





# Washington's Building Codes Get Greener:

# Masonry Systems Prepared to Step Ahead

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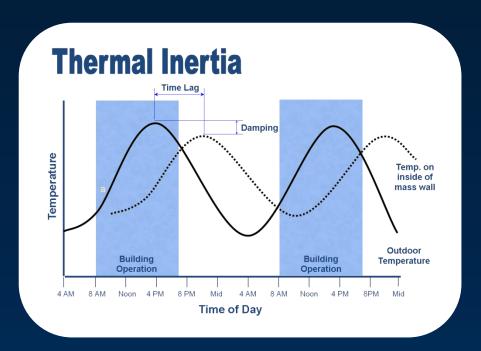
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# **Energy Code Compliance with Mass Wall Assemblies**

- Thermal Mass Benefits
- Northwest Energy Codes
- Insulation Options
- Building Performance



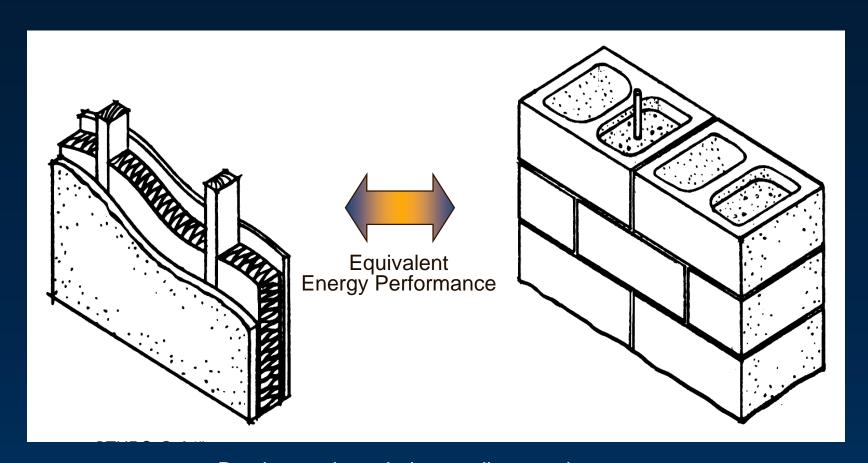


- Providing Effective Thermal Storage
- Dampening heating and cooling loads
- Shifting peak loads to off-peak hours



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Mass Wall Benefits



R-value not intended to predict actual energy use.

**Thermal Mass Benefit** 



# **Code Compliance Paths**

- Prescriptive Path
- Component Performance
- Systems Analysis



# Wall with HC exceeding 5 - 7 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup> - F HC = mass x specific heat (35 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup>)

Wall	Partial Grout	Solid Grout
8" CMU	9.65	15.00
12" CMU	14.50	23.60
8" Brick	10.90	16.40
CMU Cavity Wall	15.00	20.35
Wall	No Grout	
4" brick Veneer (wood studs)	7.40	_
4" brick Veneer (metal studs)	7.20	-







**Mass Wall Systems** 



# **Alternative Prescriptive Path Wall Requirements**

• Glazing area maximum = 40%

Wall Type	Zone 1	Zone 2
CMU	U = 0.15 (avg)*	U = 0.123 (avg)

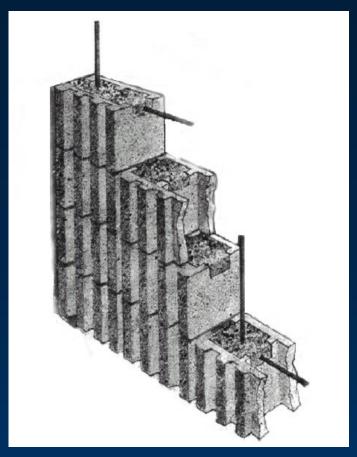
<sup>\*</sup> Partially grouted wall with integral insulation complies.

#### OR

Wall Type	Zone 1	Zone 2
CMU	R - 5.7 continuous insulation	R – 7.6 continuous insulation

**Washington Energy Code** 





Integral insulated, partial-grouted concrete masonry walls can comply with northwest energy codes.

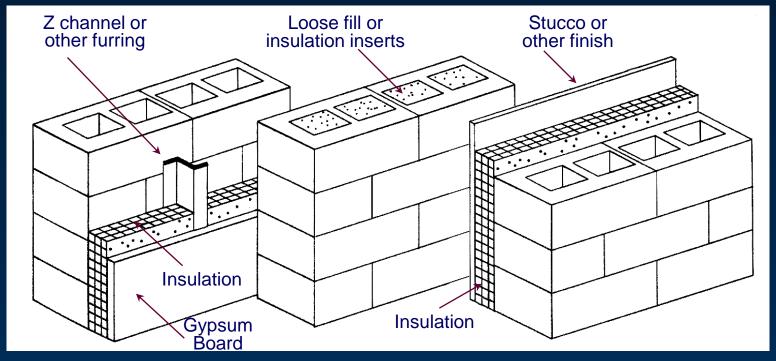
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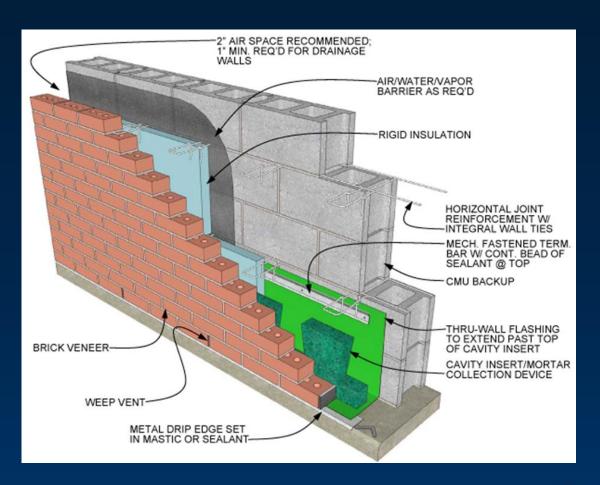




INTERIOR INTEGRAL EXTERIOR

**Mass Wall Insulation Options** 





# **Mass Wall Insulation Options**



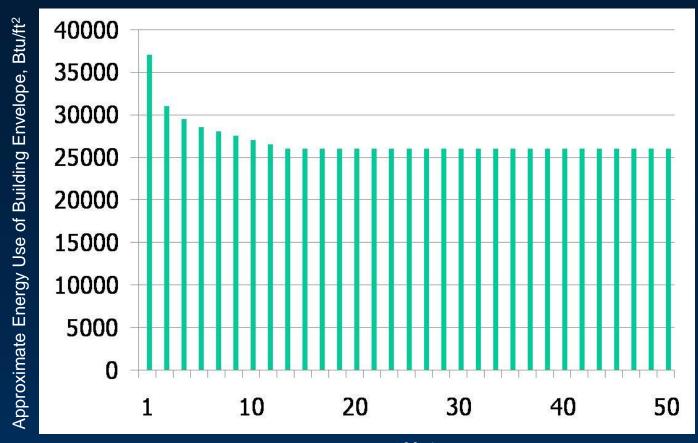
# Factors Affecting Commercial Building Energy Performance

- Building type
  - Operation
  - Internal loads
- HVAC equipment
- Climate
- Envelope Insulation
- Thermal Mass



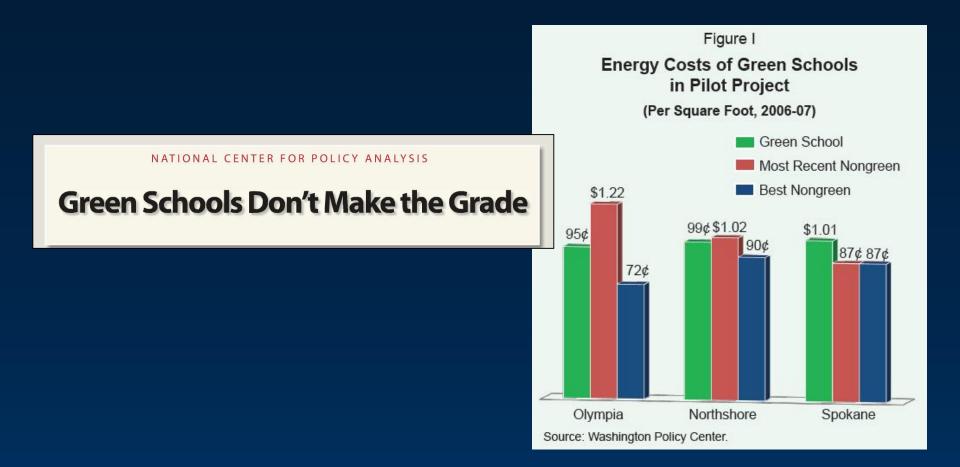
 Nonresidential energy code provisions are required to be "technically feasible, commercially available, and cost-effective to building owners and tenants."





Wall R-Value. hr ft2 °F/Btu





**Building Performance** 



# State Audit Shows Most "Green" Schools Cost More and Are Less Efficient Than Average School

Exhibit 5 – Agencies Report High Performance Features Added Between
1 and 3 Percent to Building Costs

		State Agencies & Higher Education Institutions	School Districts	
Number of projects		17*	14**	
Total added costs		\$3,507,796	\$10,019,890	
Net added costs after incentives and avoided costs		\$2,499,726	\$9,538,020	
Average net added cost per square foot		\$3.25	\$8.52	
	Average	0.9%	2.6%	
Net added cost percent	Min	-1.4%	0.7%	
	Max	3.8%	7.2%	

<sup>\*</sup>Cost reports not available for 20 of 37 projects substantially complete as of June 30, 2010.

Exhibit 6 – Energy Use For Seven of Nine High Performance Buildings Did Not Meet Design Estimates

		Annual Energy Use (000 Btu per sf)			Design
	Building	Estimate	Actual	% Difference	Estimate Met?
State/	Centralia CC Science Center	78	127	+63%	No
Higher Ed, First 12	Everett College Graywolf Hall	33	126	+282%	No
Months	UW Playhouse Renovation	84	72	-14%	Yes
School	Sherwood Forest ES	30	46	+53%	No
Buildings, Most	Grove ES	22	55	+150%	No
Recent 12	Gray MS	39	57	+46%	No
Months	Willapa Valley Jr./Sr. HS	33	12	-64%	Yes
Pilot	Lincoln Heights ES	40	50	+25%	No
Schools, 48 Months	Washington MS	26	41	+58%	No

**Building Performance** 



<sup>\*\*</sup>Total cost not available for one project still being closed out.





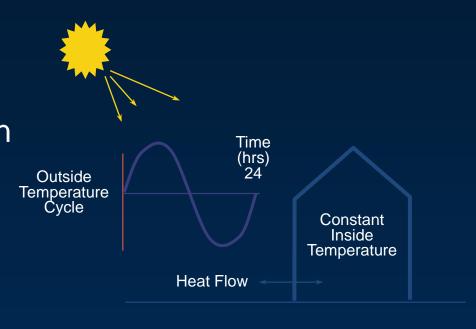


#### TE Inc. Energy Simulation Retail-Warehouse Bldg.

City	Wall	Energy Cost Diff.	Pay-Back Period
Seattle	Code	Baseline	
Seattle	Proposed	\$978/yr (0.71%)	255 years
Portland	Code	Baseline	
Portland	Proposed (ASHRAE)	\$2,025/yr (1.6%)	123 years
Spokane	Code	Baseline	
Spokane	Proposed	\$17,758/yr (18.9%)	14 years



- Use comprehensive, whole-building energy analysis program with hour-by-hour simulation
- These programs can accurately model concrete masonry's thermal mass and predict the associated energy savings



**Optimize Energy Performance** 



#### ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE METHODS

#### WHY?

- ENERGY!
- 40% Energy in the US is used in operating buildings!
- 90% of the lifetime facility costs are operational costs!

## **Definitions**

- Thermal Break
- Component Analysis
- Whole Building Analysis
- Continuous Insulation

# **Design Opportunity**

- Thermal Transfer Mitigation
- Veneer
- New Products

# Green Building Attributes

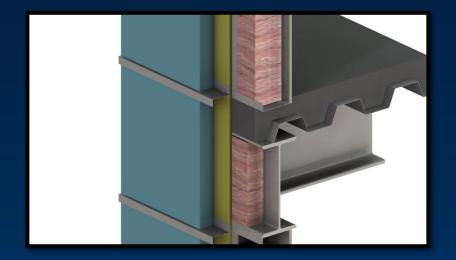
- Net Zero Energy
- Timeless Material
- Low Carbon Footprint



#### What is a Thermal Bridge?

- Highly conductive material that by-passes insulation layers
- Areas of high heat transfer
- Can greatly affect the thermal performance of assemblies

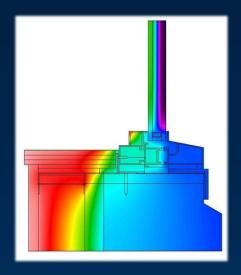




**Thermal Bridging** 

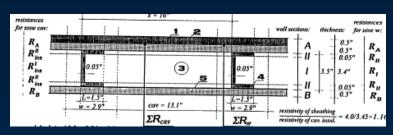


#### How is Thermal Bridging Typically Evaluated?

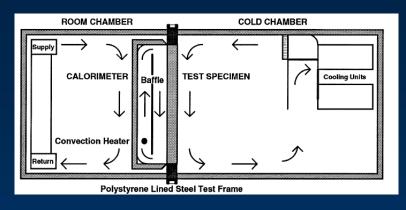


**Computer Modeling** 

**Thermal Bridging** 

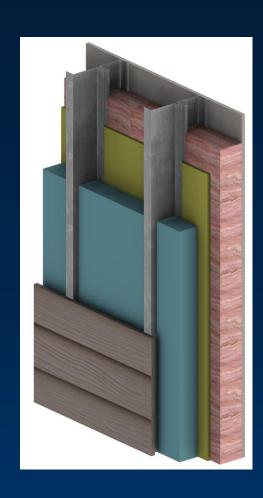


## **Hand Calculations**

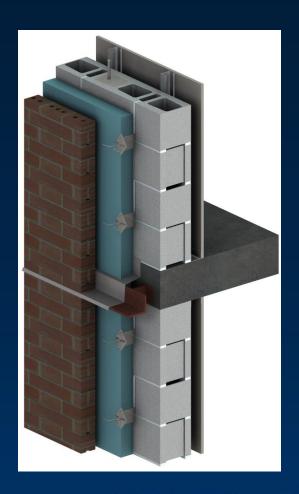


Lab Measurement





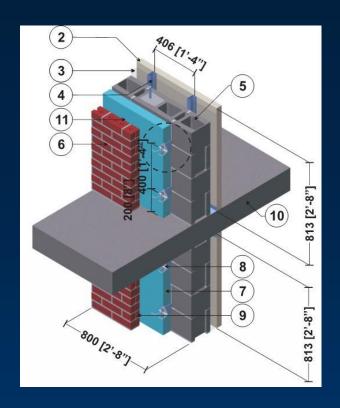


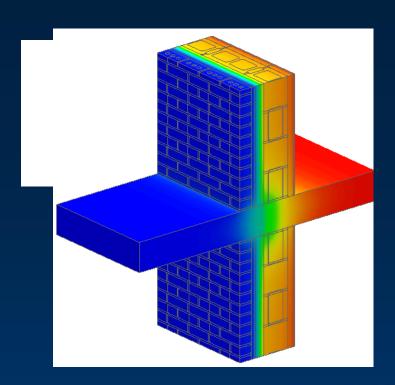


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#### Thermal Bridging and the Area Weighted Average

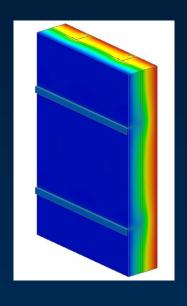




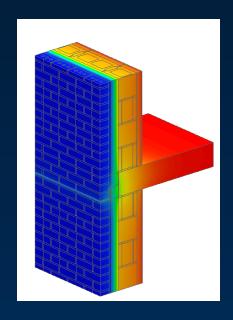
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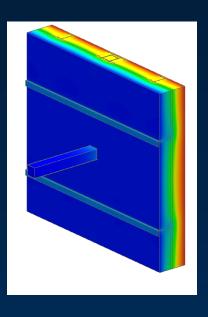
#### Types of Transmittances







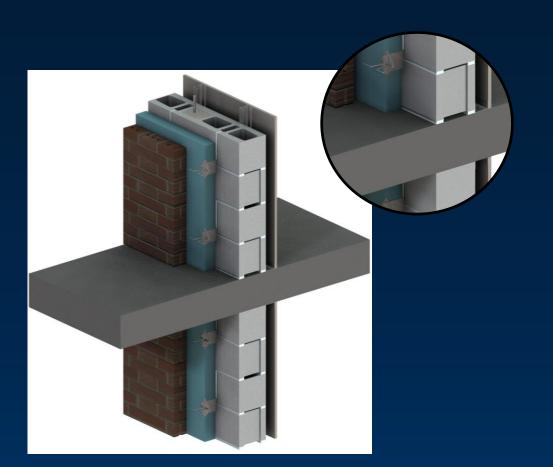
Linear



Point

Overall Heat Loss

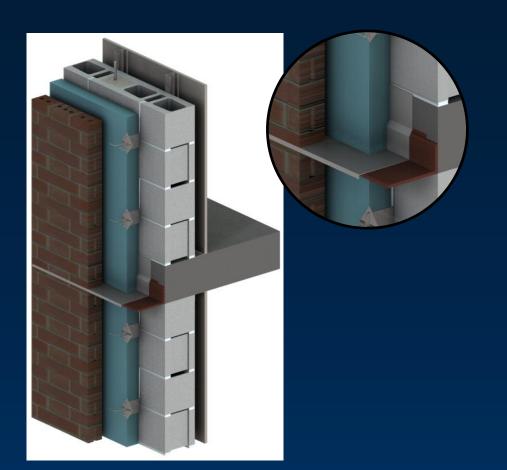




Un-Insulated Balcony Slab		
	SI (W/m·K)	<b>IP</b> (BTU/hr·ft°F)
Ψ	0.59	0.34

Slab Edges – Brick Veneer

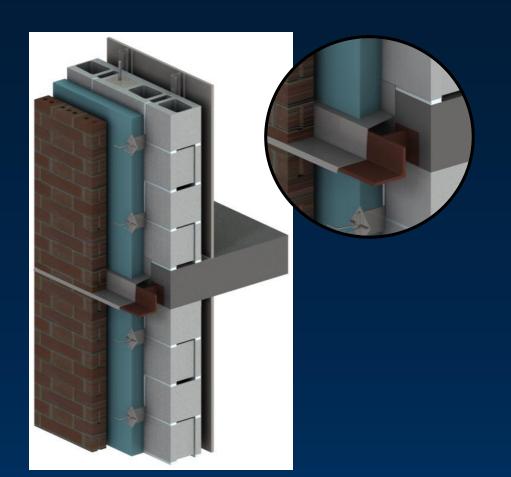




Shelf Angle		
	<b>SI</b> (W/m⋅K)	<b>IP</b> (BTU/hr·ft°F)
Ψ	0.47	0.27

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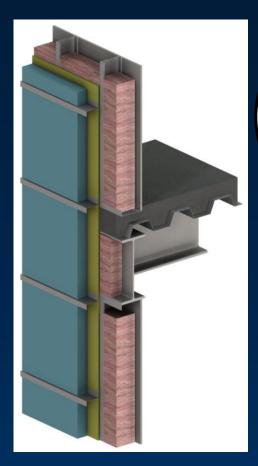


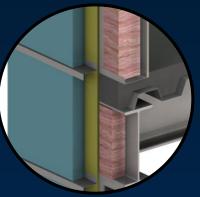


Spaced Shelf Angle		
	<b>SI</b> (W/m⋅K)	<b>IP</b> (BTU/hr·ft°F)
Ψ	0.31	0.18

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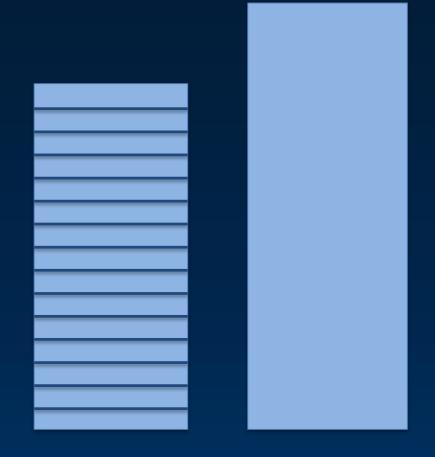


R-15 Insulated Slab Edge		
	<b>SI</b> (W/m⋅K)	<b>IP</b> (BTU/hr·ft°F)
Ψ	0.16	0.09

Slab Edges – Exterior Insulated



Example: ignoring the heat loss through a brick angle at each floor line is like ignoring...
...the heat loss of 3-ft high section of wall on a 2-story building. For a 15-story building this is like ignoring the heat loss of a 42-ft high section of wall... or 3.5 floors!



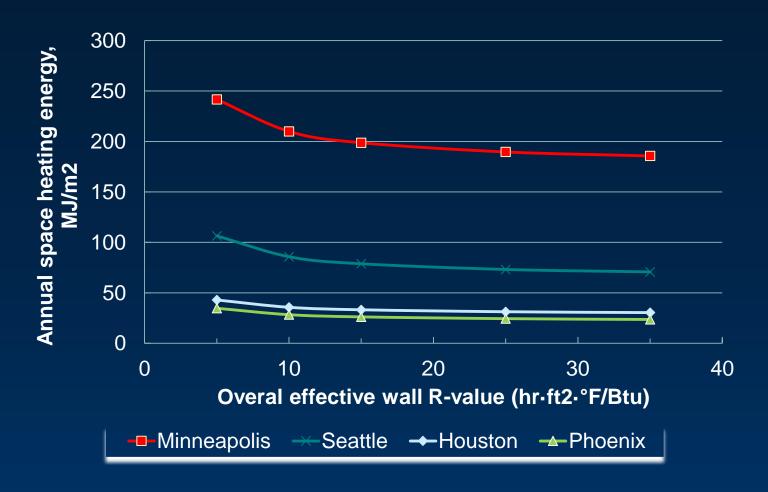
**Linear Transmittance of 0.3 = an Additional 3-ft Strip of R-10** 



Transmittance Range	Opaque Wall Total R-value (1/U-factor)
Nominal R-values	R-35
"Clear field" (ASHRAE 90.1)	R-20
"Efficient" details	R-15
"Poor" details	R-5

**Wall Thermal Performance (Table 5)** 





**Impact of Thermal Bridging on Heating** 



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**City of Seattle Energy Code** 



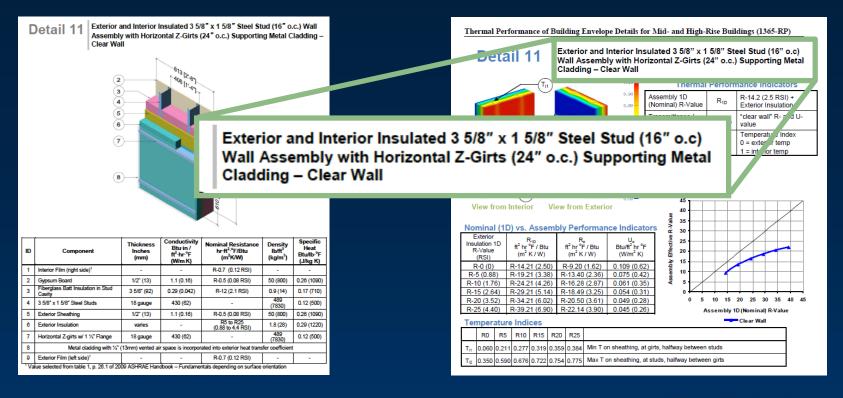
- Input values that account for all thermal bridging
- More accurate load analysis for sizing
- Determine cost effectiveness of insulating the building envelope through better details
- Efficient use of materials
- Change how stainable rating programs reward good design for energy efficiency and material use



Whole Building Energy Efficiency Analysis



## **ASHRAE Data Sheets**



**How to Access Results** 



## ASHRAE Reference Material available at:

http://www.morrisonhershfield.com/ashrae1365research/Pages/Insights-Publications.aspx

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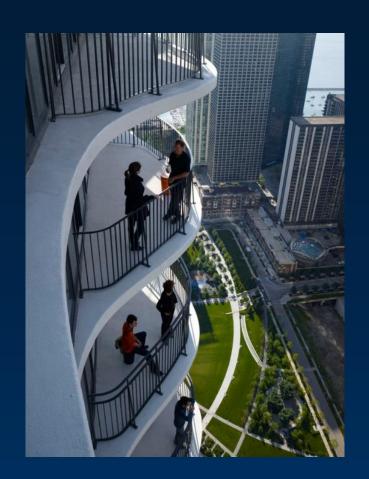




**Product Development** 







Making sure you have and use "Real" Data!

















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## **MASONRY INSULATING SYSTEMS**

Three Insulation Choices for Block Walls

(There are others, I am covering the main three that we, as mason contractors, see used in the field.)



- Insulation Choices for Block Walls.
  - Perlite
  - Polystyrene Inserts
  - Foamed-in Insulation



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## •R-VALUE COMPARISON

Block Size	PERLITE FILLED	KORFIL & (HI-R)	FOAMED
8x8x16	5.6	5.8 & (9.8)	6.2
12x8x16	7.6	7.2 & (11.9)	8.8

R-value based on rebar 4' o.c. R-values were taken from several sources and averaged.





QUESTIONS?

