

## *Demystifying 9.36*

*(JUST GIVE ME THE TEMPLATE!)*

The devotion of a whole section to the code to 9.36 is a massive shift in detail.

It is meant to be flexible, but thorough. It provides options, but these options mean builders must do more than meet a requirement they must think about which is the most cost-effective way to meet that requirements

## ***Key Questions You Need to be Able to Answer***

1. Does the project fall under the scope of 9.36?
2. Should I choose the prescriptive, trade-off or performance path?
3. What “Zone” is the building built in?
4. What are the **required RSI values** for assemblies?
5. How do I calculate **assembly RSI values**?
6. Have I achieved **continuity of insulation**?
7. Have I dealt with the key areas for **air sealing**?
8. Have I confirmed the that windows, doors, skylights, and HVAC equipment meet the code?
9. An over view of the Performance Path

# *Question #1*

**Does My Building  
Fall Under Part 9?**

## **Does the Building Fall in the Scope of 9.36? (9.1.1.1 & Div. A 1.3.3 (1))**

- ▶ Buildings of residential occupancy to which Part 9 applies
  - ▶ building area not exceeding 600 m<sup>2</sup>
  - ▶ 3 storeys or less in height (dwellings)
  - ▶ Residential, business and personal, mercantile, medium and low hazard industrial occupancies
- ▶ Businesses whose combined total floor area does not exceed 300 m<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ Applies to secondary suites

The Scope is set in 9.1.1.1 Application that references Division A Subsection 1.3.3 Application of Parts 9, 10 and 11

- 1) Part 9 of Division B applies to all *buildings* described in Article 1.1.1.1. of 3 storeys or less in *building height*, having a *building area* not exceeding 600 m<sup>2</sup>, and used for *major occupancies* classified as
  - a) Group C, *residential occupancies* (see Appendix Note A-9.1.1.1.(1) of Division B),
  - b) Group D, *business and personal services occupancies*,
  - c) Group E, *mercantile occupancies*, or
  - d) Group F, Divisions 2 and 3, *medium- and low-hazard industrial occupancies*.

- Area excludes parking garages that serve residential occupancies

Buildings containing non residential occupancies where the non-residential spaces are more than 300m<sup>2</sup> floor area

## Scope Continued

- ▶ Common spaces required to be conditioned spaces
- ▶ 9.36.2.1. 8) garage walls (common and exterior)
- ▶ Does not include:
  - ▶ Storage and parking garages (large)
  - ▶ Small service rooms
  - ▶ Unconditioned spaces
  - ▶ Log wall assemblies

For the purpose of this Section “common space” means all spaces intended to be conditioned to the requirements of the Code not within a *suite and walls serving suites except crawl spaces, vertical service shafts, and elevator shafts.*

There is an Alberta clause related to garages in the scope and application section - 9.36.2.1 8 related to garages:

- 8) The requirements of this Subsection also apply to components of a *building envelope* assembly that separate a heated or unheated attached garage from unconditioned space or the exterior air, where
- a) not more than one *dwelling unit*, or
  - b) a house with a *secondary suite*.

From M.A. - That ABC-specific provision was a result of the Alberta-specific provisions we have under Section 9.35. of the ABC, for the HIRF-based interior finishing/thermal insulation requirement for garages.

Log homes must still meet the other bldg. envelope requirements, such as those for windows and door. This is an Alberta-specific rule.

Alberta also exempts walls, floor and ceiling assemblies of Part 10 Relocatable Industrial Accommodation

## **Question #2**

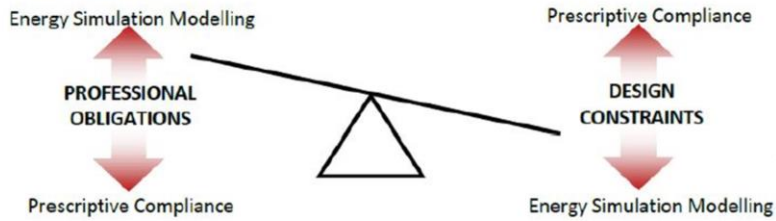
*Should I choose the prescriptive,  
trade-off or performance path?*

## Which Path for Compliance?

- ▶ Prescriptive
- ▶ Performance



- ▶ Do you build custom or production
- ▶ Do you build with a lot of glass?
- ▶ Do you experiment with new ways of building?
- ▶ Do you want to optimize costs and savings?
- ▶ Is there a sale advantage in one or the other?



## ***Learn the Prescriptive Path and Then Decide***

- ▶ Know what heating Zone you are building in;
- ▶ Do you want to meet the requirements with or without an HRV?
- ▶ How do you want to build the wall assemblies?
- ▶ Determine if each assembly meets the requirements?
- ▶ Ensure continuity of insulation
- ▶ Ensure the other pieces meet requirements (wdws, HVAC)
- ▶ Learn to speak the new lingo;



## *Question #3*

What Zone is my construction in?

## ***Heating Zones & RSI Determination***

- ▶ Based on heating degree days (HDD)
- ▶ Values linked to various “sites”
- ▶ HDD Found in Division B, Appendix C,
  - ▶ pages C-12 to C-15
- ▶ Zones are found in tables for Required RSI values
  - ▶ Pages 9-227 to 9-231

### **Exercise 1:**

- ▶ What are the HDD and Zones for:
- ▶ Beaverlodge
- ▶ Sexsmith
- ▶ Hythe
- ▶ Clairmont

A heating degree days is

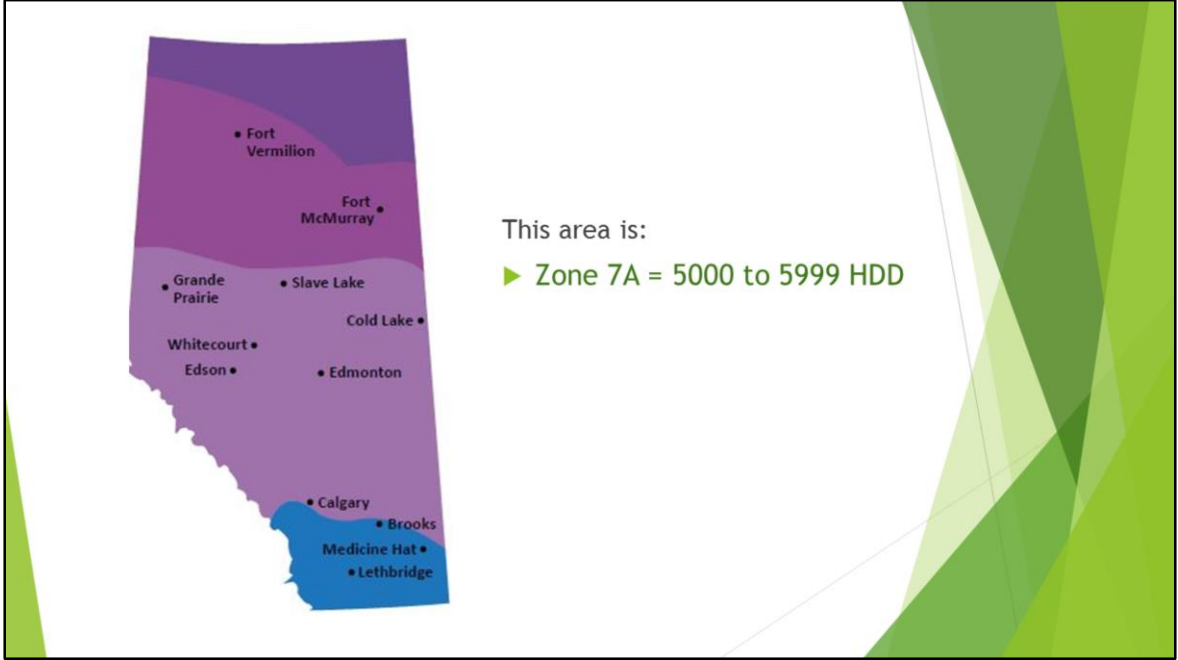
Beaver Lodge = 5700

Sexsmith = 5850

Hythe not listed

Clairmont not listed

All the areas you build in area in zone 7A



## **Question #4**

***What are the required RSI values  
for assemblies?***

## Learn to Speak the New Lingo!

- ▶ **Effective** RSI values for building assemblies
  - ▶ “effective thermal *resistance*”
  - ▶ i.e. transmission through framing combined with insulated areas (9.36.1.2(3))

$$\text{RSI to R} = \text{RSI} \times 5.678$$

- ▶ U-value for windows and doors
  - ▶ Overall thermal *transmittance* (9.36.1.2(2))
  - ▶ Overall window value by A440.2

- Effective versus nominal; taking into account the varying insulation abilities of different materials in an assembly; a blended thermal resistance value;
- Tables given for framing percentages with and without framing in common assemblies;
- Tables given for RSI values of common materials
- Simple calculation for calculating the overall (effective) thermal resistance of an assembly'
- Calculations given for calculating and overall RSI for an assembly
  
- A440 procedure calculates U-values for overall windows, taking into account centre of glass, edge of glass and frame.

## RSI Requirements in the Code

► ABC page 9-227, Page 9-231, or Illustrated Guide

**Table 9.36.2.6.A.**  
**Effective Thermal Resistance of Above-ground Opaque Assemblies in Buildings without a Heat-Recovery Ventilator**  
 Forming Part of Sentence 9.36.2.6.(1)

Above-ground Opaque <i>Building Assembly</i>	Heating Degree-Days of <i>Building Location</i> , <sup>(1)</sup> in Celsius Degree-Days					
	Zone 4 < 3000	Zone 5 3000 to 3999	Zone 6 4000 to 4999	Zone 7A 5000 to 5999	Zone 7B 6000 to 6999	Zone 8 ≥ 7000
	Minimum Effective Thermal Resistance (RSI) (m <sup>2</sup> ·K)/W					
Ceilings below attics	6.91	8.67	8.67	10.43	10.43	10.43
Cathedral ceilings and flat roofs	4.67	4.67	4.67	5.02	5.02	5.02
Walls <sup>(2)</sup>	2.78	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.85	3.85
Floors over unheated spaces	4.67	4.67	4.67	5.02	5.02	5.02

Look through the pages.

## **Exercise: Find These RSI Requirements in the code:**

- ▶ What would the effective RSI value in Zone 7A be for an above grade wall if you do not use an HRV?
  - ▶ Page 9-227, 3.08
- ▶ What would be the effective RSI value in Zone 7A for basement wall **with** an HRV?
  - ▶ Page 9-231 2.98
- ▶ What would be the effective RSI value for an **unheated** floor above grade?
  - ▶ Page 9-231, 1.98
- ▶ Where does it talk about RSI values for rim joists?
  - ▶ Page 9-228. 9.36.2.6 (2)

# RSI Values for Assemblies: Illustrated Guide

## Thermal Characteristics of Building Assemblies (9.36.2.6. to 9.36.2.8.)

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Ceiling below attics	8.67 (49.2)	8.67 (49.2)	10.43 (59.2)	8.67 (49.2)	10.43 (59.2)	10.43 (59.2)
Cathedral ceilings and flat roofs	4.67 (26.5)	4.67 (26.5)	5.02 (28.5)	5.02 (28.5)	5.02 (28.5)	5.02 (28.5)
Above grade walls	3.08 (17.5)	2.97 (16.9)	3.08 (17.5)	2.97 (16.9)	3.85 (21.9)	3.08 (17.5)
Floors over unheated spaces	4.67 (26.5)	4.67 (26.5)	5.02 (28.5)	5.02 (28.5)	5.02 (28.5)	5.02 (28.5)
Rim joists	3.08 (17.5)	2.97 (16.9)	3.08 (17.5)	2.97 (16.9)	3.85 (21.9)	3.08 (17.5)
Below grade foundation walls	2.98 (16.2)	2.98 (16.2)	3.46 (19.7)	2.98 (16.2)	3.46 (19.7)	2.98 (16.2)
Unheated floors below frost line	Uninsulated		Uninsulated		Uninsulated	
Exterior walls of a heated attached garage	3.08 (17.5)	2.97 (16.9)	3.08 (17.5)	2.97 (16.9)	3.85 (21.9)	3.08 (17.5)
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Unheated floors above frost line	1.96 (11.1)	1.96 (11.1)	1.96 (11.1)	1.96 (11.1)	1.96 (11.1)	1.96 (11.1)
Slabs-on-grade with an integral footing	1.96 (11.1)	1.96 (11.1)	3.72 (21.1)	2.84 (16.1)	3.72 (21.1)	2.84 (16.1)
Heated floors	2.32 (13.2)	2.32 (13.2)	2.84 (16.1)	2.84 (16.1)	2.84 (16.1)	2.84 (16.1)
Windows and doors	1.60 (9.1)	1.60 (9.1)	1.60 (9.1)	1.60 (9.1)	1.40 (8.0)	1.40 (8.0)
Skylights	2.70 (15.3)	2.70 (15.3)	2.70 (15.3)	2.70 (15.3)	2.40 (13.6)	2.40 (13.6)
Skylight shafts	3.08 (17.5)	2.97 (16.9)	3.08 (17.5)	2.97 (16.9)	3.85 (21.9)	3.08 (17.5)
Attic access hatch	2.60 (14.8)	2.60 (14.8)	2.60 (14.8)	2.60 (14.8)	2.60 (14.8)	2.60 (14.8)

Note #2 | Section 9.36.2.4 (4) of the Code allows for a relaxation of RSI 0.16 for building envelope assemblies adjacent to unconditioned enclosed spaces such as enclosed verandas, sun porches, floors over garages, or walls between an attached garage and a house. This does not include vented spaces such as an attic, roof and crawl spaces.

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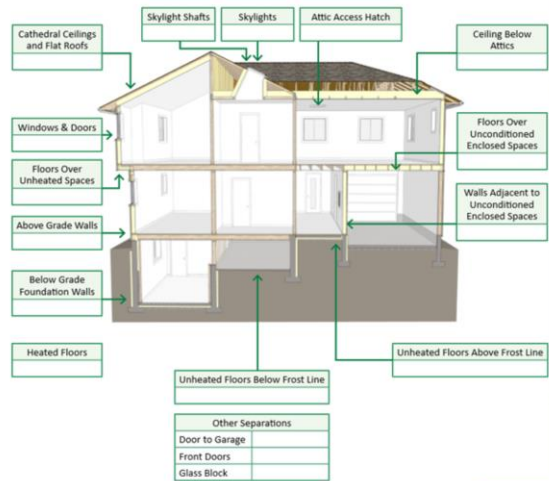


## ***Question #5***

***How do I calculate assembly  
RSI values?***

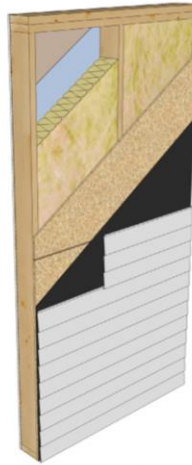
## Step 1: List the Assemblies Used in the Building

- ▶ Roof
- ▶ Above grade wall
- ▶ Below grade wall
- ▶ Floors over unheated spaces
- ▶ Rims, headers etc.
- ▶ Areas built differently
  - ▶ Garage walls
  - ▶ Tall walls
  - ▶ Areas with *significant* different finishes

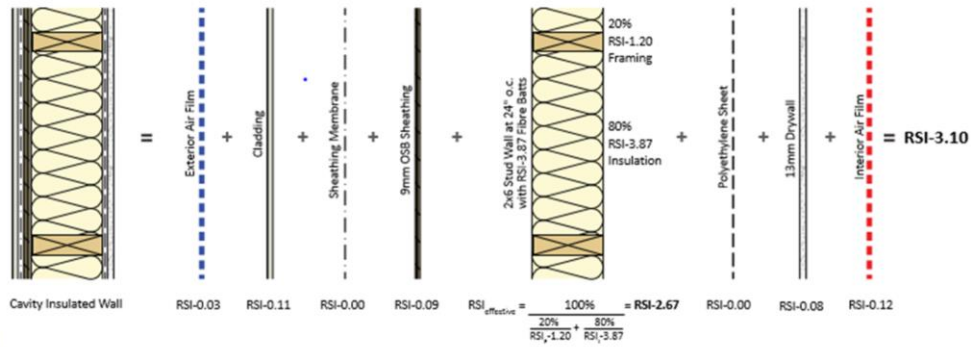


## ***Step #2: List the Layers in each assembly***

Outside Air Film  
Siding  
Sheathing paper  
Sheathing  
Studs 2x6 24" o.c  
R22 Insulation  
Poly  
Gypsum Board  
Interior Air Film



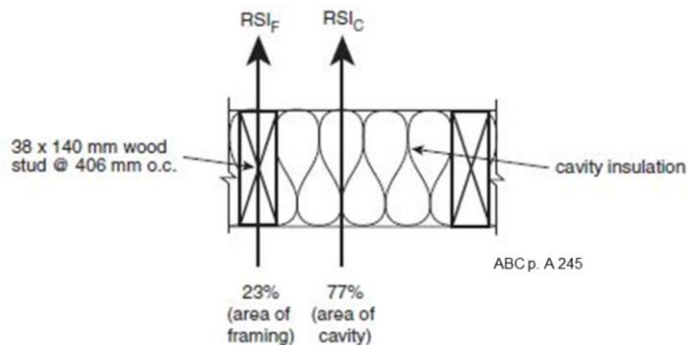
## Cavity Insulated Wall Assembly



**Note #5** | For wall assemblies with no exterior vented air space behind the cladding, the insulation value of the cladding can be included in the effective RSI value calculation.

## Step 3: Determine Framing & Cavity Percentages

► ABC pages A 245 to a 248



If you are going to use the prescriptive path for compliance, you need to understand how to calculate areas of various assemblies

9.36.2.3 - Fenestration means more than windows. It is any building envelope assembly that transmits visible light such as skylights, glass block, translucent panels, transoms, skylights, tubular light pipes etc.

-If the trade-off options is used, calculation of envelope areas and window areas may be necessary.

-There is a credit for adjoining unconditioned spaces of 0.16 RSI (R-1)

- Areas that may need to be calculated separately could be tall wall areas.

## Framing Cavity Percentages in ABC

Table A-9.36.2.4.(1)A.  
Framing and Cavity Percentages for Typical Wood-frame Assemblies<sup>(1)</sup>

Wood-frame Assemblies		Frame Spacing, mm o.c.									
		304		406		488		610		1220	
		% Area Framing	% Area Cavity	% Area Framing	% Area Cavity	% Area Framing	% Area Cavity	% Area Framing	% Area Cavity	% Area Framing	% Area Cavity
Floors	lumber joists	-	-	13	87	11.5	88.5	10	90	-	-
	I-joists and truss	-	-	9	91	7.5	92.5	6	94	-	-
Roofs/ Ceilings	ceilings with typical trusses	-	-	14	86	12.5	87.5	11	89	-	-
	ceilings with raised heel trusses	-	-	10	90	8.5	91.5	7	93	-	-
	roofs with lumber rafters and ceilings with lumber joists	-	-	13	87	11.5	88.5	10	90	-	-
	roofs with I-joist rafters and ceilings with I-joists	-	-	9	91	7.5	92.5	6	94	-	-
	roofs with structural insulated panels (SIPs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	91
Walls	typical wood-frame	24.5	75.5	23	77	21.5	78.5	20	80	-	-
	advanced wood-frame with double top plate <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	19	81	17.5	82.5	16	84	-	-
	SIPs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	86
	basement wood-frame inside concrete foundation wall	-	-	16	84	14.5	85.5	13	87	-	-

From the 2014 Alberta Building Code

## Step #4: Determine the RSI of Materials:

► See Tables in ABC 2014 pages A-253 to A-259

Sheathing Materials	Thickness of Material	Thermal Resistance (RSI), (m <sup>2</sup> K)/W per mm	Thermal Resistance (RSI), (m <sup>2</sup> K)/W for thickness listed
Gypsum sheathing	12.7 mm	0.063	0.08
Insulating fibreboard	—	0.016	—
Particleboard:			
low density (593 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	—	0.0098	—
medium density (800 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	—	0.0077	—
high density (993 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	—	0.0059	—
Plywood – generic softwood	9.5 mm	0.0087	0.083
	11 mm		0.096
	12.5 mm		0.109
	15.5 mm		0.135
	18.5 mm		0.161

## **Exercise #2**

1. What is the RSI value of:

- ▶ A fiberglass batt in a 2x6 above grade wall?
  - ▶ Page A-251, R19 (R20 compressed) = 3.34
  
- ▶ A 2x6 wall stud?
  - ▶ Page A-253, Wood, structural framing, spruce-pine-fir
  - ▶  $0.0085 \times 140 \text{ mm} = 1.19$
  
- ▶ 4" of spray foam?
  - ▶ Closed cell = medium density
  - ▶  $100 \text{ mm} \times 0.036 = 3.60$



## Step 5: Determine Blended RSI for Assemblies

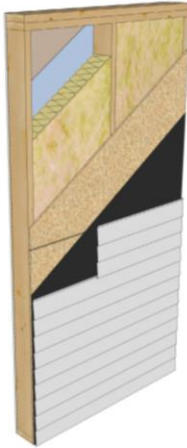
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	Thickness (mm)	RSI/mm	RSI-value (R-value)	Effective RSI-value calculation	RSI-value Effective
38x140 wood studs at 600 mm o.c.	140	0.0085	1.19	$\frac{100}{20}$	= 2.67 (R-15.2)
R22 batt insulation	140	-	3.87	$\frac{80}{3.87}$	
				1.19 + 3.87	

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## Step 6: Add RSI's for Each Material

Example: Above Grade wall 2x6, 24 o.c. R22 Batt vinyl clad



	Thickness (mm)	RSI/mm	RSI-value
Exterior air film	-	-	0.03
Vinyl siding	-	-	0.11
Building paper	-	-	0.00
OSB sheathing	9.5	0.0098	0.09
2x6 wood framing at 24" o.c. filled with R22 batt insulation*	-	-	2.67*
Polyethylene sheet	-	-	0.00
Gypsum board	12.7	0.0061	0.08
Interior air film	-	-	0.12

**Assembly effective RSI = 3.10**  
(R-17.6)

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Highlight how cladding can change the RSI.

Also how walls built in different ways need to be modeled differently.

Look at percentage of windows.

## Above Grade Wall - Framed Wall Calculation

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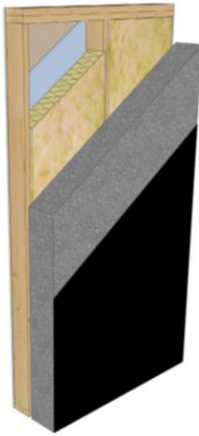
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## ICF Wall



	Thickness (mm)	RSI/mm	RSI-value
Exterior water-/dampproofing	-	-	0.00
EPS Type 2	70	0.028	1.96
Concrete wall	152	0.0004	0.06
EPS Type 2	70	0.028	1.96
Gypsum board	12.7	0.0061	0.08
Interior air film	-	-	0.12
<b>Assembly effective RSI =</b>			<b>4.22</b> (R-24.0)

## Concrete Frost Wall



	Thickness (mm)	RSI/mm	RSI-value
Exterior water/ dampproofing	-	-	0.00
Concrete wall	203	0.0004	0.08
1/2" batt insulation against concrete	13	0.030	0.39
2x6 wood framing at 24" o.c. filled with R24 batt insulation*	-	-	2.33*
Air cavity in framing	13	-	0.16
Polyethylene sheet	-	-	0.00
Gypsum board	12.7	0.0061	0.08
Interior air film	-	-	0.12
<b>Assembly effective RSI =</b>			<b>3.36</b> <b>(R-19.1)</b>

# Step 7: Compare Calculated RSI to Required RSI

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Windows and doors	1.60 (m.1)	1.60 (m.1)	1.60 (m.1)	1.60 (m.1)	1.40 (m.0)	1.40 (m.0)
Stairwells	2.70 (m.1)	2.70 (m.1)	2.70 (m.1)	2.70 (m.1)	2.40 (m.0)	2.40 (m.0)
Stairwell shafts	3.08 (m.1)	2.97 (m.0)	3.08 (m.1)	2.97 (m.0)	3.85 (m.1)	3.08 (m.1)
Attic access hatch	2.60 (m.0)	2.60 (m.0)	2.60 (m.0)	2.60 (m.0)	2.60 (m.0)	2.60 (m.0)

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Climatic data shows most regions are warmer.

Division B, Appendix C C-12 –C15

## ***REVIEW: Steps to Assembly RSI For the PRESCRIPTIVE Path***

1. List the different assemblies used in the building
2. List the materials that make up the assembly
3. Determine framing and cavity percentages of the assembly
4. Assign RSI values for each material in an assembly
5. Adjust the framing and insulation RSI's to arrive at a blended RSI value for framed areas
6. Add the RSI values of each layer of the assembly to determine overall assembly RSI
7. Compare with the required RSI for your zone for each assembly

## *Make Your Own Tables or Excel Sheet*

Component	Thickness (mm_	RSI/mm	Percentages	RSI value
				Total=



A	B	C	D	E	F
<b>RSI Value Calculators</b>					
<b>Exterior Wall (Parallel-Path Flow Method)</b>					
	RSI (m <sup>2</sup> ·K/W)	Percentage (m <sup>2</sup> ·K/W)			RSI (EFF)
Outside Air Film					0.0300
Sliding					1.1100
Sheathing+saper					0.0900
Sheathing					0.0920
Studs	0.75 RSI	12 %			2.5117
R22 Insulation	3.87 RSI	87 %			4.0000
Poly					0.0000
Gypsum Board					0.0770
Interior Air Film					0.1200
<b>Total RSI</b>					<b>3.9417</b>
<b>Exterior Wall (See A-9.34.2.4.(1)A. &amp; B.)</b>					
					RSI (EFF)
Outside Air Film					0.0300
Sliding					1.1100
Sheathing+saper					0.0900
Sheathing					0.0920
2x4 @ 24" @ R22					2.6700
Poly					0.0000
Gypsum Board					0.0770
Interior Air Film					0.1200
<b>Total RSI</b>					<b>4.1990</b>
<b>Frost Wall (See A-9.34.2.4.(1)C.)</b>					
	Thickness	RSI/mm			RSI (EFF)
Concrete	203 mm	0.0004			0.0812
2x6 @ 24" @ R22 (saper)					2.5200
Poly					0.0000
Gypsum					0.0770
Interior Film					0.1200
<b>Total RSI</b>					<b>2.7982</b>
<b>Roof (See A-9.34.2.4.(1)A.)</b>					
	RSI (m <sup>2</sup> ·K/W)	Percentage (m <sup>2</sup> ·K/W)			RSI (EFF)
Outside Air Film					0.0300
Insulation (Continuous)					7.1300
Bottom Board	0.75 RSI	7 %			2.1932
Insulation	2.55 RSI	93 %			4.0000
Poly					0.0000
Gypsum Board					0.0770
Interior Air Film					0.1200
<b>Total RSI</b>					<b>9.5462</b>

***PAUSE - GOT That?***

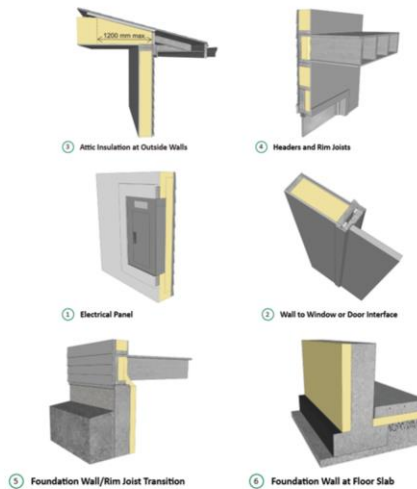


***Take Break!***

## Continuity of Insulation (9.36.2.5)

1. Interior building components that meet building envelope components
2. and major structural members what PARTLY penetrate the building envelope shall not:
  - ▶ break the continuity of the insulation and
  - ▶ decrease the RSI to less than the required for assemblies

These are the key exceptions:



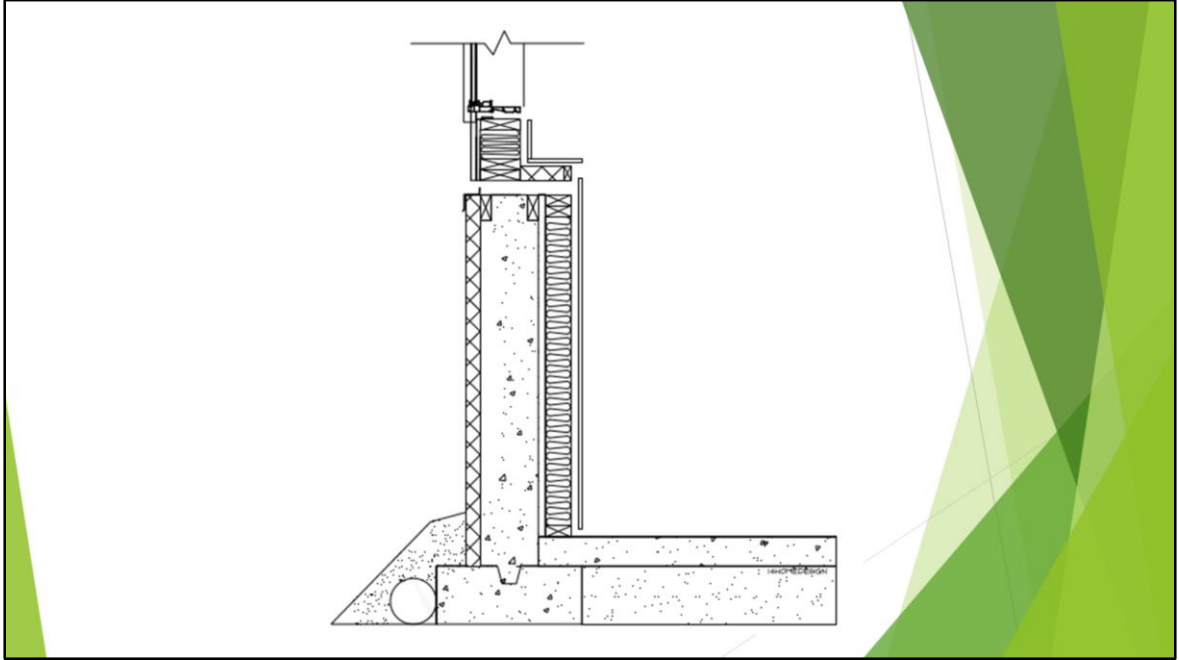
Interior building components that meet building envelope components and major structural members what PARTLY penetrate the building envelope shall not:



## *Continuity at Beams*

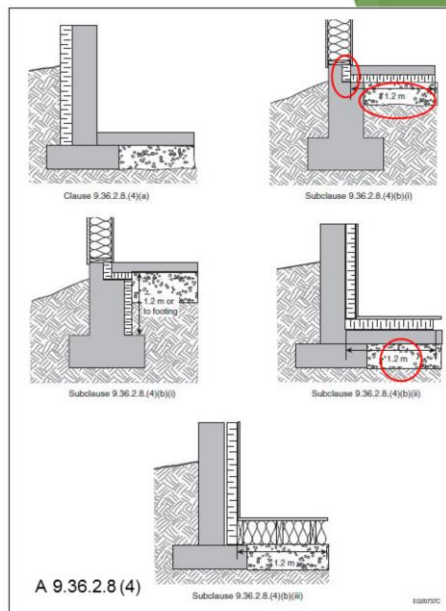






## ***Insulating Slabs Above Frost Line***

- ▶ Walk-out basements
- ▶ Bi-level homes
- ▶ Must work with soil gas control



4a – on the exterior

4bi – interior beneath slab for 1.2 m with thermal break at edge of slab, with 50% of RSI required

4bii – on top of slab 1.2 m from perimeter

4biii – within sleepers on the slab





# *Airtightness*

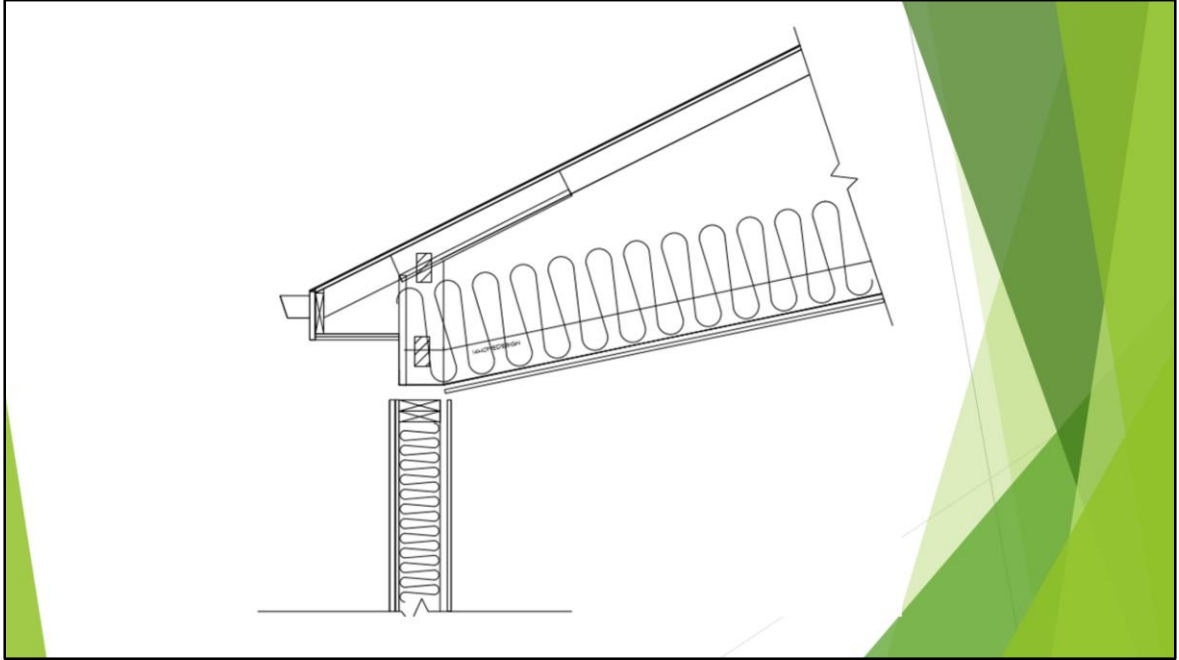
## ***Airtightness 9.36.2.10***

3 modes of meeting airtightness in 9.36:

- ▶ Meet 9.25.3 and 9.36.2.10
- ▶ 9.25 PLUS a tested assembly blower door test (performance compliance)
- ▶ Blower door test (performance compliance)

## ***Specific Areas for Prescriptive Compliance***

- ▶ Between wall and ceiling assemblies
- ▶ Joints from the wall /ceiling interface to the top of the foundation
- ▶ Cantilevered floors
- ▶ Interfaces of windows, doors, skylights
- ▶ Interior walls that meet exterior walls
- ▶ Electrical wiring outlets, switches, recessed light fixtures
- ▶ Ducts, stacks, chimneys, - any penetrations through the wall, ceiling or foundation assemblies.
- ▶ Party walls



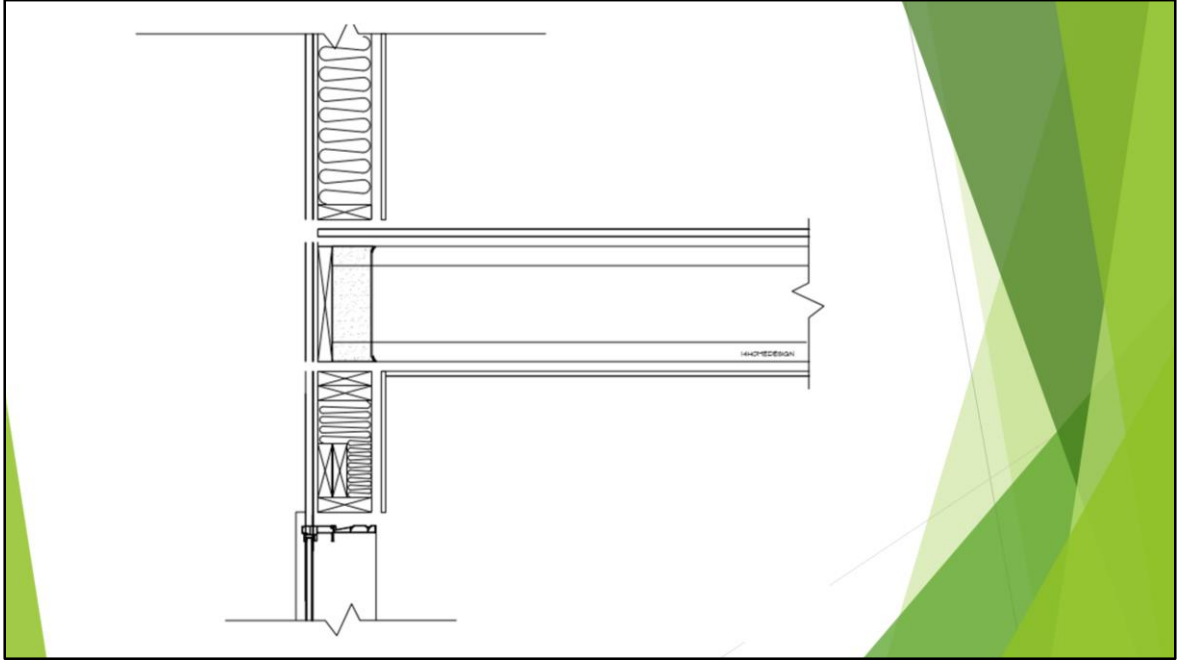


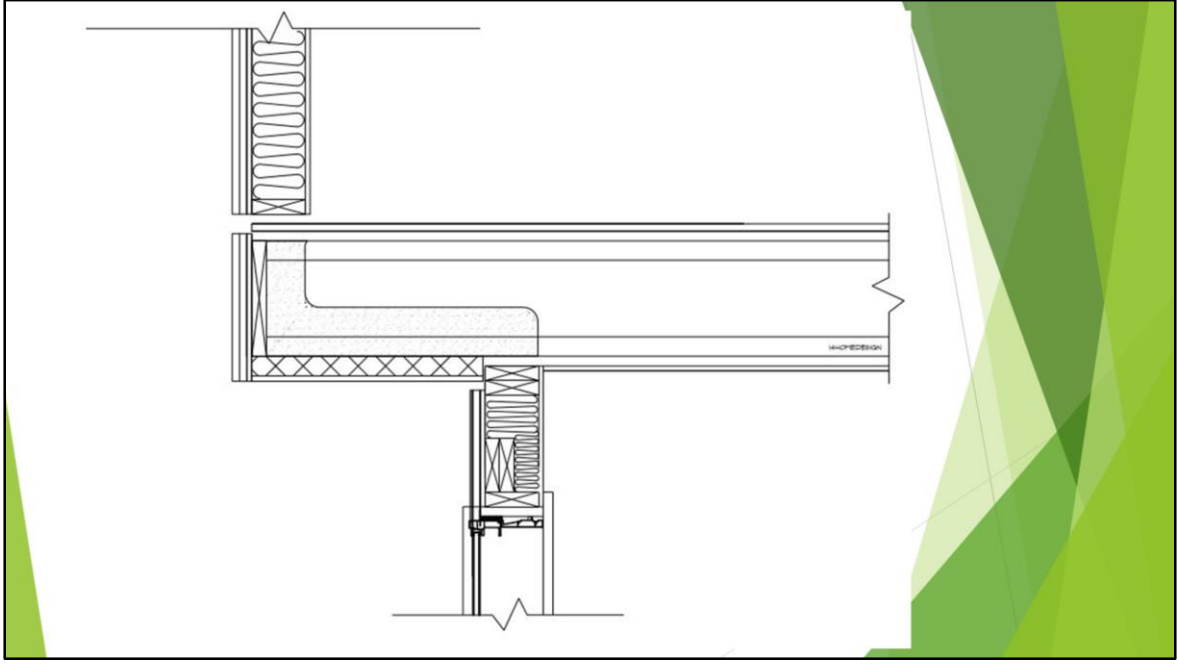




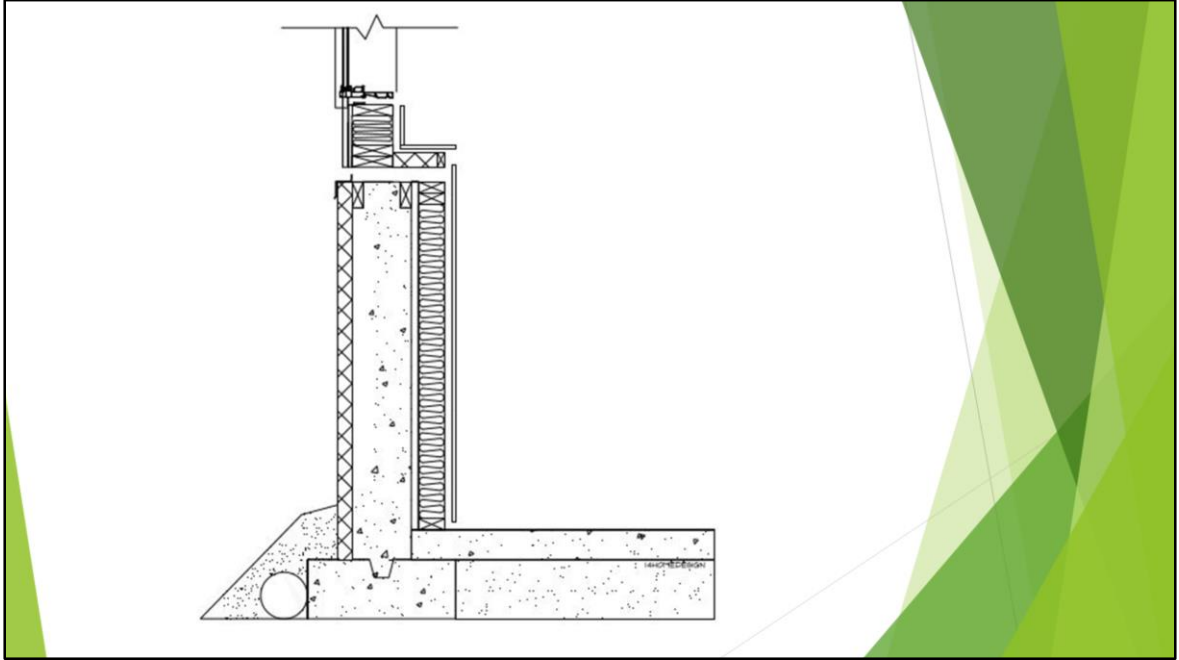
















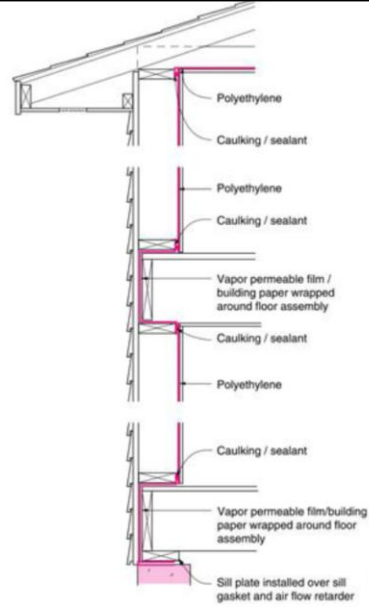






### **Exercise #3** **Air Sealing -** **Make the air** **barrier Continuous**

- ▶ A system of Sheet materials, sealants and solid materials across the whole assembly



## 9.36.2.7 Windows (Fenestration)

- ▶ No prescriptive area limits
- ▶ U-values or energy rating related to zone
  - ▶ U-value for doors and windows = 1.6
    - ▶ Energy Rating values doors and wdws = 25
  - ▶ U-value skylights = 2.7
  - ▶ Area Includes frames and sashes
  - ▶ Includes glass block, sidelights and glass inserts in doors
  - ▶ Must meet 9.7 (Installation, NAFS)

-9.7 Performance of Window

-9.36.1.2 (4) defines fenestration as all building envelope, assemblies, including their frames, that transfer visible light, such as windows, clerestories, skylights, translucent wall panels, glass block, transom sidelights, sliding overhead or swinging glass door, and glass inserts in doors

-These numbers are for zones 6 and 7A

- ER is harder to reach as it has an air tightness requirement; difficult for sliding windows and sliding patio doors

-Could be an issue with some basement windows; Some door manufacturers.

- site-built windows do not need to comply to U-values but must still meet airtightness

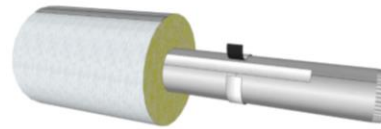
-There is more information on compliance options for site-built windows and doors and glass block in section 9.36.2.7

-17% to 22% FDWR used as references in building envelope trade-off option 3

- 9.36 assumes an maximum window area of 22 % compared to 33% for the NECB but the maximum is not stated in the body of 9.36

## ***HVAC Equipment and Ducts*** **9.36.3.**

- ▶ Equipment sized as per good practice and (9.23 & 9.33)
- ▶ Ducts *outside the plane of insulation*
  - ▶ Sealed joints
  - ▶ Insulated to same level as required for above-grade walls
- ▶ Ducts - under insulated floors over unheated spaces
  - ▶ Sealed
  - ▶ Insulated to wall RSI
- ▶ Dampers on
  - ▶ HRV intakes



-Equipment sizing – do our contractors know how to do this? This has been an issue in B.C.

-Duct sizing – Best practice according to HRAI, ASHRAE, SMCANA

-Under floors – Does this apply to bonus room floors? Does not consider round ducts.

- Dampers not needed where other regulations do not permit them or on equipment that is designed to operate continuously (furnaces?)

-Piping installed to the hydronic standard, B-214

-Alberta has an additional require clause 9.36.3.3 3) that provides and exemption for Part 10 buildings with fuel-fired warm-air furnaces

## ***HVAC Efficiencies***

### ***Table 9.36.4.10, page 9-239***

- ▶ What is the minimum efficiency for:
  - ▶ Gas-fired boilers
    - ▶ 90% AFUE
  - ▶ Gas-fired furnaces
    - ▶ 92% AFUE
  - ▶ Gas-fired fireplaces
    - ▶ Direct vent, no standing pilot
  - ▶ Air conditioners,
    - ▶ air cooled 14 or 14.5 SEER

Fireplaces efficiencies according to CSA P4 or Enerchoice  
Issue with these being considered as heating appliances  
Split and single packages

## **Service Water**      **9.36.4.2**

- ▶ Service water = domestic water heating equipment
  - ▶ Gas-fired storage tanks(<22KW)
    - ▶  $EF \geq 0.67 - .0005 V$
  - ▶ Electric
    - ▶  $Et \geq 98\%$
  - ▶ Gas-fired tankless
    - ▶  $\leq 117kW$   $EF \geq 0.8$
- ▶ Insulation of piping by inlet and outlet or 2 metres - 12 mm thickness; recirculation systems
- ▶ Applies to pool heaters

-Such as boilers, pool heaters and storage tanks

- water heater tank efficiency is after standby losses

## **Ventilation**

### **9.36.3.9**

- ▶ HRV's optional
  - ▶ Reduced level of insulation may be installed in the building envelope
  - ▶ Sensible heat recovery efficiency of:
    - ▶ 60% at 0° C
    - ▶ 55 at -25° C

- No mention of installation type or requirements for installation – no standards, no reference for training etc.

- Sensible heat recovery percentage are for 2.5% January design temperature of less than -10 C

### ***Trade-off (9.36.2.11)***

- ▶ opaque for opaque, window for window
- ▶ several restrictions on this path;
- ▶ minimum thermal resistance levels (55%)
- ▶ areas must be the same

## ***What are the munis looking for?***

- ▶ Choice of compliance path
- ▶ Assembly RSI values and how you got there
- ▶ Any area you used the trade off path
- ▶ Construction Details for air sealing
- ▶ Info on your E.A.

What Grande





EFFECTIVE THERMAL RESISTANCE CALCULATIONS	
FRAMED WALL	
BLENDED RSI CALCULATION - 2x6 WALL (140mm x 0.0985 RSI2mm) - R20 BATT INSULATION (140mm - RSI 3.87)	EXTERIOR AIR FILM 0.03
	VINYL SIDING 0.11
	BUILDING PAPER 0.00
	OSB (11mm) 0.108
$RSI = \frac{100}{\left( \frac{0.0985 \times 140}{100} \right) + \left( \frac{3.87 \times 140}{100} \right)}$	BLENDED RSI FROM CALCULATION 2.6681924
	VAPOUR BARRIER 0.00
	GYPFLAM (12.7mm) 0.08
	INTERIOR AIR FILM 0.12
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$RSI = \frac{100}{37.49028}$	
RSI = 2.6681924	RSI <sub>eff</sub> 3.12

EFFECTIVE THERMAL RESISTANCE CALCULATIONS	
ROOF / CEILING / ATTIC	
BLENDED RSI CALCULATION - 2x6 BOTTOM CHORDS (89mm x 0.0985 RSI2mm) - R20 BATT INSULATION (140mm - RSI 3.82)	EXTERIOR AIR FILM 0.03
	GLASS FIBRE (205mm x 0.01675mm) 7.6125
$RSI = \frac{100}{\left( \frac{0.0985 \times 89}{100} \right) + \left( \frac{3.82 \times 140}{100} \right)}$	BLENDED RSI FROM CALCULATION 2.8031939
	VAPOUR BARRIER 0.00
	GYPFLAM (12.7mm) 0.08
	INTERIOR AIR FILM 0.12
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$RSI = \frac{100}{33.87263}$	
RSI = 2.8031939	RSI <sub>eff</sub> 19.63

EFFECTIVE THERMAL RESISTANCE CALCULATIONS	
FOUNDATION WALL / FROST WALL	
BLENDED RSI CALCULATION - 2x6 WALL (140mm x 0.0985 RSI2mm) - R20 BATT INSULATION (140mm - RSI 3.52)	EXTERIOR AIR FILM 0.00
	NORMAL DENSITY CONCRETE (0.004mm) 0.000128
	AIR CAVITY (25.4mm) 0.18
$RSI = \frac{100}{\left( \frac{0.0985 \times 140}{100} \right) + \left( \frac{3.52 \times 140}{100} \right)}$	BLENDED RSI FROM CALCULATION 2.8058142
	VAPOUR BARRIER 0.00
	INTERIOR AIR FILM 0.12
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$RSI = \frac{100}{34.94273}$	
RSI = 2.8058142	RSI <sub>eff</sub> 3.11

EFFECTIVE THERMAL RESISTANCE CALCULATIONS	
PROTECTED WARM FLOOR (OVER UNCONDITIONED SPACE)	
BLENDED RSI CALCULATION - 1 1/2" T&I (68.8mm x 0.4) - LOOSE FILL GLASS FIBRE	BLENDED RSI CALCULATION - 2x6 JOISTS (140mm x 0.0985 RSI2mm) - LOOSE FILL GLASS FIBRE
$RSI = \frac{100}{\left( \frac{0.4 \times 68.8}{100} \right) + \left( \frac{0.0985 \times 140}{100} \right)}$	$RSI = \frac{100}{\left( \frac{0.0985 \times 89}{100} \right) + \left( \frac{0.0985 \times 140}{100} \right)}$
$RSI = \frac{100}{2.508}$	$RSI = \frac{100}{146.52083}$
$RSI = \frac{100}{2.508} + \frac{100}{146.52083}$	$RSI = \frac{100}{11.9}$
$RSI = \frac{100}{2.6174281}$	$RSI = \frac{100}{8.42308}$
$RSI = \frac{100}{16.221219}$	$RSI = \frac{100}{43.278150}$
RSI = 5.1756576	RSI = 2.3053080
	RSI <sub>eff</sub> 7.93

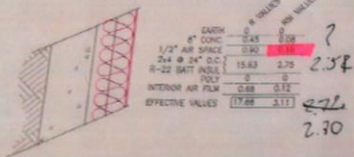
EFFECTIVE THERMAL RESISTANCE CALCULATIONS	
WALL @ RIM JOIST (PARALLEL TO JOISTS)	
EXTERIOR AIR FILM	0.03
VINYL SIDING	0.11
BUILDING PAPER	0.00
OSB SHEATHING (9.5mm)	0.063
INSULATED RIM JOIST	1.417839
R20 BATT INSULATION	3.52
INTERIOR AIR FILM	0.12
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RSI <sub>eff</sub>	5.29

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Lot: 21 Block: 22

W1-FOUNDATION WALLS

$R_{req} 15.9$   $RS_{req} 2.89$  REQUIRED W/HRV  
 NOTE: 2 1/4" WALL 3 1/2" FROM CONCRETE WALL



W2-EXTERIOR HOUSE WALL

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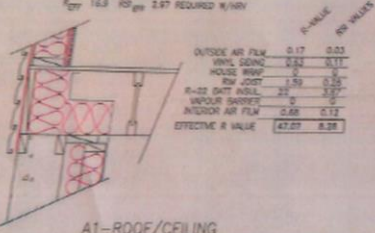
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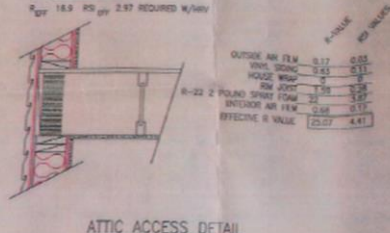
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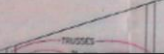
A1-ROOF/CEILING

$R_{req} 49.3$   $RS_{req} 8.67$  REQUIRED W/HRV

MAXIMUM DISTANCE FOR REDUCED REGULATION IN A TRUSS  
 4'-0" MAX

ATTIC ACCESS DETAIL

$R_{req} 49.3$   $RS_{req} 8.67$  REQUIRED W/HRV





# *Performance Path*

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