



Nebraska's Residential Energy Code

Indoor Air Quality and Ventilation

Nebraska Energy Code Training Program

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About MEEA

- MEEA is a nonprofit membership organization with 160+ members, including:
 - Utilities
 - Research institutions
 - State and local governments
 - Energy efficiency-related businesses
- MEEA helps stakeholders understand and implement cost-effective energy efficiency strategies



About the Nebraska Training Program

- Goal: prepare the Nebraska workforce for upcoming changes in construction best practices
 - Residential and Commercial Energy Code
 - Building Science
 - Practical Solutions
- Focused on providing training to builders, code officials, design professionals, public officials and students
- For more information, visit:
<https://www.mwalliance.org/nebraska-energy-codes-training-program>



About Verdatek Solutions



Matt Belcher





Introduction Poll #1

- What is your profession?
 - Code Official
 - Home Builder
 - State/local government
 - Energy Rater/Consultant
 - Architect/Engineer
 - Non-profit
 - Academic
 - Utility
 - Other (type in chat)



Introduction Poll #2

- How long have you been in the construction industry?
 - 0-5 years
 - 5-10 years
 - 11-15 years
 - 16-20 years
 - 21+ years



Introduction Poll #3

- How familiar are you with the residential provisions in the 2018 IECC?
 - Extremely Familiar
 - Somewhat Familiar
 - Somewhat Unfamiliar
 - Not familiar at all

Training Objectives

- Inside the Energy Code: IAQ
 - Building Envelope
 - Interior Comfort/Health
 - Ventilation
- Remodeling/Retrofits
- Marketing Energy Efficient/High Performance Buildings



Today's Agenda

- Code Requirements in the 2018 IECC
- Moisture Management
- Air Movement
- Heat Transfer
- HVAC System
- Performance Testing
- Remodeling/Retrofits
- Business/Marketing
- Key Takeaways



Nebraska Residential Field Study

- Conducted in 2017 by **Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy**. 2009 IECC was the baseline.
- Collected and analyzed several data points for new homes, including:
 - Envelope air leakage
 - Efficacy in lighting
 - Duct leakage
 - Ceiling & exterior wall insulation
 - Basement & slab insulation
 - Windows

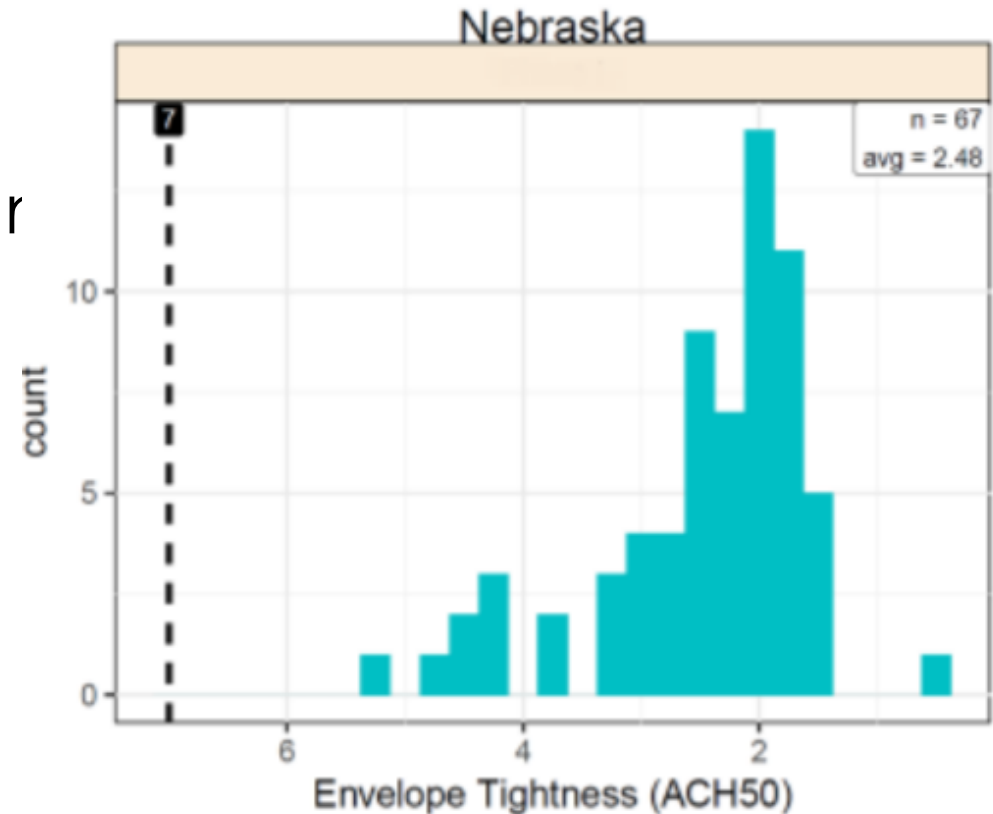
For More Information and Data:

https://www.energycodes.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Nebraska_Residential_Compliance_Evaluation_final.pdf



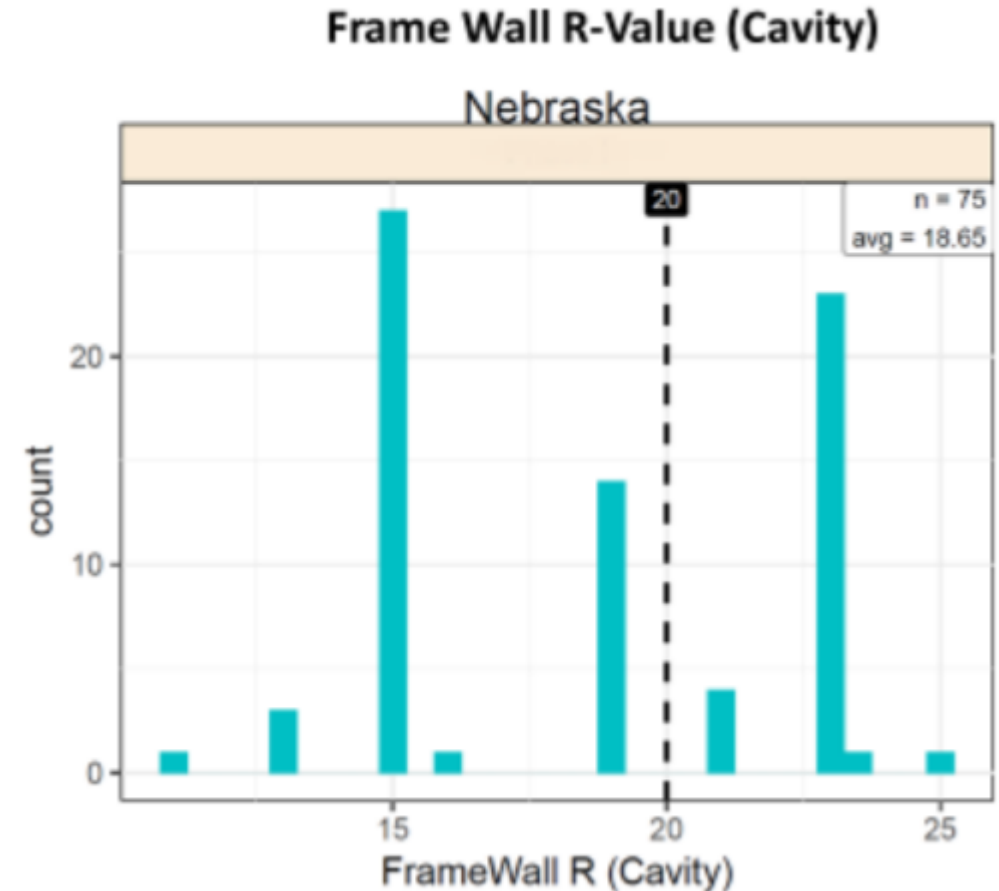
Nebraska Residential Field Study - Results

- Overall, not too bad! But room to improve.
 - **Envelope Air Leakage:** Better than code (7 ACH50)
 - Not all would meet 2018 IECC
 - **Efficacy in Lighting:** Average; some good, some not
 - **Duct Leakage:** Ugh!
 - Needs significant improvement to meet 2018 IECC
 - **Ceiling Insulation:**
 - Amount: Good+ (Average: R-42.5)
 - Install: Not as good. Reduces compliance (R-factor)



Nebraska Residential Field Study - Results

- Frame Wall Insulation: Most common installation was below code
 - Even continuous insulation < Code
 - Quality of Installation an issue
- Basement Insulation: Meets code(average), but room to improve
- Slab insulation: Meets or exceeds code
- Windows: Meets code but will need to upgrade to meet 2018 IECC



2018 IECC Mandatory Requirements

Energy Certificate

- Energy Certificate located on circuit breaker box includes key energy efficiency measures and is signed by the builder

Air Sealing

- All holes between floors and through exterior walls/ceilings have been sealed in **accordance with table R402.4.1.1**
- Building or dwelling unit is **tested to verify air leakage rate of ≤ 3 Air Changes per Hour (ACH)**
- Building or dwelling unit must have continuous air barrier installed

2018 IECC Mandatory Requirements

Ducts

- All ducts are sealed with approved materials (e.g. mastic or UL 181 tape) - duct tape is not acceptable
- All ducts outside conditioned space are tested to verify duct leakage with a total duct leakage or leakage to the outside test
- Supply & return ducts in attic insulated to $\geq R-6$ when ducts are outside conditioned space and $\geq R-8$ when ducts are outside the building thermal envelope

Building Cavities

- **Building framing cavities shall not be used as supply ducts or plenums**



2018 IECC Mandatory Requirements

Heating and Cooling

- Controls: Programmable thermostat installed
- ***Equipment sized per ACCA Manuals S & J***

Mechanical Ventilation

- Installed according to requirements in the International Mechanical Code
- Required for all homes ≤ 5 ACH per Section M303.4 (3 ACH is a 2018 IECC mandatory requirement)

2018 IECC Mandatory Requirements

Other requirements

- Wood-burning fireplaces have tight flue dampers or doors, and outdoor combustion air
- Mechanical system piping insulated to min R-3 for fluids $>105^{\circ}$ F or $<55^{\circ}$ F
- Circulating hot water systems shall be insulated to at least R-2. Systems shall include an automatic, or readily accessible, off-switch.

Ventilation and I.A.Q.



Building Envelope +
Air Sealing Package +
HVAC Design, Equipment & Installation +
ERV/HRV +
Water Heating Design

= Occupant Comfort & Health



Moisture Management

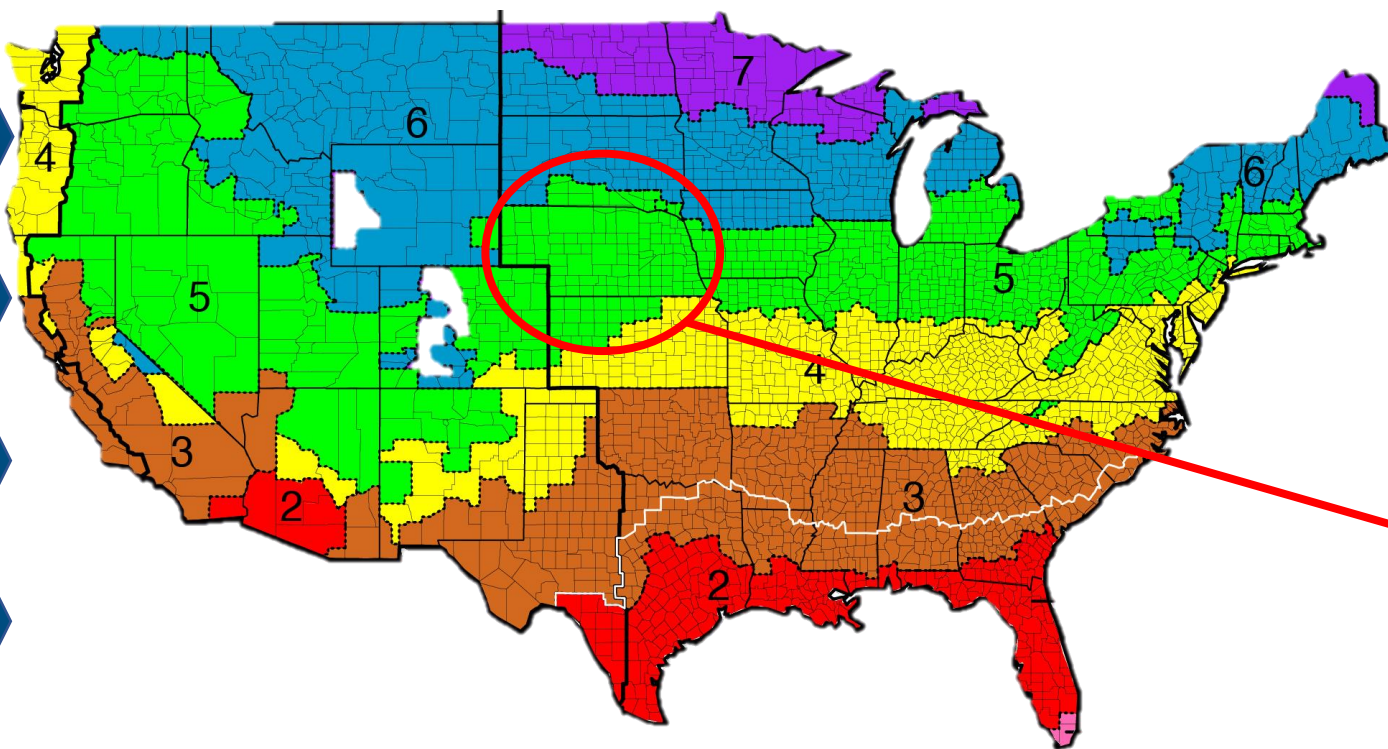
It Connects EVERYTHING!



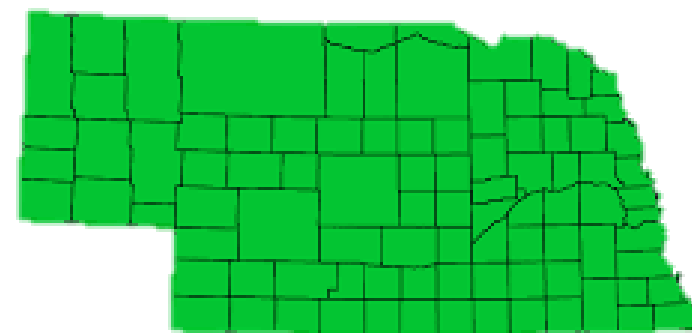
The Major “Damage Functions”

- Liquid water (bulk and capillary)
- Air-borne water
- Vapor
- Radiation (UV degradation)
- Pests
- People

Climate Zones



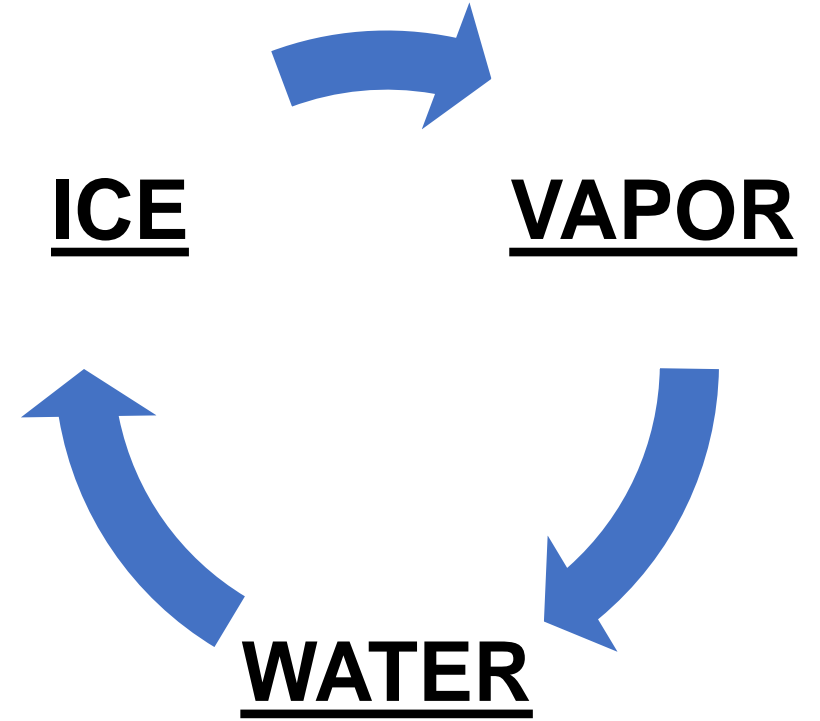
- Nebraska has only one climate zone – 5A
- Cold & Moist climate





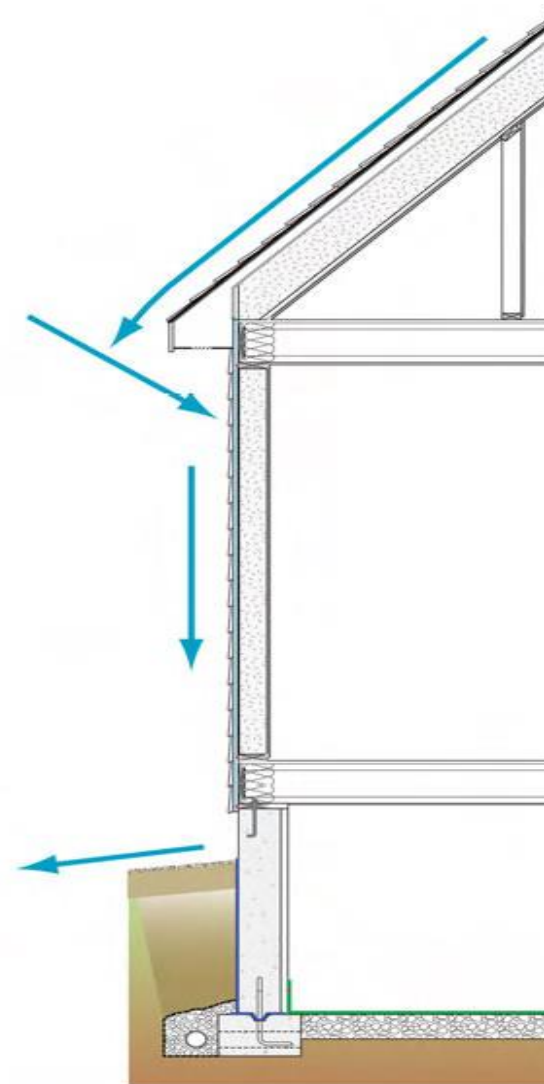
Prioritizing Moisture Movement

- #1 – Bulk Water
- #2 – Capillary Water
- #3 – Air-Transported Moisture
- #4 – Diffusive Moisture Movement



Bulk Water Management – Priority #1

The key is proper drainage!



Moisture Management Begins when materials arrive onsite!



Maximize Performance by Minimizing Problems = Higher Quality



Always Allow For Drying

Exterior Conditions

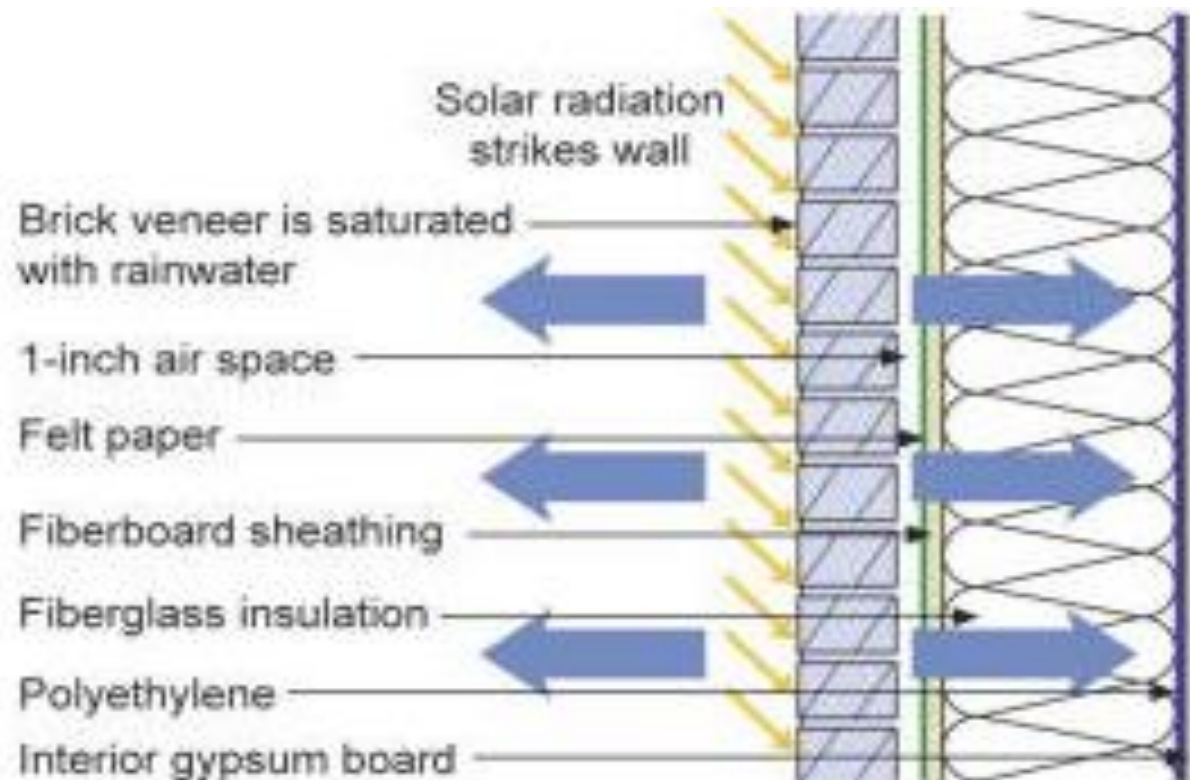
Temperature: 80° F
Relative Humidity: 75%
Vapor Pressure: 2.49 kPa

Conditions Within Cavity

Temperature: 120° F
Relative Humidity: 100%
Vapor Pressure: 11.74 kPa

Interior Conditions

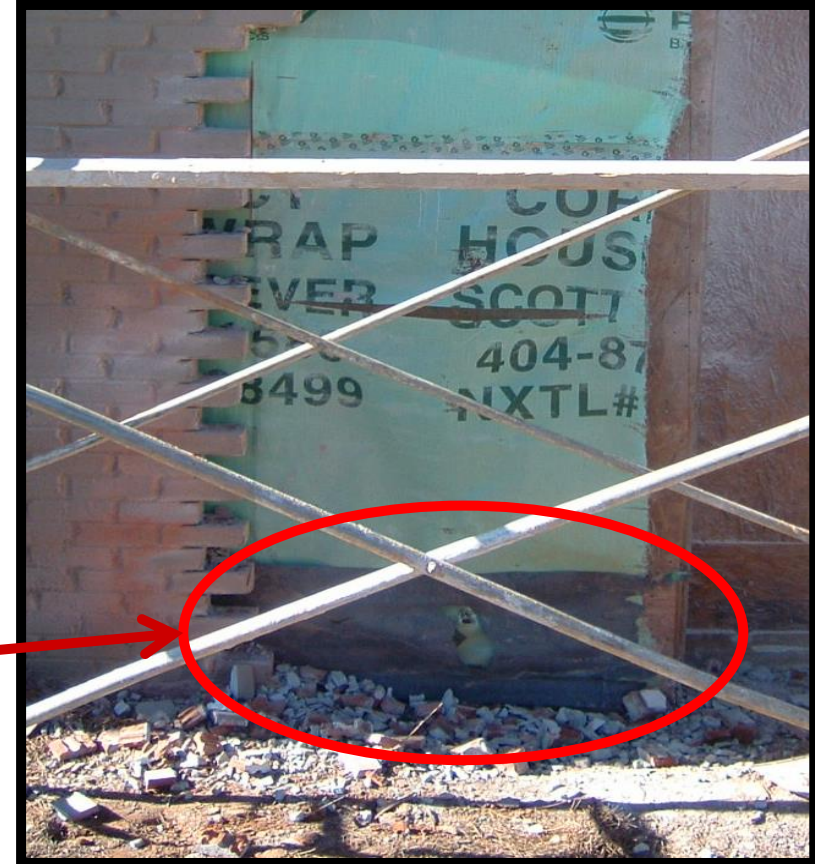
Temperature: 75° F
Relative Humidity: 60%
Vapor Pressure: 1.82 kPa



Vapor is driven both inward and outward by a high vapor pressure differential between the brick and interior and the brick and exterior

Properly Lap Flashing

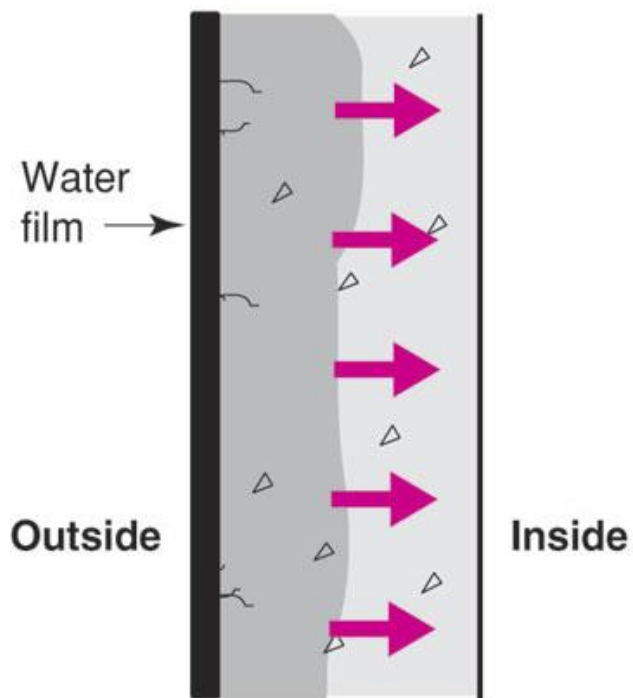
- The mason's flashing (black) was installed after and in front of the house wrap (green). This is reverse flashing that will trap any drain water that gets past the brick veneer.



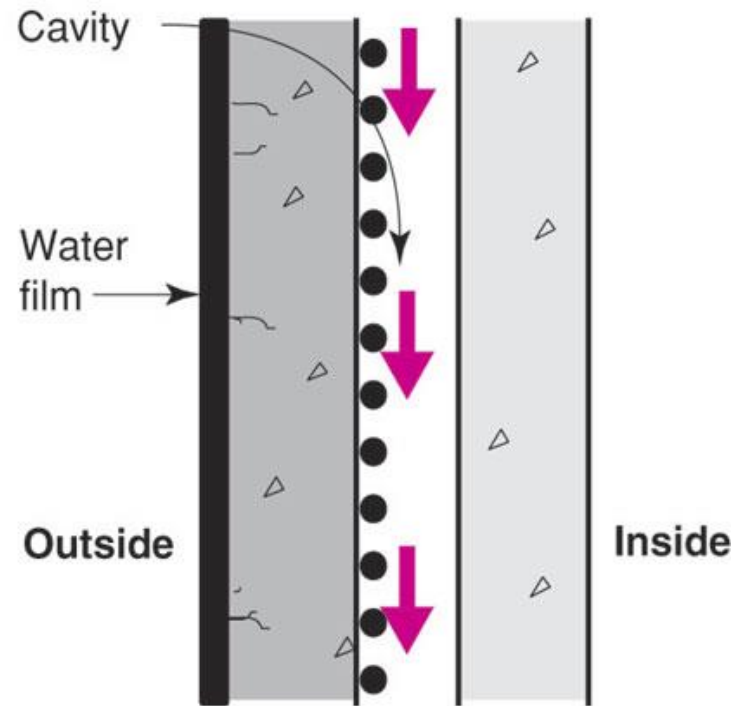
Direct Water Away From Corners



Capillary Moisture Flows - Priority #2



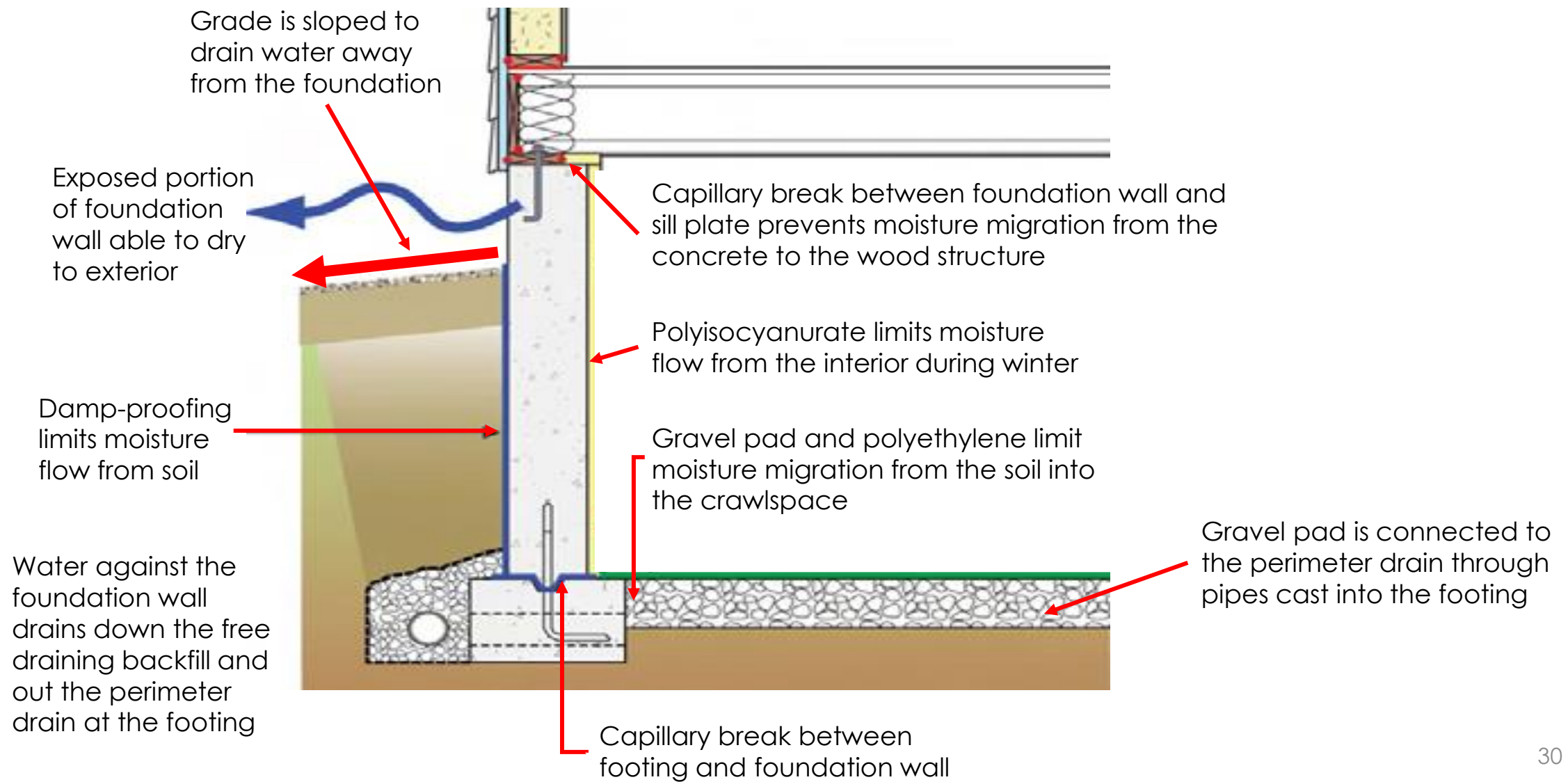
Capillary suction draws water into porous material and tiny cracks



Cavity acts as capillary break and receptor for capillary water interrupting flow

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Foundation Moisture Management



Sill Plates Need Capillary Breaks



Air Transport of Moisture – Priority #3

- Air carries a **lot** of water
- Air leakage
 - Moisture flow
 - 4X8 Drywall
 - 70 F
 - 40% RH
 - 1 square inch hole
- Flow quantity
 - 30 Quarts of water!!

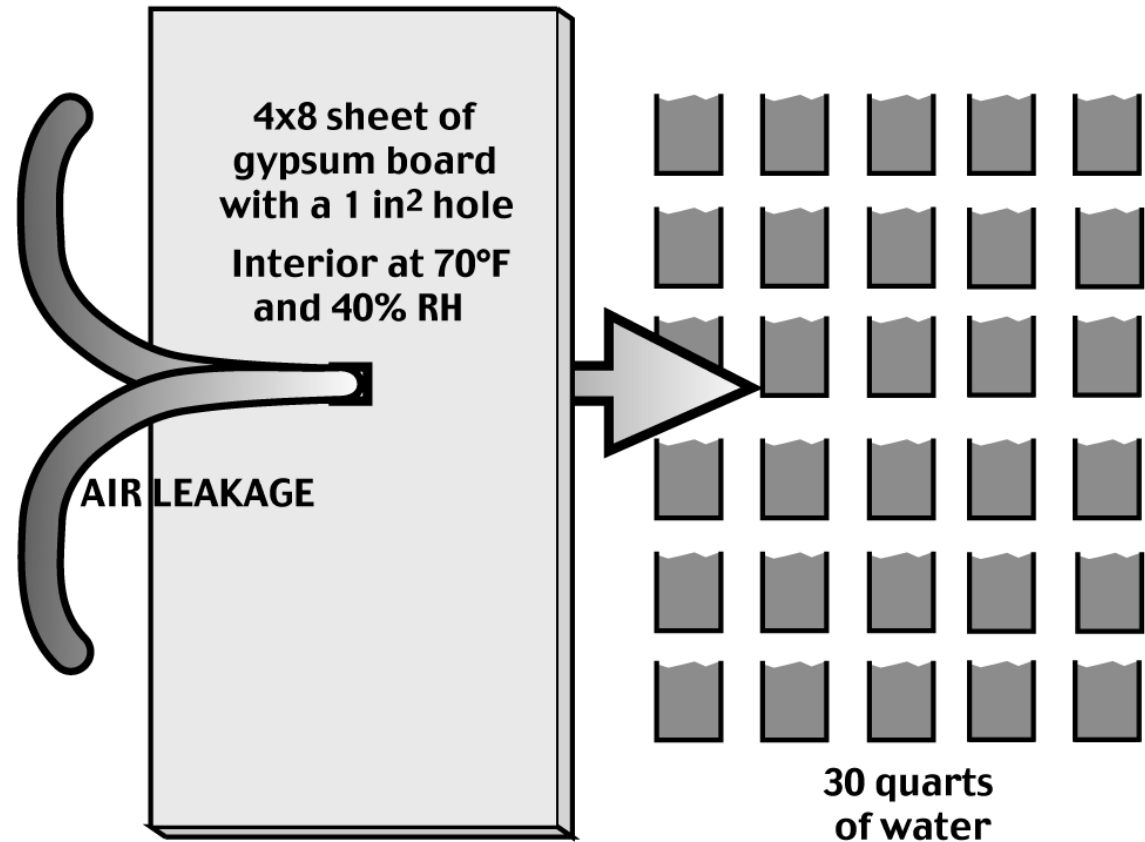


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Diffusion – Priority #4

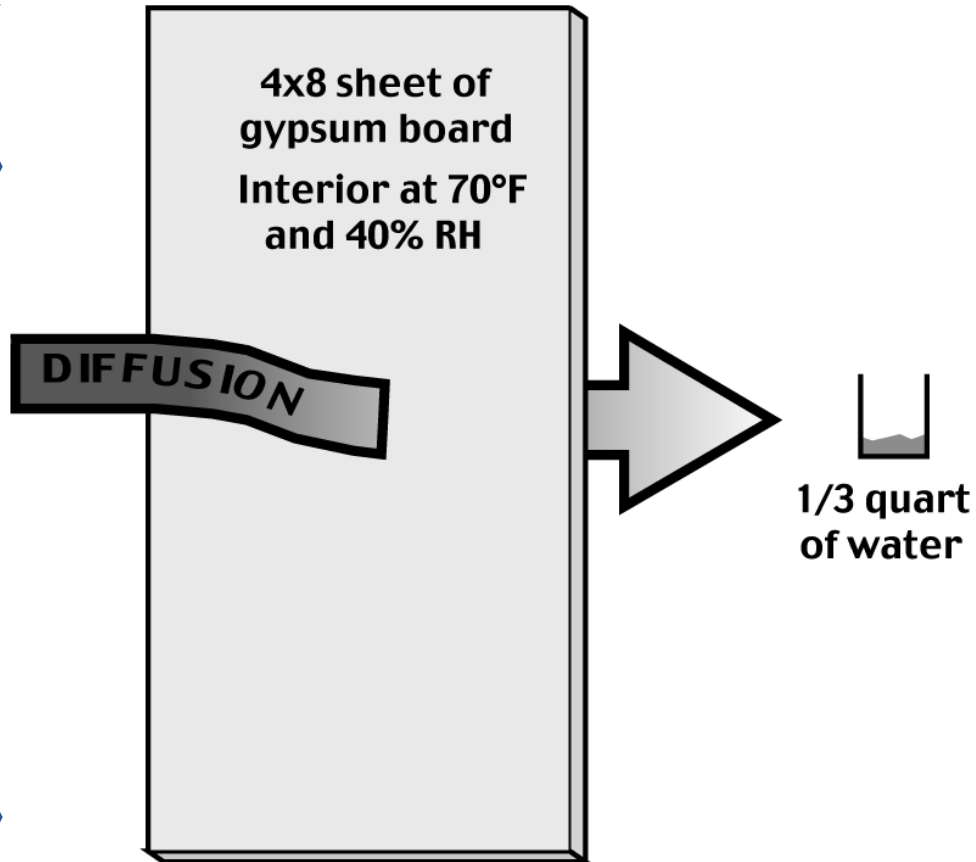


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- Migration of moisture by means of vapor pressure differential
- Occurs in either direction based on climate conditions and exterior/interior levels of humidity
- Different building materials have different permeability

Quality Management

- Moisture Control testing prior to cover up





Air Movement

Air Movement Seeks Balance

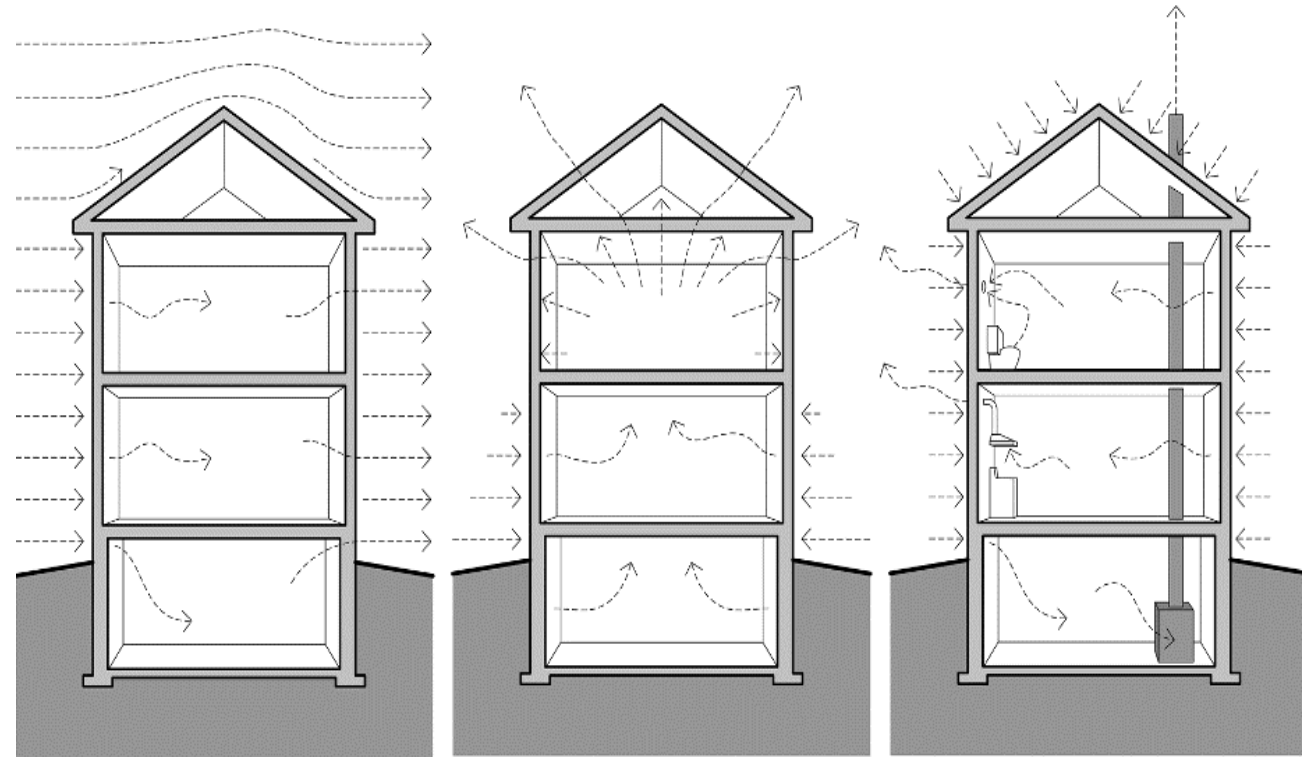


How Does Air Get Around?

Air In = Air Out

For air movement you need:

- A hole
- A driving force
- Another hole



Wind Effect

Stack Effect

Combustion and Ventilation

Internally Generated Air Pressure

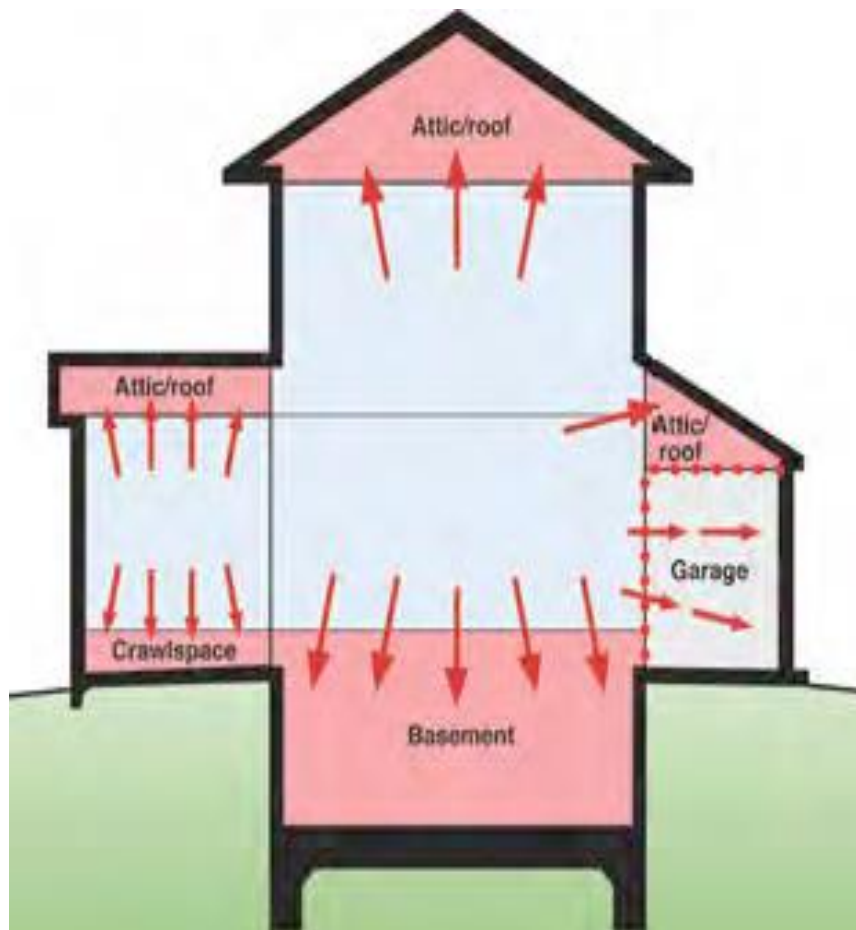


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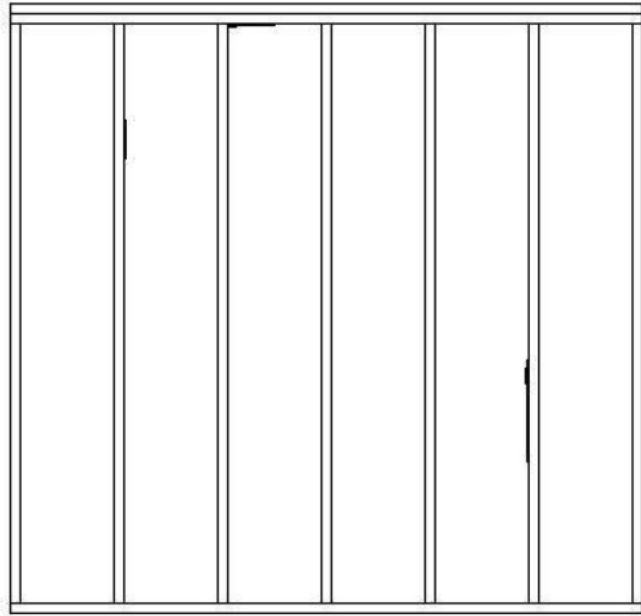
Expansion of Conditioned Space

- Conditioned space boundaries moving towards exterior surfaces of building
- Garage isolated from house by air barrier/pressure boundary
- Garage ventilated and conditioned independently of rest of conditioned spaces

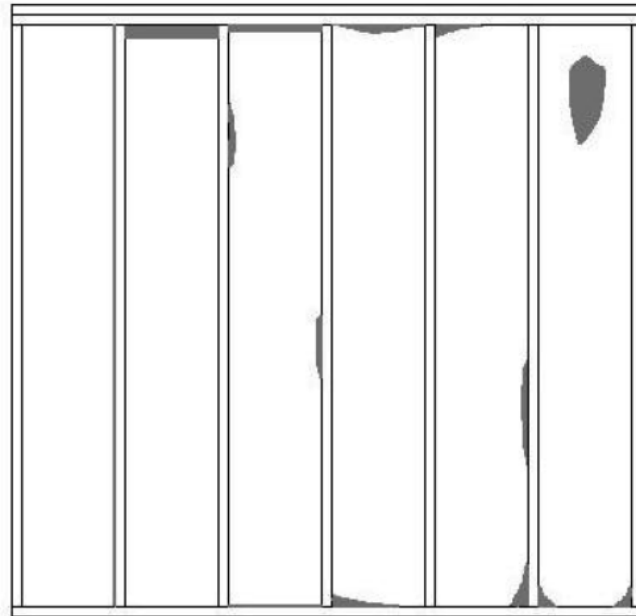
Batt Insulation Grading

Code Compliant

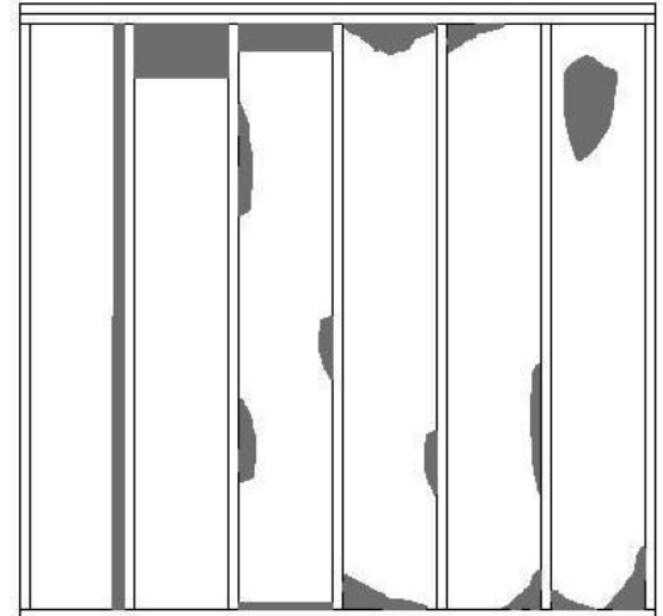
Not Acceptable



Grade I: Almost no gaps



Grade II: Up to 2%



Grade III: 2% - 5%

RESNET protocol for the effect of missing insulation on installation grade

Diagrams from the HERS Standards



Questions so far?

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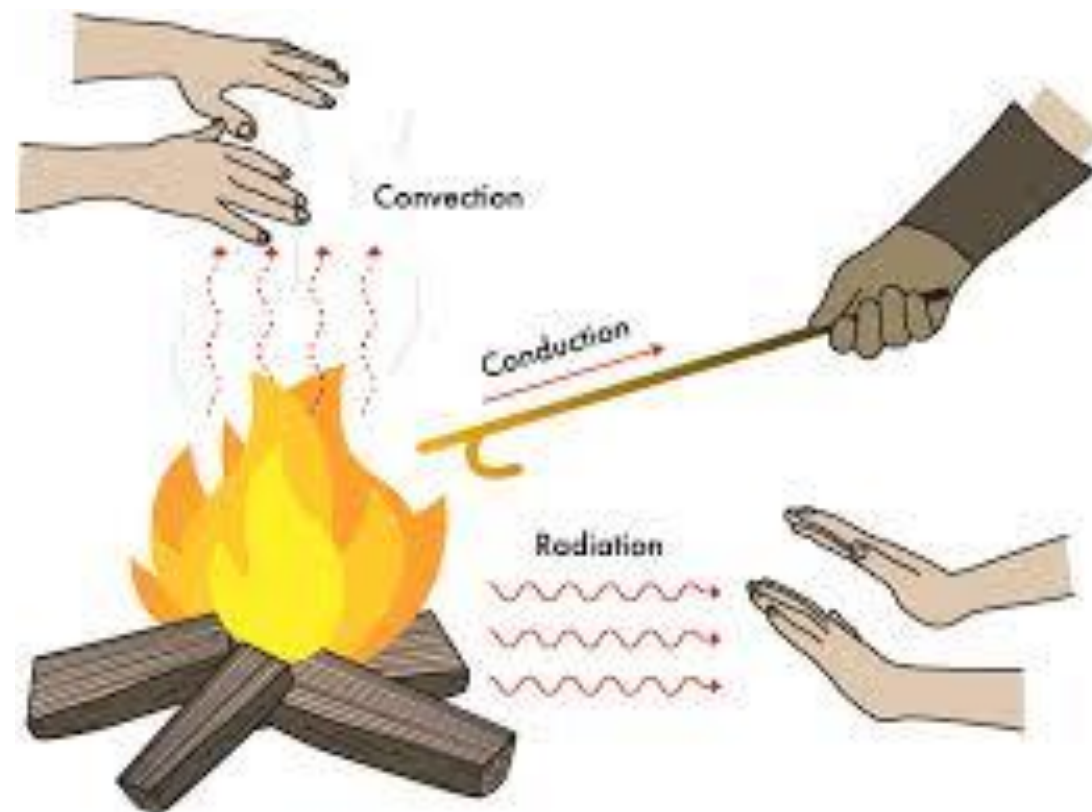
Heat Transfer

A Triple Threat



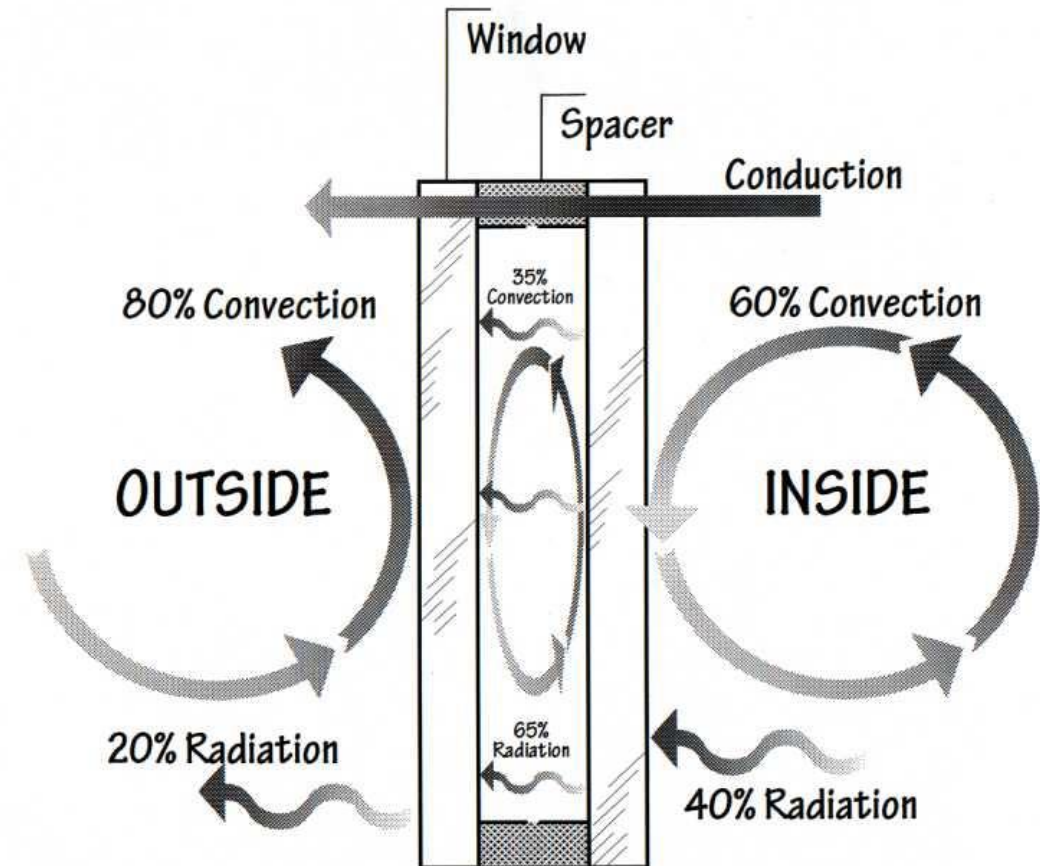
Heat Transfers in 3 Ways

- **Convection** - Through fluids (liquid or gas)
- **Conduction** - Through solids
- **Radiation** - Mostly windows



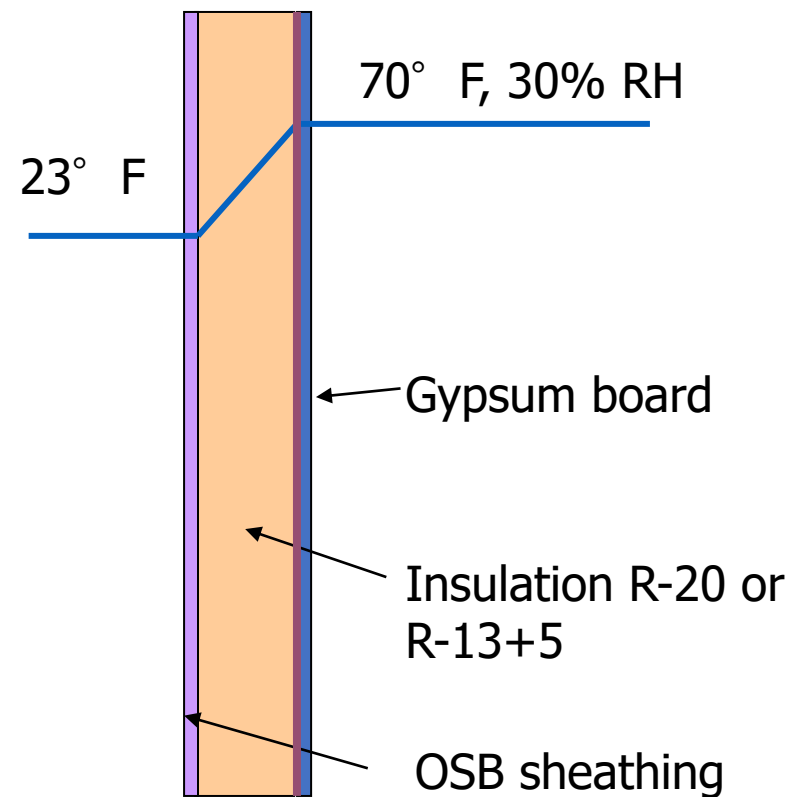
Practical Application - Windows

- Heat always moves from hot to cold
- Always a mix of transfers
- Different rates of transfer can be important



Condensing Surface Temperatures

- Dewpoint of interior air = 37°F
- Where will condensation occur?
Inside surface of exterior sheathing
- One Solution?
Interior vapor retarder, but what type and at what “cost?”





Major Building Envelope Protection Systems

- Water Barrier
- Air Barrier
- Thermal Barrier
- Vapor Profile (not just the designated vapor retarder)
- Maintenance documents

“You don’t get what you expect, you get what you inspect!”





HVAC System

Don't Forget the "V"

HVAC Design and Loads

Oversized systems:

- Less comfort
- Less efficient
- Poorly handles moisture
- Premature equipment failure

Right-sized systems:

- Better operating efficiencies
- Greater comfort
- Healthier indoor environments
- Better moisture control

HVAC Design and Loads

- Properly designed HVAC systems rely on scientific criteria and a systematic method to match the loads required for health and comfort:
 - *ACCA Manual J – Residential Load Calculation*
 - *ACCA Manual S – Residential Equipment Selection*
 - *ACCA Manual D – Residential Duct Systems*
- Reports should be submitted with permit application





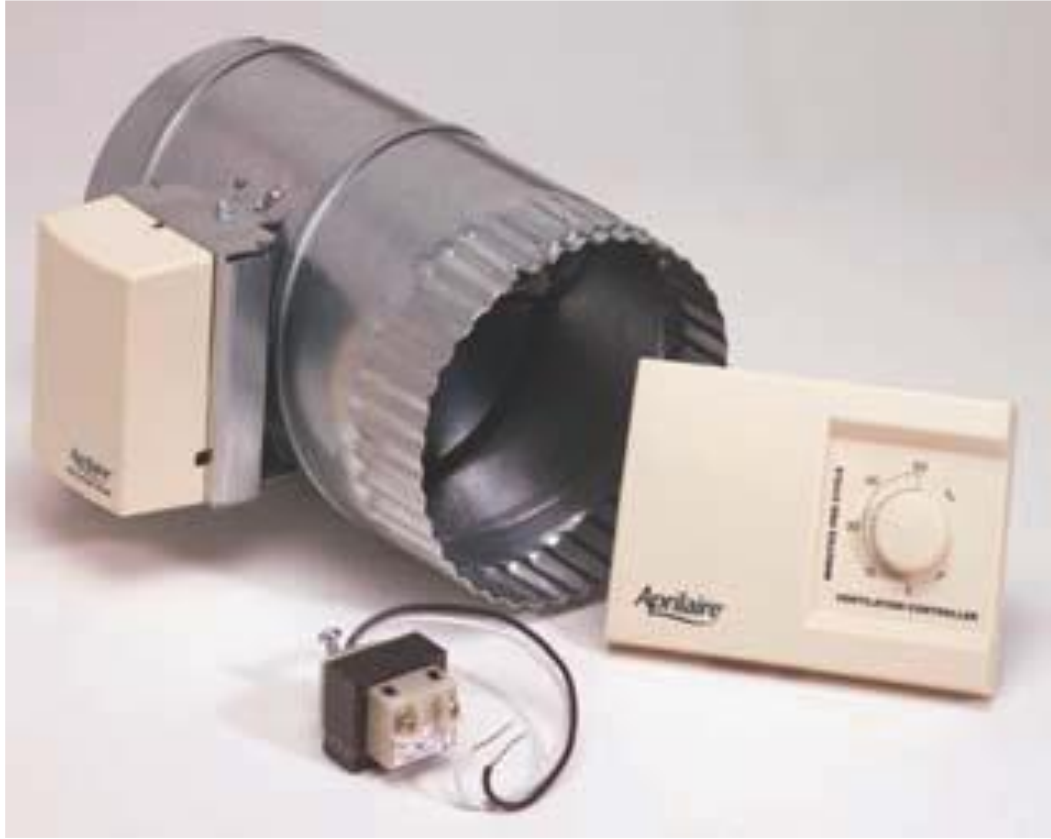
HVAC Design and Loads

Today's homes risk health problems for occupants because:

- They are not properly ventilated:
 - < 3 ACH
- More chemicals and products are used in and around a house:
 - Concentration levels are often 2 to 100 times higher than outside.

Balanced Ventilation

- Blows air into and out of the house
- Is cost effective by reclaiming energy from exhaust and supply airflows (60%-80%!)
- Balances exhaust and supply flows (minimizes pressure differential)
- Maintains the Minimum Ventilation Guideline automatically with proper set-up



Direct vent Equipment

- Provides its own Combustion Air
- Exhausts Products of combustion to the Exterior



Ventilation

- Mechanical ventilation systems circulate fresh air using ducts and fans, rather than relying on airflow through holes or cracks in a home's walls, roof, or floors
 - You don't know where uncontrolled ventilation draws air from
 - Exhaust fans often do not provide rated / code ventilation post installation – air flow should be tested
- ASHRAE 62.2
 - Establishes ventilation and indoor air quality (IAQ) rates in residential buildings(Low rise)
 - Provides criteria for exhaust fans & spot ventilation
 - Minimum Standard!
- “Build it Tight and Ventilate Right!”

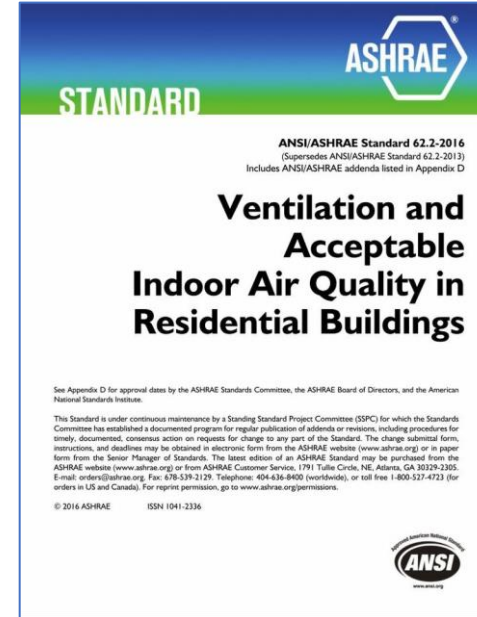


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Ventilation Rate in CFM
(0.01 x total square foot area of house) + [7.5 x (number of bedrooms +1)]

Ventilation and Air Sealing

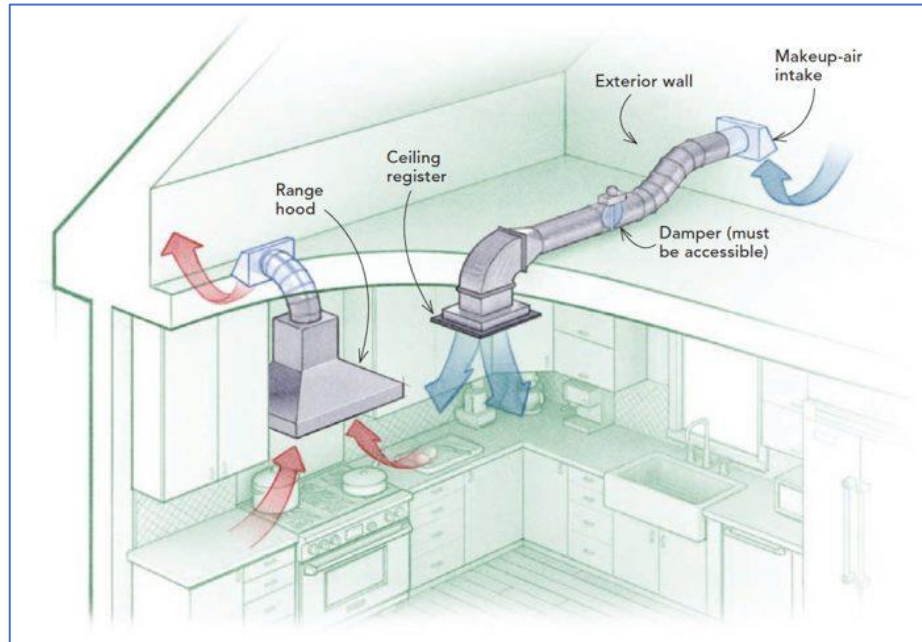
- Both natural and mechanical ventilation provide fresh air that can dilute and remove indoor pollutant levels
- Per the IMC/IRC, mechanical ventilation is required when homes are <5 ACH 50
 - Need to do a blower door test to determine leakage rate
 - **Liability concerns when not performed**
- A blower door test measures a building's existing air leakage
- Can not design a code compliant system without knowing air leakage



Courtesy of AC Tool Supply, Inc.

Spot Ventilation (Supply-only and Exhaust-only)

- Supply spot ventilation:
 - Whole house
 - Makeup air or combustion air for appliances
- Exhaust spot ventilation:
 - Bathroom exhaust fan
 - Range hood vent
 - Ducted garage fan
 - Central vacuum
- Fans or portals with humidity-sensitive nylon strips



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Air Filters

- Use filters to remove pollutants from the indoor air
 - They are characterized by the size of particle they remove
 - Type and size of filter should properly fit equipment
 - The higher the MERV rating, the finer the particulate filtered
 - Determining the best filter relies on understanding which substance(s) needs to be removed
 - System must be designed to accommodate the static pressure created by filter



Types of Furnace Filters



**FLAT-PANEL
FIBERGLASS**

**PLEATED
MEDIA**

HEPA
(High Efficiency Particulate Air)

**WASHABLE/
REUSABLE**

MERV RATING*

- 1 to 4 typical

- 5 to 13 typical
- 14 to 16 high efficiency

- 17 to 20 typical

- 1 to 4 typical

PROS

- Inexpensive
- Reinforced

- Pleats increase filter efficiency
- Resists airflow less than HEPA

- Catches up to 99.97% of all particles
- Recognized by EPA and OSHA

- Last longer than disposable filters
- Durably designed

CONS

- Protects HVAC components more than it cleans air

- Cheaper than HEPA, but less efficient with very fine particles

- Too big for most residential systems
- Retrofitting for HEPA is costly

- Require cleaning and maintenance
- May harbor germs if not fully dry



Air Filters: MERV



Image: unitedfilter.com

- An air filter's minimum efficiency reporting value (MERV) rating measures how effectively the filter stops dust and other contaminants from passing through the filter and into the air stream
- Higher MERV value provides greater filtration but also increases pressure drop across filter
- MERV ratings should be determined during HVAC design

Construction and Filtration

- Construction activities generate a **lot** of dust
- Solutions:
 - Protect HVAC ducts during construction
 - Provide covers at the supplies and returns
 - Vacuum the ducts prior to occupancy
 - Seal the door between the garage and the home tightly
 - Should be done regardless to prevent infiltration of auto exhaust and other pollutants



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Performance Testing



Performance Testing

- Code required testing
 - Blower Door Test
 - Duct Pressure Test
 - Combustion Appliance Zone (CAZ) Testing
- Other diagnostics
 - Thermal Imaging
 - Energy analysis/modeling:
 - REM/Rate, EnergyGauge USA, TREAT



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Duct Tightness Testing

- Pressure tests duct system for air leaks
- Quantifies the air leakage rate
- Testing required if any part of the system is outside thermal envelope
- 2018 IECC max leakage is 4cfm/100sf
- But all ducts should be tested!
- If ducts leak, air won't get to where it's supposed to



Image: enwikipedia.org

Air Leakage Report

- Blower door test documents a home's air leakage performance
- Required by code
- Third party verification (some areas; performed by Inspectors)
- Provides solid data for final equipment adjustment and energy use/cost forecast
- Great liability protection for all involved

AIR LEAKAGE REPORT

Date: May 02, 2012 Rating No.: 8016891 - 097

Building Name: 802EastMcCartyStreet Rating Org.: ASERusa
 Owner's Name: River City Habitat for Humanit Phone No.: 314-894-2300
 Property: 802 East McCarty Street Rater's Name: Gary Fries
 Address: Jefferson City, MO 65101 Rater's No.: 8016891
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 Weather Site: Columbia, MO Rating Date: 12/01/11
 File Name: 8016891 - 097 - eSTAR 2.0, TC, NR - 802 East M

Whole House Infiltration	Blower door test	
	Heating	Cooling
NaturalACH:	0.23	0.16
ACH @ 50 Pascals:	3.78	3.78
CFM @ 25 Pascals:	427	427
CFM @ 50 Pascals:	670	670
Eff. Leakage Area: [sq.in]	36.8	36.8
Specific Leakage Area:	0.00018	0.00018
ELA/100 sf shell: [sq.in]	0.96	0.96

Duct Leakage	Leakage to Outside Units	Ductwork
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CFM25 / CFMfan:		0.0214
CFM25/CFA:		0.0181
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Ventilation	Air Cyclor
Mechanical:	
Sensible Recovery Eff. (%):	0.0
Total Recovery Eff. (%):	0.0
Rate (cfm):	50
Hours/Day:	24.0
Fan Watts:	150.0
Cooling Ventilation:	Natural Ventilation

ASHRAE 62.2 - 2010 Ventilation Requirements

For this home to comply with ASHRAE Standard 62.2 - 2010 Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Low-Rise Residential Buildings, a minimum of 44 cfm of mechanical ventilation must be provided continuously, 24 hours per day. Alternatively, an intermittently operating mechanical ventilation system may be used if the ventilation rate is adjusted accordingly. For example, a 88 cfm mechanical ventilation system would need to operate 12 hours per day, as long as the system operates to provide required average ventilation once each hour.

REM/Rate - Residential Energy Analysis and Rating Software v12.98

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Building Name:	123 Main Street	Rating Org.:	Raters USA
Owners Name:	Jane Smith	Phone:	555-555-5555
Property Address:	123 Main Street Omaha, NE 68007	Rater's Name:	John Williams
Builder's Name:	ABC Construction	Rater's No.:	1234567
Weather Site:	Omaha, NE	Rating Type:	Confirmed
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Address:	Jefferson City, MO 65101	Rater's No.:	8016891
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CFM25/CFA:		0.0181
CFM per Std 152:		N/A
CFM per Std 152 / CFA:		N/A
CFM @ 50 Pascals:		39
Eff. Leakage Area: [sq.in]		2.15
Thermal Efficiency:		N/A
Total Duct Leakage Units		CFM25/CFA
Total Duct Leakage:		0.0181

Ventilation	Air Cyclor
Mechanical:	
Sensible Recovery Eff. (%):	0.0
Total Recovery Eff. (%):	0.0
Rate (cfm):	50
Hours/Day:	24.0
Fan Watts:	150.0
Cooling Ventilation:	Natural Ventilation

ASHRAE 62.2 - 2010 Ventilation Requirements

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Air Leakage Report

Duct Leakage

Leakage to Outside Units	Ductwork
CFM @ 25 Pascals:	25
CFM25/CFM fan:	0.0214
CFM25/CFA:	0.0181
CFM per Std 152:	N/A
CFM per Std 152/CFA:	N/A
CFM @ 50 Pascals:	39
Eff. Leakage Area (sq. in.)	2.15
Thermal Efficiency:	N/A
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AIR LEAKAGE REPORT			
Date:	May 02, 2012	Rating No.:	8016891 - 097
Building Name:	802EastMcCartyStreet	Rating Org.:	ASERusa
Owner's Name:	River City Habitat for Humanit	Phone No.:	314-894-2300
Property:	802 East McCarty Street	Rater's Name:	Gary Fries
Address:	Jefferson City, MO 65101	Rater's No.:	8016891
Builder's Name:	River City Habitat for Humanit	Rating Type:	Confirmed
Weather Site:	Columbia, MO	Rating Date:	12/01/11
File Name:	8016891 - 097 - eSTAR 2.0, TC, NR - 802 East M		

Whole House Infiltration	Blower door test	
	Heating	Cooling
NaturalACH:	0.23	0.16
ACH @ 50 Pascals:	3.78	3.78
CFM @ 25 Pascals:	427	427
CFM @ 50 Pascals:	670	670
Eff. Leakage Area: [sq.in]	36.8	36.8
Specific Leakage Area:	0.00018	0.00018
ELA/100 sf shell: [sq.in]	0.96	0.96

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E-Mail from Remodel Client 2013:

*“Also, wanted to share that this month was officially lower for electricity at the new (5000 sq ft) house than the old (2200 sq ft) house. The old house used **1013kWh** last month in 31 days **vs. 634 kWh** used in 29 days at the new house. Add on the 264kWh that the solar panels generated, and it was almost 3 times less usage with twice the square footage.”*



Photos: Matt Belcher









Continuous insulated walls with fully insulated headers (typ).

2x8 Top Plate fastened to top of Masonry and Panel walls. Roof/wall connections extend through to foundation connection.

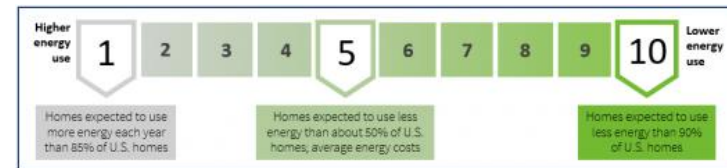
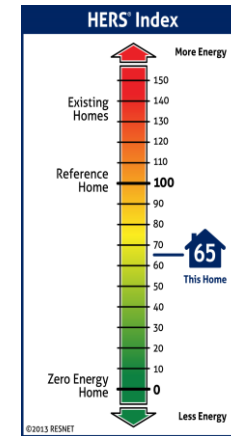


Appraisals and Resale Value



Green Appraisers

- Unlike granite countertops, energy efficiency investments are not always visible at a glance
- Utilize certifications, labels, ratings, and scores
- Make sure appraisers are accurately valuing sustainable properties
 - *Residential Green and Energy Efficient Addendum* - Assists appraisers in analyzing residential “Green” features and properties.



Residential Green and Energy Efficient Addendum!

- Resources for realtors and appraisers on properly valuing energy efficiency/green features
 - Educational materials
 - List of designated appraisers
 - Trainings
- For more information: http://www.appraisalinstitute.org/education/green_energy_addendum.aspx

Client File #:		Appraisal File #:	
Residential Green and Energy Efficient Addendum			
Client:			
Subject Property:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Additional resources to aid in the valuation of green properties and the completion of this form can be found at http://www.appraisalinstitute.org/education/green_energy_addendum.aspx			
<p>The appraiser hereby certifies that the information provided within this addendum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> has been considered in the appraiser's development of the appraisal of the subject property only for the client and intended user(s) identified in the appraisal report and only for the intended use stated in the report. is not provided by the appraiser for any other purpose and should not be relied upon by parties other than those identified by the appraiser as the client or intended user(s) in the report. is the result of the appraiser's routine inspection of and inquiries about the subject property's green and energy efficient features. Extraordinary assumption: Data provided herein is assumed to be accurate and if found to be in error could alter the appraiser's opinions or conclusions. is not made as a representation or as a warranty as to the efficiency, quality, function, operability, reliability or cost savings of the reported items or of the subject property in general, and this addendum should not be relied upon for such assessments. <p>Green Building: The practice of creating structures and using processes that are environmentally responsible and resource-efficient throughout a building's lifecycle from siting to design, construction, operation, maintenance, renovation, and deconstruction. This practice expands and complements the classic building design concerns of economy, utility, durability, and comfort (US EPA). High Performance building and green building are often used interchangeably.</p> <p>Six Elements of Green Building: A green building has attributes that fall into the six elements of green building known as (1) site, (2) water, (3) energy, (4) materials, (5) indoor environmental quality, and (6) maintenance and operation. The energy and water elements are the most measurable elements of green or high performance housing. Appraisers need savings amounts to develop an income approach to support energy efficient contributory value.</p>			
THIRD-PARTY VERIFICATIONS (See types defined in glossary)			
The following verified items are classified within the appraisal analysis of the subject property:			
Green Certification		<input type="checkbox"/> Indoor AIRPLUS <input type="checkbox"/> WaterSense <input type="checkbox"/> ENERGY STAR <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Department (DOE) <input type="checkbox"/> Zero Energy Ready Home (ZERH)	
Certifications attest that the home meets version minimum thresholds:		Home Innovation Research Labs (HIRL) New Home Remodel: <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze <input type="checkbox"/> Silver <input type="checkbox"/> Gold <input type="checkbox"/> Emerald Home Innovation Research Labs (HIRL) New Home: <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze <input type="checkbox"/> Silver <input type="checkbox"/> Gold <input type="checkbox"/> Emerald LEED Building for Homes (LEED B4H): <input type="checkbox"/> LEED Platinum Certified <input type="checkbox"/> LEED Gold Certified Building for America: <input type="checkbox"/> Best Low Energy <input type="checkbox"/> EnergyStar <input type="checkbox"/> Passive House Passive House Institute US: <input type="checkbox"/> PHUS 2013 USGBC LEED: <input type="checkbox"/> Certified <input type="checkbox"/> Silver <input type="checkbox"/> Gold <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum Other: _____	
Date Verified: / /		Green Certification Version: _____ Organization URL: _____ ABOVE VALID ONLY IF CHECKED: <input type="checkbox"/> Verification reviewed on site <input type="checkbox"/> Verification attached to this report	
Energy Label Labels disclose the state the home's energy assets.		RESNET's HERG Rating (0 to 150): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Sampling Rating <input type="checkbox"/> Projected Rating <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmed Rating DOE's Home Energy Score Score (1 to 10): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Official Score <input type="checkbox"/> Unofficial Score Other Energy Score: Range (_____ to _____)	
Estimated energy savings for this home: \$ _____ /year _____ kWh rate dated / / Energy Savings includes electricity, heating & Cooling. Score below 100 indicates energy costs are expected to be lower than average local code home per square foot. HERG index Report estimates energy cost based on number of bedrooms plus one. Only a "confirmed rating" is a diagnostic test.		Estimated energy savings for this home: \$ _____ /year _____ kWh rate dated / / Energy Savings includes electricity, heating & Cooling. Score above 100 indicates energy costs are expected to be lower than average local home. Home Energy Score estimates energy cost based on state average energy rates and the home's energy features.	
Describe energy label system: _____		Estimated energy savings: \$ _____ /year _____ kWh rate dated / / Describe energy label system: _____	
Date Verified: / /		Score or Rating Version: _____ Organization URL: <input type="checkbox"/> www.resnet.org <input type="checkbox"/> www.homeenergyscore.gov Other: _____	
ABOVE VALID ONLY IF CHECKED: <input type="checkbox"/> Verification reviewed on site <input type="checkbox"/> Verification attached to this report			
Verified Energy Improvements Explain energy-related improvements: Cost of improvements: \$ _____			
Only include improvements with verified documentation.		Date Verified: / / Certificate of Efficiency Improvements Version: _____ Organization URL: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> energystar.gov/homeperformance	
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Marketing High Performance homes



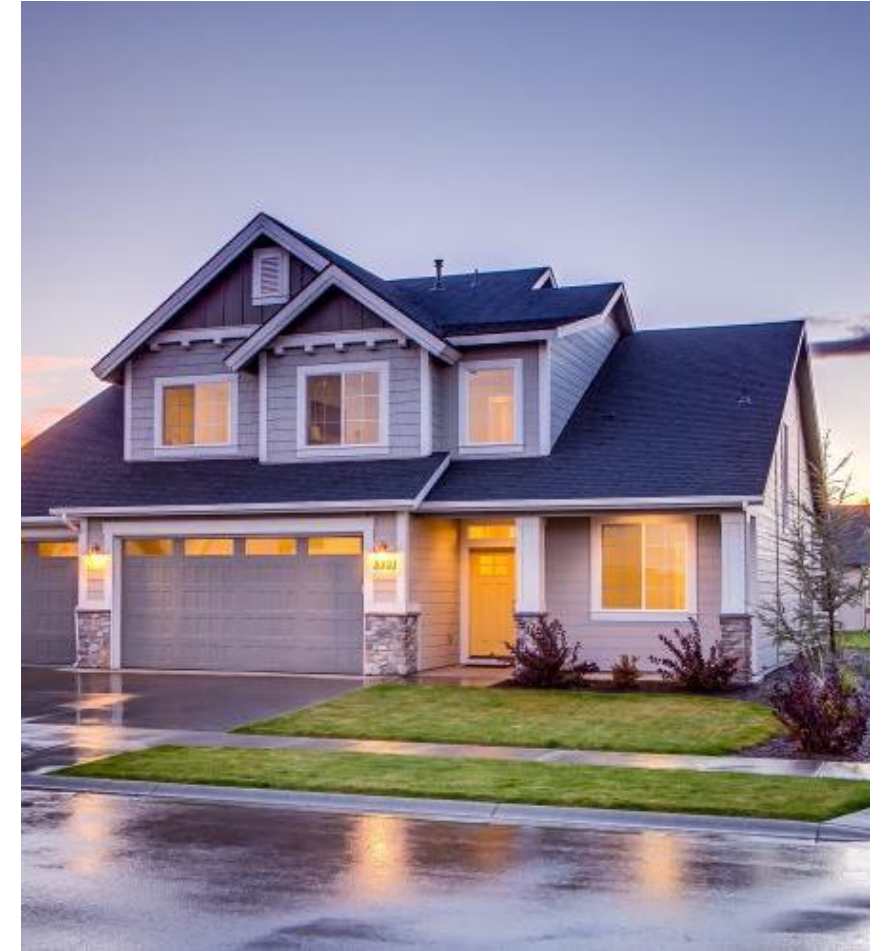


High Performance Homes

- High-performing homes cost less to heat and cool, are more comfortable, and are healthier for their occupants.
- 69% of real estate agents said promoting energy efficiency in listings was very or somewhat valuable
- Immediate benefits – energy savings, comfort, and health
- Long term-benefits – higher selling price

Energy Efficiency is a Must-Have for Home Buyers

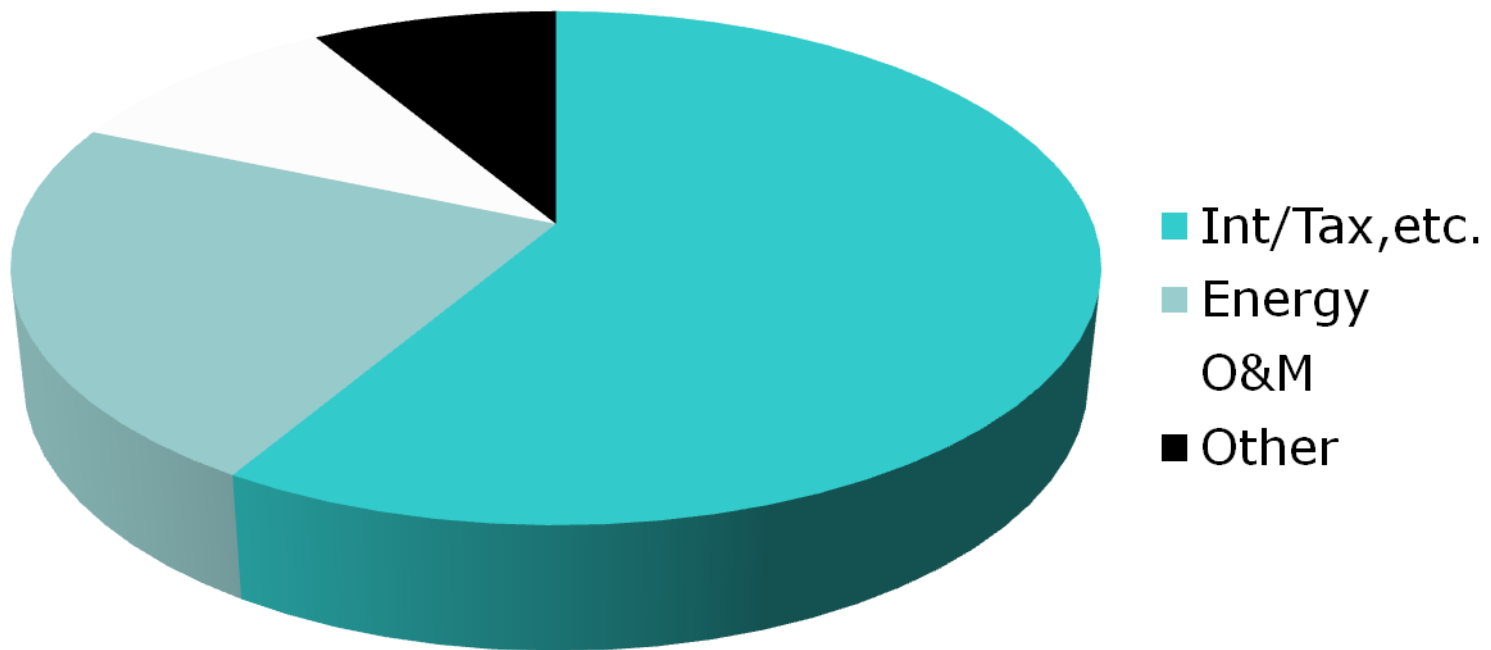
- A survey done by the NAHB in 2018 showed 46% of builders reported that **marketing green homes was easier** than marketing non-green homes
- Energy efficient homes also **keep residents in their homes longer** and **sell more quickly** than non-energy efficient homes.
- Green certified homes have a **higher market value** than less efficient homes
- The odds of **mortgage default are also one-third less** for ENERGY STAR rated homes





Equity!

Cost



Key Takeaways

- 2018 IECC has new requirements for:
 - Air sealing
 - Duct sealing
 - U-Factor
 - R-Values
 - Performance Testing
- Controlling moisture is *critical*
 - Proper air sealing is key
 - Right-sizing HVAC is required
 - Mechanical ventilation must be installed and takes on new importance



Thank you!

Questions?

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Nebraska Energy Code Stakeholder Survey

- Goal: to better understand how stakeholders interact with the energy code and energy efficient technologies
- 20-30 minute phone survey on Friday, August 5th or 12th
- Results will also help identify topics to include in the trainings
- Attendees of this training will receive a link to sign up for a time slot for the phone survey (in addition to an online training evaluation) – your participation is greatly appreciated!