

Uniform Dwelling Code

2017 Updates

SPS 322



**ENERGY CONSERVATION
STANDARDS**

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UDC Energy Conservation Code Summary

- ▣ **2016 Code Change to 2009 IECC**
- ▣ **Plan Review and Permit Issuance Process**
- ▣ **Rough Inspection**

SPS 322.01 Scope of Code

SPS 322.01 Scope. (1) This chapter applies to all one- and 2-family dwellings covered by this code that use any amount of non-renewable energy for heat generation.

(2) The equipment efficiency standards in this chapter apply to all one- and 2-family dwellings covered by this code that use the respective equipment.

(3) (a) The vapor retarder requirements under s. [SPS 322.38](#) and the moisture control and ventilation requirements under s. [SPS 322.39](#) apply to any dwelling with insulation installed, whether or not the insulation is required under this code.

(b) The vapor retarder requirements under s. [SPS 322.38](#) do not apply to an unheated space, such as an attached, unheated garage.

Jan 1, 2016 Code Change How it Affected RESCheck

- ▣ **New Code and RESCheck Applications**

- ▣ **Code Compliance**
 - **Heat loss calculations**
 - **Equipment sizing**

What CHANGED: SPS 322 Effective 1-1-2016

Chapter SPS 322

ENERGY CONSERVATION

Subchapter I — Scope and Application	SPS 322.38	Vapor retarders.
SPS 322.01 Scope.	SPS 322.39	Ventilation and moisture control.
SPS 322.02 Application.		
Subchapter II — Definitions	Subchapter V — Systems	
SPS 322.10 Definitions.	SPS 322.40	Indoor temperatures and equipment sizing.
	SPS 322.41	Temperature control.
Subchapter III — Insulation Materials and Installation	SPS 322.42	Duct systems.
SPS 322.20 Basic requirements.	SPS 322.43	Duct and plenum sealing.
SPS 322.21 Protection of insulation.	SPS 322.44	Pipe insulation.
Subchapter IV — Dwelling Thermal Envelope	SPS 322.45	Air conditioner and heat pump efficiencies.
SPS 322.30 General design requirements.	SPS 322.46	Replacement furnace and boiler efficiencies.
SPS 322.31 Prescriptive insulation and fenestration criteria.	SPS 322.47	Equipment requirements.
SPS 322.32 Specific insulation requirements.	SPS 322.48	Indoor Pools.
SPS 322.33 Slab floors.	SPS 322.49	Lighting Equipment.
SPS 322.34 Crawl spaces.	Subchapter VI — Simulated Performance Alternative	
SPS 322.35 Thermally isolated sunrooms.	SPS 322.50	General.
SPS 322.36 Fenestration	SPS 322.51	Performance-based compliance.
SPS 322.37 Air leakage.	SPS 322.52	Documentation.
	SPS 322.53	Calculation procedure.

**Note: New
Testing Options
and Requirements**



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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Guidance Surrounding Department of Energy Support of Building Energy Code Compliance Software

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Building Energy Codes Program has made available guidance on how it intends to respond to requests for modified versions of energy code compliance software.

DOE has historically created a small number of custom versions of *REScheck* and *COMcheck* when requested by individual states which have adopted the national model codes with amendments. In recent years the number of these requests has increased to exceed available program resources. The following priorities provide internal consistency and transparency to the public regarding resources dedicated to *REScheck* and *COMcheck*.

1. *Order of Priorities for Developing and Maintaining REScheck and COMcheck Versions*

(a) Current version of national model codes as published.

DOE will not provide a custom version of *REScheck* or *COMcheck* for State or local codes that provide less energy savings than the current versions of the national model codes.

REScheck Software: Version and Function 322.31(2)(b)



Use Version **IECC 2009** Setting for Building Envelope Compliance

Version **4.6.2.0** will provide **'Compliance report'** using the **2009 IECC** and then run the **'Loads report'** using the **WI UDC 2009**

2009 IECC Baseline for Prescriptive Table

TABLE 322.31-1

INSULATION AND FENESTRATION REQUIREMENTS BY COMPONENT^a

Zone	Fenestration U-Factor	Skylight U-Factor	Ceiling R-Value	Wood Frame Wall R-Value	Mass Wall R-Value ⁱ	Floor R-Value	Basement Wall R-Value ^b	Crawl Space Wall R-Value ^b	Heated Slab R-Value ^c	Unheated Slab R-Value ^d
1	0.35	0.60	49 ^e	20 ^f or 13+5 ^g	15/19	30 ^h	15/19	10/13	10/15	10
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^a R-values are minimums. U-factors are maximums.

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^c The first R-value applies under the entire slab, regardless of depth below grade. The second R-value applies to the slab edge where the bottom of the slab is less than 12 inches below adjacent grade. Slab edge insulation shall extend downward from the top of the slab for a minimum of 48 inches or downward to at least the bottom of the slab and then horizontally to the interior or exterior for a minimum total distance of 48 inches. **Also, see s. SPS 321.16 for protection against frost for slabs with supports less than 4 feet below grade.**

Don't Forget the Footnotes

U-Factor and Total UA (REScheck Approach)

322.02 gives options

- **U-factor Alternative**

- Similar to Prescriptive but uses U-factors instead of R-values
- Allows for innovative or less common construction

Techniques such as structural insulated panels or log walls

- **Total UA Alternative**

- Same as U-factor alternative but allows trade-offs
- across all envelope components
- Approach used in REScheck software

Total UA Alternative (REScheck Approach) SPS 322.31-1

■ Per Proposed Bldg

- $U_{\text{wall}} \times A_{\text{wall}}$
- $U_{\text{roof}} \times A_{\text{roof}}$
- $U_{\text{door}} \times A_{\text{door}}$
- $U_{\text{window}} \times A_{\text{window}}$
- $U_{\text{skylight}} \times A_{\text{skylight}}$
- Etc.

Per Table 322.31-1

- $U_{\text{wall}} \times A_{\text{wall}}$
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- Etc.

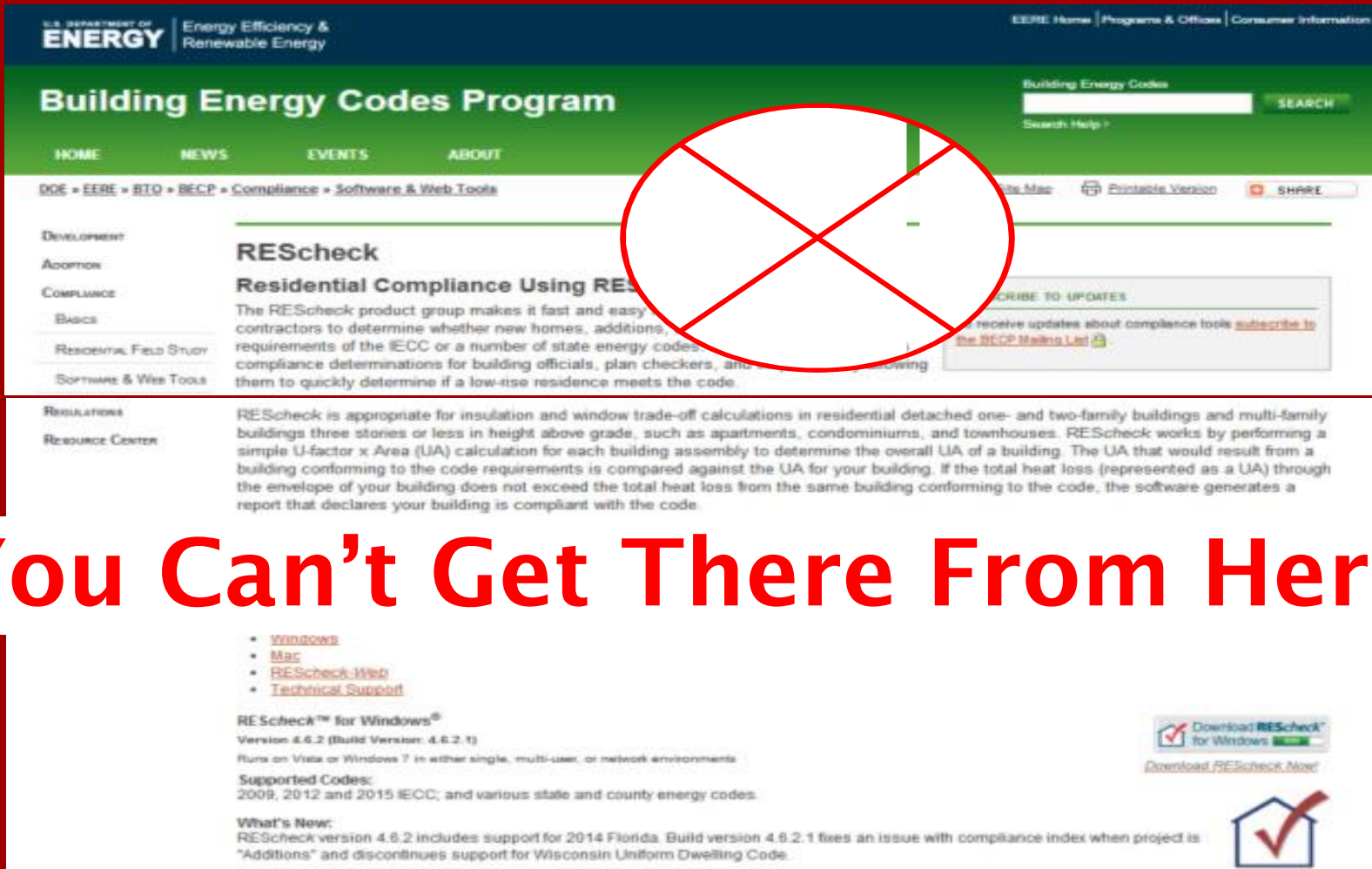
$$\text{Total } U_{\text{Proposed}} \times A_{\text{Proposed}} \leq \text{Total } U_{\text{Allowed}} \times A_{\text{Proposed}}$$

Energy Conservation Basics – Heat Loss Calculations

Heat flux (Q) is the rate of heat energy transfer through a given surface per unit time.

- ▣ Q (Heat Flux) = $U * A * \Delta T$
 - Q: Conduction Heat Loss (Btu/Hr)
 - U: Heat Transfer Coefficient or “U-Value” (Btu/Hr/ft²/°F)
 - A: Area (Ft²)
 - ΔT : Temperature Difference (°F)
- ▣ See SPS 322.31 for minimum envelope requirements.

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Residential Compliance Using REScheck

The REScheck product group makes it fast and easy for contractors to determine whether new homes, additions, renovations, or other projects meet the requirements of the IECC or a number of state energy codes. REScheck provides compliance determinations for building officials, plan checkers, and others, allowing them to quickly determine if a low-rise residence meets the code.

REGULATIONS

RESOURCE CENTER

REScheck is appropriate for insulation and window trade-off calculations in residential detached one- and two-family buildings and multi-family buildings three stories or less in height above grade, such as apartments, condominiums, and townhouses. REScheck works by performing a simple U-factor x Area (UA) calculation for each building assembly to determine the overall UA of a building. The UA that would result from a building conforming to the code requirements is compared against the UA for your building. If the total heat loss (represented as a UA) through the envelope of your building does not exceed the total heat loss from the same building conforming to the code, the software generates a report that declares your building is compliant with the code.

- [Windows](#)
- [Mac](#)
- [REScheck-Web](#)
- [Technical Support](#)

REScheck™ for Windows®

Version 4.6.2 (Build Version: 4.6.2.1)


Runs on Vista or Windows 7 in either single, multi-user, or network environments

Supported Codes:
2009, 2012 and 2015 IECC; and various state and county energy codes.

What's New:
REScheck version 4.6.2 includes support for 2014 Florida. Build version 4.6.2.1 fixes an issue with compliance index when project is "Additions" and discontinues support for Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code.

Download REScheck for Windows

Download REScheck Mac



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- REScheck 4 6 2 0 setup
- SB-UdcRescheckInfo711.pdf

IMPORTANT NEWS

There are many recent changes to several aspects of the Department of Safety & Professional Services. [Click here](#) to learn if any of these changes affect your profession.



COMPLIANCE: use the 2009 IECC

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File Edit View Options Code Tools Help

✓ 2009 IECC Front Faces: Unspecified

You must use the '2009 IECC' for COMPLIANCE!

State Wisconsin City Appleton

Project Type New Construction

Building Characteristics 1- and 2-Family, Detached

Conditioned Floor Area 0 ft²

All ducts and air handlers located within conditioned spaces
[Explanation of duct testing requirements...](#)

Project includes a thermally isolated sunroom

Project includes a pool or inground permanent spa

Project includes an interior wood-burning fireplace

This information will appear on the compliance certificate.

Edit Project Details...

Title/Site/Permit

Owner/Agent

Designer/Contractor

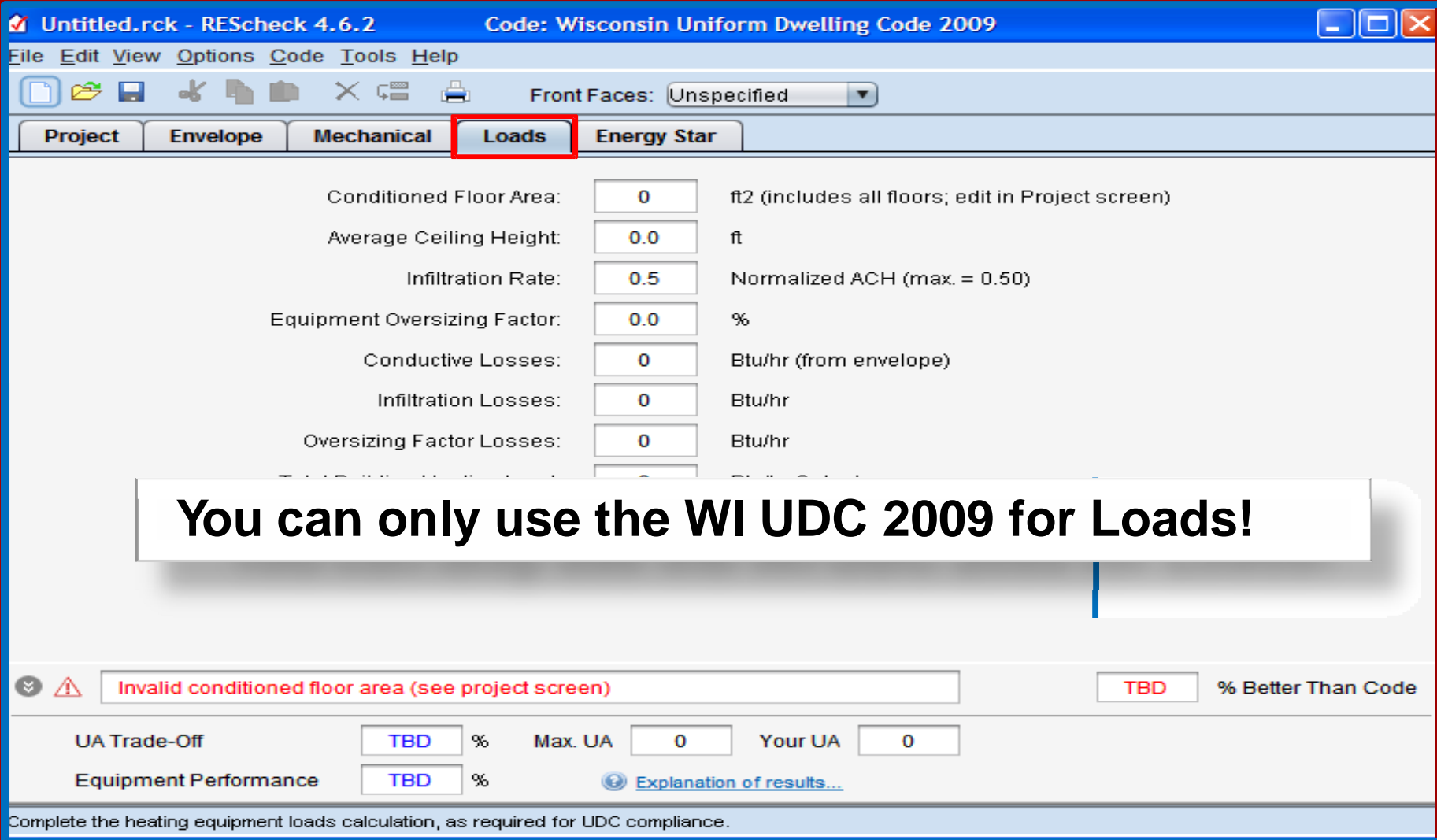
Notes

Invalid conditioned floor area (see project screen) TBD % Better Than Code

Compliance Method: Performance Alternative [Explanation of results...](#)

Select the building's location and construction type.

Loads tab with WI UDC 2009



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Project Envelope Mechanical **Loads** Energy Star

Conditioned Floor Area:	<input type="text" value="0"/>	ft2 (includes all floors; edit in Project screen)
Average Ceiling Height:	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>	ft
Infiltration Rate:	<input type="text" value="0.5"/>	Normalized ACH (max. = 0.50)
Equipment Oversizing Factor:	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>	%
Conductive Losses:	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Btu/hr (from envelope)
Infiltration Losses:	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Btu/hr
Oversizing Factor Losses:	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Btu/hr

You can only use the WI UDC 2009 for Loads!

Invalid conditioned floor area (see project screen) % Better Than Code

UA Trade-Off % Max. UA Your UA

Equipment Performance % [Explanation of results...](#)

Complete the heating equipment loads calculation, as required for UDC compliance.

Stand Alone Load Calculator

Based on Calculated UA Value

How To Use the Heating Equipment Sizing Summary

Heating Equipment Sizing Summary		
General Information		
Project Name/Address	Test House	
County	Marathon	
Design Temperature	-20	Degrees (F)
"Your UA" from ResCheck	238	UA
Conditioned Floor Area	2320	SqFt
Average Wall Height	9	Ft
Infiltration Rate	0.50	ACH (typ 0.50)
Equipment Oversizing Factor	15	%
Load Summary		
Conductive Losses	21420	Btu/Hr
Infiltration Losses	16913	Btu/Hr
Oversizing Factor Losses	5750	Btu/Hr
Total Building Heating Load	44083	Btu/Hr
<i>Enter Items in Yellow to get your total Heat Loss. Print and attach with your completed ResCheck Form</i>		



REScheck Software Version 4.6.2

Compliance Certificate

Project: Test House

Energy Code: 2009 IECC
 Location: Wausau, Wisconsin
 Construction Type: Single-family
 Project Type: New Construction
 Orientation: Brdg. faces 0 deg. from North
 Conditioned Floor Area: 2,320 ft²
 Glazing Area: 10%
 Climate Zone: 6 (8427 HDD)
 Permit Date:
 Permit Number:

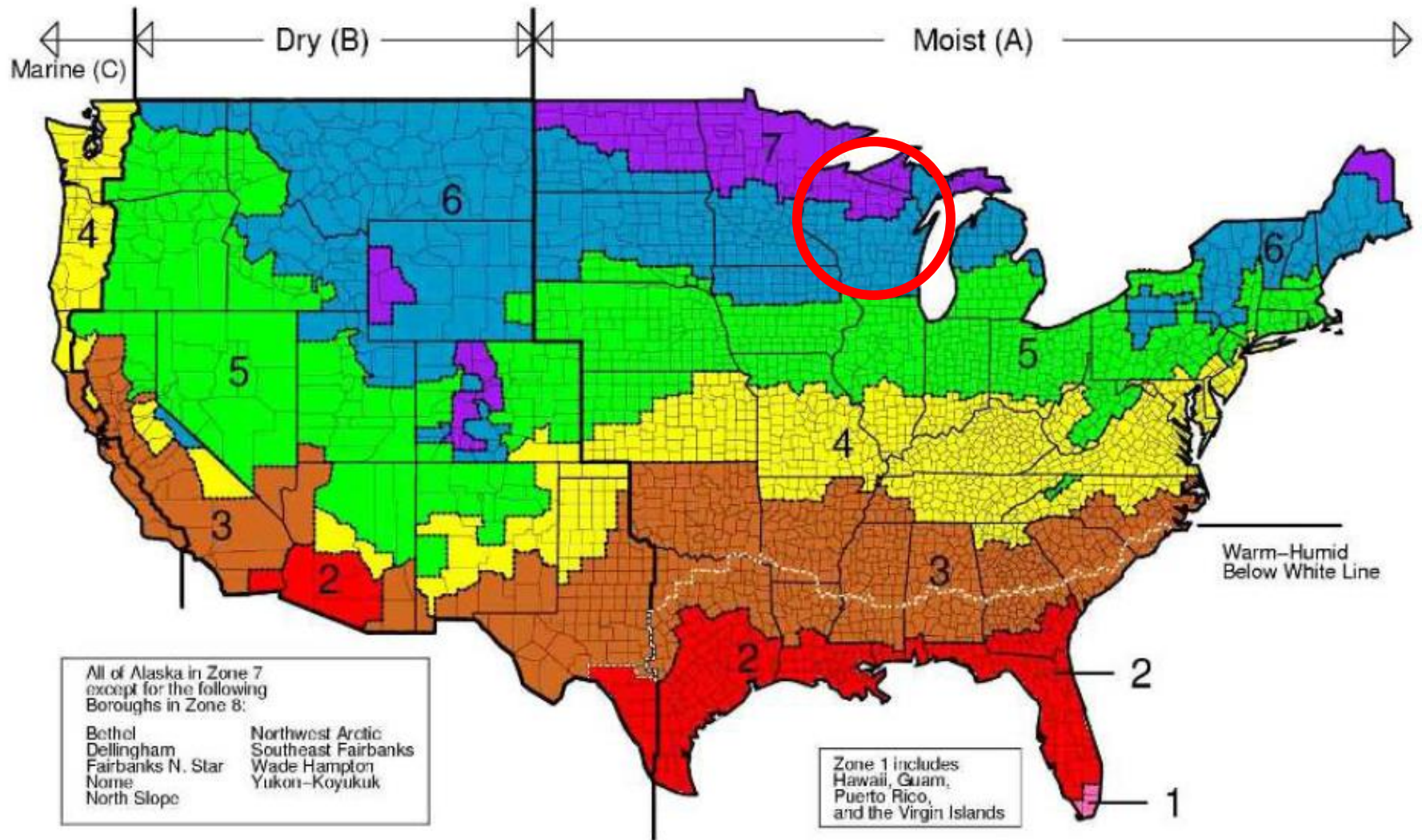
Construction Site: Owner/Agent: Designer/Contractor:

Compliance: Passes using UA trade-off

Compliance: **4.0% Better Than Code** Maximum UA: 248 Your UA: 238

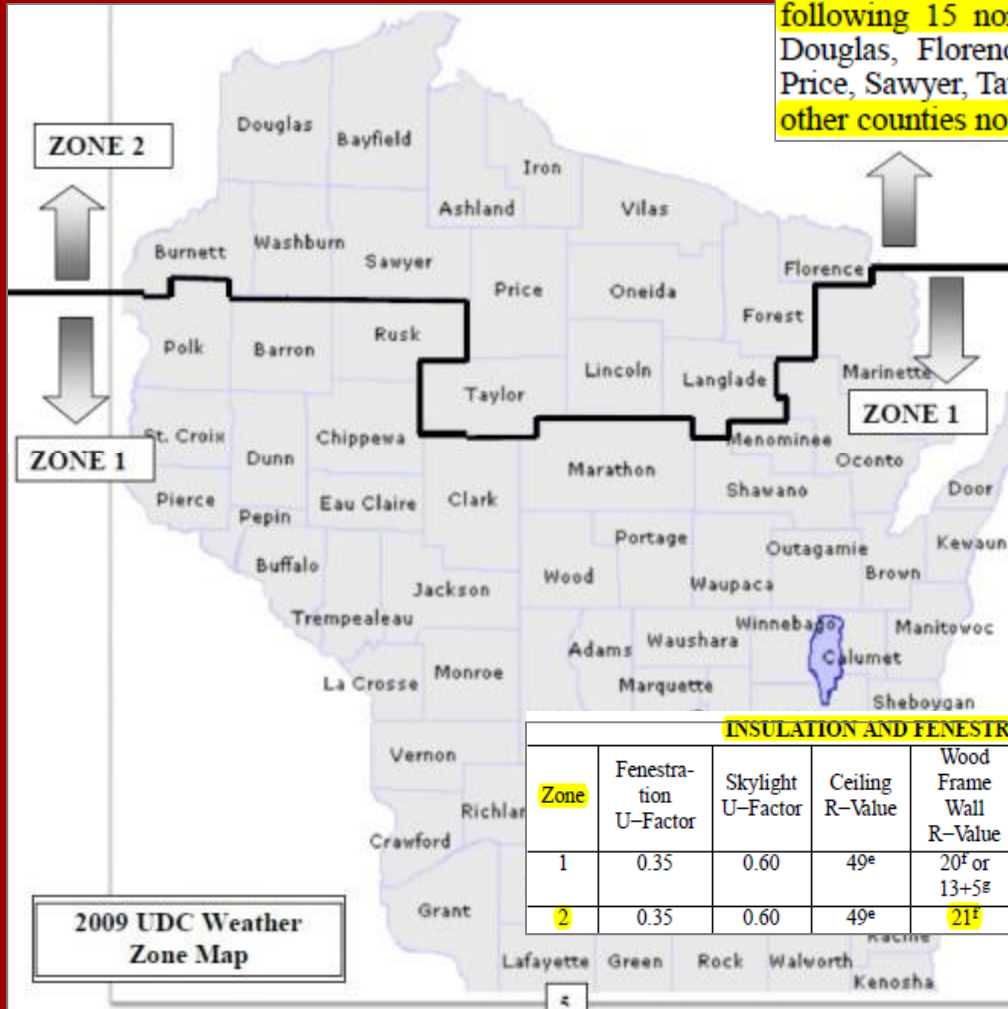
The % Better or Worse Than Code Index reflects how close to compliance the house is based on code trade-off rules. It DOES NOT provide an estimate of energy use or cost relative to a minimum-code home.

Climate Zones—2009 IECC



UDC Weather Zone map

(b) In Tables 322.31-1 and 322.31-2, zone 2 consists of the following 15 northern counties: Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, Price, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas and Washburn. Zone 1 consists of all other counties not included in zone 2.



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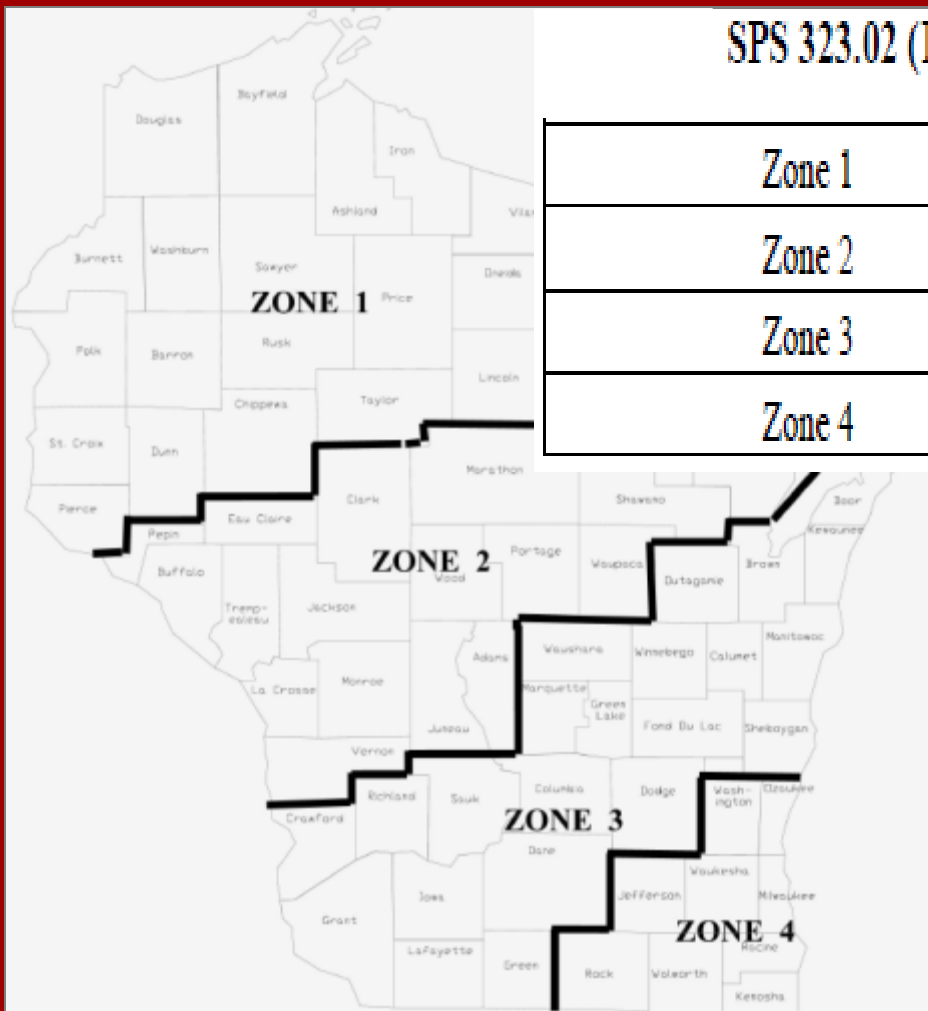
UDC 'Design Zones' 1-4

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SPS 320 to 325 APPENDIX A

SPS 323.02 (1) Outdoor Design Temperatures



Zone 1	25° below zero F
Zone 2	20° below zero F
Zone 3	15° below zero F
Zone 4	10° below zero F

REScheck Quick Reference Guide

Plan review for energy code compliance can be conducted quickly and efficiently. The U.S. Department of Energy's REScheck Compliance Software is designed to create simplified compliance certificates that can be easily reviewed by enforcement personnel. This Quick Reference Guide will guide you, step-by-step, through a typical plan review process. There are three basic steps for conducting a building energy code plan review:

Step 1: Verify the documentation has been correctly prepared.

Step 2: Verify the levels of efficiency shown on the plans meet or exceed that shown in the documentation.

Step 3: Verify all of the information to conduct a field inspection is included in the plans or documentation for the inspector to use on site.

Items to Check



REScheck Software Version 4.6.2

Compliance Certificate

Project North Meadows Development

Energy Code: **2009 IECC**
Location: **Abbotsford, Wisconsin**
Construction Type: **Single-family**
Project Type: **New Construction**
Conditioned Floor Area: **2,000 ft²**
Glazing Area: **15%**
Climate Zone: **6 (9125 HDD)**
Permit Date: **3/17/00**
Permit Number:

Construction Site:

Owner/Agent:

Designer/Contractor:

Compliance: Fails using UA trade-off

Compliance: **6.7% Worse Than Code** Maximum UA: **326** Your UA: **348**

The % Better or Worse Than Code Index reflects how close to compliance the house is based on code trade-off options. IT DOES NOT provide an estimate of energy use or cost relative to a minimum-code home.

Envelope Assemblies

Assembly	Gross Area or Perimeter	Cavity R-Value	Cont. R-Value	U-Factor	UA
Ceiling 1: Flat Ceiling or Scissor Truss	729	38.0	0.0	0.030	22
Ceiling 2: Flat Ceiling or Scissor Truss	592	30.0	0.0	0.035	21
Wall 1: Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	1,647	13.0	6.0	0.053	71
Door 1: Glass	84			0.310	26
Window 1: Vinyl Frame, Double Pane with Low-E	204			0.320	65
Door 2: Solid	20			0.350	7
Wall 2: Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	276	13.0	0.0	0.082	21
Door 3: Solid	18			0.350	6
Floor 1: All-Wood Joist/Truss, Over Unconditioned Space	938	19.0	0.0	0.047	44
Floor 2: All-Wood Joist/Truss, Over Outside Air	32	30.0	0.0	0.033	1
Floor 3: Slab-On-Grade:Unheated Insulation depth: 2.0'	82		8.0	0.779	64

332.36 (6) Fenestration

U-Values Shown on Sticker for Doors Windows & Skylights



322.20(6)(a) A Permanent Certificate Shall be Posted on or Adjacent to the Electrical Panel



Wisconsin Energy Efficiency Certificate

Insulation Rating		R-Value
Ceiling / Roof		49.00
Wall		19.00
Floor / Foundation		10.00
Ductwork (unconditioned spaces):		_____

Glass & Door Rating		U-Factor	SHGC
Window		0.31	0.33
Door		0.14	NA

Heating & Cooling Equipment		Efficiency
Forced Hot Air Furnace		90 AFUE
Water Heater:	_____	_____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Comments:

Completed by Owner, Builder, or Insulation Installer

Air Sealing and Insulation

SPS 322.37(6)



- 2 options to demonstrate compliance
 - When tested air leakage is < 7 ACH when tested with a blower door at pressure of 33.5 psf
Testing after rough in and installation of building envelope penetrations
 - When items listed in Table 332.37, applicable to the method of construction, are **field verified**.
Inspector may request an approved party independent from the installer to inspect the air barrier & insulation

Table 332.37 Visual Inspection Criteria

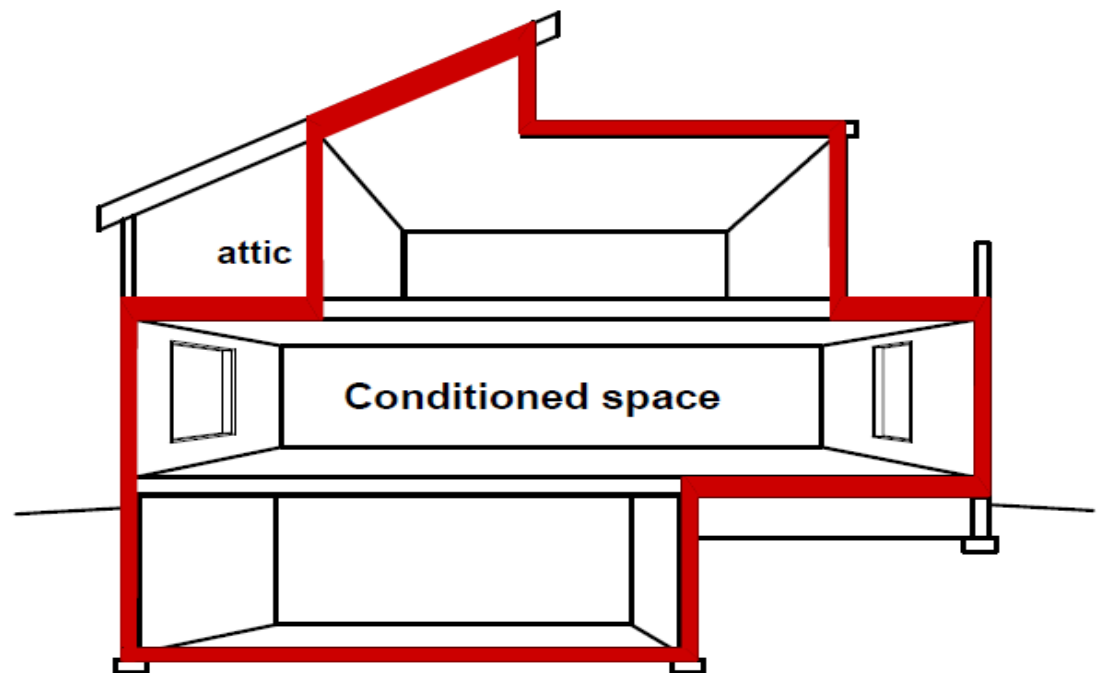
Narrow cavities	Batts in narrow cavities are cut to fit, or narrow cavities are filled by sprayed/blown insulation.
Garage separation	Air sealing is provided between the garage and conditioned spaces.
Recessed lighting	Recessed light fixtures are air tight, IC rated, and sealed to drywall. Exception—fixtures in conditioned space.
Plumbing and wiring	Insulation is placed between outside and pipes. Batt insulation is cut to fit around wiring and plumbing, or sprayed/blown insulation extends behind piping and wiring.
Shower/tub on exterior wall	Showers and tubs on exterior walls have insulation and an air barrier separating them from the exterior wall.
Electrical/phone box on exterior walls	Air barrier extends behind boxes or air sealed—type boxes are installed.
Common wall	Air barrier is installed in common wall between dwelling units.
HVAC register boots	HVAC register boots that penetrate building envelope are sealed to subfloor or drywall.
Fireplace	Fireplace walls include an air barrier.

(3) “Conditioned space” means space within the dwelling thermal envelope which is provided with heated air or surfaces to provide a heated space capable of maintaining the temperature of the space to at least 50°F at design conditions.

Building Envelope Specific Requirements

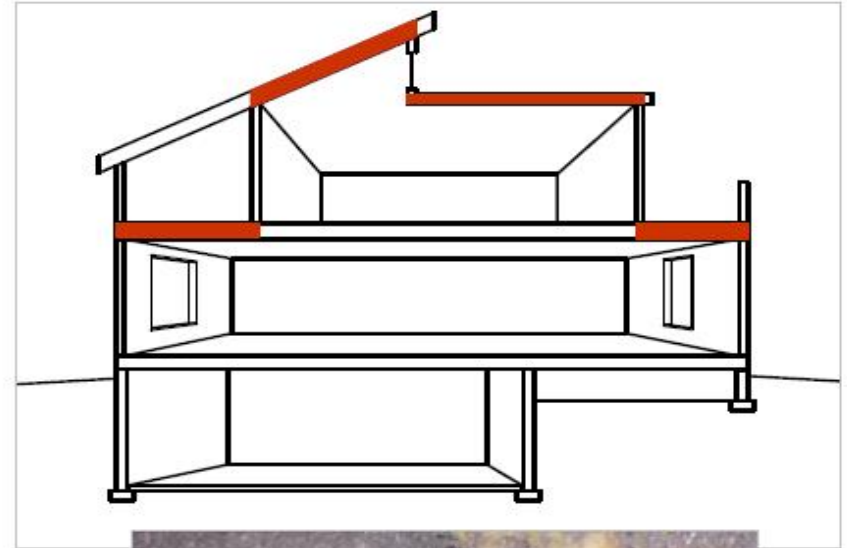
- Building Envelope consists of:

- Fenestration
- Ceilings
- Walls
 - Above grade
 - Below grade
 - Mass walls
- Floors
- Slab
- Crawl space



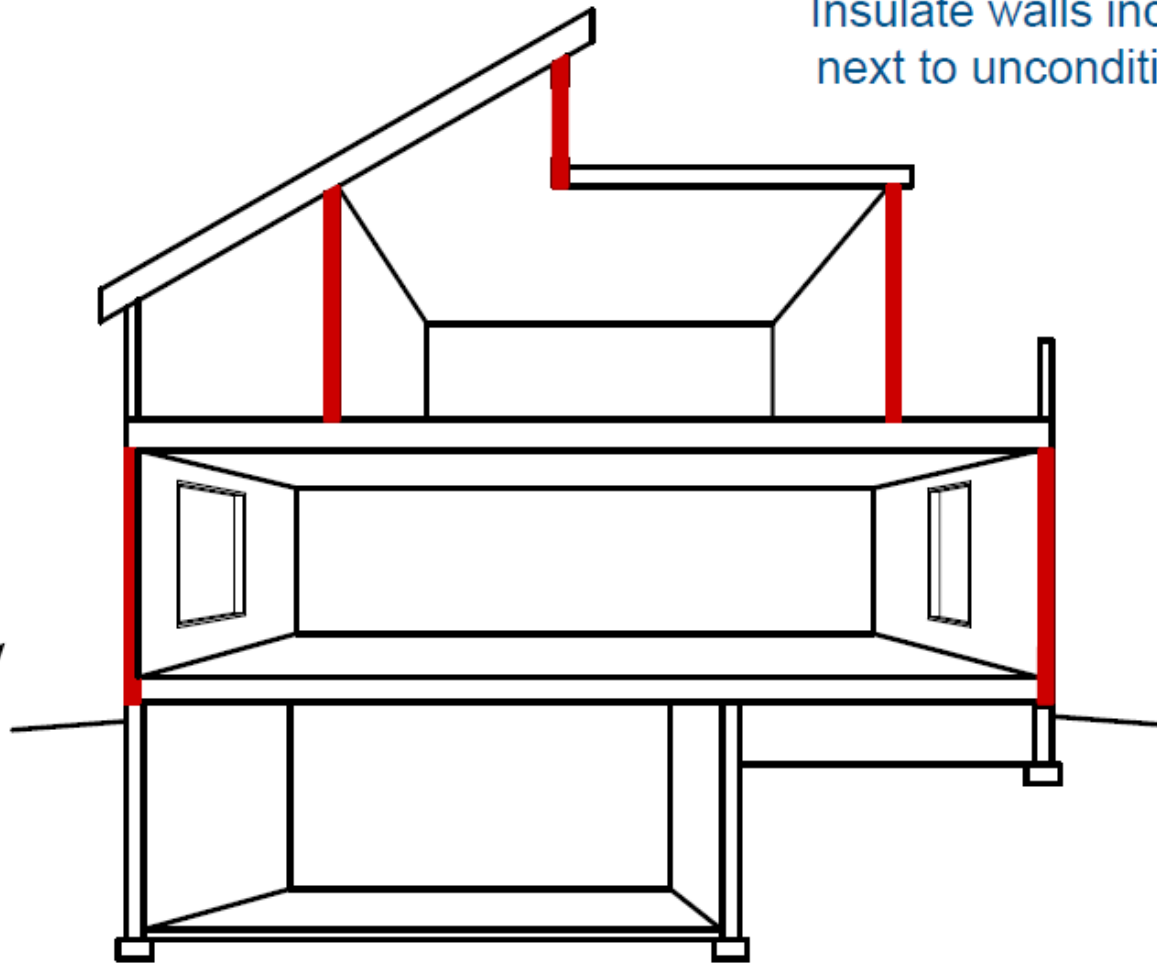
Ceilings

- Requirements based on
 - Assembly type
 - Continuous insulation
 - Insulation between framing
- Meet or exceed R-values



Above Grade Walls

Insulate walls including those next to unconditioned spaces

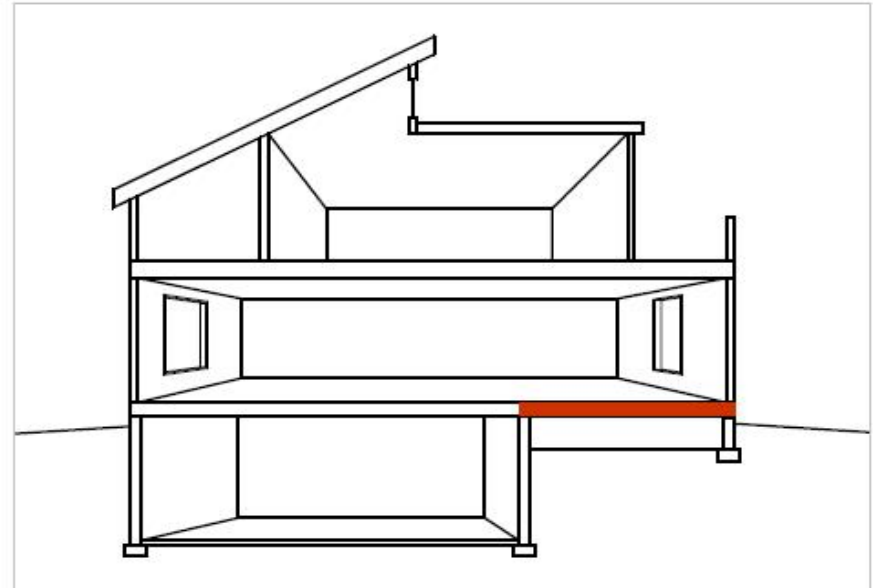


Don't forget to insulate rim joists

Floors over Unconditioned Space

- Space can be unheated basement or a crawlspace or outdoor air

Climate Zones	R-Value
1-2	13
3-4ab	19
4c-6	30*
7-8	38*



- Insulation must maintain permanent contact with underside of subfloor

*Exception:

Climate Zones 4c-8

R-19 permitted if cavity completely filled

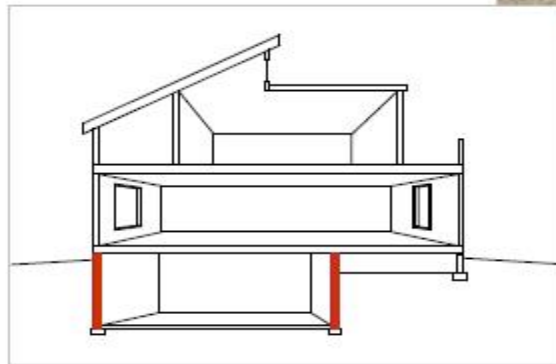


This Condition No Longer Allowed

Below-Grade Walls

- $\geq 50\%$ below grade

Climate Zones	R-Value
1-2	0
3	5/13
4-5	10/13
6-8	15/19

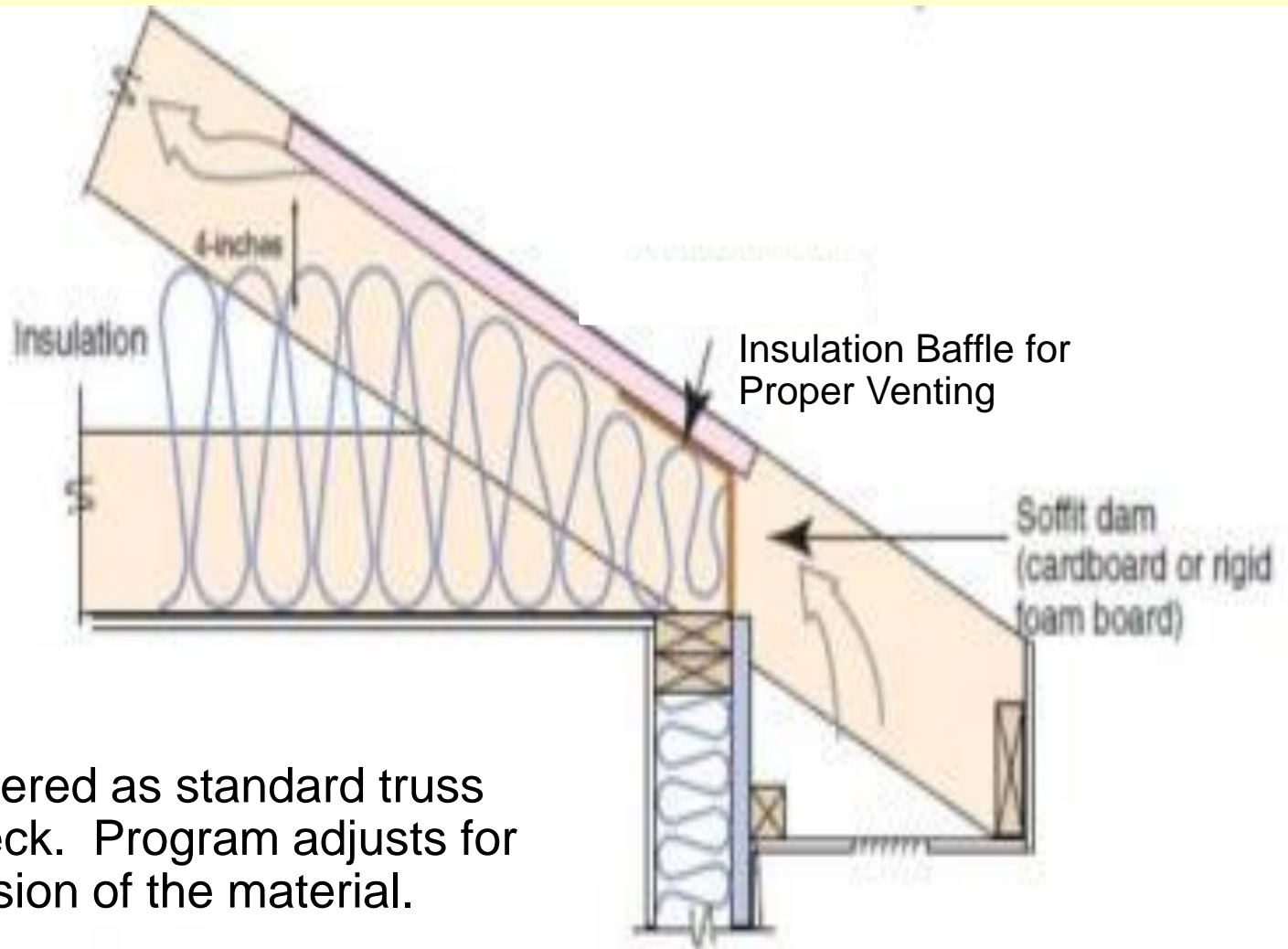


Insulated from top of basement wall down to 10 ft below grade or basement floor, whichever is less

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Standard Truss With Soffit Dam and Ventilation Baffle

Standard rafter and top plate with tapered insulation depth

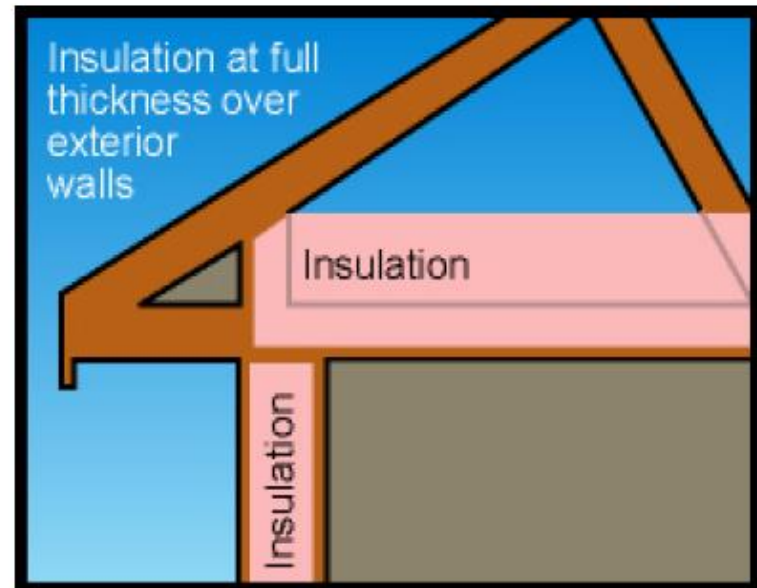


R-Values entered as standard truss into RESCheck. Program adjusts for the compression of the material.

Raised Heel Truss

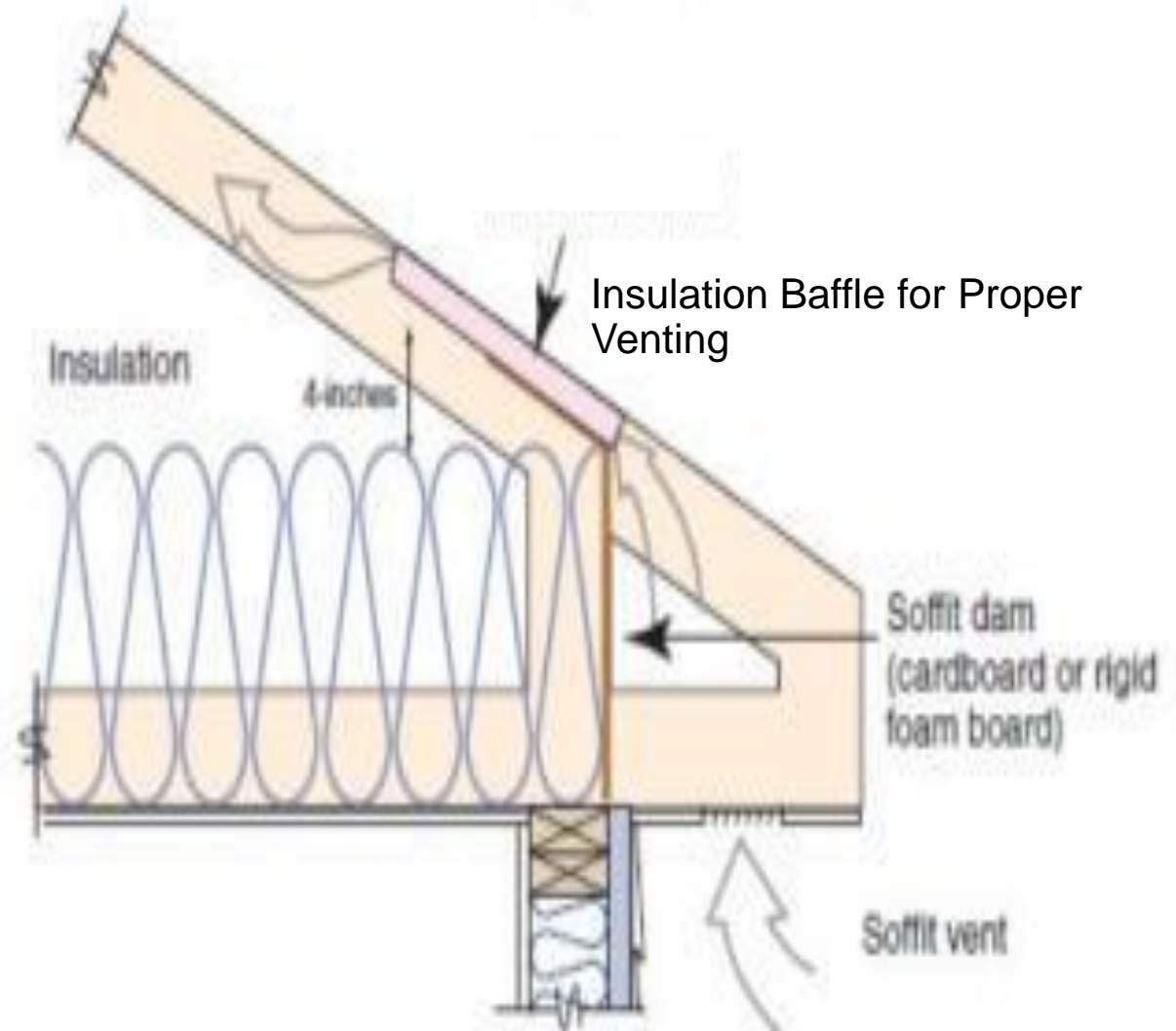


- Raised Heel/Energy Truss credit if insulation is full height over exterior wall (*Prescriptive*)
 - R-30 instead of R-38 No Attic
 - R-38 instead of R-49 Attic



Energy Truss With Soffit Dam and Ventilation Baffle

Energy Truss
with full height insulation
(recommended)



Attic-Access Cover to be Insulated - Weatherstripped SPS 322.32(1)(b)

Enter R-Value in
RESCheck

Independently From
Ceiling

Use Square Footage
of Hatch Perimeter

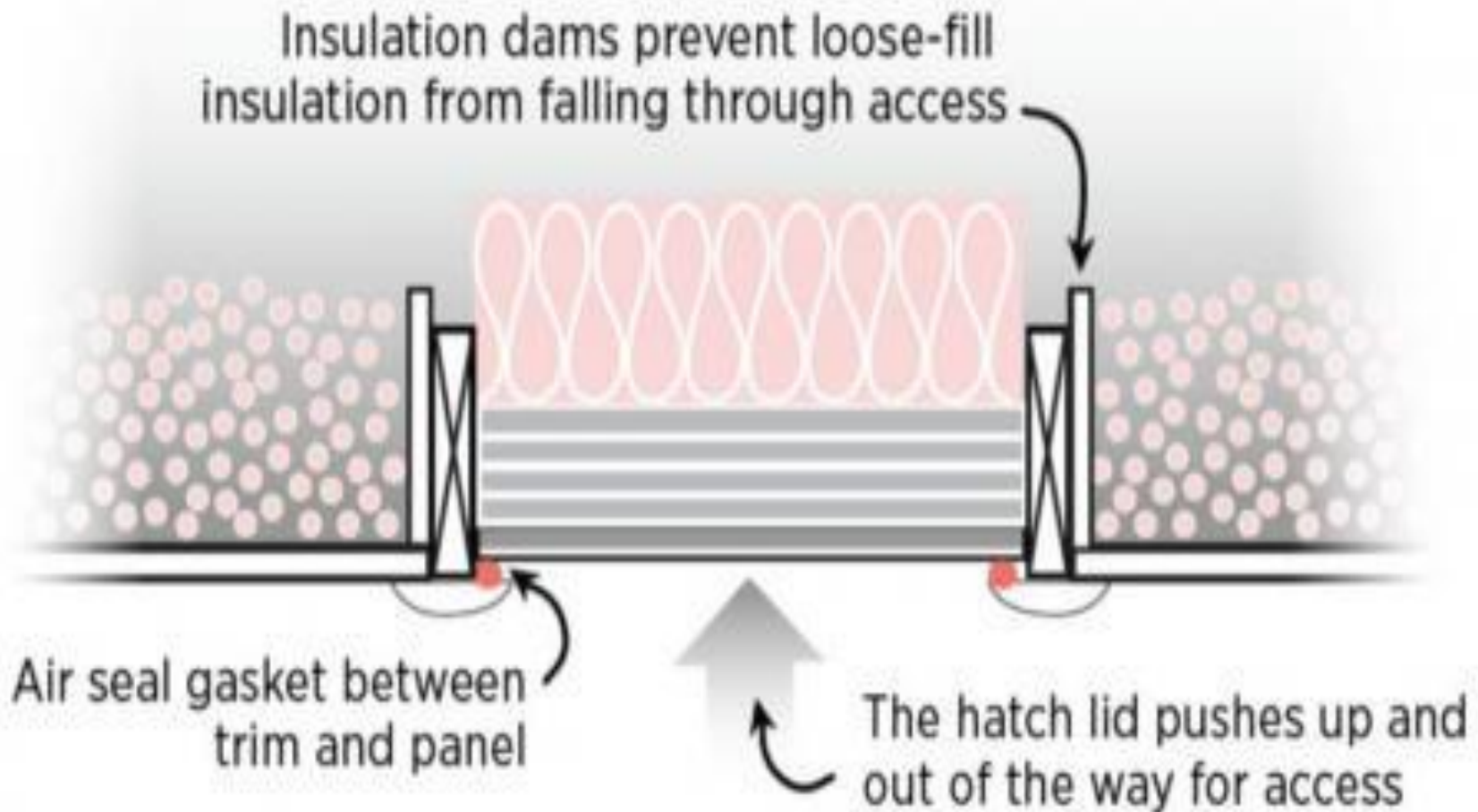
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- Attic-Access Cover to be Insulated - Weatherstripped
SPS 322.32(1)(b)



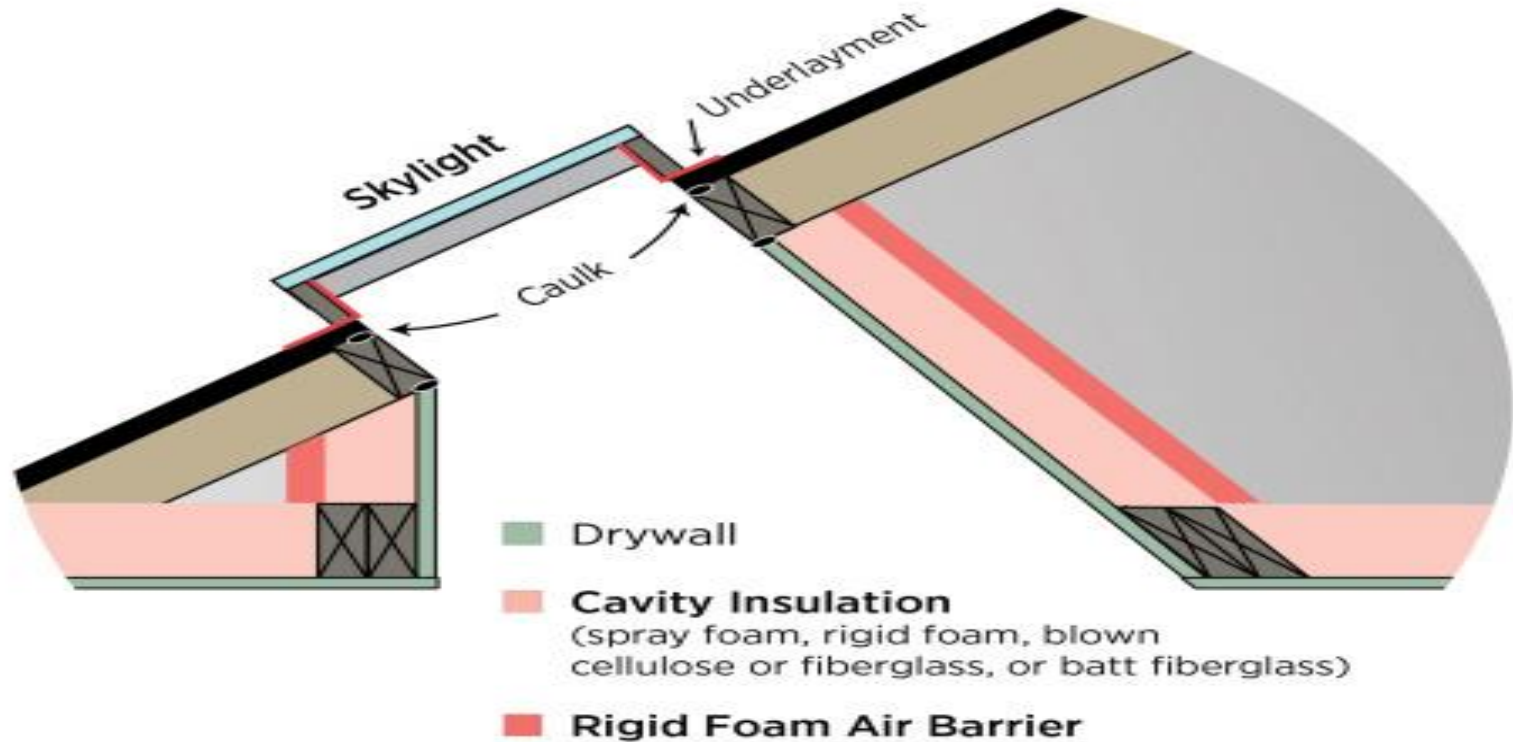
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322.32(1)(b) Uninsulated Drop - Down Stair Assembly

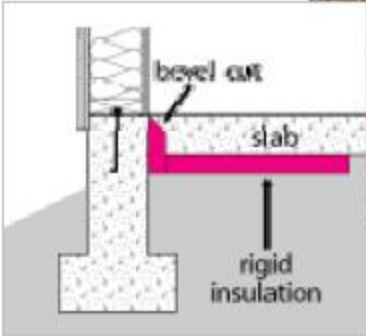


SPS 322.32 (9)(b) Wall Insulation



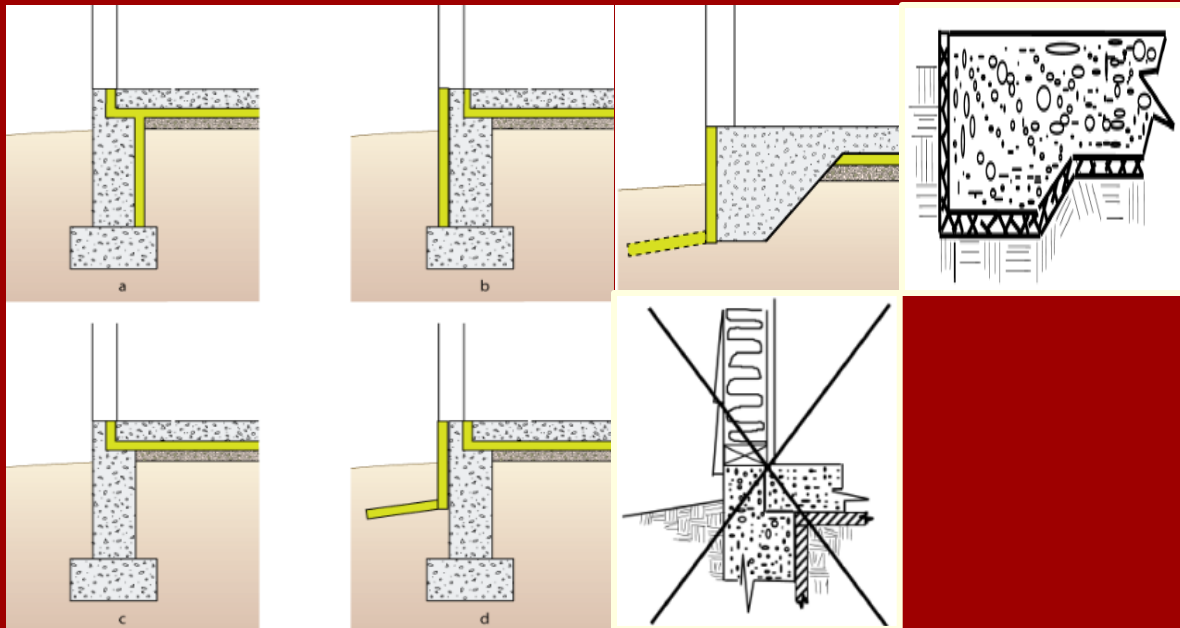
Tube skylights shall be insulated per manufacturer's recommendations

Slab Edge Insulation



Slab on Grade Insulation Req't SPS 322.33(1)(a)

- Any heated or unheated slab floor, the bottom of which is $< 12''$ below adjacent grade, shall be provided with perimeter insulation in accordance with Table 322.31-1 or Table 322.31-4, except as provided in par. (b).

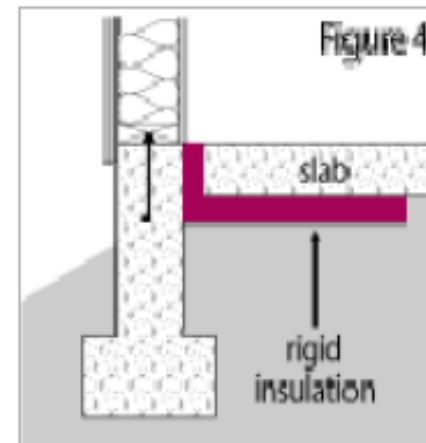
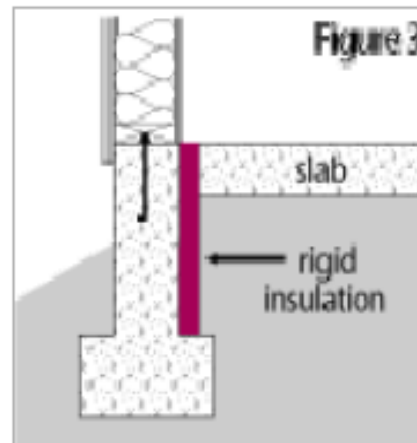
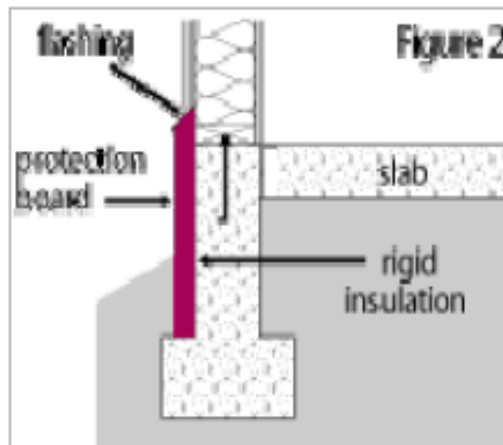


**Don't Forget
SPS 321.16**

**Frost Protected
Shallow
Foundations**

Slab Edge Insulation

- Slabs with a floor surface < 12 inches below grade
 - R-10 (typically 2 inches) insulation in Zones 4 and above
 - Downward from top of slab a minimum of 48" (zones 6,7, 8)
- Insulation can be vertical or extend horizontally under the slab or out from the building (must be under 10 inches of soil)



Foundation Insulation Continuity

SPS 322.33(3)(c) (added 2016)

- ❑ Insulation on a foundation wall for a basement may be interrupted at the junction with a foundation wall.



Vapor Retarder At the Foundation Wall

SPS 322.34(2)(d)

- ▣ The edges of the vapor retarder shall extend at least 6 inches up the foundation wall and shall be attached and sealed to the foundation wall or insulation.



322.38(2) Vapor Retarder required on all frame assemblies (warm in winter side)



Vapor Retarder Installation

SPS 322.38(1)(b)

- ▣ Vapor retarder shall be continuous.
 - ▣ Except as provided in subd. 2.
- ▣ Seams that are not over a framing member shall be taped or sealed.



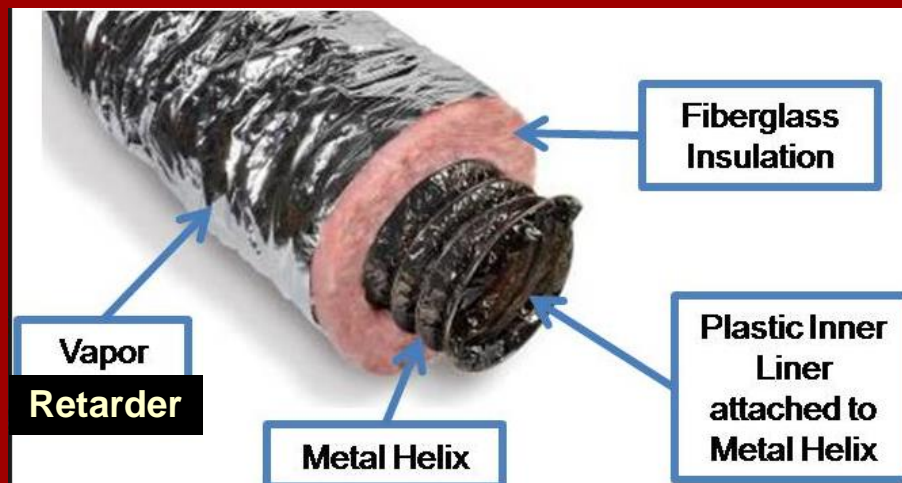
322.32(7) Box Sill and Rim Joists Insulated to the Required Wall R-Value



**321.11(1)(c) Exempt From
Thermal and Vapor Barrier Requirements**

Vapor Retarder Insulation & Installation SPS 322.42 (1) & (1m)

- Heating and Cooling Supply Ducts that pass through unconditioned spaces (attics, garages) to be provided w/ min. R-8 insulation.
- Cooling Supply Ducts: Exterior of the insulation shall be covered w/ vapor retarder that meets the requirements in SPS 322.38(1)



Vapor Retarder Insulation & Installation SPS 322.42 (1) & (1m)



Requires Complete Coverage Top and Bottom

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What's All This About Duct Tightness Testing?



Duct Tightness Tests 322.43 Duct Sealing

Mandatory Requirements

Duct Systems with Joints Not Located Entirely Within the Conditioned Space

- Duct tightness shall be verified *by either* –
 - Post construction test
 - Leakage to outdoors: ≤ 8 cfm/per 100 ft² of conditioned floor area or
 - Total leakage: ≤ 12 cfm/per 100 ft² of conditioned floor area
 - tested at a pressure differential of 0.1 in w.g. (25Pa) across entire system, including manufacturer's air handler enclosure
 - All register boots taped or otherwise sealed
 - OR
 - Rough-in test
 - Total leakage ≤ 6 cfm/per 100 ft² of conditioned floor area
 - tested at a pressure differential of 0.1 in w.g. (25Pa) across roughed-in system, including manufacturer's air handler enclosure
 - all register boots taped or otherwise sealed
 - if air handler not installed at time of test
 - Total air leakage ≤ 4 cfm/per 100 ft² (If furnace not yet installed)



Exceptions: Duct tightness test is not required if the air handler and all ducts are located within conditioned space

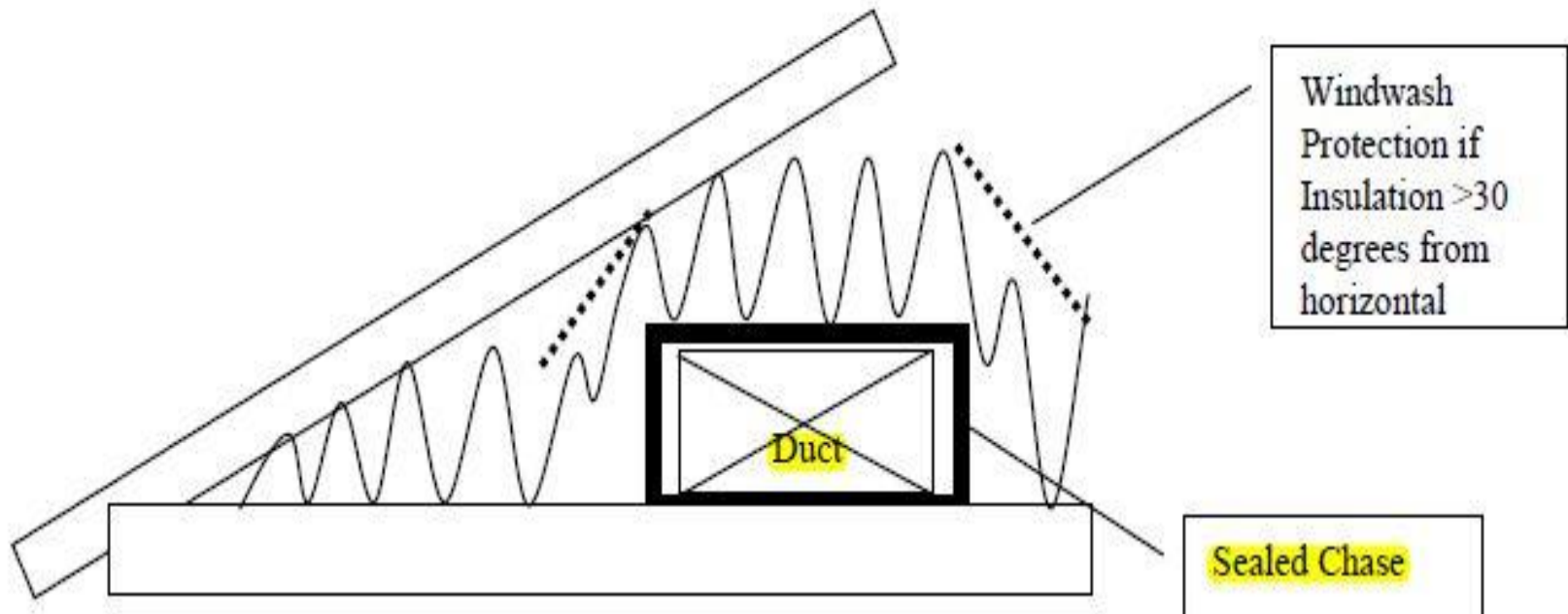
Raised ceiling chase sealed with drywall mud



Extends conditioned space
above ceiling for ductwork

Duct Insulated per Surrounding Area If Ceiling R-38 Provide R-38 Around Ductwork

- In attics, a sealed chase would be accepted as keeping the ducts within the conditioned space. If the sides of the chase are insulated with air permeable insulation exposed to the attic at more than 30 degrees from horizontal, then that insulation requires windwash protection per SPS 322.21(2).



Unheated Slab On-Grade Figure 1.

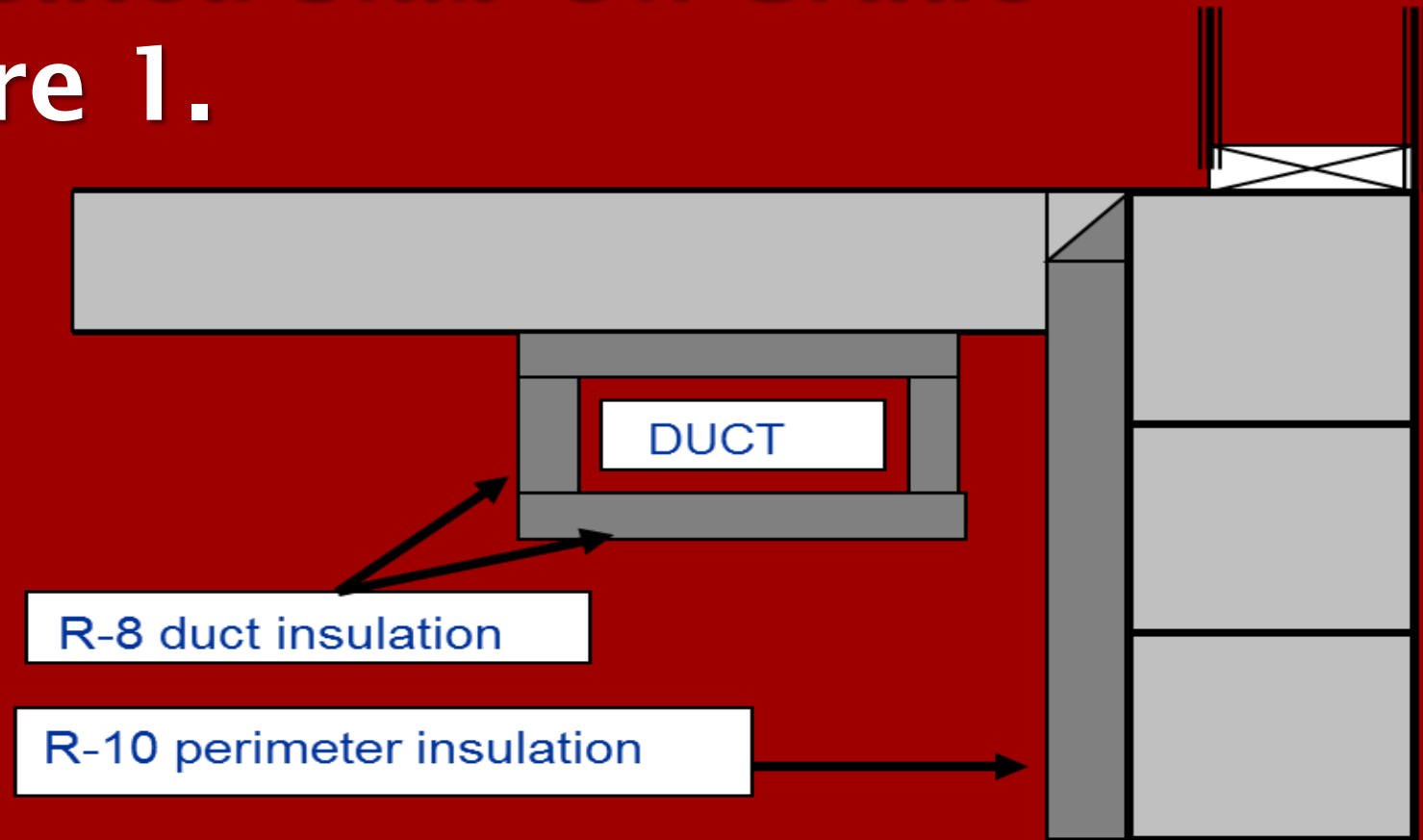
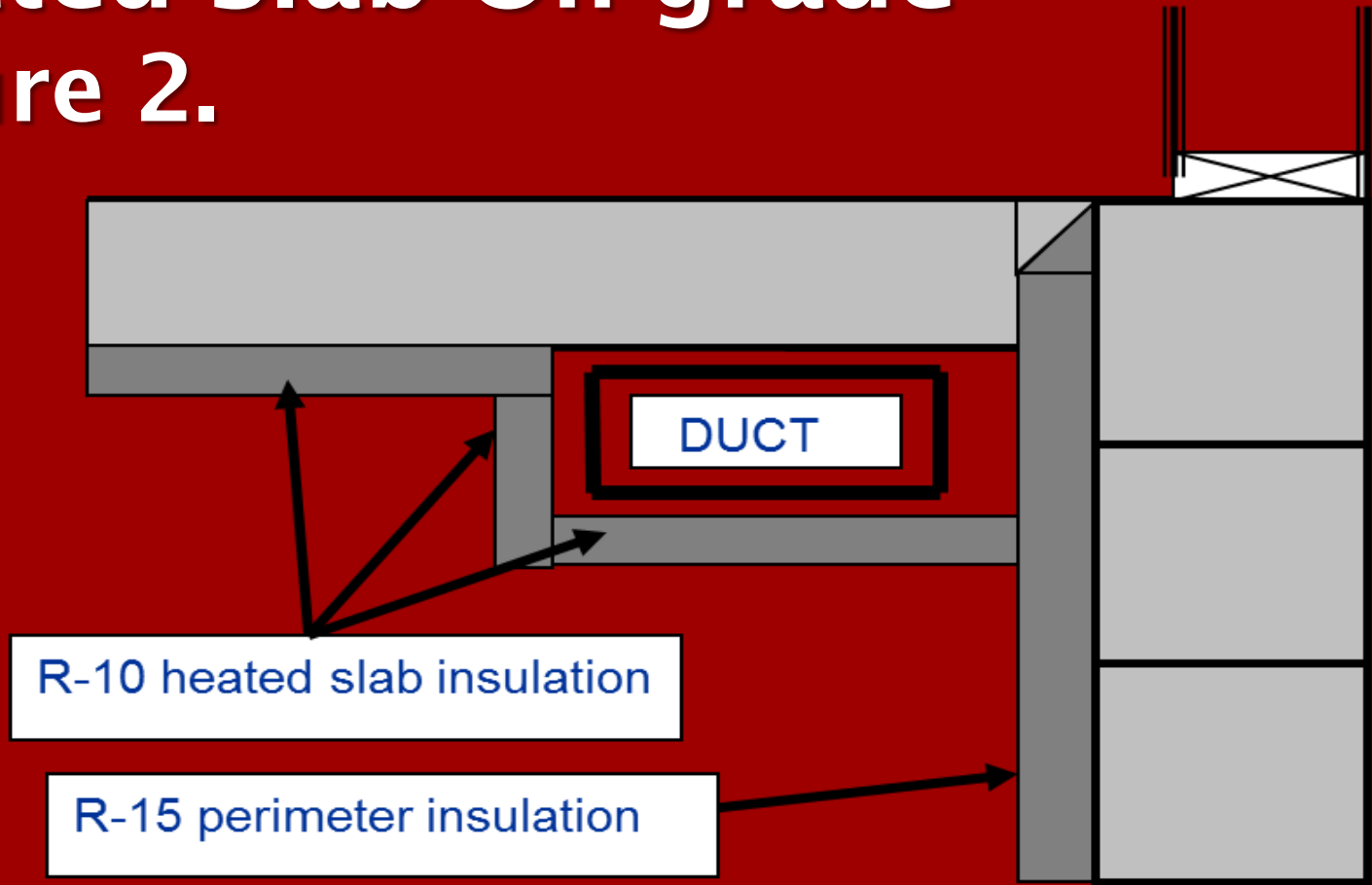


Fig. 1 - Acceptable design for insulated duct outside building thermal envelope of an unheated slab on grade design

Heated Slab On-grade Figure 2.



**Acceptable design for heated slab on-grade
design as duct is within building thermal
envelope**

Ductwork Under Slab Insulated per Fig. 2. Considered Within Conditioned Space if Joints are Taped and Sealed



Duct work installed below a concrete slab on grade also needs a minimum of R-8 insulation and here 2" extruded foam has been added to the sides and under the plastic ductwork.

322.37(3) Joint and Penetration Sealing



Unsealed Gaps

322.37(3) Joint and Penetration Sealing



Fibrous insulation is not an air barrier and cannot be used to air seal openings

322.37(3) Joint and Penetration Sealing



**Insulated Sheathing Serving
As Air Barrier and Drainage Plane
Cuts and Seams Must Be Taped or Sealed**

322.37(3)

Joint and Penetration Sealing



Electrical Boxes

Whole House Fan Not Properly Sealed Nor Insulated



322.37(5) Fan Housing



Hole Cut Too Large, Difficult to Seal

322.37(5) Fan Housing EXHAUST Fan Properly Sealed



322.37(3) Joint and Penetration Sealing



**Kitchen Exhaust Duct
Penetration Not Sealed**

322.37(3) Joint and Penetration Sealing



**Kitchen Exhaust Duct
Penetration Not Sealed**

322.37(3) Joint and Penetration Sealing



Fenestration Properly Sealed

322.37(4) (a), (b) & (c) IC Rated (Insulation Contact) Recessed Lighting

Recessed Lighting Fixtures

Mandatory Requirements

- Type IC rated and labeled in a sealed or gasketed enclosure
- Type IC rated and labeled as meeting ASTM E 283 when tested at 1.57 psf (75 Pa) pressure differential with no more than 2.0 cfm of air movement
- Sealed with a gasket or caulk between the housing and interior wall or ceiling covering



322.37(4)(c)2. IC (Insulation Contact) labeled recessed light with trim kit installed



IC Rated recessed light sprayed with foam to act as gasket against the drywall



322.37(4)(c)2. Non IC Rated Recessed Lighting ?



Note: The department will accept cement board, drywall, and other materials that exhibit flame spread and smoke developed indices of 10 or less when tested in accordance with ASTM E-84.

322.37(3) Foam Gasket Properly Installed



**Between Treated Sill Plate
and Foundation**

322.37(3) Redundant Sealing of Duct With Caulk, Tape, and Flashing



322.37(3) Joint and Penetration Sealings



322.37 (3) Chase Capped with Rigid Air Barrier and Duct Work Penetrations Properly Sealed

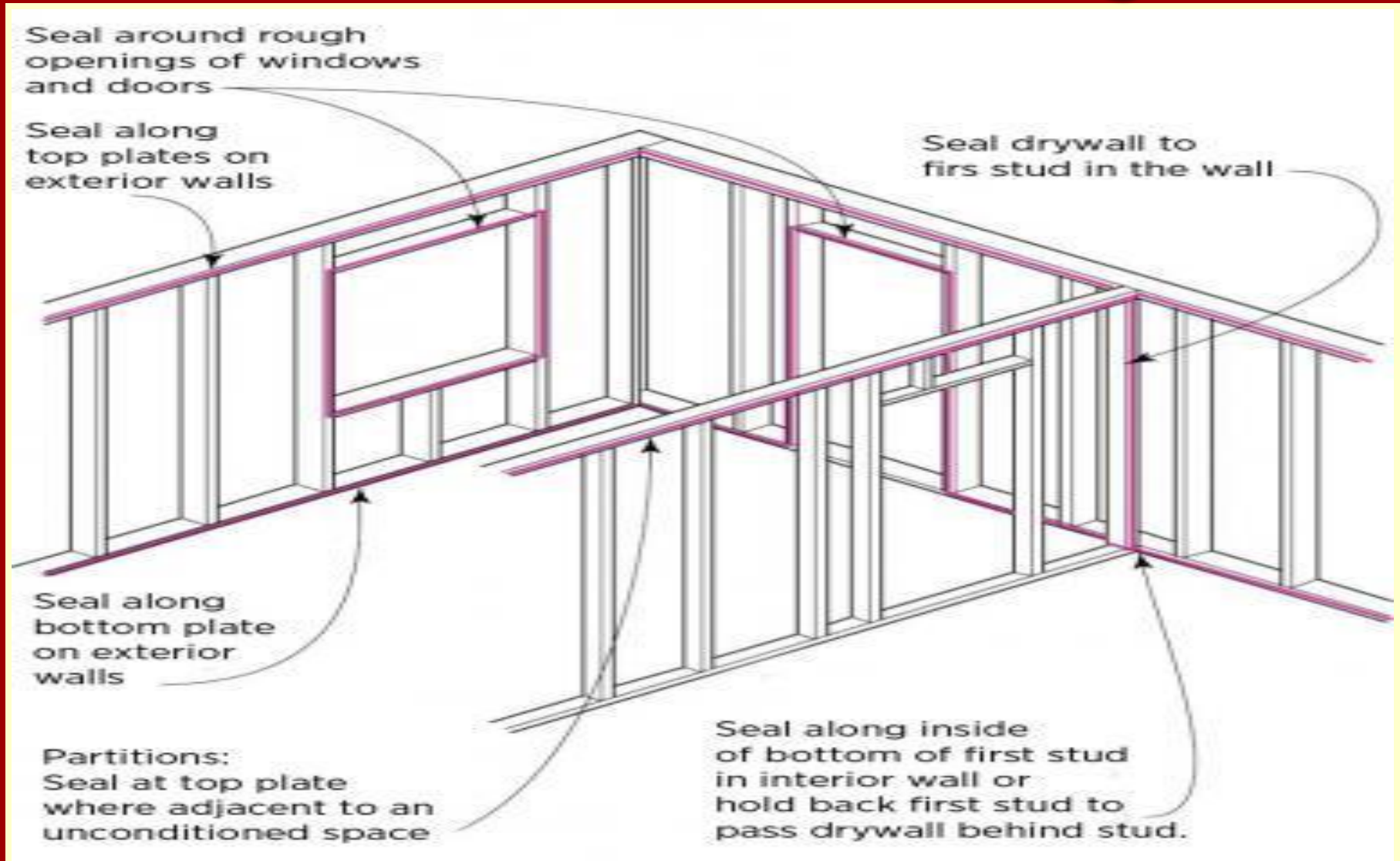


322.37 (3) Visible Light Around Door



Lack of Weatherstripping

322.37(3) Joint and Penetration Sealing

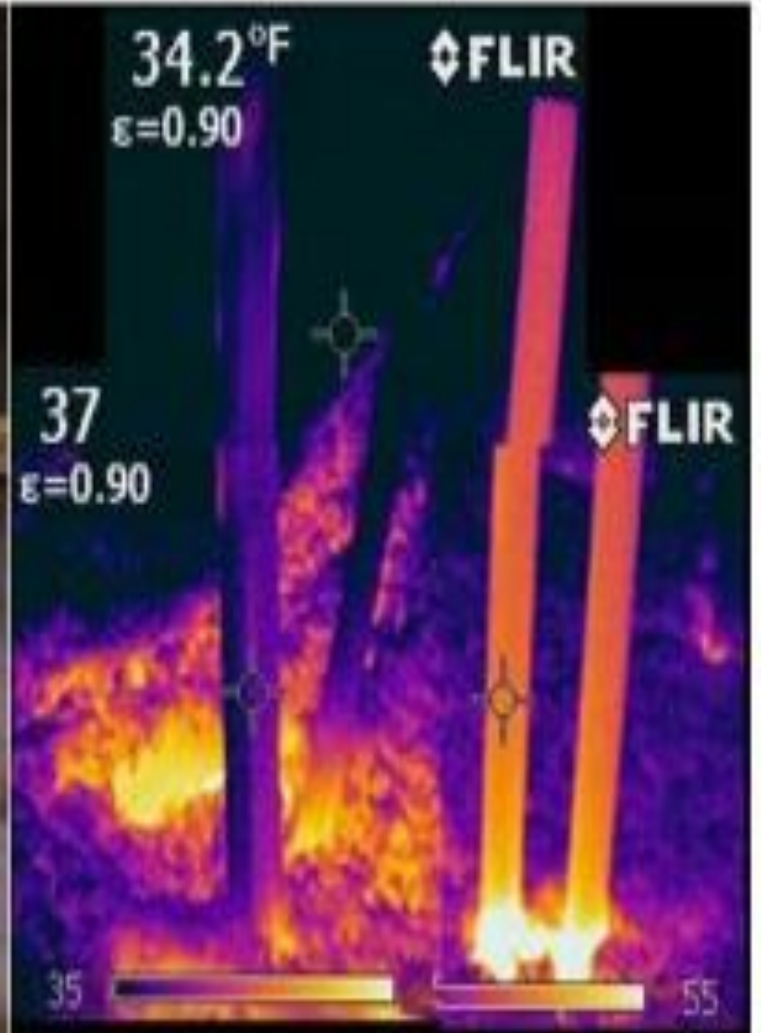


IR photo showing effectively spray foam insulated/air sealed attic kneewall



And Floor Cavities Under Kneewall

Conditioned Air Leaks Around Unsealed HVAC Flue Pipes Through Fiberglass

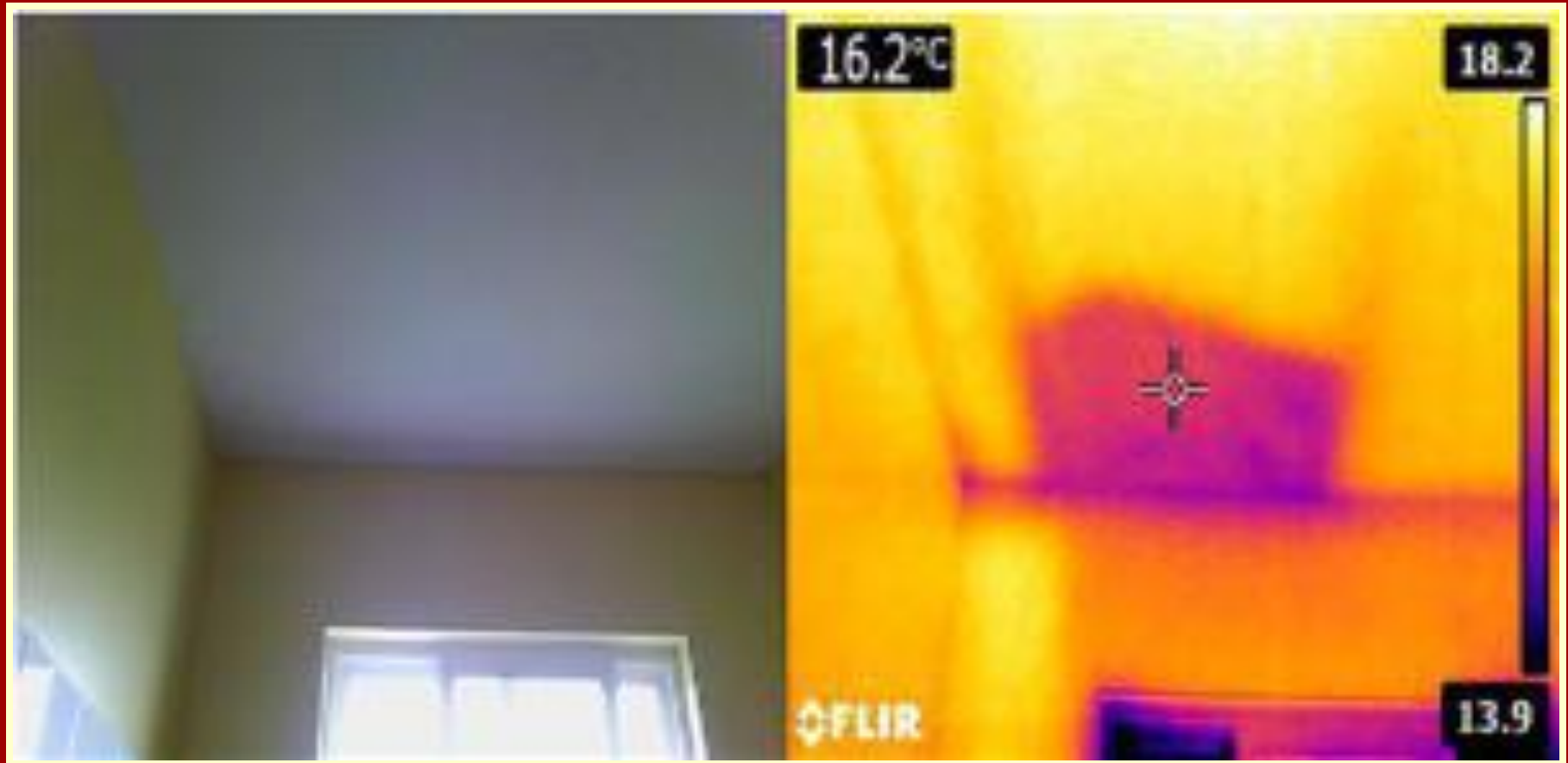


Infrared Thermography During Depressurization Testing



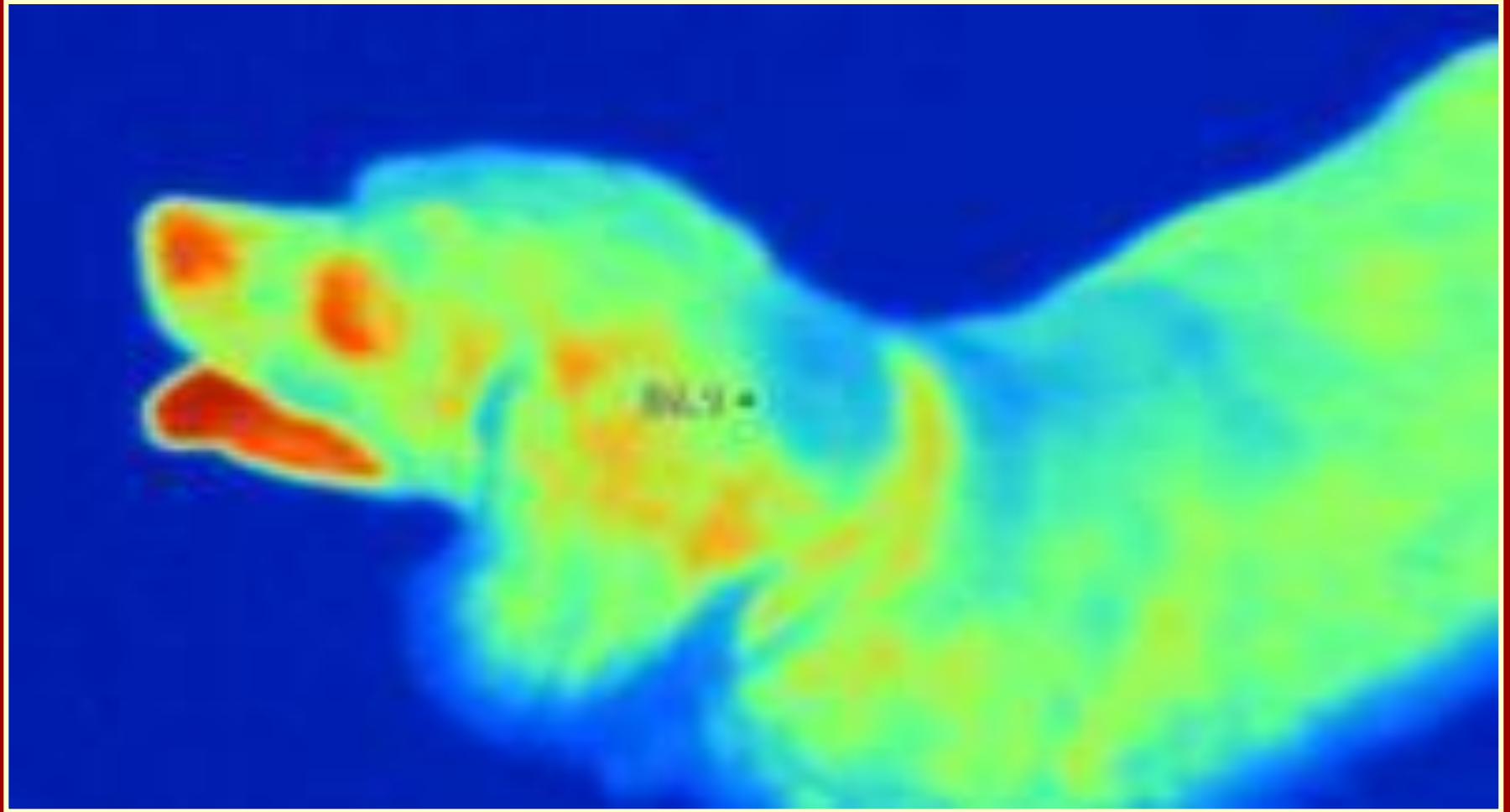
**Reveals Air Leakage at Corner of
Spray Foam-insulated Room**

Incongruity in Attic Insulation Revealed



Infrared Thermography

Undetermined Object Within Wall Enclosure



Infrared Thermography

322.20(4) General Installation



**Must be Properly Installed Per
Manufacturer's Instructions**

322.20(4) General Installation



Spray foam installed with voids

322.20(4) General Installation



**Insulation Poorly Installed
(Compressed w/ gaps)**

322.20(4) General Installation

SPS 322.21 Protection of insulation. (1) BLANKET INSULATION. Insulating blankets or batts shall be held in place with a covering or other means of mechanical or adhesive fastening.



**Batt Insulation - Properly Installed
To Be Covered With
Vapor Retarder and Drywall**

Note: If the insulation is on a below-grade wall, s. [SPS 322.38 \(4\)](#) may prohibit the use of vapor retarder material used as the covering.

322.20(4) General Installation



**Closed Cell Foam Insulation Properly
Installed Per Manufacturer's Instructions**

322.20(5)(b) Requires Markers Showing Insul. Depth 1 per 300ft²



322.39 (2)(a)

Ventilation and Moisture Control



Insulation Shall Not Block the Free Flow of Air

2. At least 50% of the net free ventilating area shall be distributed at the high sides of the roof.
3. The remainder of the net free ventilating area shall be distributed in the lower half of the roof or attic area.

SPS 322.44 Piping Insulation

- ▣ **Minimum $R-3$ required on**
 - **HVAC systems**
 - ▣ **Exception: Piping that conveys fluids between 55 & 105°F**
- ▣ **Minimum $R-2$ required on**
 - **All circulating domestic hot water systems**
 - ▣ **Systems also require a readily accessible manual switch**



321.24(3) Flashing properly installed Creates complete drainage system



**With continuous rigid
insulation sheathing / siding**

321.24(3) Corners Not Properly Flashed



Leaves a vulnerable area
in the drainage system

322.21(3) Protection of Foam Insulation



**Covering Must Extend
min. 2 inches below grade**

**Protect from Physical Damage and UV Light with
Permanent Opaque Weather Resistant Covering**

322.33(2) R-10 Continuous Insulation

Beneath Heated Slab Per Prescriptive Table



322.38(3) Min. 6 Mil. Vapor Retarder Required Beneath Slab

Properly Sealed Sump Crock



Not in code per se: But... 322.38(3)

**Requires Vapor Retarder
Beneath Concrete Floors**

321.11(1)(b) Foam plastic insulation Must be Separated from the Interior of the Dwelling by a Thermal Barrier



321.11(1)(b) Products must be tested And rated as a thermal barrier

1 PRODUCT NAME **THERMAX™ Sheathing**

2 Manufacturer

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3 Product Description

THERMAX™ Sheathing is a non-structural, rigid board insulation consisting of a glass-fiber-reinforced polyisocyanurate foam core laminated between 1.0 mil smooth, reflective aluminum foil facers on both sides. The glass-fiber reinforcement, along with chemical modifications, contributes to improved fire performance and dimensional stability. THERMAX Sheathing can be installed exposed to the interior without a thermal barrier.

BASIC USE

THERMAX™ Sheathing is specially designed to have a Class A fire rating and can be used in a range of concealed and exposed applications, above and below grade. Because of its improved fire performance, THERMAX Sheathing is especially appropriate for hourly rated assemblies. THERMAX Sheathing also has approval in exterior multistory steel stud walls with brick cladding. See IBC Section 2603.5.

SIZES

Width and length:
4' x 8', 4' x 9', 4' x 10'
Edge treatments:
Square edge, shiplap

Product thicknesses and R-values are shown in Table 1. Not all products are available in all parts of the country. Additional product sizes are available by custom order.

TABLE 1

THERMAX™ Sheathing R-Values	
Nominal Foam Thickness, In.	Stabilized R-Value ¹
0.5	2.3
0.75	5.0
1.0	6.5
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Consult your Dow representative about other sizes and lead-time requirements.

4 Technical Data

APPLICABLE STANDARDS

- THERMAX™ Sheathing meets ASTM C1289 – Standard Specification for Faced Rigid Cellular Polyisocyanurate Thermal Insulation Board, Type I, Class 2, which includes:
- C203 – Standard Test Methods for Breaking Load and Flexural Properties of Block-Type Thermal Insulation
 - C209 – Standard Test Methods for Cellulosic Fiber Insulating Board
 - C518 – Standard Test Method for Steady-State Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Heat Flow Meter Apparatus
 - D1621 – Standard Test Method for Compressive Properties of Rigid Cellular Plastics
 - D2126 – Standard Test Method for Response of Rigid Cellular Plastics to Thermal and Humid Aging
 - F96 – Standard Test Method



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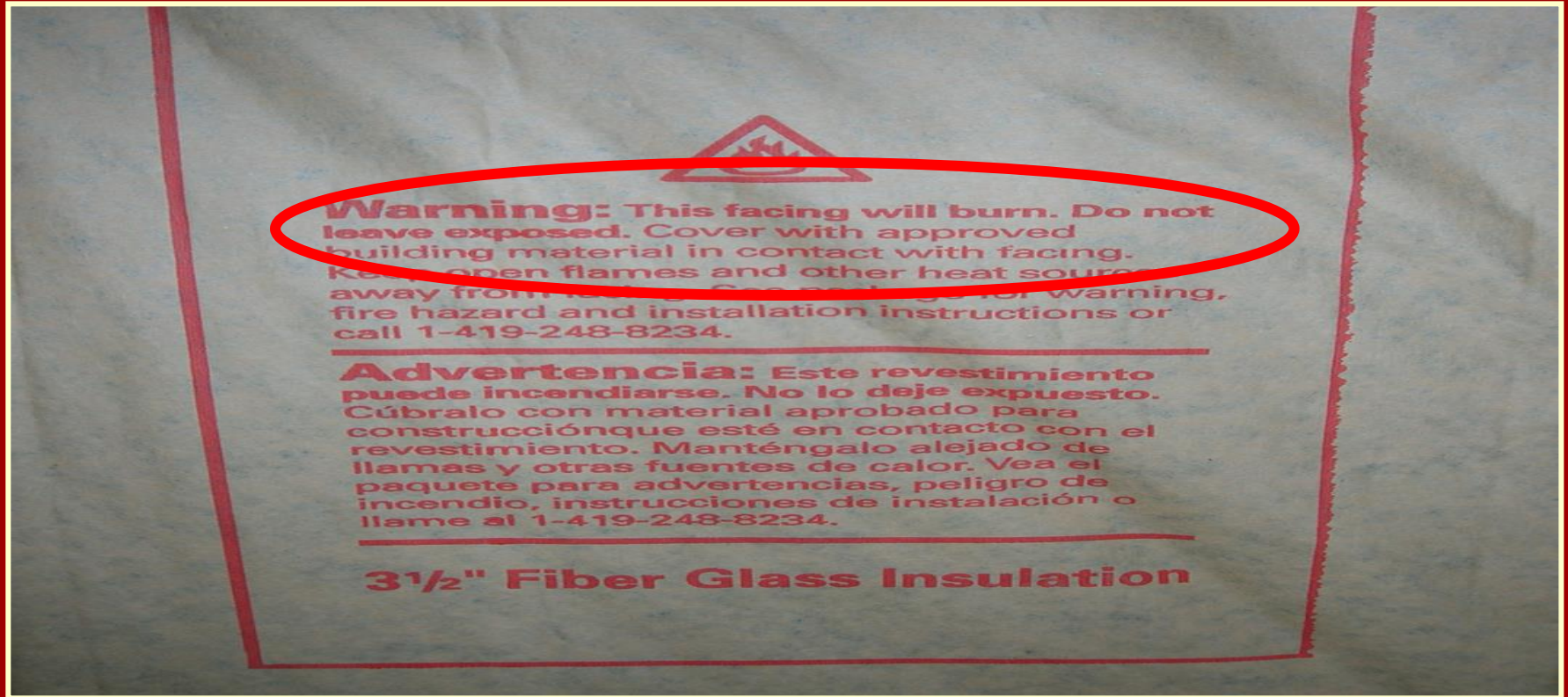
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THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY

200 LARKIN CENTER

322.20(4)(b) Shall Be Installed Per Manufacturer's Instruction



Code Change - June 2016

Crawl Spaces Must Be Insulated



**322.34 (3) Uninsulated and Vented Crawl Spaces
Removed by Emergency Rule June 1, 2016**

322.34 (2) & (3) Vapor Retarders Insulation Reqs. Thermal Barriers



R-10 Continuous: Interior or Exterior

R-13 Cavity: on Interior

322.34(2)(d)... Shall extend at least 6 inches up the wall and be attached and sealed



322.34 (2) & (3) Vapor Retarders Insulation Reqs. Thermal Barriers



Vapor Retarder Extended up at least 6 inches and attached

**Exposed Foam OK If: No Heat Source Present
And...Crawl Space is Separated From Living Space**

Crawl Spaces: You Never Know What You Might Find In There

Suburban Los Angeles



Hello Kitty!

Thank You

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