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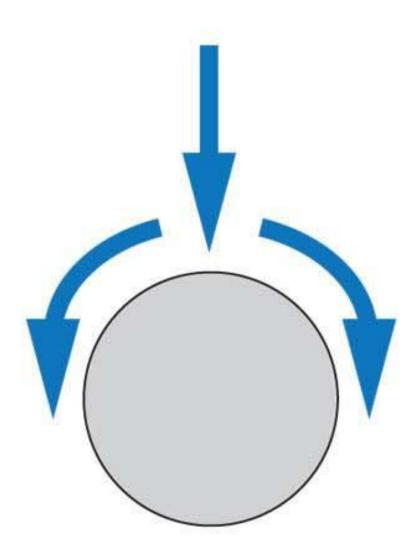
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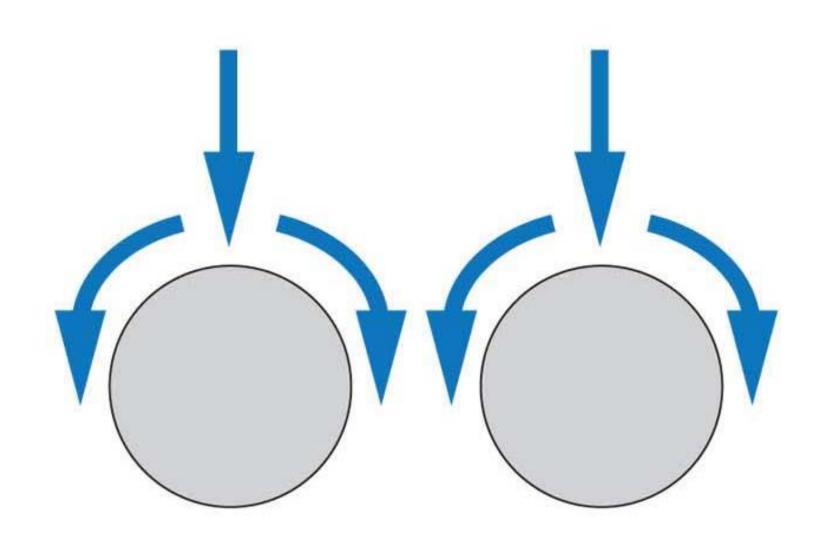


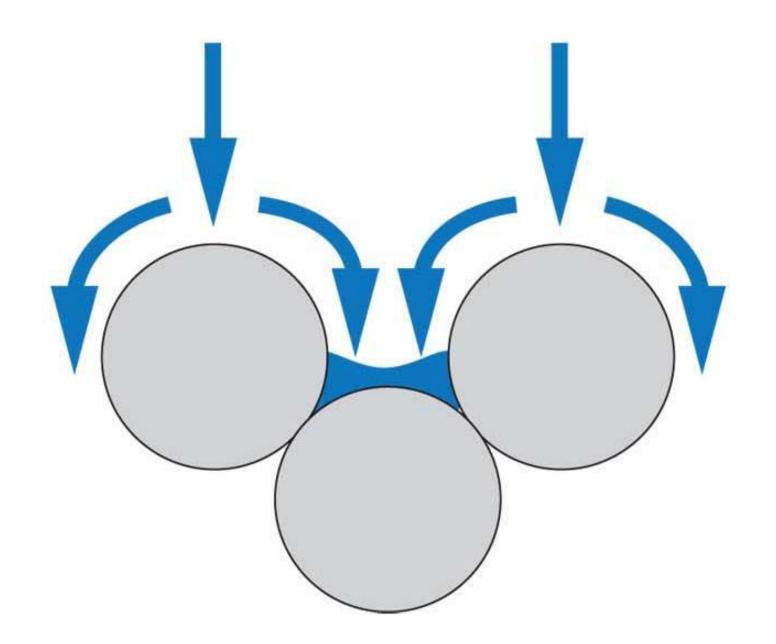


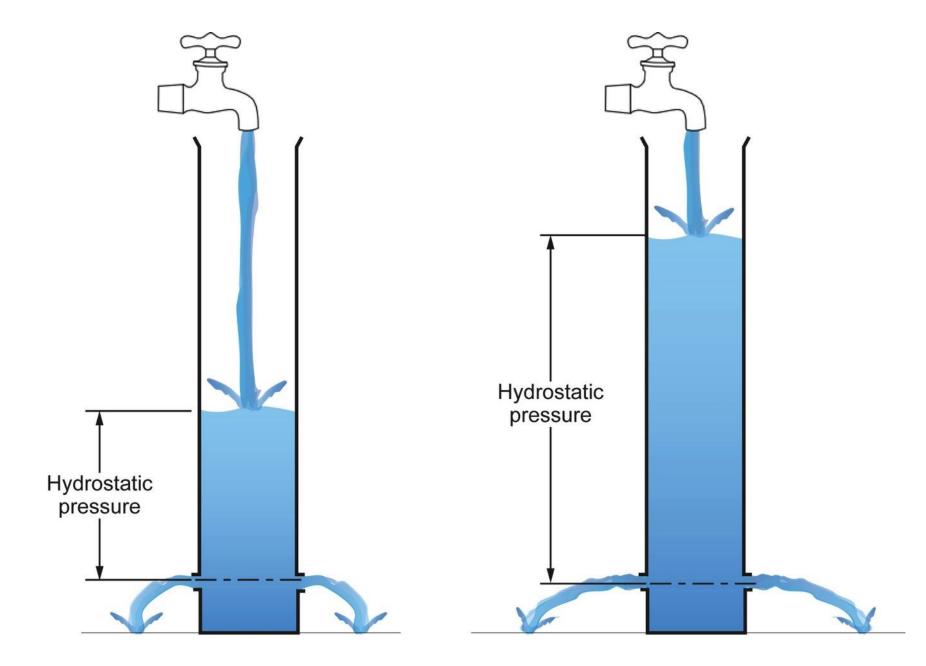


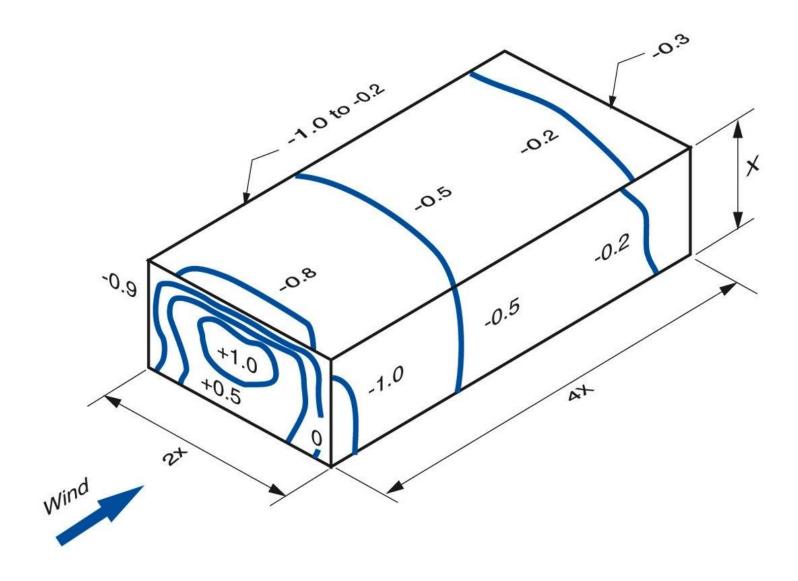




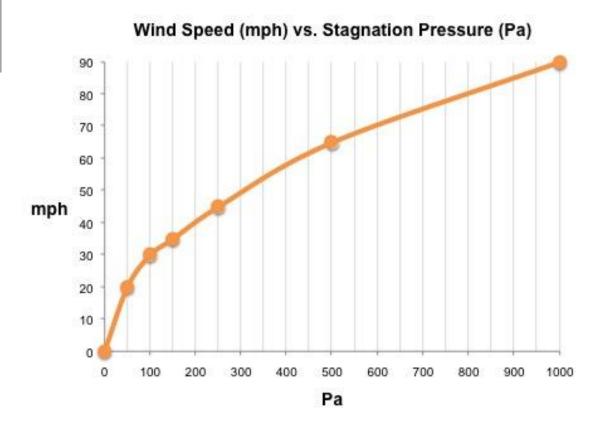








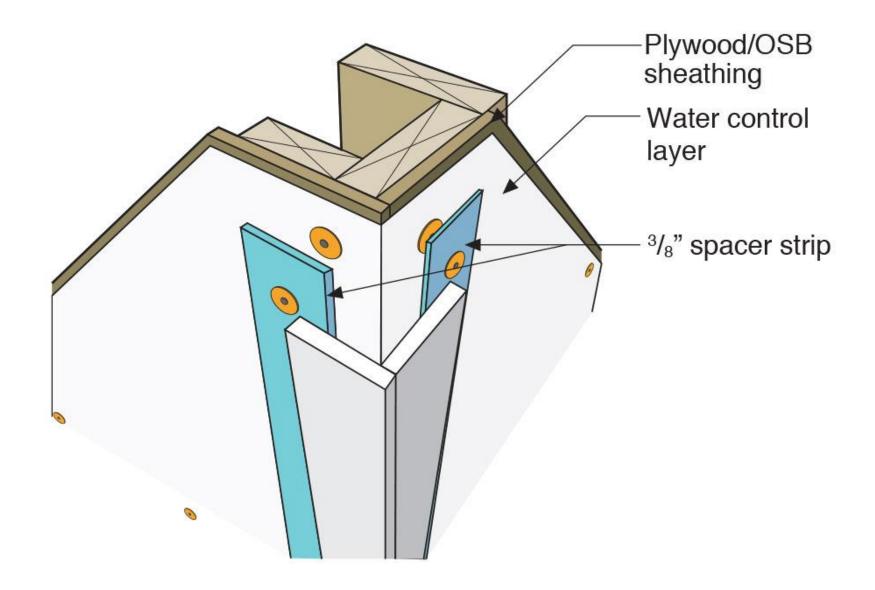
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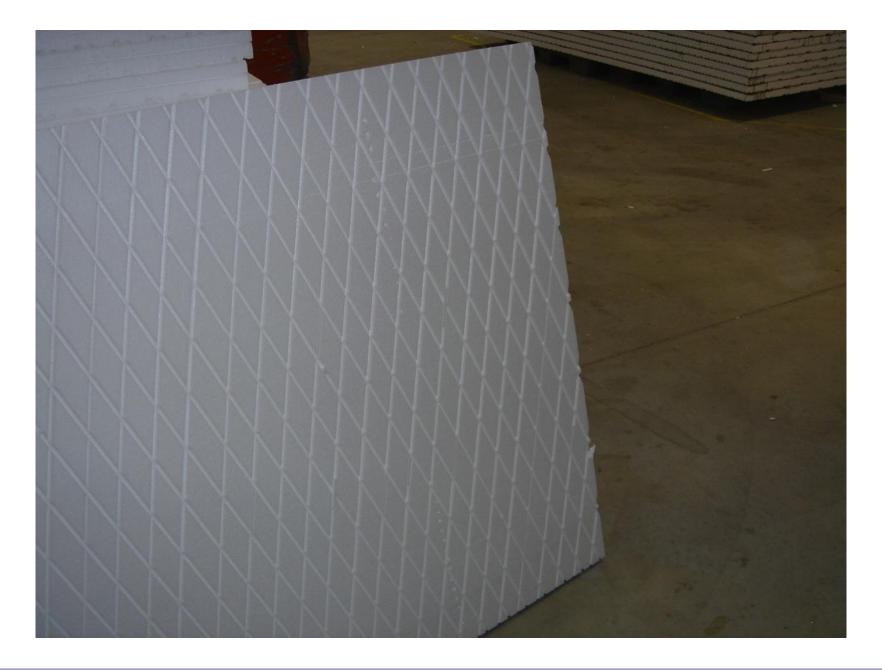




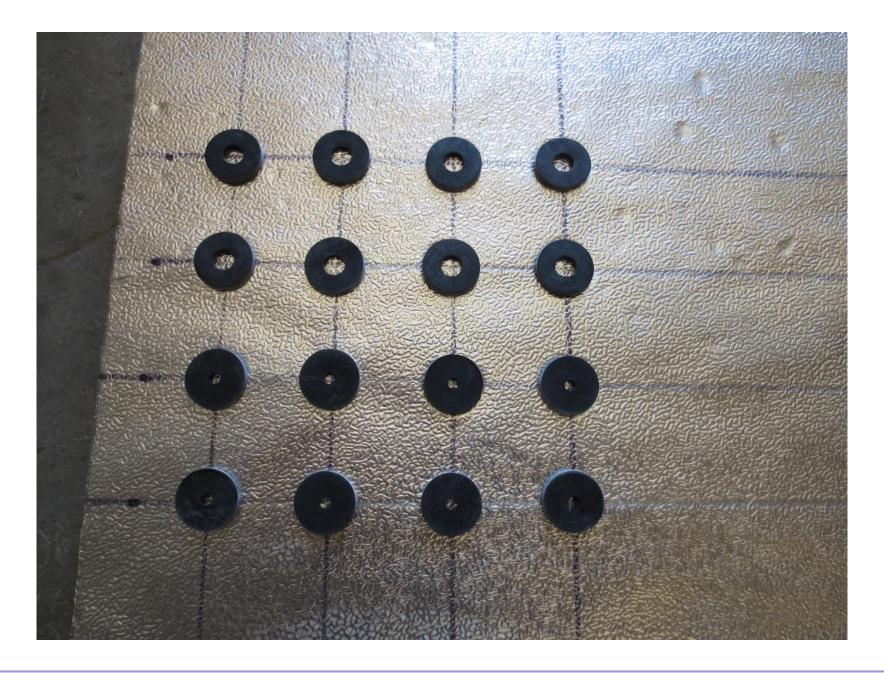




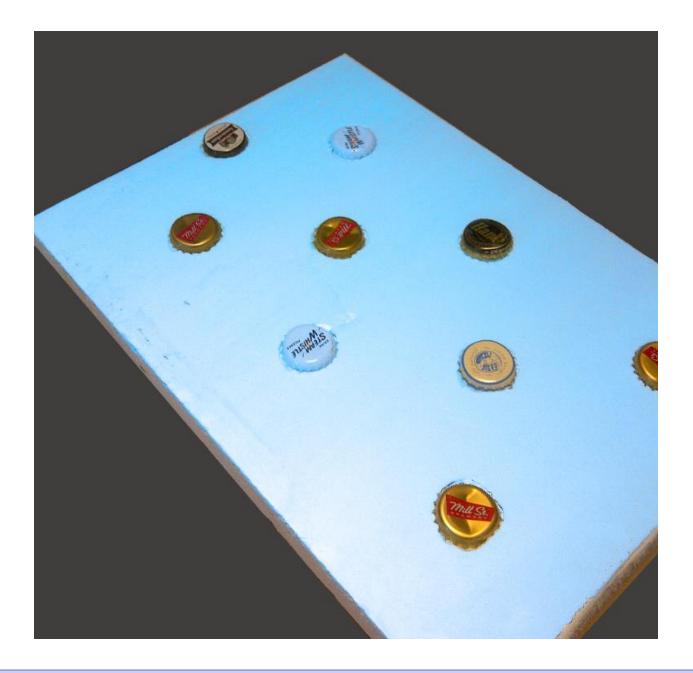


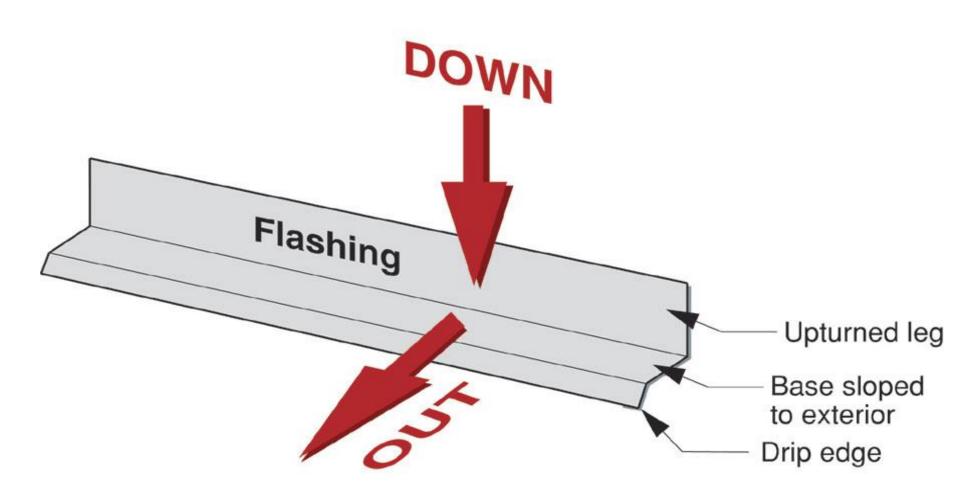


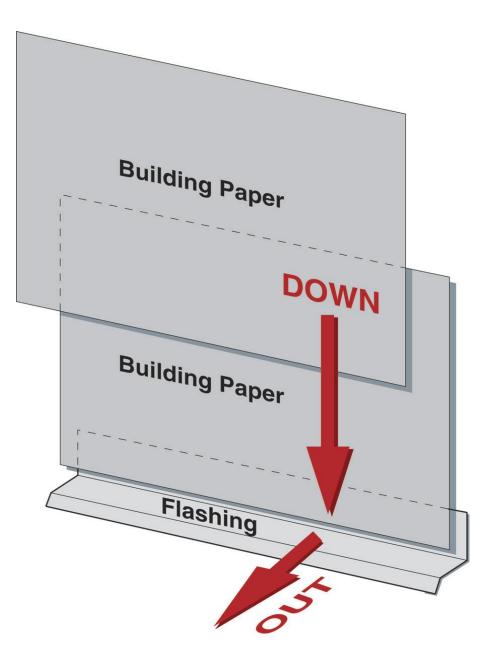
Rain Screen



Beer Screen?

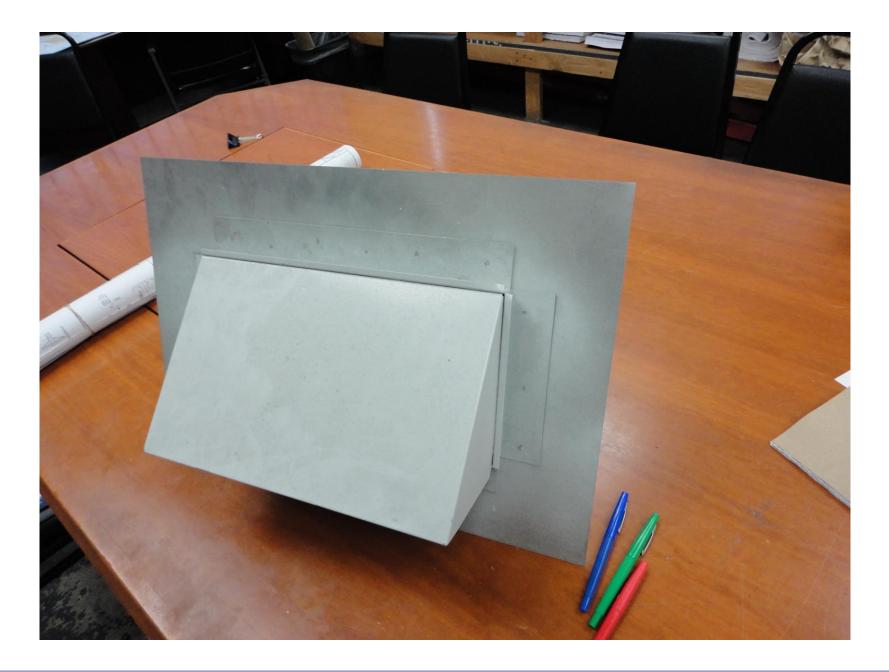






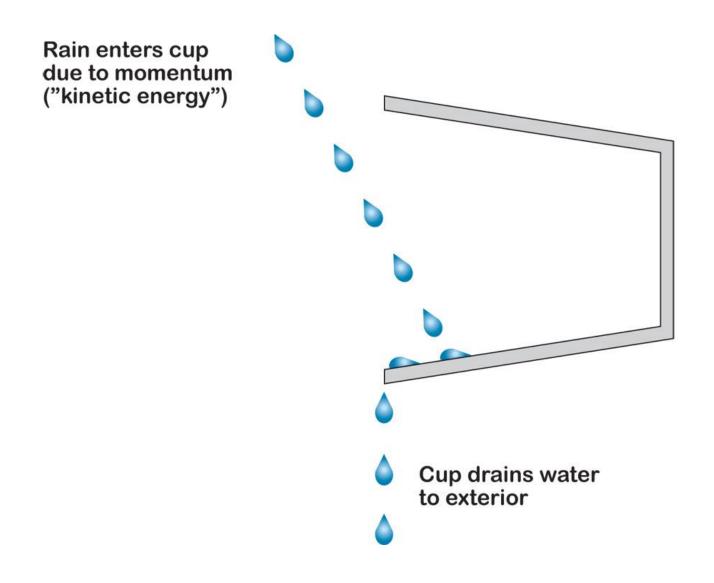


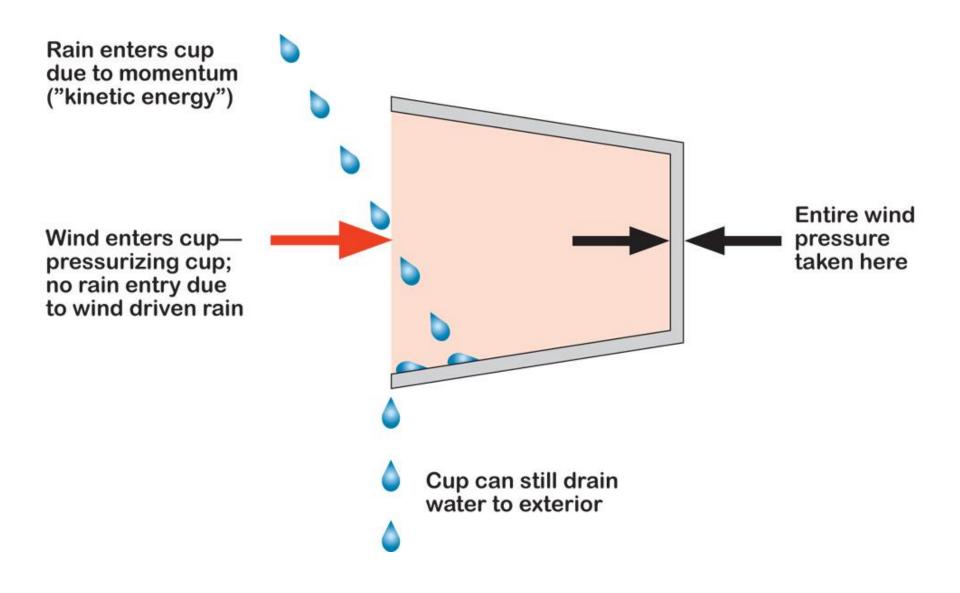


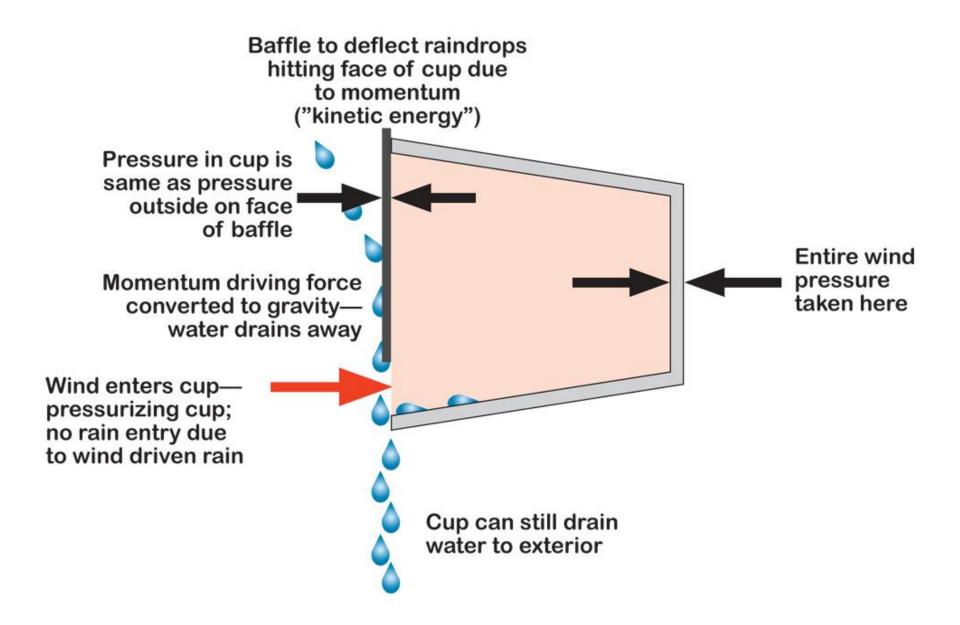


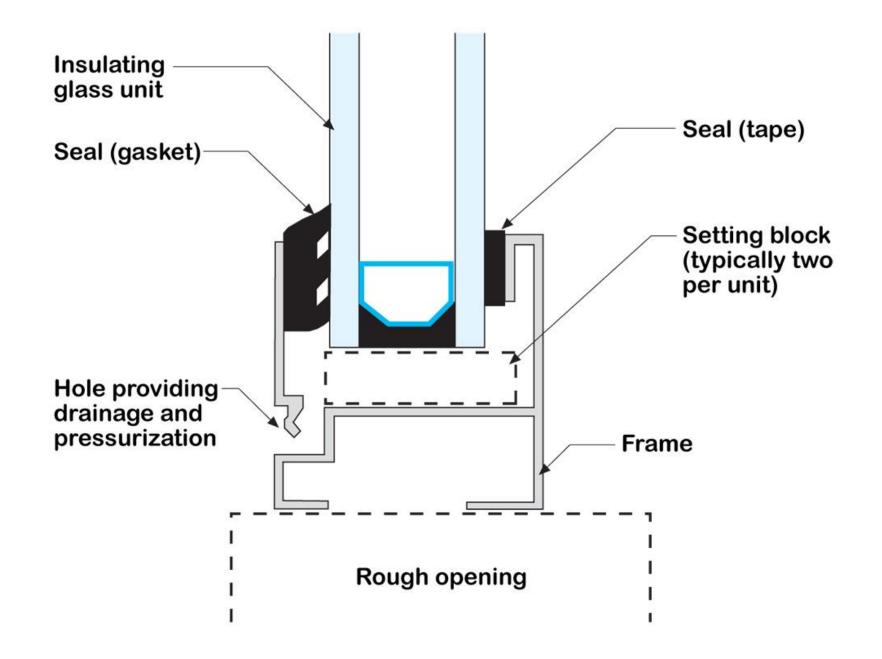


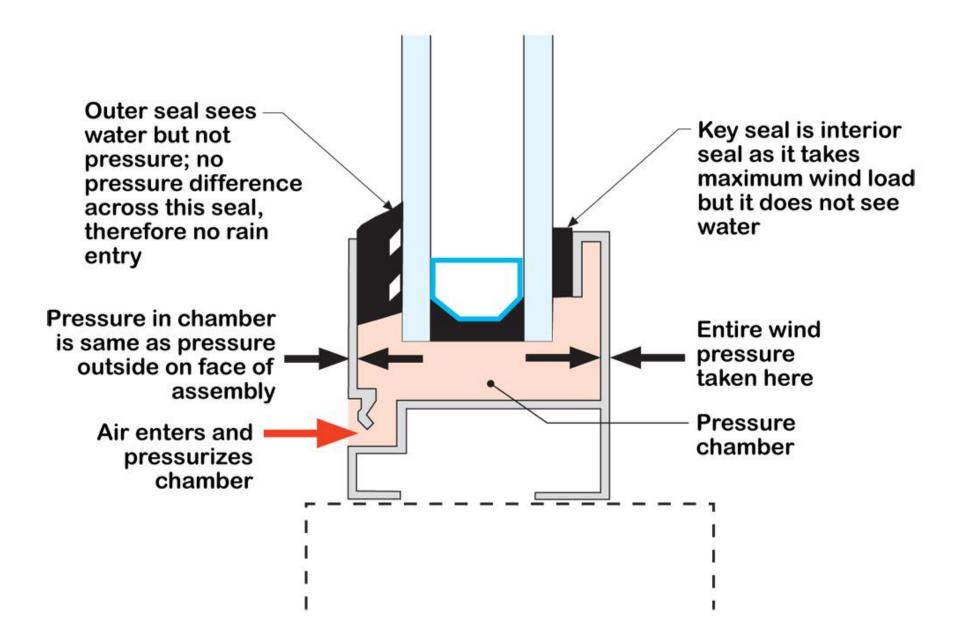


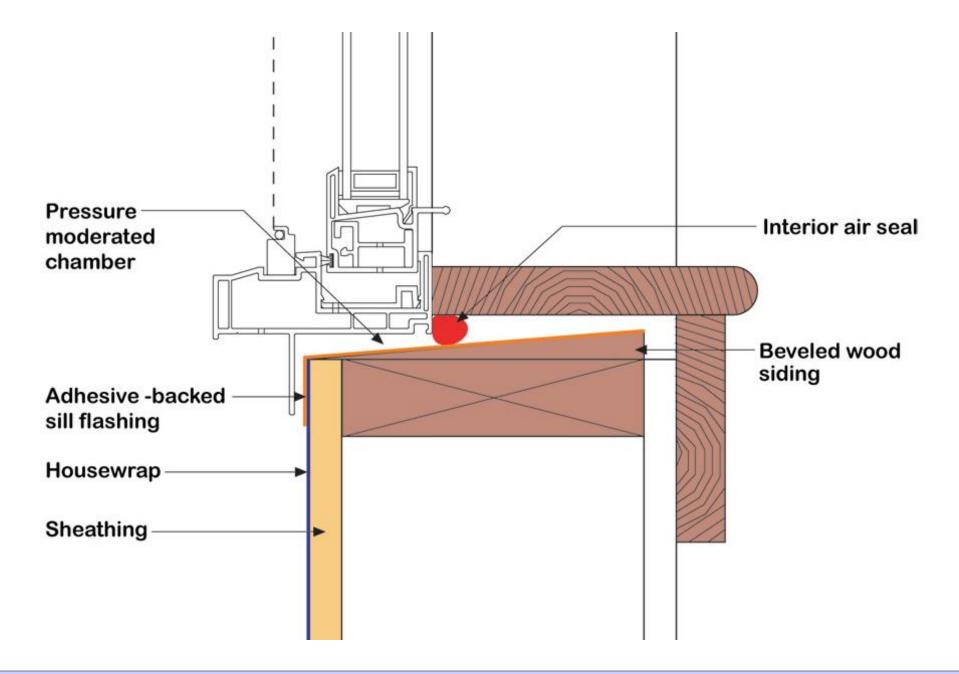






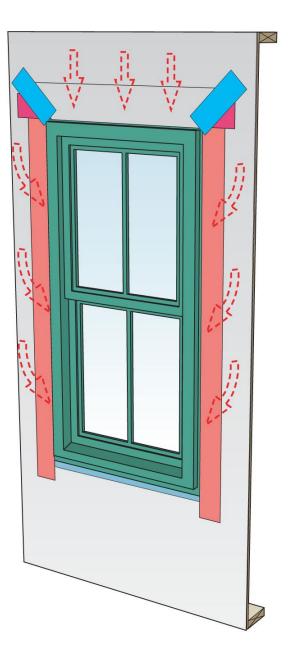


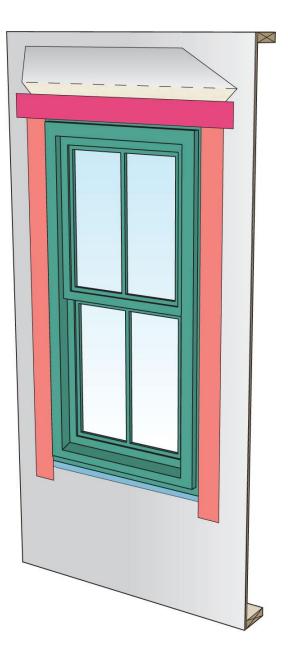


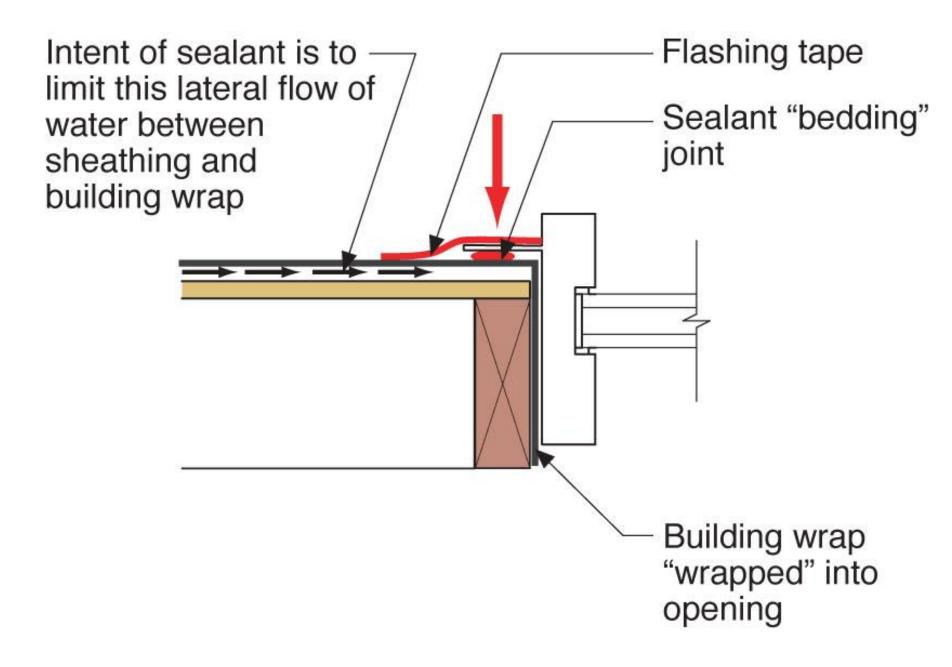


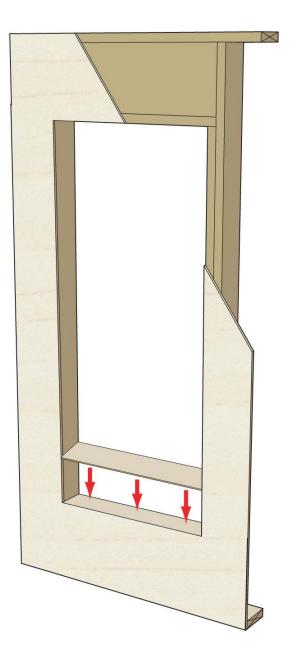


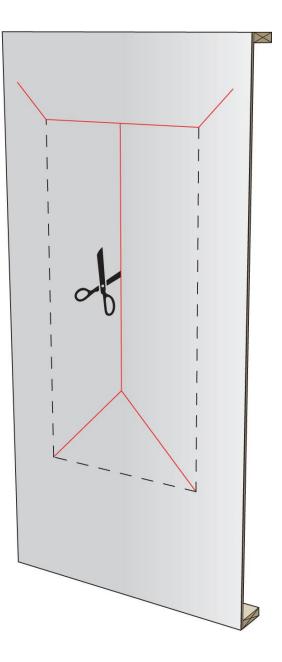


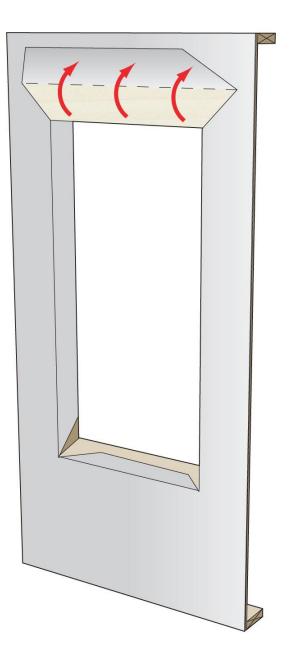


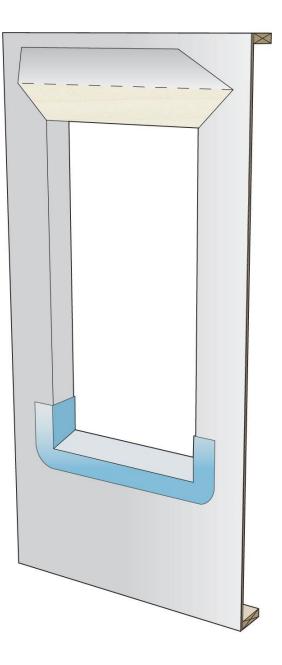


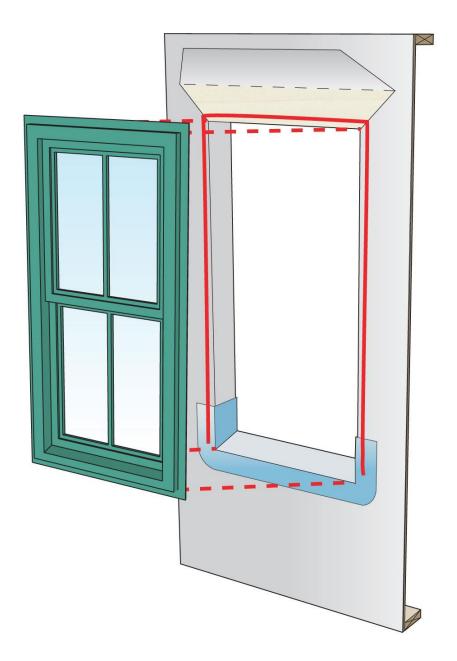


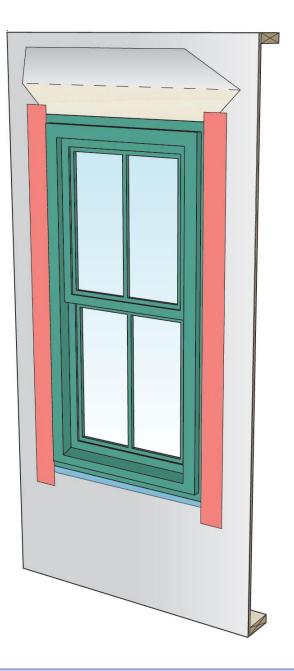


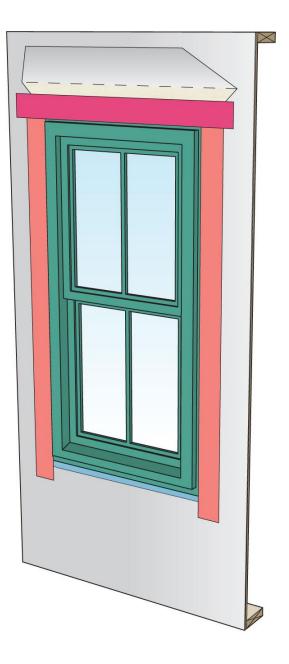


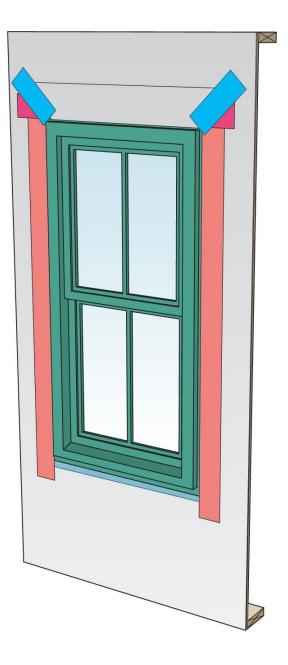






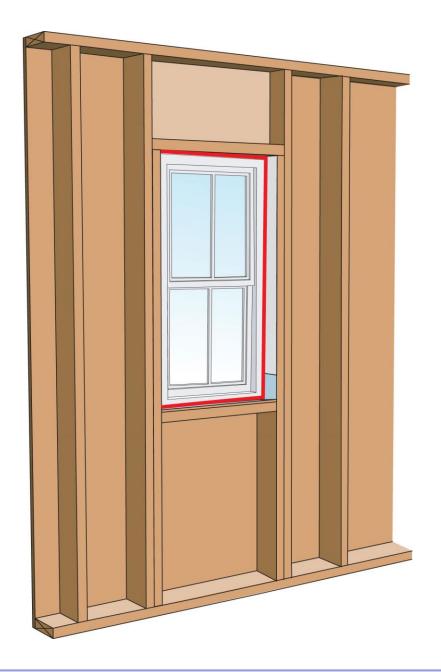


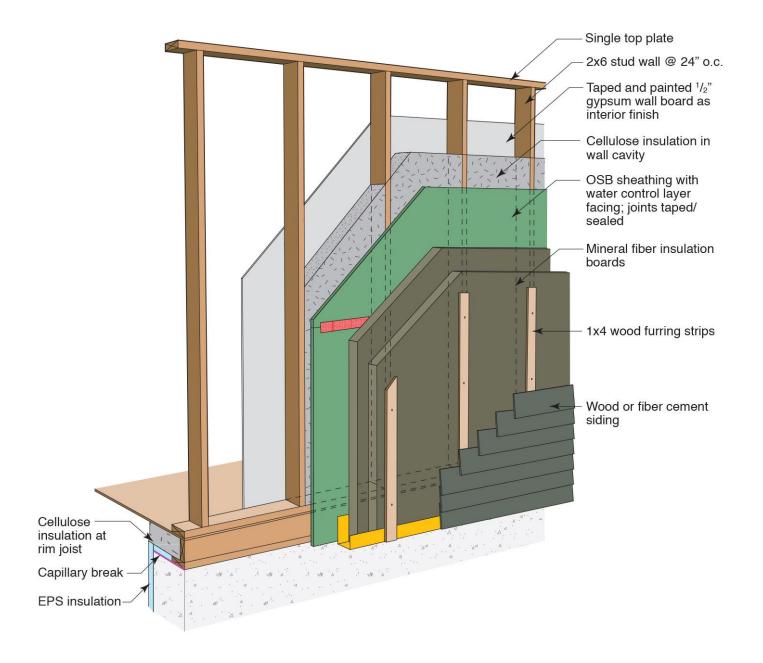


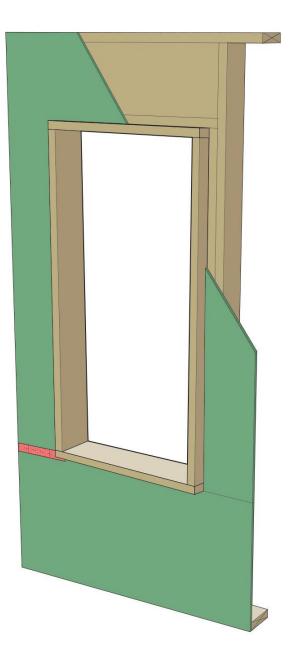


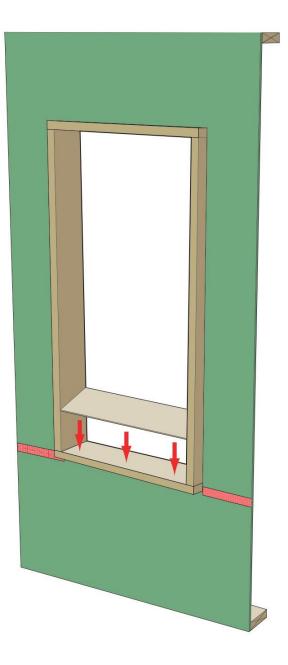




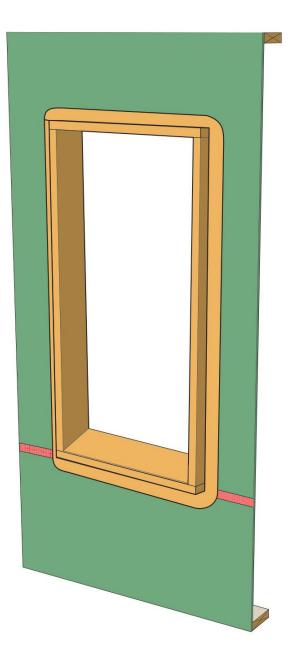






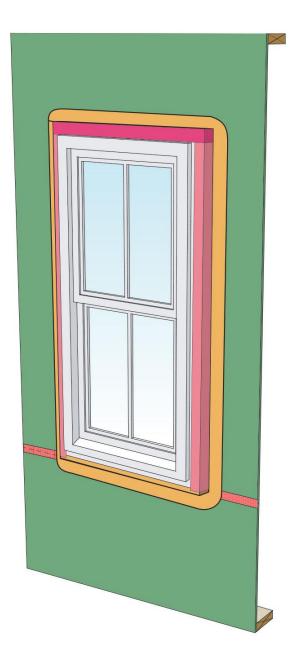


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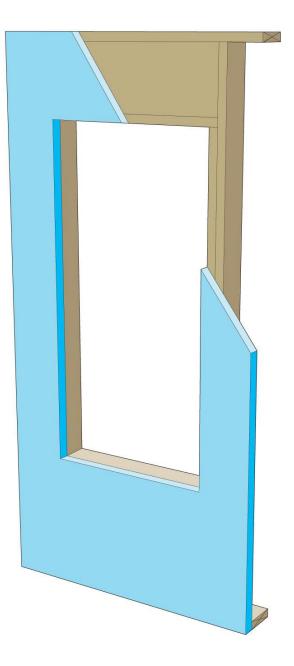


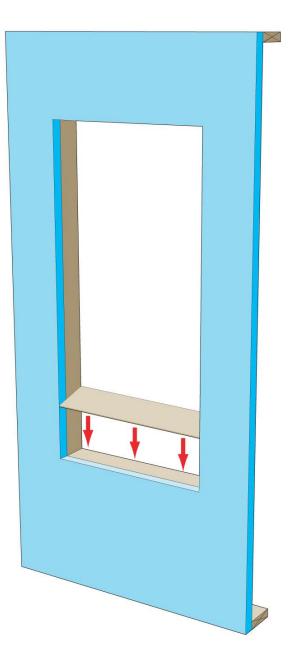


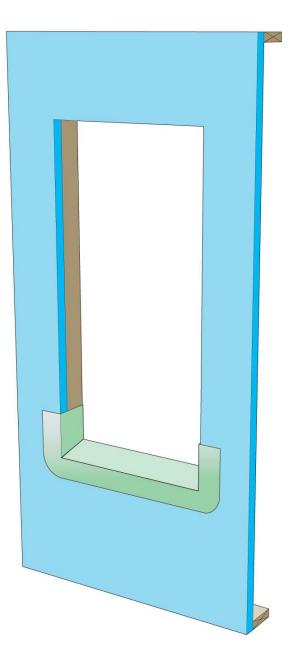


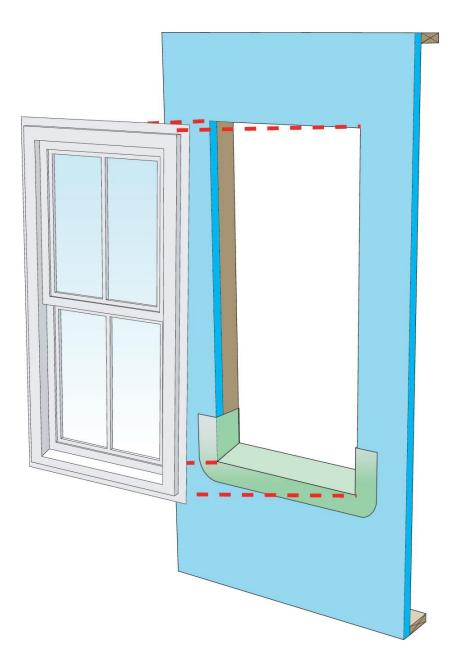


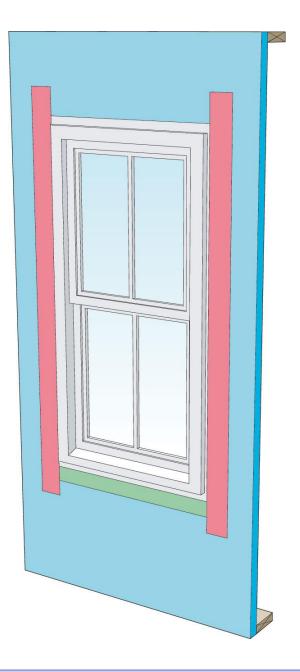


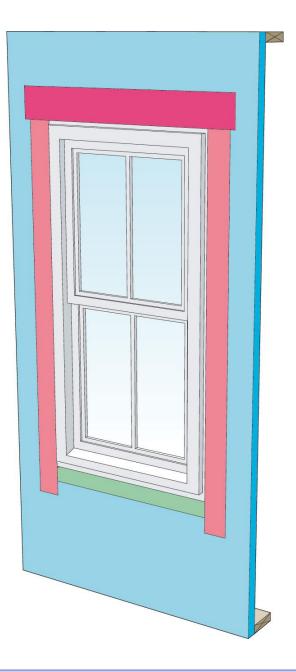


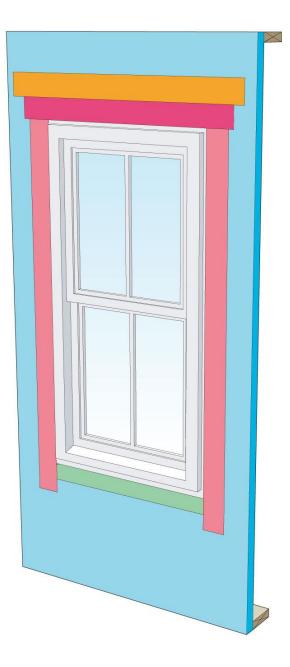


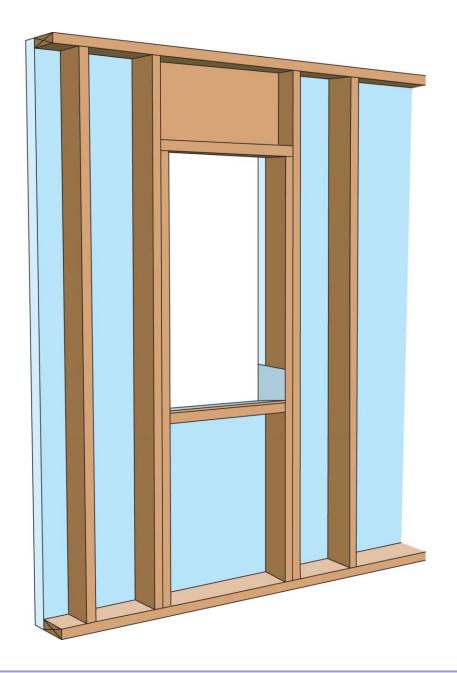








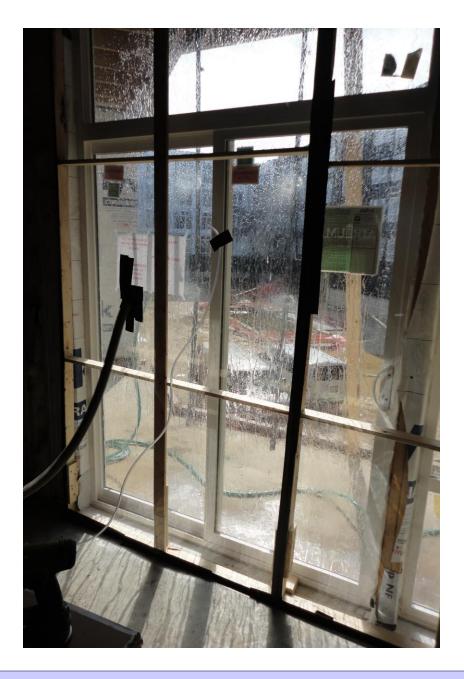


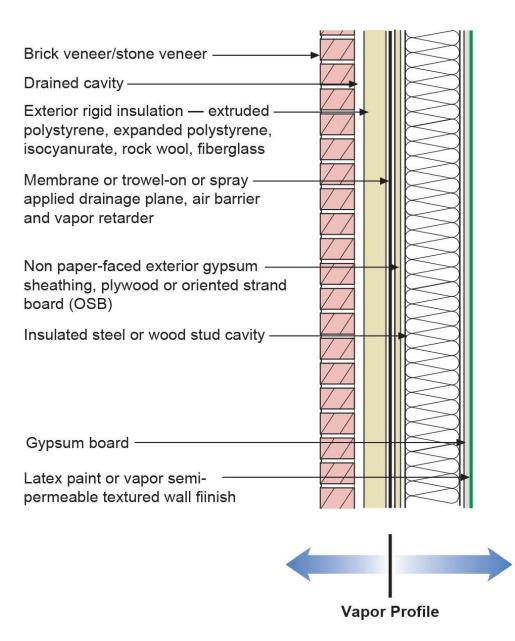


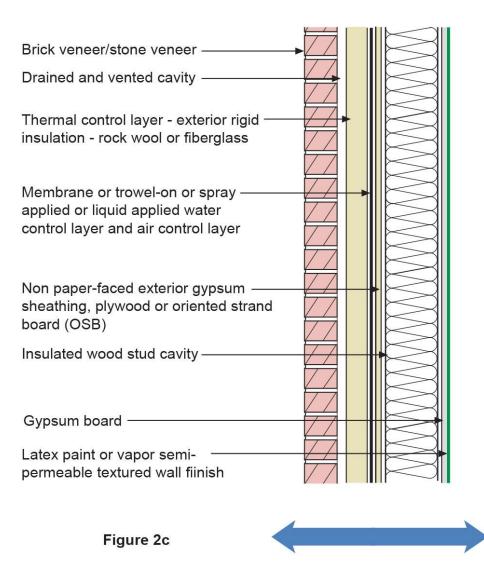




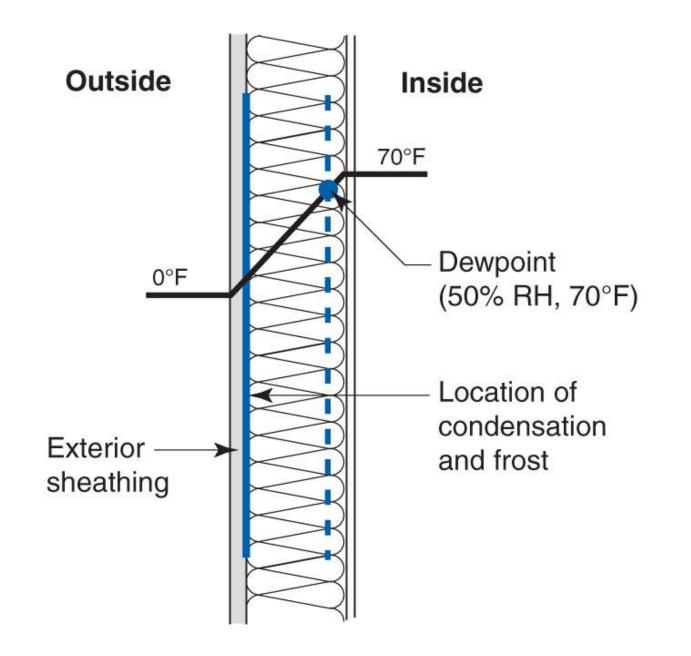


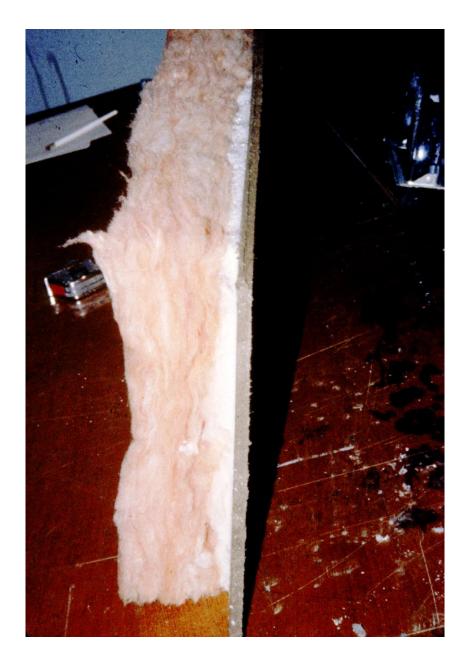


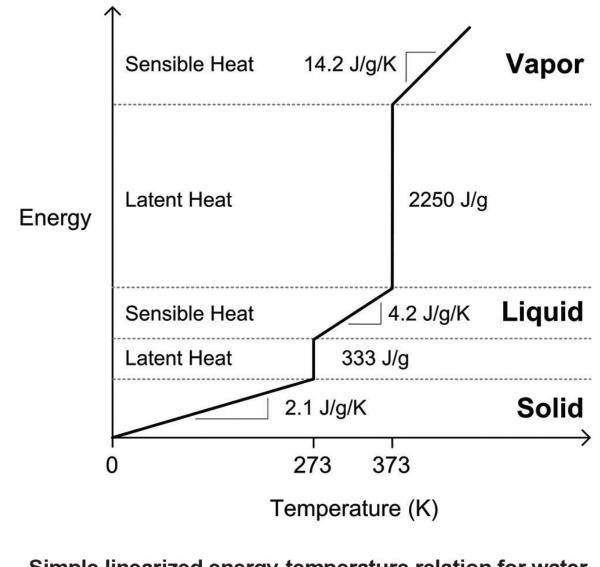




Vapor Profile

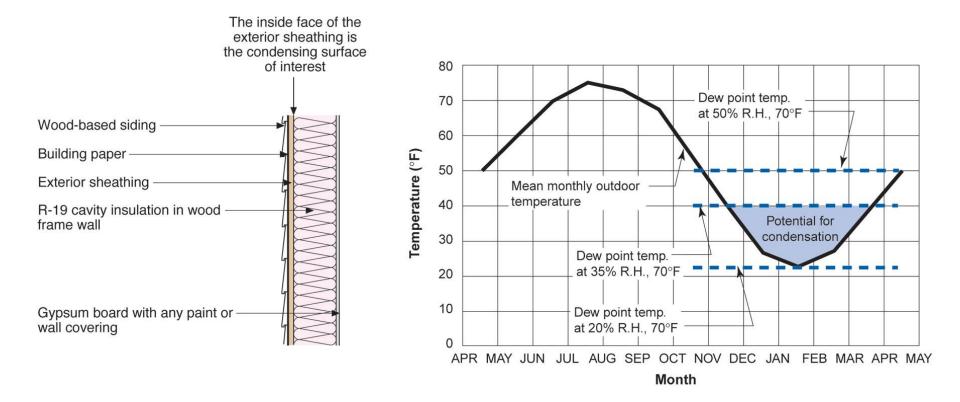


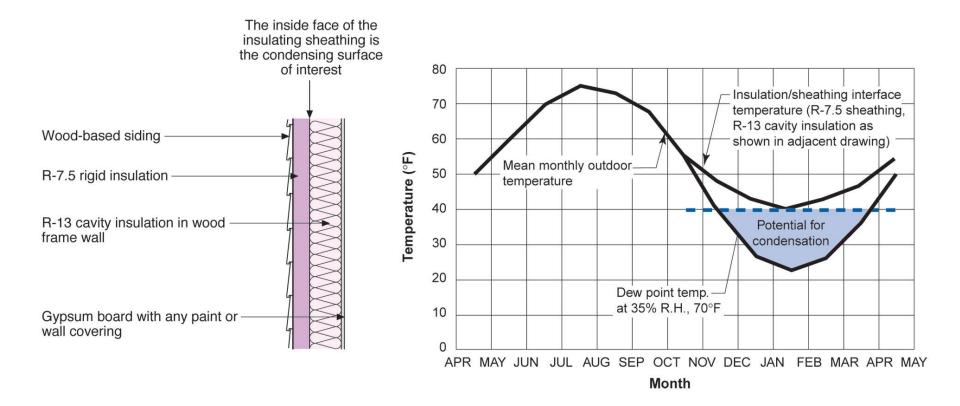




Simple linearized energy-temperature relation for water From Straube & Burnett, 2005







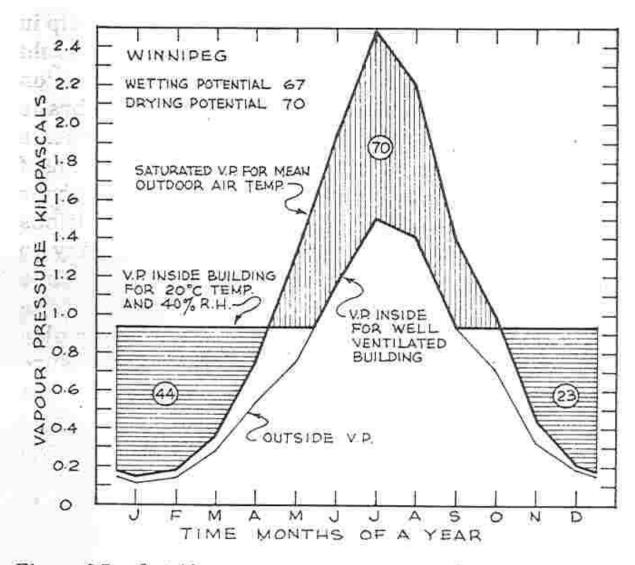
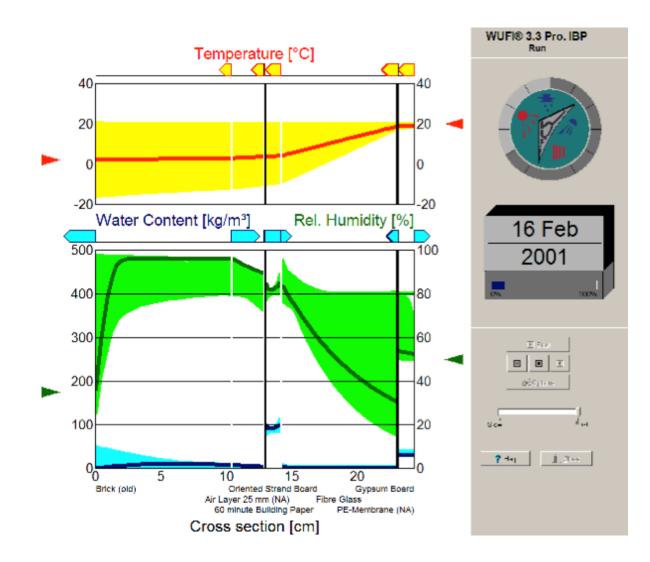
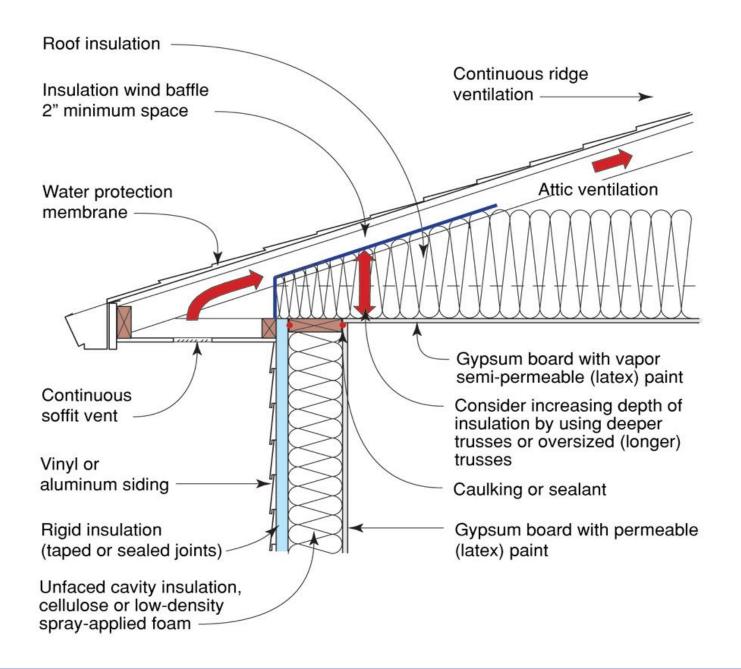
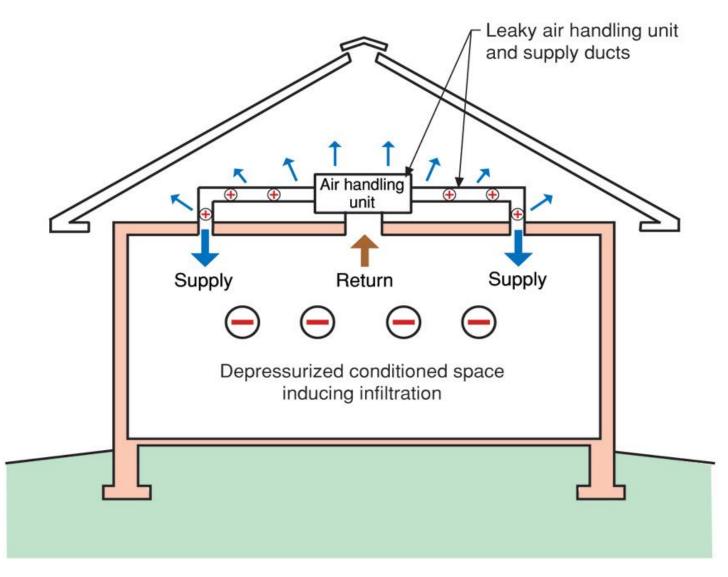


Figure 8-7. Outside vapour pressure, saturated vapour pressure and inside vapour pressure for Winnipeg.

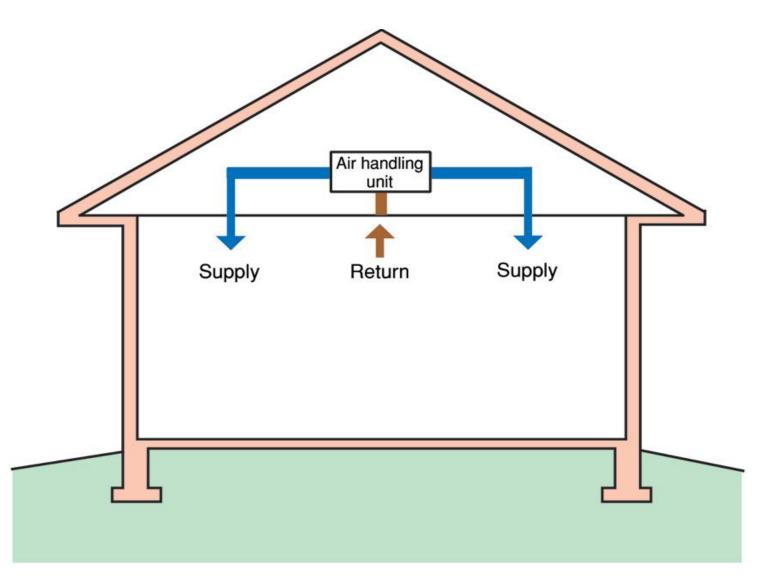




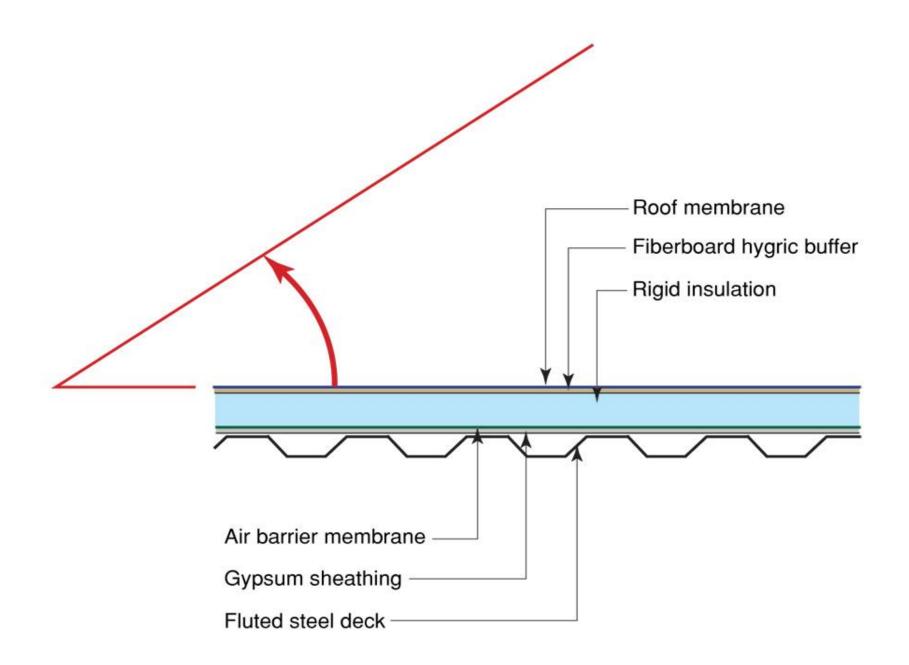




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Shingles -----

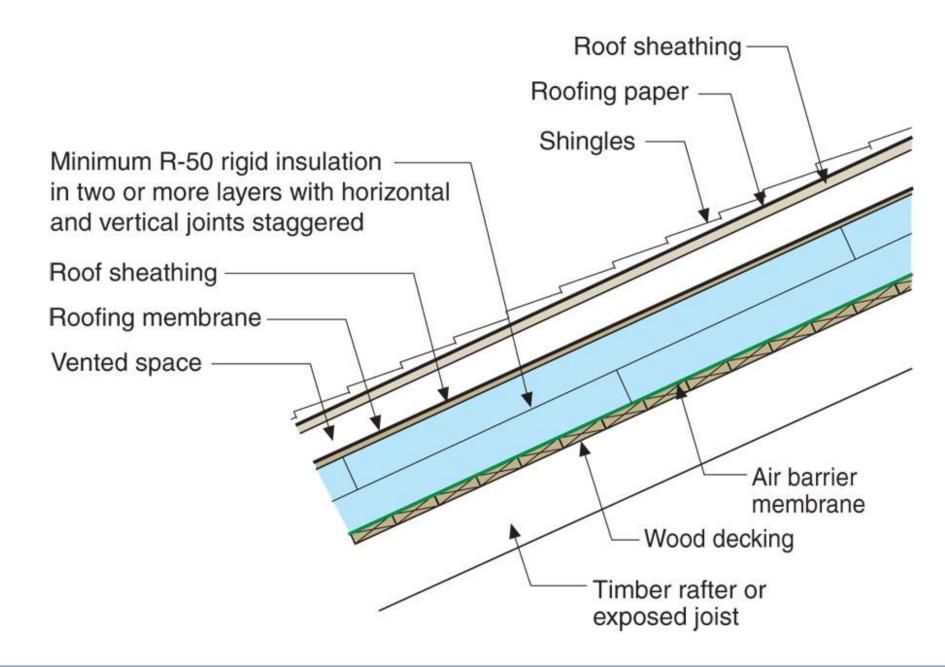
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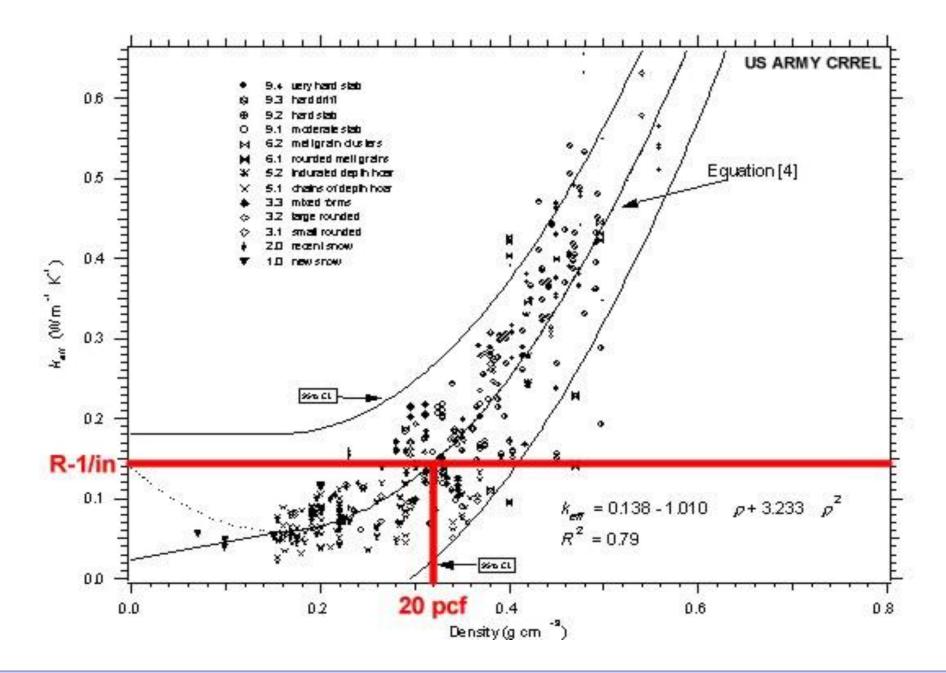
Minimum R-50 rigid insulation in two or more layers with horizontal and vertical joints staggered

Nail base for shingles (plywood or OSB) screwed through rigid insulation to wood decking or timber rafters

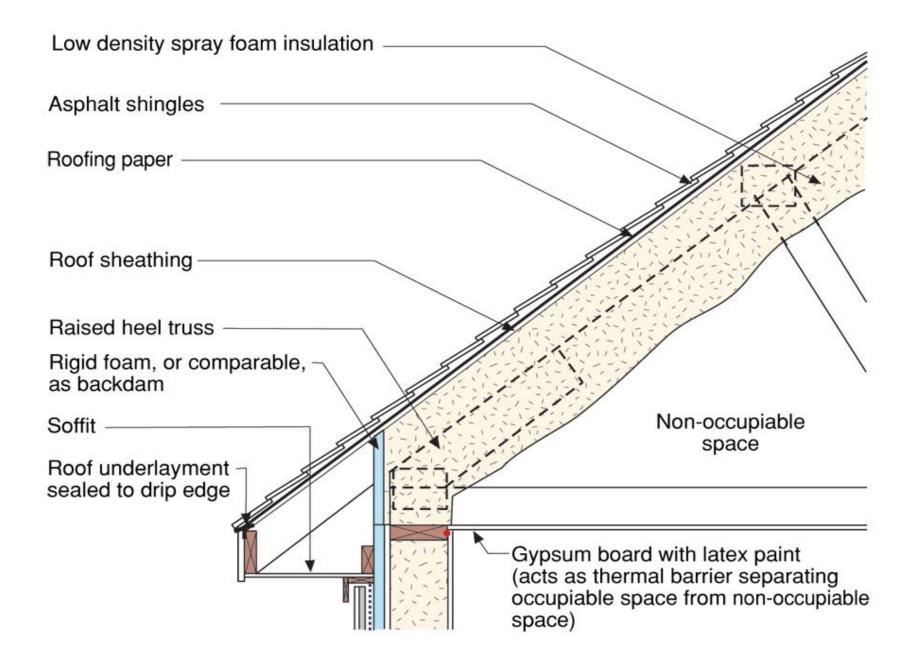
Air barrier membrane -

Wood decking Timber rafter or exposed joist

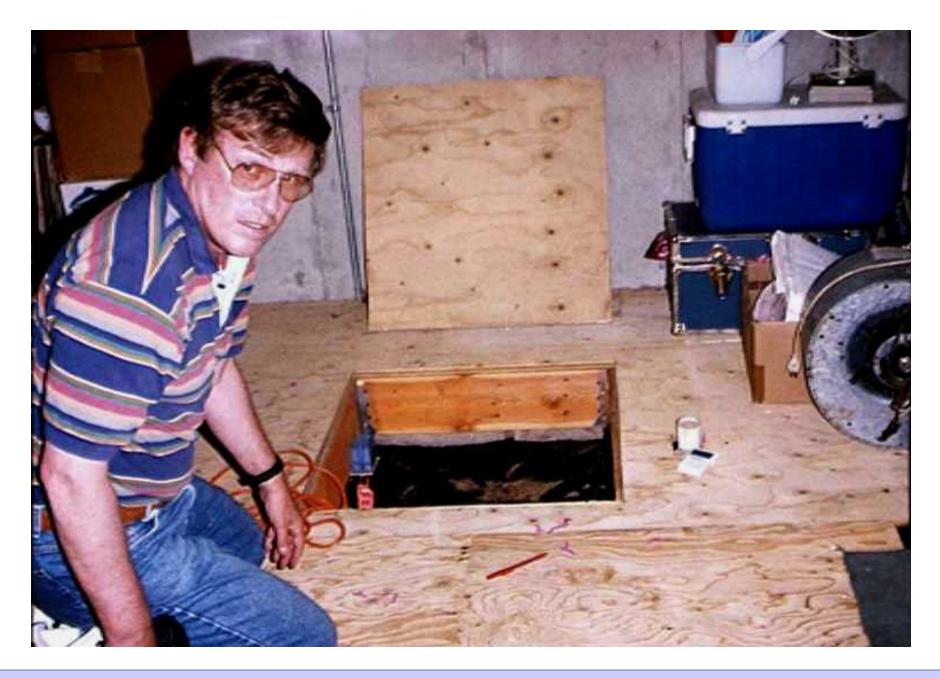






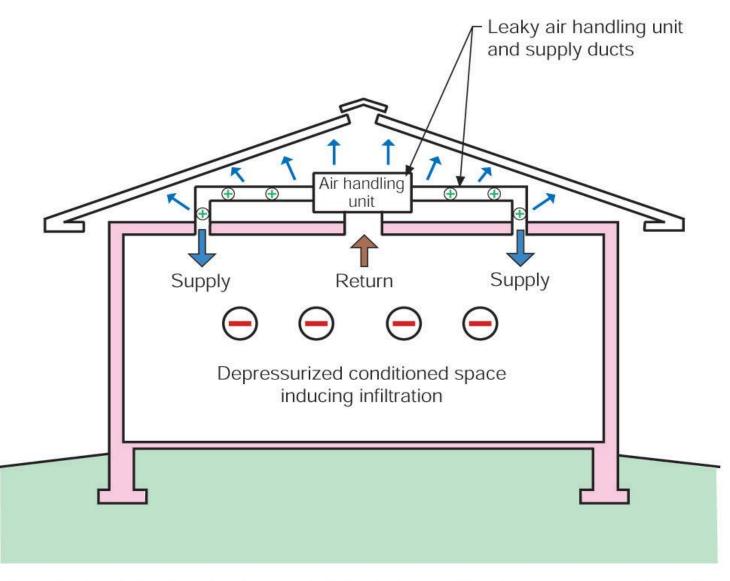




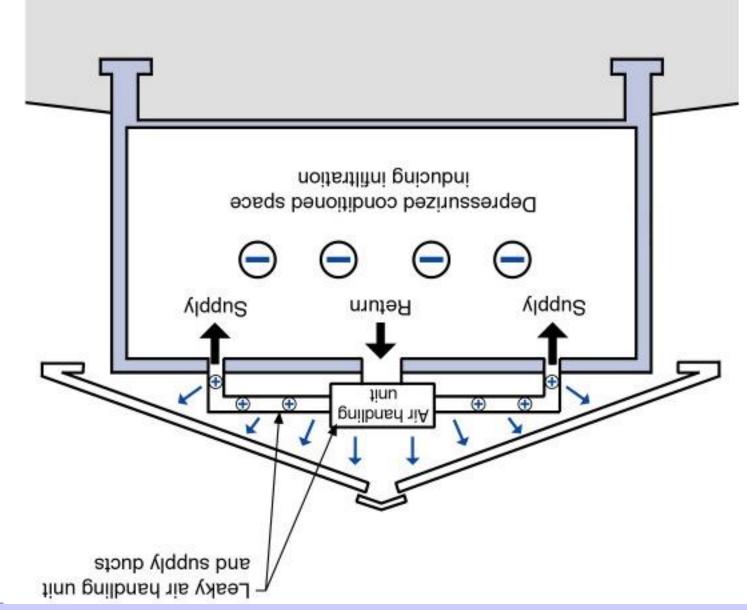


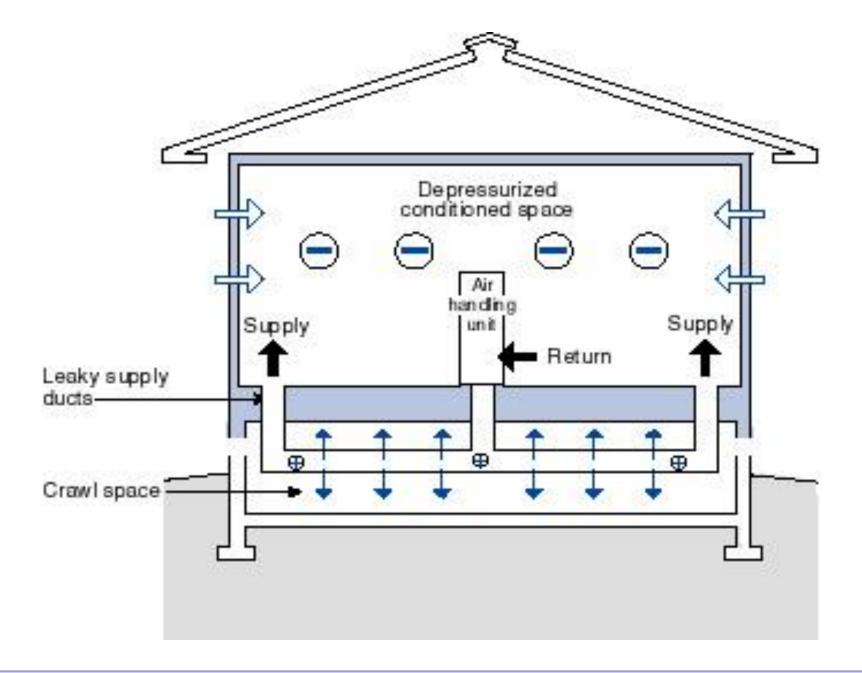






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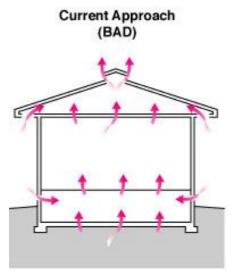


Figure A

- · leaky subfloor
- poor ground cover
- stack effect vents crawl space through house
- contaminants in crawl space migrate into house

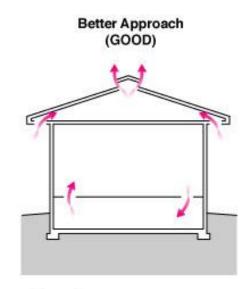


Figure B

- · excellent ground cover
- conditioned crawl space connected to house with transfer grilles and supplied with air from heating supply duct

(This is really a mini-basement and is already allowed by many code departments — i.e. Ft. Collins)

Even Better Approach (GREAT)

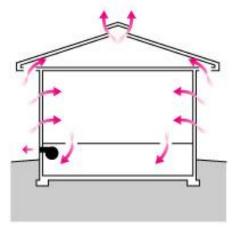


Figure C

- · excellent ground cover
- conditioned crawl space via transfer air from occupied space
- continuously operating exhaust fan in crawl space vents house through crawl space

(This is not considered by the code but should be)

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