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CASCADIA – EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

AN ACTIVE APPROACH TO PASSIVE HOUSE WINDOWS

Understanding Passive House window modelling and impacts of real-world design details

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AGENDA: WHAT ARE WE LOOKING AT TODAY?

- Intro to Cascadia Windows & Doors
- Impact of windows on building envelope performance
- Understanding the Passive House window standard
- Meeting the Passive House windows standard
- Window U-values in the real world
- Selecting Passive House windows
- Fiberglass for commercial Passive House projects

INTRO TO CASCADIA WINDOWS & DOORS

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COMMERCIAL & MULTI-FAMILY Windows & Window Wall Storefront Glazing



RESIDENTIAL Fixed & Operable Windows Swing & Sliding Doors



THERMAL SPACER Exterior Cladding Assemblies Low-sloped Roofs & Soffits

PASSIVE HOUSE PRODUCTS



ENERGY DEMAND & WINDOW IMPACTS

Understanding high-performance windows & what sets them apart





PASSIVE HOUSE – KEY TERMS







Image courtesy of Passive House Institute









Jervis Street Vancouver, BC





A HISTORY OF WINDOW PERFORMANCE





THERMAL PERFORMANCE

30-50%

of a building's heating & cooling energy is lost through windows



of a typical window areas is represented by the window frame

BY IMPROVING THE FRAME, YOU IMPROVE THE OVERALL PERFORMANCE OF THE ENTIRE WINDOW

DICTATING BETTER PERFORMANCE





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CLARK ROAD Squamish, BC 2020



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HOW MANY **PASSIVE HOUSE PROJECTS HAVE YOU BEEN A PART OF?**

POLL – PASSIVE HOUSE PROJECTS















HYGIENE



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HYGIENE





HYGIENE



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HYGIENE

***COLD CLIMATE**



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THERMAL COMFORT & HYGIENE GO HAND-IN-HAND

	Climate zone	Hygiene criterion f _{Rsi=0.25 m²K/W} ≥	Component U-value ¹ [W/(m ² K)]	U-value installed [W/(m ² K)]	Reference glazing [W/(m ² K)]
	1 Arctic	0.80	0.40	0.45	0.35
	2 Cold	0.75	0.60	0.65	0.52
	3 Cool-temperate	0.70	0.80	0.85	0.70
	4 Warm-temperate	0.65	1.00	1.05	0.90
	5 Warm	0.55	1.20	1.25	1.10
	6 Hot	None	1.20	1.25	1.10
	7 Very hot	None	1.00	1.05	0.90

AIR TIGHTNESS



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AIR LEAKAGE RESISTANCE

Air test data is indicated in the following table:

Property	Area m ² (ft ²)	Infiltration Rate	Exfiltration Rate	Compliance US (CAN)				
Overall Assembly @ 75 Pa	3.84 (41.28)	0.00 (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)	Pass (A3)				
Overall Assembly @ 300 Pa	3.84 (41.28)	0.00 (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)	Pass (A3)				
Allowable Leakage Rates								
Maximum allowable air leakag	1.5 L/s*m ² , 0.3 cfm/ft ²							
Maximum allowable air leakag	0.5 L/s*m ² , 0.1 cfm/ft ²							

The overall system **met** the US and Canadian performance requirements as reported above when evaluated under NAFS-08, NAFS-11, A440S1-09 and A440S1-17.

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THERMAL PERFORMANCE



$$U_g = U$$
-value of the glass
 $A_g = Glazing$ surface area

 $U_g \times A_g$

THERMAL PERFORMANCE



 $U_g = U$ -value of the glass $A_g = Glazing$ surface area

 $U_f = U$ -value of the frame $A_f = W$ indow frame surface area U_g x A_g

U_f x A_f

THERMAL PERFORMANCE



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 $\Psi_{\text{install}} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{L}_{\text{install}}$ $\Psi_{install}$ = Installed edge coefficient L_{install} = Installed edge length
THERMAL PERFORMANCE





THERMAL PERFORMANCE



SUMMARY OF GOOD WINDOW DESIGN





















MEETING THE PASSIVE HOUSE STANDARD

Understanding ways to meet performance criteria in real projects

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WINDOWS & DOORS - DOUBLE GLAZED										
LOW-E OPTIONS	CENTER-OF-GLASS DATA			U _w (U-VALUE OF WINDOW) PER NFRC METHOD [W / M²-K]						
CARDINAL (90% ARGON FILL, UNO)	Ug	SHGC	VT	FIXED	CASEMENT	AWNING	TILT & TURN	HOPPER	SWING Door	SLIDING Door
STANDARD DOUBLE GLAZED (ONE LOW-E ON SURFACE #2 OR #2 / STAINLESS STEEL SPACER)										
180 (#3)	1.48	0.68	0.79	1.48	1.42	1.42	1.40	1.37	1.33	1.39
272 (#2)	1.42	0.41	0.72	1.42	1.36	1.39	1.36	1.34	1.29	1.35
270 (#2)	1.42	0.37	0.70	1.42	1.36	1.38	1.35	1.34	1.28	1.35
366 (#2)	1.36	0.27	0.65	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.33	1.32	1.26	1.32
452 (#2)	1.36	0.22	0.51	1.36	1.36	-	-	-	1.28	1.32
340 (#2)	1.36	0.18	0.39	1.42	1.36	1.37	1.34	1.33	1.27	1.33















PASSIVE HOUSE MODELLING

HOW DOES PHPP MODEL A WINDOW?

- 1. Area for heat loss A_w, m²
- 2. Area performance U_w , W/(m²K)
 - Glass (U_g and Ψ_g included)
 - Frame
 - Installation







MODELLING COMPLEX WINDOWS





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Window 03_A.1 : option 1 vertically coupled, 2 operables

- 1 sash to frame, Uf = 0.971, .105m
- 2 sash mullion sash, Uf = 1.013, 0.191m
- 3 sash to mullion, Uf = 0.884, 0.143m
- 4 fixed frame, Uf = 0.812, 0.058m
- 5 fixed mullion, Uf = 0.809, .099m



Window 03_A.1 : option 2 - vertically coupled, 1 operable 1 - sash to frame, Uf = 0.971, .105m 3 - sash to mullion, Uf = 0.884, 0.143m 4 - fixed frame, Uf = 0.812, 0.058m 5 - fixed mullion, coupler, Uf = 0.809, .099m 6 - fixed coupler to sash, Uf = 0.898, 0.145m 7 - fixed coupler to sash, Uf = 0.898, 0.145m







ADDITIONAL PRODUCT PHI INFORMATION



U-VALUES IN THE REAL WORLD

Passive House project examples & the variety of window configurations used to achieve certification



GASTOWN CHILD CARE CENTRE

- Vancouver, BC (new construction)
- PH outswing windows
- PH certified commercial doors w/ ADA thresholds
- Triple glazed windows (Three Low-E 366 / 180 / i89)







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KEN SOBLE TOWER

- Hamilton, ON (EnerPHit)
- Non-combustible construction
- PH certified, inswing windows
- Triple glazed windows (Three Low-E 270 / 180 / i89)
- 'Juliet Balcony' attached directly to the windows





Images courtesy of ERA Architects

825 PACIFIC

- Vancouver, BC (new construction)
- PH certified, inswing windows
- **PH certified commercial doors** w/ ADA thresholds
- Triple glazed windows (Two Low-E 366 / 180)







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UVIC STUDENT HOUSING

- Victoria, BC (new construction)
- Non-combustible construction
- PH outswing windows
- Triple glazed windows (Two Low-E 270 / 180)





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SELECTING A PASSIVE HOUSE WINDOW

Passive House project examples & the variety of window configurations used to achieve certification





TYPICALLY, WHAT ARE THE TOP 3 CHARACTERISTICS YOU LOOK FOR IN WINDOWS?

FRAME TYPES & APPLICATIONS





ALUMINUM



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FRAME TYPES & APPLICATIONS





WHAT ARE YOUR DESIGN CRITERIA?

CONSIDERATIONS WHEN SELECTING PH WINDOW TYPE?



PHI/PHIUS CERTIFIED THERMAL PERFORMANCE LARGE WINDOW SIZE LIFETIME STRUCTURAL STRENGTH FLEXIBILITY CURTAIN/WINDOW WALL WEATHER RESISTANCE COMBUSTIBILITY LIFECYCLE COST



THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY (W/MK)





MATERIAL	MODULUS OF ELASTICITY (GPa)
Steel	200
Aluminum	69
Fiberglass (polyester resin)	24
Wood, various	7 - 14
PVC/Vinyl	2.4 - 4.1





Imagine a theoretical extrusion.....

ALUMINUM	FIBERGLASS	WOOD	VINYL/PVC



THERMAL EXPANSION COEFFICIENT - 10-⁶M/(M°C)



Neutral

HIGH-PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

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COMMERCIAL PASSIVE HOUSE PROJECTS

How commercial building requirements impact Passive House window selection. VIRAL EXCLUSION AND ADDRESS

FIRST, THERE WAS CURTAIN WALL



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THEN CAME WINDOW WALL AS A CHEAPER ALTERNATIVE



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THEN FIBERGLASS WINDOW WALL WAS INVENTED

MORE EFFICIENT & COMFORTABLE ALLOW ANY BUILDING TO USE FIBERGLASS







ACHIEVING "COMMERCIAL GRADE" AND PHI CERTIFIED PERFORMANCE







WHAT HAPPENS IN A PMU?

- Large format (full height)
- Withstand high +/- pressure loads with low air leakage
- Withstand wind driven rain with no water leaks
- Withstand extreme temperature ranges, resist condensation
- Withstand building movement, large deflections during service life as well as seismic event
- Extreme hardware durability
- Combustibility
- All of this and maintain air and water tightness, operability and thermal performance!



WINDOWS HAVE HUGE IMPACT

Type | Location | Installation

Often the weakest link in a building's envelope, a little extra attention on windows can have large overall impact

PAY ATTENTION TO PRODUCT DETAILS

Material | Modeled vs Real-World

Ensure you're verifying general product details and performance within the context of your project

PASSIVE HOUSE FOR ALL BUILDINGS

Residential | Multi-Family | High-Rise

Building to Passive House standards offers significant environmental and financial incentives for nearly all stakeholders



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