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WINDOWS & DOORS



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CASCADIA – EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

MIND THE GAP

BETTER EXTERIOR WALL PERFORMANCE THROUGH CLADDING ATTACHMENTS



AGENDA: WHAT ARE WE LOOKING AT TODAY?

- INTRO TO CASCADIA WINDOWS & DOORS
 - UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACTS OF THERMAL BRIDGING
 - PRESCRIPTIVE VS U-VALUES / PSI & CHI VALUES
 - INSULATION APPROACHES
 - UNDERSTANDING CLADDING ATTACHMENT OPTIONS
 - DESIGN & PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS OF DIFFERENT CLADDING ATTACHMENTS
 - CASE STUDIES
 - WRAP UP
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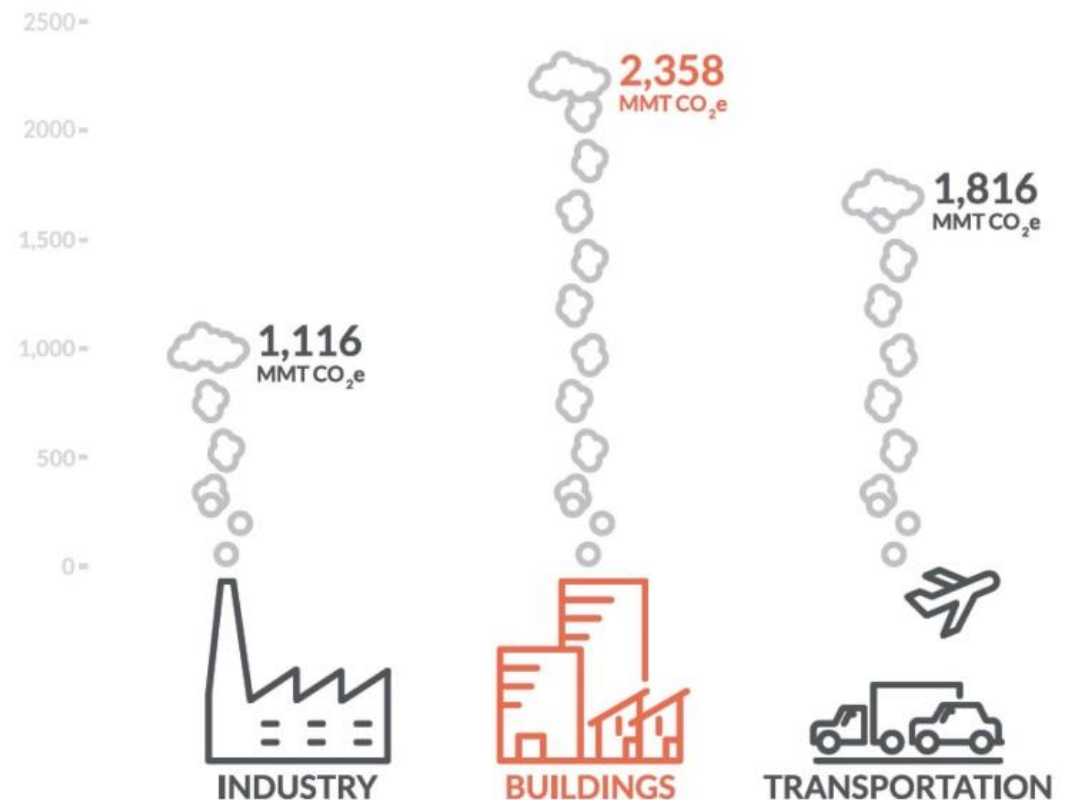


THE PROBLEM WITH BUILDINGS

*Understanding the impact of buildings on our
energy grid and environment*

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

**BUILDINGS ARE
RESPONSIBLE FOR 44.5%
OF US CO₂ EMISSIONS.**



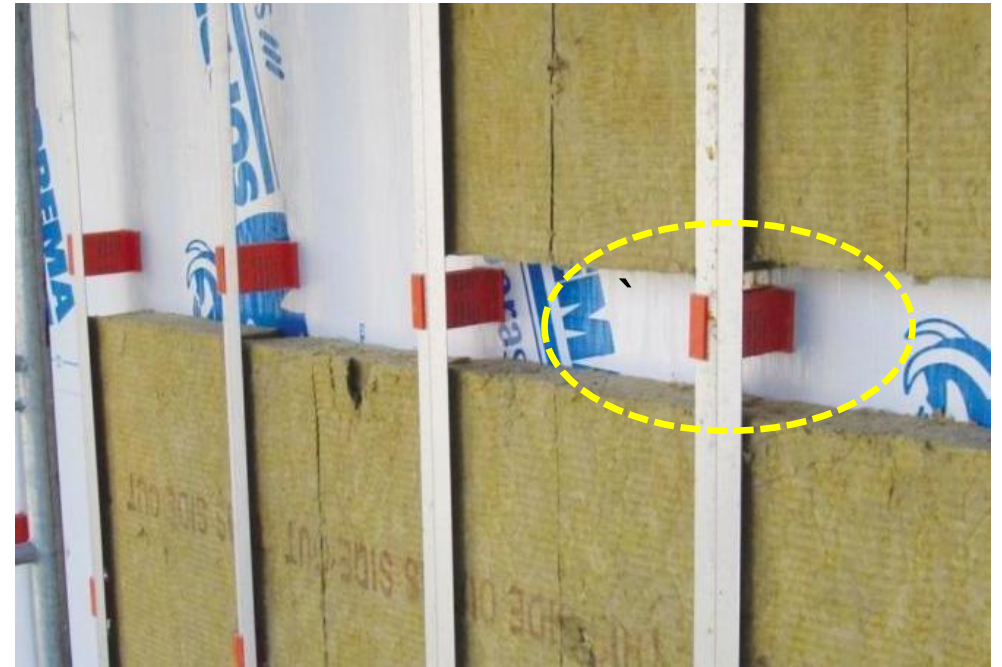
THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING SCIENCE



CLADDING ATTACHMENT MATTERS MOST



12" OF INSULATION



3.5" OF INSULATION

THINNER WALL HAS HIGHER EFFECTIVE R-VALUE

HEAT FLOW

Radiation: 



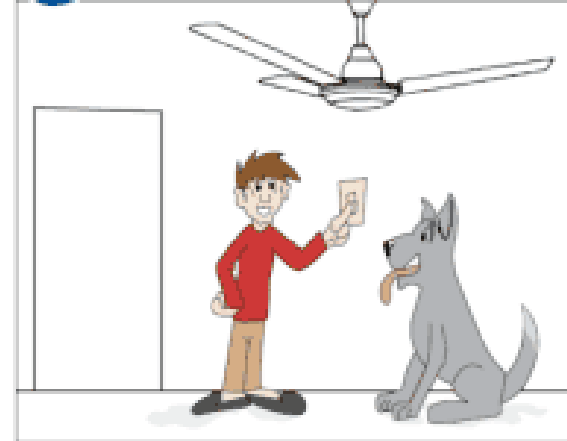
"Hey Duke, doesn't that fire feel good."

Conduction: 



"Ouch! That poker's too hot to hold with my bare hands."

Convection: 



"I'll turn on the fan. All the warmest air is up near the ceiling."

HEAT FLOW – CONDUCTION

CONDUCTION

HEAT FLOW THROUGH
SOLID OBJECTS



CONDUCTIVITY

RATE OF CONDUCTIVE
HEAT FLOW DEPENDS
ON MATERIAL



CONDUCTANCE (U-VALUE)

LAYER OR ASSEMBLY

Aluminum ~160 W/mK
Steel ~60 W/mK
Stainless Steel ~14 W/mK
Fiberglass ~0.15 to 0.30 W/mK
Wood ~0.10 to 0.15 W/mK
Insulation Materials 0.022 to 0.080 W/mK



HEAT FLOW – U-VALUE AND R-VALUE

U-VALUE: CONDUCTANCE

HOW WELL HEAT MOVES
THROUGH AN ASSEMBLY OR MATERIAL

THE LOWER THE U-VALUE,
THE BETTER THE ASSEMBLY

$$\frac{1}{R} = U$$

R-VALUE: RESISTANCE

INVERSE OF U-VALUE

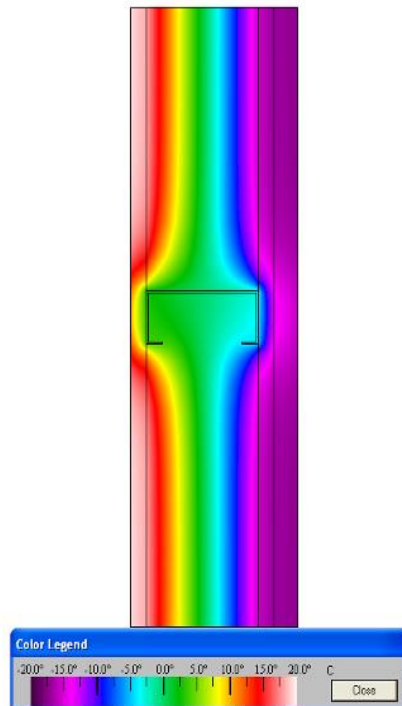
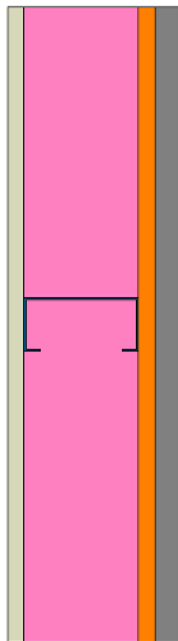
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WHY ADDRESS THERMAL BRIDGING?

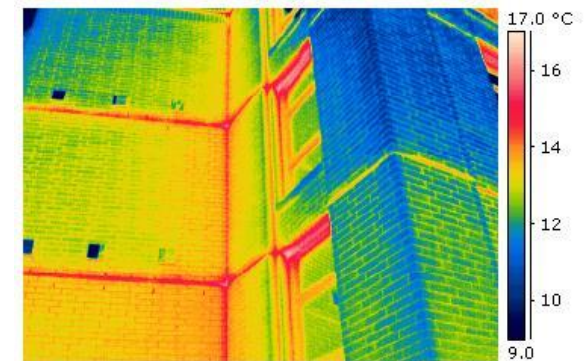
*Understanding the impact of thermal bridging
on a building's overall thermal performance*



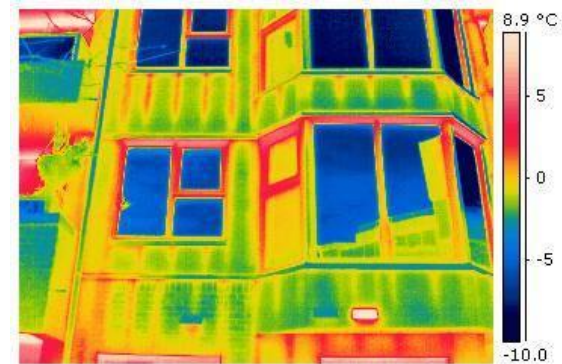
THERMAL BRIDGING



WINDOW FRAME

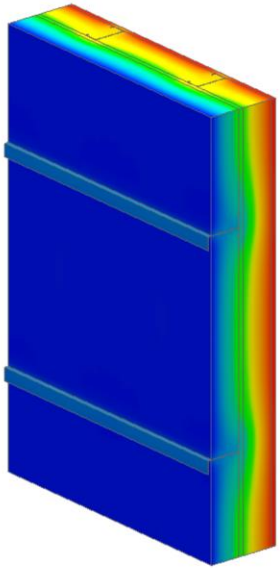


SHELF ANGLES



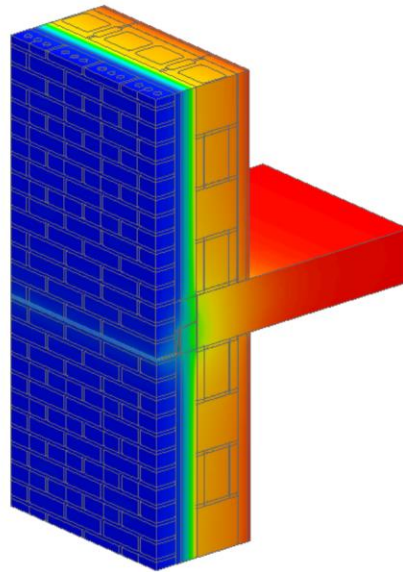
STEEL STUDS

DIFFERENT VALUES FOR DIFFERENT TYPES



Clear Field

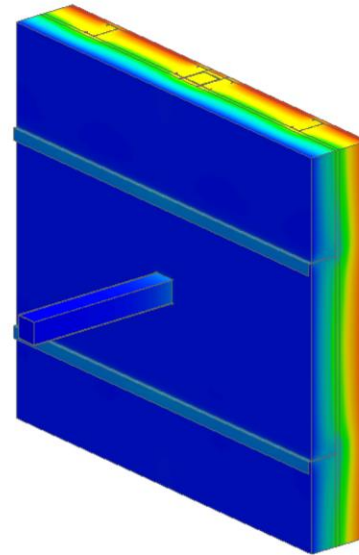
$$U_o$$



Linear

$$\Psi$$

psi



Point

$$\chi$$

chi

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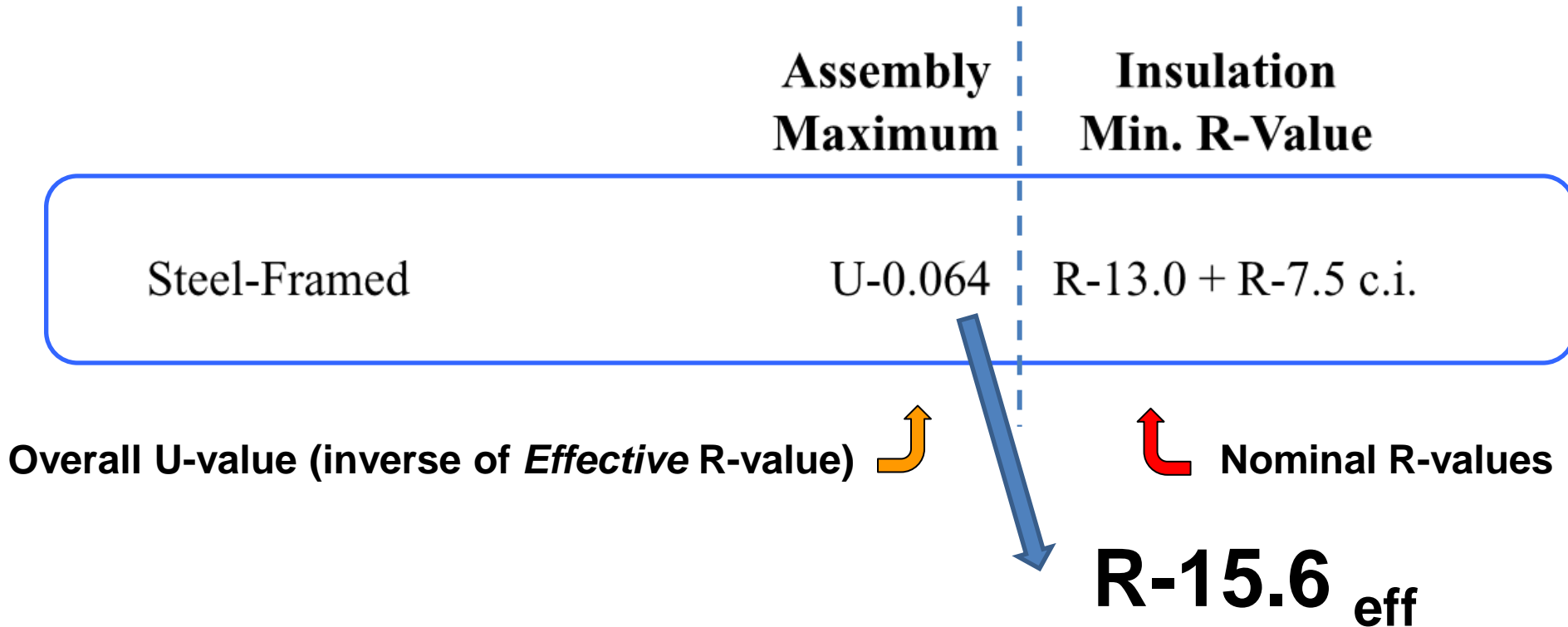
DICTATING BETTER PERFORMANCE



CITY of BOSTON



MOST COMMON WALL TARGET



NEW CODES ARE DIFFERENT

PREVIOUS ENERGY CODES



SEPARATE ASSEMBLY R-VALUES

NOW (BC ENERGY STEP CODE EXAMPLE)



ONE ENERGY USE LIMIT

NEW CODES ARE DIFFERENT

- Where have we already seen a whole-building outcome-based target work?
- Passive House
- It is impossible to develop enough prescriptive detail to account for all influential factors (e.g. thermal bridging), while also being simple enough to actually follow and achieve
- Designing for results
- Flexibility and responsibility

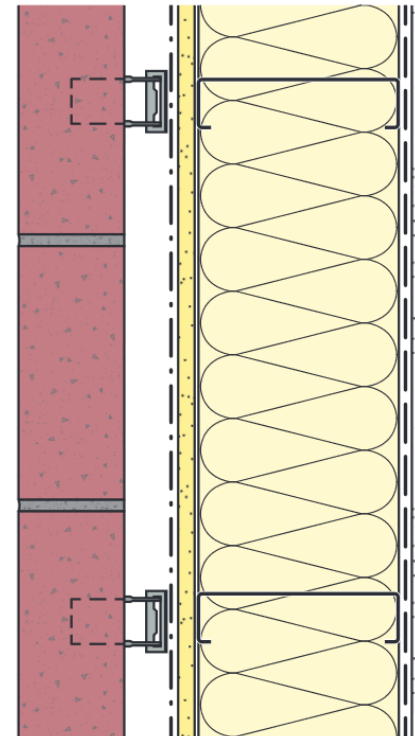


A photograph of a modern building facade with large, dark-framed windows. The building has a grey and blue color scheme. An orange semi-transparent overlay covers the left side of the image, containing white text. The windows reflect the sky and surrounding environment.

WHY EXTERIOR INSULATION AND RAINSCREEN?

*Gives us a chance to place insulation away from
thermal-bridging of stud layer*

INTERIOR INSULATION



INSULATION LAYER IN STUD CAVITY

MODERATE THERMAL PERFORMANCE
(EFFICIENT IN WOOD FRAME / INEFFICIENT IN STEEL STUD)

HIGHER RISK OF MOISTURE IN WALLS

SPLIT INSULATION



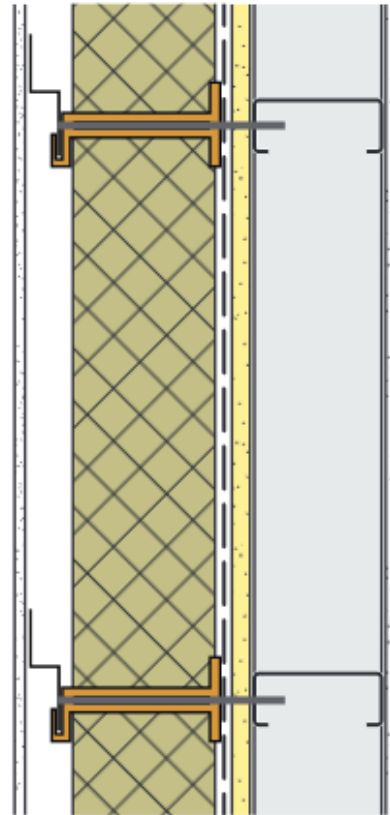
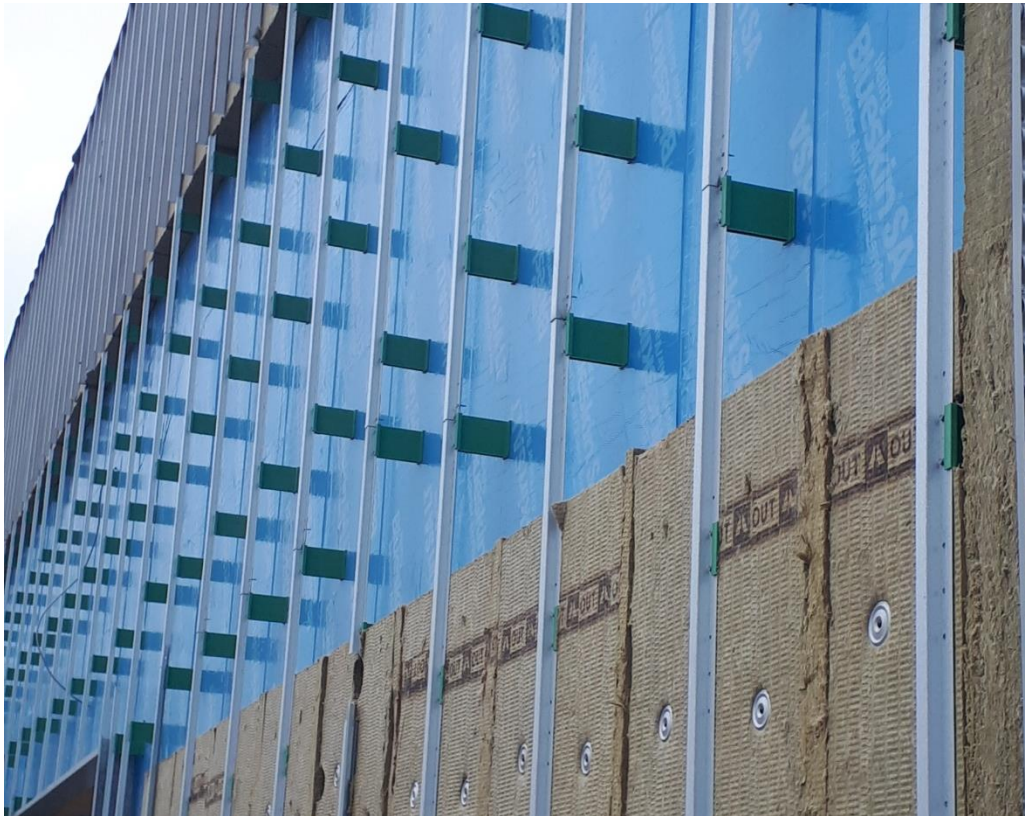
**INSULATION LAYER IN STUD CAVITY +
EXTERIOR OF SHEETING**

THERMAL PERFORMANCE
(BALANCING PERFORMANCE AND WALL THICKNESS)

MODERATE RISK OF MOISTURE IN WALLS
(DEPENDING ON CLIMATE ZONE & VAPOR/AIR BARRIERS)

MORE COMPLEX DESIGN & INSTALL
(MORE COMPONENTS, MORE CONSIDERATION TO
LOCATION, PLACEMENT AND TYPE OF AIR AND VAPOR
BARRIERS)

EXTERIOR INSULATION



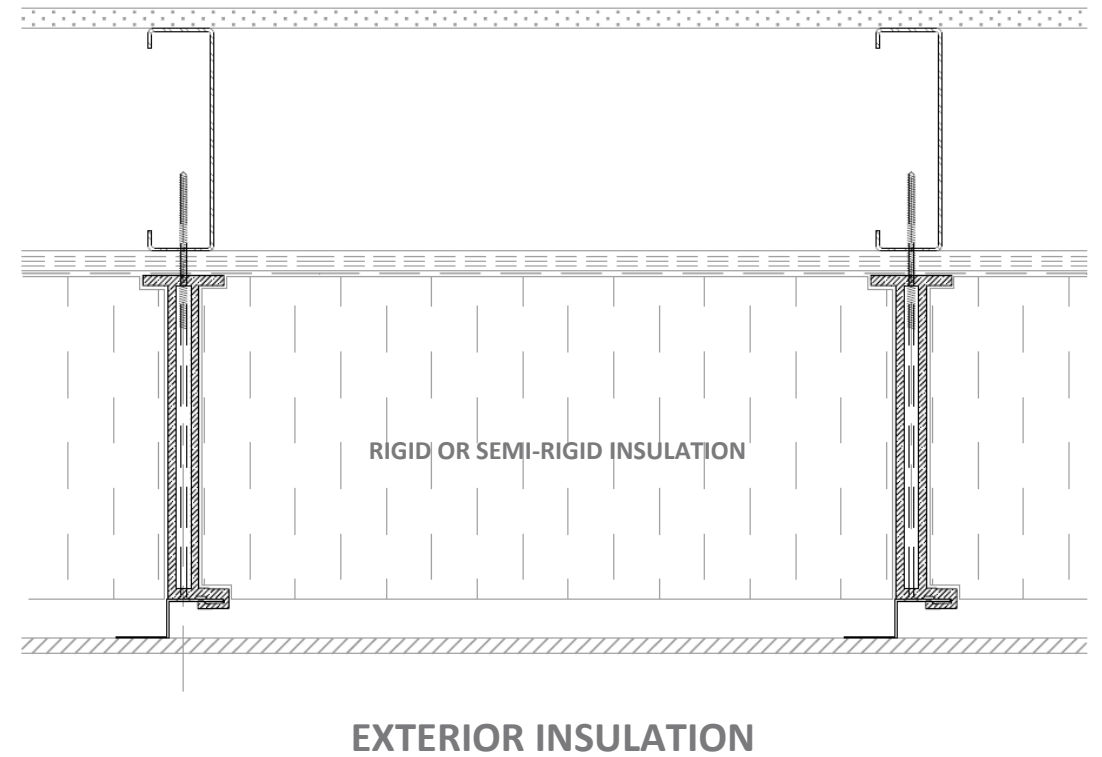
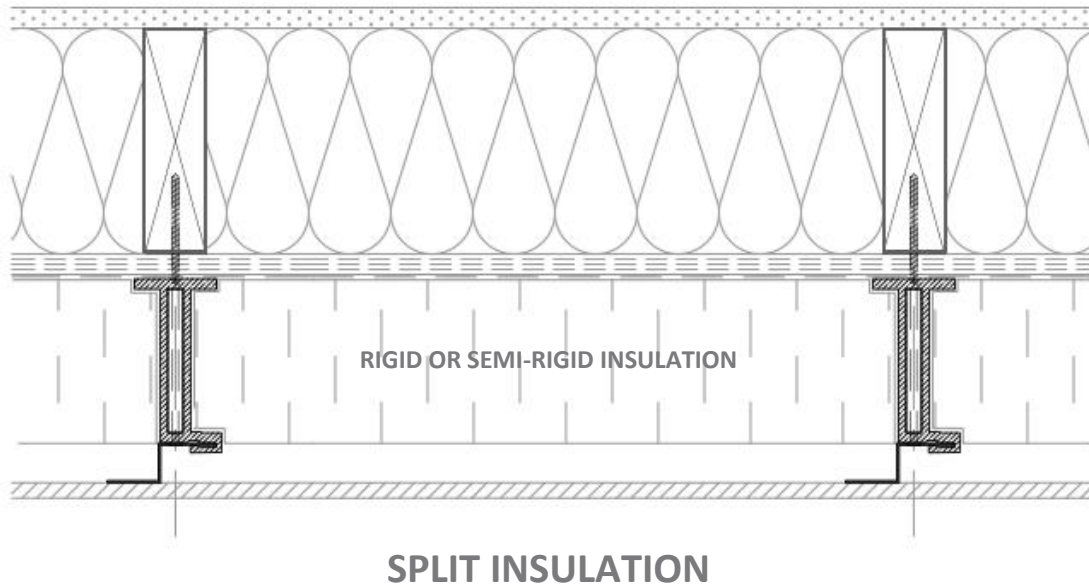
INSULATION EXTERIOR OF SHEETING

HIGH THERMAL PERFORMANCE
(MOST EFFICIENT USE OF INSULATION)

MINIMAL RISK OF MOISTURE IN WALLS

SIMPLE DESIGN & INSTALL
(LESS COMPONENTS, CAN COMBINE AIR AND VAPOR BARRIERS, WORKS IN ALL CLIMATE ZONES, MORE DURABLE)

PASSIVE HOUSE ASSEMBLIES

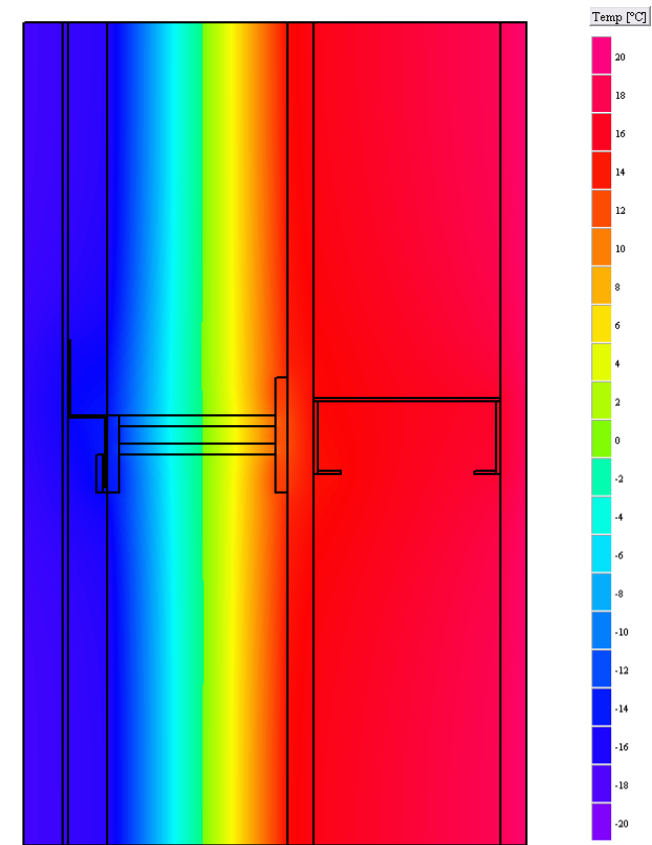
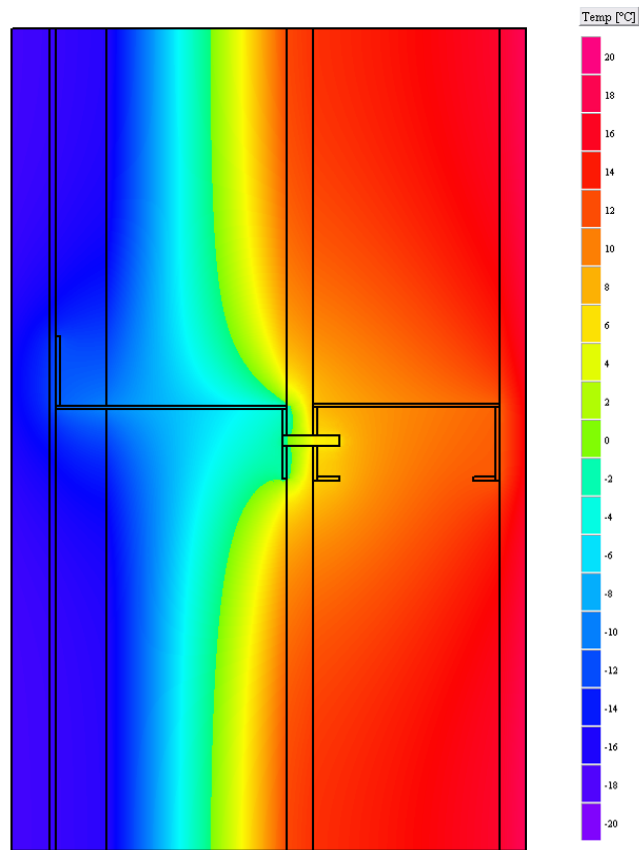


HOW CLADDING ATTACHMENT IMPACTS PERFORMANCE

Thermally-improved cladding attachments are more important than insulation type



IMPACTS OF HOW YOU ATTACH





CLADDING ATTACHMENTS

**METAL GIRTS
VERTICAL &
HORIZONTAL**

**ALUMINUM
T-CLIPS**

**GALVANIZED
STEEL CLIPS**

**STAINLESS
STEEL CLIPS**

**ISOLATED
GALVANIZED CLIPS**

FIBERGLASS CLIPS

DIRECT ATTACHMENT

FIBERGLASS GIRT



CLADDING ATTACHMENTS

**METAL GIRTS
VERTICAL &
HORIZONTAL**

THE “OLD” WAY

**ALUMINUM
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**STAINLESS
STEEL CLIPS**

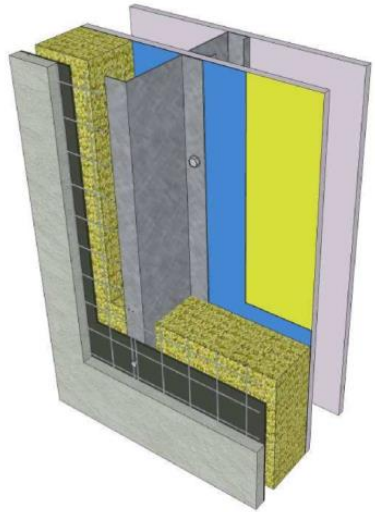
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GALVANIZED CLIPS**

FIBERGLASS CLIPS

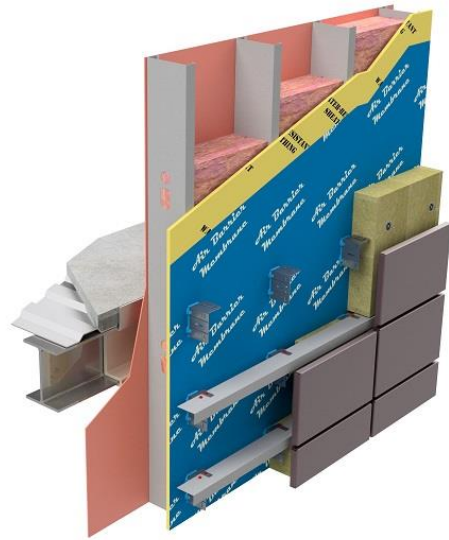
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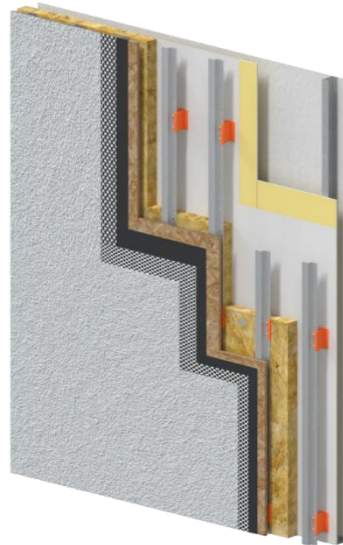
CLADDING ATTACHMENTS



METAL GIRTS
VERTICAL & HORIZONTAL



**ISOLATED
GALVANIZED CLIPS**



FIBERGLASS CLIPS
GALVANIZED SCREWS

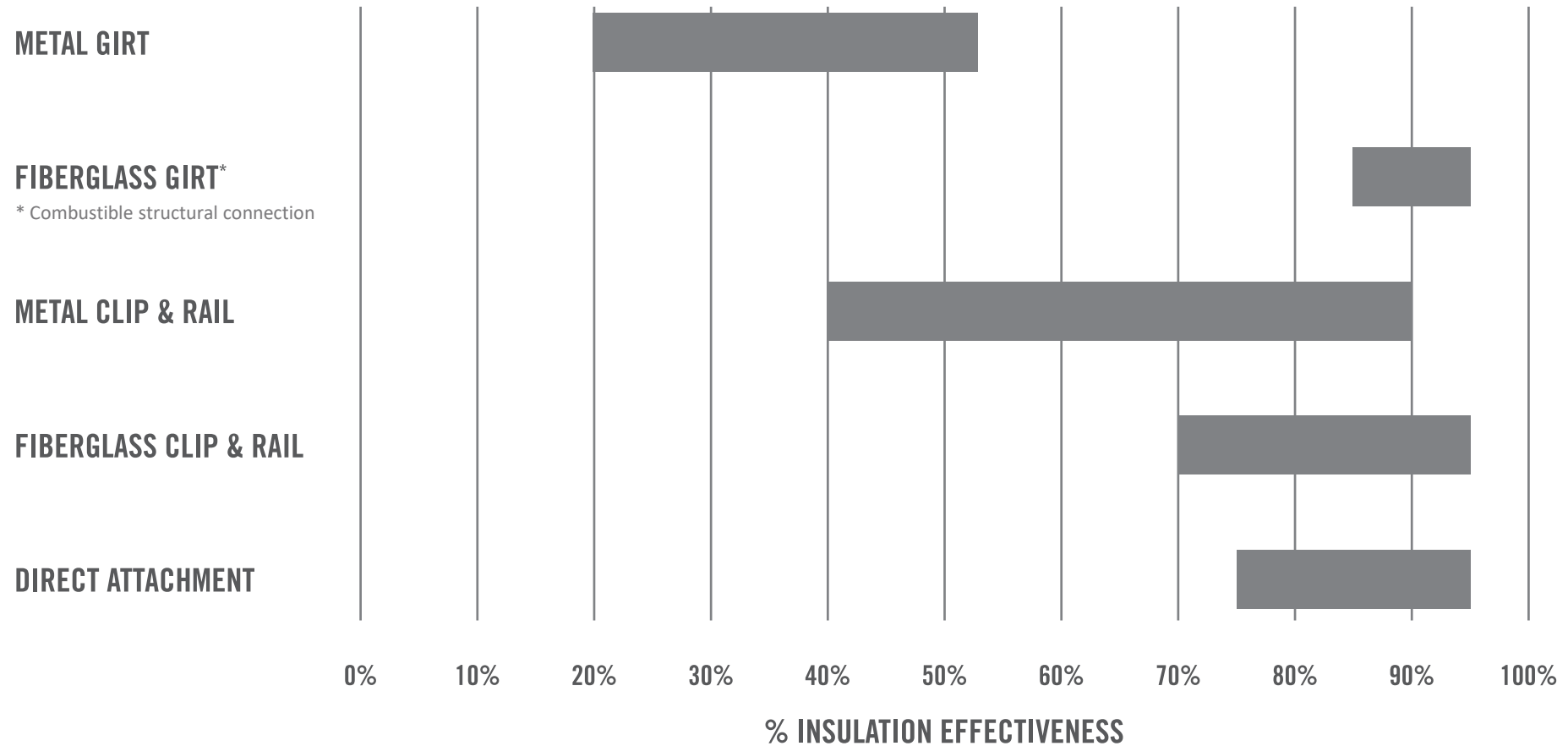


FIBERGLASS GIRT
NO THROUGH SCREWS

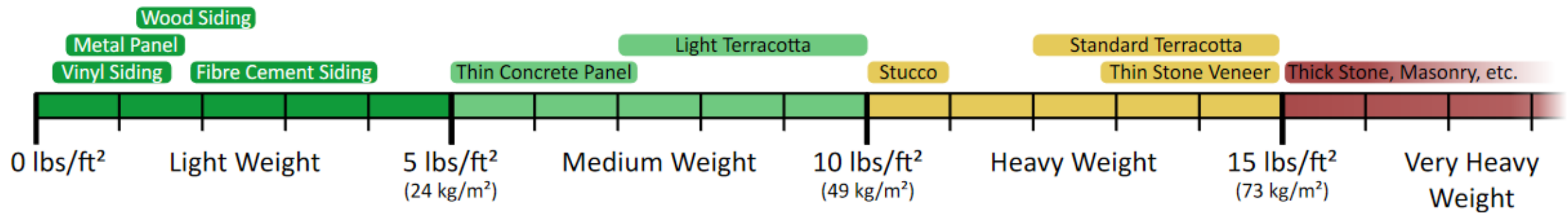


**DIRECT
ATTACHMENT**
GALVANIZED STEEL SCREWS

DEFINING PERFORMANCE – THERMAL



DEFINING PERFORMANCE - STRENGTH



DEFINING PERFORMANCE - COST



DEFINING PERFORMANCE - COST

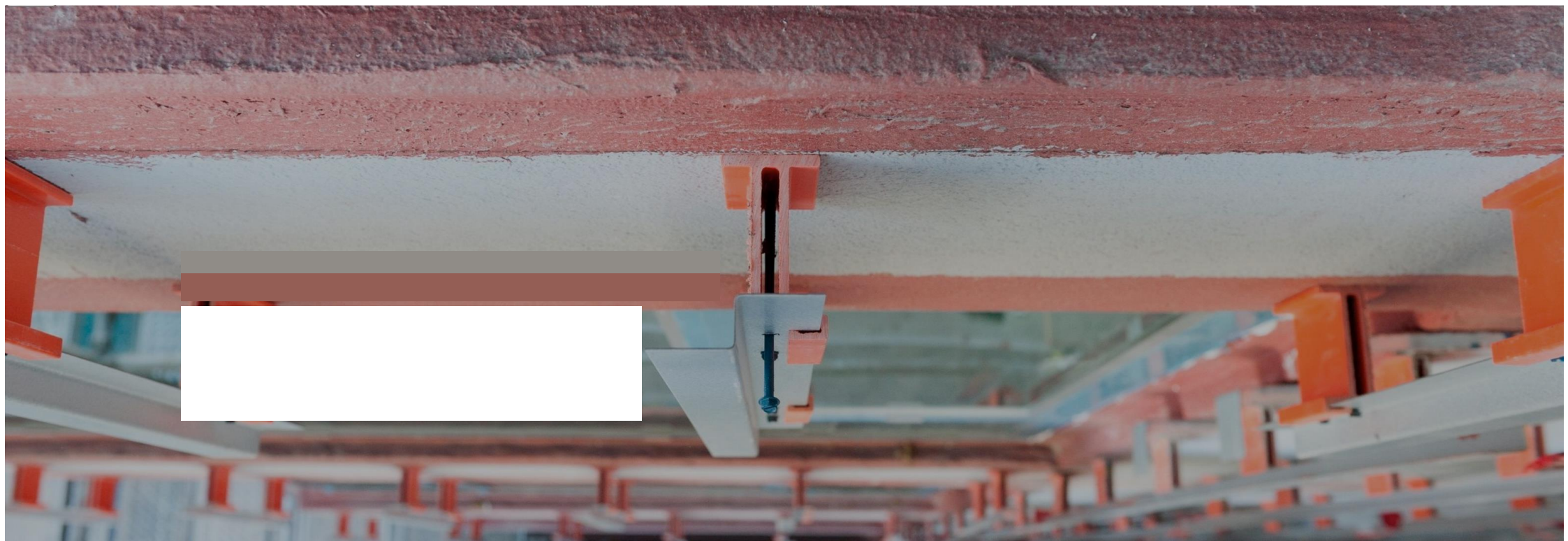
FIBERGLASS - CLIP AND RAIL



STANDARD STEEL/STAINLESS STEEL - CLIP AND RAIL



DESIGN TOOLS



CLIP SPACING – WIND LOAD PERFORMANCE

Steel Stud/Concrete Wall Substructure - Up to 30 psf Specified Wind

4" Wall Assembly – Vertical Clip Spacing (inches) - 2 attachment screws

Cladding Weight (psf)	18 Ga. Steel Studs/Concrete		20 Ga. Steel Studs	
	16" Horizontal Spacing	24" Horizontal Spacing	16" Horizontal Spacing	24" Horizontal Spacing
3	48	32	48	32
4	48	32	48	32
5	48	32	47	31
6	48	32	45	30
7	48	32	42	28
8	48	32	40	27
10	48	32	37	25
15	39	26	30	20

Steel Stud/Concrete Wall Substructure - Up to 50 psf Specified Wind

6" Wall Assembly – Vertical Clip Spacing (inches) - 3 attachment screws

Cladding Weight (psf)	18 Ga. Steel Studs/Concrete		20 Ga. Steel Studs	
	16" Horizontal Spacing	24" Horizontal Spacing	16" Horizontal Spacing	24" Horizontal Spacing
3	48	32	45	30
4	48	32	42	28
5	48	32	39	26
6	47	32	36	24
7	44	30	34	23
8	42	28	32	21
10	38	25	29	19
15	27	18	23	15

CLIP SPACING – WIND LOAD PERFORMANCE

Back up Wall Structure	3 5/8" Steel Stud - 18ga
Batts in Cavity?	Yes (R-13)
Exterior Insulation R-Value per Inch	R-4.3/inch
Fastener Type	2 x Galvanized Steel
Clip Horizontal Spacing	16 in
Cladding Dead Load (Weight)	7 psf
Exterior Insulation Depth / Clip Size	6 in
Clip Vertical Spacing	48 in

FULL WALL EFFECTIVE THERMAL PERFORMANCE

R-Value **30.4** [(ft²•°F•hr)/Btu]

U-Value **0.033** [Btu/(ft²•°F•hr)]

WALL STRUCTURAL CAPACITY

Max. Wind Load **53.3** [psf]

IP SI

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R VALUE AND MAX ALLOWABLE WIND LOADS

FIBERGLASS - CLIP AND RAIL

Back up Wall Structure	3 5/8" Steel Stud - 18ga
Batts in Cavity?	No
Exterior Insulation R-Value per Inch	R-4.3/inch
Fastener Type	2 x Galvanized Steel
Clip Horizontal Spacing	16 in
Cladding Dead Load (Weight)	3 psf
Exterior Insulation Depth / Clip Size	4 in
Clip Vertical Spacing	48 in

FULL WALL EFFECTIVE THERMAL PERFORMANCE

R-Value

17.9

[(ft²•°F•hr)/Btu]

U-Value

0.056

[Btu/(ft²•°F•hr)]

WALL STRUCTURAL CAPACITY

Max. Wind Load

75.8

[psf]

IP SI

STANDARD STEEL/STAINLESS STEEL - CLIP AND RAIL

Your results

The results below are intended to provide estimated specified wind load and thermal performance, and is for advice and guidance based on the National Building Code of Canada, and must be verified by a licenced engineer of record in the province or state where the product is to be installed. Analysis of the bracket, girt and mechanical attachments was conducted by Morrison Hershfield.

Your chosen horizontal spacing	16 in
Your chosen vertical spacing	24 in
Maximum specified wind load	47 psf
Maximum possible effective R-value	R-16
Governing component	bracket-to-substrate connection
Clip count (per unit area)	0.375 per ft²
Suggested subgirt dimensions	2 ½ × 2"

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Your chosen horizontal spacing

16 in

Your chosen vertical spacing

48 in

Maximum specified wind load

22 psf

Maximum possible effective R-value

R-18

Governing component

bracket-to-substrate connection

Clip count (per unit area)

0.188 per ft²

Suggested subgirt dimensions

2 ½ × 2"

R VALUE AND MAX ALLOWABLE WIND LOADS

FIBERGLASS - CLIP AND RAIL

PROJECT QUOTE DETAILS

Cladding Area (ft²)	2,187
Cladding Type (optional)	TBD
Cladding Weight (psf) (optional)	3.0
Sub-Furring Required	Z-Girt (Vertical/Continuous)
Clip Size (in)	4
Horizontal Space (in)	16
Vertical Spacing (in)	48

Contingency (Estimate)

Contingency percentage accounts for openings, corners and tighter clip spacing a joints in sub-furring that may require additional materials.

Clips (including 2 fasteners / clip)	10%
Z-Girt - Linear Feet	10%

QUANTITY CALCULATIONS

	UNITS
Clips (#)	453
Z-Girt - Linear Feet	1,810
Square footage / clip	4.83

STANDARD STEEL/STAINLESS STEEL - CLIP AND RAIL

Specify a wall width and height below to calculate the number of horizontal and vertical ranks of clips required, as well as the total number of clips required.

61 across

14 down

854 total

Wall width

Wall height

81 ft
















27 ft

Your results

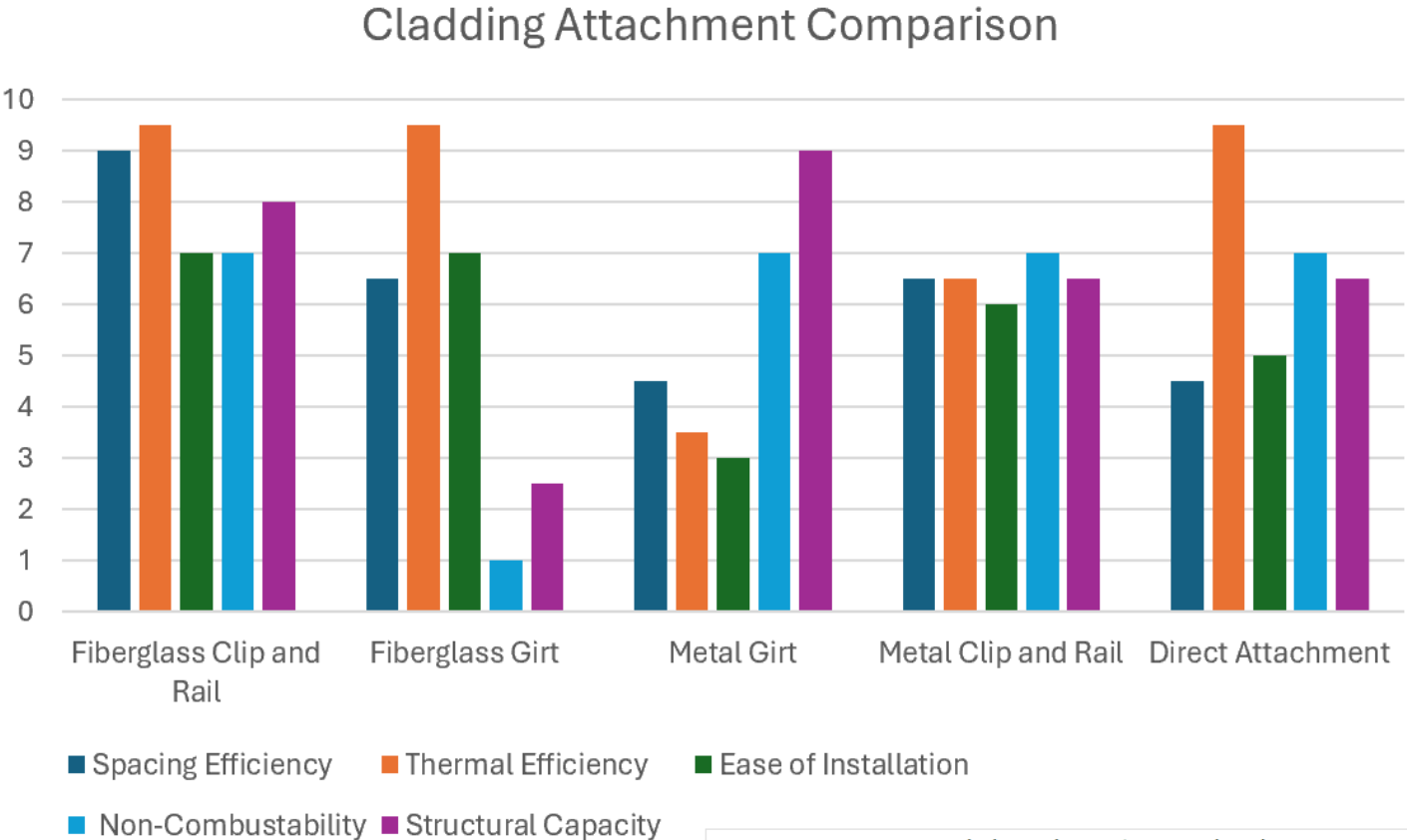
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PERFORMANCE IS A MATRIX

	RELATIVE COST	THERMAL EFFICIENCY	CONSTRUCTABILITY	COMBUSTIBILITY	STRENGTH
METAL GIRT	\$\$\$	20-50%			
FIBERGLASS GIRT* <small>* Combustible structural connection</small>	\$\$\$	85-95%			
METAL CLIP & RAIL	\$\$\$	40-90%			
FIBERGLASS CLIP & RAIL	\$\$\$	70-95%			
DIRECT ATTACHMENT	\$\$\$	75-95%			

DEFINING PERFORMANCE



FIRE PROTECTION – CLADDING BIG PICTURE

TO AVOID THIS...





ANALYSIS AND TESTING – FIRE PERFORMANCE

ENGINEERING ANALYSIS – FIRE PERFORMANCE:

Spacer is acceptable for use in:

- A WALL REQUIRED TO BE BUILT OF NON-COMBUSTIBLE CONSTRUCTION
- INCLUDING PERMITTED COMBUSTIBLE CLADDINGS (METAL COMPOSITE MATERIALS)
- ALSO, IN COMBUSTIBLE CONSTRUCTION (OBVIOUSLY)

Maintains the two code (and common sense) objectives, which are:

1. CANNOT ALTER INTENDED FIRE PERFORMANCE OF NON-COMBUSTIBLE WALL
2. CLADDING MUST STAY-IN-PLACE EVEN IF THE COMPONENT IS DAMAGED

No.1 is clear by analysis, and can be further supported by testing

No.2 is clear by observation—direct fastening

CANADIAN CODE EVALUATION



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WORKS WITH ANY CLADDING TYPE



MINOR COMBUSTIBLE COMPONENT

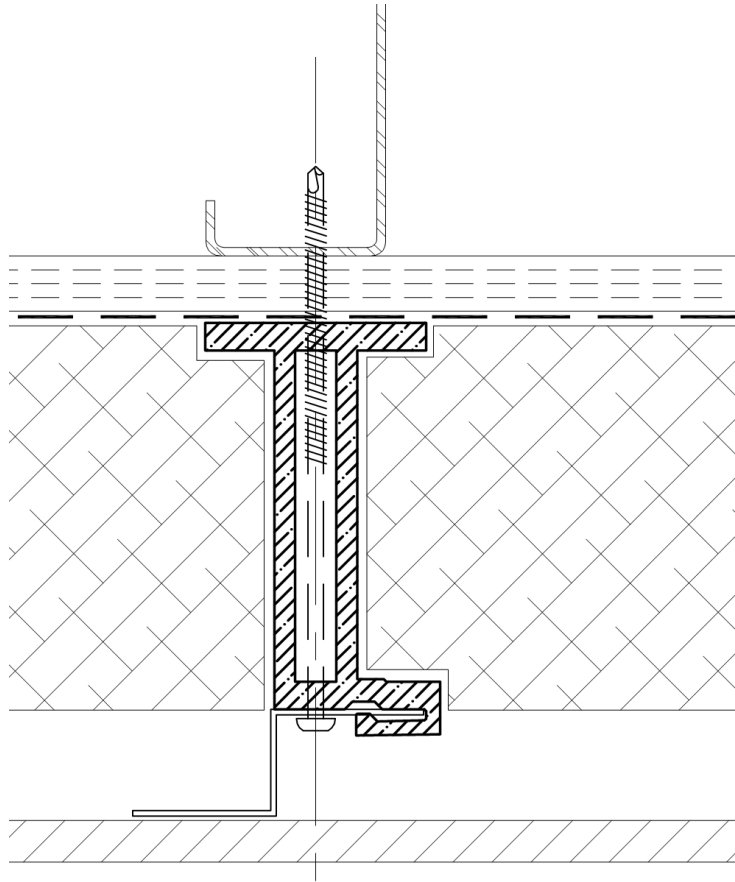
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NON-COMBUSTIBLE CONNECTION



CODE COMPLIANCE: IAPMO-UES REPORT

THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION OF THE CASCADIA CLIP

**APPROVES CLIP FOR USE IN IBC TYPES I, II, III, IV, AND V
CONSTRUCTION**

ICC-ES EQUIVALENT

LOOKS AT SEVERAL DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF DESIGN

**ONLY CLIP SYSTEM WITH A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED THIRD
PARTY CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT**





FIRE PERFORMANCE - TESTING

**NFPA 285 TEST
FIRE PROPAGATION IN EXTERIOR WALL
FULL-ASSEMBLY TEST**

FIRE PERFORMANCE - TESTING



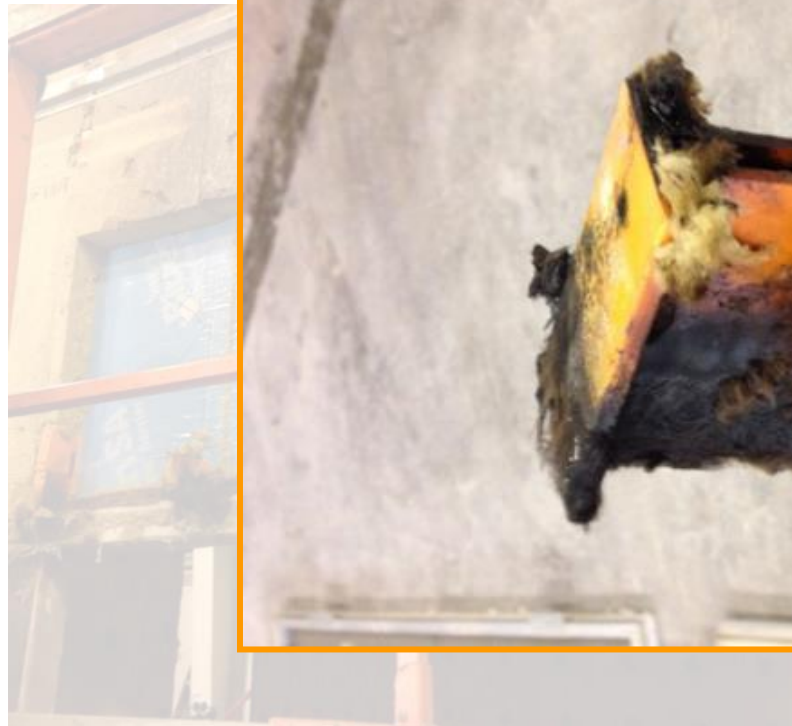
FIRE PERFORMANCE – NFPA 285 RESULTS

SOLID PASS WITH MCM PANELS



FIRE PERFORMANCE – NFPA 285 RESULTS

SOLID PASS WITH MCM PANELS



FOR FIRE PERFORMANCE

**CONCLUSION:
THE CLIP DOES...
NOTHING
AND THEREFORE
CHANGES NOTHING.**



INTERTEK LISTING WITH ROXUL

ROXUL Inc.
Design No. RI/MFF 30-01
Mineral Wool Insulation
CAVITYROCK and COMFORTBOARD 110
NFPA 285 – Meets Conditions of Acceptance

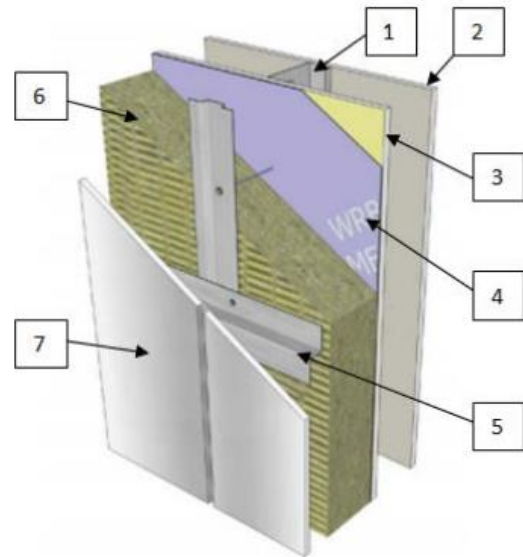


Figure 1: Construction with COMFORTBOARD 110

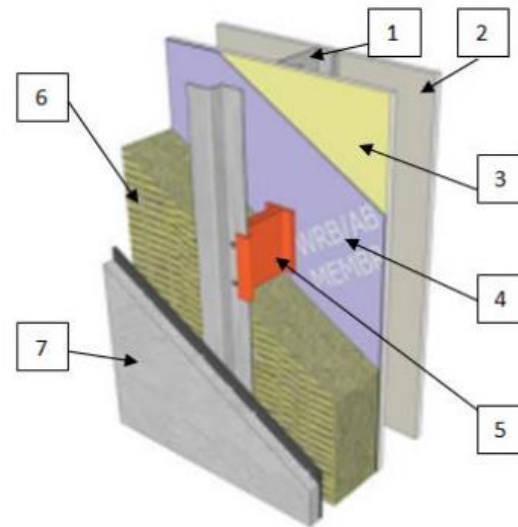
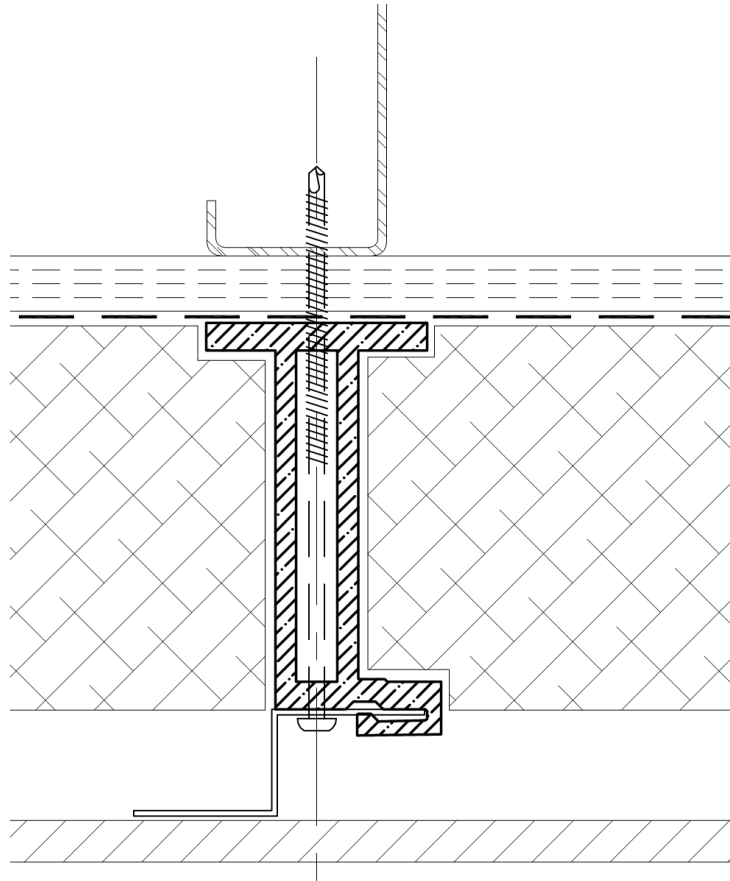


Figure 2: Construction with CAVITYROCK



Valued Quality. Delivered.

A LENS TO JUDGE



TYPICAL INSTALLATION PRACTICES

*Maximizing efficiency to
streamline installation*



INSTALLATION STEPS

VERTICAL CLIP & RAIL

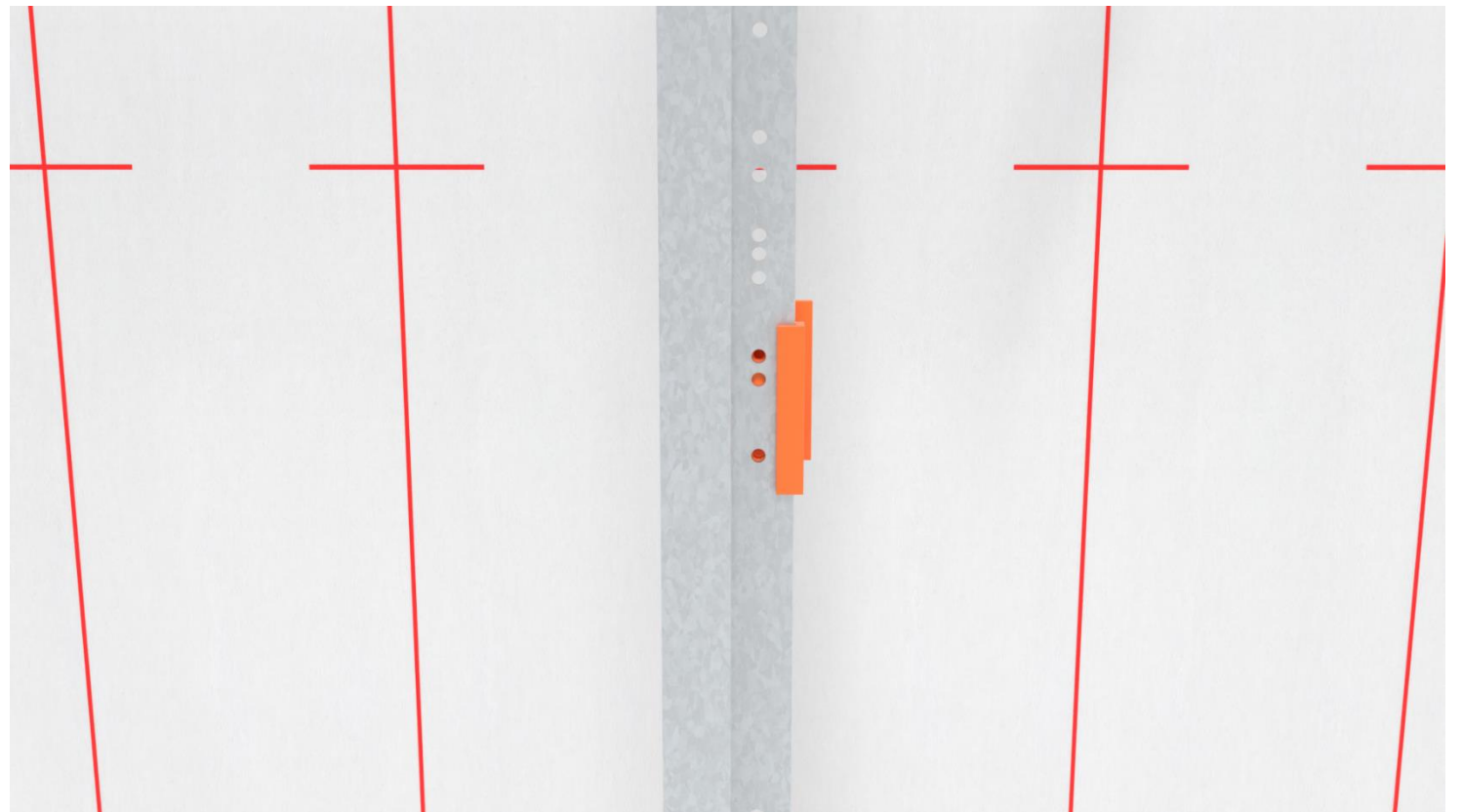
1. Mark spacing on backup wall



INSTALLATION STEPS

VERTICAL CLIP & RAIL

2. Snap clips to pre-punched z-girts



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VERTICAL CLIP & RAIL

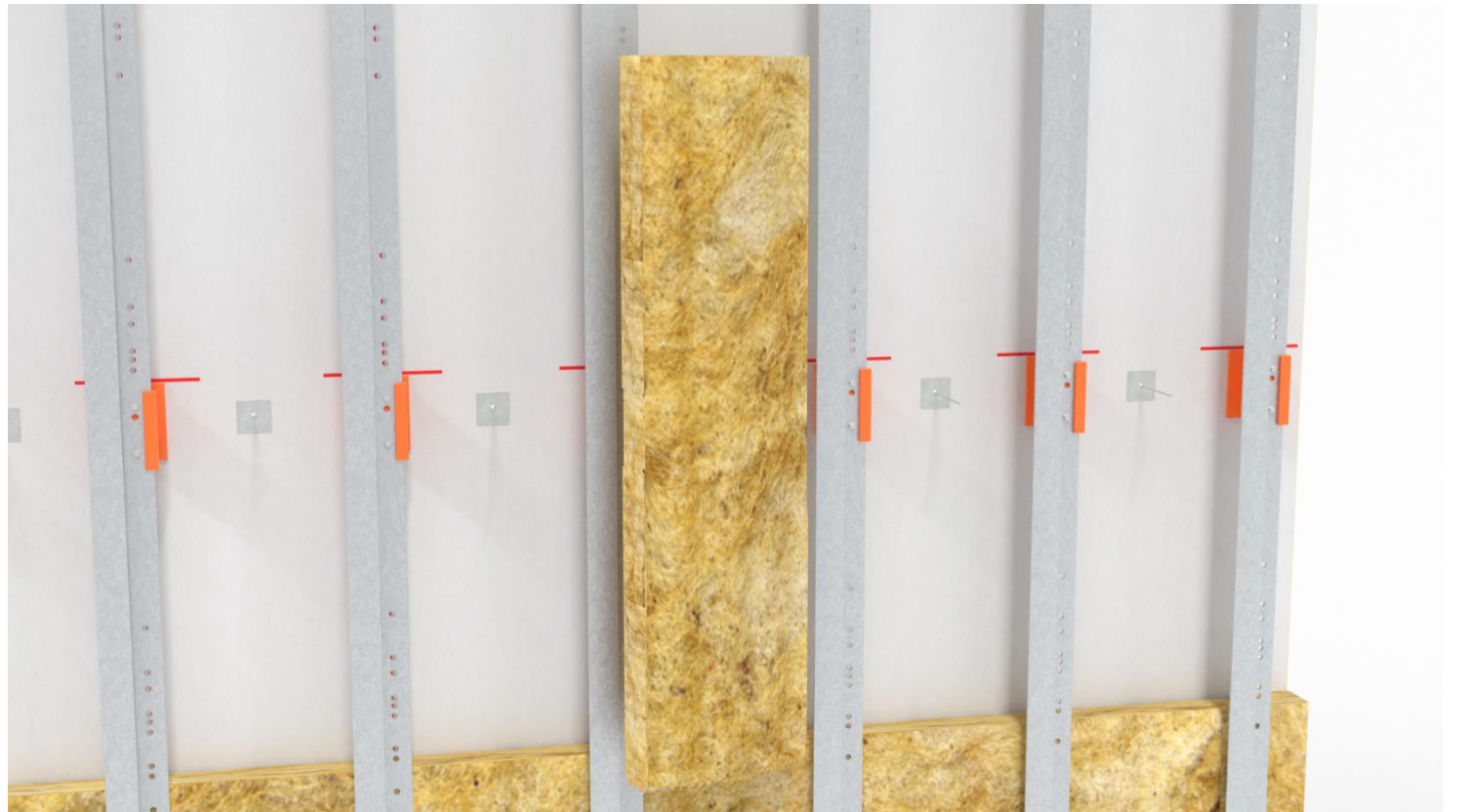
3. Secure clips to backup wall



INSTALLATION STEPS

VERTICAL CLIP & RAIL

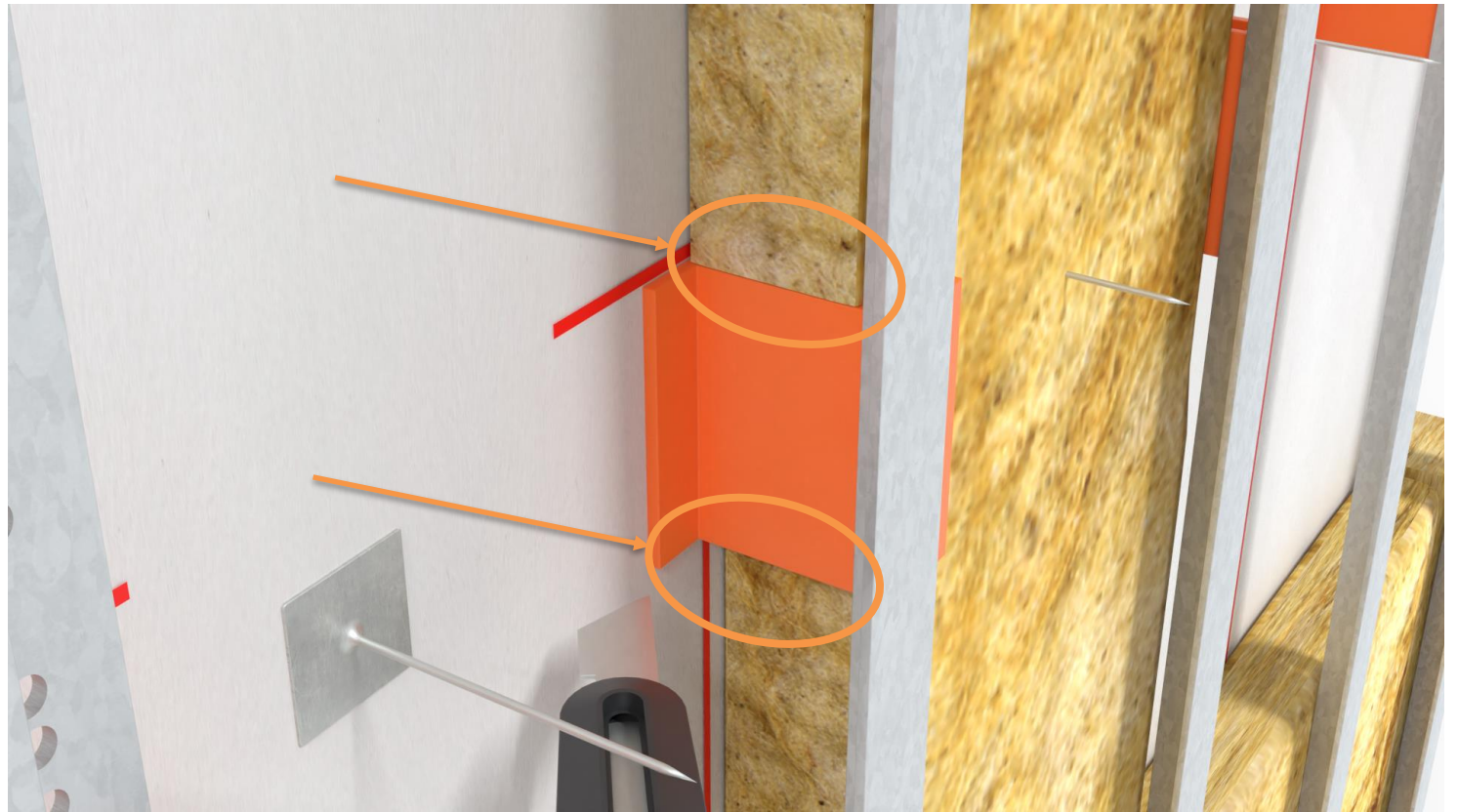
4. Install insulation



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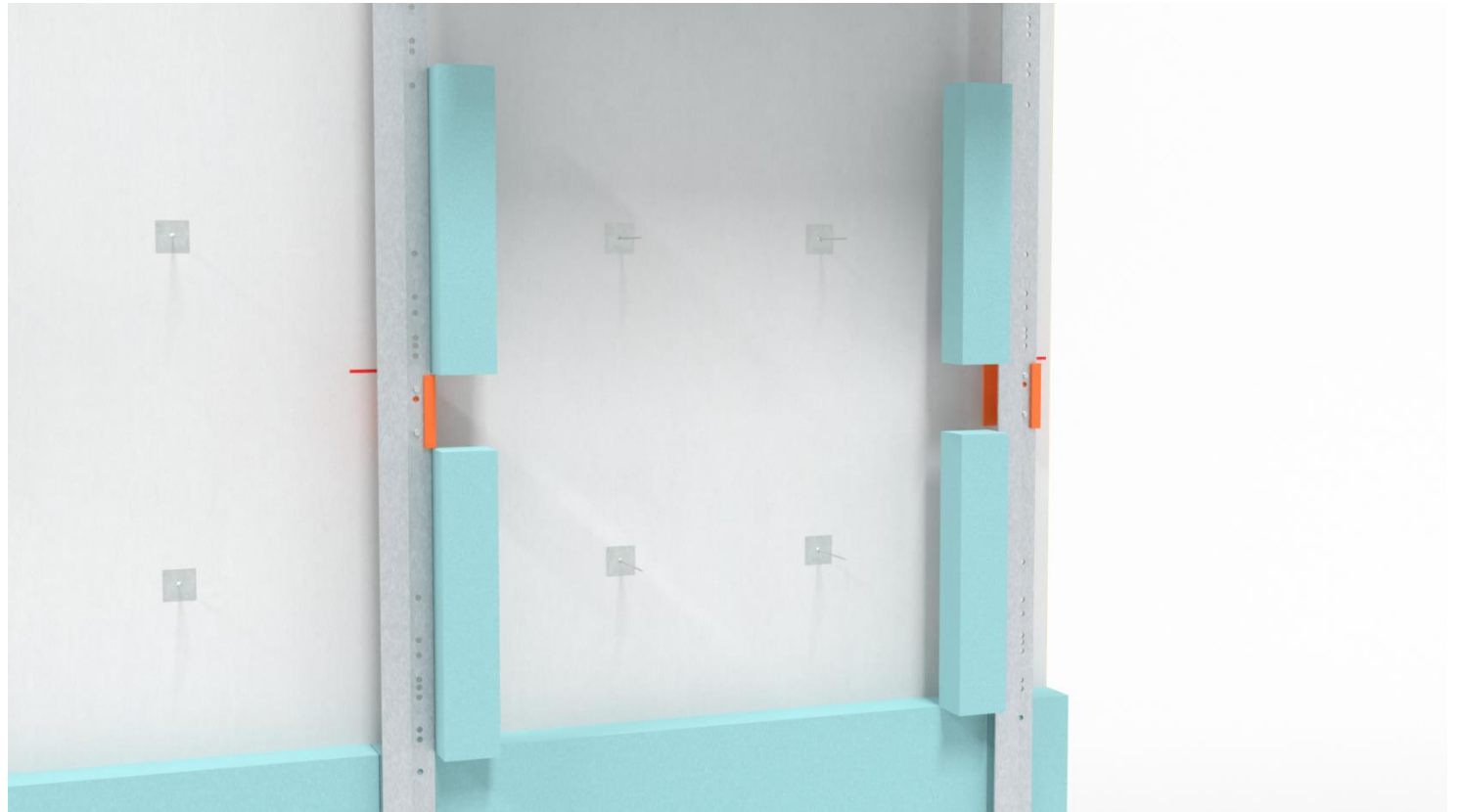
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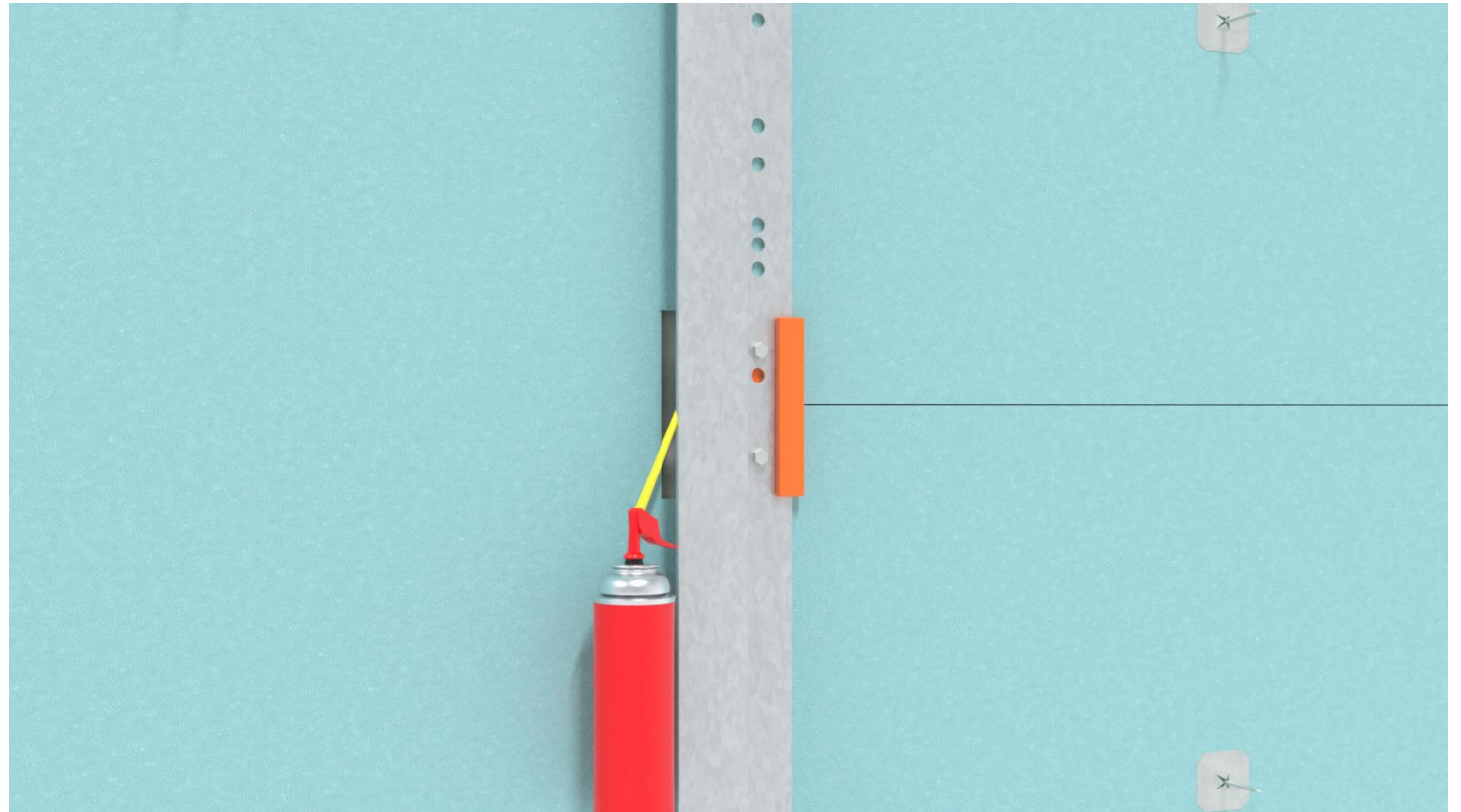
4. Install insulation (Rigid Insulation)



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VERTICAL CLIP & RAIL

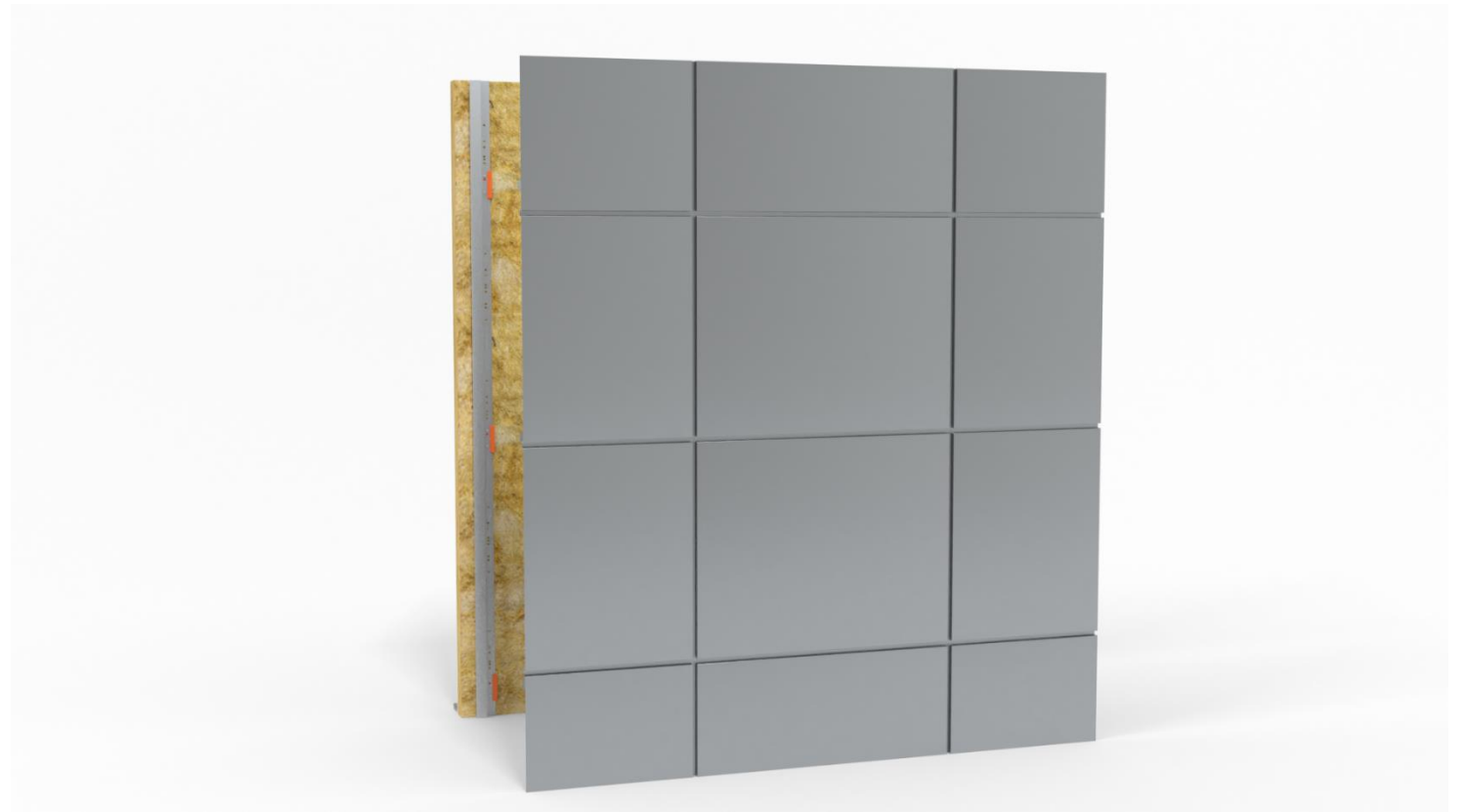
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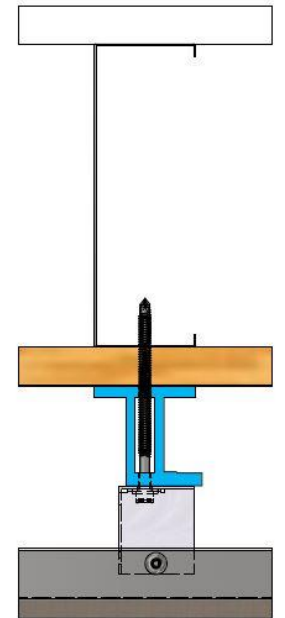
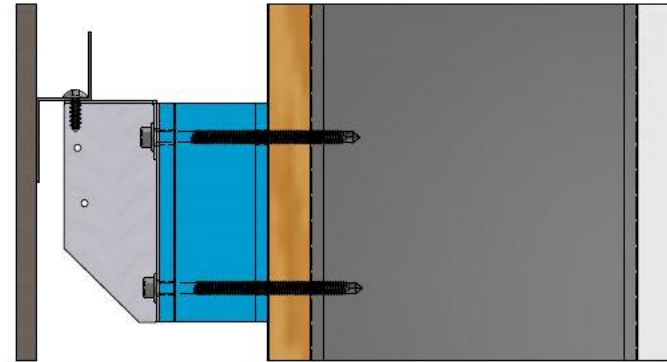
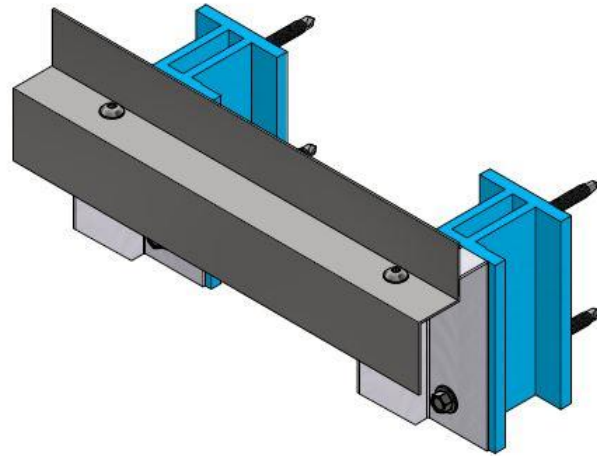
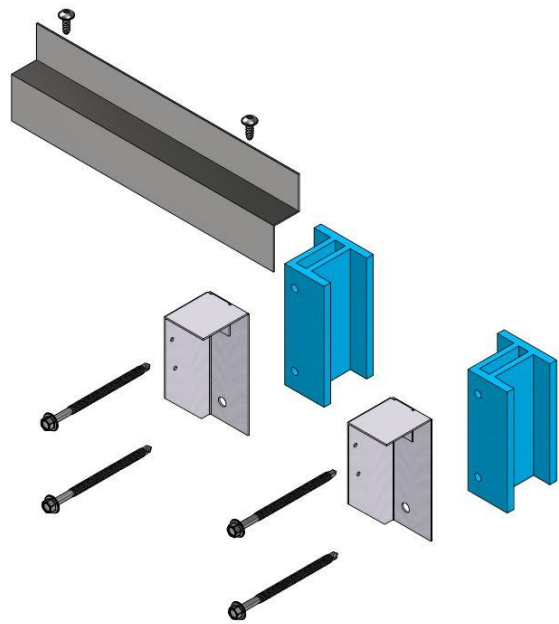
VERTICAL CLIP & RAIL

5. Install cladding



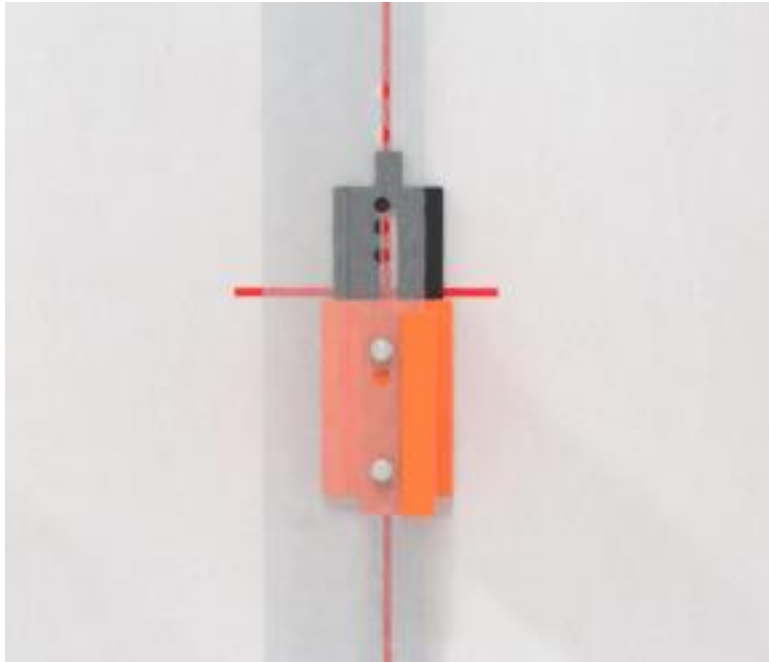
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HORIZONTAL + VERTICAL CLIP & RAIL

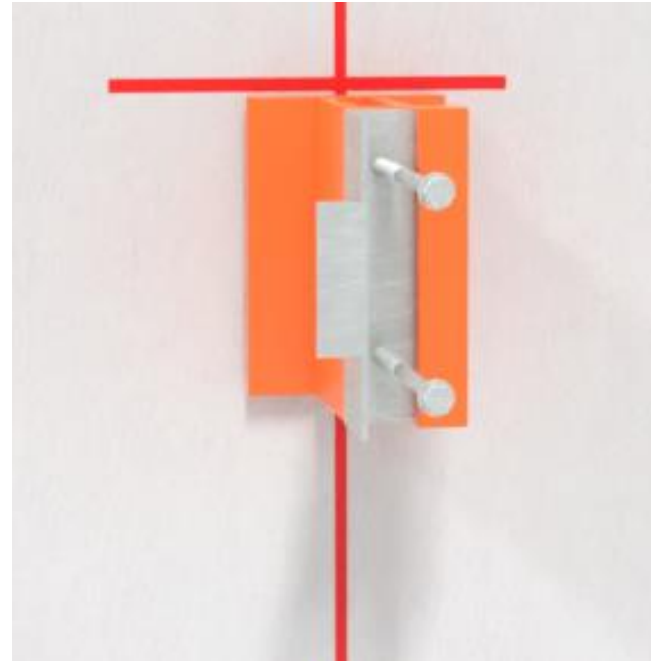


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VERTICAL CLIP & RAIL



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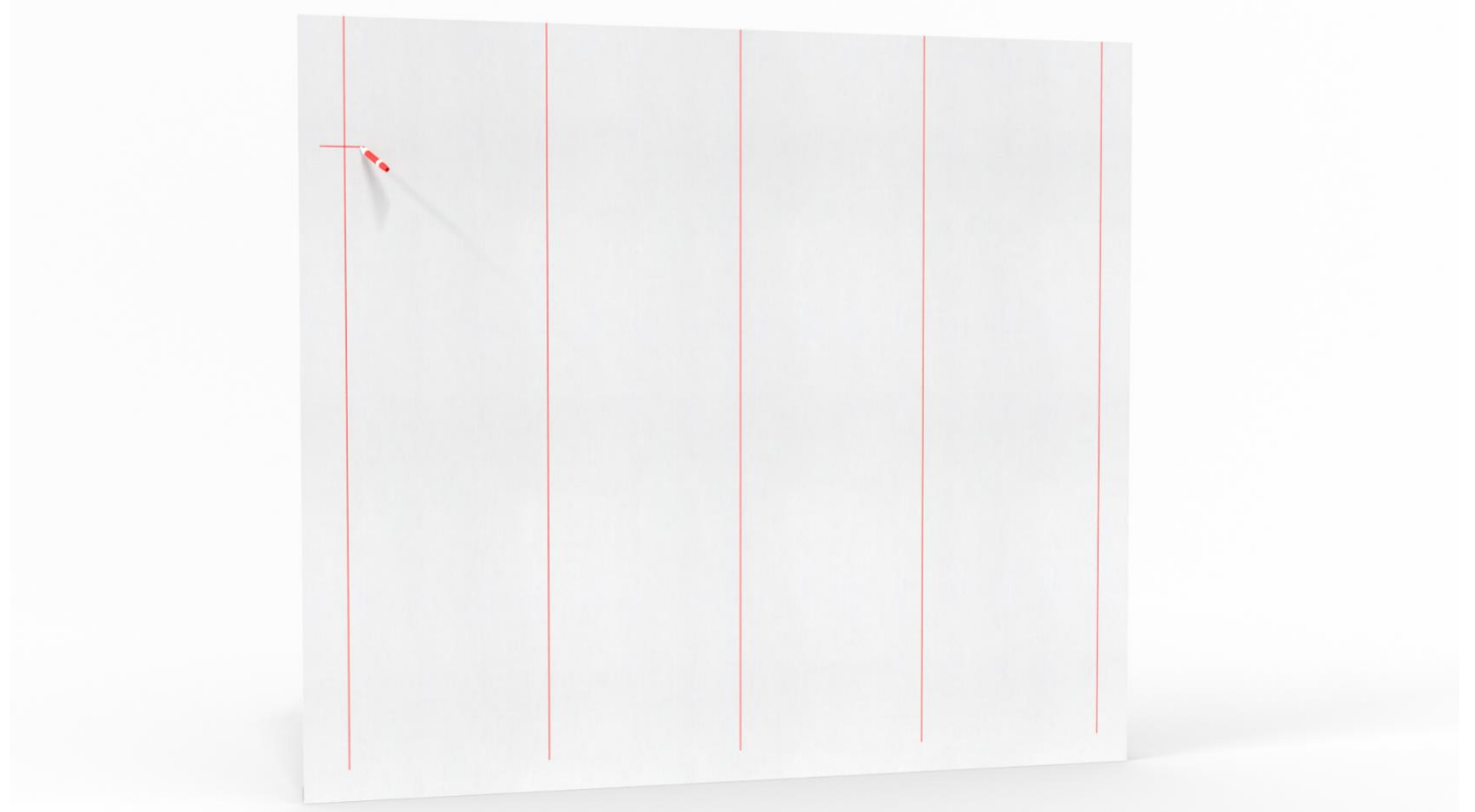
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INSTALLATION STEPS

HORIZONTAL CLIP & RAIL

1. Mark spacing on backup wall



INSTALLATION STEPS

HORIZONTAL CLIP & RAIL

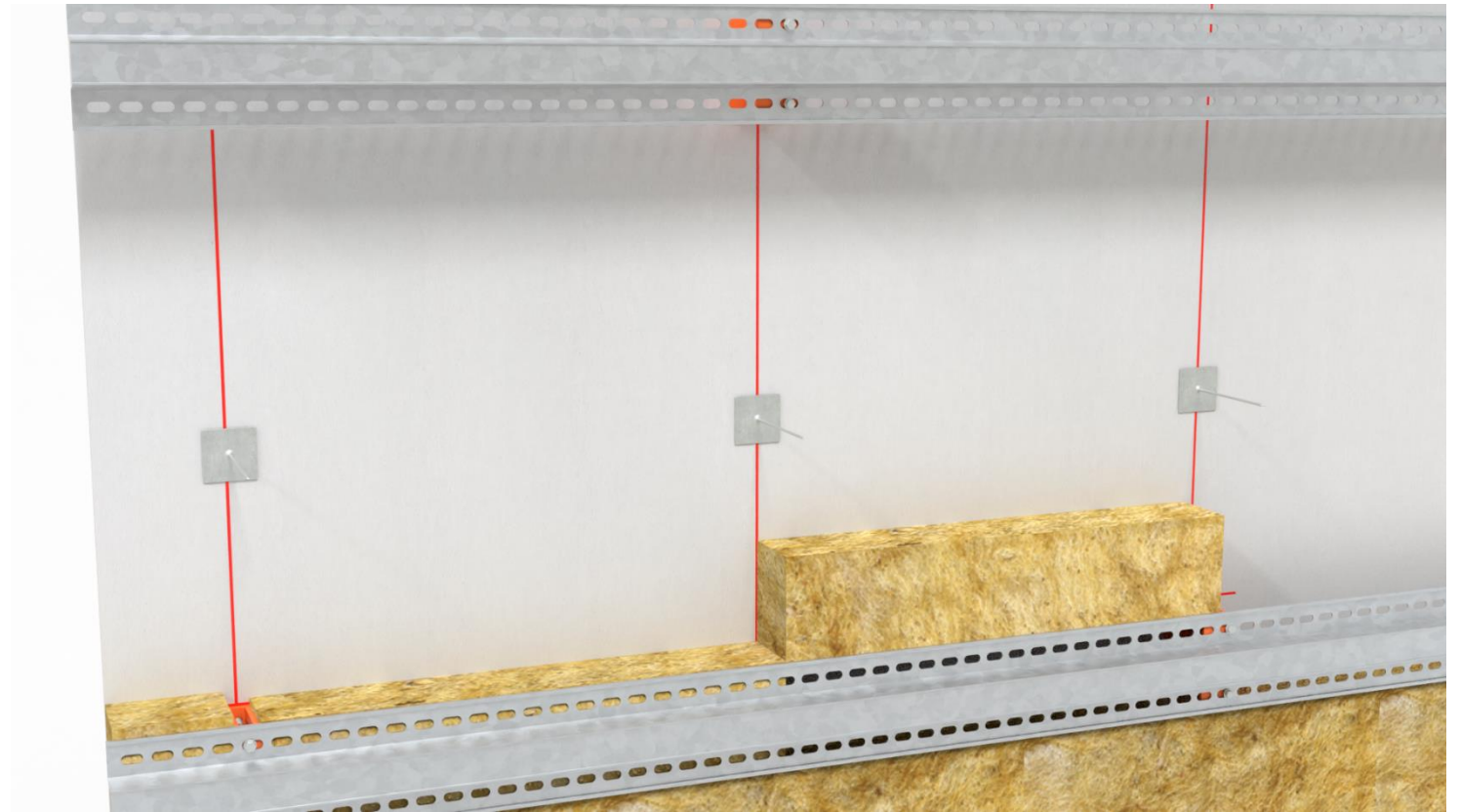
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INSTALLATION STEPS

HORIZONTAL CLIP & RAIL

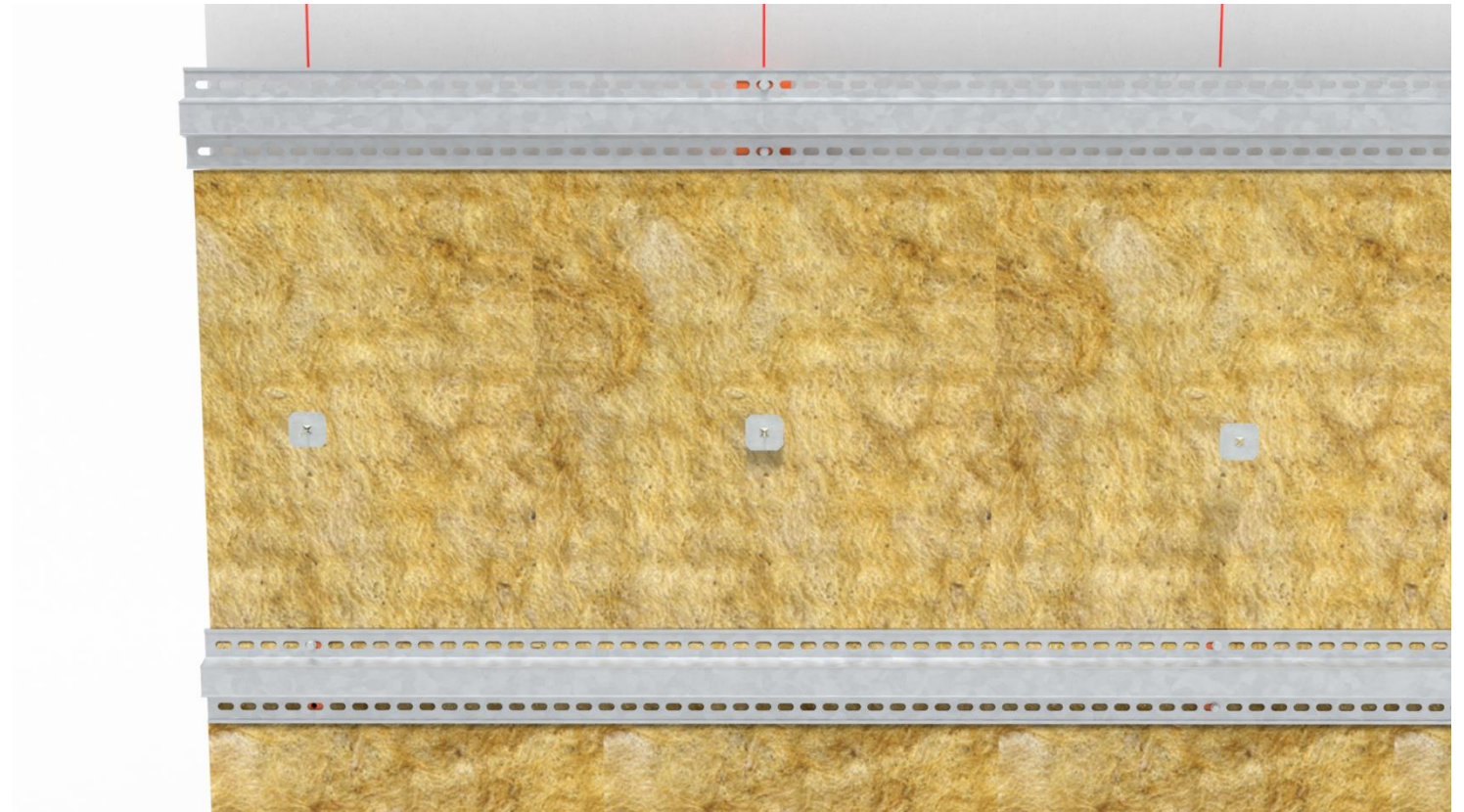
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INSTALLATION STEPS

HORIZONTAL CLIP & RAIL

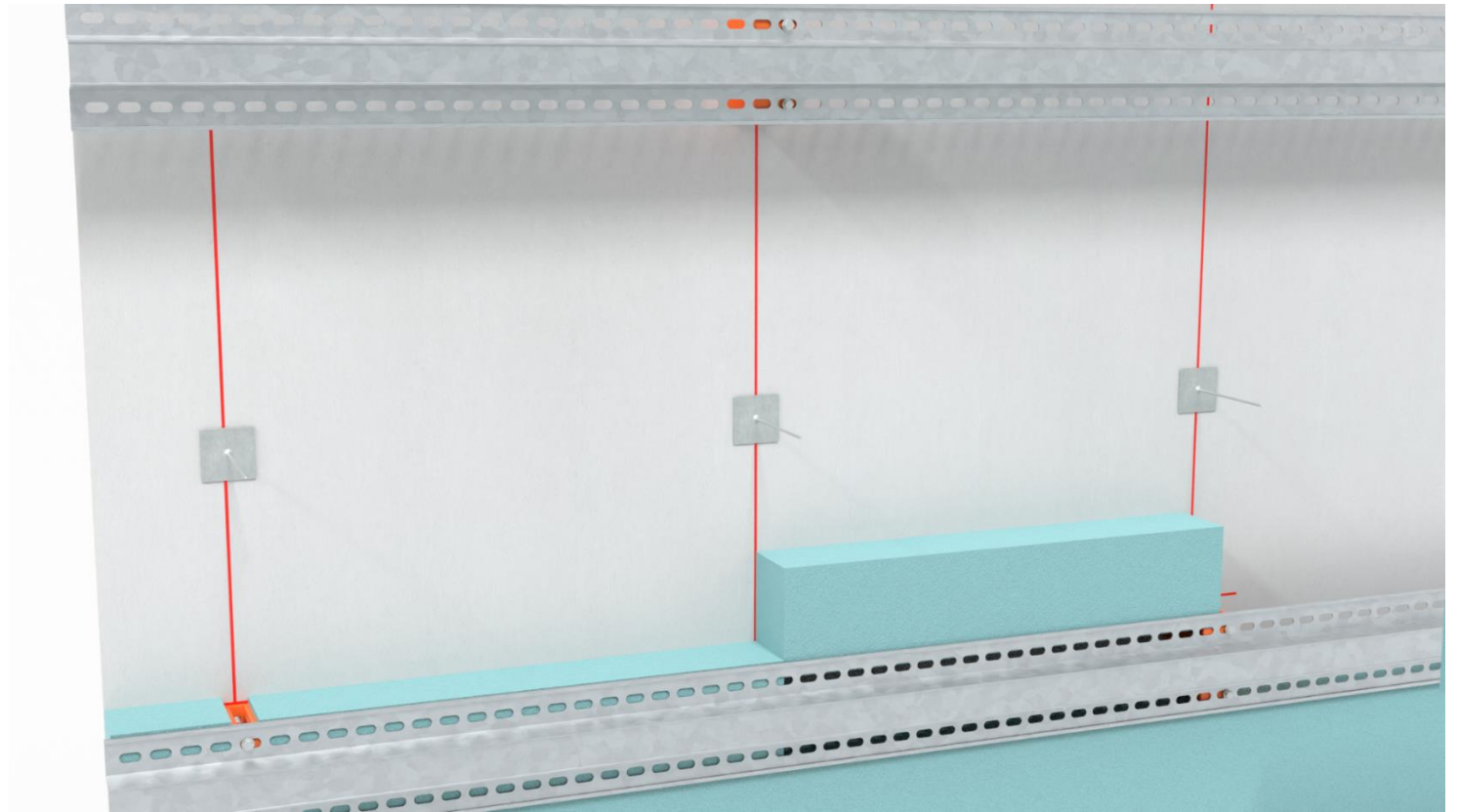
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INSTALLATION STEPS

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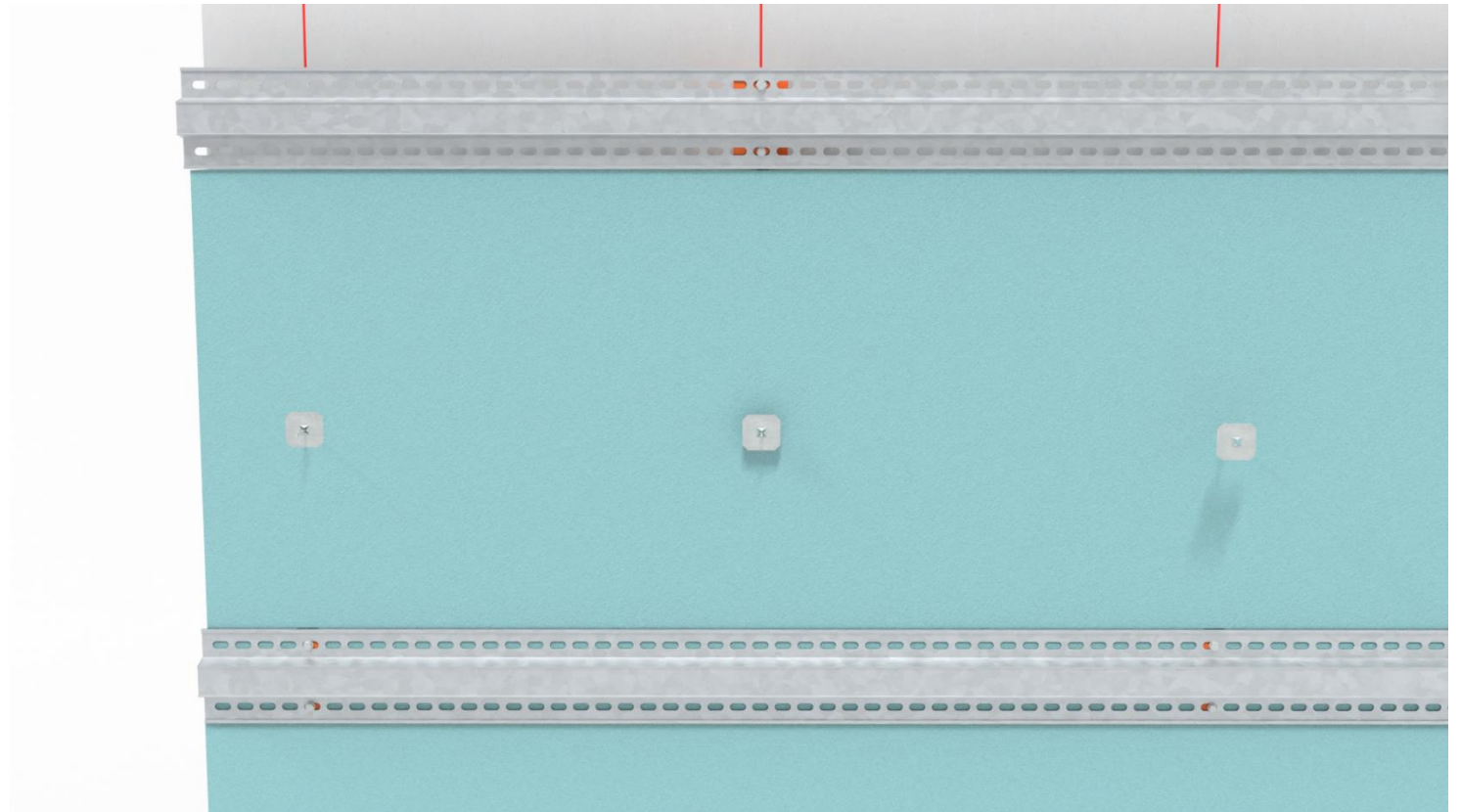
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INSTALLATION STEPS

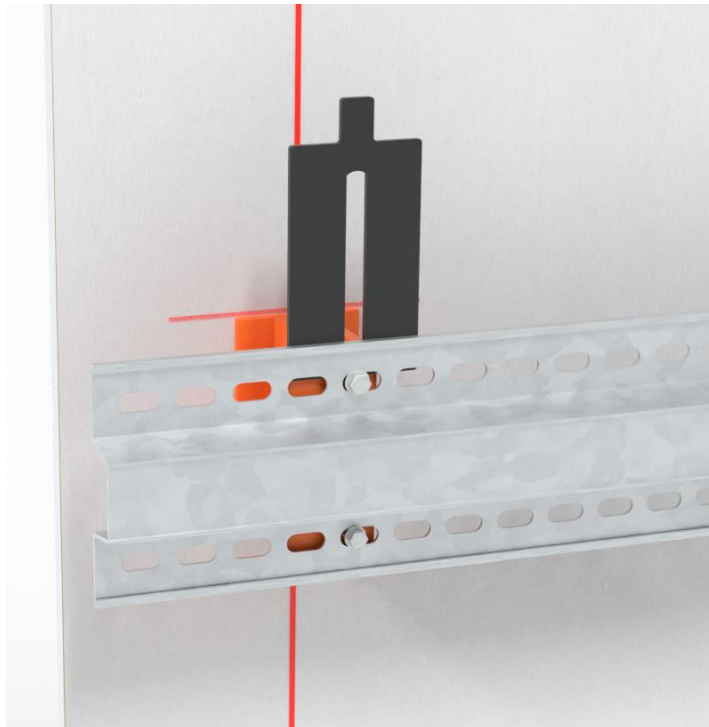
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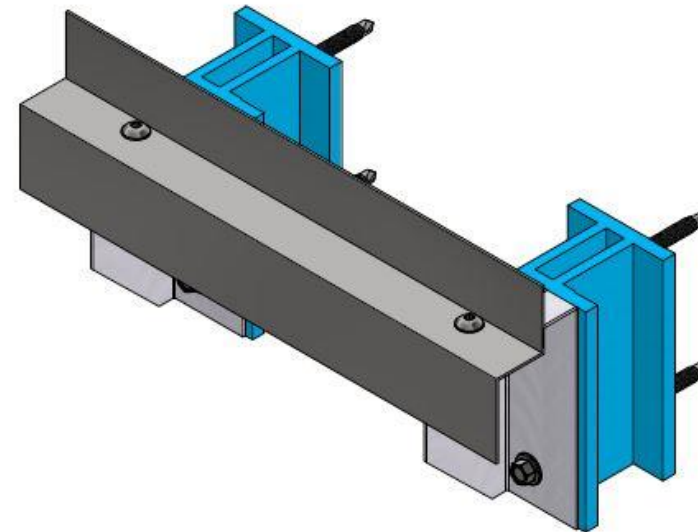


INSTALLATION STEPS - ADJUSTABILITY

HORIZONTAL CLIP & RAIL



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Adjustability Brackets

INSTALLATION STEPS

HORIZONTAL CLIP & RAIL

4. Install cladding



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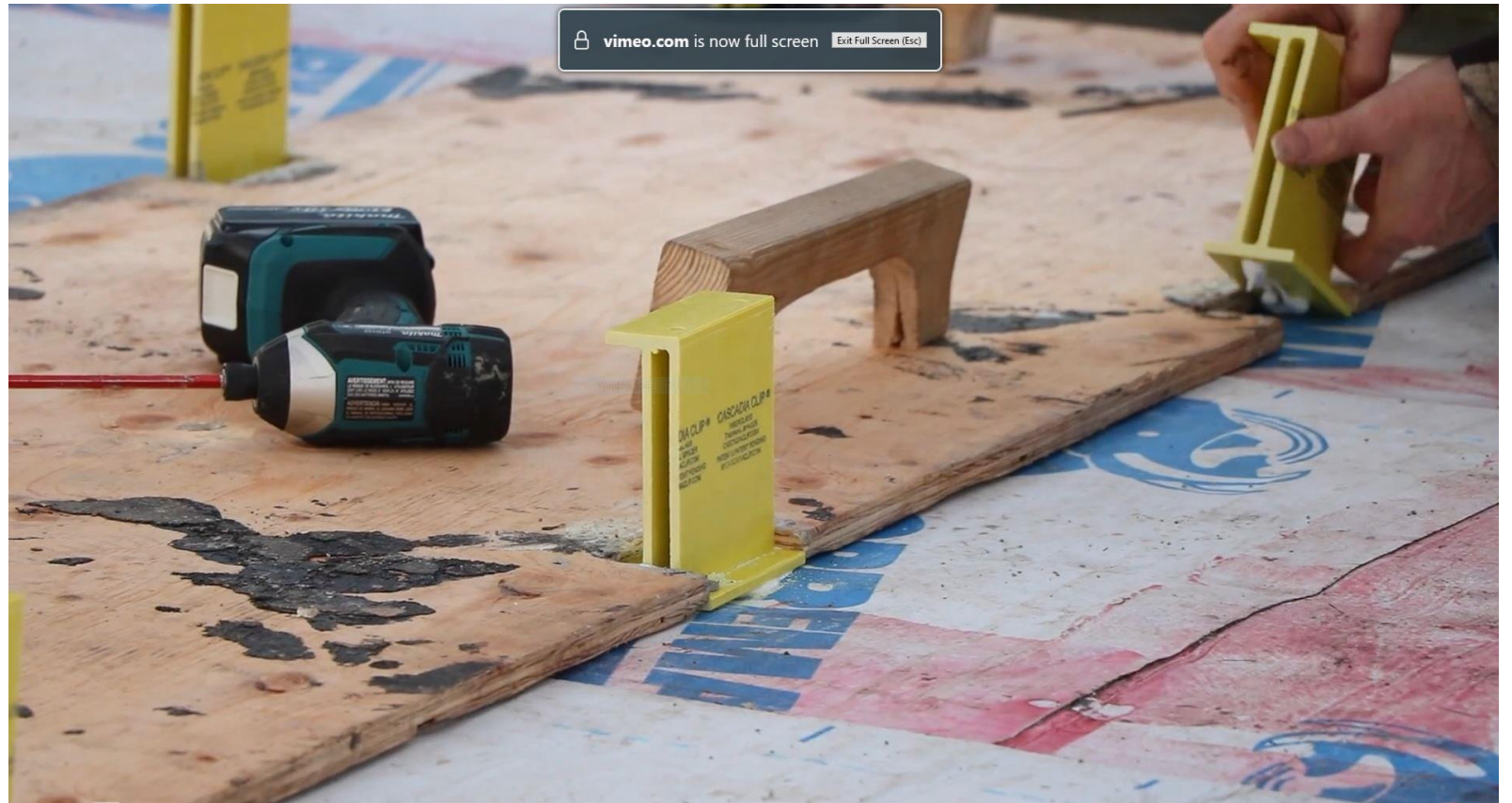
LOW SLOPED ROOF CLIP & RAIL



INSTALLATION STEPS

LOW SLOPED ROOF CLIP & RAIL

1. Use a simple jig to align and space clips.



INSTALLATION STEPS

LOW SLOPED ROOF CLIP & RAIL

2. Pre-fasten the clips to the decking.
Apply sealant.



INSTALLATION STEPS

LOW SLOPED ROOF CLIP & RAIL

3. Install insulation.



INSTALLATION STEPS

LOW SLOPED ROOF CLIP & RAIL

4. Install water-resistant membrane.



INSTALLATION STEPS

LOW SLOPED ROOF CLIP & RAIL

5. Install hattrack.



INSTALLATION STEPS

LOW SLOPED ROOF CLIP & RAIL

6. Install roofing.



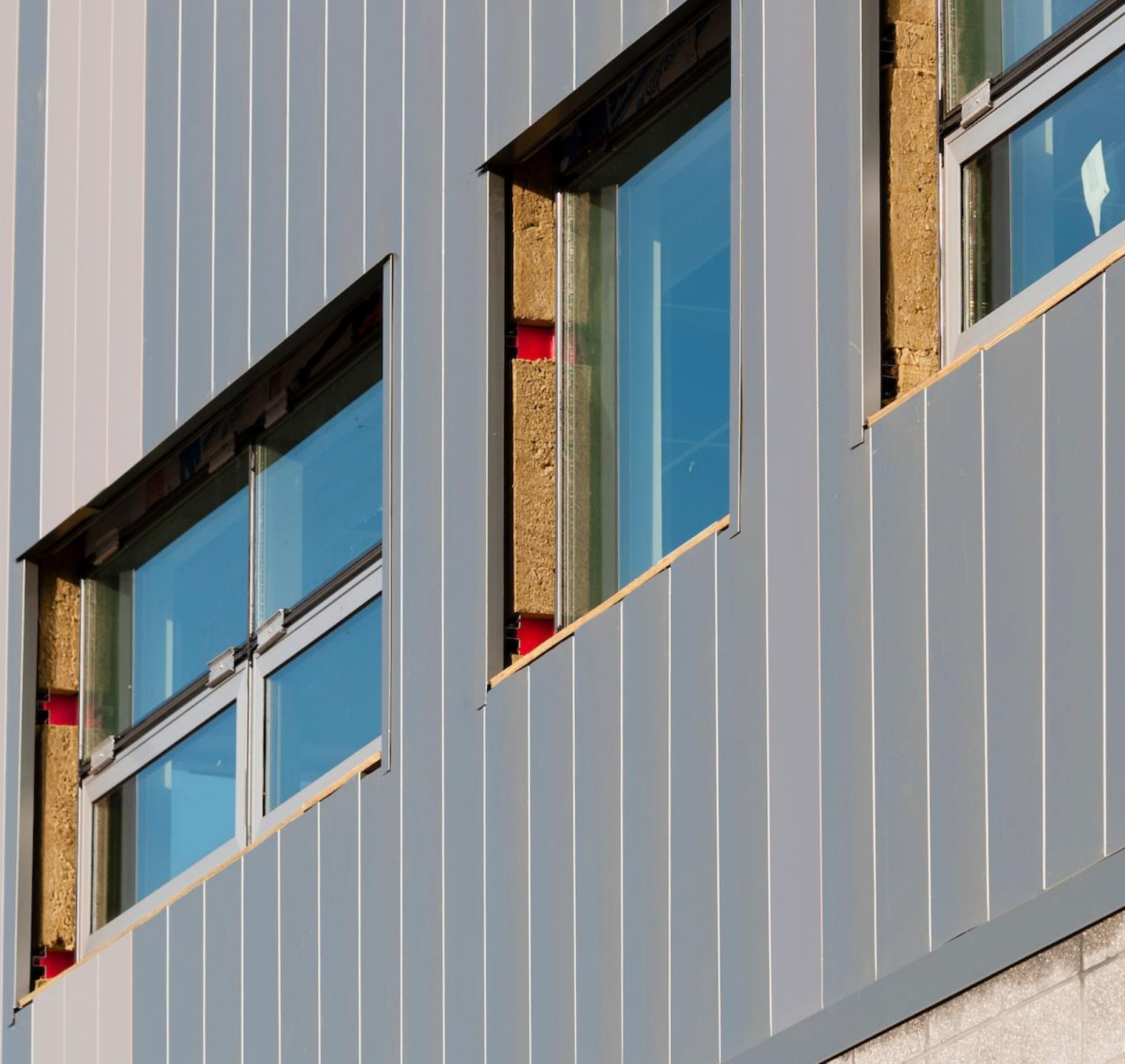
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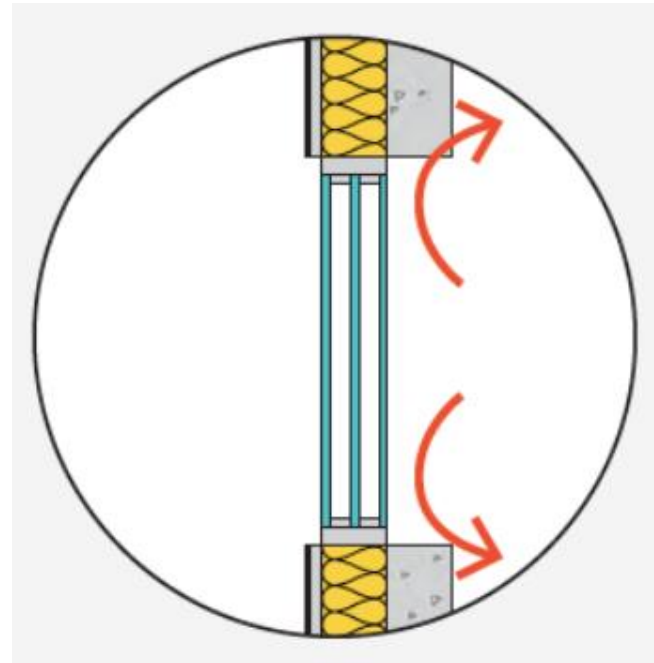
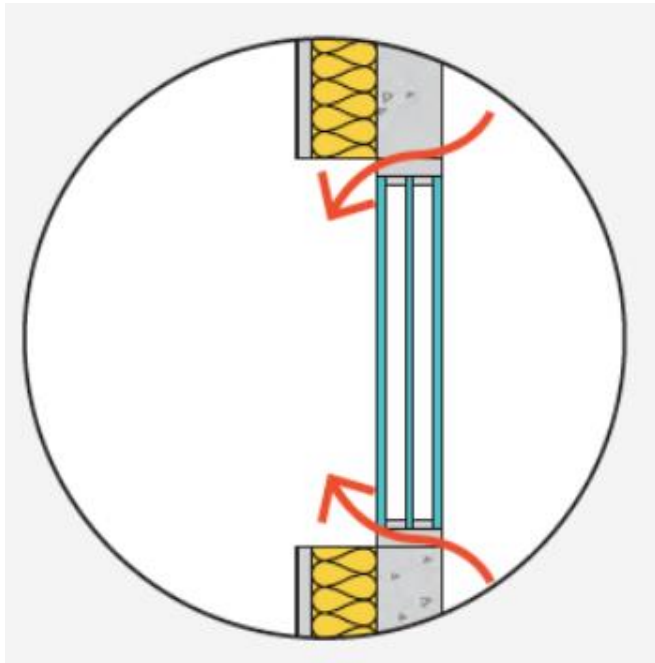


HIGH-PERFORMANCE INSTALLATION PRACTICES

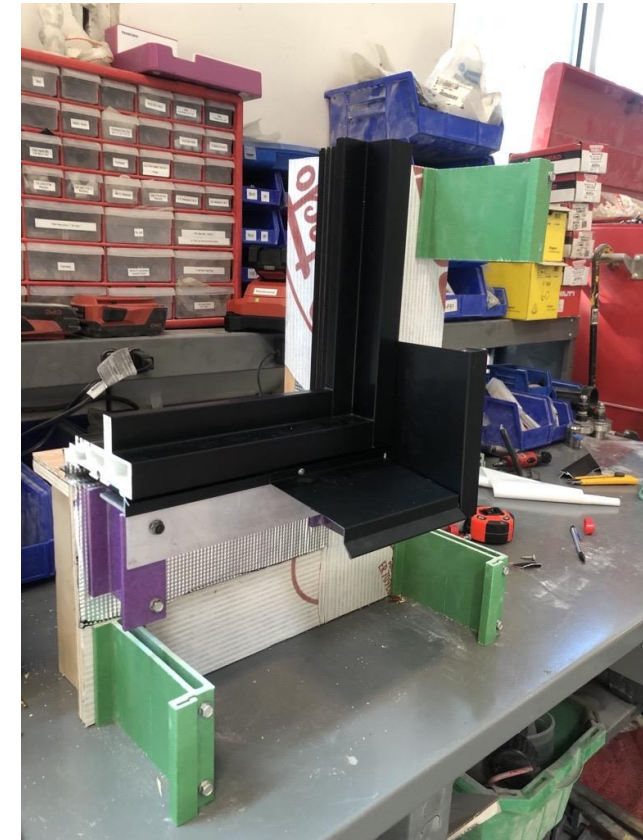
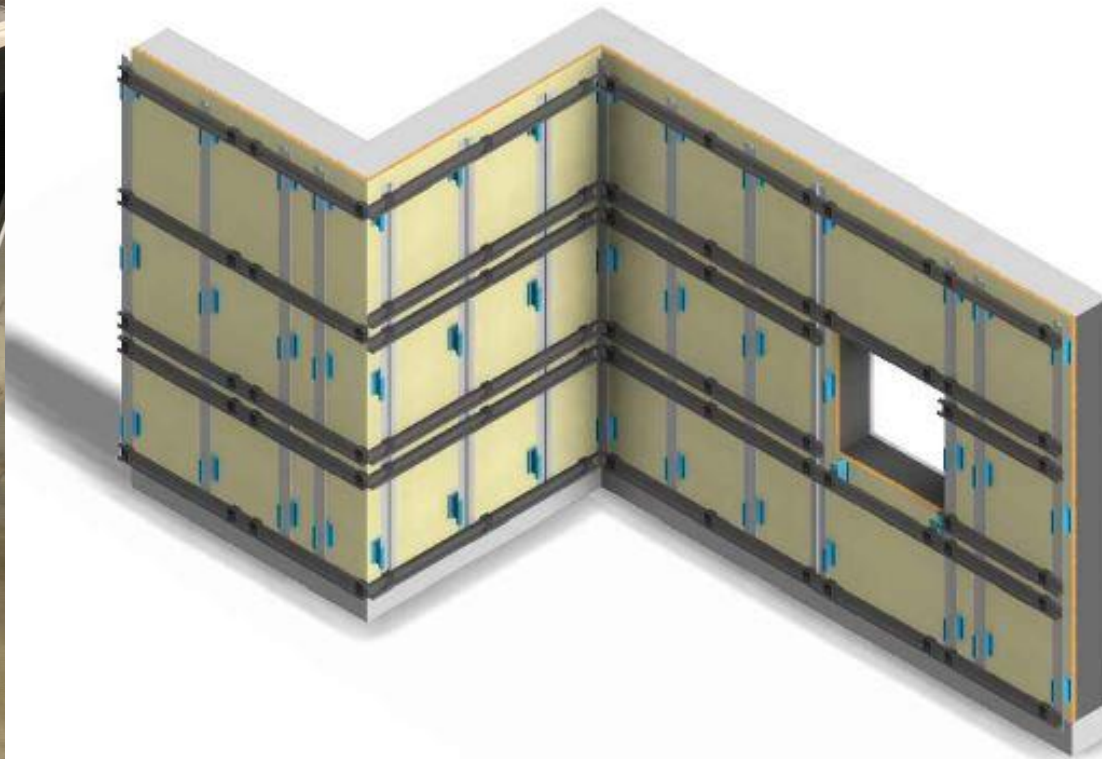
*Emerging installation practices
streamlining openings & corners*



HIGH-PERFORMANCE INSTALLATION



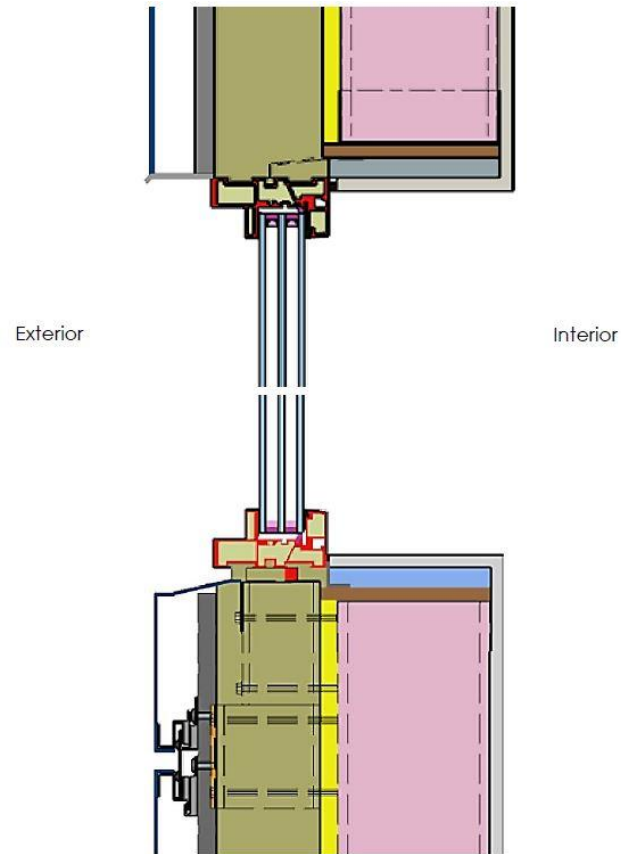
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HIGH-PERFORMANCE INSTALLATION



**WINDOWS INSTALLED IN LINE WITH
THE INSULATION LAYER**

**IMPROVES THERMAL PERFORMANCE
OF ENTIRE WALL ASSEMBLY**
(WINDOWS ARE OFTEN THE WEAKEST LINK)

**USES EXISTING PRODUCTS,
JUST IN A NOVEL APPLICATION**
(REDUCES DETAILING AND INSTALLATION COMPLEXITY)

CARBON & LIFECYCLE IMPACTS

*Understanding the environmental impacts
of assembly components*



WHAT IS AN EPD?

PRODUCT CATEGORY RULES (PCR)

Product category rules (PCRs) allow for review and comparison of different environmental product attributes among products in a defined category.

LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA)

Life cycle assessment (LCA) is a method to assess potential environmental, social and economic impacts associated with all the stages of a product's life.

ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION (EPD)

An environmental product declaration (EPD) report provides a product's impact upon the environment, such as global warming potential, smog creation, ozone depletion and water pollution in a single, comprehensive report.

Reports are valid for 5-years.

NEW PCR FOR CLADDING SUPPORTS

Sustainable Minds Transparency Report™ / EPD Framework



Part B: Product group definition | Cladding Support Components and Systems

Initiated by	Rainscreen Association in North America (RAiNA) jxec@rainscreenassociation.org https://rainscreenassociation.org/
Other company(s) and organization(s) involved	Members of RAiNA: Cascadia Windows & Doors Knight Wall Systems CLADIATOR Hohmann & Bamard Northern Facades Limited

Product group

Name	Cladding Support Components and Systems	CSI MasterFormat® #(s)	07 05 43 Cladding Support System 07 48 00 Rainscreens
Description	Components or systems that provide support of exterior cladding and may also limit thermal transfer through the building envelope. <i>Note: This PCR does not cover masonry ties.</i>		
New Part B request? Yes / No	Yes	Is this an update to an existing Part B? Yes / No	No
Validity period	10/31/2022 – 10/30/2027		

**NEW PCR – PART B
PUBLISHED IN OCT 2022**

**NEW PCR IS VALID TO
OCT 2027**

**MOST ACCURATE DATA
AVAILABLE FOR PRODUCTS**

CLADDING SUPPORT EPDS

Sustainable Minds
Transparency Report (EPD)

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1 PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD 2 LCA & MATERIAL RESULTS & INTERPRETATION 3 HOW WE MAKE IT GREENER


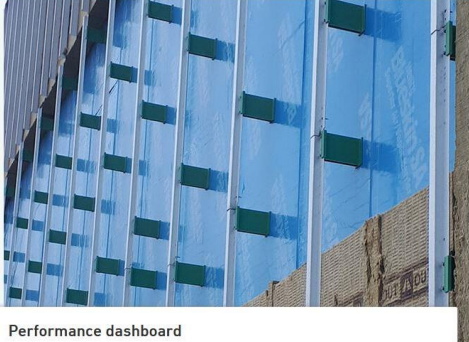
SM Transparency Catalog > Cascadia Windows > Cascadia Clip®

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The Cascadia Clip® allows architects and specifiers to design thinner, lighter and more cost-effective exterior cladding assemblies, while at the same time measurably improving a building's overall energy performance. Acting as a thermal break between the structure and the exterior cladding, the Cascadia Clip® fiberglass spacer can be used in steel frame, concrete and wood construction buildings, and is compatible with semi-rigid mineral wool, rigid foam—polystyrene, polyiso and others—and spray foam insulations.

Performance dashboard

Features & functionality	Environment & materials
Available in 8 different sizes	Improved by:
Carrying a comprehensive IAPMO-UES code evaluation	Living Building Challenge Declare Red List Approved
Fully adjustable and compatible with vertical and horizontal cladding supports	Made from non-organic, chemically inert pultruded fiberglass, the clip is not susceptible to corrosion, rot, decay, mildew, insect damage
Free online spacing calculator available to optimize spacing and performance	Used in successful NFPA 285 testing
Pre-punched Galvalume® AZM 150 (AZ-50) - 18 gauge z-girts and hat channels available	Designed & manufactured in North America
	Modelled service life of 200 years



LCA results & interpretation

LCA results & interpretation

EPD additional content

Scope and summary

☒ Cradle to gate ☐ Cradle to gate with options ☐ Cradle to grave

Application

The Cascadia Clip® fiberglass thermal spacer is a thermally-improved cladding support product created by combining glass fibers and catalyzed polyester resin in the pultrusion process. The product creates a thermal break separating the building structure from the exterior cladding support framing and is available in eight different sizes to accommodate insulation thicknesses.

What's causing the greatest impacts

All life cycle stages

Activities during the supply of raw materials (A1) are responsible for much of the impacts in each impact category. The next highest impact contributor is transportation (A2) in most of the impact categories. Manufacturing (A3) accounts for a notable impact only in the ozone depletion and global warming impact categories.

Raw materials acquisition

This stage (A1) dominated the results for all impact categories. This module includes the raw materials acquired and processed by the suppliers.



HOW TO USE

SCHEMATIC DESIGN **PERFORMANCE** **DOCUMENTS**

Based on client objectives, request EPDs from potential manufacturers/suppliers as part of standard performance documents.

DESIGN DEVELOPMENT **LIFECYCLE** **ASSESSMENTS**

Utilize EPD data to help determine holistic impact of material selections and adjust product specs to meet carbon goals and project objectives.

BIDDING **ASSESSING** **ALTERNATIVES**

When considering off-spec product alternatives, compare EPD data to confirm product's carbon impacts on project objectives.

THERMAL BRIDGING IN THE REAL-WORLD

*Project examples of high-performance
thermal bridging*



BELMONT VILLAGE

- Long Island NY (2024)
- Project Team
 - Engineer – RICE Engineering
 - Contractor – Aurora GC
 - Installer – Certified Interiors







BELMONT VILLAGE

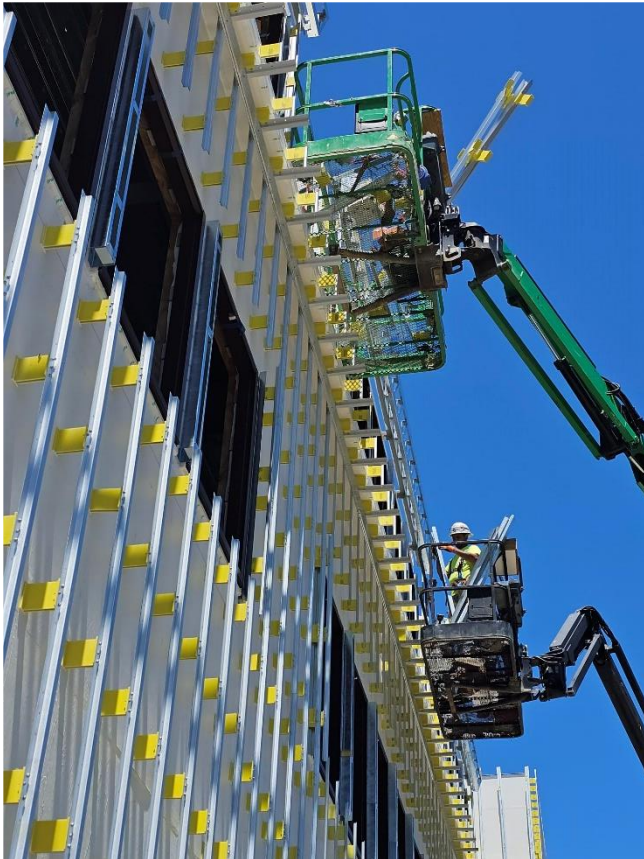


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EASE OF INSTALLATION

- Compatible with all Insulation types
- Compatible with all Façade panels
- Customized installation per wall – Adjustability
- Customized Pre-Installation options - Full Girt Solution
- Pre-assemble in House or Manufacturer



ROD & REEL RESORT

- Raleigh, North Carolina (2024)
- Project Team
 - Consultant – Spec One Systems
 - Installer – Alliance Exteriors



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ROD & REEL

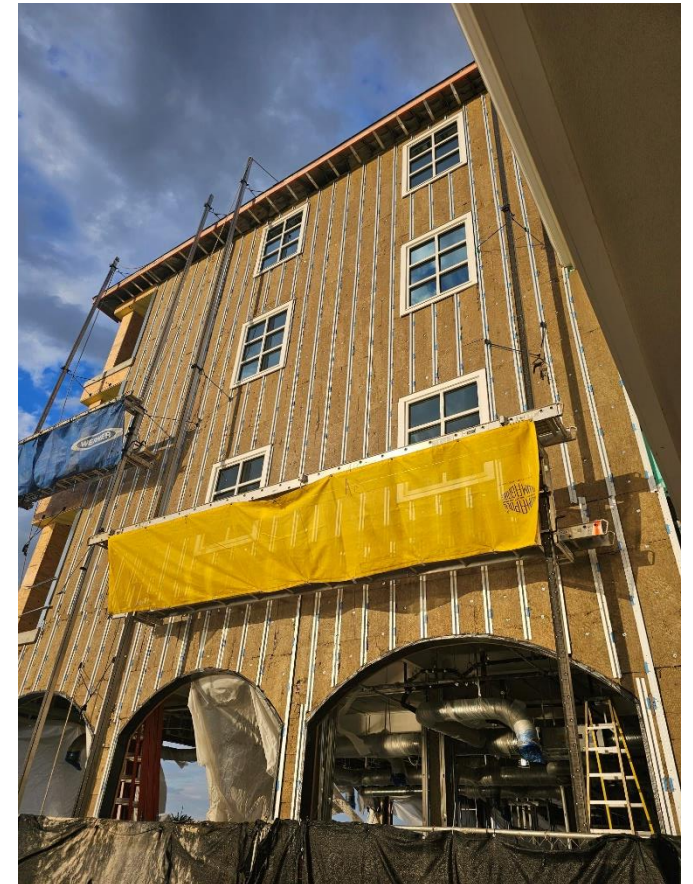


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EASE OF INSTALLATION

- Sequencing flexibility
- Compatible with all Façade panels
- Customized installation per wall w adjustability options
- Customized adjustability HZ and VT



RESIDENTIAL / WOOD STRAPPING

- Clips for Wood Strapping on residential buildings
- Provides a path to hit the studs
- Provides a rigid sub structure for strapping and cladding attachment
- Allows for nail based cladding installation



1620 MAIN ST E

- Hamilton ON (2024)
- Rapid Housing/Passive House
- 42 Unit affordable housing
- Project Team
 - Architect – McCallum Sather
 - Developer – CityHousing Hamilton
 - Engineer – RDH Building Science
 - Contractor – Westmount Systems



ON5

- Vancouver, BC (2022)
- High-performance, pre-fab CTL
- Project Team
 - Architect - Hemsworth Architecture
 - Structural - Equilibrium Consulting Inc. & Timber Engineering
 - Contractor – Naikoon Construction



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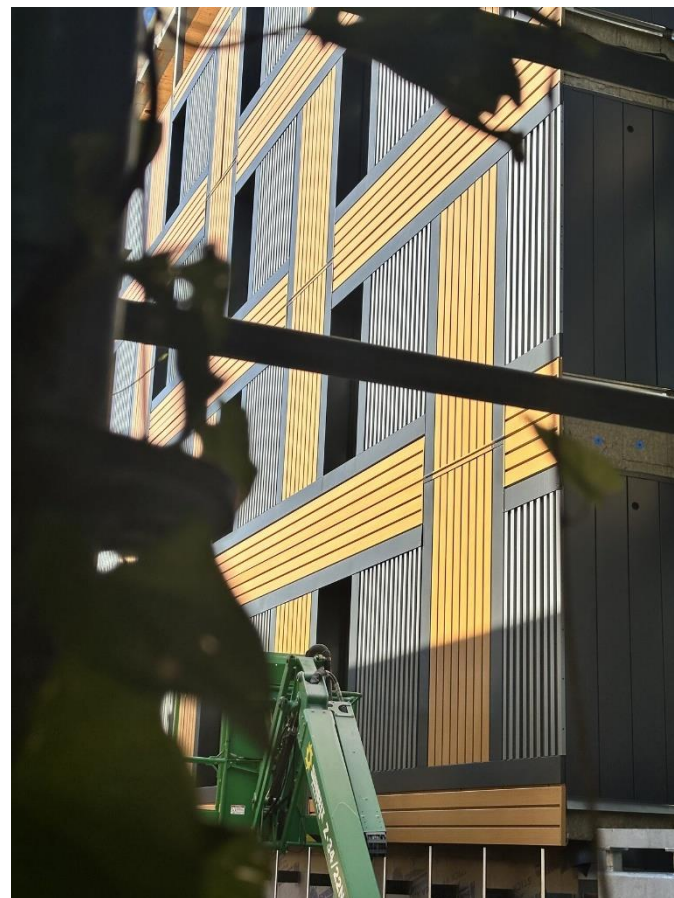


FRANCES STREET

- Vancouver, BC (2025)
- High-performance, pre-fab CTL
- Project Team
 - Architect - GBL
 - Structural – Seagate Mass Timber
 - Contractor – Intelligent City & Ventana Construction
 - Installer- Maison Exteriors



FRANCES STREET



PREFAB- 147 ST. FELIX ST NY

- Bronx, NY (2025)
- High-performance, pre-fab CTL
- Project Team
 - Prefab Contractor – Assembly OSM

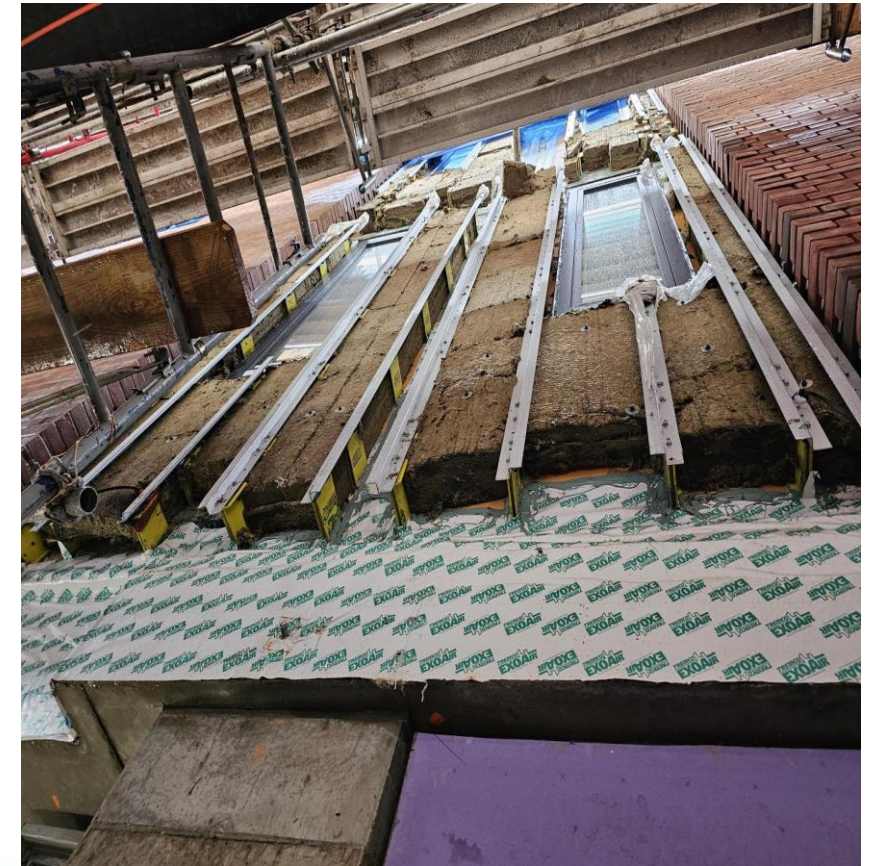
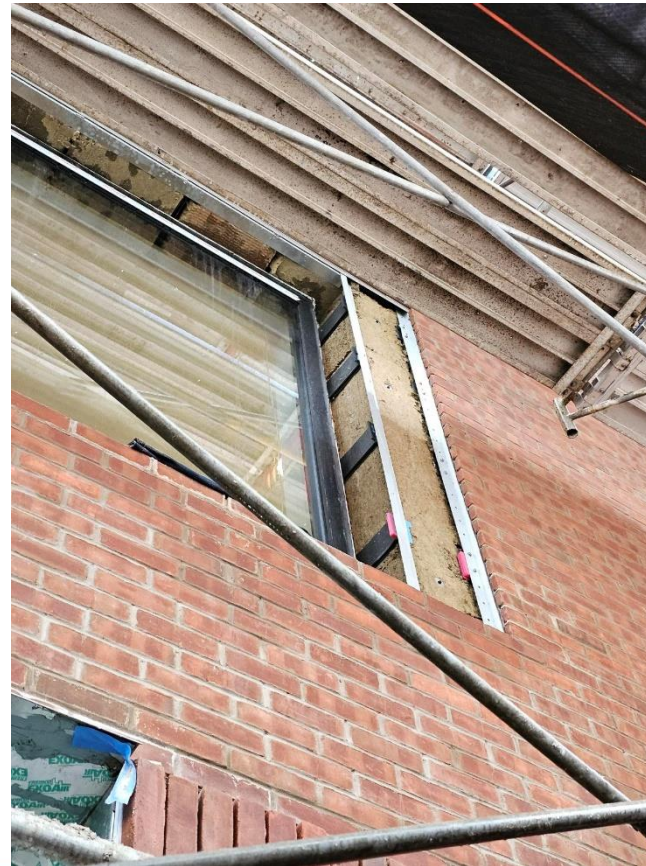


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BULLITT CENTER

- Seattle, WA (2013)
- Living Building Certified
- Project Team
 - Architect - Miller Hull
 - Developer – Point 32
 - Engineer – PAE Engineers
 - Structural Engineer – DCI Engineers
 - Contractor - Schuchart

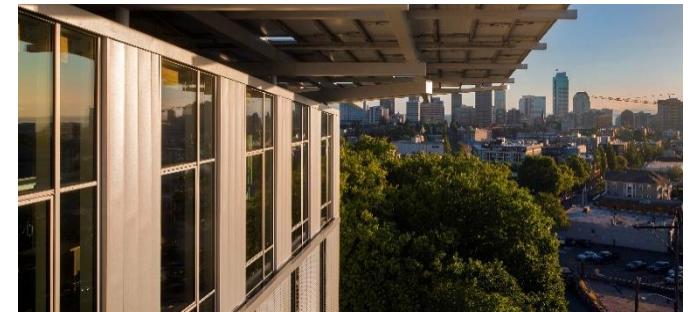


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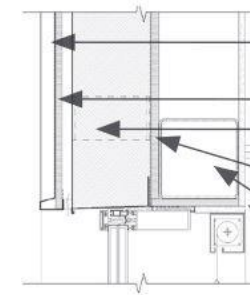


FIRE HALL 17 - VANCOUVER

- Vancouver, BC (est. 2022)
- Passive House Certified (pending)
- Project Team
 - Architect - HCMA
 - Owner – City of Vancouver
 - Structural Engineer – RJC Engineers
 - Construction Management – DGS Construction
 - Energy Modelling – Morrison Hershfield

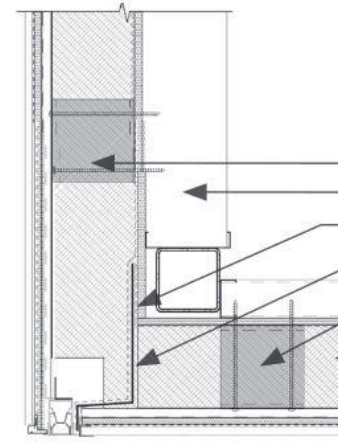


FIRE HALL 17 - VANCOUVER



WALL ASSEMBLY 2

- 38MM DOUBLE LOCK STANDING SEAM METAL
- BREATHER MEMBRANE
- 16MM EXTERIOR GRADE PLYWOOD
- 200MM SEMI-RIGID MINERAL WOOL BOARD INSULATION ON FIBERGLASS THERMAL CLIPS
- 19MM EXTERIOR GRADE PLYWOOD SHEATHING
- AIR/VAPOUR BARRIER MEMBRANE
- 203MM STEEL STUD
- 16MM GYPSUM BOARD



SOFFIT EDGE

- WALL ASSEMBLY 2
- U/S STEEL
- SELF-ADHERED MEMBRANE ABOVE FLASHING
- PRE-FINISHED METAL THROUGH WALL FLASHING
- FIBERGLASS THERMALLY-BROKEN CLIP

PARKDALE LANDING

- Hamilton, ON (2018)
- EnerPHit Passive House Certified
- Project Team
 - Architect – Invizij Architects
 - Owner – Indwell
 - Contractor – Schilthuis Construction



PARKDALE LANDING



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PARKDALE LANDING



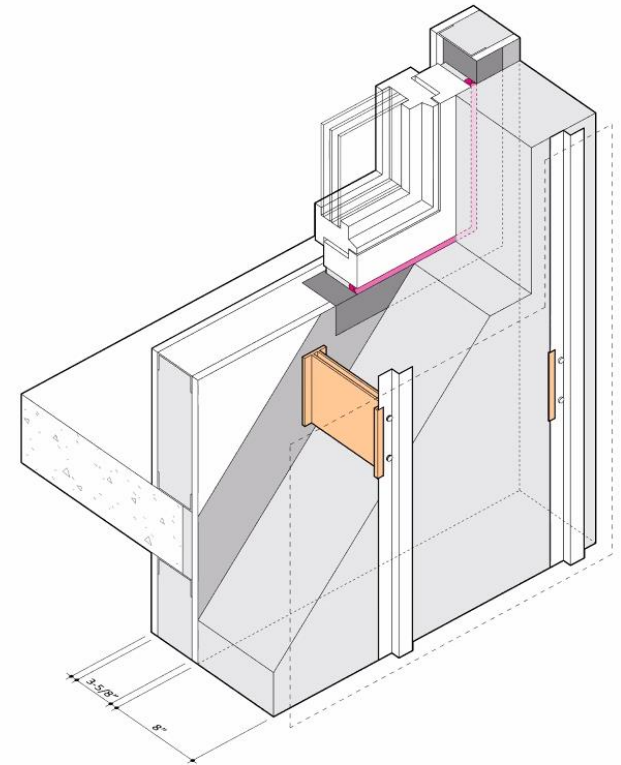
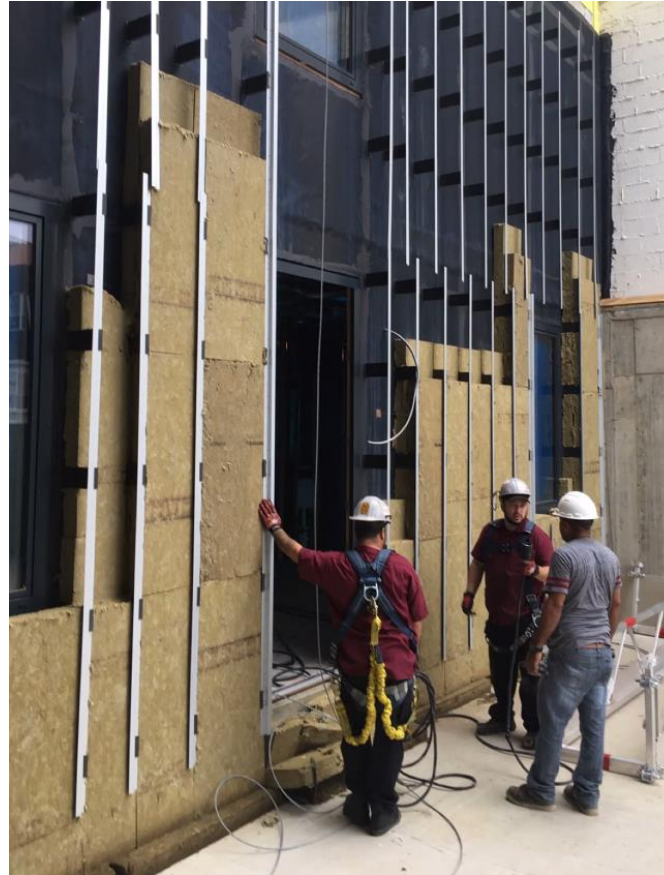
IMAGE COURTESY OF INVIZIJ ARCHITECTS / PASSIVE HOUSE ACCELERATOR

CANDELA LOFTS

- Hoboken, NJ (2019)
- Passive House Certified
- Project Team
 - Architect – Nastasi Architects
 - Contractor – Bijou Design Build
 - Passive House Consultant - bldgtyp



CANDELA LOFTS



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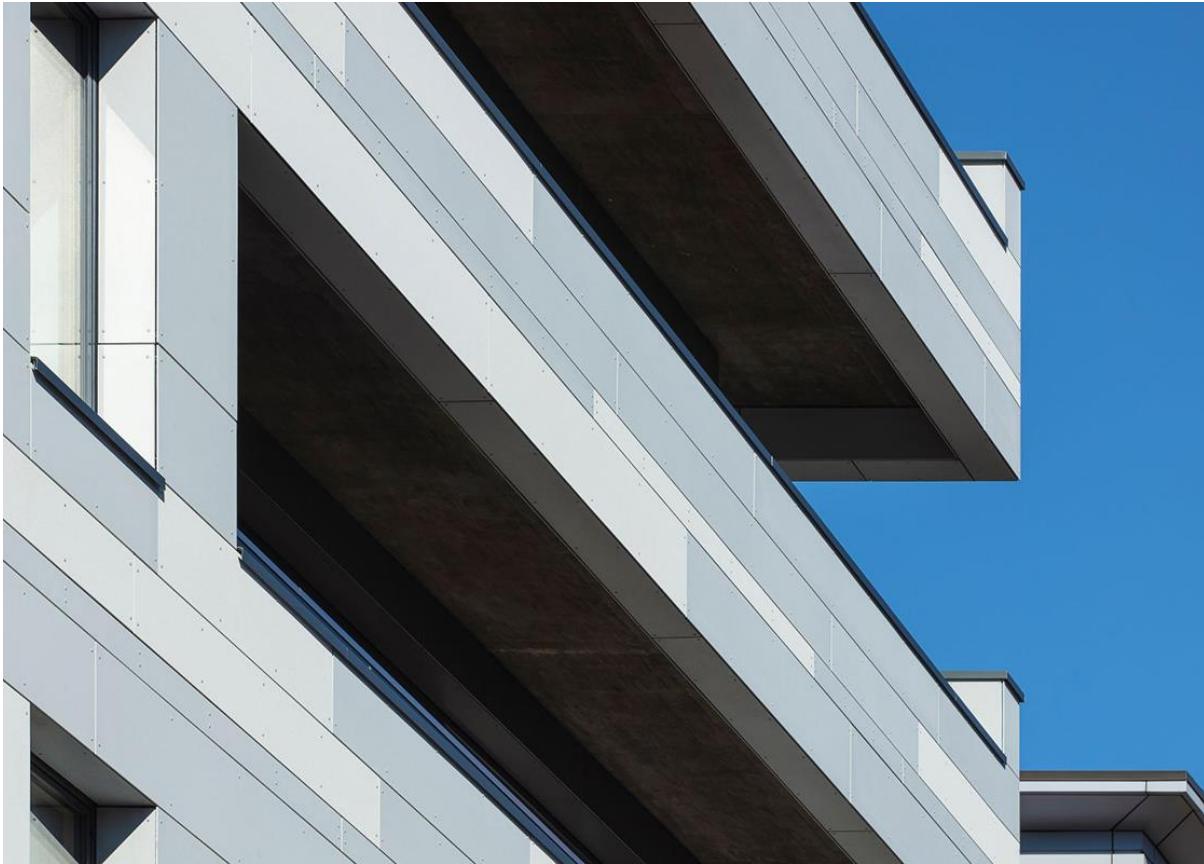


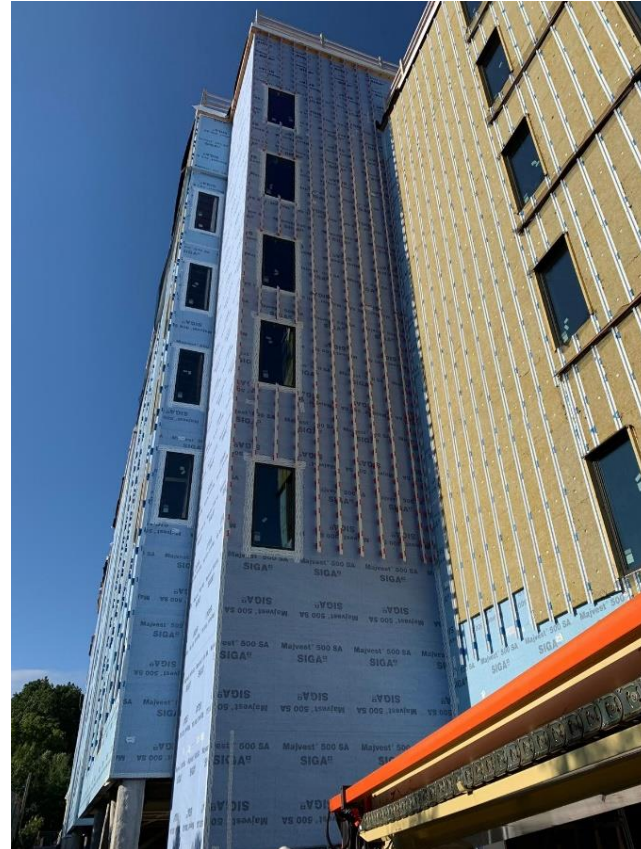
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FINCH CAMBRIDGE

- Cambridge, MA (2020)
- Passive House Certified
- Project Team
 - Architect – ICON Architecture
 - Developer – Homer's Rehab Inc. (HRI)
 - General Contractor
 - NEI General Contracting
 - Cladding Contractor
 - JKA construction



FINCH CAMBRIDGE



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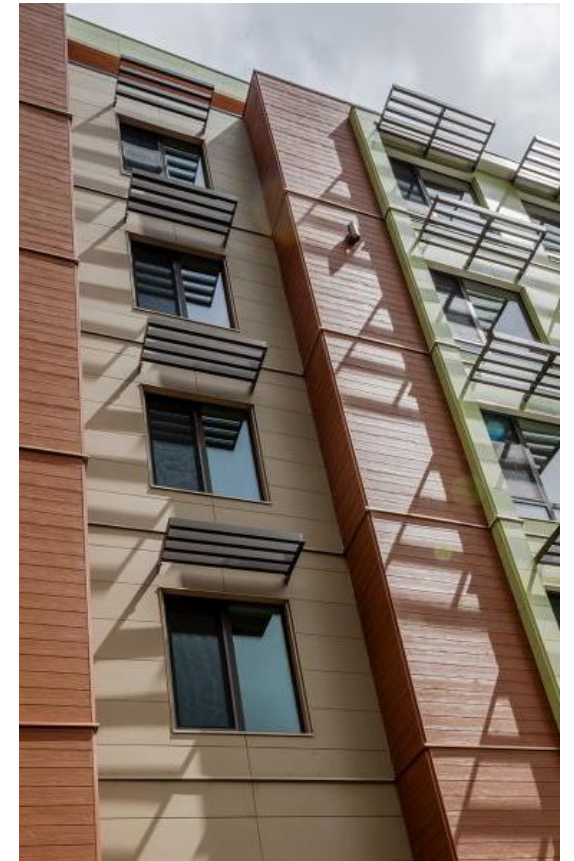


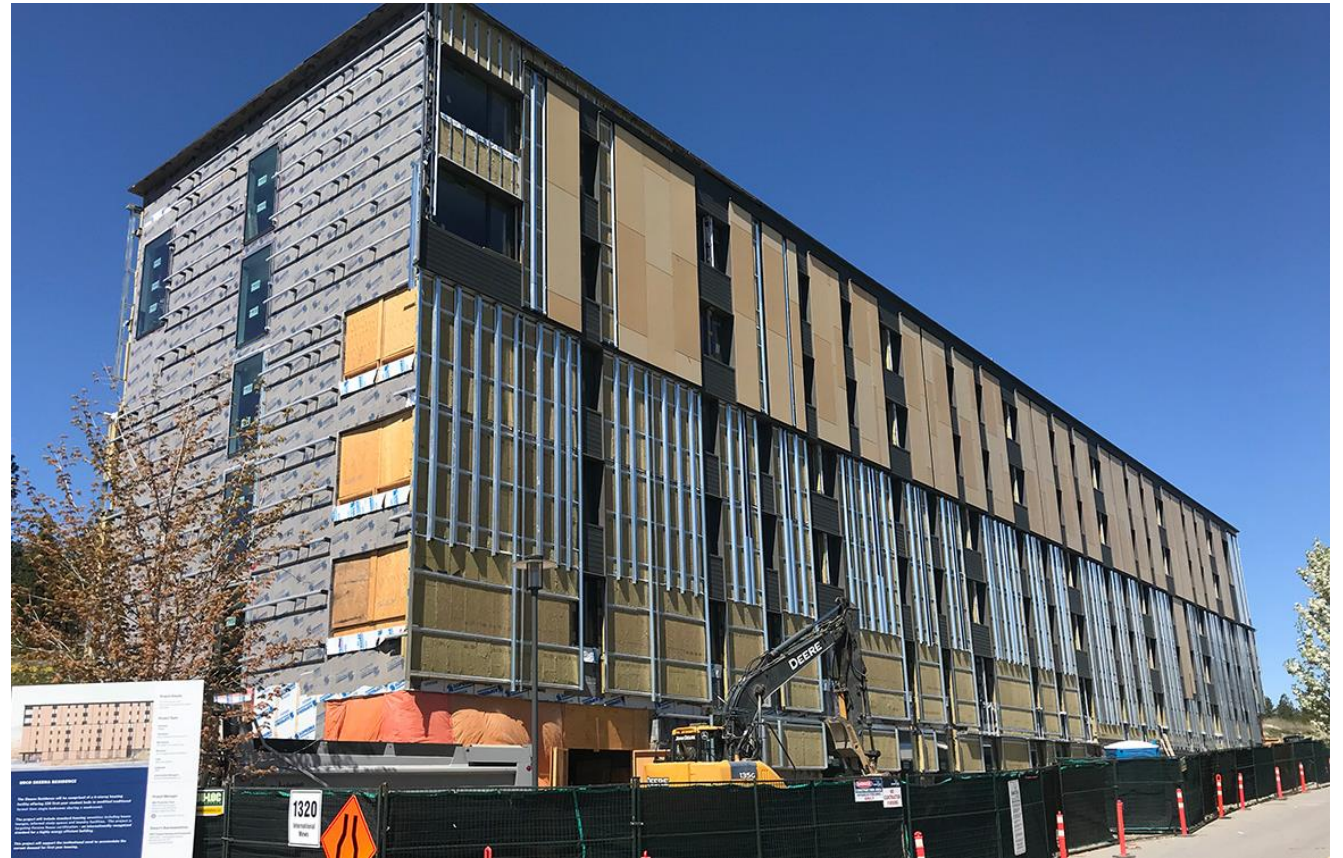
IMAGE COURTESY OF ICON ARCHITECTURE

UBC OKANAGAN - SKEENA HOUSE

- Prince George, BC (2020)
- Passive House Certified
- Project Team
 - Architect – PUBLIC
 - Developer – University of British Columbia
 - Construction Management
 - Sawchuck Developments
 - Consultant – RDH Building Science



UBC OKANAGAN - SKEENA HOUSE



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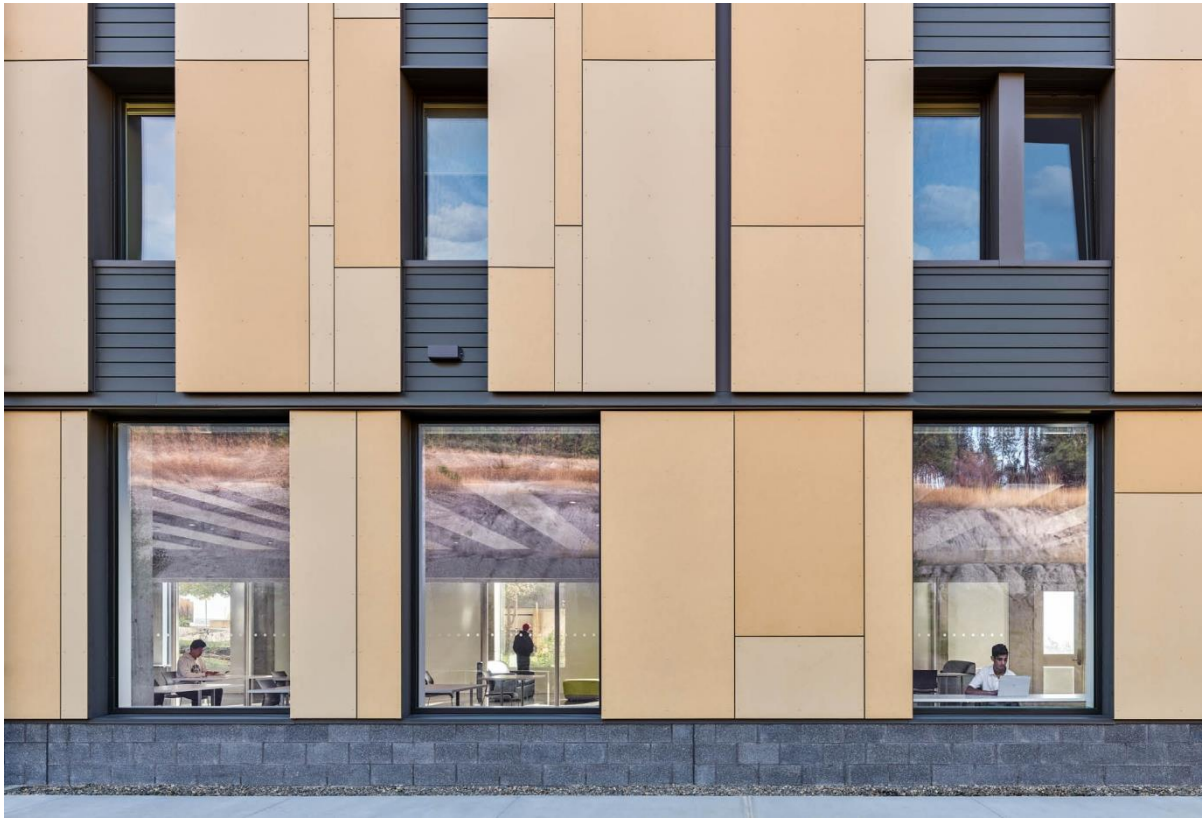


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KEY TAKE AWAYS

Recap of key topics from today's session

GLASS FIBERGLASS
SPACER THERMAL SPACER



KEY TAKE AWAYS

CLADDING ATTACHMENTS HAVE HUGE IMPACT

Design | Material | Installation

Thermal bridging through cladding attachments can reduce insulation efficacy by up to 50%

EMERGING BUILDING CODES OFFER FLEXIBILITY

Prescriptive vs Energy Use

Emerging, more stringent Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS) allow for design flexibility

PRODUCT PERFORMANCE IS A MATRIX

A Feature vs Overall Performance

Cladding attachment performance must be evaluated holistically and aligned with project goals

**QUESTIONS
& COMMENTS?**





COMMON QUESTIONS

DETAILING SUPPORT:

- Do you have profile drawings and installation details available?
- Available for download (PDF & DWG)?

SPECIFYING SUPPORT:

- Do you have a 3-part spec?
- Do you have engineering reports available?
- Available for download (Word doc & PDFs)

INSTALLATION SUPPORT:

- Do you have installation videos & instructions available?
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