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Building Science

Adventures In Building Science

Crawl Spaces

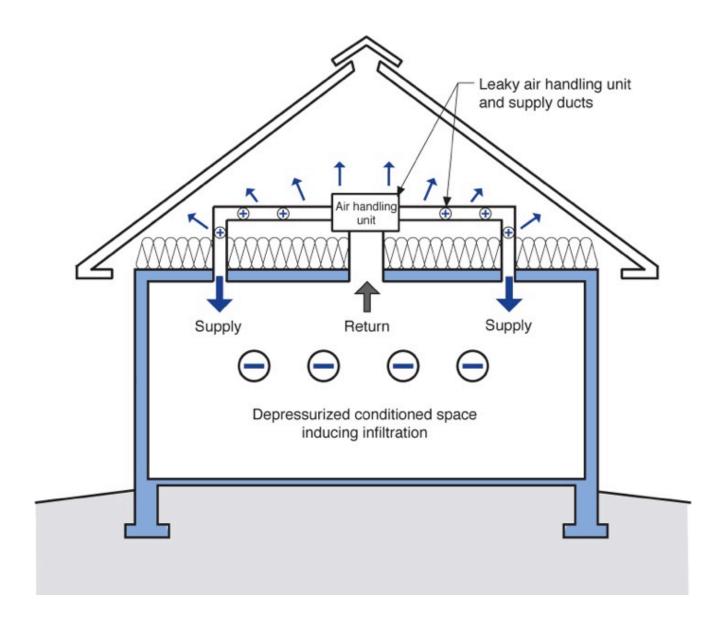
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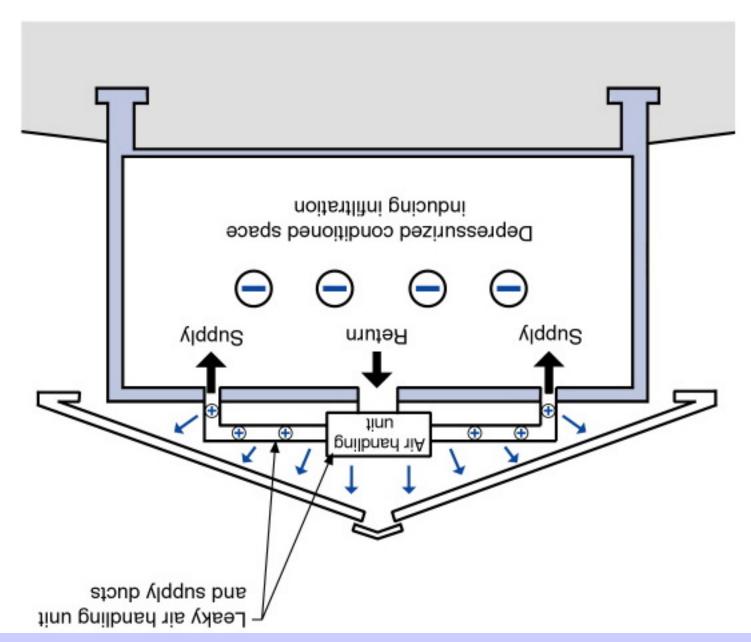
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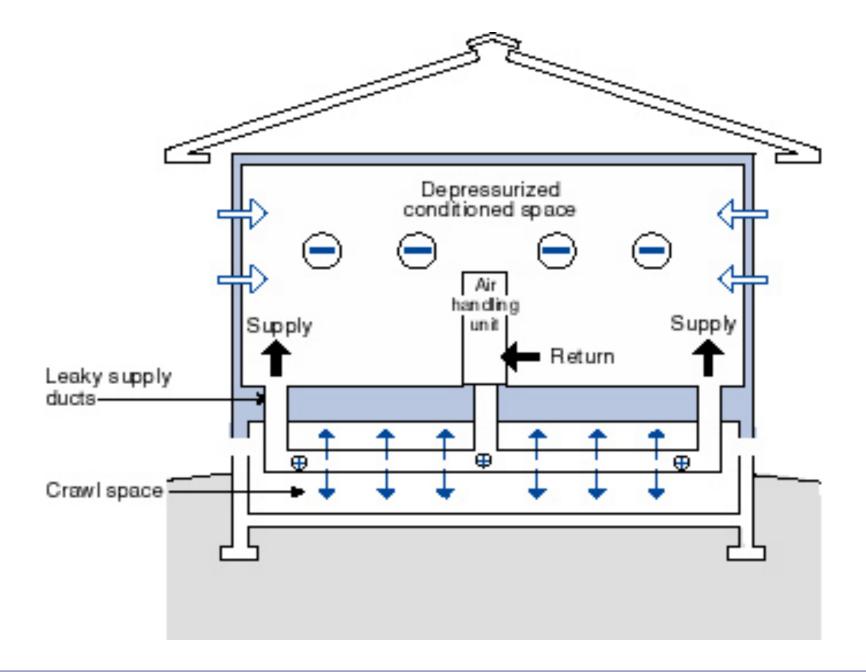
Vented crawl spaces work

Unvented conditioned crawl spaces work

Don't Do Stupid Things







Smart Thing



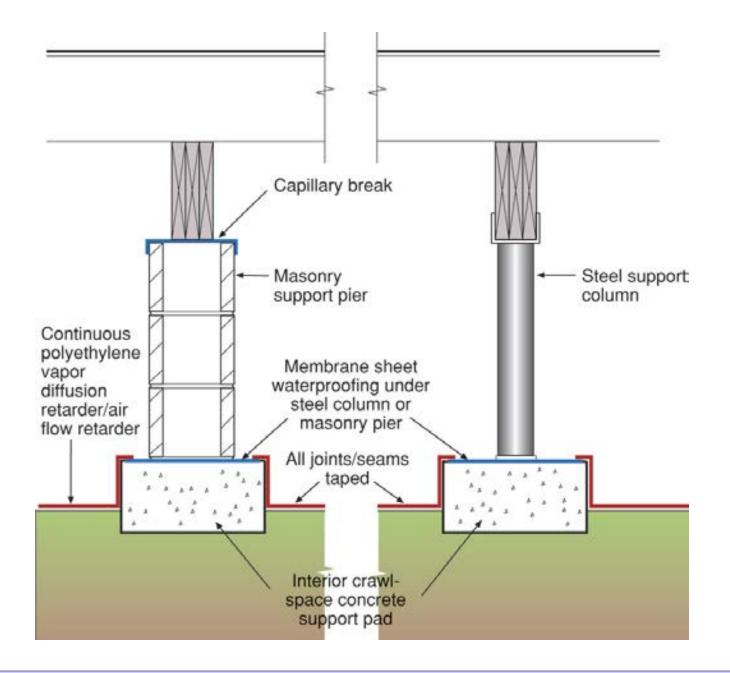










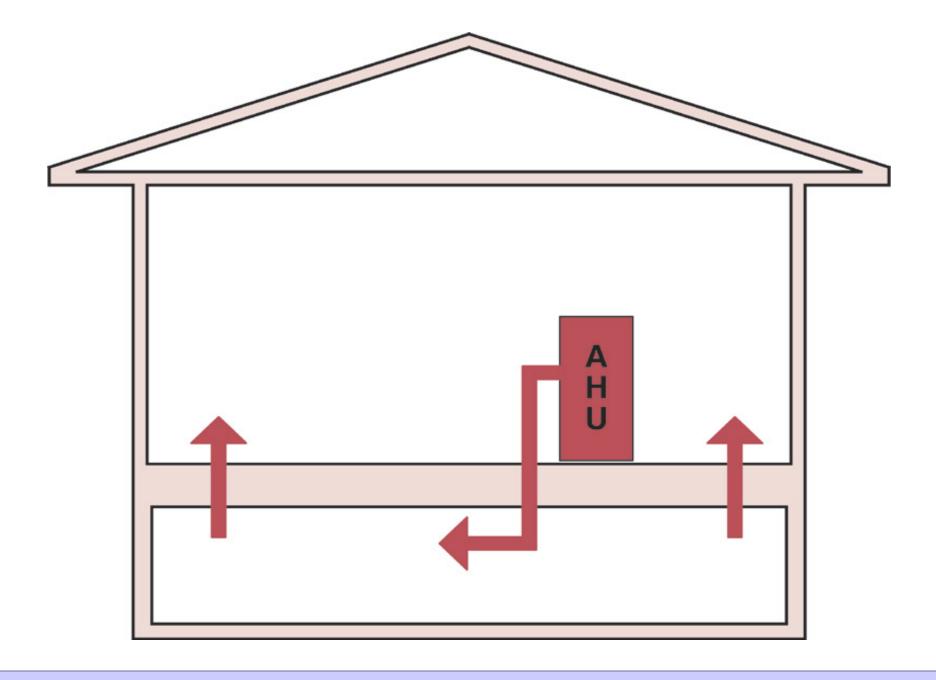


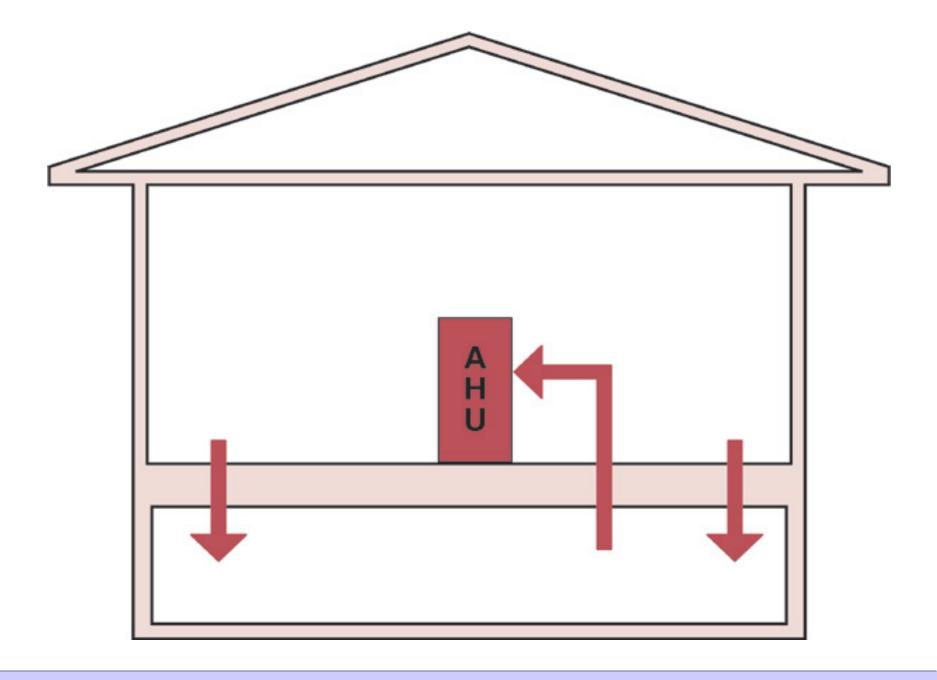
Conditioned Crawlspaces Not Unvented Crawlspaces

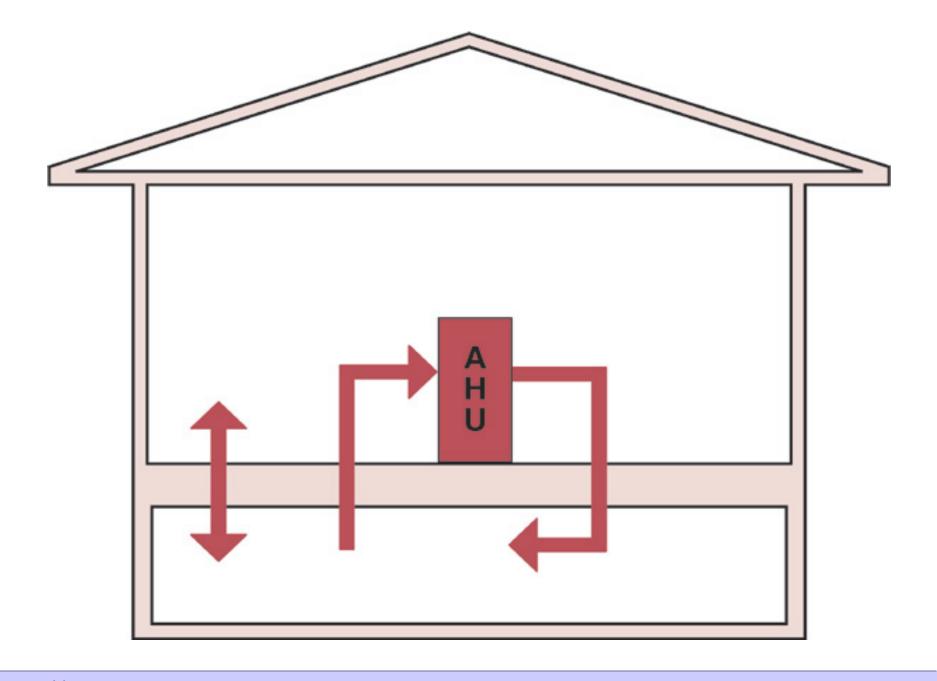
Need Supply Air 50 cfm/1000 ft2 of Crawlspace Area

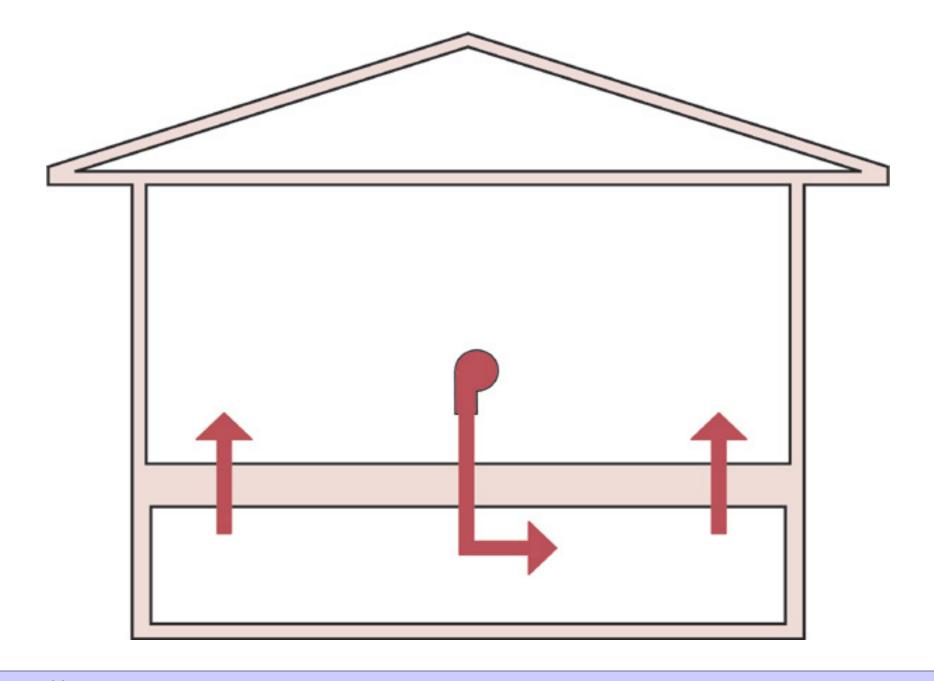
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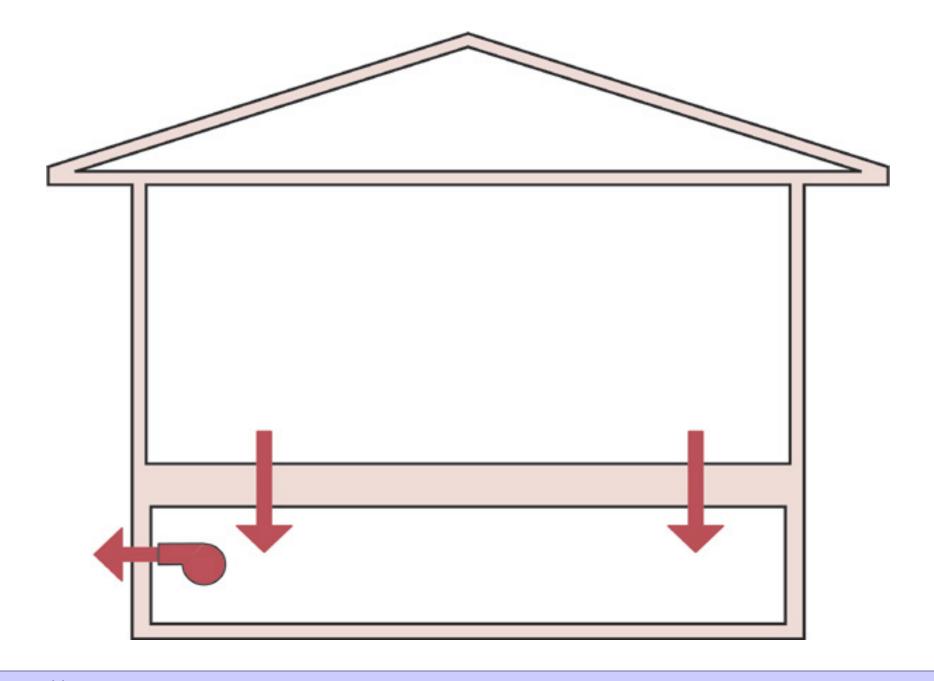
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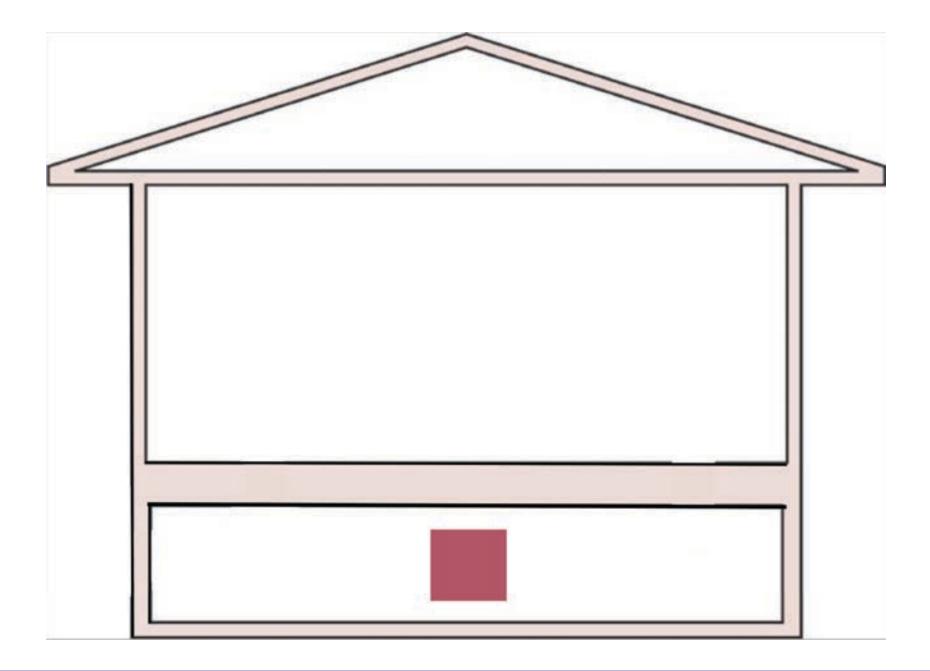


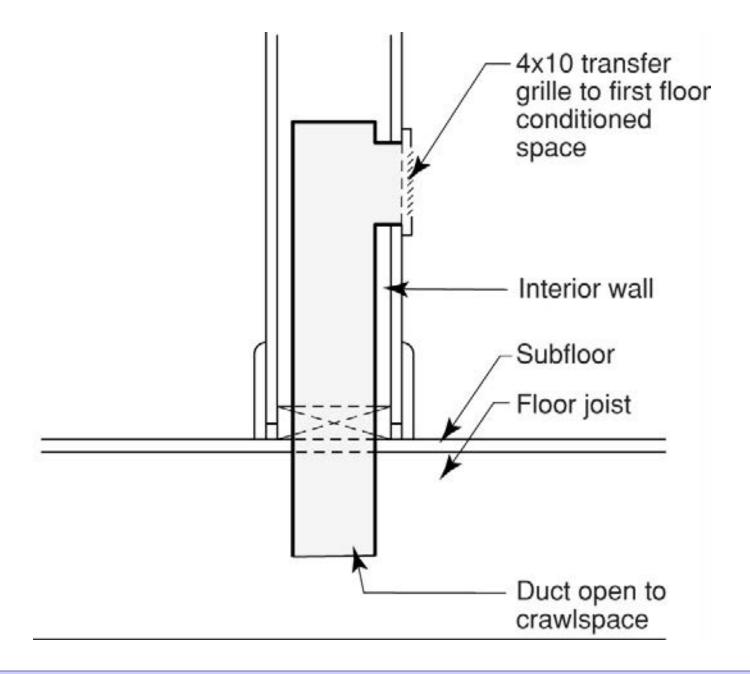


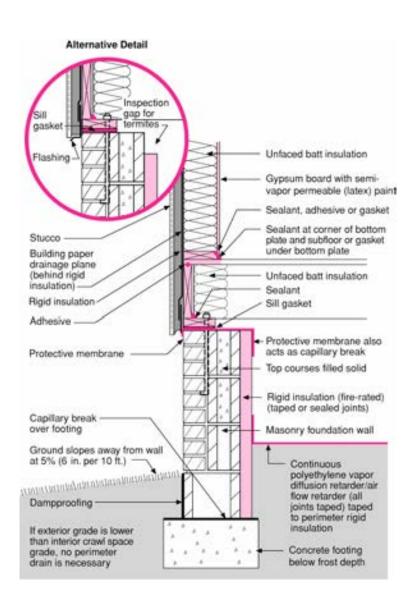


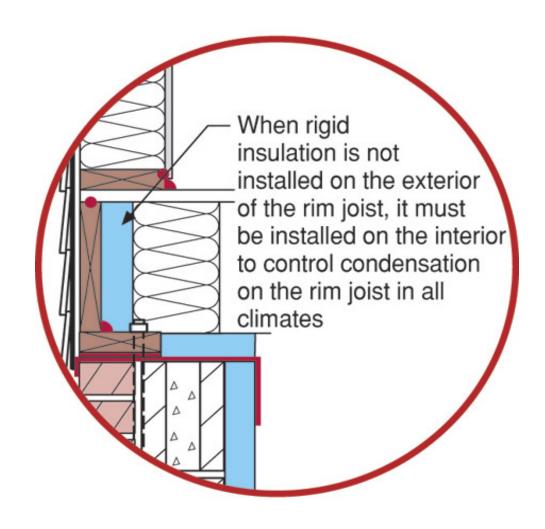




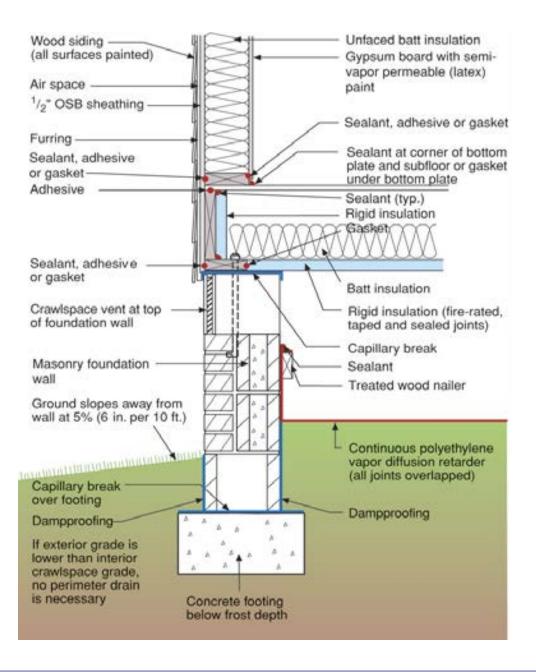


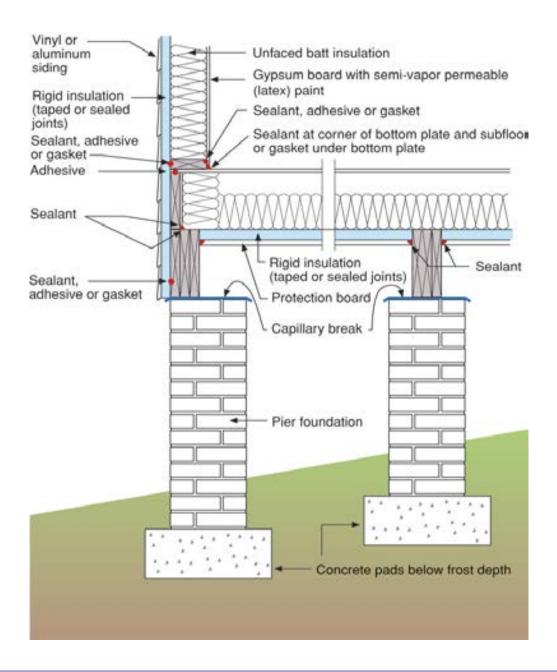






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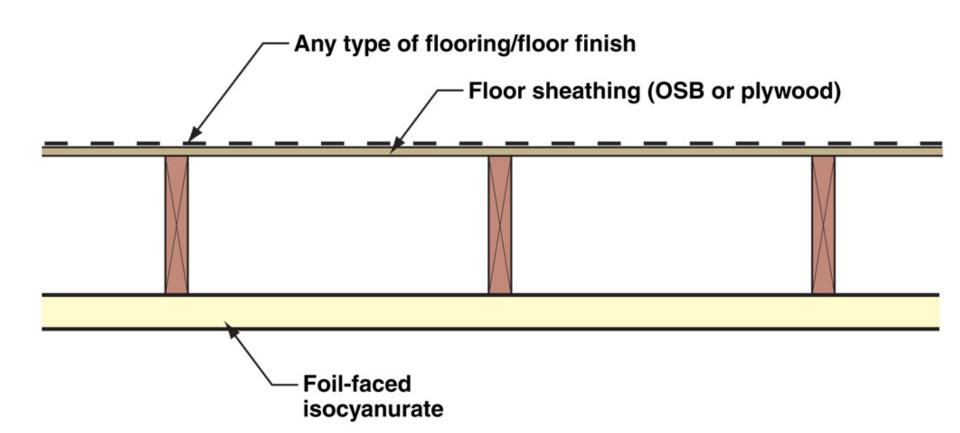


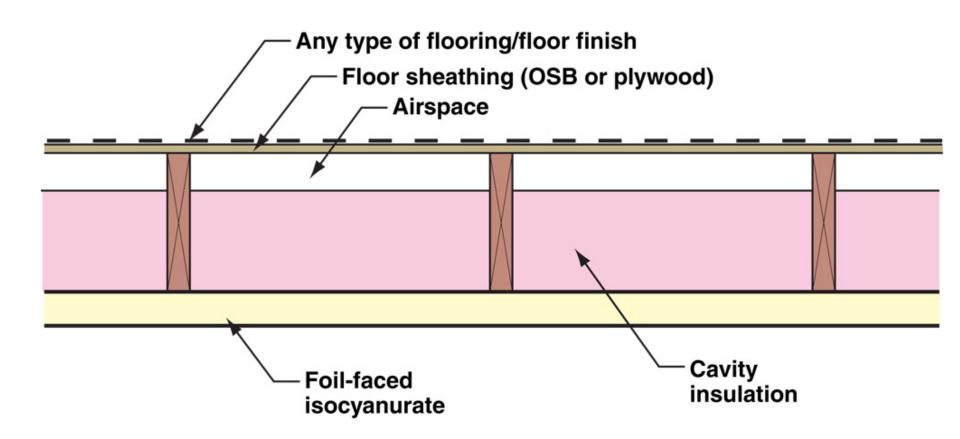


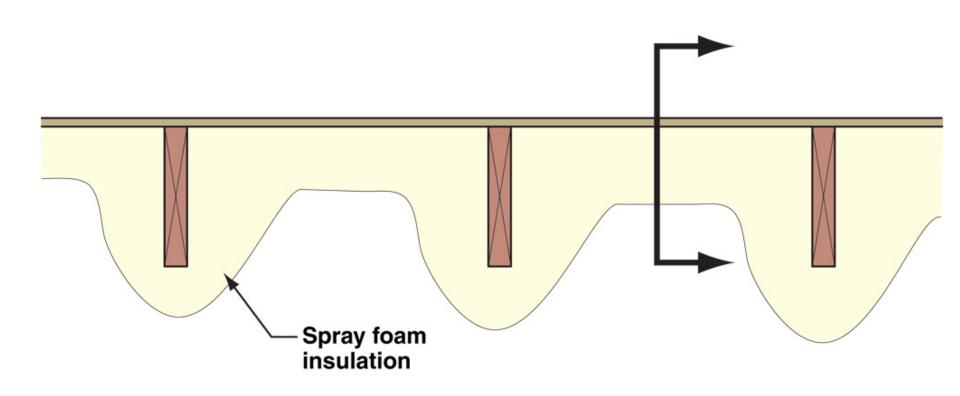


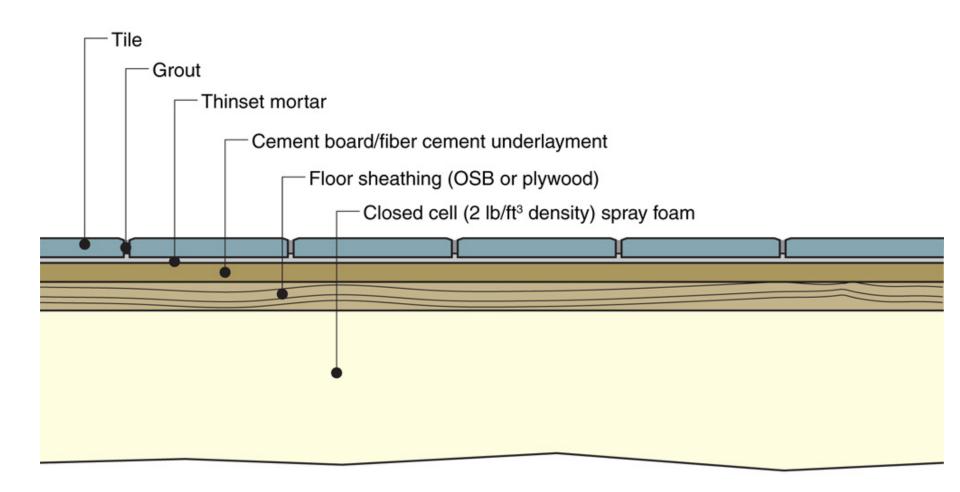


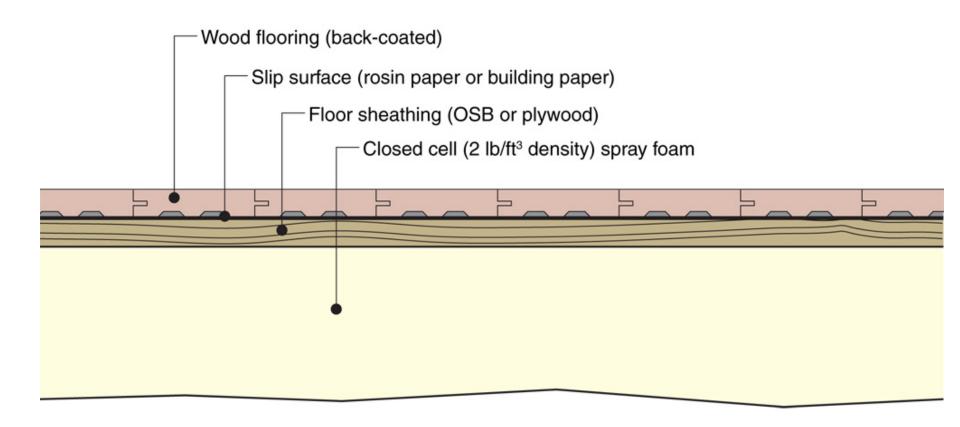


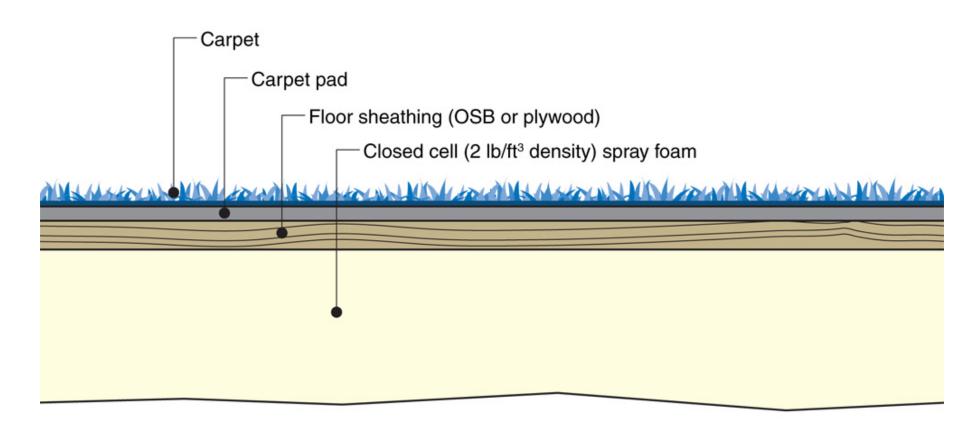


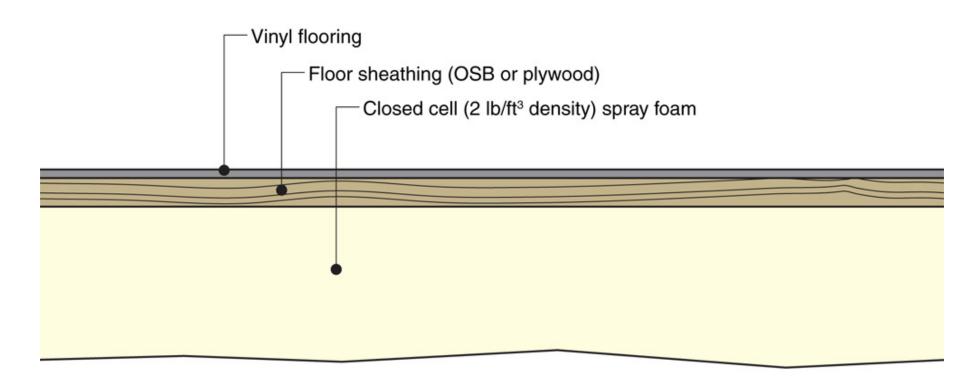


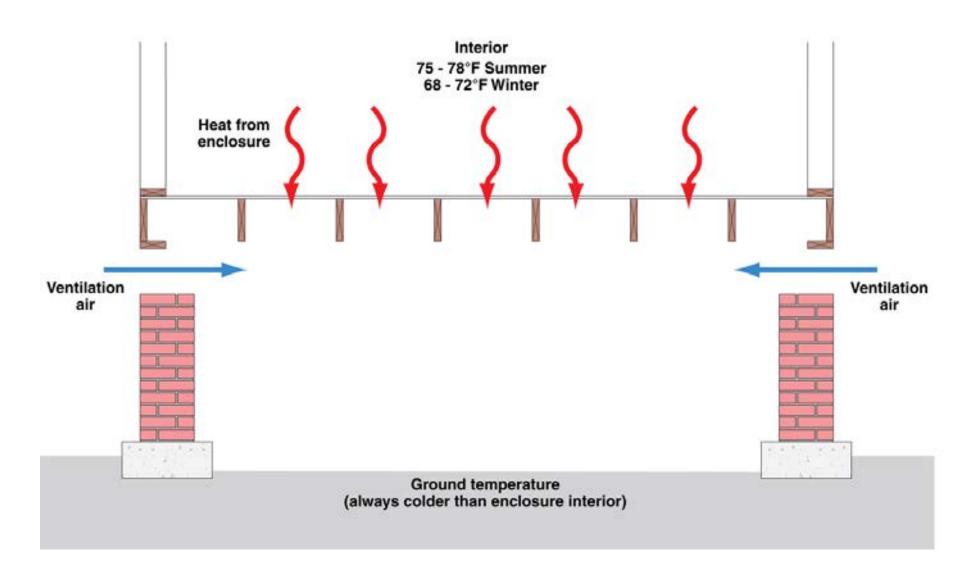


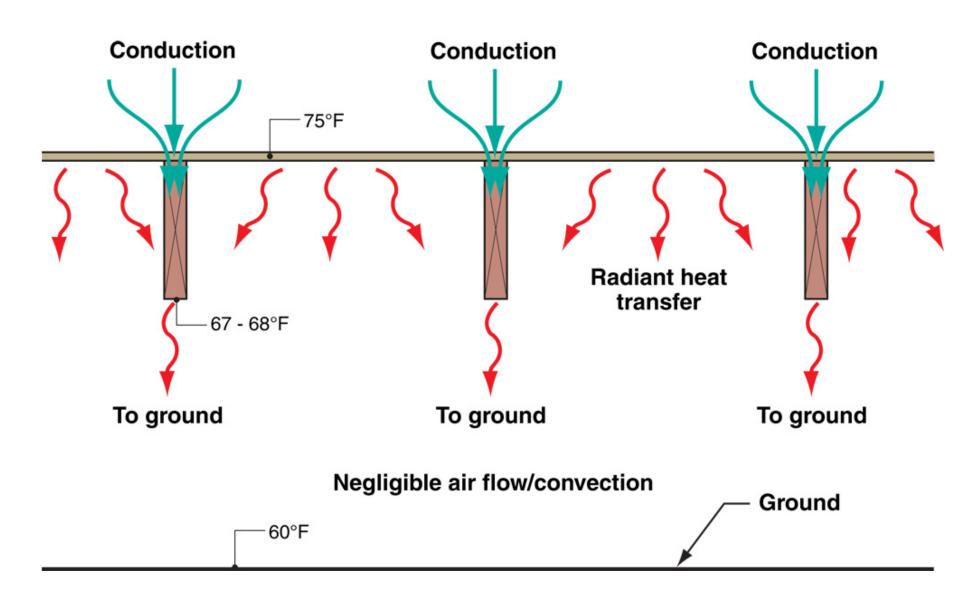


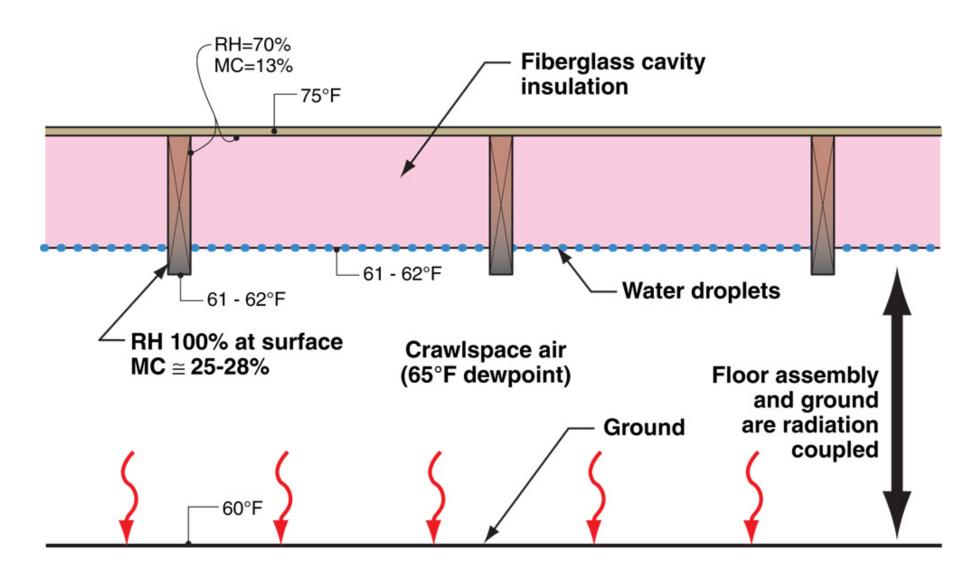


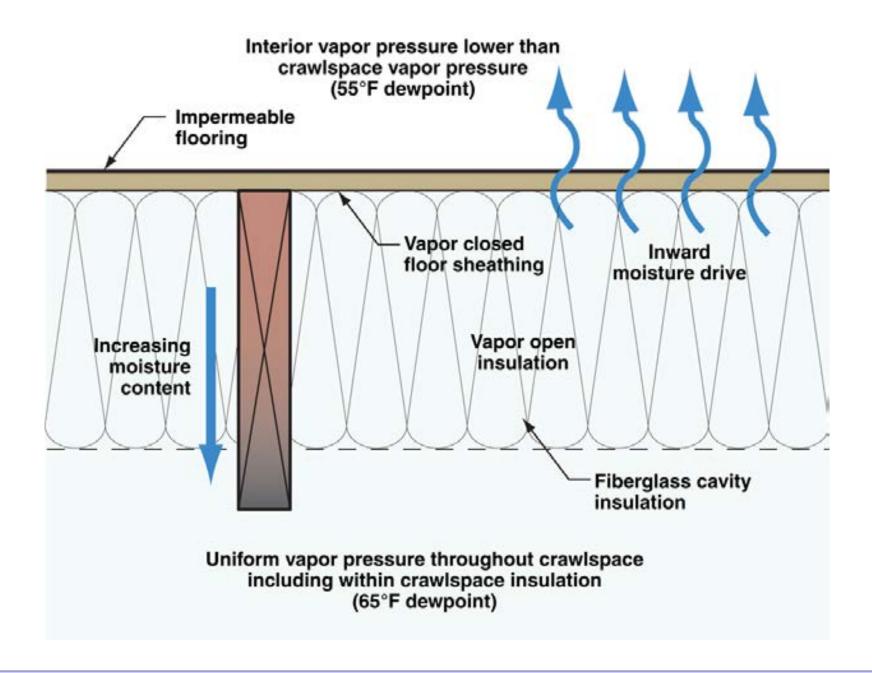






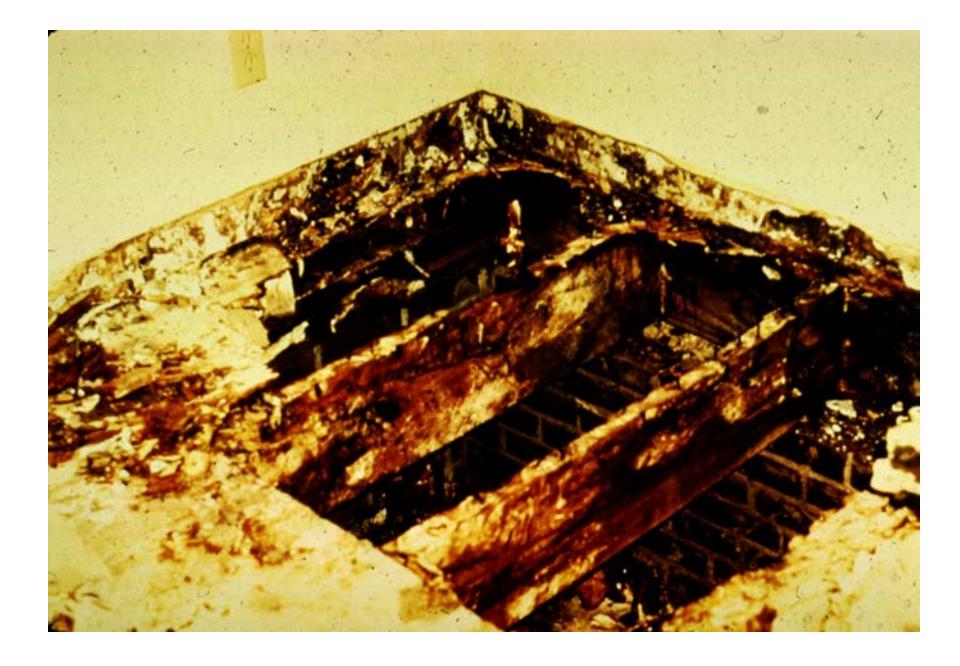


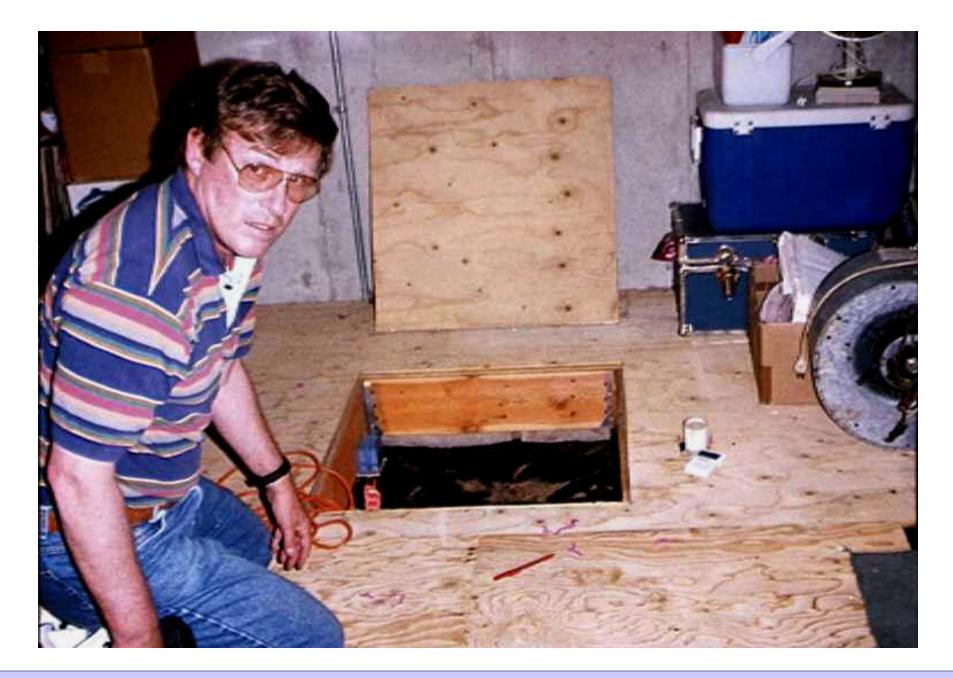














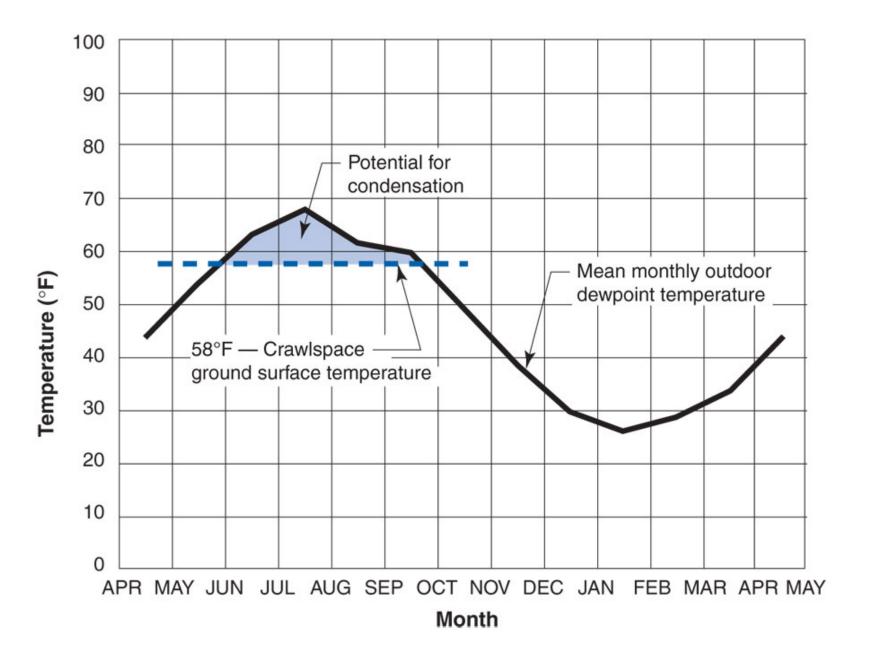




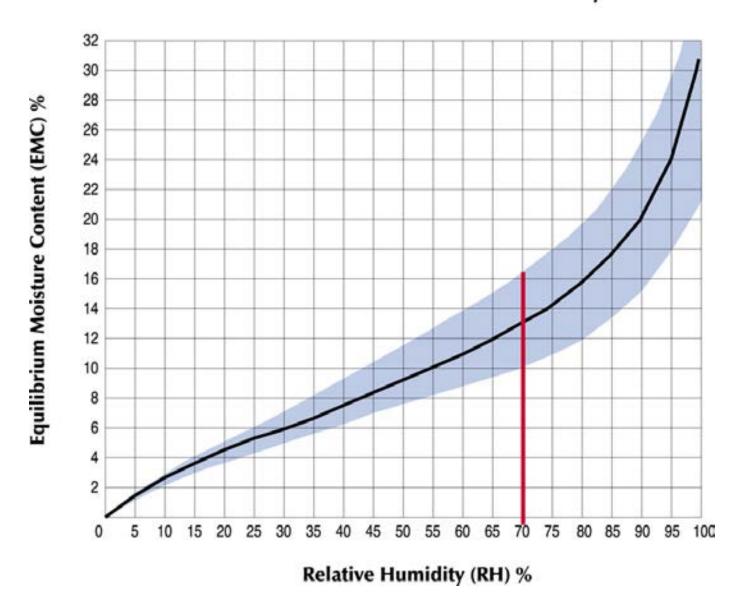




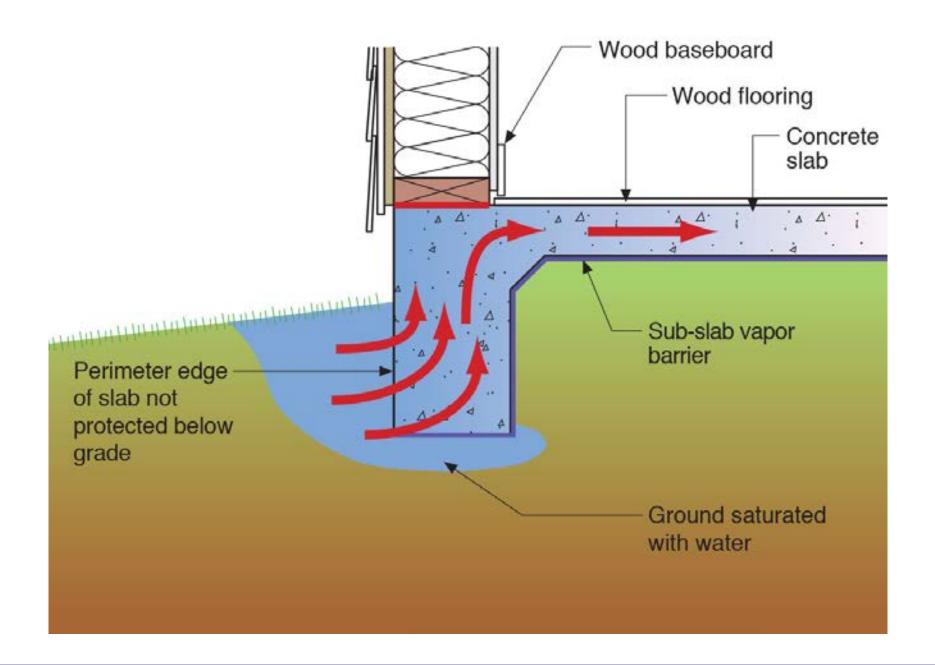




Moisture Content vs. Relative Humidity



Slabs

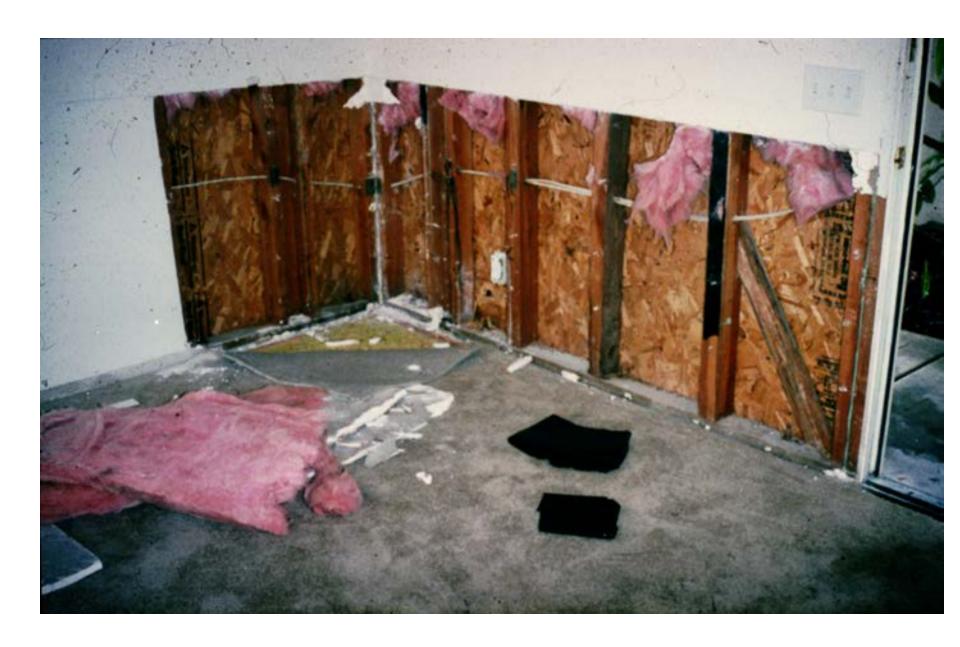




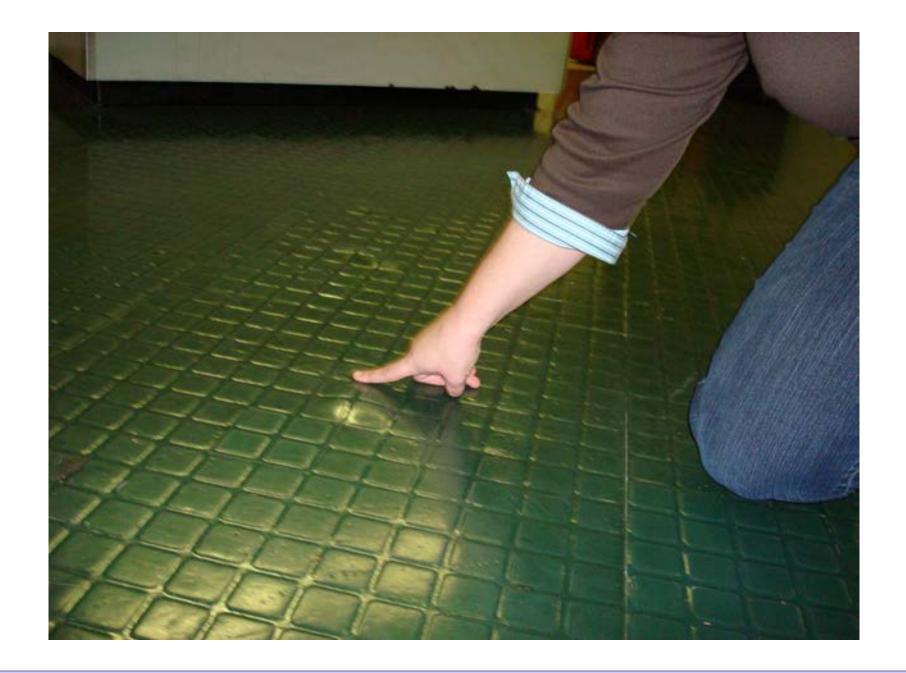


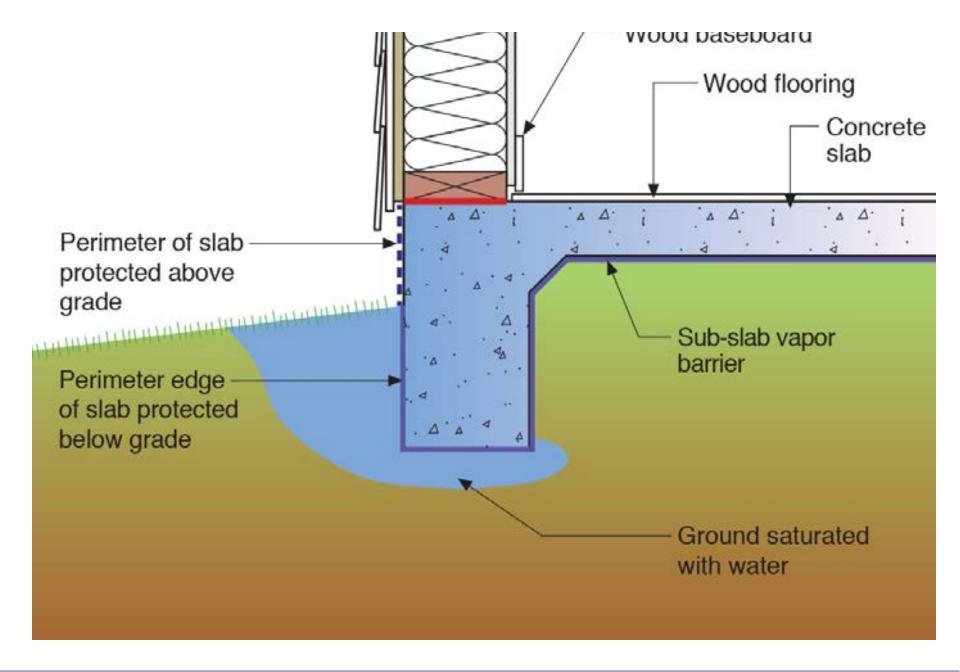


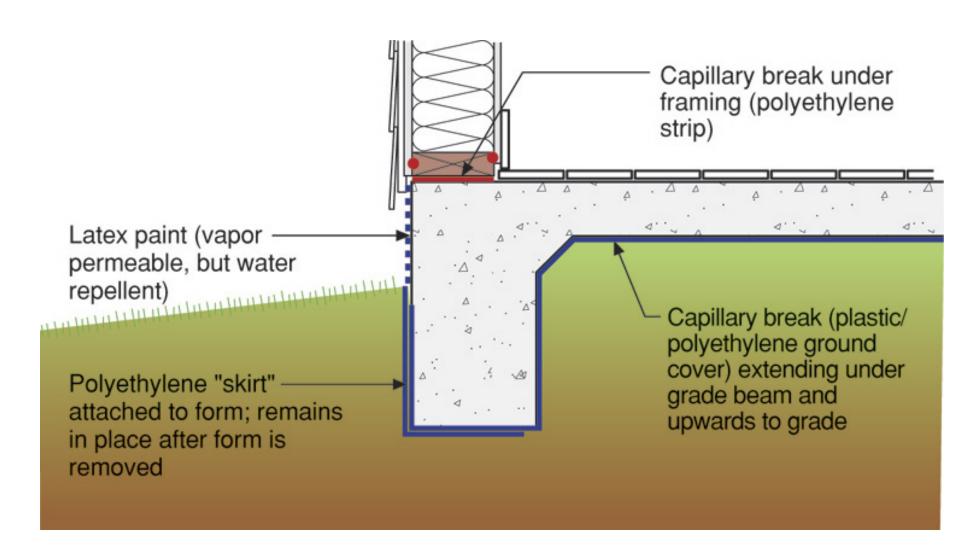










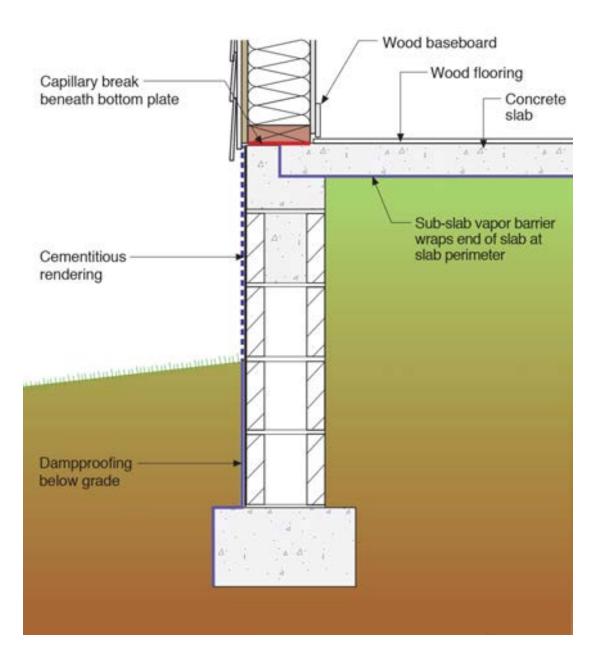






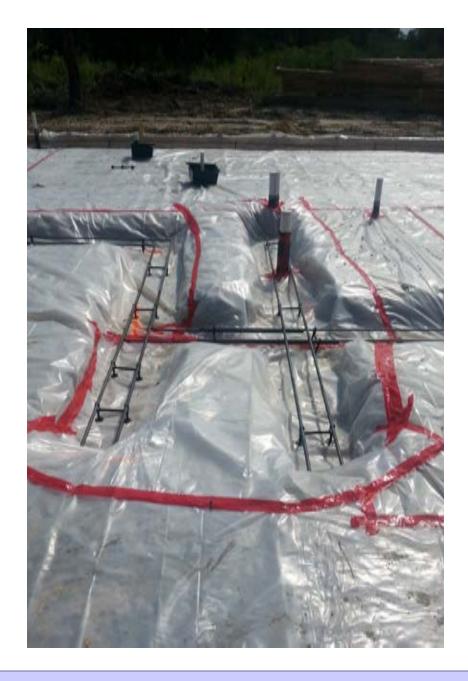


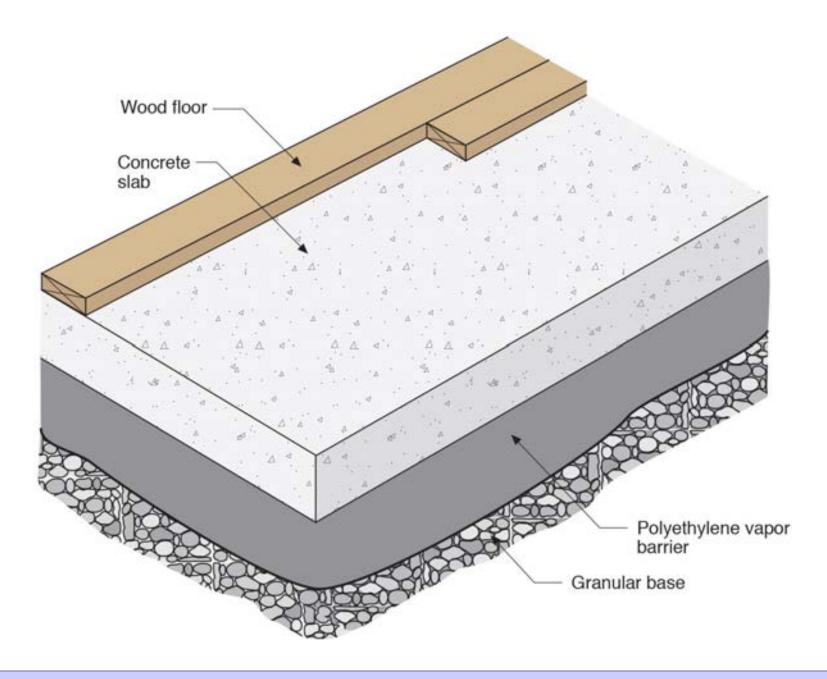


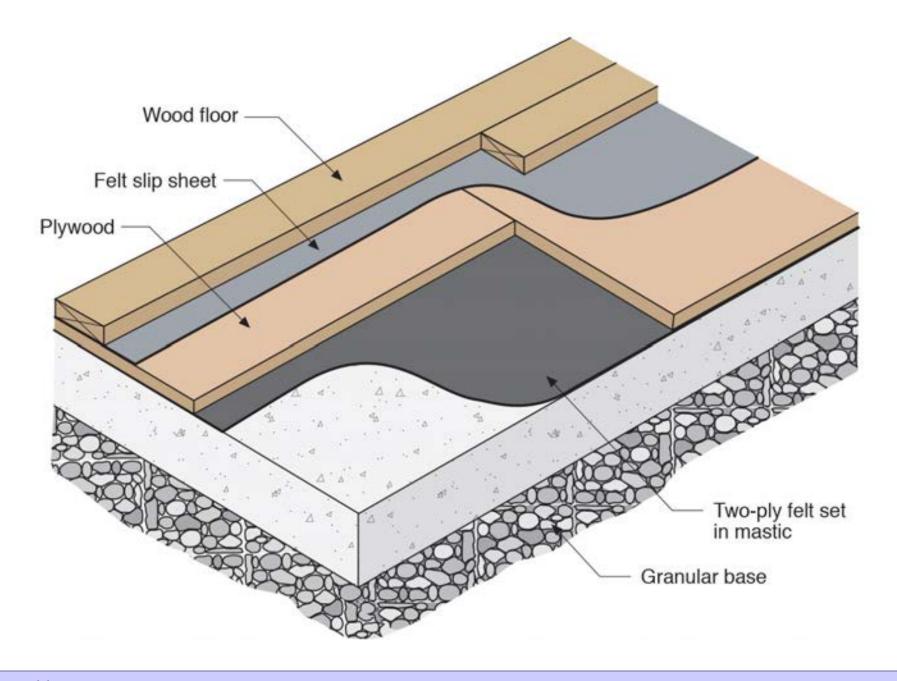


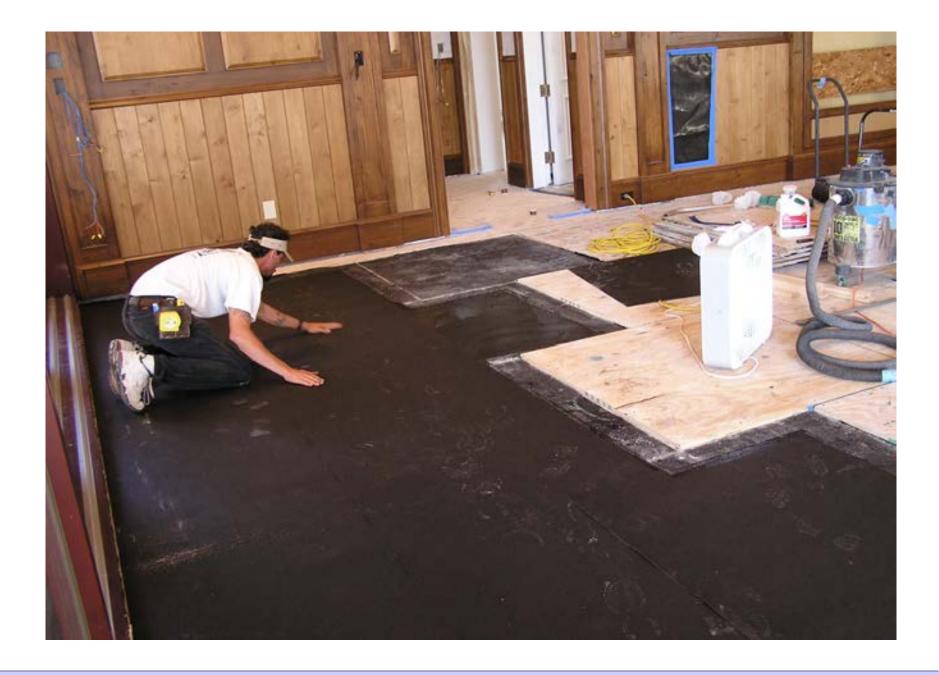


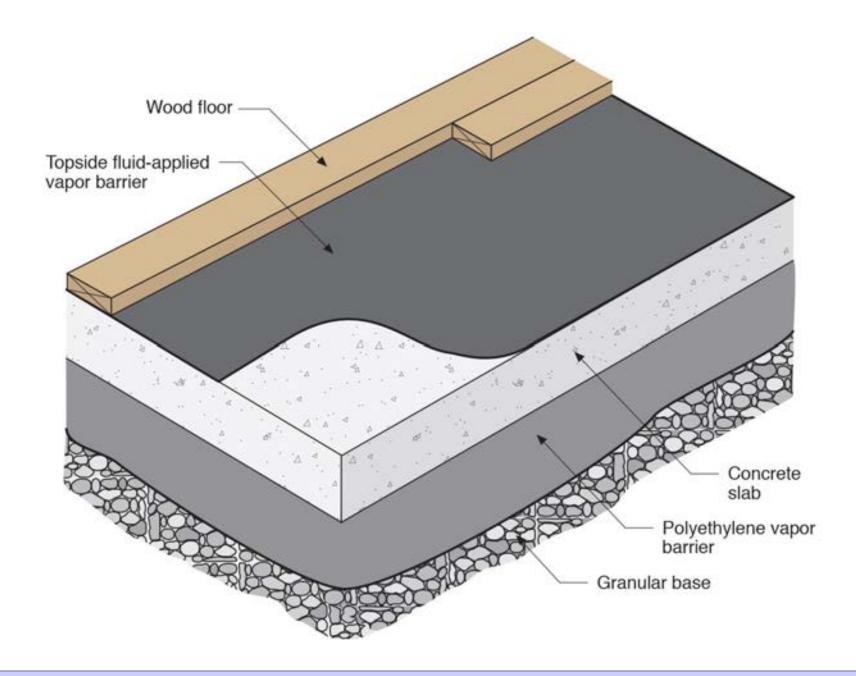






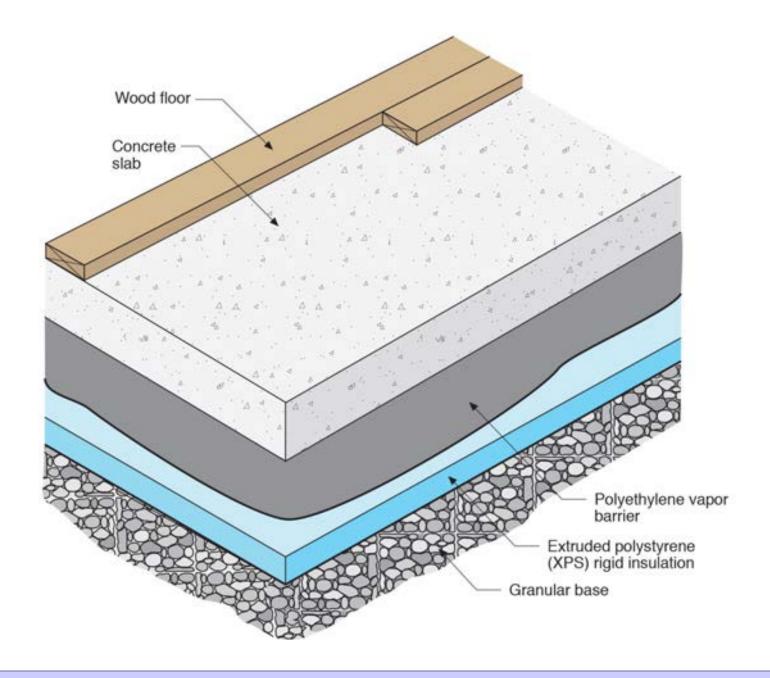




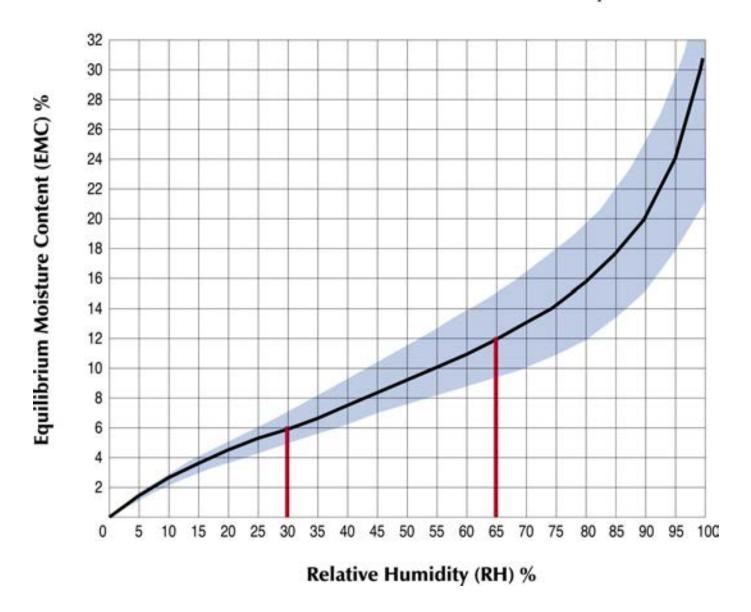


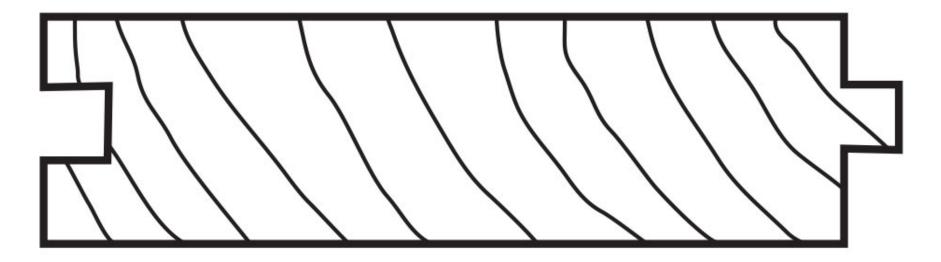






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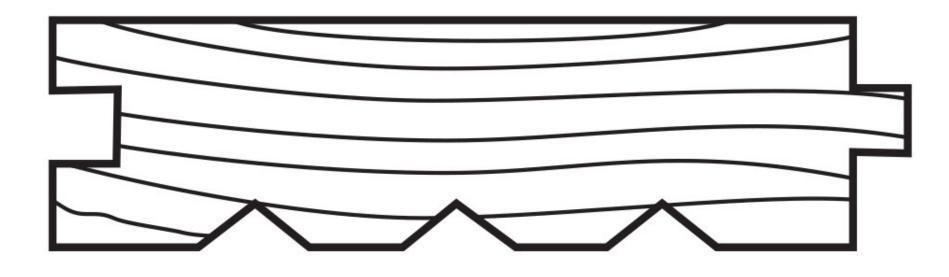




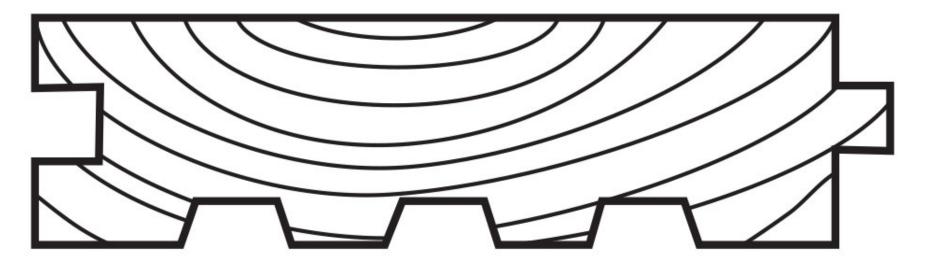
Plain



Hollow Back



Scratch Back



Hollow or Scratch Back









