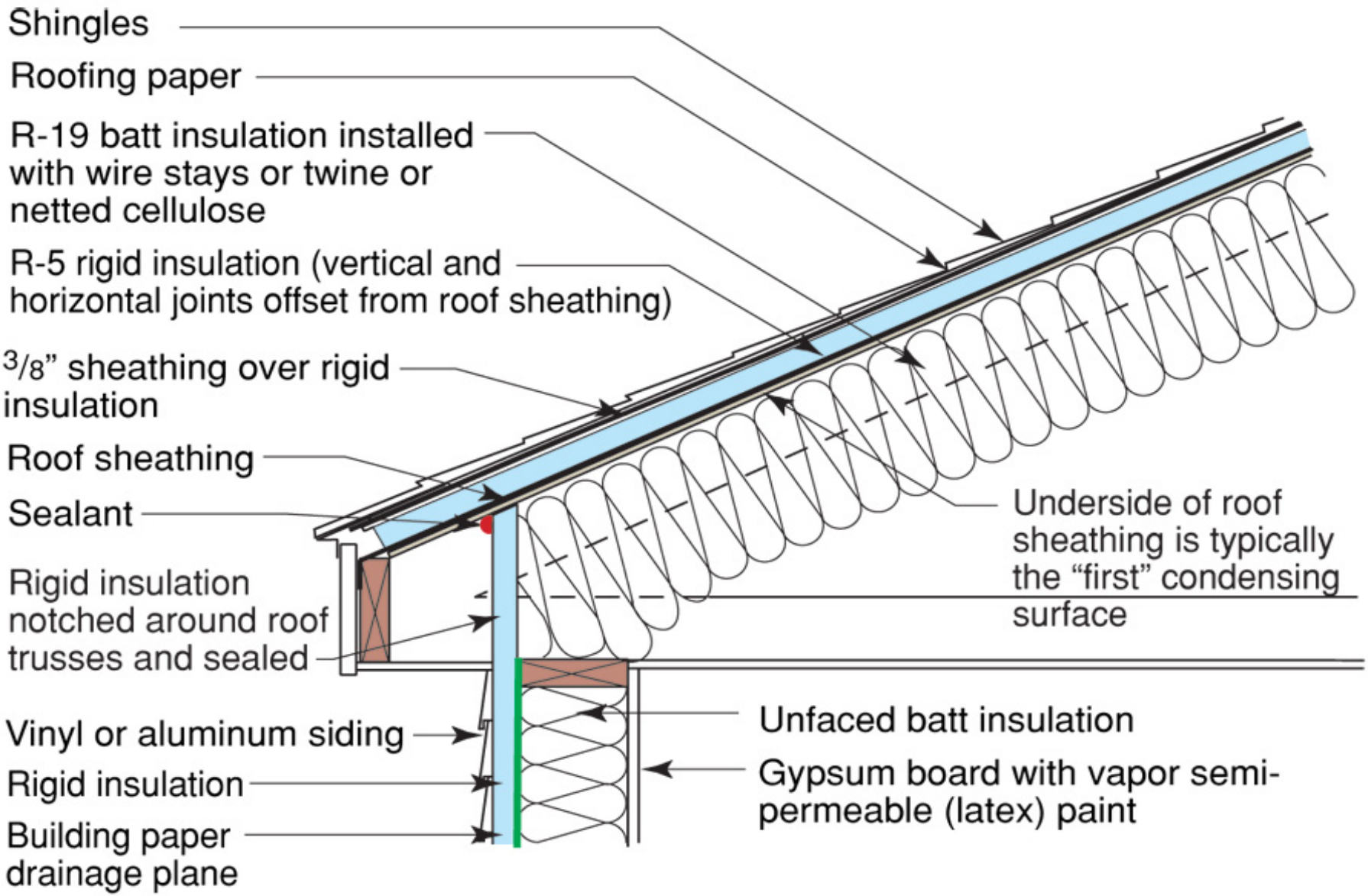
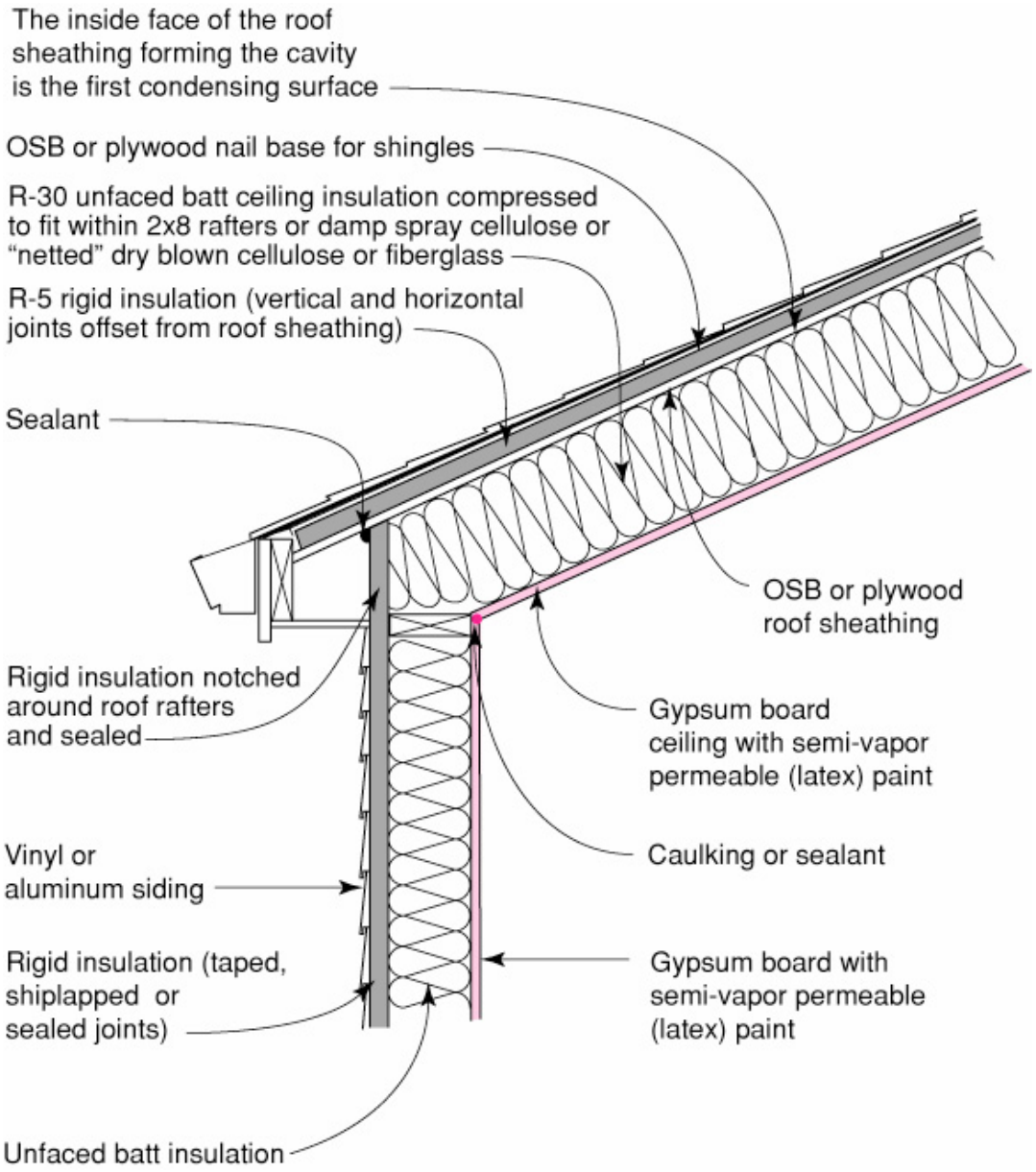
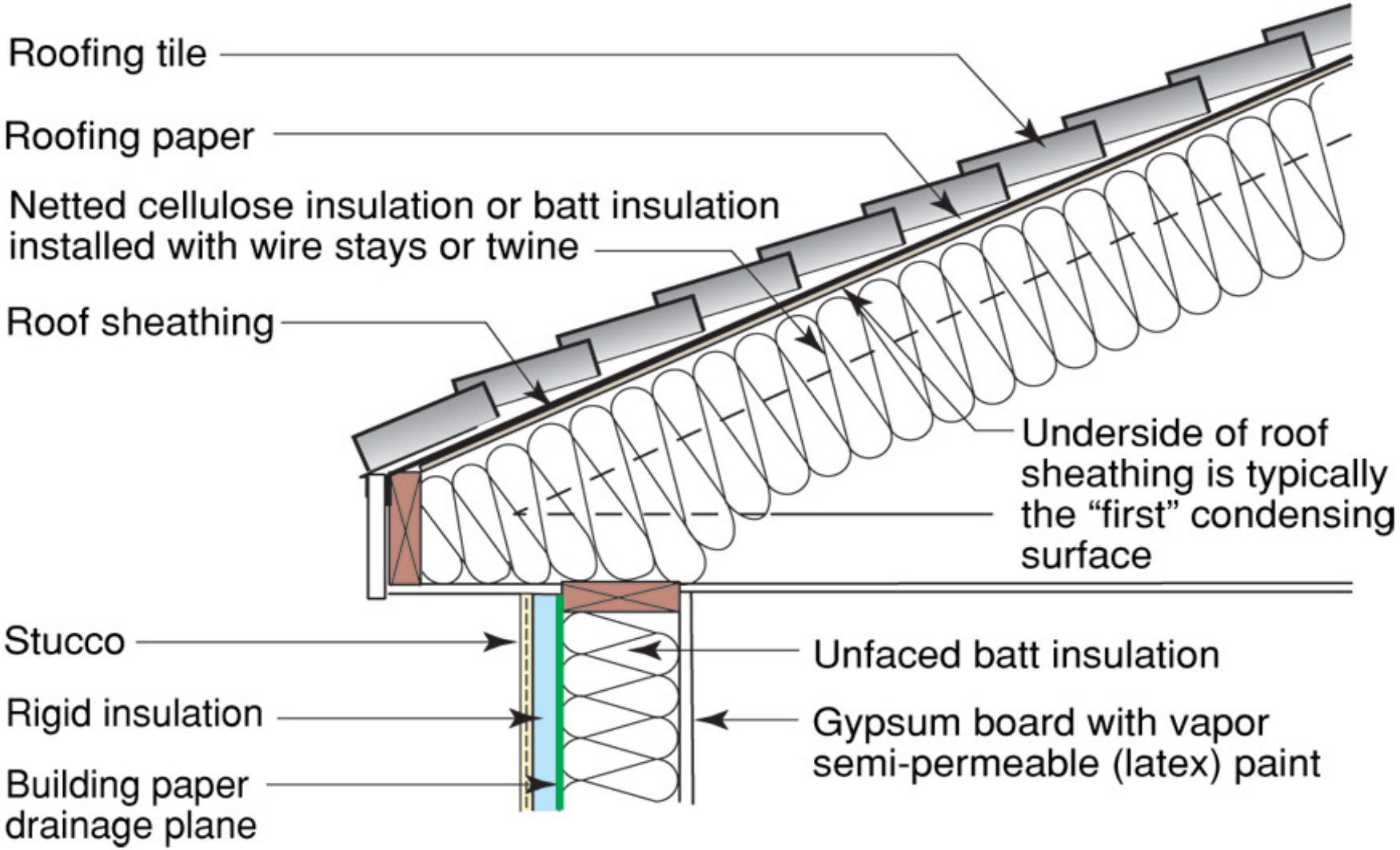
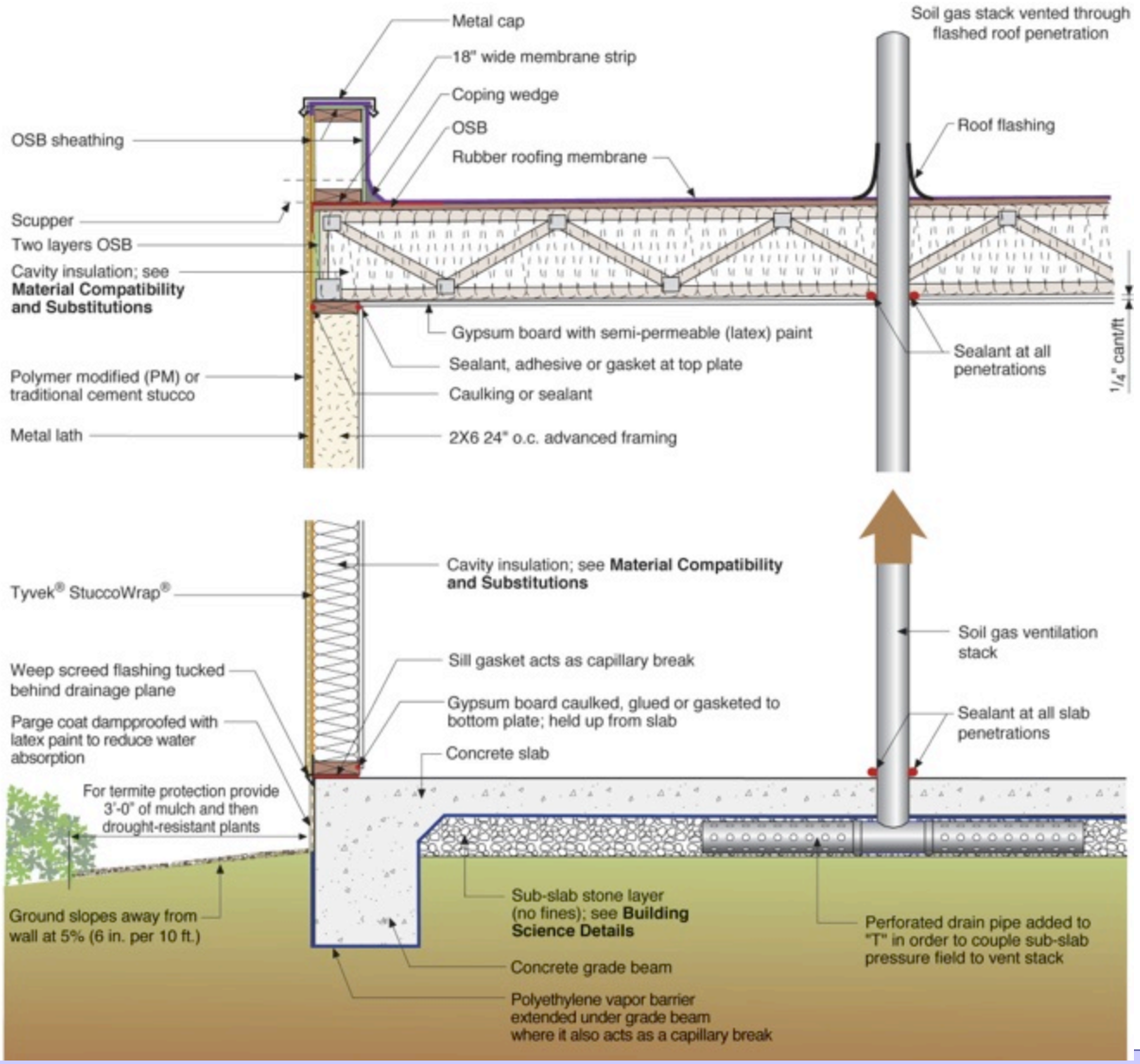
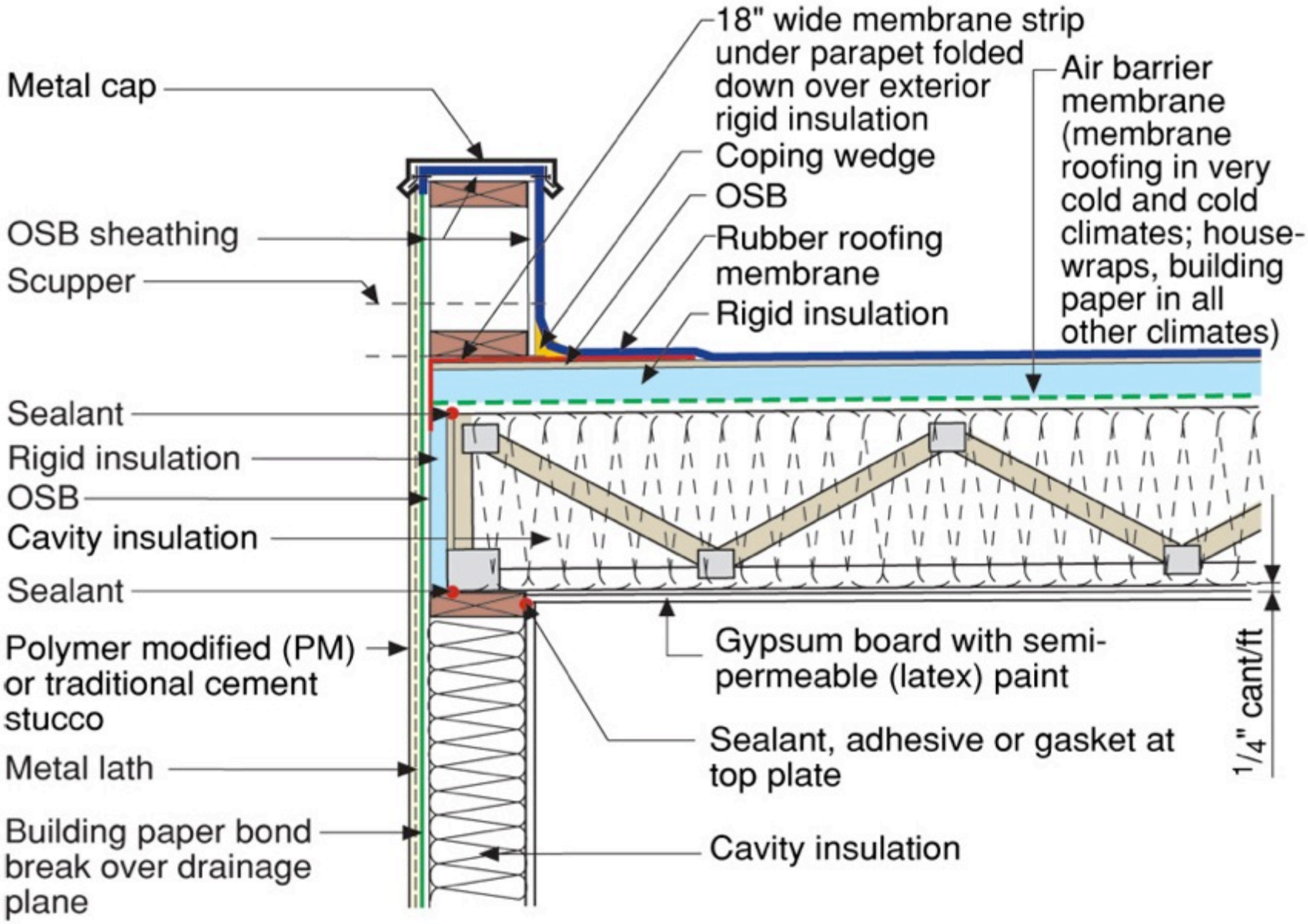
2001

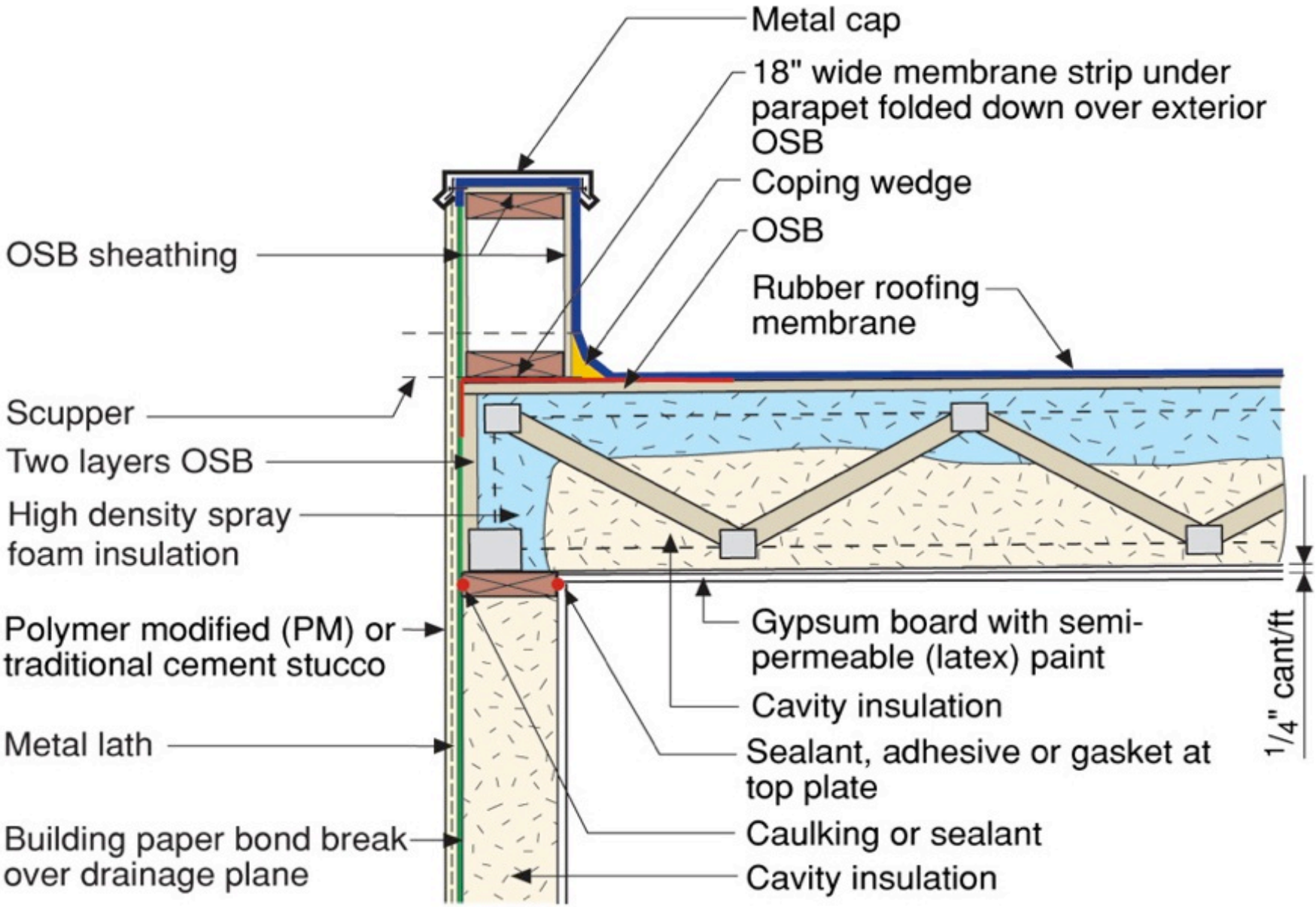

Shingles
Roofing paper
R-19 batt insulation installed with wire stays or twine or netted cellulose
R-5 rigid insulation (vertical and horizontal joints offset from roof sheathing)
3/8" sheathing over rigid insulation
Roof sheathing
Sealant
Rigid insulation notched around roof trusses and sealed
Vinyl or aluminum siding
Rigid insulation
Building paper drainage plane
Underside of roof sheathing is typically the "first" condensing surface
Unfaced batt insulation
Gypsum board with vapor semi-permeable (latex) paint


The inside face of the roof sheathing forming the cavity is the first condensing surface
OSB or plywood nail base for shingles
R-30 unfaced batt ceiling insulation compressed to fit within 2x8 rafters or damp spray cellulose or "netted" dry blown cellulose or fiberglass
R-5 rigid insulation (vertical and horizontal joints offset from roof sheathing)
Sealant
OSB or plywood roof sheathing
Rigid insulation notched around roof rafters and sealed
Gypsum board ceiling with semi-vapor permeable (latex) paint
Caulking or sealant
Vinyl or aluminum siding
Rigid insulation (taped, shiplapped or sealed joints)
Gypsum board with semi-vapor permeable (latex) paint
Unfaced batt insulation


Roofing tile
Roofing paper
Netted cellulose insulation or batt insulation installed with wire stays or twine
Roof sheathing
Underside of roof sheathing is typically the "first" condensing surface
Stucco
Rigid insulation
Building paper drainage plane
Unfaced batt insulation
Gypsum board with vapor semi-permeable (latex) paint


Metal cap
18" wide membrane strip
Coping wedge
OSB
Rubber roofing membrane
Soil gas stack vented through flashed roof penetration
Roof flashing
OSB sheathing
Scupper
Two layers OSB
Cavity insulation; see Material Compatibility and Substitutions
Gypsum board with semi-permeable (latex) paint
Sealant, adhesive or gasket at top plate
Caulking or sealant
2X6 24" o.c. advanced framing
Sealant at all penetrations
1/4" cant/ft
Polymer modified (PM) or traditional cement stucco
Metal lath
Tyvek® StuccoWrap®
Cavity insulation; see Material Compatibility and Substitutions
Soil gas ventilation stack
Weep screed flashing tucked behind drainage plane
Sill gasket acts as capillary break
Gypsum board caulked, glued or gasketed to bottom plate; held up from slab
Sealant at all slab penetrations
Parge coat dampproofed with latex paint to reduce water absorption
Concrete slab
For termite protection provide 3'-0" of mulch and then drought-resistant plants
Ground slopes away from wall at 5% (6 in. per 10 ft.)
Sub-slab stone layer (no fines); see Building Science Details
Perforated drain pipe added to "T" in order to couple sub-slab pressure field to vent stack
Concrete grade beam
Polyethylene vapor barrier extended under grade beam where it also acts as a capillary break


Metal cap
OSB sheathing
Scupper
Sealant
Rigid insulation
OSB
Cavity insulation
Sealant
Polymer modified (PM) or traditional cement stucco
Metal lath
Building paper bond break over drainage plane
18" wide membrane strip under parapet folded down over exterior rigid insulation
Coping wedge
OSB
Rubber roofing membrane
Rigid insulation
Air barrier membrane (membrane roofing in very cold and cold climates; house-wraps, building paper in all other climates)
Gypsum board with semi-permeable (latex) paint
Sealant, adhesive or gasket at top plate
Cavity insulation
1/4" cant/ft


Metal cap
18" wide membrane strip under parapet folded down over exterior OSB
Coping wedge
OSB
OSB sheathing
Rubber roofing membrane
Scupper
Two layers OSB
High density spray foam insulation
Polymer modified (PM) or traditional cement stucco
Metal lath
Building paper bond break over drainage plane
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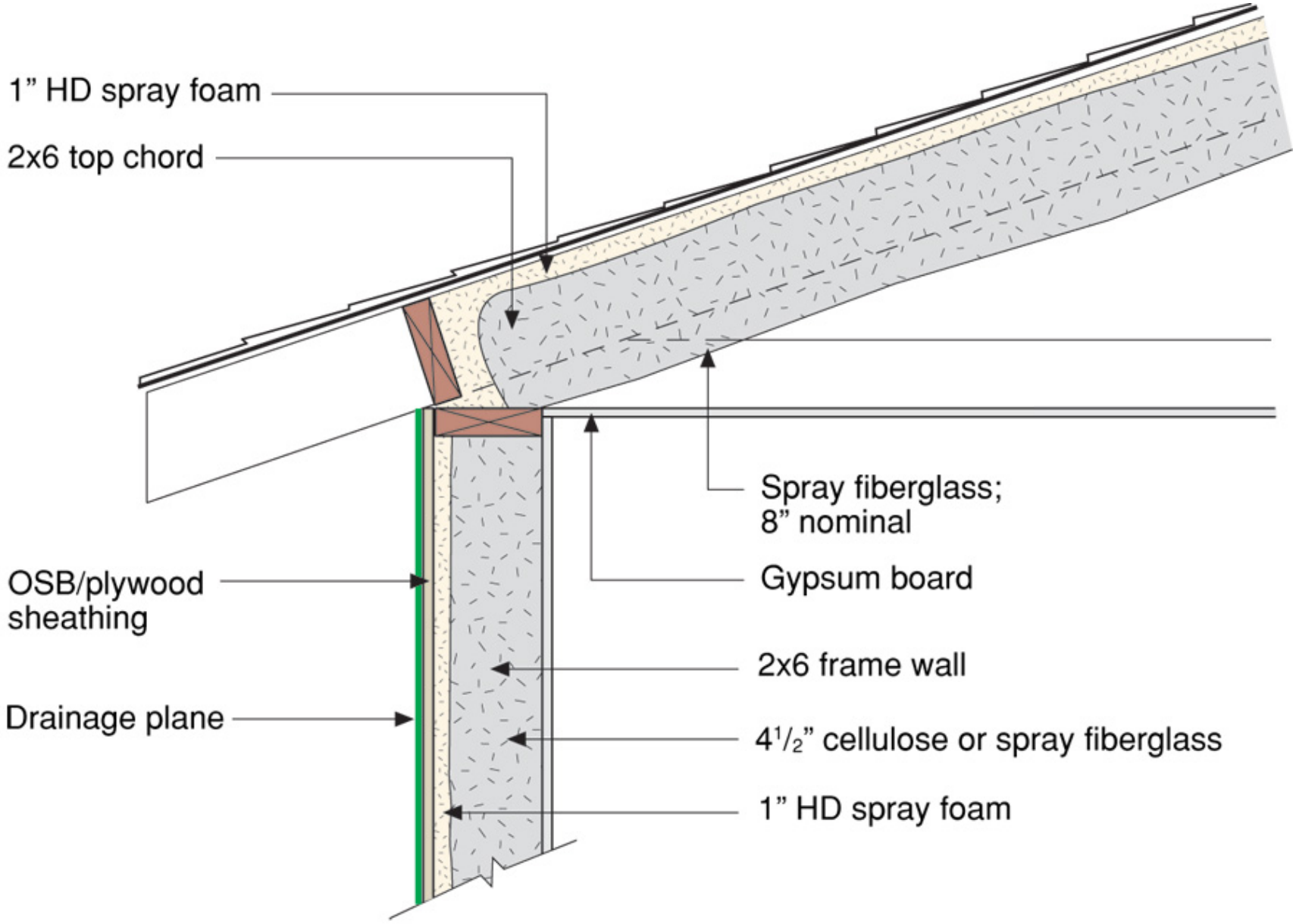
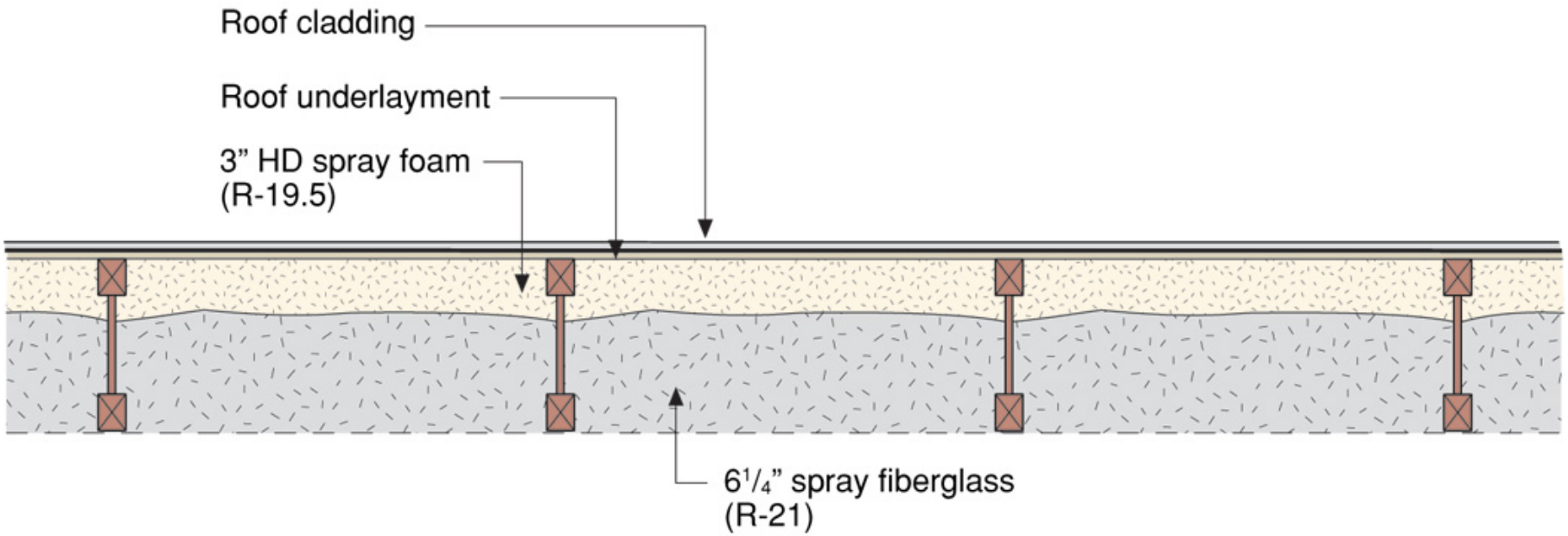
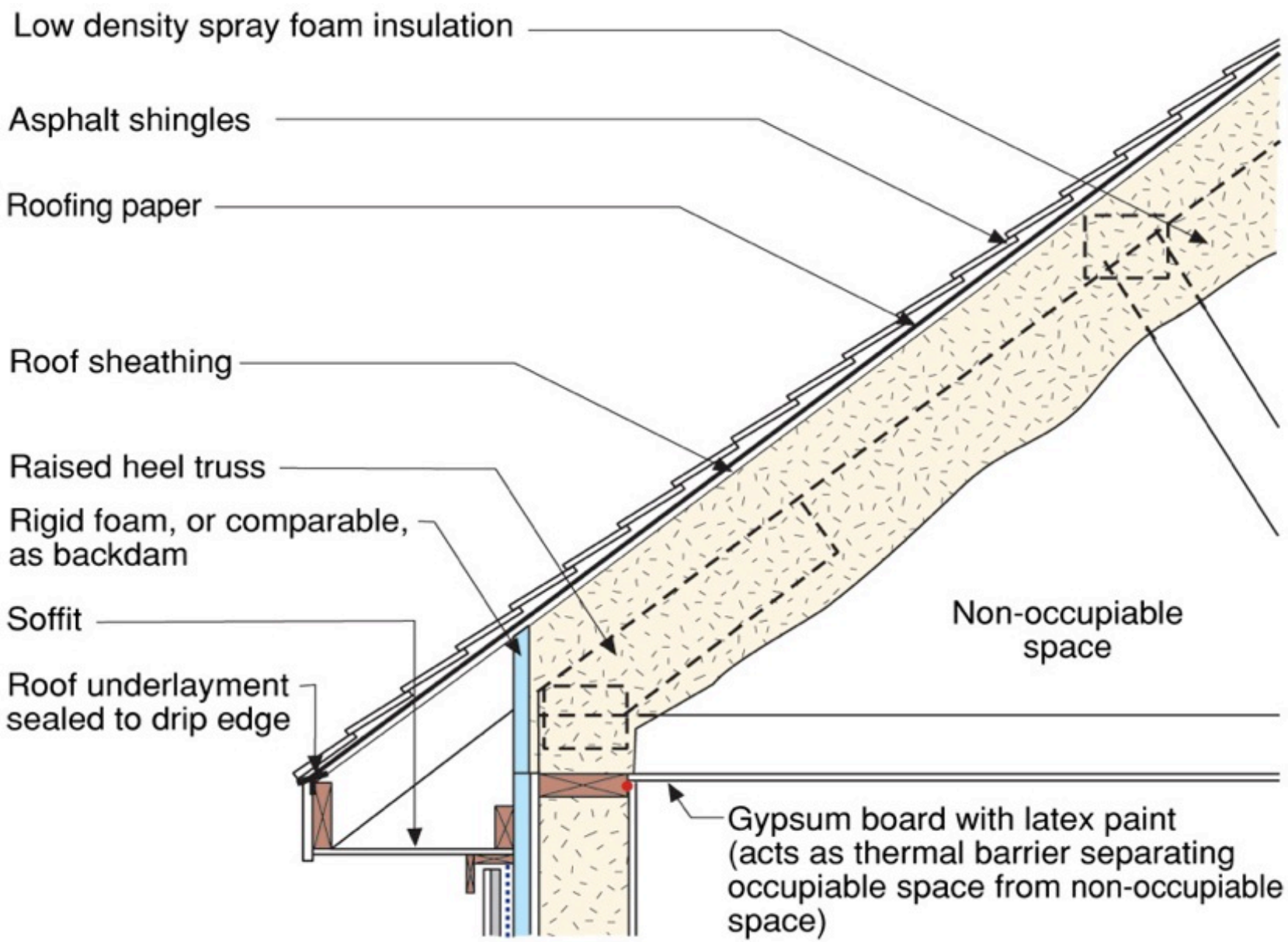
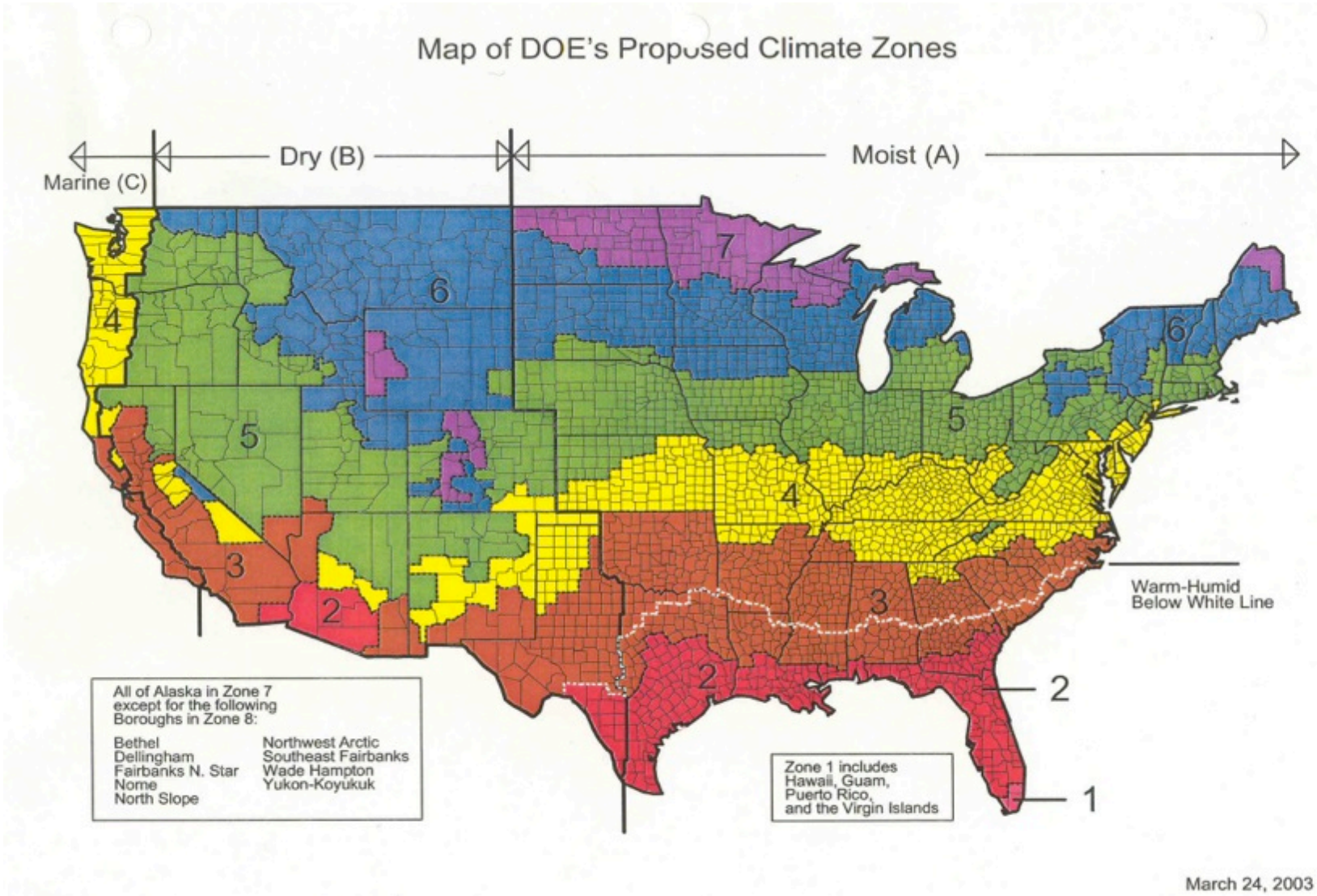
Cavity insulation
Sealant, adhesive or gasket at top plate
Caulking or sealant
Cavity insulation
1/4" cant/ft


1” HD spray foam
2x6 top chord
Spray fiberglass;
8” nominal
Gypsum board
OSB/plywood
sheathing
2x6 frame wall
Drainage plane
4 1/2” cellulose or spray fiberglass
1” HD spray foam


Roof cladding
Roof underlayment
3” HD spray foam
(R-19.5)
6¼” spray fiberglass
(R-21)


Low density spray foam insulation
Asphalt shingles
Roofing paper
Roof sheathing
Raised heel truss
Rigid foam, or comparable, as backdam
Soffit
Roof underlayment sealed to drip edge
Non-occupiable space
Gypsum board with latex paint (acts as thermal barrier separating occupiable space from non-occupiable space)


Map of DOE's Proposed Climate Zones
Marine (C)
Dry (B)
Moist (A)
Warm-Humid
Below White Line
All of Alaska in Zone 7
except for the following
Boroughs in Zone 8:
Bethel
Dellingham
Fairbanks N. Star
Nome
North Slope
Northwest Arctic
Southeast Fairbanks
Wade Hampton
Yukon-Koyukuk
Zone 1 includes
Hawaii, Guam,
Puerto Rico,
and the Virgin Islands
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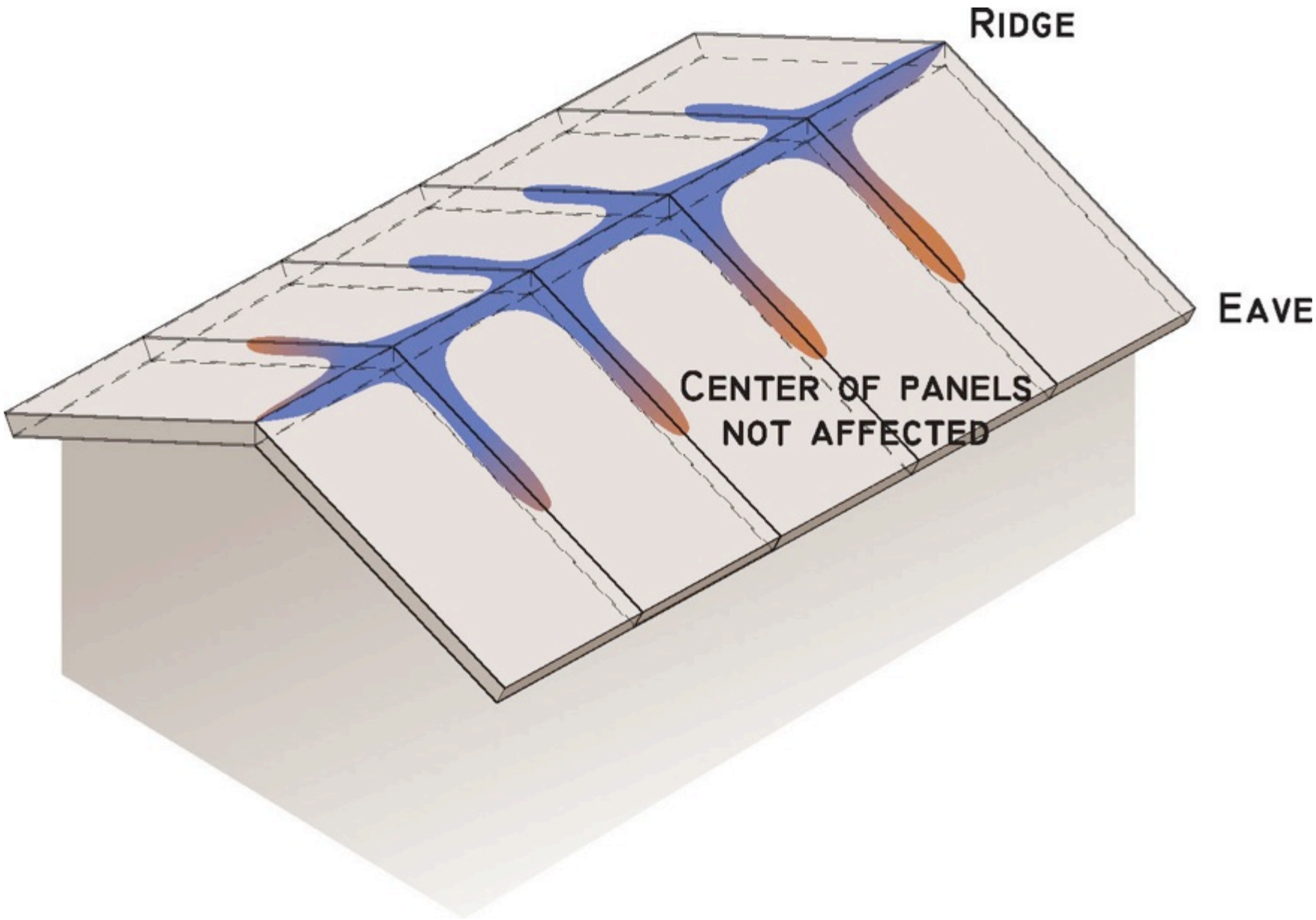
RIDGE
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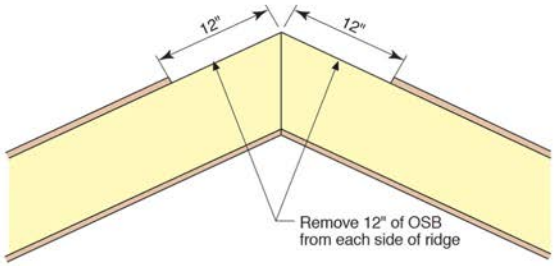
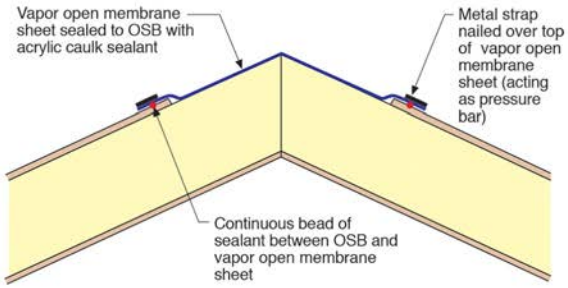
CENTER OF PANELS
NOT AFFECTED

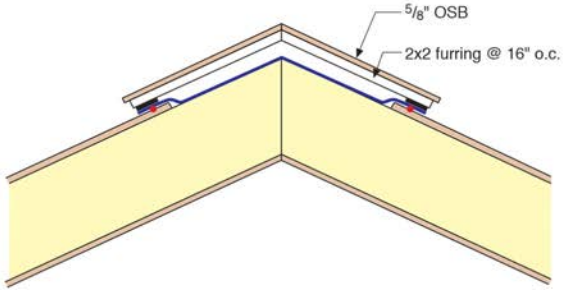
Step 1
- Remove strip of OSB from each side of ridge



Step 2
- Create air seal with strip of vapor open membrane (tape seams)
- Vapor open membrane sheet sealed to OSB with acrylic caulk sealant
- Hold vapor open membrane sheet in place with metal strapping



Step 3
- Construct wood ridge vent with 2x2 furring

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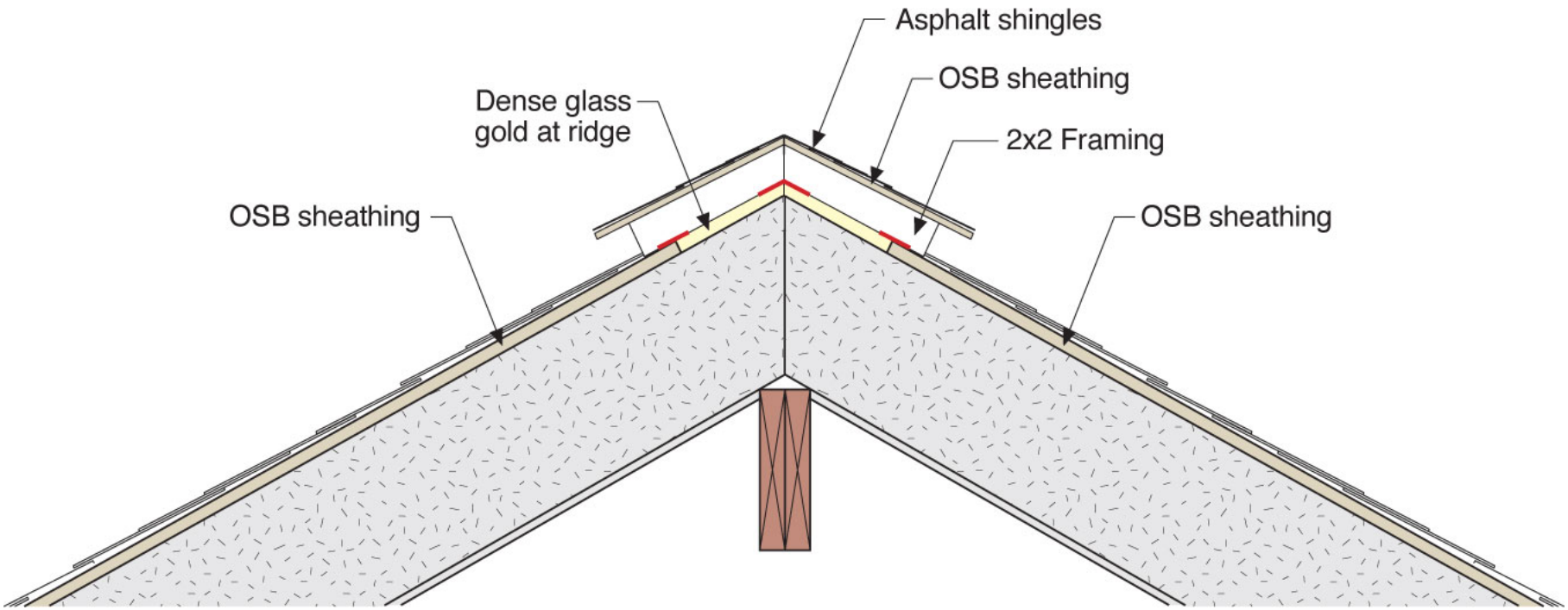
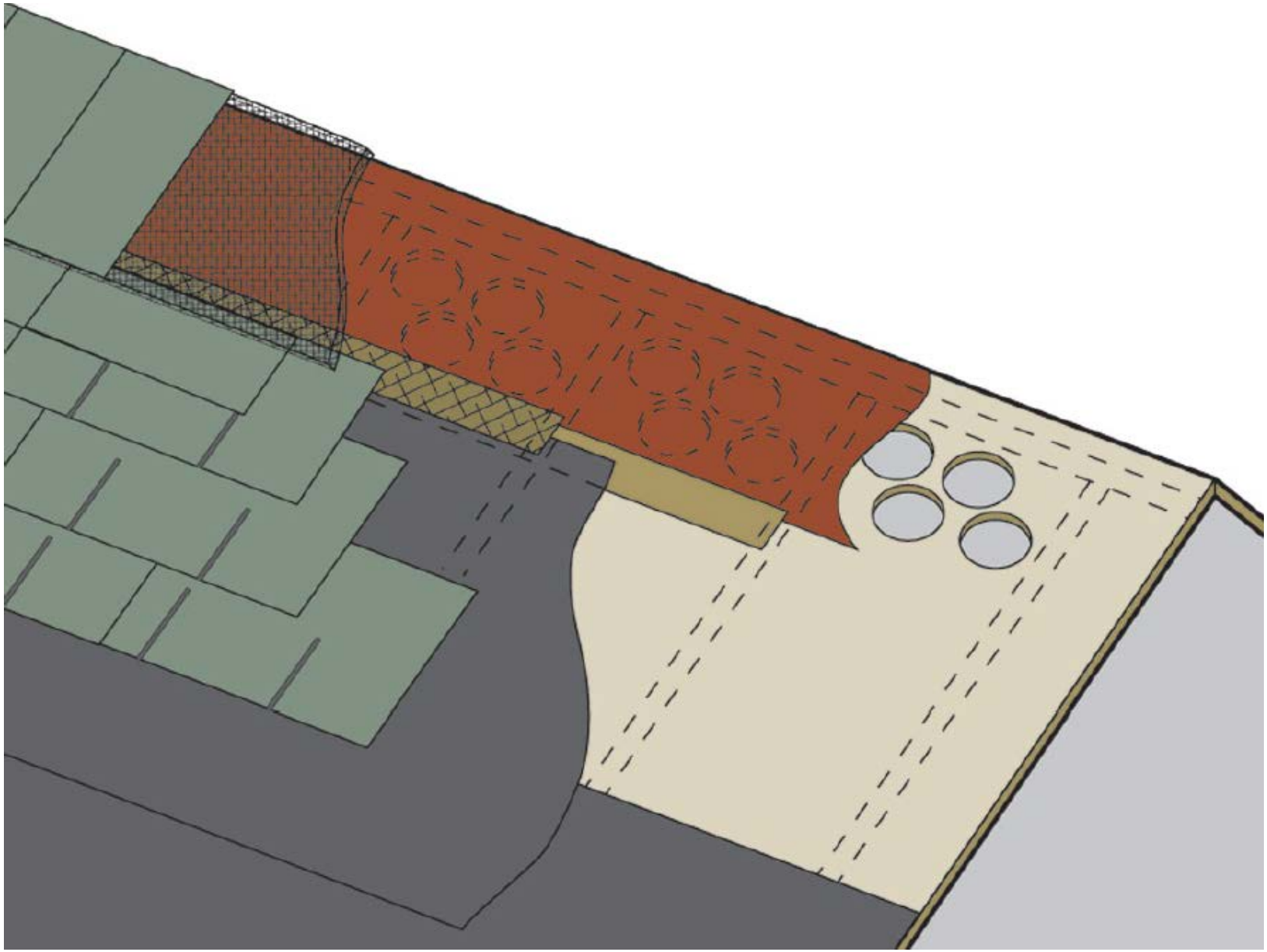
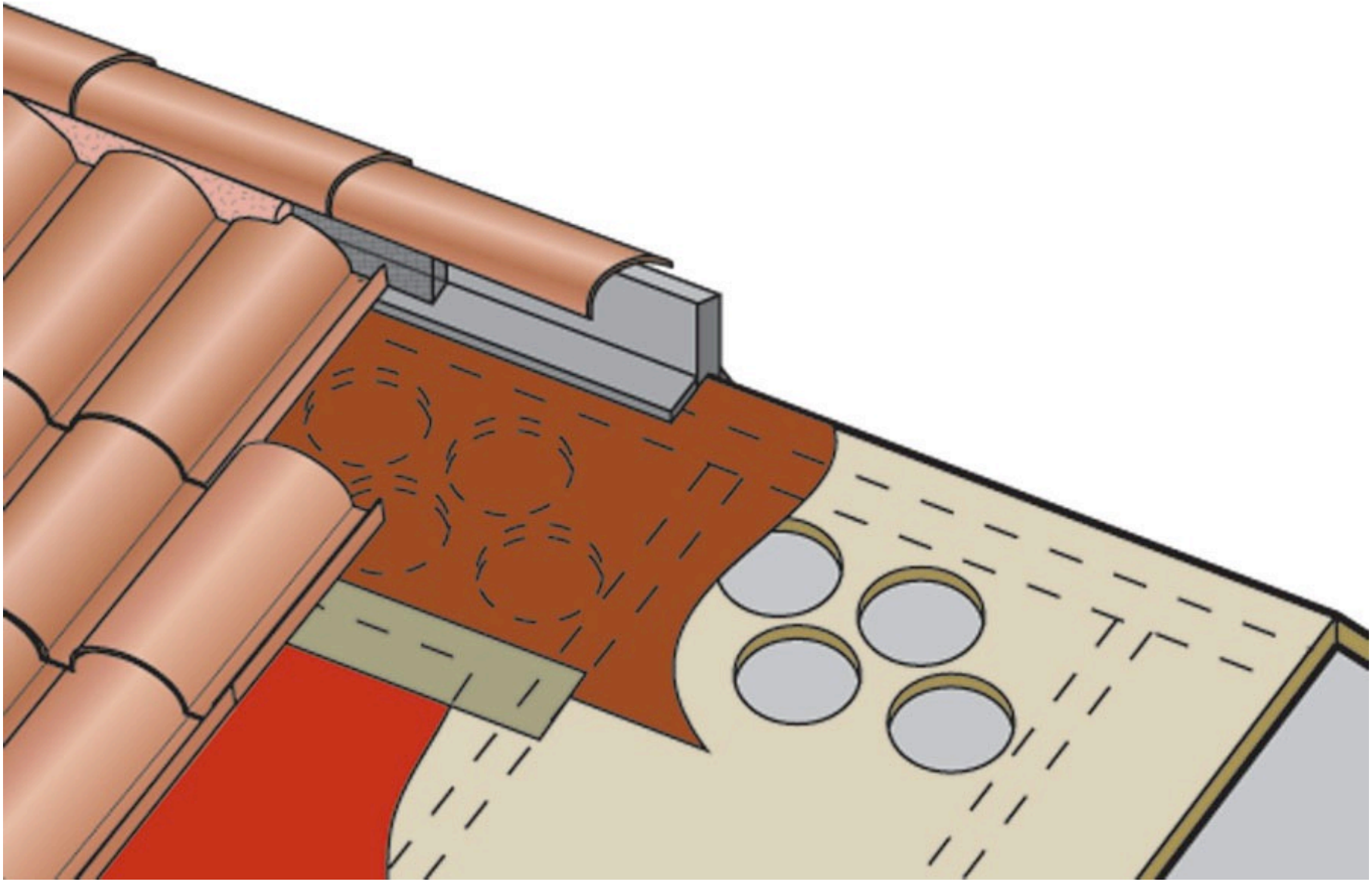
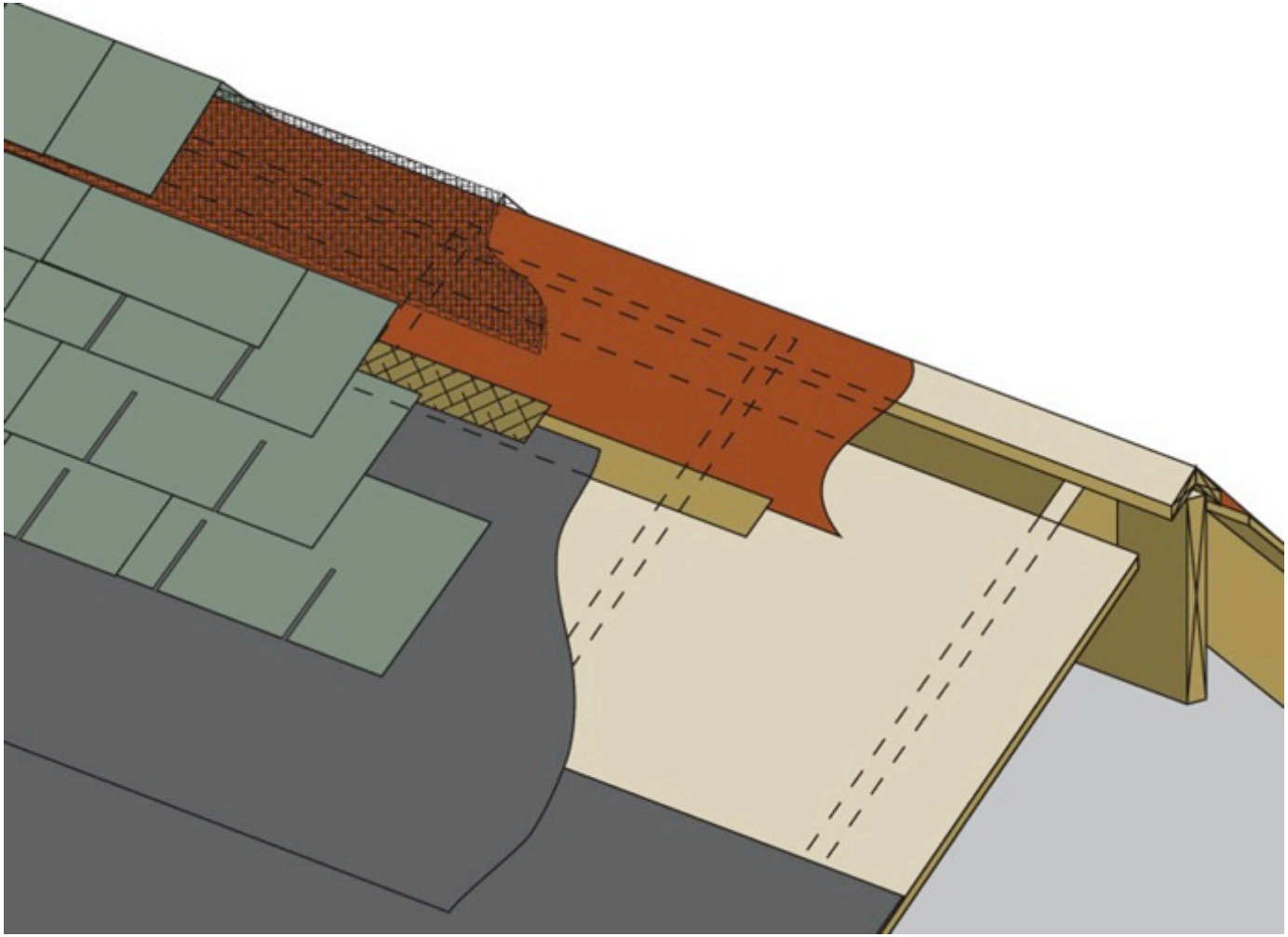
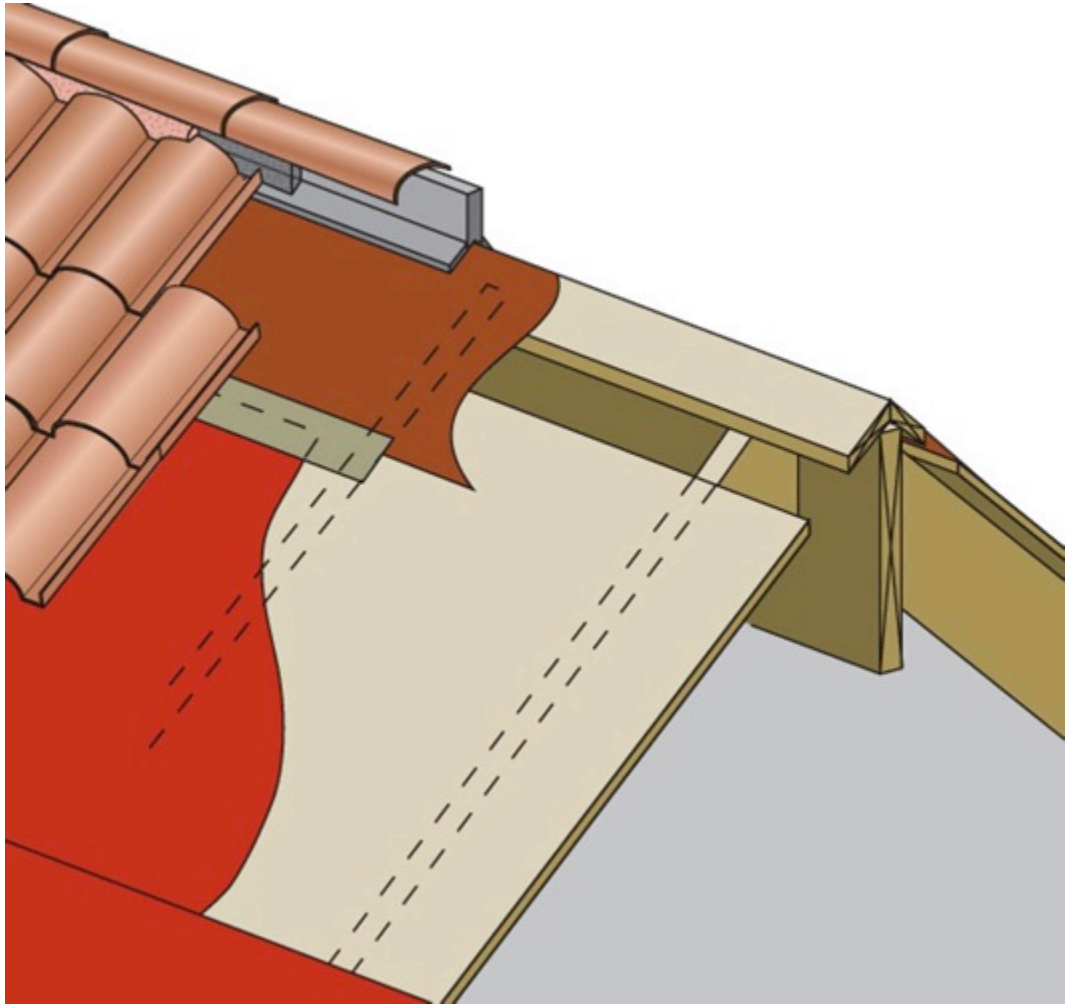

Asphalt shingles
OSB sheathing
Dense glass
gold at ridge
2x2 Framing
OSB sheathing
OSB sheathing







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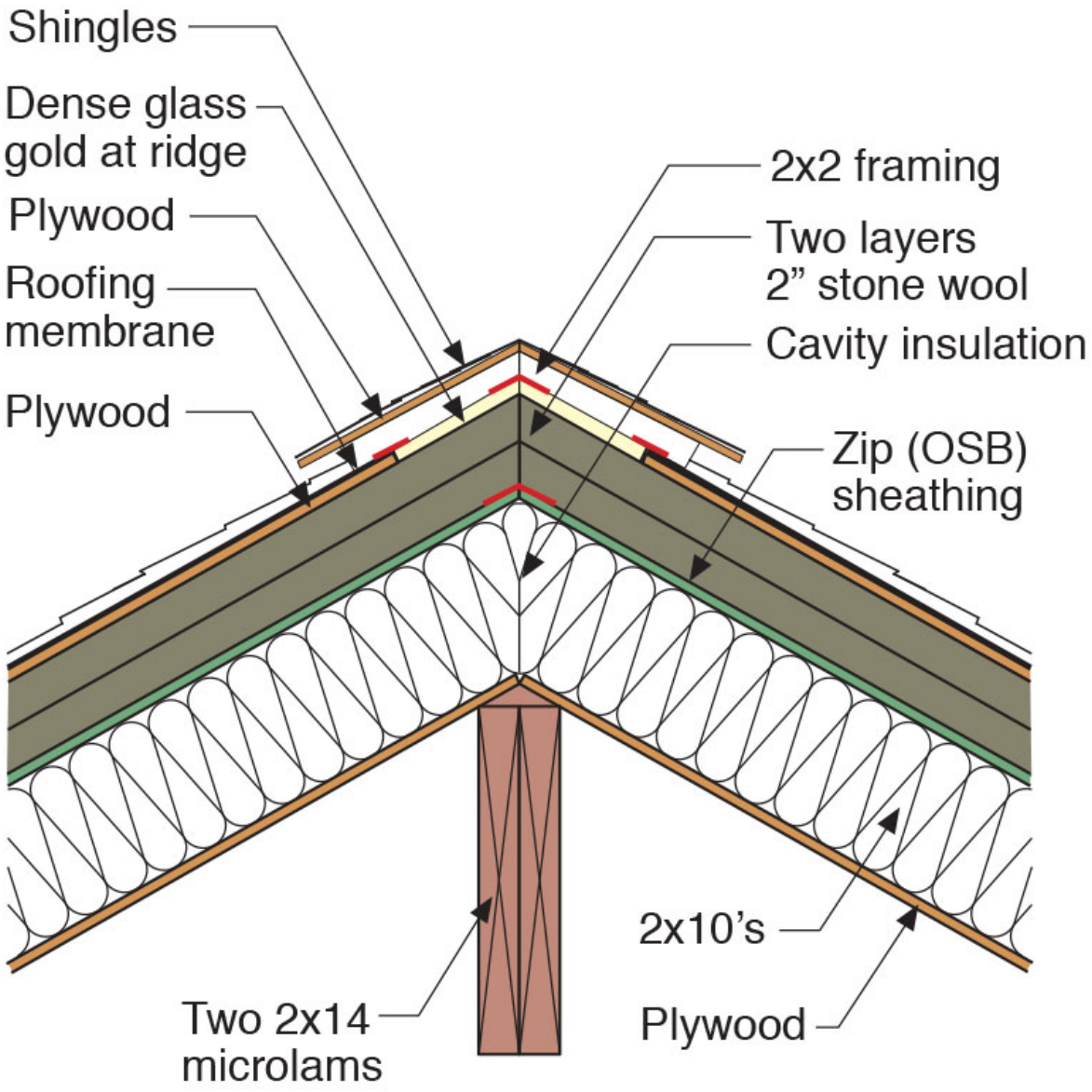
Shingles
Dense glass gold at ridge
Plywood
Roofing membrane
Plywood
2x2 framing
Two layers 2” stone wool
Cavity insulation
Zip (OSB) sheathing
2x10’s
Plywood
Two 2x14 microlams


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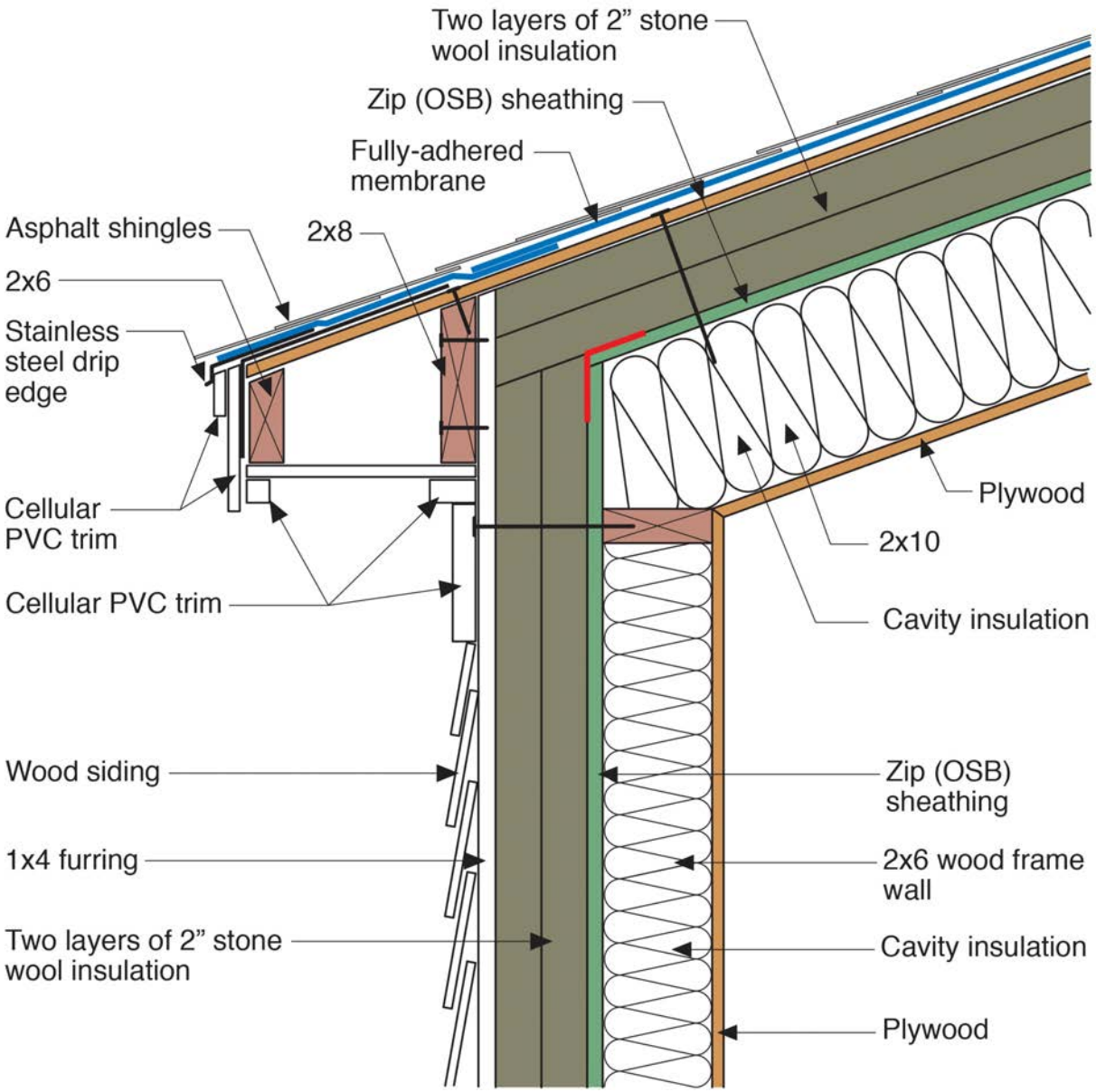
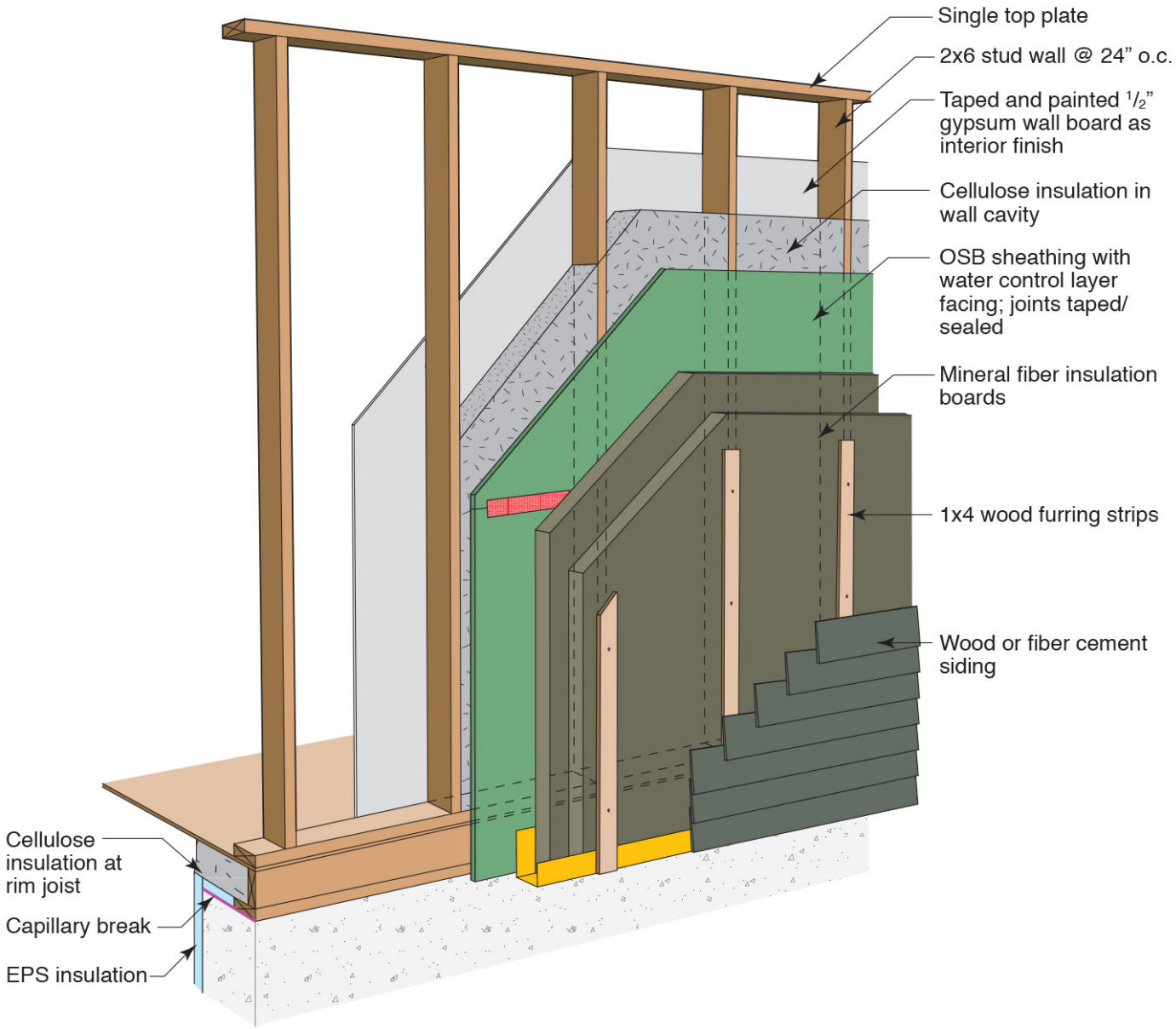
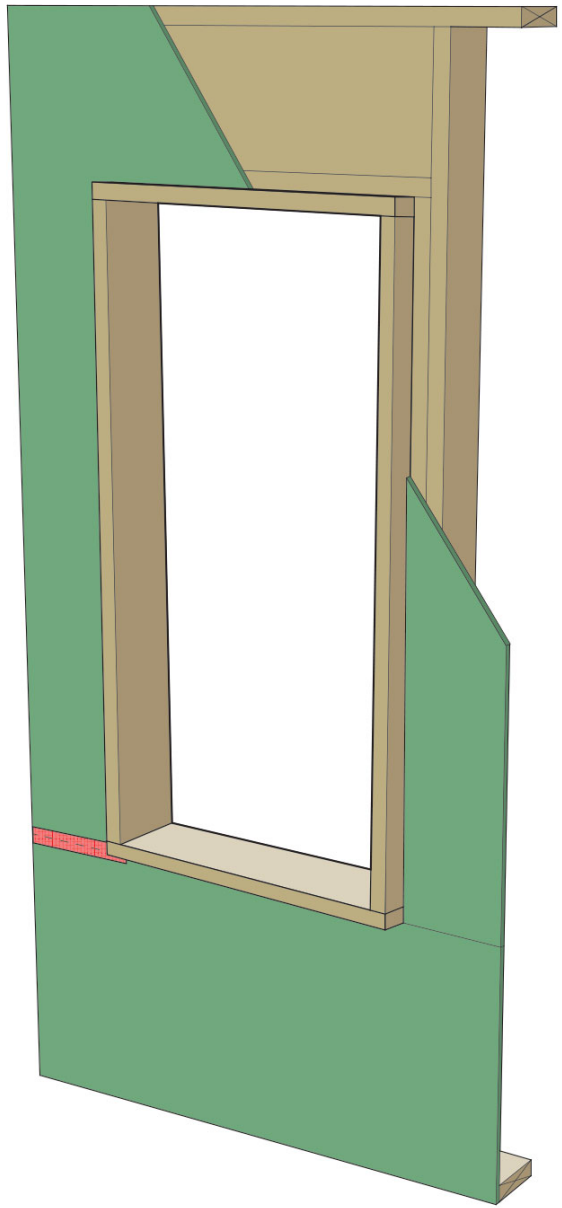
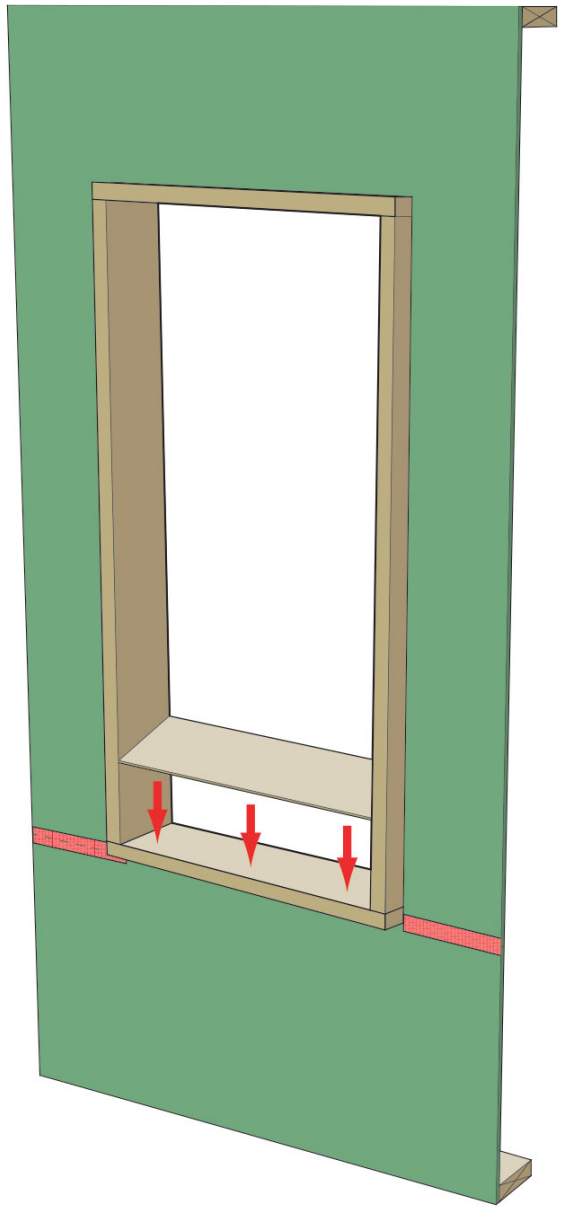
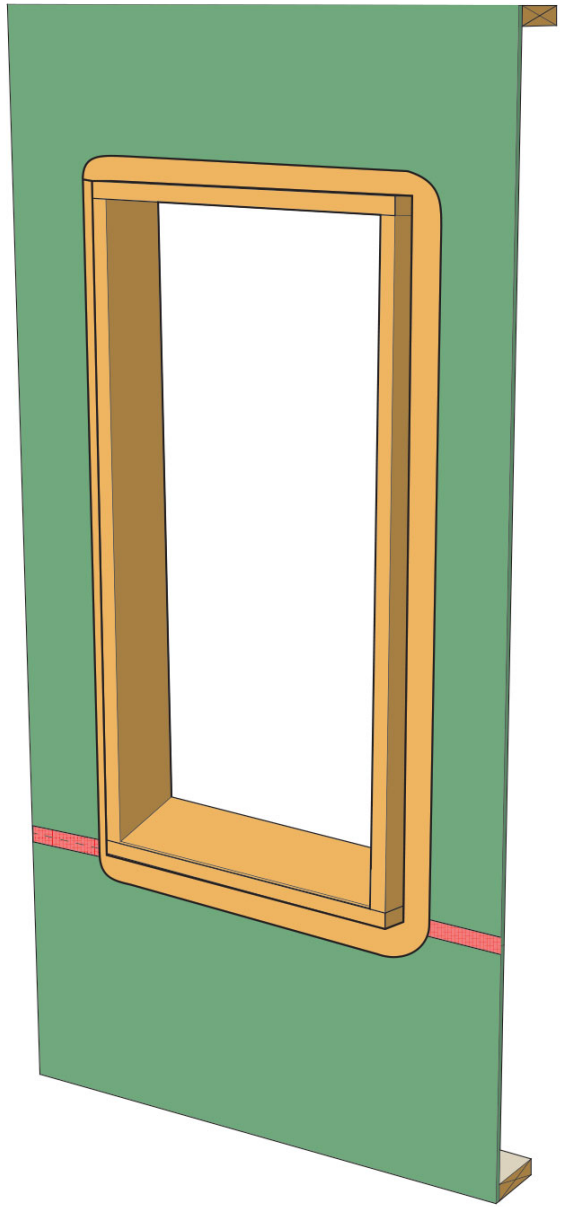
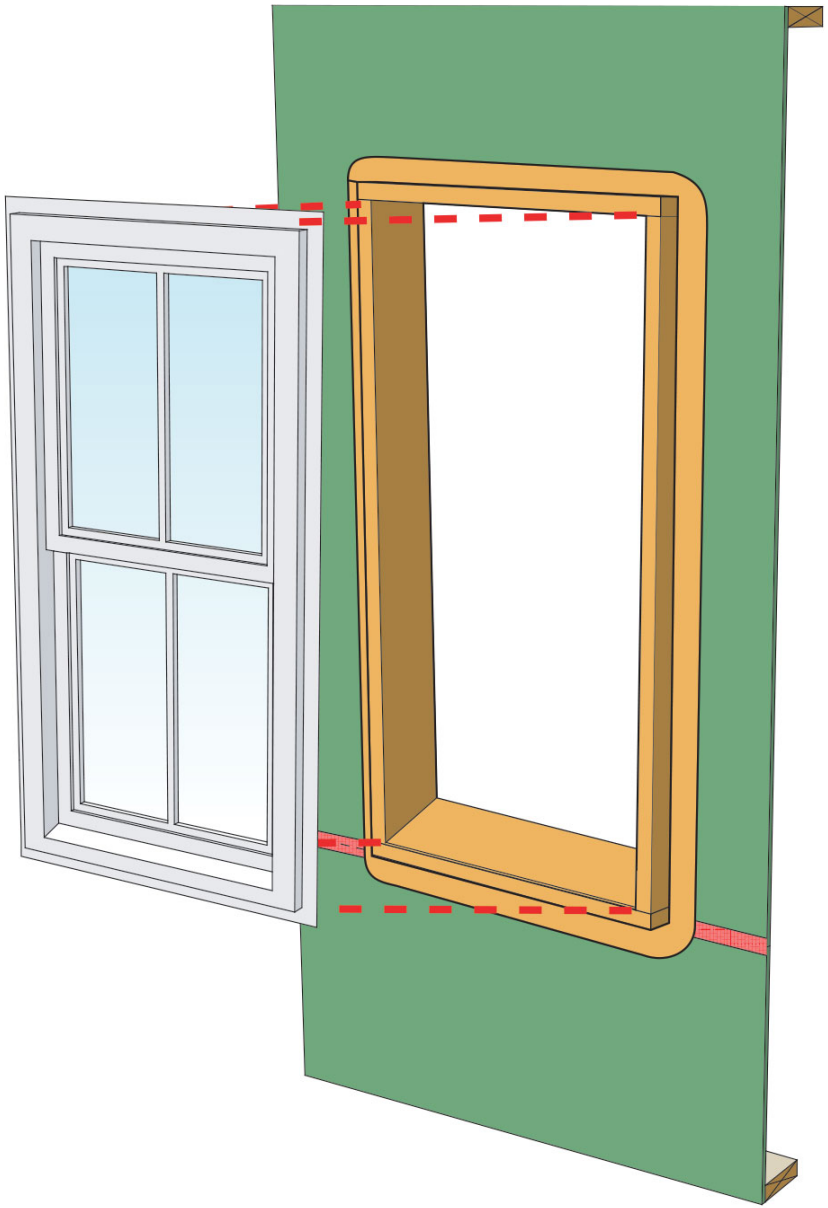

Two layers of 2” stone wool insulation
Zip (OSB) sheathing
Fully-adhered membrane
Asphalt shingles
2x8
2x6
Stainless steel drip edge
Cellular PVC trim
Cellular PVC trim
Plywood
2x10
Cavity insulation
Wood siding
1x4 furring
Two layers of 2” stone wool insulation
Zip (OSB) sheathing
2x6 wood frame wall
Cavity insulation
Plywood

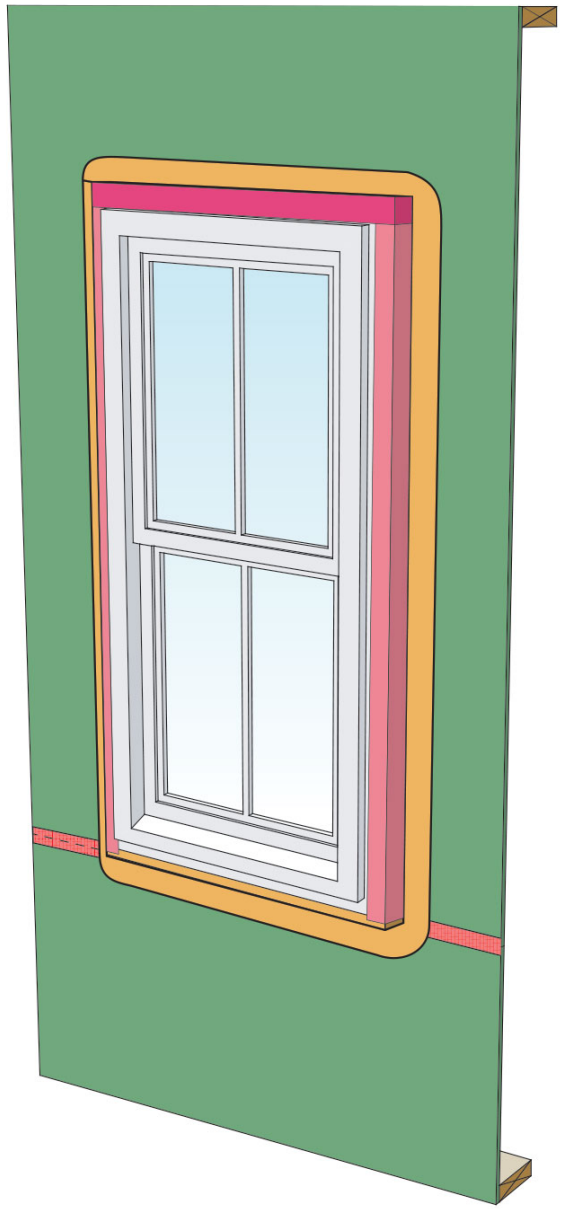

Single top plate
2x6 stud wall @ 24" o.c.
Taped and painted 1/2" gypsum wall board as interior finish
Cellulose insulation in wall cavity
OSB sheathing with water control layer facing; joints taped/ sealed
Mineral fiber insulation boards
1x4 wood furring strips
Wood or fiber cement siding
Cellulose insulation at rim joist
Capillary break
EPS insulation

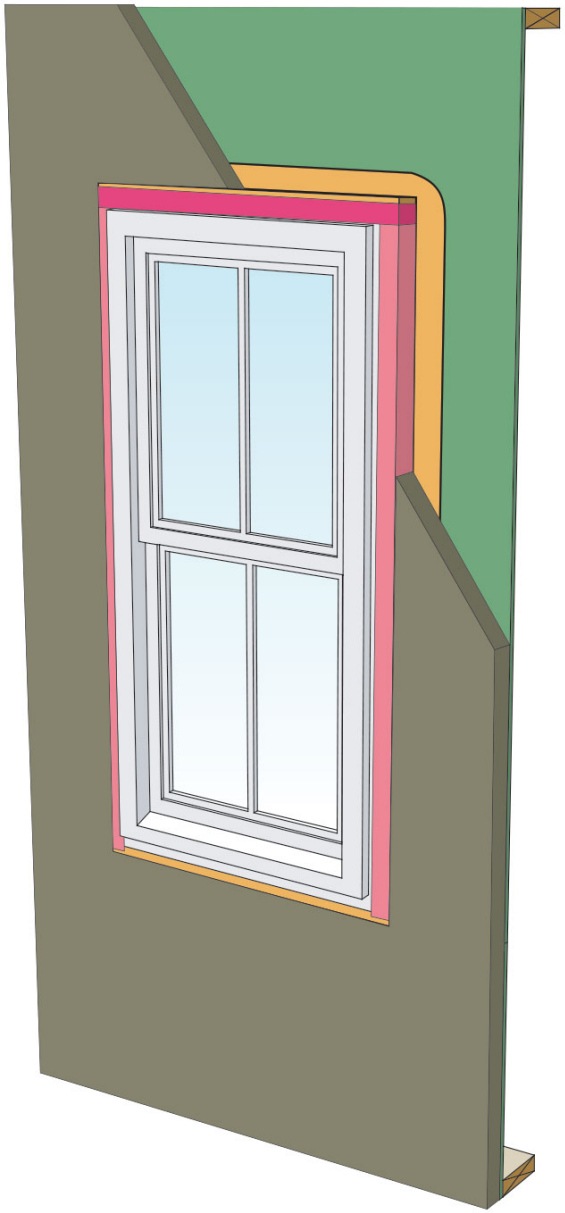


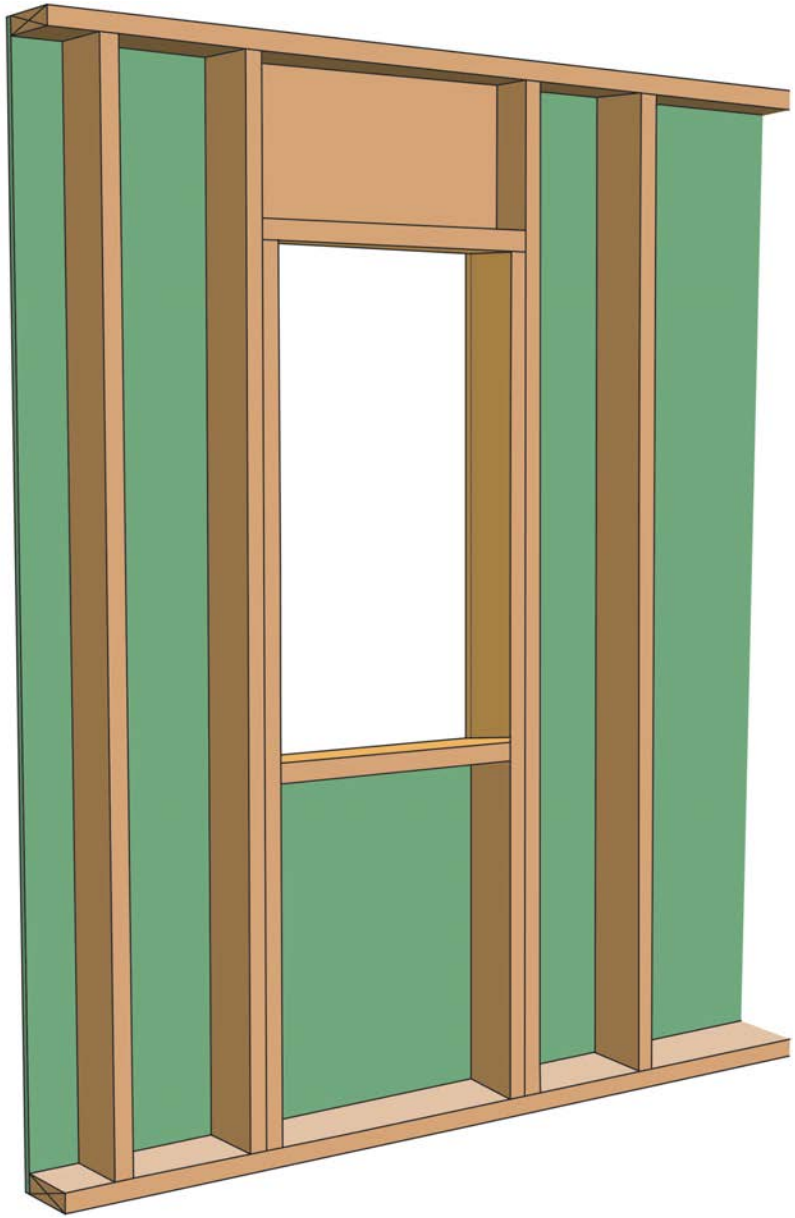


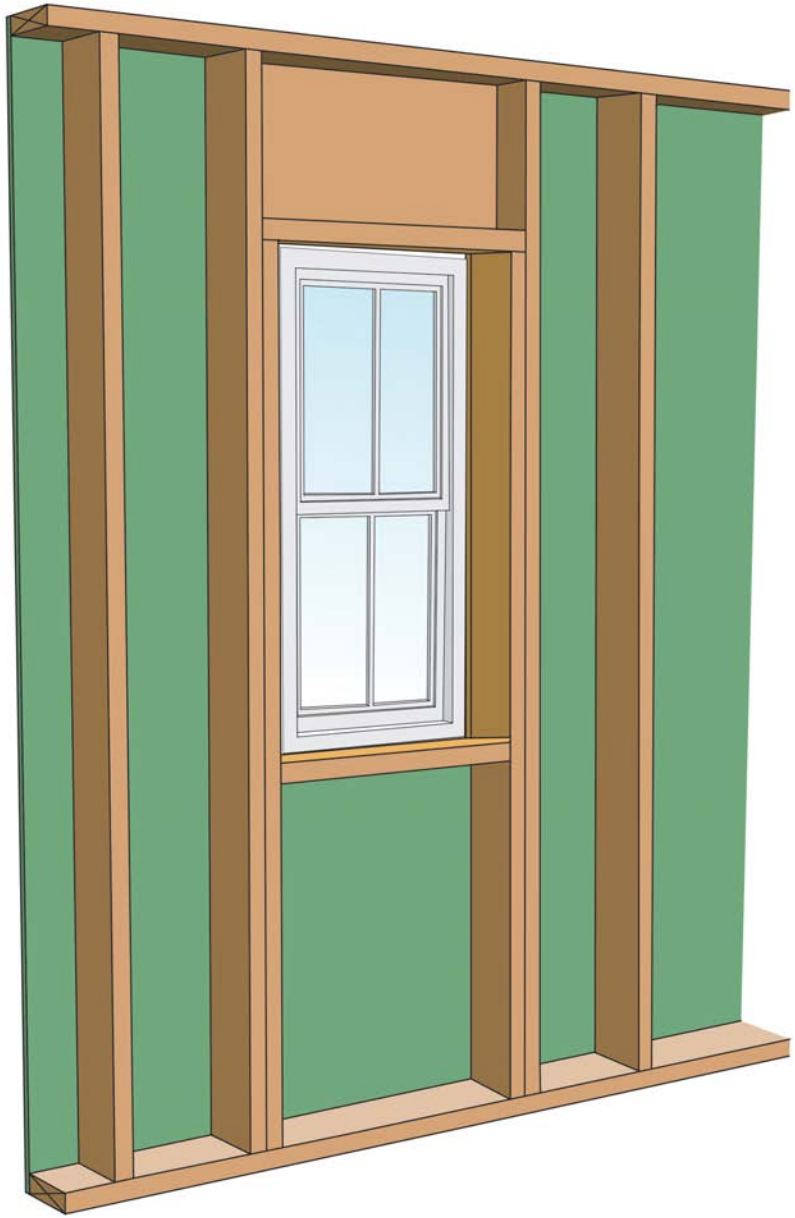


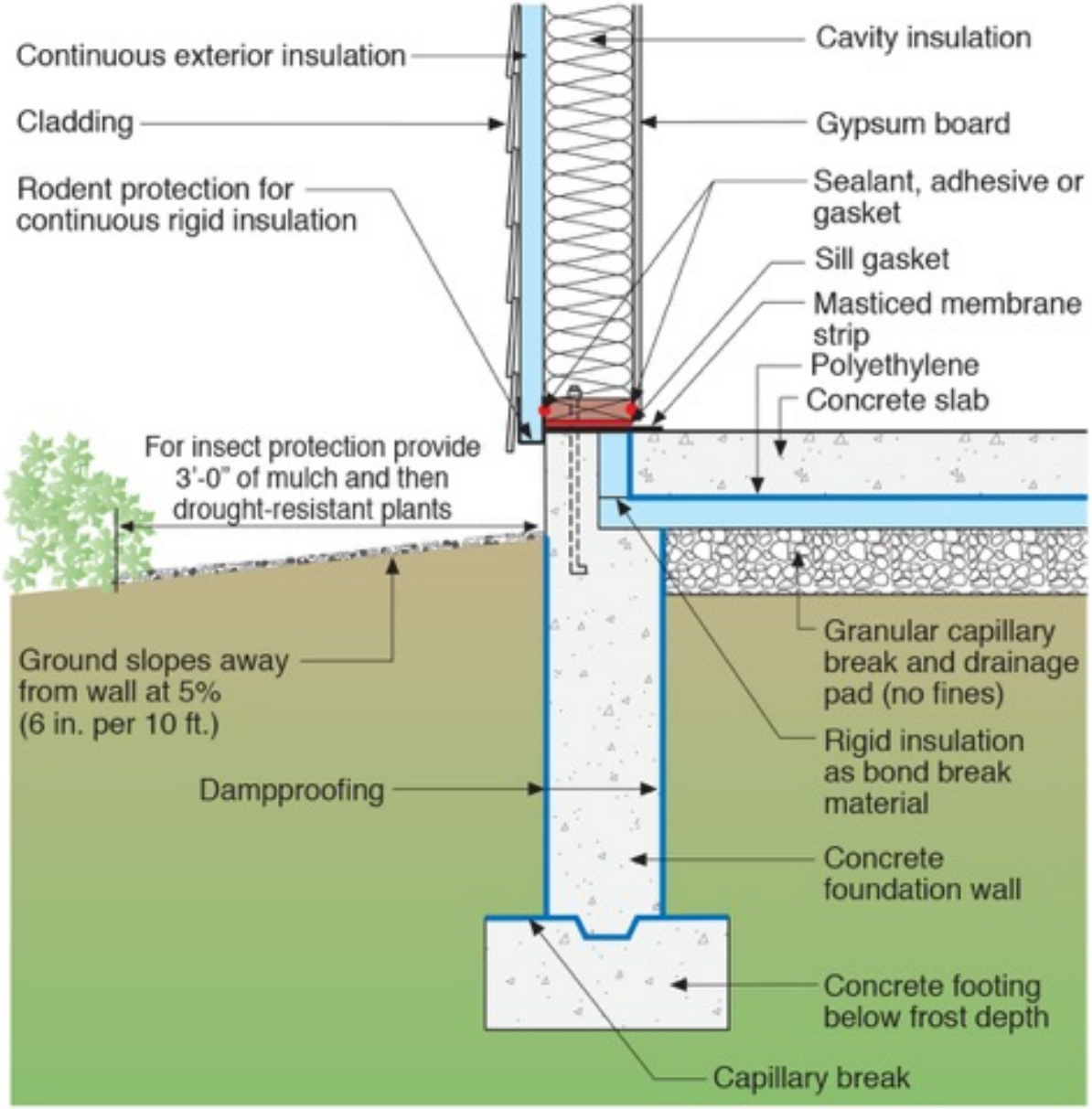








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Rodent protection for continuous rigid insulation
Cavity insulation
Gypsum board
Sealant, adhesive or gasket
Sill gasket
Masticed membrane strip
Polyethylene
Concrete slab
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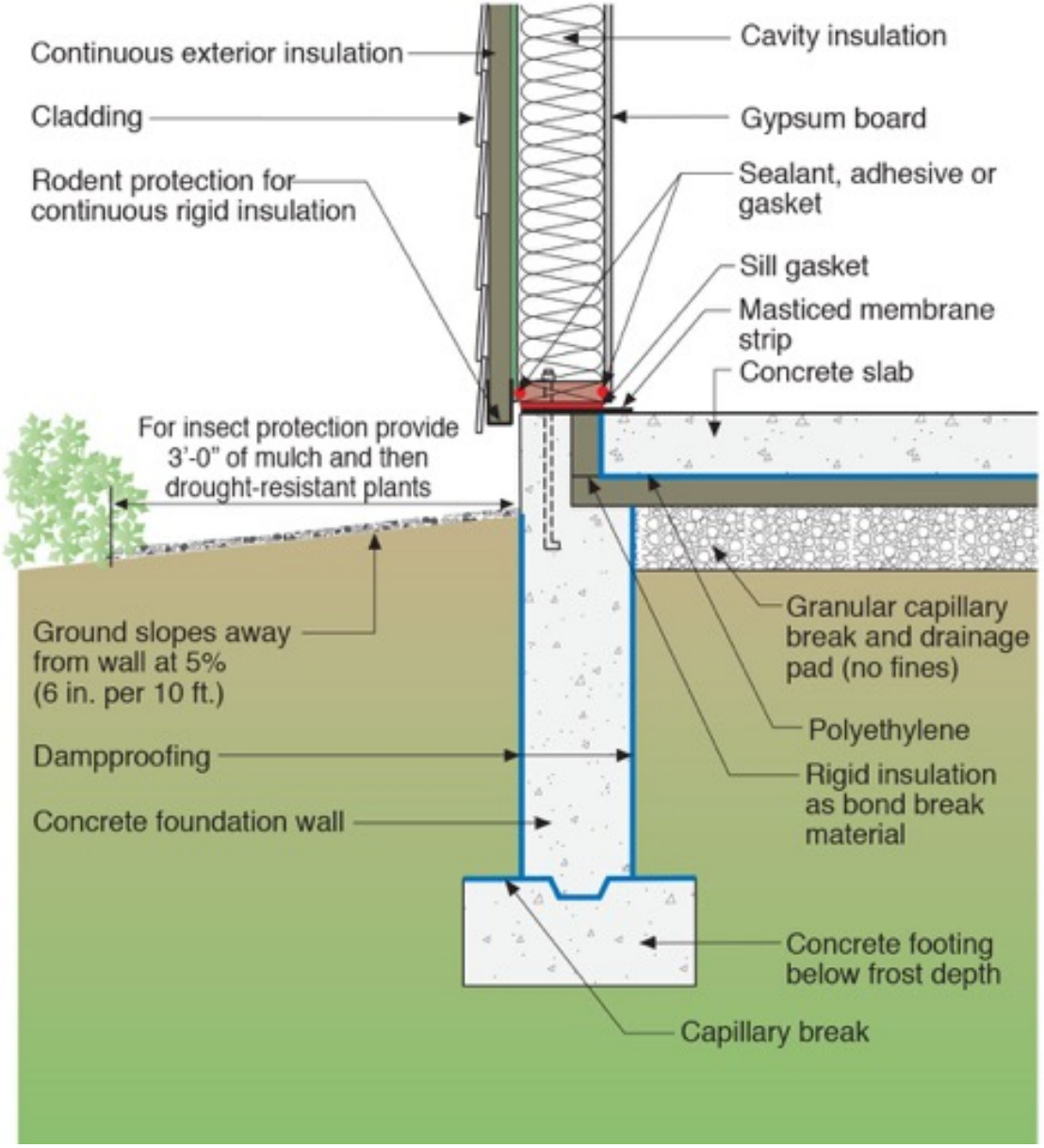
Ground slopes away from wall at 5% (6 in. per 10 ft.)
Dampproofing
Granular capillary break and drainage pad (no fines)
Rigid insulation as bond break material
Concrete foundation wall
Concrete footing below frost depth
Capillary break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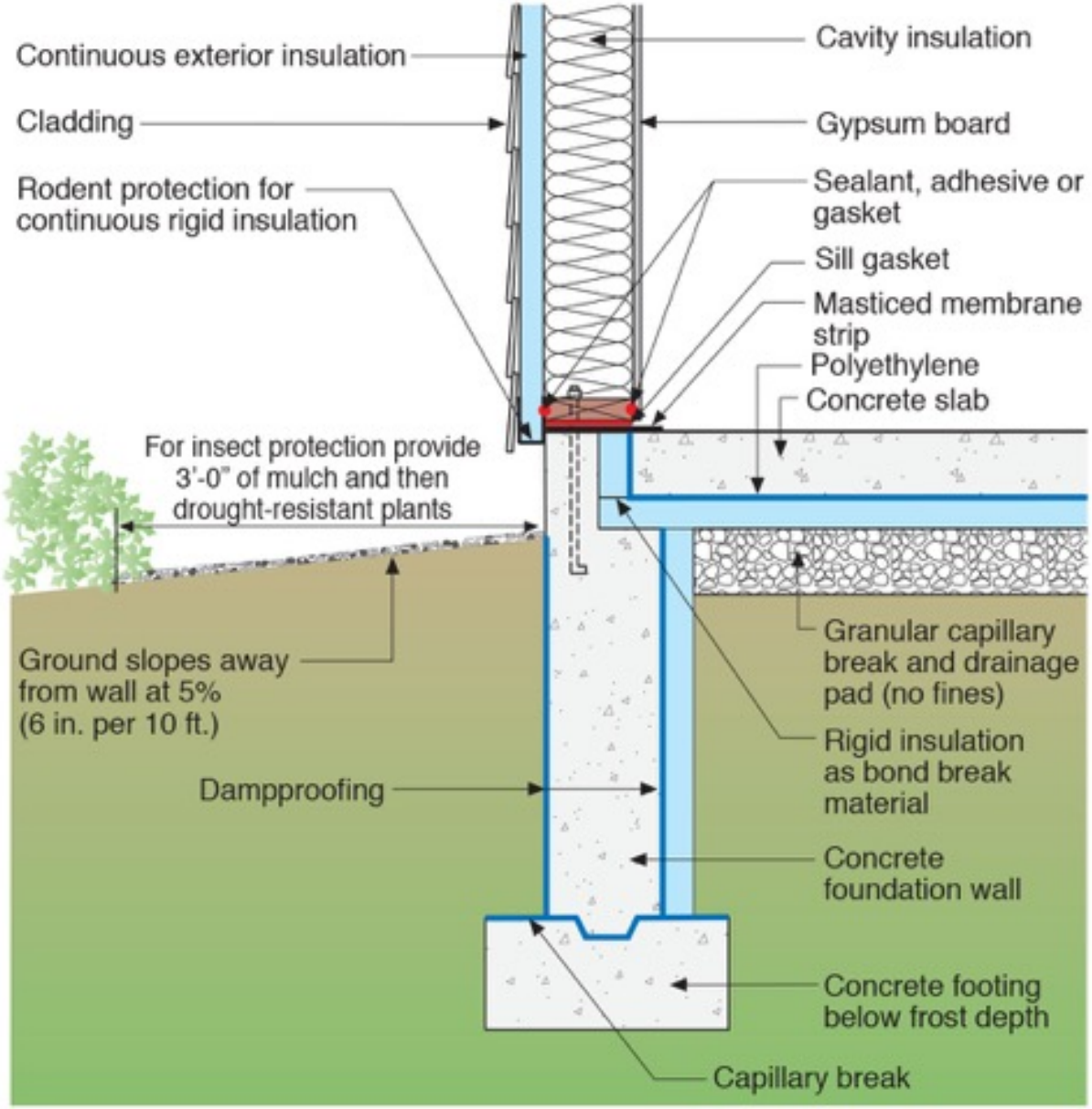
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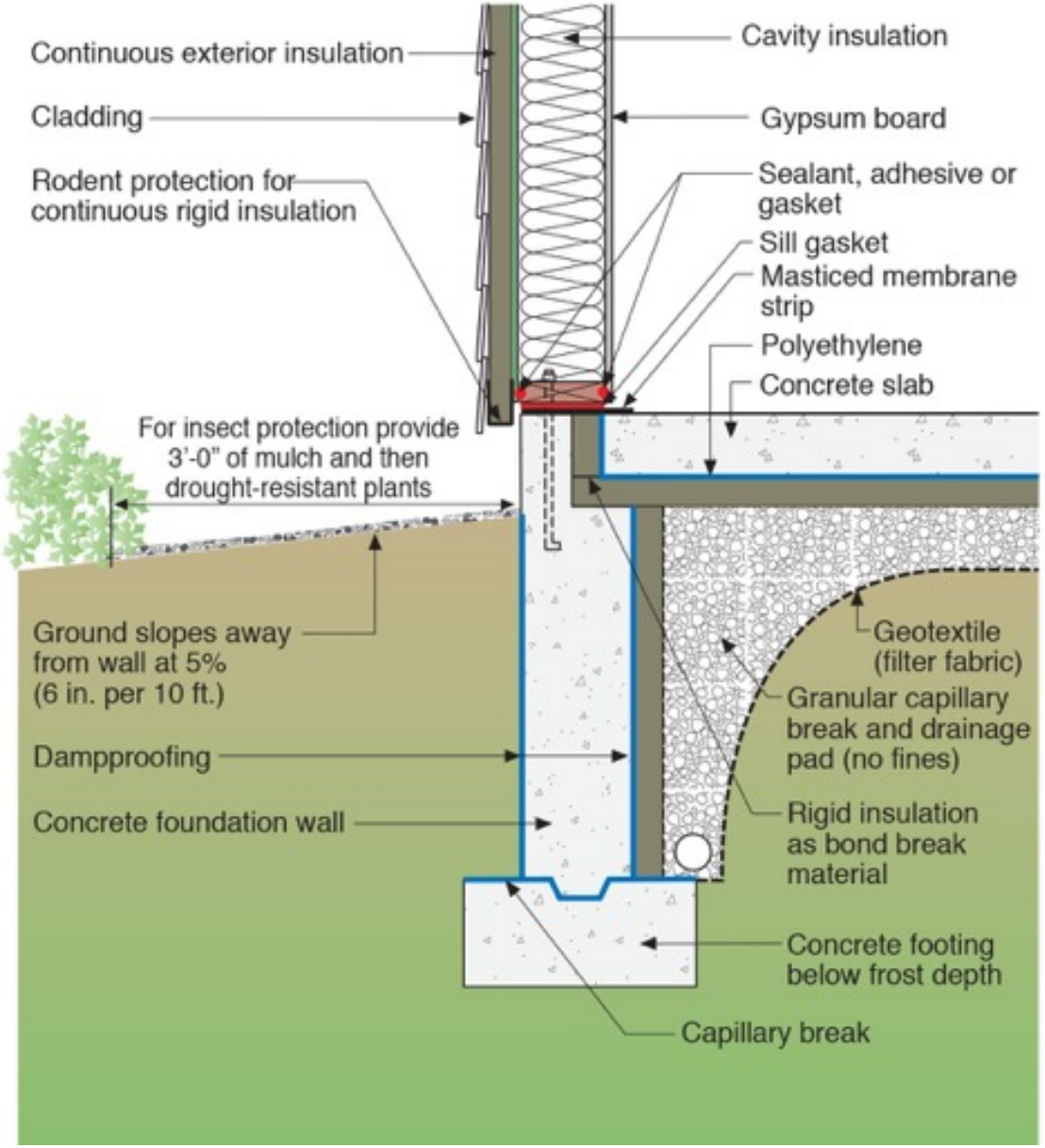
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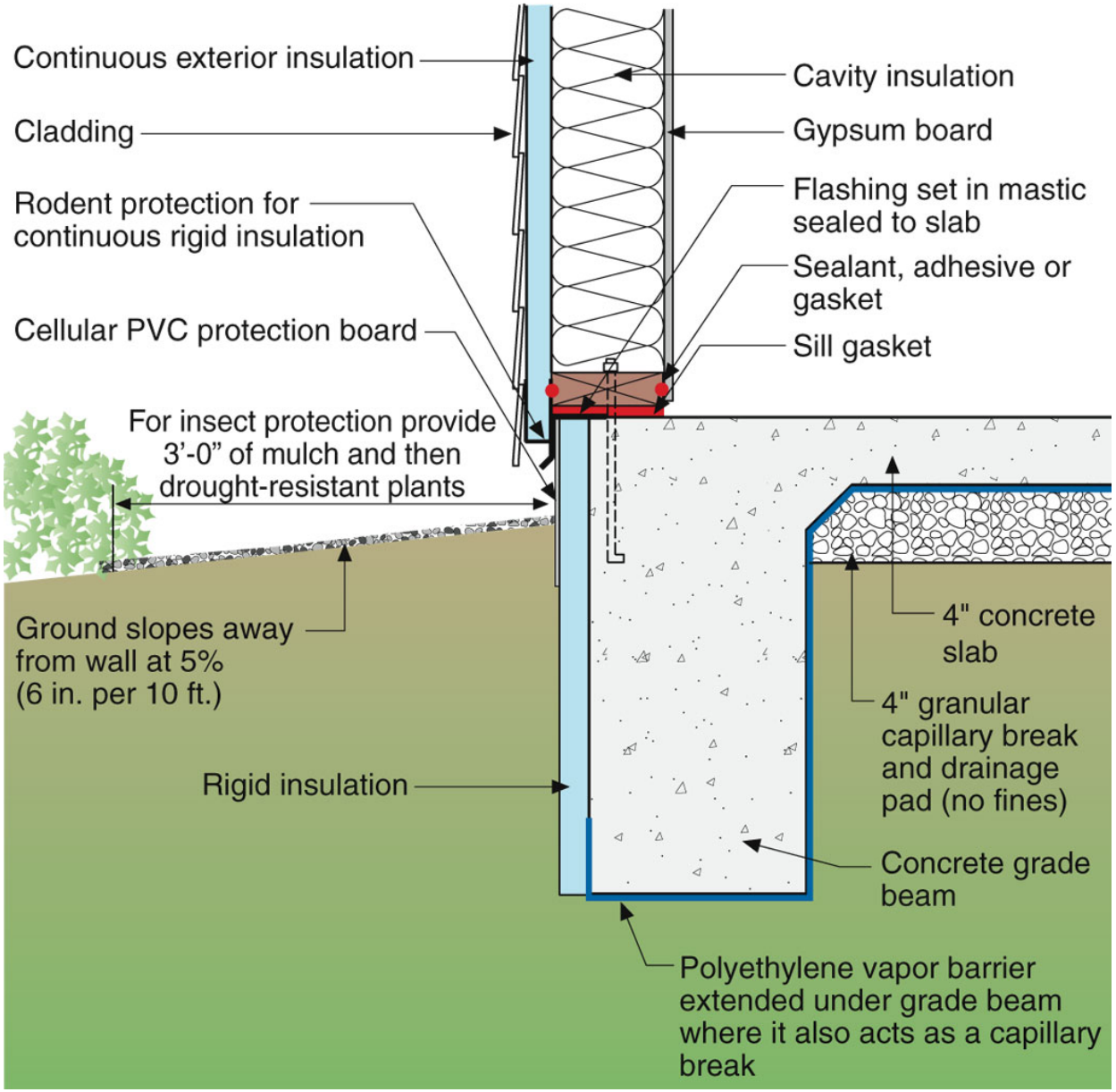
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Gypsum board
Flashing set in mastic sealed to slab
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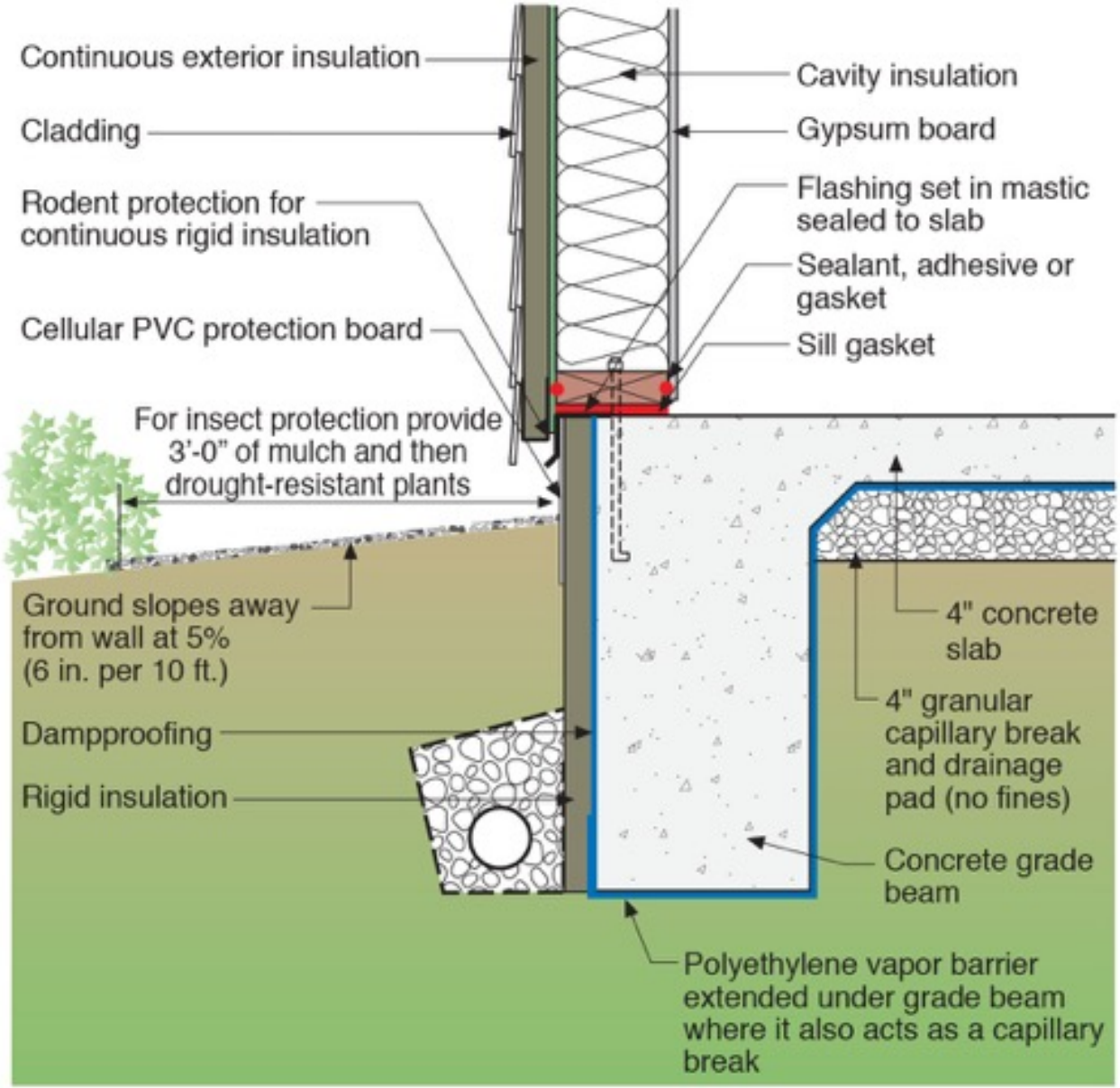
4" concrete slab
4" granular capillary break and drainage pad (no fines)
Concrete grade beam
Polyethylene vapor barrier extended under grade beam where it also acts as a capillary break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4" concrete slab
4" granular capillary break and drainage pad (no fines)
Concrete grade beam
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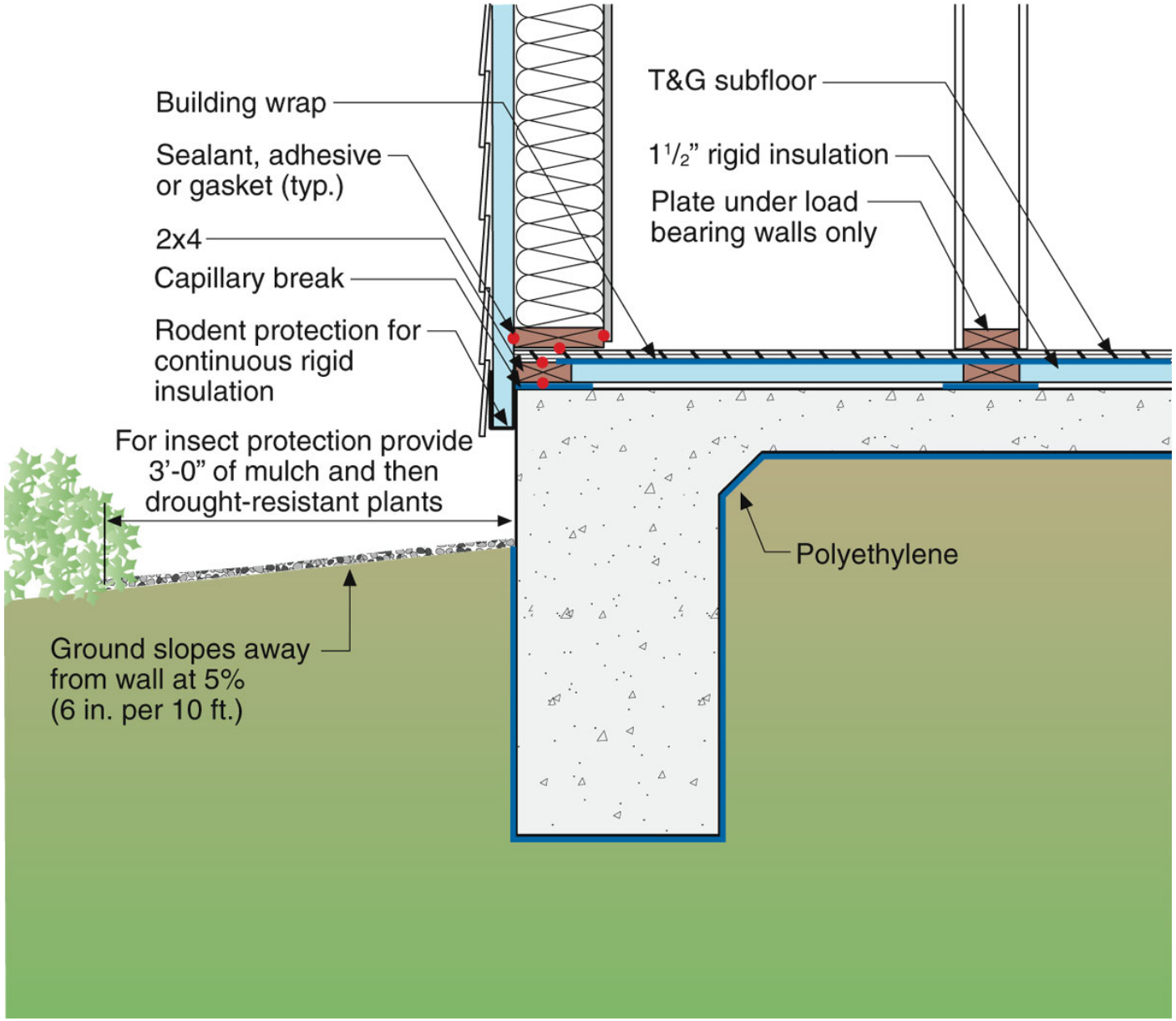
Building wrap
Sealant, adhesive or gasket (typ.)
2x4
Capillary break
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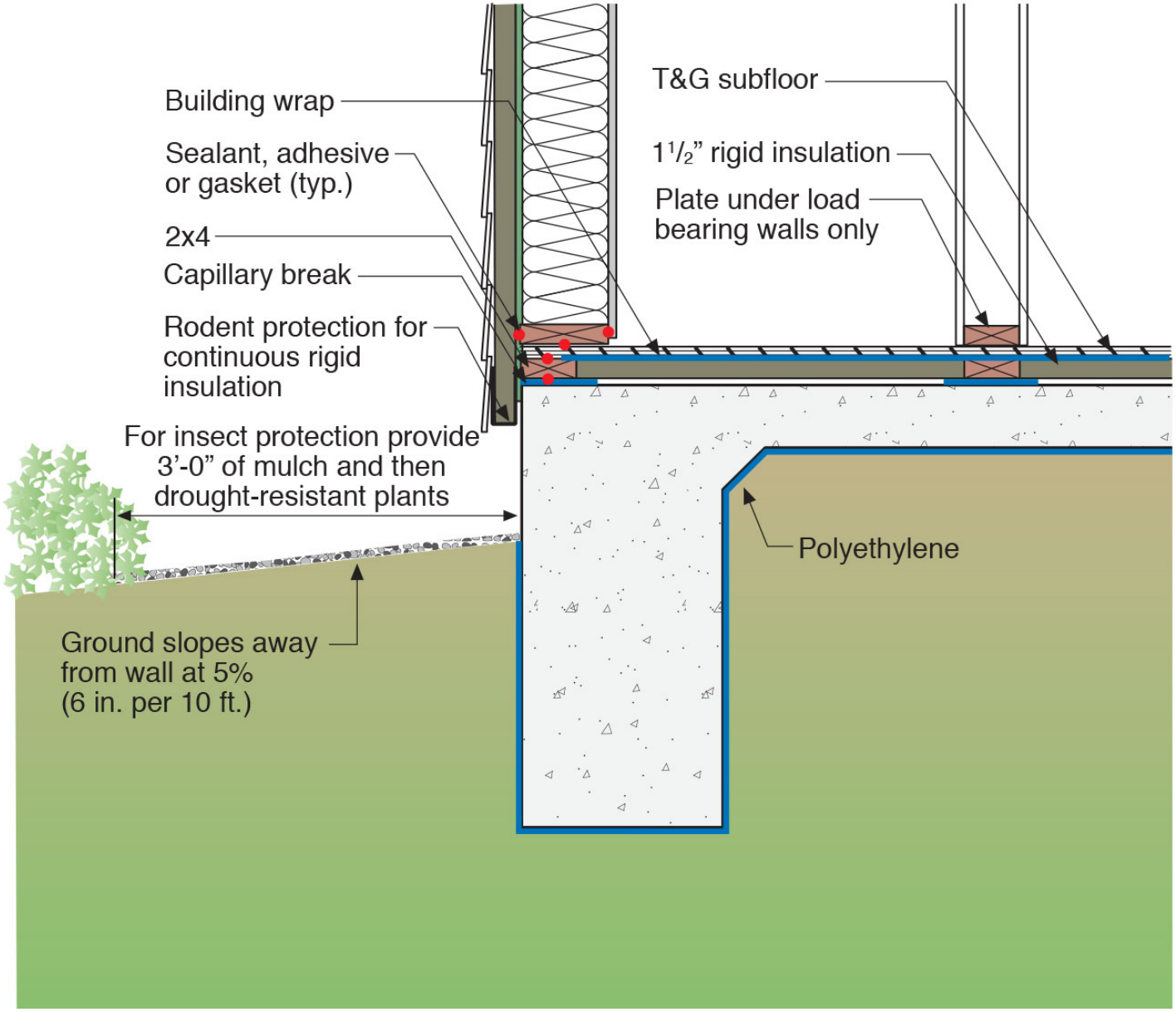
1½" rigid insulation
Plate under load bearing walls only
Polyethylene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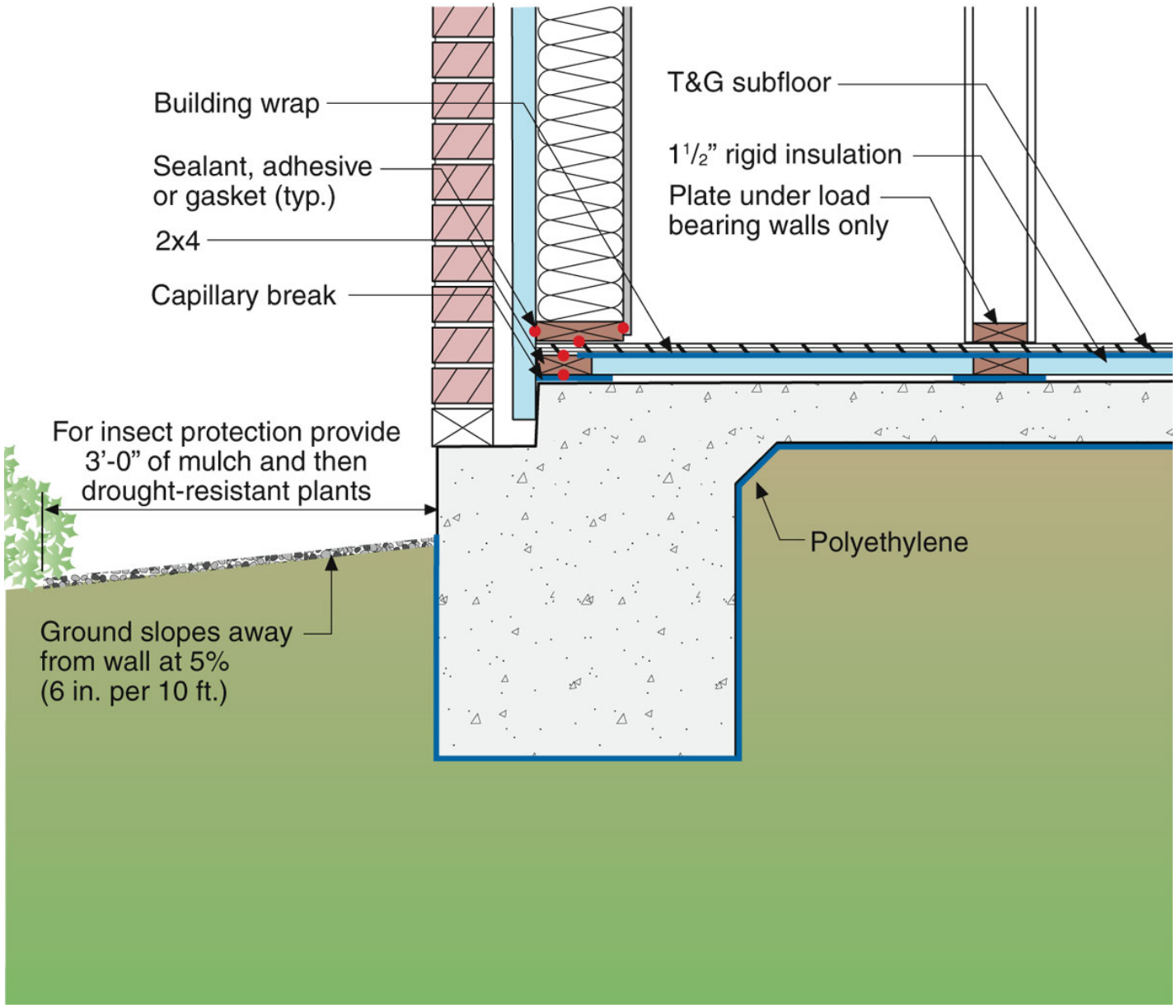
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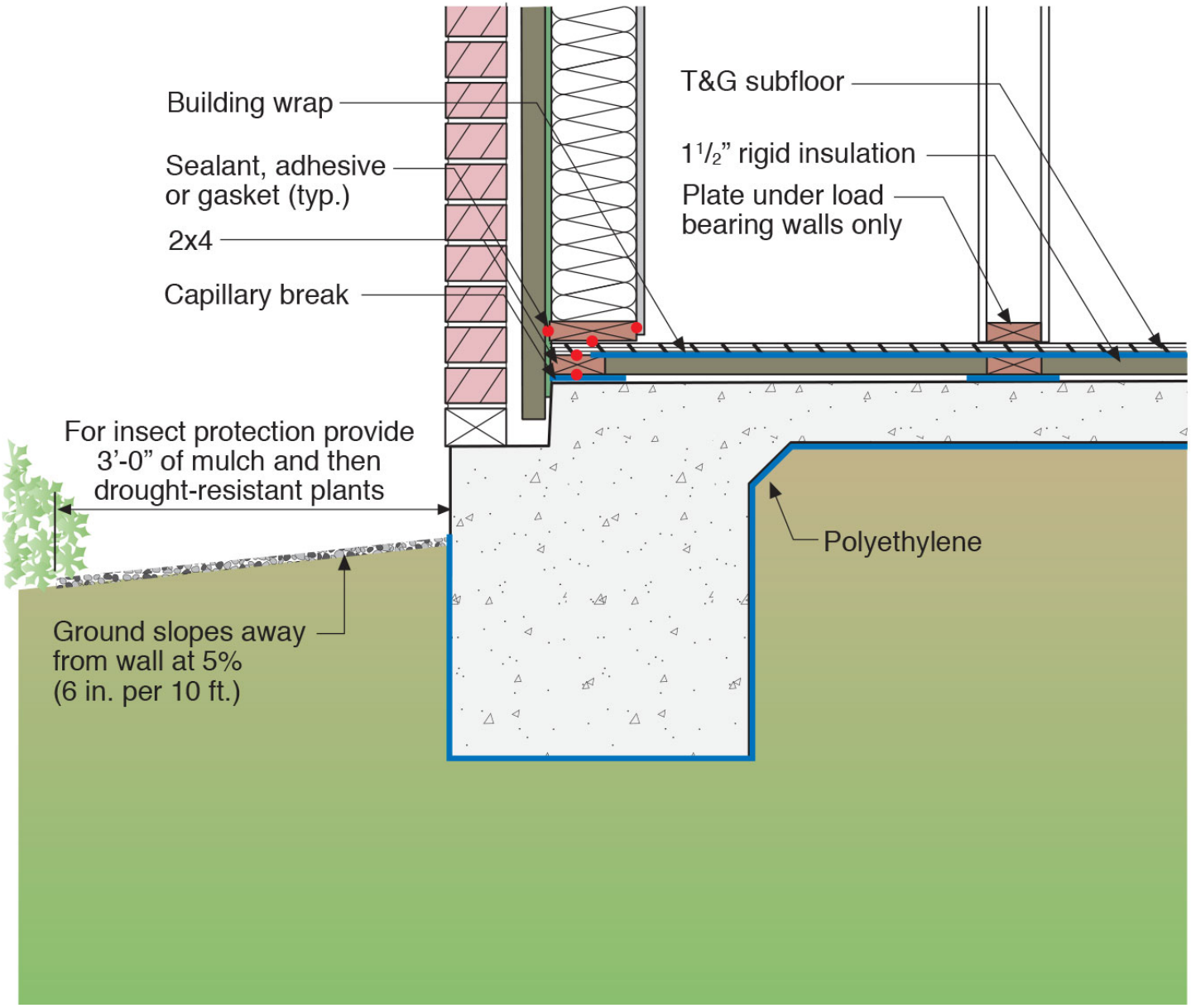
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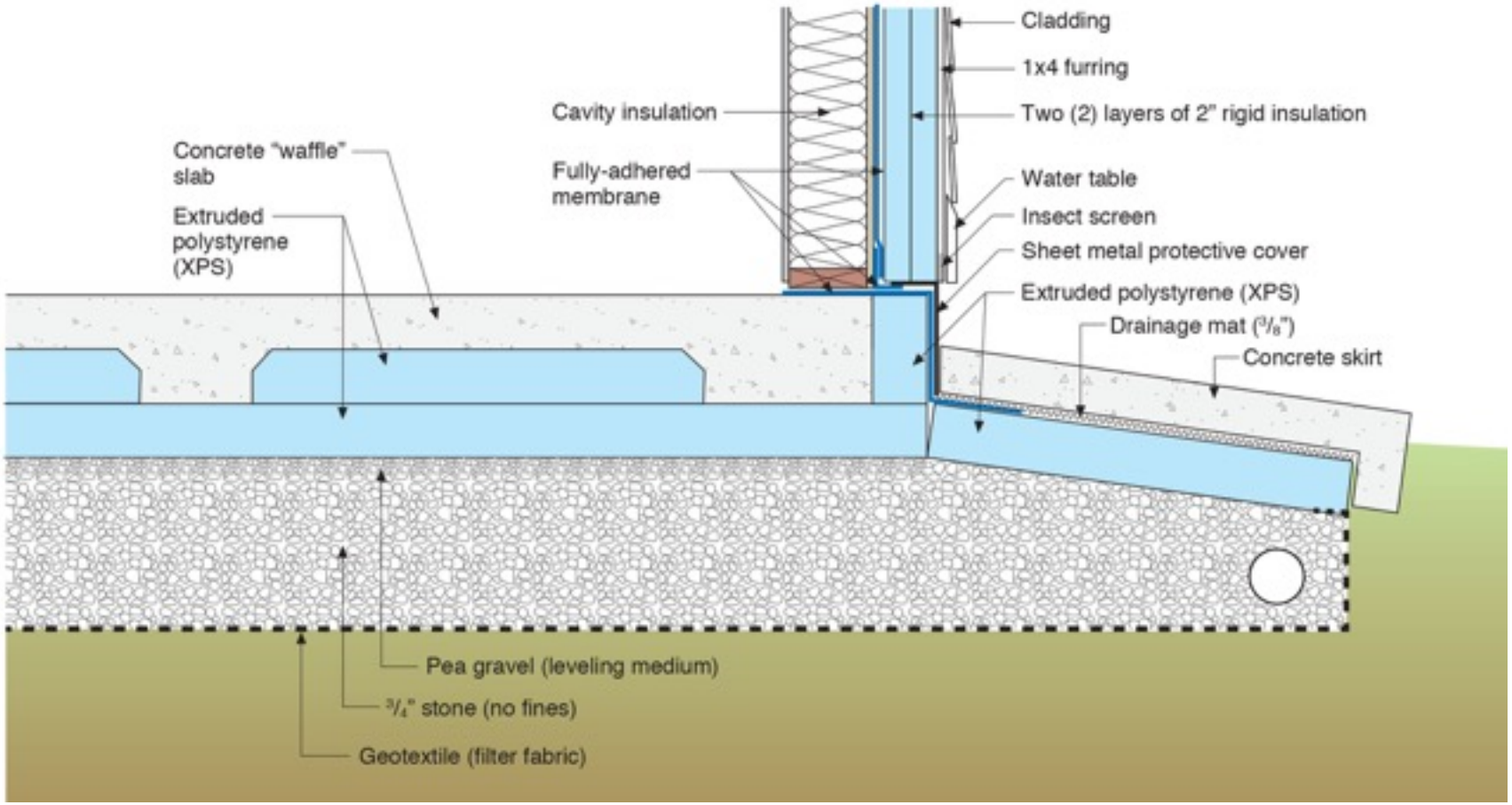
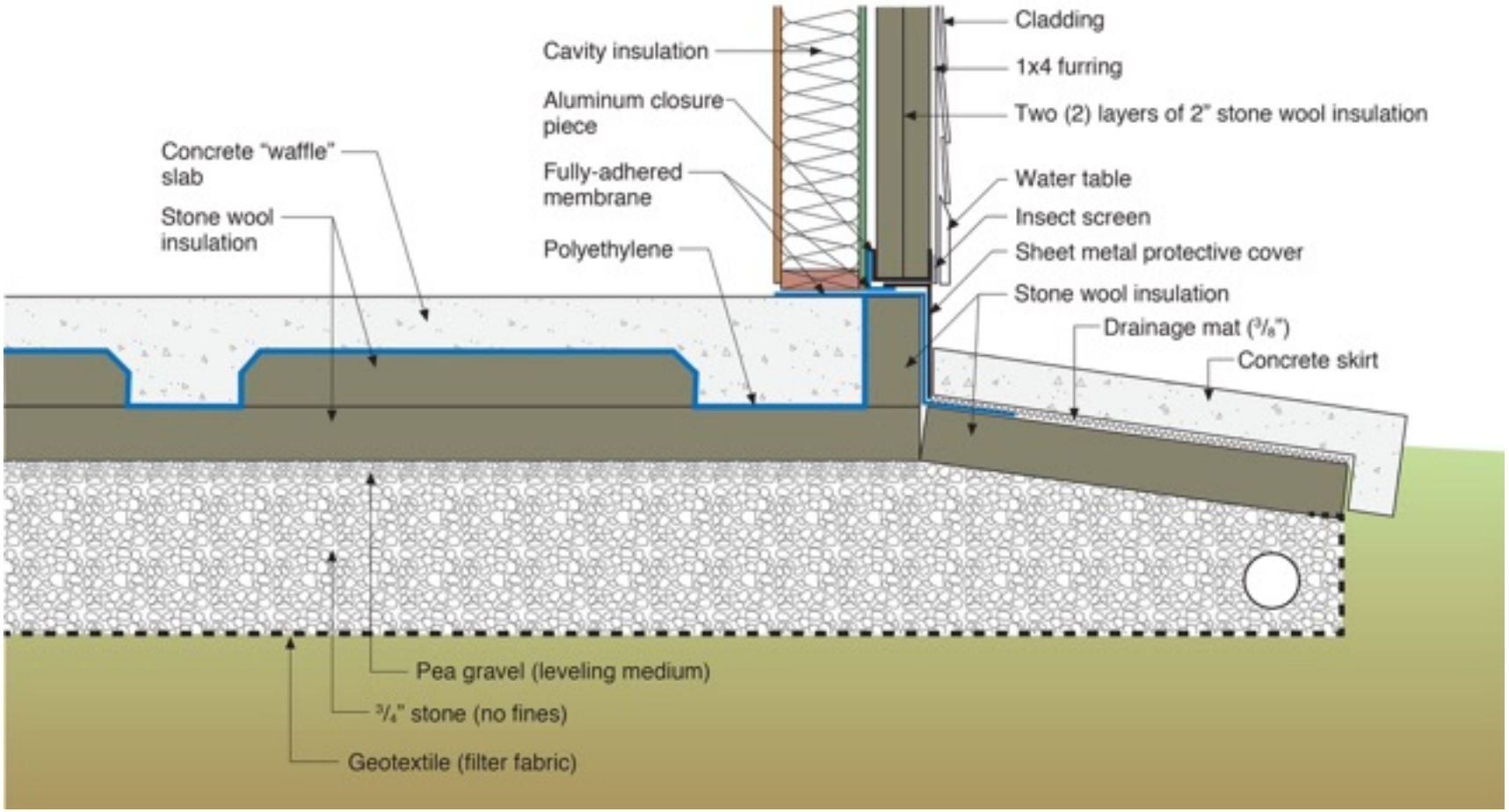

Cladding
1x4 furring
Two (2) layers of 2" rigid insulation
Cavity insulation
Fully-adhered membrane
Concrete "waffle" slab
Extruded polystyrene (XPS)
Water table
Insect screen
Sheet metal protective cover
Extruded polystyrene (XPS)
Drainage mat (3/8")
Concrete skirt
Pea gravel (leveling medium)
3/4" stone (no fines)
Geotextile (filter fabric)


Cladding
1x4 furring
Two (2) layers of 2" stone wool insulation
Water table
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Sheet metal protective cover
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Split Release


ZIPsystem


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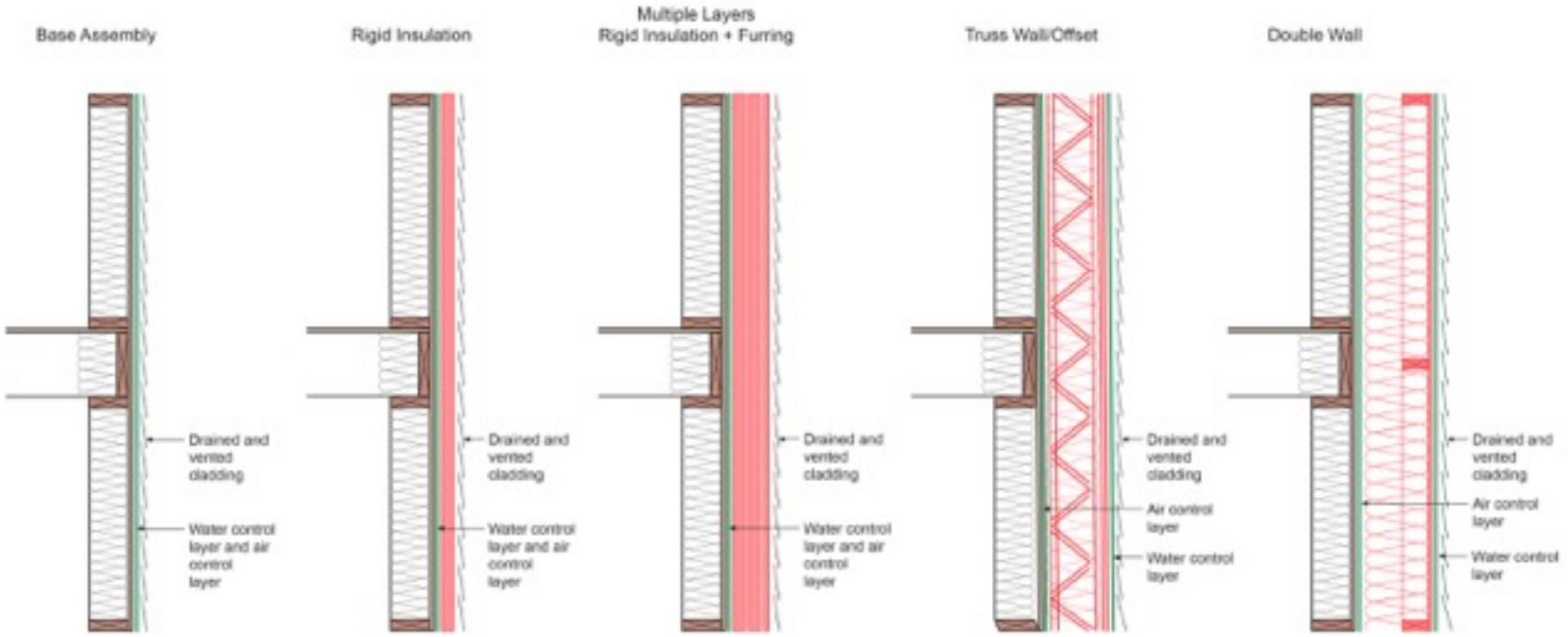
Base Assembly
Drained and vented cladding
Water control layer and air control layer
Rigid Insulation
Drained and vented cladding
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Multiple Layers
Rigid Insulation + Furring
Drained and vented cladding
Water control layer and air control layer
Truss Wall/Offset
Drained and vented cladding
Air control layer
Water control layer
Double Wall
Drained and vented cladding
Air control layer
Water control layer


PlastiSpan HD
Plasti-Fab
R8
EcoLogo


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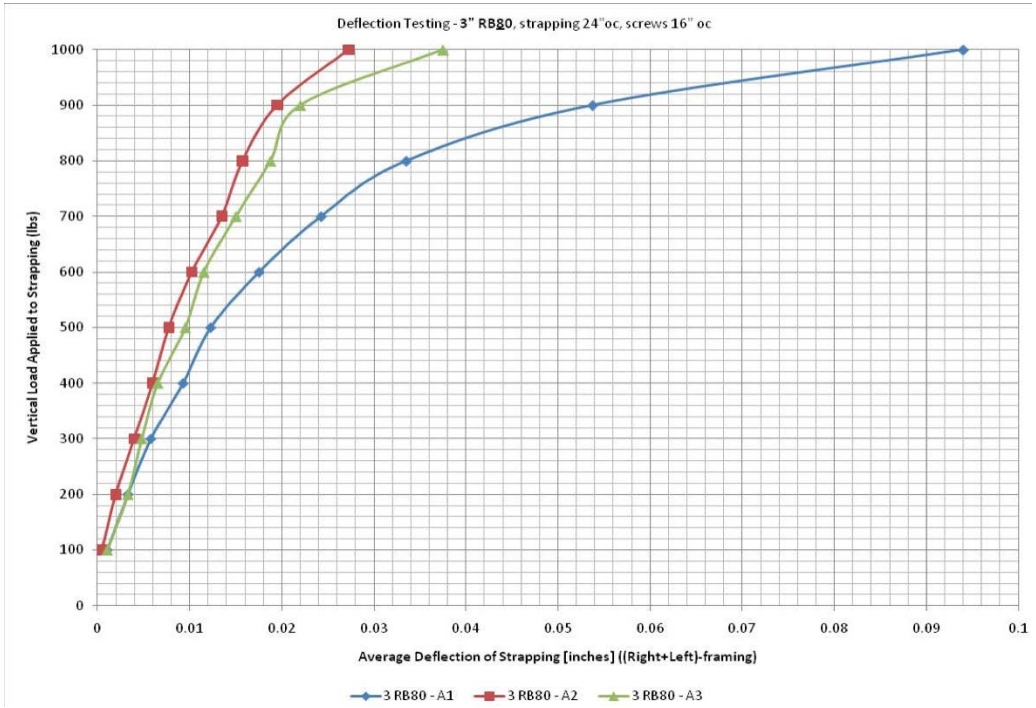
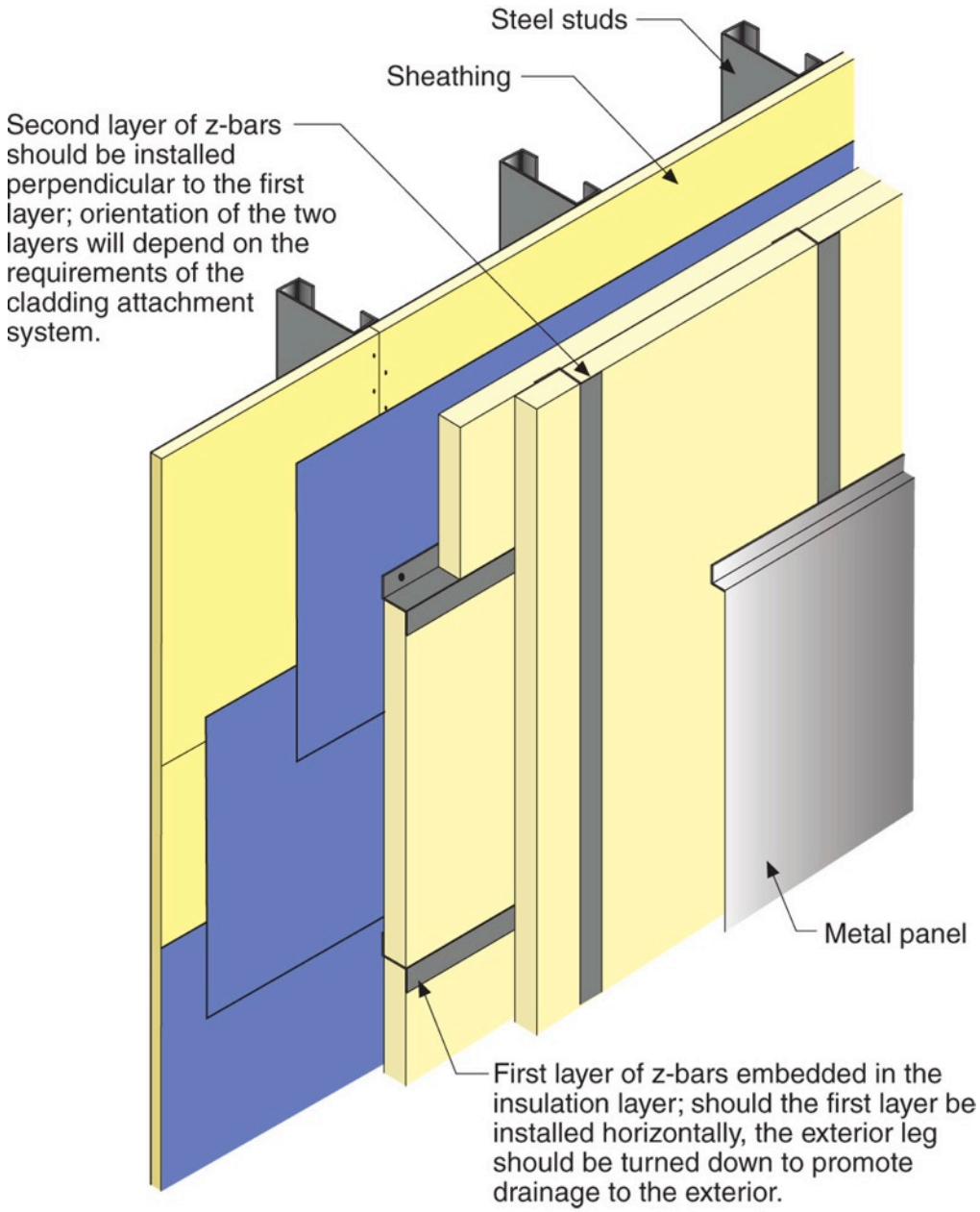
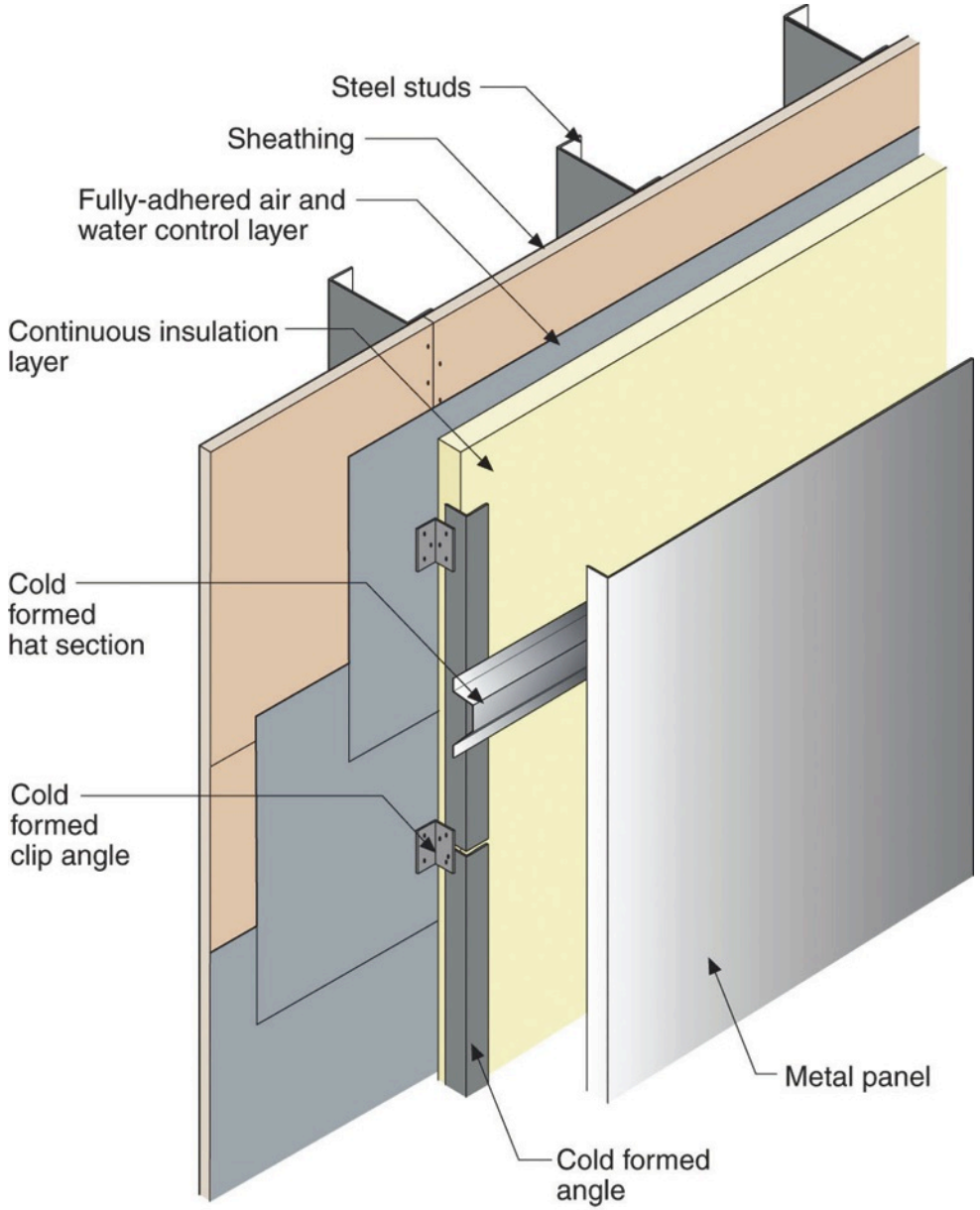
Rockwool

1x3 furring @ 24” o.c.
#10 screws @ 16” o.c. vertically
Result: 20 psf cladding weight
with < 2/100” deflection




Steel studs
Sheathing
Second layer of z-bars should be installed perpendicular to the first layer; orientation of the two layers will depend on the requirements of the cladding attachment system.
Metal panel
First layer of z-bars embedded in the insulation layer; should the first layer be installed horizontally, the exterior leg should be turned down to promote drainage to the exterior.


Steel studs
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Fully-adhered air and water control layer
Continuous insulation layer
Cold formed hat section
Cold formed clip angle
Metal panel
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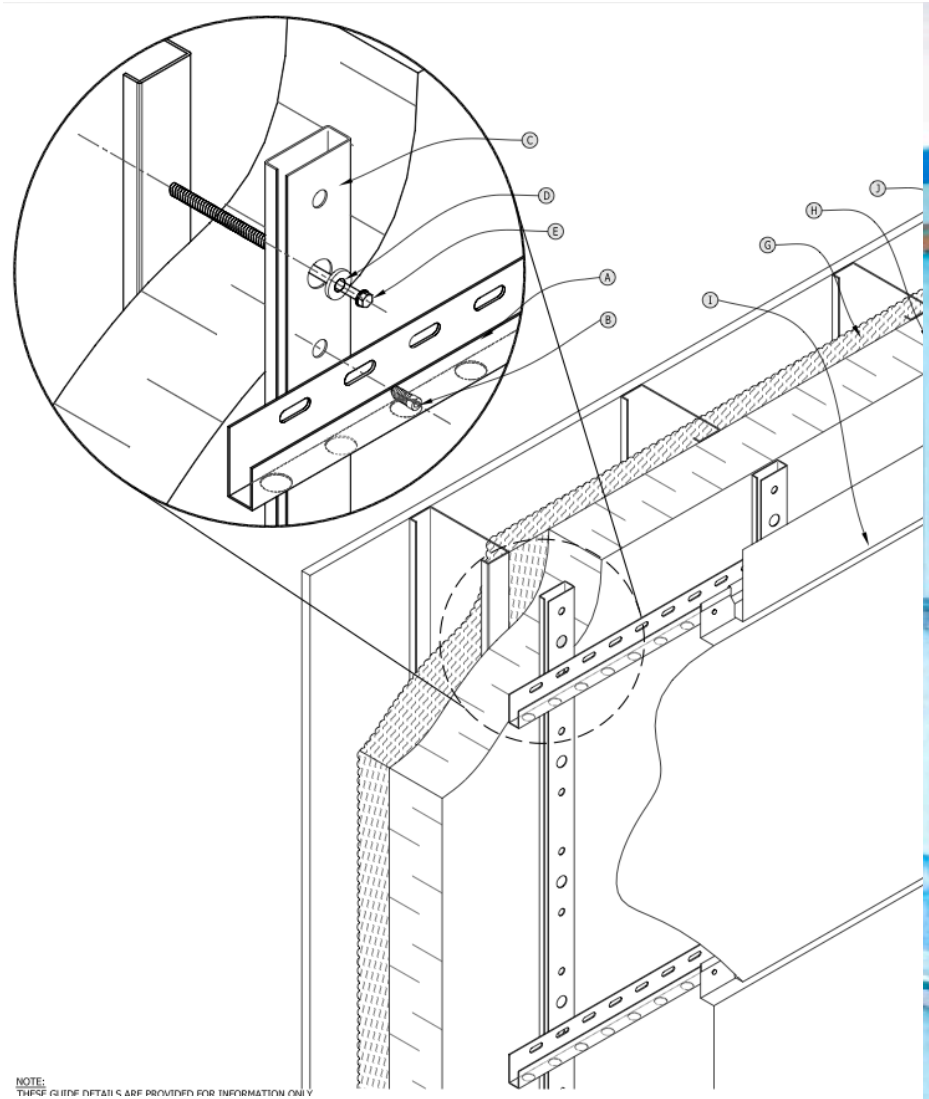
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Exterior Insulation


Vented Hat Channel

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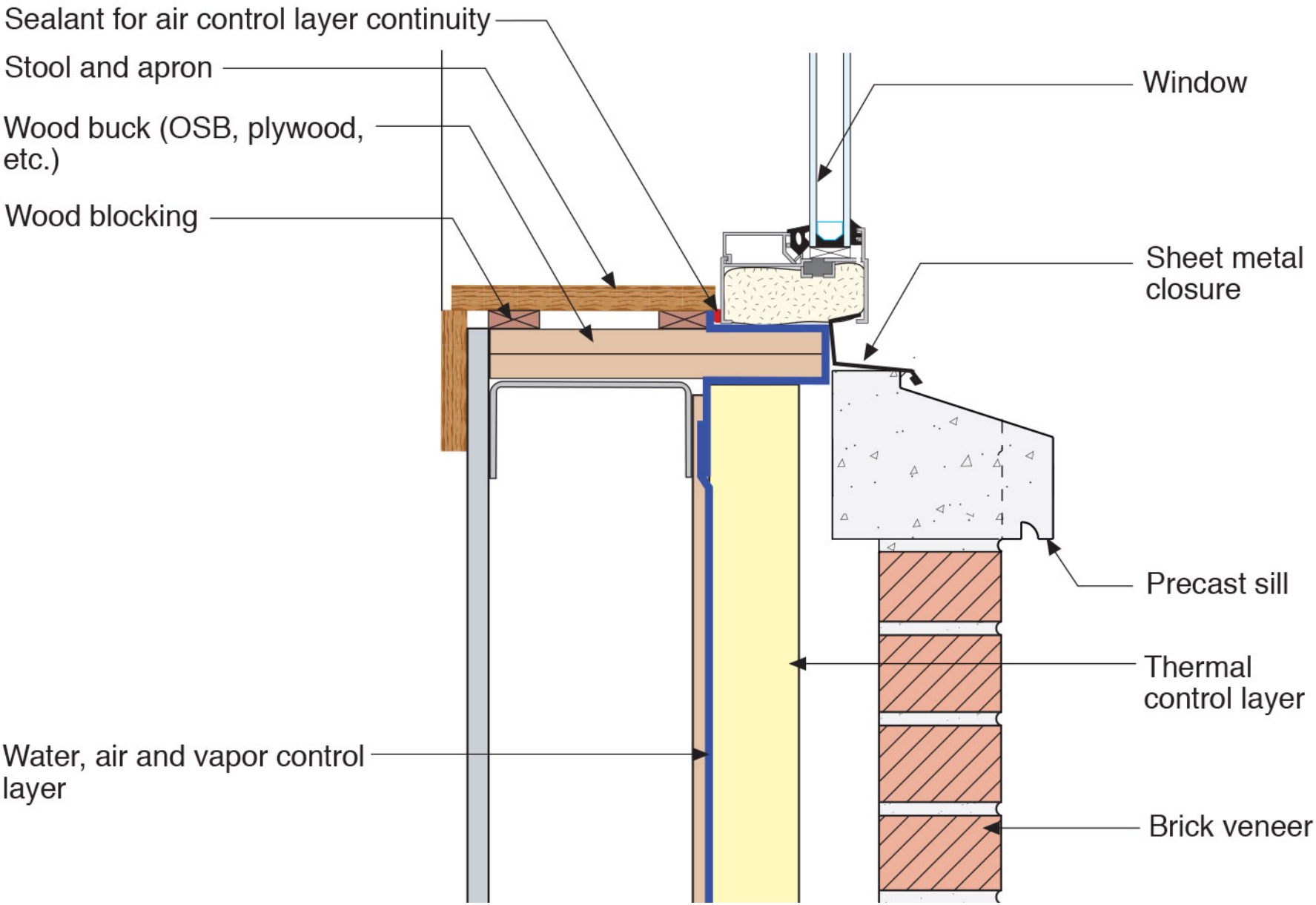
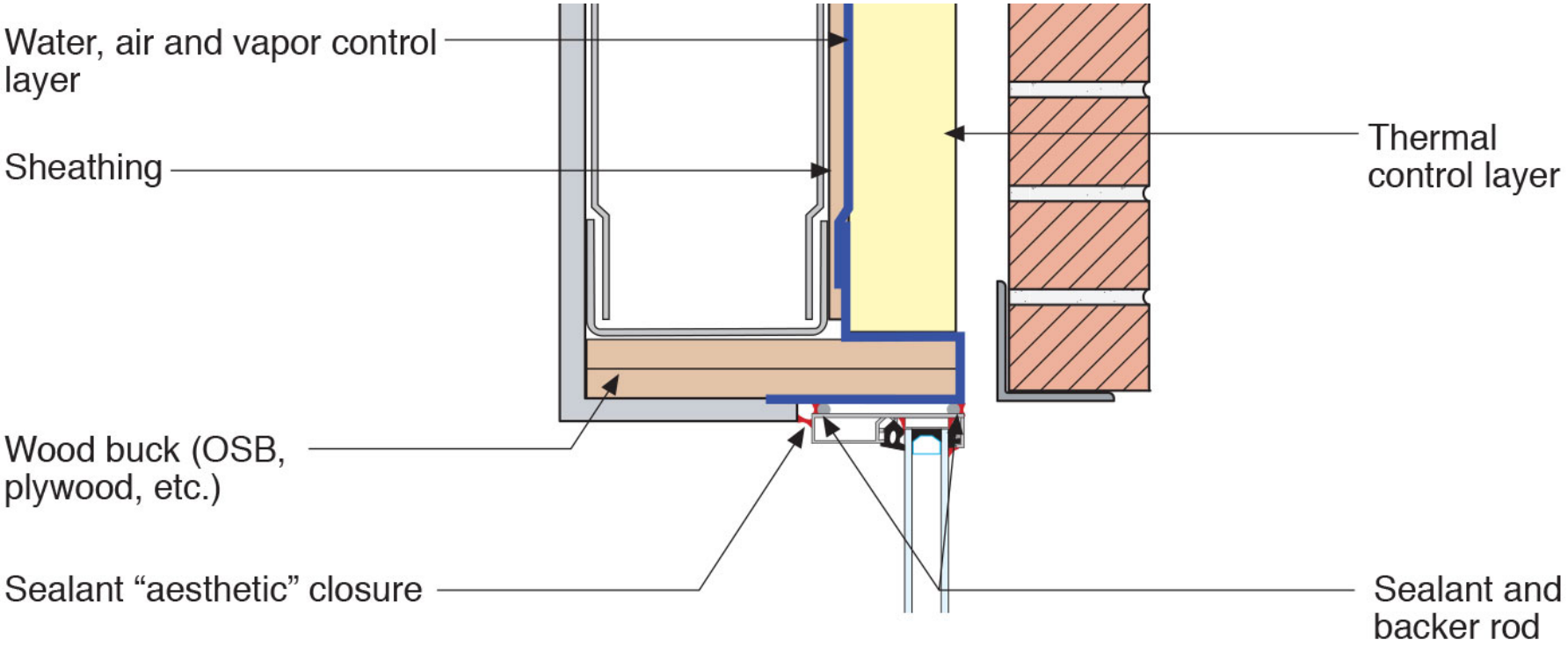

Sealant for air control layer continuity
Stool and apron
Wood buck (OSB, plywood, etc.)
Wood blocking
Window
Sheet metal closure
Precast sill
Thermal control layer
Water, air and vapor control layer
Brick veneer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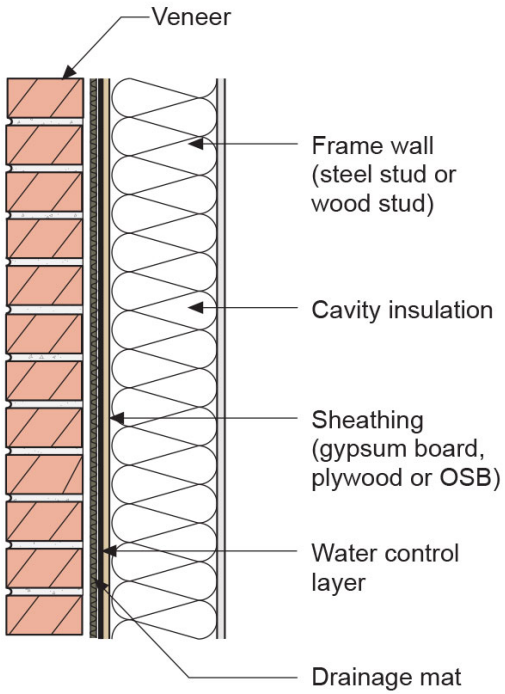
Sealant “aesthetic” closure
Thermal control layer
Sealant and backer rod


Veneer
Frame wall (steel stud or wood stud)
Cavity insulation
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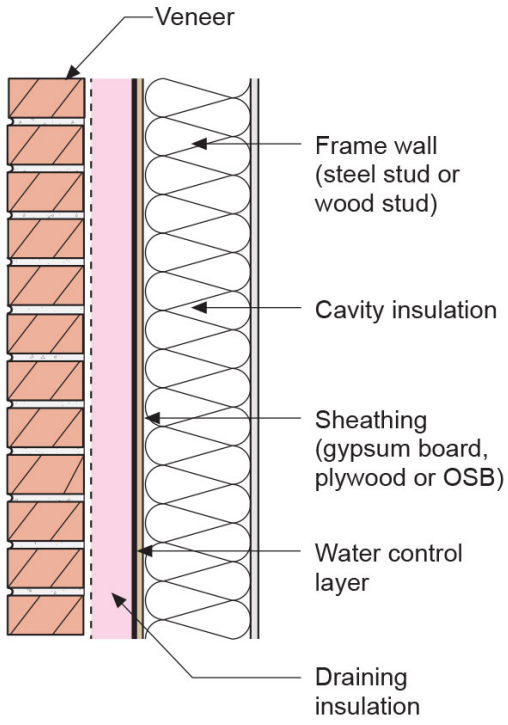
Water control layer
Drainage mat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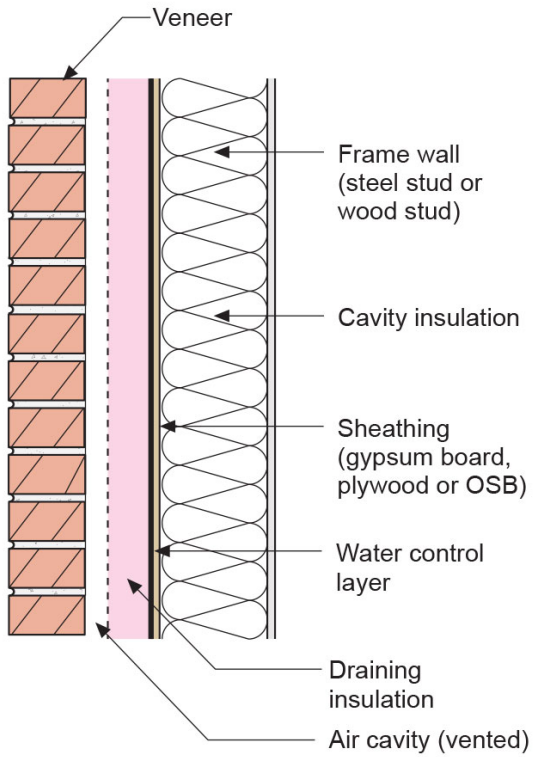
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