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## **Today's Webinar**

October 6 from 10:30-11:30 PT / 1:30-2:30 ET

# Turning basements into valuable, comfortable, healthy, and safe living areas



**Presented by** Salvatore D. Ciarlo, P Eng. Technical Services and Building Enclosures Director, Owens Corning Canada

With more people working from home and having kids attending remote school from home, having a home office or other livable space in the basement has become a bigger priority for many households.

Join us for this webinar to learn how you can unlock the potential of an added living space that is healthier, safe, comfortable, durable, and also minimizes radon ingress.

Follow-up seminar **The Science of Building Better Basements** (hosted by BuildABILITY) is on November 4 from 1-5 ET. Attendance is limited to the first 30 participants. **MORE SEATS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OCT 21 & 28**.

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## BUILDING VALUE WITH LIVABLE, HEALTHY & SAFE BASEMENTS

UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF AN ADDED LIVING SPACE



- HEALTHIER
- SAFE
- COMFORTABLE
- DURABLE
- ADDED LIVING SPACE



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# TURNING BASEMENTS INTO VALUABLE, COMFORTABLE, HEALTHY, AND SAFE LIVING AREAS

## Agenda

Exterior basement enclosure and drainage systems

Split insulation interior basement enclosure systems

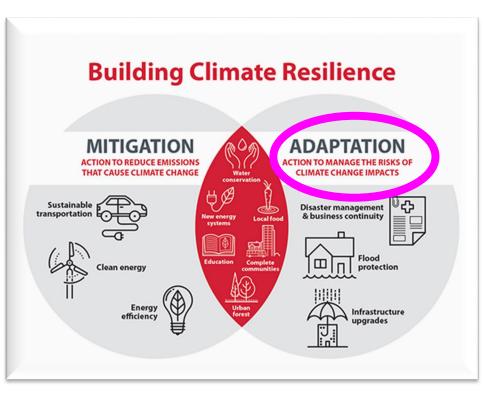
Innovative radon abatement system

## THE NEED TO BUILD BETTER













## THE ULTIMATE LOWER LIVING AREA EXPERIENCE









Storage area



Comfortable and Safe Additional Living Spaces

## THE ULTIMATE LOWER LIVING AREA

#### **CRITICAL CONTROL LAYERS**

Moisture: Better air quality; no dampness, no mold, no smells

Thermal: Comfortable space year round and cost savings

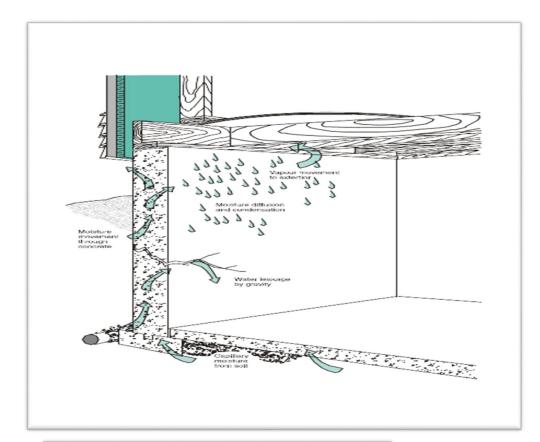
Air/Vapor: Durability (no condensation)

Soil gas: Health & Safety

## WATER MANAGEMENT









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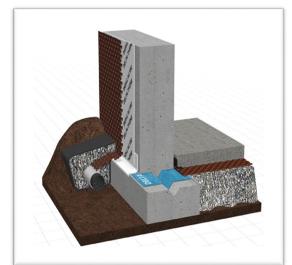
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Waterproofing

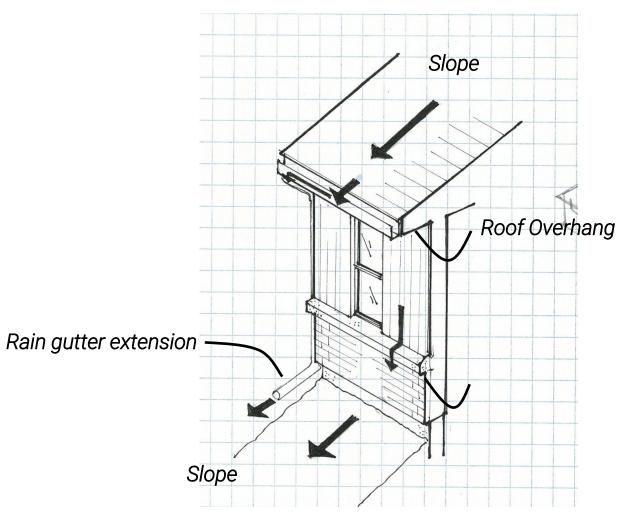


Damproofing



Capillary break

## WATER MANAGEMENT







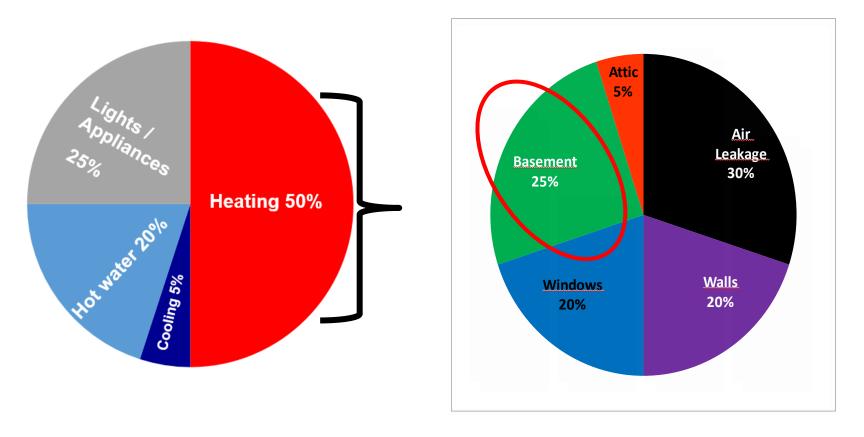






## **BETTER BASEMENTS**

« GOOD INVESTMENT FOR NET ZERO READY PERFORMANCE (R-20+) »



**ENERGY USE PROFILE TYPICAL CODE BUILT HOME** 

### **EXTERIOR INSULATION WITH DRAINAGE CHANNELS**

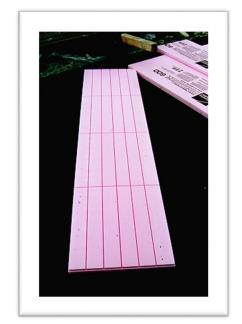






- Thermal Protection
- Durability (Concrete wall not subjected to temperature fluctuations)
- Reduced risk of frost heaving with susceptive soils
- Moisture Protection (even if concrete cracks, water will not get in! no call backs)
- Moisture can dry to interior, low condensation risk

Above grade insulation finishing options: Cement Board or THERMO-SHIELD FOUNDATION COATING (Gemite)





#### LOW CONDENSATION RISK

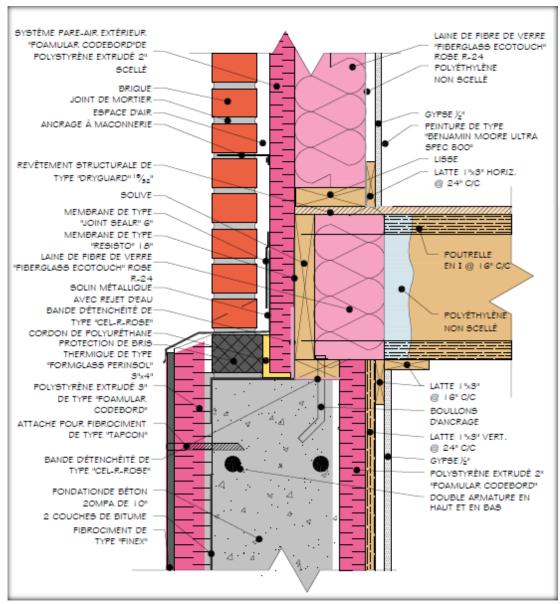
**Table 4.3:** Surface Temperatures and Maximum Relative Humidity (RH) at Critical Locations of an Exterior Insulated Below-Grade Wall and Floor Detail in <u>Montreal</u> (Winter Design Temperature: -23°C and Interior Temperature: 20°C)

				Critical	Location	
Wall Insulation R-value	Floor Insulation R-value	<b>T</b> i1 Gypsum at Floor at studs		<b>T<sub>i2</sub></b> Interior face of concrete between studs		
ft²h°F/Btu	ft²h°F/Bt∪	Surface Temp °C	Max. RH	Surface Temp	Max. RH	
	None	13.1	64.5%	14.9	72.6%	
5.15	R-5	12.9	63.5%	14.9	72.6%	
R-15 (3" XPS)	R-7.5	12.7	62.8%	14.9	72.6%	
(5 /// 5)	R-10	12.6	62.5%	14.9	72.6%	
	R-15	12.5	62.0%	14.9	72.6%	
	None	13.3	65.1%	16.0	77.9%	
	R-5	13.0	63.9%	16.0	77.9%	
R-20 (4" XPS)	R-7.5	12.9	63.5%	16.0	77.9%	
(1 //1 0)	R-10	12.8	63.2%	16.0	77.9%	
	R-15	12.8	63.0%	16.0	77.8%	

**Table 4.2:** Surface Temperatures and Maximum Relative Humidity (RH) at Critical Locations of an Exterior Insulated Below-Grade Wall and Floor Detail in Vancouver (Winter Design Temperature: -7°C and Interior Temperature: 20°C)

	Ì	Critical	Critical Location		
Wall Insulation R-value	R-value studs		T <sub>i2</sub> Interior face of concrete between studs		
ft²h°F/Btu ft²h°F/Btu		Surface Temp °C	Max. RH	Surface Temp °C	Max. RH
	None	15.6	75.7%	15.6	75.9%
'	R-5	15.4	74.7%	15.6	75.8%
R-10 (2" XPS)	R-7.5	15.3	74.4%	15.6	75.8%
(2 /// 5)	R-10	15.3	74.1%	15.6	75.8%
	R-15	15.2	74.0%	15.6	75.8%

#### REDUCED THERMAL BRIDGE AT TOP OF FOUNDATION WALL

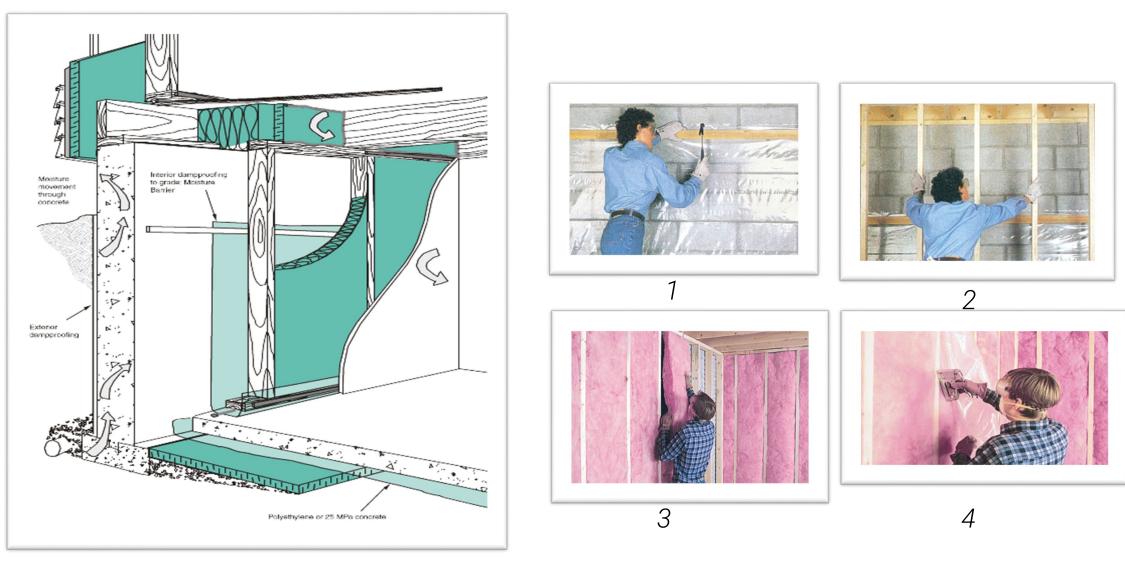






Insulated ledge block
FOAMGLAS® PERINSUL S
(Standard)

## TYPICAL BASEMENT INSULATION



Source: CHBA manual

## **CONDENSATION RISK (Winter)**

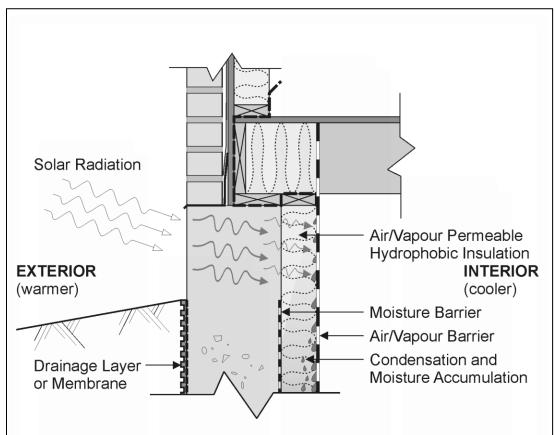
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		Clima				Critical Locations						
Wall Insulation	Floor Insulation R-value	Location	Exterior Design	<b>T</b> ii Gypsum betwee	at Floor	T <sub>i2</sub> Interior face o between	f concrete	Concrete Wall betw	i3 e Floor at veen studs ill plate)			
	ft²h°F/Btu		<b>Temp</b> °C	Surface Temp °C	Max. RH	Surface Temp °C	Max. RH	Surface Temp °C	Max. RH			
R-20		Vancouver	-7	13.5	66.1%	-5.9	15.9%	9.0	49.0%			
Fiberglass	None	Montreal	-23	9.6	51.1%	-21.2	3.9%	2.4	31.1%			
Batt		Winnipeg	-33	7.2	43.4%	-30.8	1.5%	-1.7	22.8%			

Continuous air/vapor barrier is critical!

Source: Morrison Hershfield

## **CONDENSATION RISK (Spring)**



The dominant temperature gradient during summer months drives moisture entrained in the foundation wall inward, where it condenses on the outboard face of the air/vapour barrier. Much of the insulation and strapping normally reach saturation, and in some cases, bulk water runs out the bottom of the interior finished wall assembly (often mistaken for leakage).

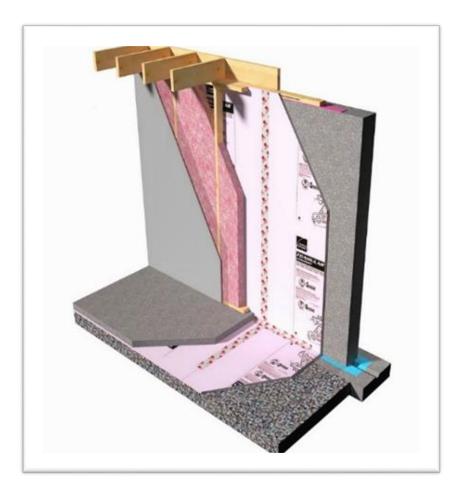




Source: Performance Guidelines for Basement Envelope Systems and Materials, CNRC

## HIGH PERFORMANCE HYBRID SYSTEM

« COST EFFECTIVE SOLUTION FOR NET ZERO READY PERFORMANCE (R-30+) »



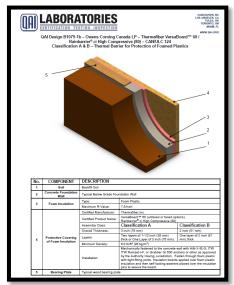
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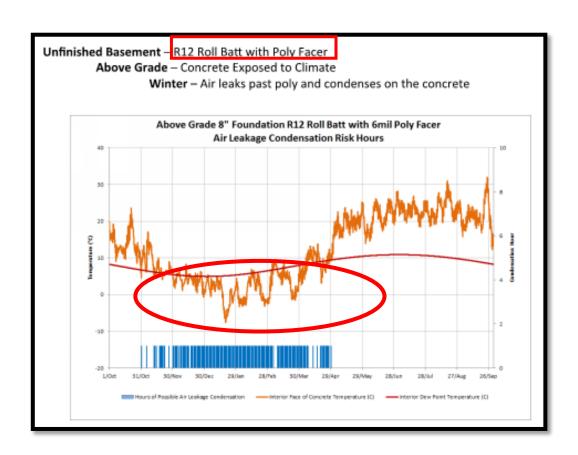
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Does not require gypsum board finish!



# LOW PERMEANCE FOAMULAR® NGX™ CODEBORD® REDUCES THE RISK OF CONDENSATION YEAR-ROUND!





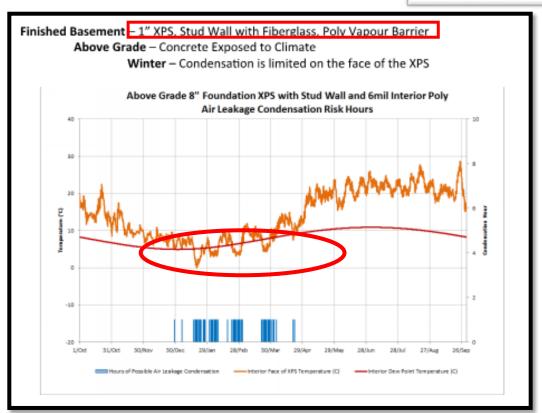
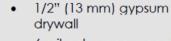


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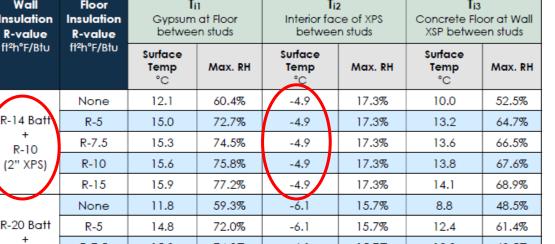
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	ft²h°F/Btu		<b>Temp</b> °C	Surface Temp °C	Max. RH	Surface Temp °C	Max. RH	Surface Temp °C	Max. RH
R-20		Vancouver	-7	13.5	66.1%	-5.9	15.9%	9.0	49.0%
Fiberglass	None	Montreal	-23	9.6	51.1%	-21.2	3.9%	2.4	31.1%
Batt		Winnipeg	-33	7.2	43.4%	-30.8	1.5%	-1.7	22.8%



			Critical Location								
	Wall Insulation R-value	Floor Insulation R-value	<b>T</b> i1 Gypsum at Floor between studs		T <sub>i</sub> Interior fa betwee	ce of XPS	<b>T</b> i3 Concrete Floor at Wall XSP between studs				
	ft²h°F/Btu	ft²h°F/Btu	Surface Temp °C	Temp Max. RH		Max. RH	Surface Temp °C	Max. RH			
		None	12.1	60.4%	-4.9	17.3%	10.0	52.5%			
	R-14 Batt	R-5	15.0	72.7%	-4.9	17.3%	13.2	64.7%			
	+ R-10	R-7.5	15.3	74.5%	-4.9	17.3%	13.6	66.5%			
V	(2" XPS)	R-10	15.6	75.8%	-4.9	17.3%	13.8	67.6%			
		R-15	15.9	77.2%	-4.9	17.3%	14.1	68.9%			
		None	11.8	59.3%	-6.1	15.7%	8.8	48.5%			
	R-20 Batt	R-5	14.8	72.0%	-6.1	15.7%	12.4	61.4%			
	+ R-12.5	R-7.5	15.3	74.2%	-6.1	15.7%	12.9	63.5%			
	(2.5" XPS)	R-10	15.6	75.6%	-6.1	15.6%	13.2	64.8%			
		R-15	15.9	77.5%	-6.1	15.6%	13.6	66.5%			



- 6 mil poly vapour control
- wood studs (2x4, 2x6) at 16" (406 mm) o.c. with fiberglass batt insulation (R-12, R-14, R-20)±
- 8" (203 mm) concrete wall



Condensing plane is 16 Deg C warmer!

Reduced risk of condensation in winter and spring



• 1/2" (13 mm) gypsum drywall

6 mil poly vapour control

wood studs (2x4 or 2x6) at 16" (406 mm) o.c. with fiberglass batt insulation (R-12, R-14, R-20) ±

• XPS insulation (varies) \*

8" (203 mm) concrete below grade wall

Source: Morrison Hershfield

#### **Energy Savings**

Insulation) Below-Grade Wall and Floor Details

Applicable Climate	lns	<b>ulation R-val</b> ft²h°F/Btu	lue	Clear Wall U-value Btu/h ft²°F	Clear Wall Effective R-value	Below-Grade Foundation Perimeter Heat Loss, L
Zones	Wall: Stud Cavity	Wall: Continuous	Floor	(W/m²K)	Ft²h°F/Btu (m²K/W)	Btu/h ft°F (W/mK)
			None			1.31 (2.27)
			R-5			1.09 (1.89)
(Vancouver)	R-12	R-5	R-7.5	0.056 (0.32)	18.0 (3.16)	1.03 (1.78)
,			R-10			0.98 (1.69)
			R-15			0.90 (1.56)
			None			1.21 (2.10)
			R-5			0.98 (1.70)
	R-14	R-10	R-7.5	0.041 (0.23)	24.5 (4.32)	0.91 (1.58)
			R-10			0.86 (1.49)
6			R-15			0.78 (1.36)
(Montreal)			None			1.14 (1.97)
		R-12.5	R-5	0.031 (0.17)		0.91 (1.57)
	R-20		R-7.5		32.5 (5.72)	0.84 (1.45)
			R-10	0004		0.79 (1.36)
		(	R-15	38% les	s heat loss	0.71 (1.22)
			None			1.19 (2.05)
			R-5		0.95 (1.65)	
	R-14	R-12.5	R-7.5	0.037 (0.21)	27.0 (4.76)	0.88 (1.53)
			R-10			0.83 (1.44)
7A			R-15			0.75 (1.30)
(Winnipeg)			None			1.09 (1.88)
			R-5			0.86 (1.49)
	R-20	R-20	R-7.5	0.025 (0.14)	40.0 (7.04)	0.79 (1.37)
			R-10			0.74 (1.28)
			R-15			0.66 (1.13)

#### Appropriate insulation ratios by region

**Table 1.4:** Evaluated Insulation Levels of Interior Hybrid Insulated (Continuous Interior Insulation) Wall Assemblies

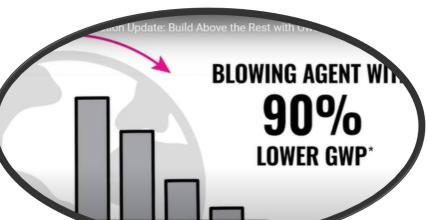
Location	Interior Conditions	Fiberglass Batt Insulation R-value in Stud Cavity ft²h°F/BTU	Interior XPS Insulation R-value ft²h°F/BTU
Vancouver, BC (Climate Zone 4)	20°C, 40% RH	R-12 (2x4 studs)	R-5 (1", 25 mm)
Montreal, PQ	20°C, 30% RH	R-14 (2x4 studs)	R-10 (2", 50 mm)
(Climate Zone 6)	20 C, 30% KH	R-20 (2x6 studs)	R-12.5 (2.5", 64 mm)
Winnipeg, MB	20°C 200 DH	R-14 (2x4 studs)	R-12.5 (2.5", 64 mm)
(Climate Zone 7A)	20°C, 30% RH	R-20 (2x6 studs)	R-20 (4", 102 mm)

For the condensation risk analysis, critical surface temperatures were identified at three locations exposed to interior conditions for all scenarios. The surface temperatures at these locations were found for the following interior and exterior design conditions:

- Interior Design Temperature: 20°C
- Vancouver, BC Winter Design Temperature<sup>4</sup>: -7°C
- Montreal, PQ Winter Design Temperature<sup>4</sup>: -23°C
- Winnipeg, MB Winter Design Temperature<sup>4</sup>: -33°C

46% less heat loss compared to 2x6 with R-20 batts and no insulation under slab=1.31, (2.26)











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Results below represent an R-value of 1 in accordance with the standard unit reported in the Environmental Product Declaration (EPD). Details on how to scale results to other Rvalues can be found in the full EPD.

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	Global Warming Potential Embodied Carbon	Ozone Depletion Potential	Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential	Acidification Potential	Eutrophication Potential	Depletion of Abiotic Resources (Fossil Fuels)
	kg CO₂ eq.	kg CFC 11 eq.	kg (₃ eq.	kg SO₂ eq.	kg N eq.	MJ
11- A3 ★ ★ ★ ★ ■ ★	6.92*	2.08 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0/188	0.0157	0.00779	9.56
Total A1-A5, B, 01-C4	9.77	2.08 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.217	0.0168	0.00800	9.95

<sup>\*</sup>This total is further respect by use of 100% wind electricity. See Total Slobal site for current % reduction.



Insulation installed in Chicago pays back in heating & cooling savings1 in less than



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Reference Service Life	75 years
Validity Period	01/1/2021 - 01/1/2026
Data Verification	
LCA Software	SimaPro 9.0.035
LCIA Methodology	TRACI 2.1 v1.04
LCI Database	ecoinvent 3.5
Manufacturing Location(s)	Tallmadge, OH; Gresham, OR; Valleyfield, QC

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Savings vary. Details are available in section 6 of the EPD.

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	A1- A3 + 🗪 + 🔤	21.9	3.36 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>		0.177	0.0138	0.00729	9.42	
Α	Total 1-25, B, C1-C4	57.8	3.36 x 10⁻⁵		0.206	0.0149	0.00751	9.81	



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Validity Period	01/1/2019 - 01/1/2024

 ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> Party reviewed Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) Data Verification

✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> party verified Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)

LCA Software SimaPro 9.0.035 LCIA Methodology TRACI 2.1 v1.04 LCI Database ecoinvent 3.5

Manufacturing Location(s) Tallmadge, OH; Gresham, OR; Valleyfield, OC2; Rockford, IL; Monterrey, Mexico

Pursuant to Section 69 of the Ozone-depleting Substances and Halocarbon Alternatives Regulations of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, product would only be manufactured at this location after January 1, 2021 if granted a permit to manufacture.

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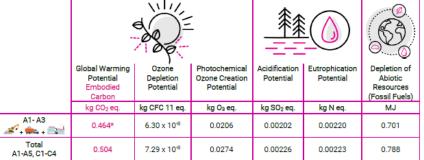
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LCIA Methodology	TRACI 2.1 v1.04				
LCI Database	ecoinvent 3.3				
Manufacturing Location(s)	Delmar, NY; Edmonton, AB; Fairburn, GA; Newark, OH; Toronto, ON; Waxahachie, TX; Santa Clara, CA; Kansas City, KS				

<sup>1</sup>Savings vary. Details are available in section 6 of the EPD.

For the full EPD, visit https://www.owenscorning.com/dms/10023059 For Optimization Summary visit: https:// For additional product information, visit https://www.owenscorning.com/en-us/insulation/products/ecotouch

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Next Gen Fiberglas= 0.46 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq with wind power reduction of 24% Cellulose =  $0.47 \text{ kg CO}_2 \text{ eq}$ 

NRCAN calculator..\Embodied carbon content round table\NRCan MCE Calculator V4.1 2021-04-29\_results.xlsm

#### PRODUCT ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT SUMMARY

#### **UNBONDED LOOSEFILL INSULATION**





Owens Corning Unbonded Loosefill Insulation is an alternative to roll or batt insulation in attics, new construction or retrofit applications.

Declared/Functional Unit 1 m2 insulation at Rs=1

Results below represent an R-value of 1 in accordance with the standard unit reported in the Environmental Product Declaration (EPD). Details on how to scale results to other Rvalues can be found in the full EPD.

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	Global Warming Potential Embodied Carbon	Ozone Depletion Potential	Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential	Acidification Potential	Eutrophication Potential	Depletion of Abiotic Resources (Fossil Fuels)
	kg CO₂ eq.	kg CFC 11 eq.	kg O₃ eq.	kg SO₂ eq.	kg N eq.	MJ
A1- A3	0.884*	1.15 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	0.0385	0.00373	0.00461	1.27
Total A1-A5, C1-C4	0.983	1.40 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	0.0555	0.00433	0.00470	1.49

'This total is further reduced by use of 100% wind electricity. See SCS Global site for current % reduction.

Insulation installed in Chicago pays back in heating & cooling savings in less than

equivalent to taking

off the road

Reference Service Life	75 years
Validity Period	09/19/2018 - 09/19/2023
Data Verification	✓ 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party reviewed Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)  ✓ 3 <sup>rd</sup> party verified Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)
LCA Software	SimaPro 8.4.0.0
LCIA Methodology	TRACI 2.1 v1.04
LCI Database	ecoinvent 3.3
Manufacturing Location(s)	Edmonton, AB; Mt. Vernon, OH; Lakeland, FL; Kansas City, KS; Nephi, UT; Toronto, ON

<sup>1</sup>Savings vary. Details are available in section 6 of the EPD. For the full EPD, visit https://www.owensco

For additional product information visit, https://www.ow

With wind power reduction of 42% = 0.51 kg CO<sub>2</sub>eq

## SUB SLAB INSULATION

#### FOAMULAR® CODEBORD® NGX™



#### **BENEFITS**

#### Thermal:

 Comfortable space year-round, no more cold feet, can accommodate multiple finishes above concrete slab

#### Moisture:

• Better indoor air quality; no dampness, no mold, no smells

#### Air/Vapor:

• Durability (no condensation)

Insulation) Below-Grade Wall and Floor Details

Applicable Climate	Ins	ulation R-val ft²h°F/Btu	ue	Clear Wall U-value Btu/h ft²°F	Clear Wall Effective R-value	Below-Grade Foundation Perimeter Heat Loss, L <sub>f</sub>		
Zones	Wall: Wall: Stud Cavity Continuous		Floor	(W/m²K)	Ft²h°F/Btu (m²K/W)	Btu/h ft°F (W/mK)		
			None	0.056 (0.32)		1.31 (2.27)		
			R-5			1.09 (1.89)		
4 (Vancouver)	R-12	R-5	R-7.5		18.0 (3.16)	1.03 (1.78)		
,			R-10			0.98 (1.69)		
			R-15			0.90 (1.56)		
		R-10	None		24.5 (4.32)	1.21 (2.10)		
			R-5			0.98 (1.70)		
	R-14		R-7.5	0.041 (0.23)		0.91 (1.58)		
			R-10			0.86 (1.49)		
6			R-15			0.78 (1.36)		
(Montreal)	R-20	R-12.5	None	0.031 (0.17)	32.5 (5.72)	1.14 (1.97)		
			R-5			0.91 (1.57)		
			R-7.5			0.84 (1.45)		
			R-10			0.79 (1.36)		
			R-15			0.71 (1.22)		
	R-14	R-12.5	None	0.037 (0.21)	27.0 (4.76)	1.19 (2.05)		
			R-5			0.95 (1.65)		
			R-7.5			0.88 (1.53)		
			R-10			0.83 (1.44)		
7A			R-15			0.75 (1.30)		
(Winnipeg)		R-20	None			1.09 (1.88)		
			R-5			0.86 (1.49)		
	R-20		R-7.5	0.025 (0.14)	40.0 (7.04)	0.79 (1.37)		
			R-10			0.74 (1.28)		
			R-15			0.66 (1.13)		

Basement Insulation System Performance
<u>With Insulation</u> Under the Concrete Slab <u>Vs No Insulation</u>

17% to 32% less heat loss

20% to 36% less heat loss

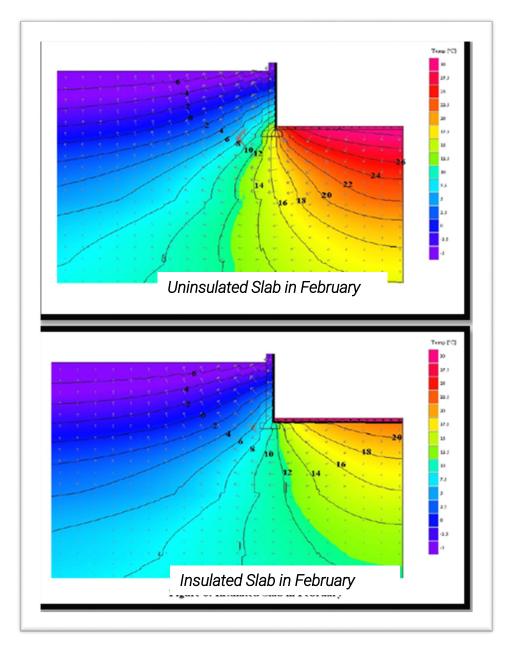
20% to 38% less heat loss

20% to 37% less heat loss

22% Up to 40% less heat loss

Source: Morrison Hershfield

## **ENERGY SAVINGS + OCCUPANT COMFORT**



#### Climate Zone 7A

	airtightness in	Heating demand			% Better than
Description	ACH@50	KWh/m2a	GJ/a	TFA m2	Benchmark
Code compliant 2x6 wall (BENCHMARK)	2.5	107.6	112.33	290m²	0%
Code compliant 2x6 wall with R-2 Sub slab insulation	2.5	74.3	77.57	290m²	31%
Code compliant 2x6 wall with R-4 Sub slab insulation	2.5	67.8	70.78	290m²	37%
Code compliant 2x6 wall with R-8 Sub slab insulation	2.5	62.8	65.56	290m²	41%
Code compliant 2x6 wall with R-12 Sub slab insulation	2.5	60.9	63.58	290m²	43%
Code compliant 2x6 wall with R-16 Sub slab insulation	2.5	59.8	62.43	290m²	44%
Code compliant 2x6 wall with R-20 Sub slab insulation	2.5	59.2	61.80	290m²	45%

- **R5** = 4,500 KWh energy savings annually \$350 savings annually; electricity at \$0.08/KWh
- R10 = 5,000 KWh energy savings annually \$400 a,savings annually; electricity at \$0.08/KWh

Energy savings plus optimum comfort, no more cold feet!!

**Table 4.1:** Surface Temperatures and Maximum Relative Humidity (RH) at Critical Locations of an Interior Insulated Below-Grade Wall and Uninsulated Floor Detail at Winter Design Temperatures and 20°C Interior Temperature

	Floor Insulation R-value ft²h°F/Btu	Climate		Critical Locations							
Wall Insulation		Location	Exterior Design Temp °C	<b>T</b> i1 Gypsum at Floor between studs		T <sub>i2</sub> Interior face of concrete between studs		T <sub>i3</sub> Concrete Floor at Wall between studs (under sill plate)			
				Surface Temp °C	Max. RH	Surface Temp °C	Max. RH	Surface Temp °C	Max. RH		
R-20 Fiberglass Batt	None	Vancouver	-7	13.5	66.1%	-5.9	15.9%	9.0	49.0%		
		Montreal	-23	9.6	51.1%	-21.2	3.9%	2.4	31.1%		
		Winnipeg	-33	7.2	43.4%	-30.8	1.5%	-1.7	22.8%		



	Floor Insulation R-value ft <sup>2</sup> h°F/Btu	Critical Location								
Wall Insulation R-value ft²h°F/Btu		<b>T</b> i1 Gypsum at Floor between studs		T <sub>iž</sub> Interior fac betwee	ce of XPS	T <sub>i3</sub> Concrete Floor at Wall XSP between studs				
		Surface Temp °C	Max. RH	Surface Temp °C	Max. RH	Surface Temp °C	Max. RH			
	None	12.1	60.4%	-4.9	17.3%	10.0	52.5%			
R-14 Batt	R-5	15.0	72.7%	-4.9	17.3%	13.2	64.7%			
+ R-10	R-7.5	15.3	74.5%	-4.9	17.3%	13.6	66.5%			
(2" XPS)	R-10	15.6	75.8%	-4.9	17.3%	13.8	67.6%			
	R-15	15.9	77.2%	-4.9	17.3%	14.1	68.9%			
	None	11.8	59.3%	-6.1	4.1 De	g C	48.5%			
R-20 Batt + R-12.5 (2.5" XPS)	R-5	14.8	72.0%	-6.1	warme	er 4	61.4%			
	R-7.5	15.3	74.2%	-6.1	15.7%	12.9	63.5%			
	R-10	15.6	75.6%	-6.1	15.6%	13.2	64.8%			
	R-15	15.9	77.5%	-6.1	15.6%	13.6	66.5%			



- 1/2" (13 mm) gypsum drywall
- 6 mil poly vapour control
- wood studs (2x4, 2x6) at 16" (406 mm) o.c. with fiberglass batt insulation (R-12, R-14, R-20)±
- 8" (203 mm) concrete wall

R-5 Under Slab Sla

Slab is 11 Deg C warmer than uninsulated slab with 2x6 & R-20 batts

XPS insulation (varies) ±

(R-12, R-14, R-20) ±

1/2" (13 mm) gypsum

• 6 mil poly vapour control

wood studs (2x4 or 2x6) at 16" (406 mm) o.c. with fiberglass batt insulation

drywall

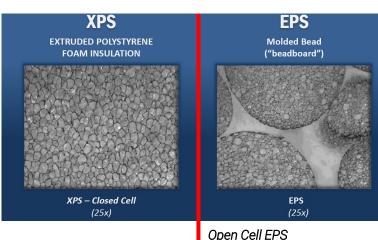
8" (203 mm) concrete below grade wall

Source: Morrison Hershfield

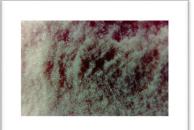
## THE TYPE OF INSULATION MATTERS!



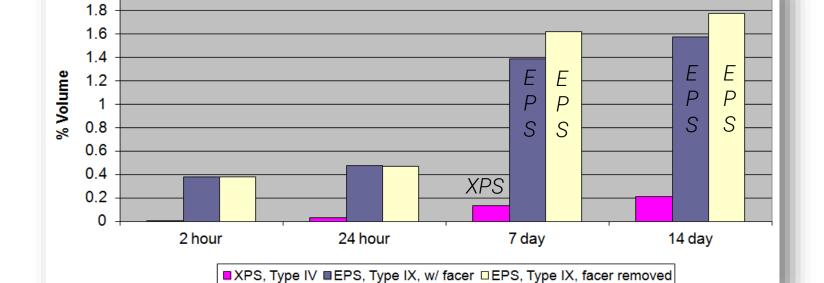




Closed Cell XPS (Max 0.7% water absorption)



(2-4% water absorption)



- XPS Insulation keeps the slab warm and dry
- No polyethylene required (max. 60 ng/Pa.s.m²)

## DAMPROOFING & VAPOR CONTROL



OBC 9.13.2.6 Damproofing of Floors-on-Ground

- · Rigid extruded polystyrene can be used as damproofing above or below the slab, provided
- sealed or ship lap joints,
- sufficient compressive strength to support the floor assembly and
- a water vapor permeance complying with Clause 9.13.2.2.(2)(b),(43 ng/Pa-s-m2 wet cup)

## RADON FACTS



Radon is a colorless, odorless, and flavorless radioactive gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer overall (after smoking) and the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

- Radon is the leading environmental cause of cancer
- Radon kills 3,000 Canadians and 21,000 Americans per year
- 1 in 15 homes in the U.S. and Canada has high radon levels

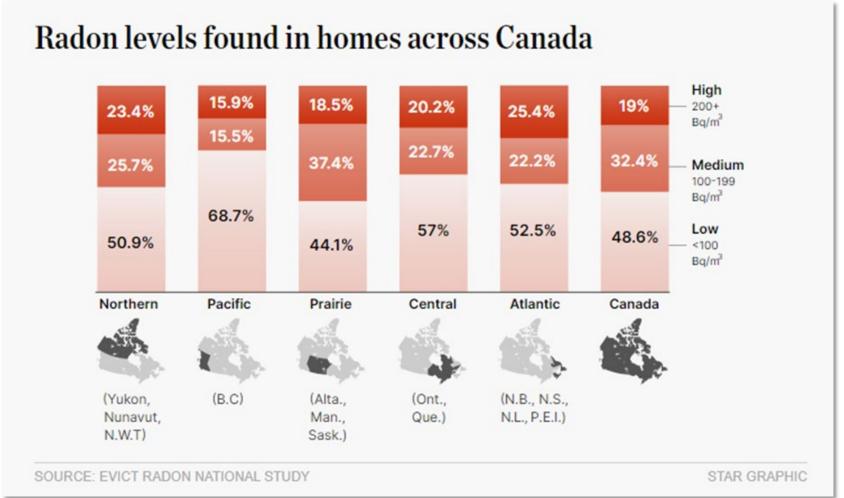
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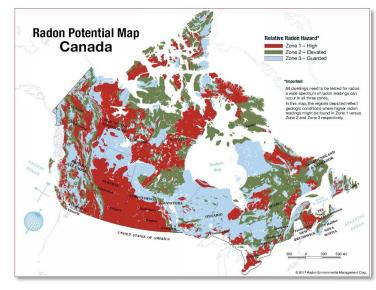
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## RADON STATISTICS





- Canadian guideline for radon in indoor air for dwellings is 200 Bq/m<sup>3</sup>
- The World Health Organisation recommends that countries adopt 100 Bq/m³

Front page article in Toronto Star (May 1, 2021)

## **SOIL GAS BARRIERS NBCC 2015**

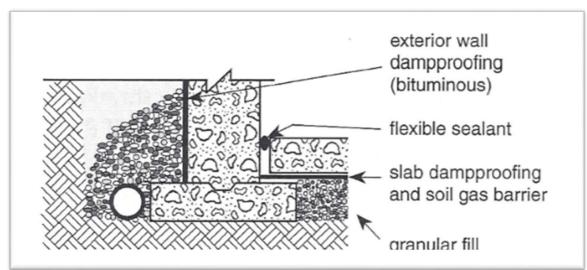
#### 9.13.4.2. Protection from Soil Gas Ingress

1) All wall, roof and floor assemblies separating conditioned space from the ground shall be protected by an air barrier system conforming to Subsection 9.25.3.

#### 9.25.3.2. Air Barrier System Properties

(See Note A-9.25.5.1.(1).)

- 1) Air barrier systems shall possess the characteristics necessary to provide an effective barrier to air infiltration and exfiltration under differential air pressure due to stack effect, mechanical systems or wind.
- **2)** Where polyethylene sheet is used to provide airtightness in the *air barrier* system, it shall conform to CAN/CGSB-51.34-M, "Vapour Barrier, Polyethylene Sheet for Use in Building Construction."



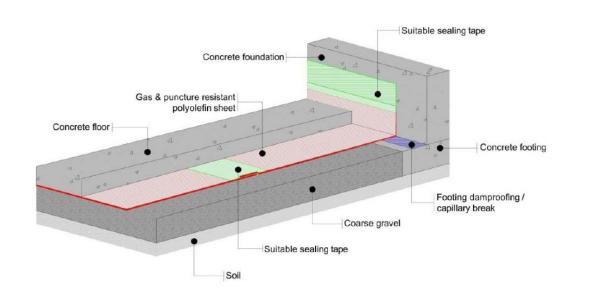
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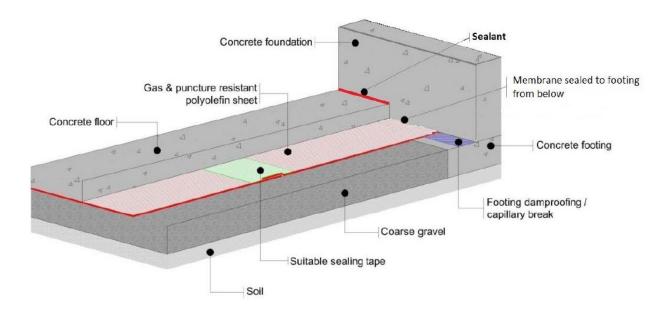
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## SOIL GAS BARRIERS CAN/CGSB-149-11-2019

- 7.1.4.5 Soil gas barriers under concrete slabs
- **7.1.4.5.1** The soil gas barrier material used under a concrete slab shall be 0.25 mm (10 mil) thick polyethylene or equivalent polyolefin, and be gas and puncture resistant.

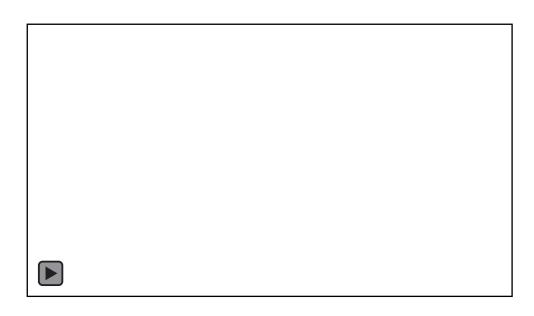
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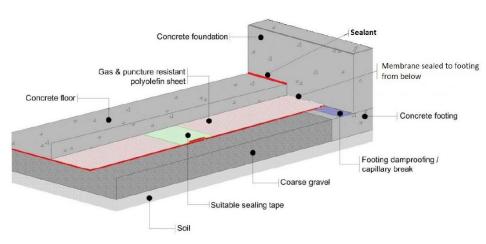




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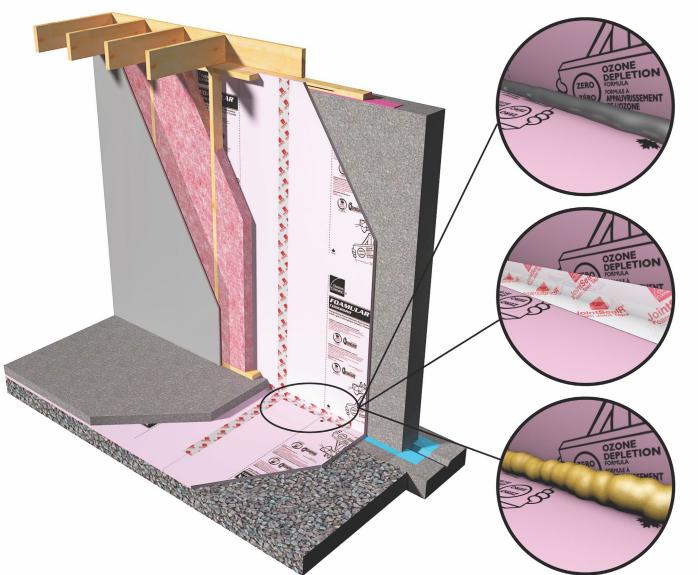




Polyethylene must be continuous, sealed along perimeter and at penetrations and puncture resistant

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Flexible caulking

Joint SealR Tape

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- ✓ The only CCMC approved XPS solution
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- ✓ Quicker to install vs EPS and Polyethylene
- ✓ Less expensive than SPF
- ✓ Can be installed year round

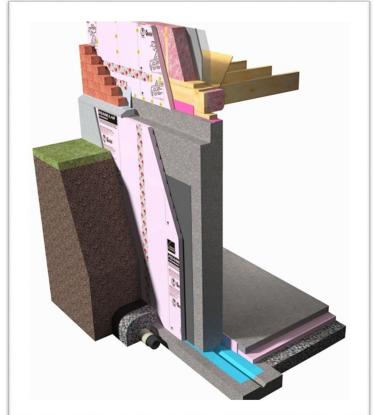
#### ONE PRODUCT 5 ATTRIBUTES

- Air Barrier
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- Thermal Barrier
- Radon Barrier

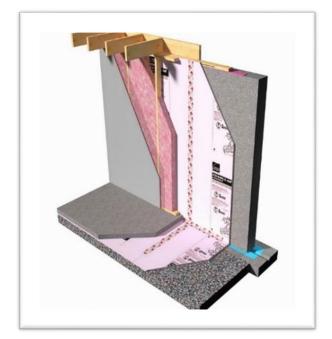


- Healthier Living Space
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- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party CCMC Certified
- No Poly Required
- Skilled Trades not required
- Best Long-Term Solution
- Moisture Resistant
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- Higher Compressive Strength





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- . Understand the science of how basements work
- Discuss the poor practices that impair basement performance
- Describe basement construction best practices that improve basement performance
- Describe alternative approaches through case studies

#### Seminar Content:

- High performance basements
- Soil characteristics: bearing capacity, backfilling pressure, porosity, high water table, pore water, frost penetration
- · Heat loss control: Types of insulation and their locations
- Moisture control: moisture in soils, moisture in materials, water vapour presence
- · Air leakage control: envelop durability energy efficiency, ventilation system effectiveness
- · Radon control in basements and the need for proper radon barriers
- · Basement details that work!

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