



From Data to Install: A Guide for Your Window Journey

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Passive House - windows



Casement (good)

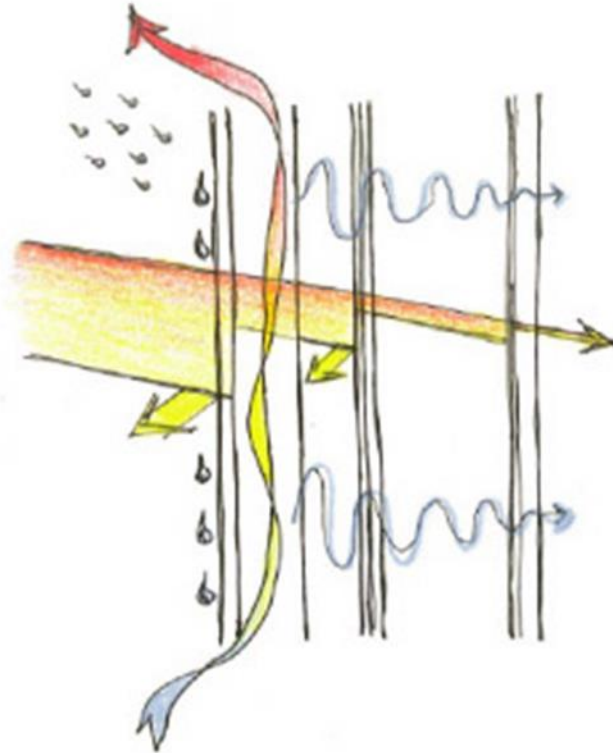


Tilt and Turn (good)



Double-Hung (bad)

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Water Penetration and Air Leakage Testing of Flanged Window Details

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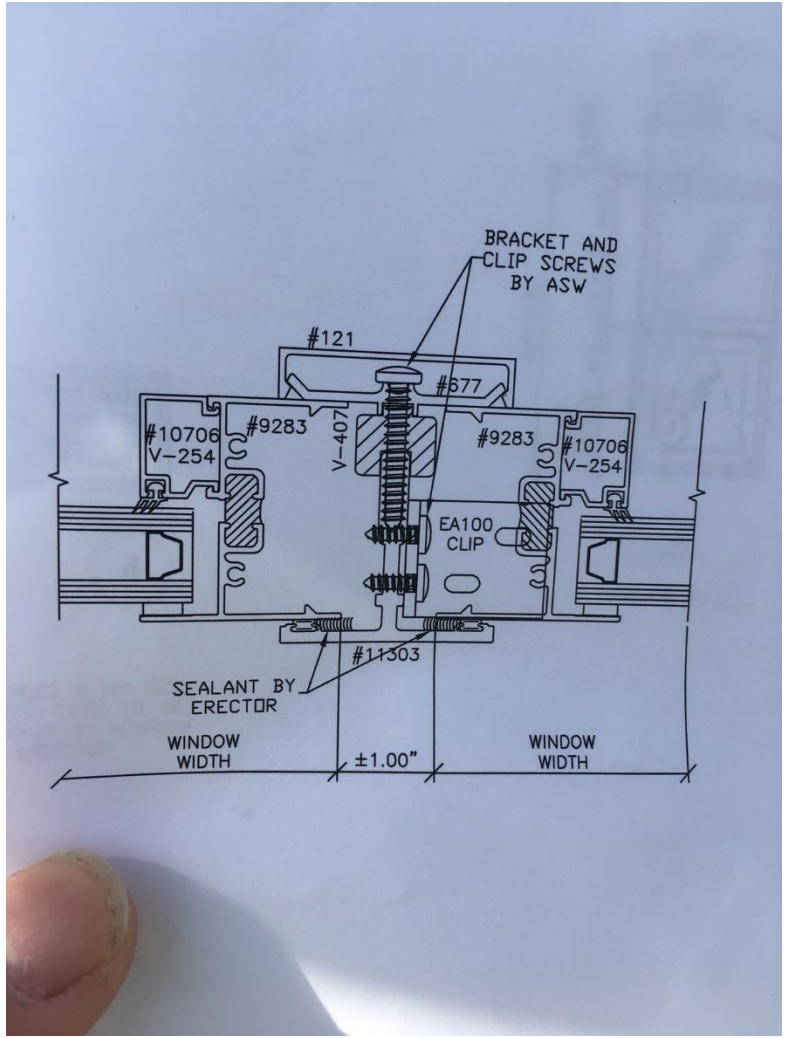
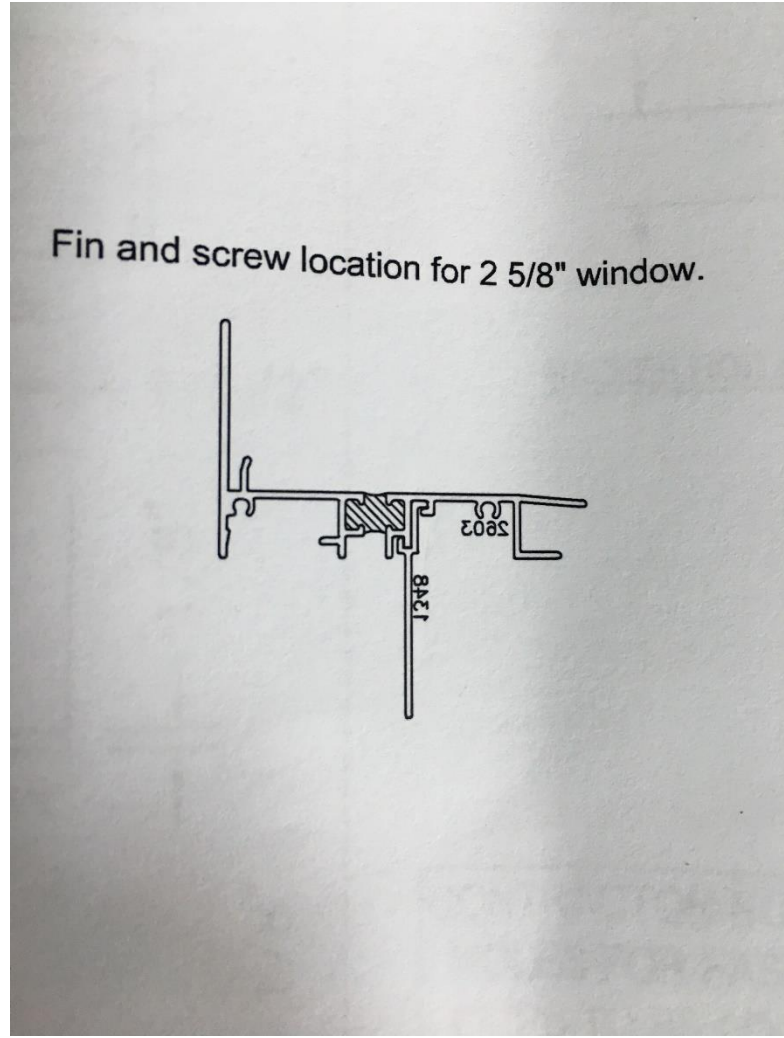
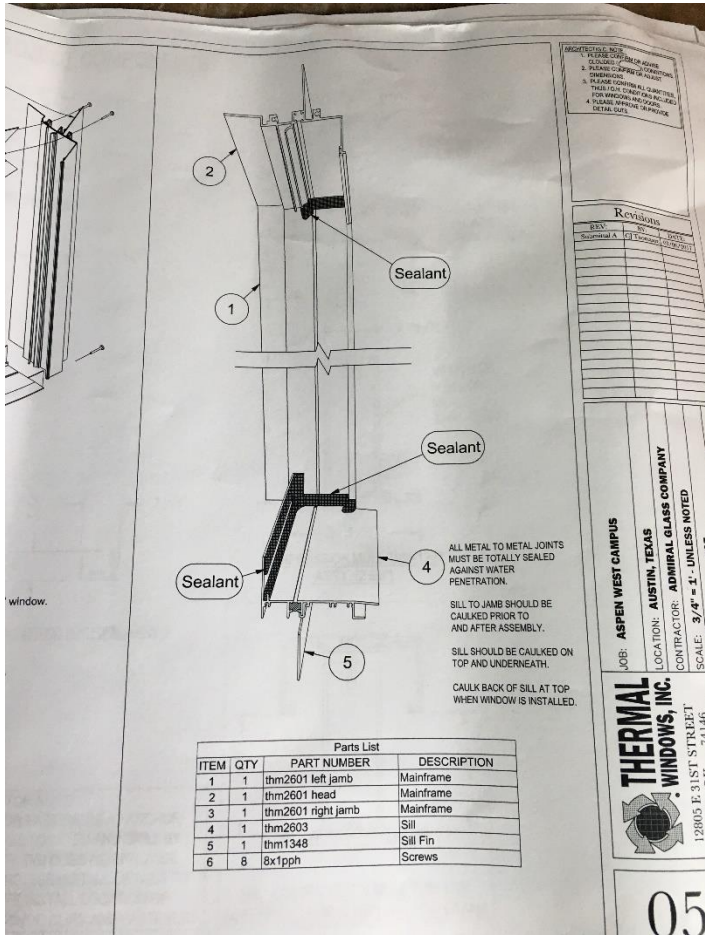


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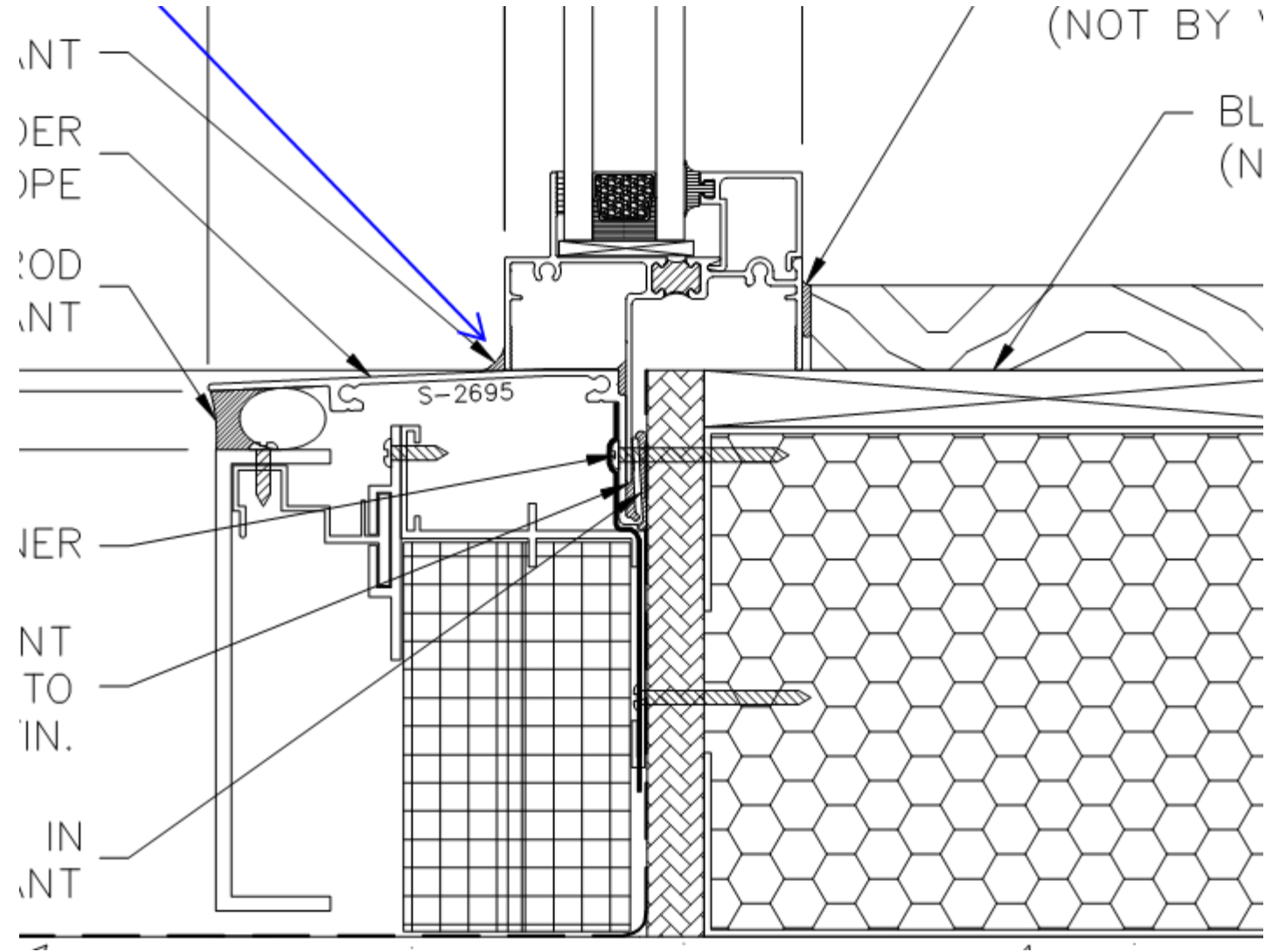
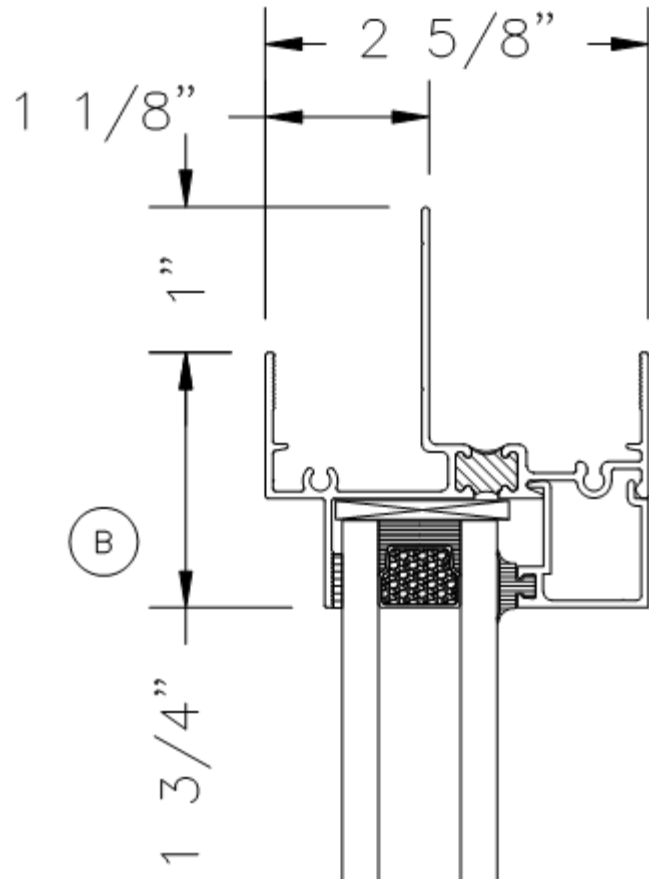
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Relevant Standards and Guidelines:

Installation

- **AAMA 100-07** Standard Practice for the Installation of Windows with Flanges or Mounting Fins in Wood Frame Construction
 - Section 1.1 “*This standard practice covers...no more than 3 stories in height.*”
- **AAMA 2400-10** Standard Practice for Installation of Windows with a Mounting Flange in Open Stud Frame Construction for Low Wind/Water Exposure
 - Section 1.1 “*This practice covers...residential buildings of no more than four (4) stories in height.*”
- **ASTM E2112-07** Standard Practice for Installation of Exterior Windows, Doors, and Skylights
 - Section 1. “*This practice covers...as used primarily in residential and light commercial buildings.*”
- **DuPont Flashing Systems Commercial Installation Guidelines, 04/09**

Relevant Standards and Guidelines:

Air Leakage Testing

- **AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440-08** NAFS Specification for windows, doors, and skylights
 - Table 1: **AW** Performance Class, Minimum PG 40
- **ANSI/NFRC 400-2014** Determining Fenestration **Product** Air Leakage
 - Section 4. “**ASTM E283** shall be the only method used to measure product air leakage rates...A differential static pressure of **300 pascals** (6.24 psf) shall be acceptable if the NAFS is used for products obtaining an HC or AW rating.”
- **ASTM E 283-04(2012)** Standard Test Method for Determining Rate of Air Leakage Through Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors Under Specified Pressure Differences Across the Specimen
- **ASTM E 783-02(2010)** Standard Test Method for **Field** Measurement of Air Leakage Through Installed Exterior Windows and Doors
- **ASTM E2357-17** Standard Test Method for Determining Air Leakage of Air Barrier **Assemblies**
 - Section 9.1.1 “...in accordance with ASTM E283”

Relevant Standards and Guidelines:

Water Penetration Testing

- **ASTM E 331-00** Standard Test Method for Water Penetration of Exterior Windows, Skylights, Doors, and Curtain Walls by **Uniform** Static Air Pressure Difference
- **ASTM E 547** Standard Test Method for Water Penetration of Exterior Windows, Skylights, Doors, and Curtain Walls by **Cyclic** Static Air Pressure Difference
- **ASTM E1105-15** Standard Test Method for **Field** Determination of Water Penetration of Installed Exterior Windows, Skylights, Doors, and Curtain Walls by **Uniform or Cyclic** Static Air Pressure Difference

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Mockup Construction

A little of this:

ASTM E2112-07 Standard Practice for Installation of
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And a little of this:

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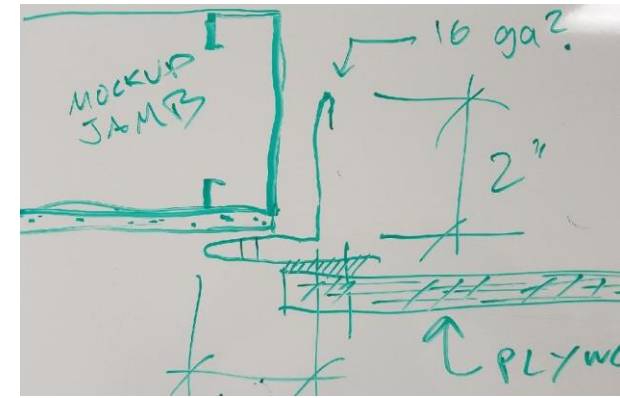


Mockup no.	Installation method	Interior air seal
1	Open at sill	Nothing
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4	Barrier at sill	Foam
5	Open at sill	Sealant
6	Barrier at sill	Sealant

Mockup Construction



Window “Blanks”



I-Cut



Sill Flashing



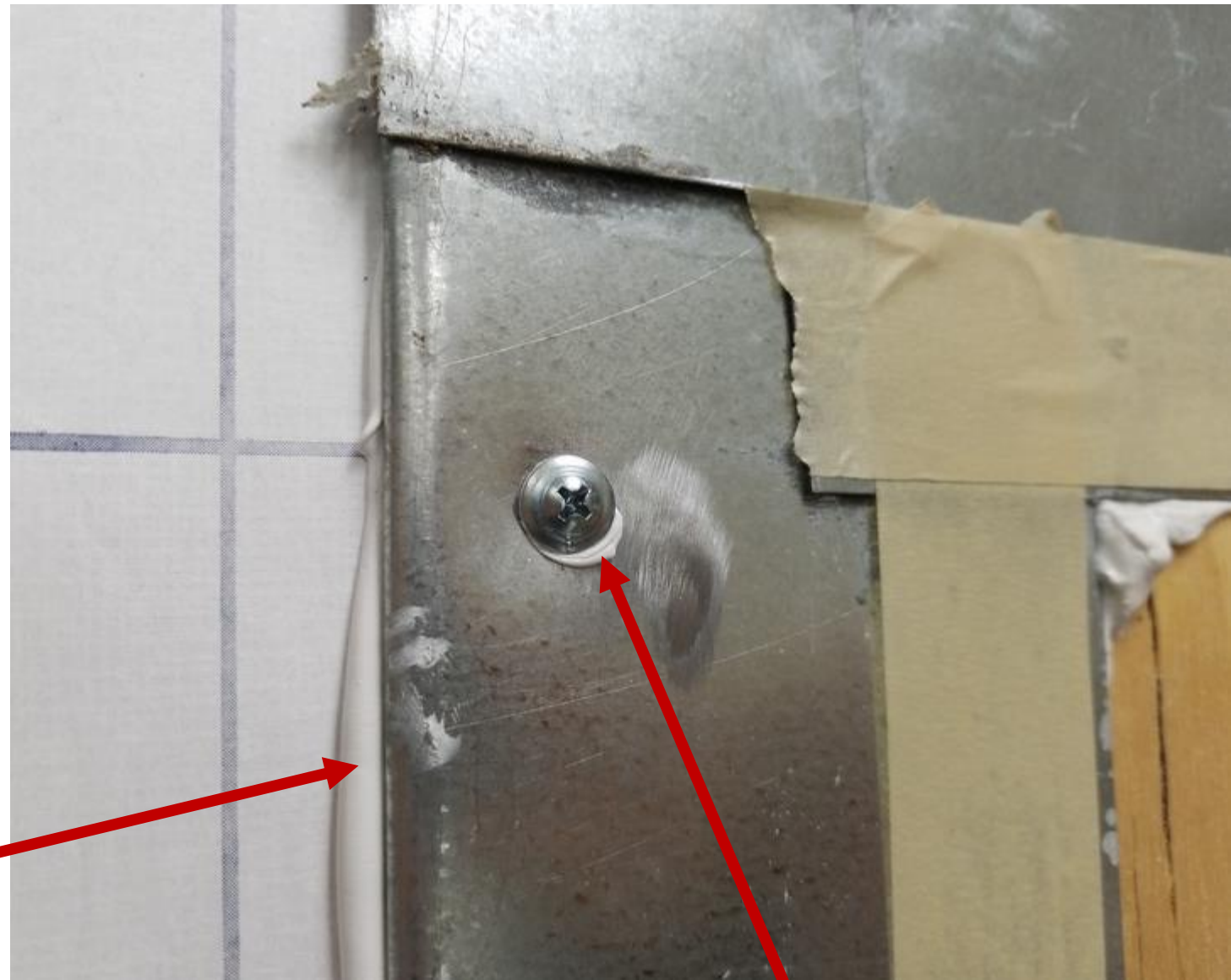
Flange Sealant



Window “Blank” Installation



Sealant “Bleed-Out” Visible



Controversy at the head...

Controversy at the sill...





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Mockup Information

Mockup No.	Installation Method	Interior Air Seal
1	A1	Nothing
2	B1	Nothing
3	A1	Foam
4	B1	Foam
5	A1	Backer Rod & Sealant
6	B1	Backer Rod & Sealant



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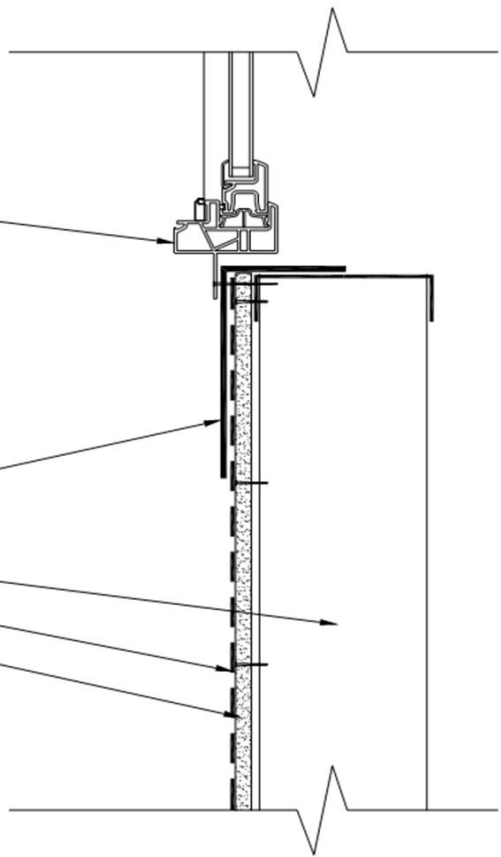
Mockup #1 E2112 Method "A1" No Foam/Sealant



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FLANGED WINDOW BLANK;
DO NOT SEAL B/W SILL
FLANGE AND FLASHING



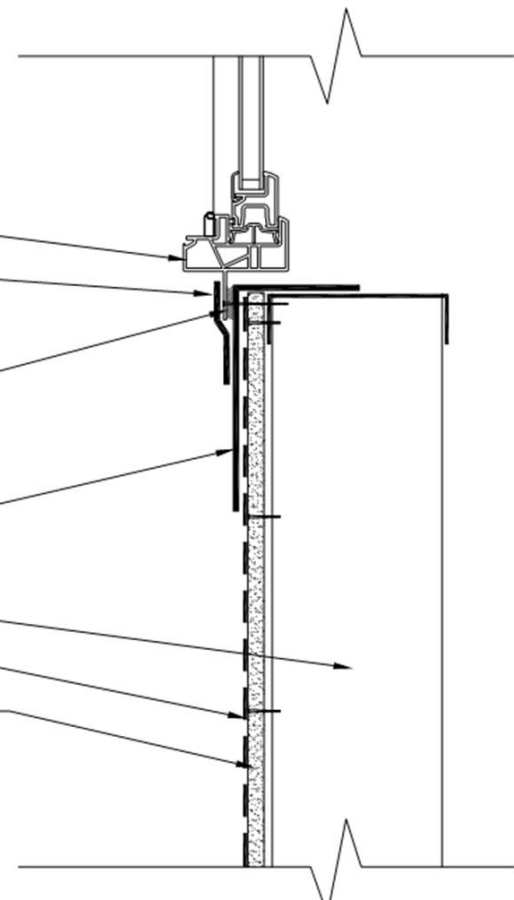
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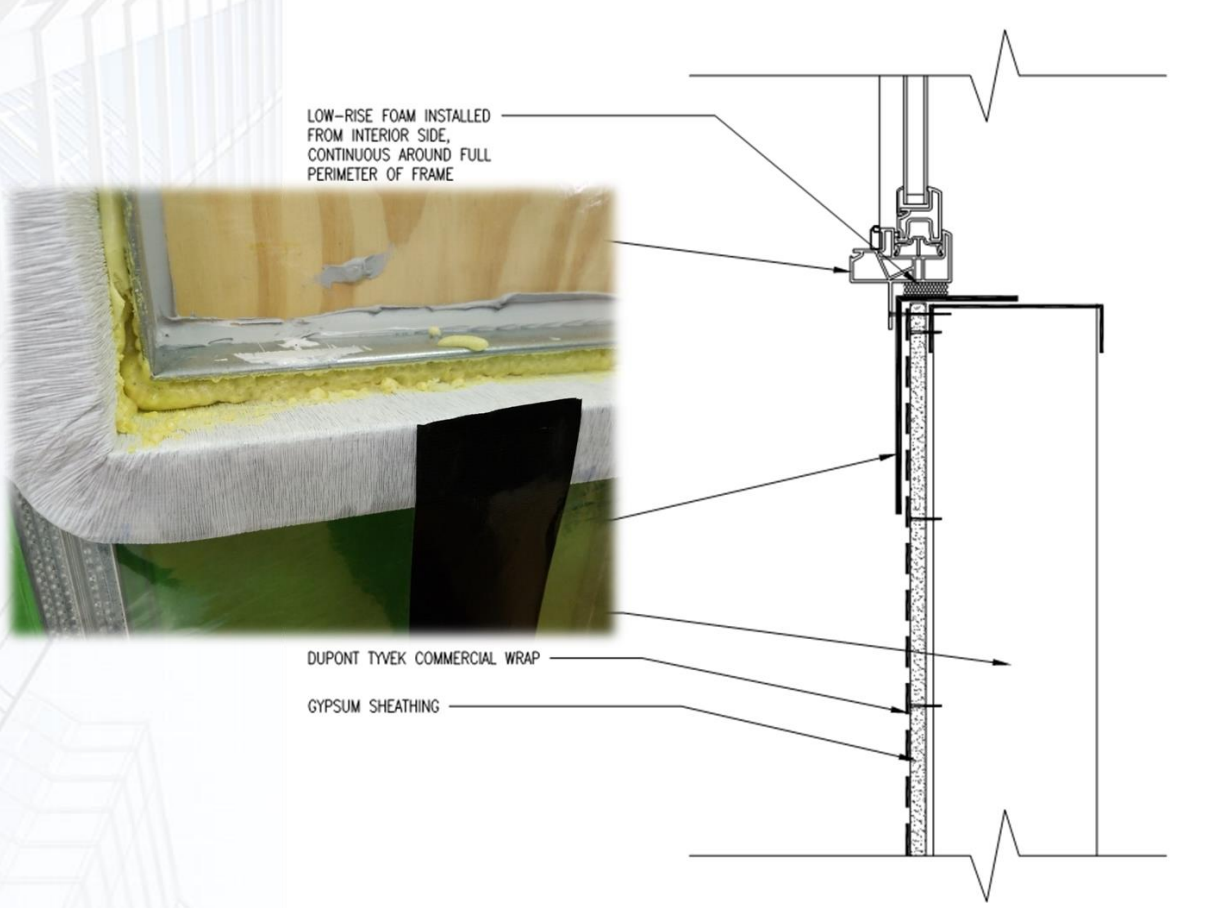


Mockup #3 E2112 Method "A1" With Foam

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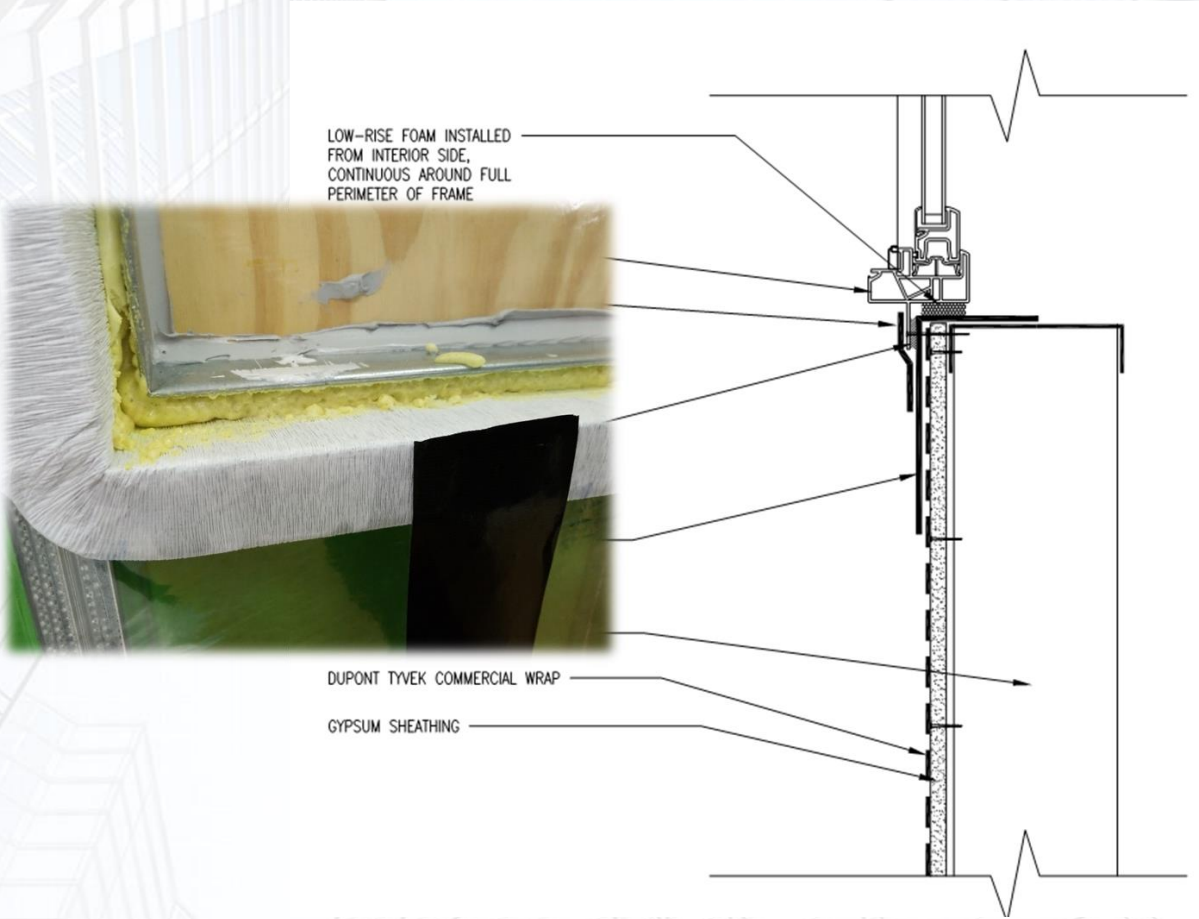


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Mockup #4 E2112 Method "B1" With Foam

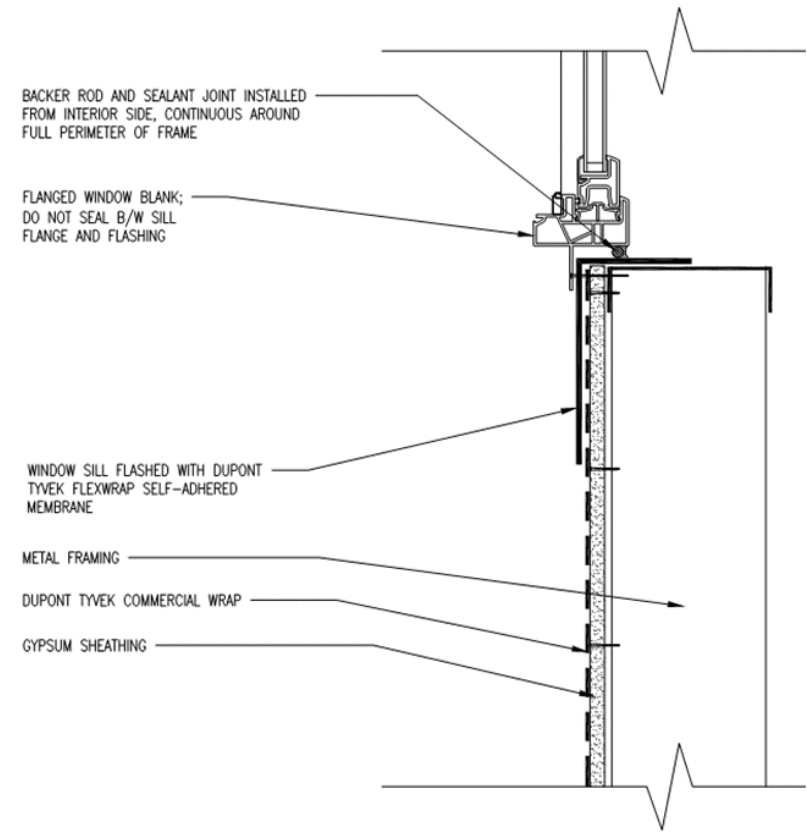


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Mockups #5 E2112 Method "A1" With Backer Rod & Sealant



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Mockups #6 E2112 Method "B1" With Backer Rod & Sealant



BACKER ROD AND SEALANT JOINT INSTALLED FROM INTERIOR SIDE, CONTINUOUS AROUND FULL PERIMETER OF FRAME

FLANGED WINDOW BLANK

DUPONT TYVEK STRAIGHTFLASH SELF-ADHERED FLASHING TAPE

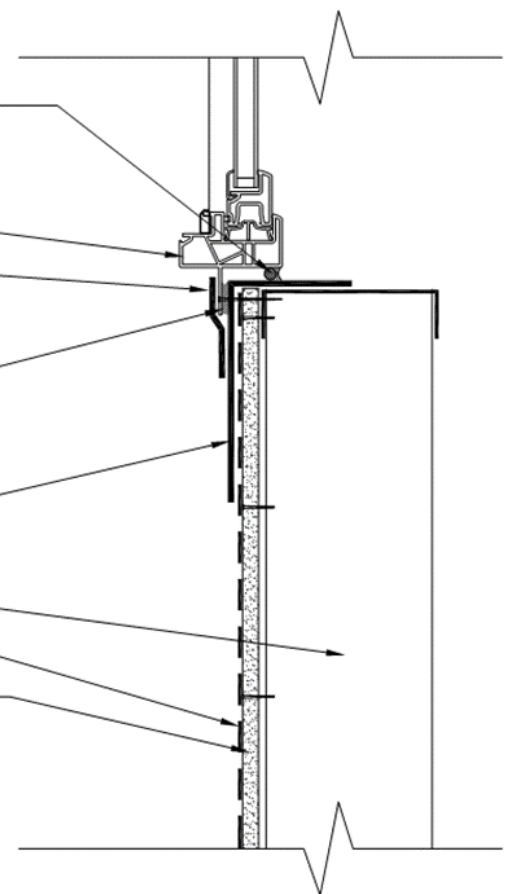
DUPONT RESIDENTIAL SEALANT CONTINUOUS BEHIND FLANGES

WINDOW SILL FLASHED WITH DUPONT TYVEK FLEXWRAP SELF-ADHERED MEMBRANE

METAL FRAMING

DUPONT TYVEK COMMERCIAL WRAP

GYPSUM SHEATHING



Air Leakage Testing

ASTM E 783-02(2010) Standard Test Method for
Field Measurement of Air Leakage Through Installed
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Manometer (inches of water)



Airflow Meter (cfm/sf)





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“Blank” Isolation



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Air Leakage Testing: Results Round 1

TABLE 1 Air penetration testing summary results.

Mockup information			Air leakage thru specimen (cfm) (ASTM E783)	
Mockup no.	Installation method	Interior air seal	Average results at 300 Pa	Average results at 75 Pa
1	Open at sill	Nothing	8.2	2
2	Barrier at sill	Nothing	2.1	1.4
3	Open at sill	Foam	0.9	0
4	Barrier at sill	Foam	0	0
5	Open at sill	Sealant	0.7	0
6	Barrier at sill	Sealant	0	0

Water Testing

ASTM E1105-15 Standard Test Method for **Field** Determination of Water Penetration of Installed Exterior Windows, Skylights, Doors, and Curtain Walls by Uniform or **Cyclic** Static Air Pressure Difference

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Water Testing: Results Round 1

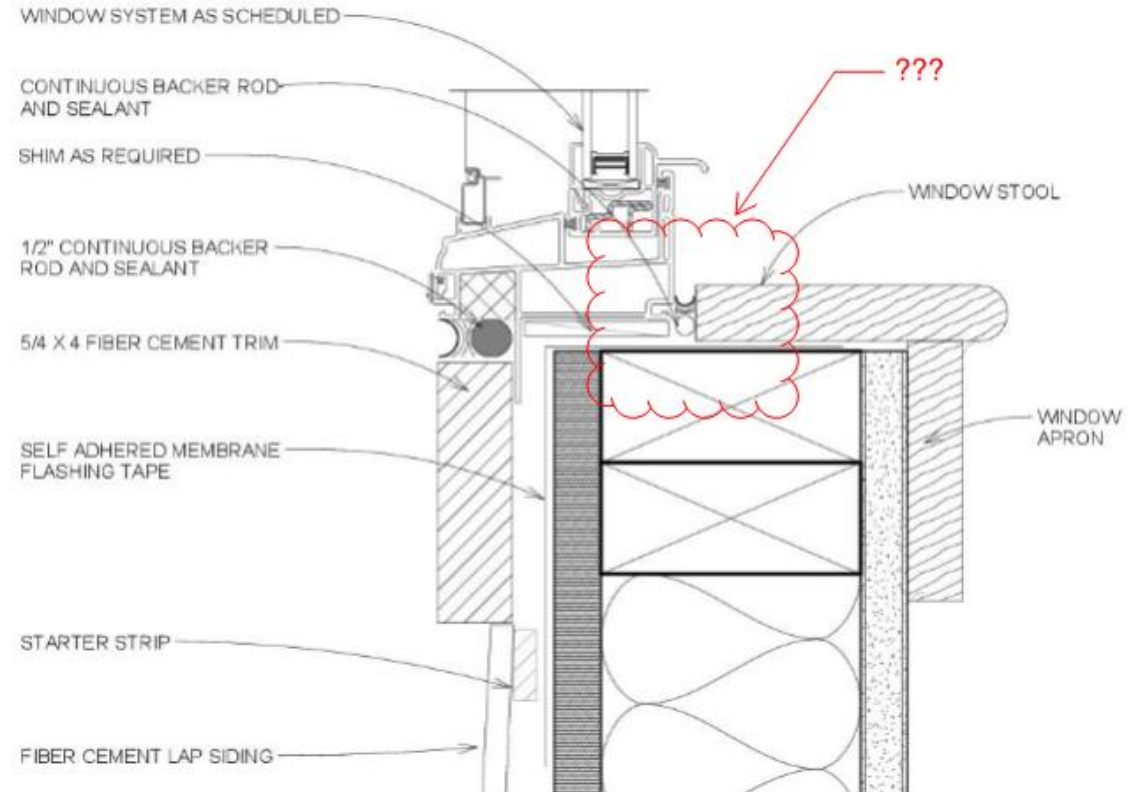
TABLE 2 Water penetration testing summary results.

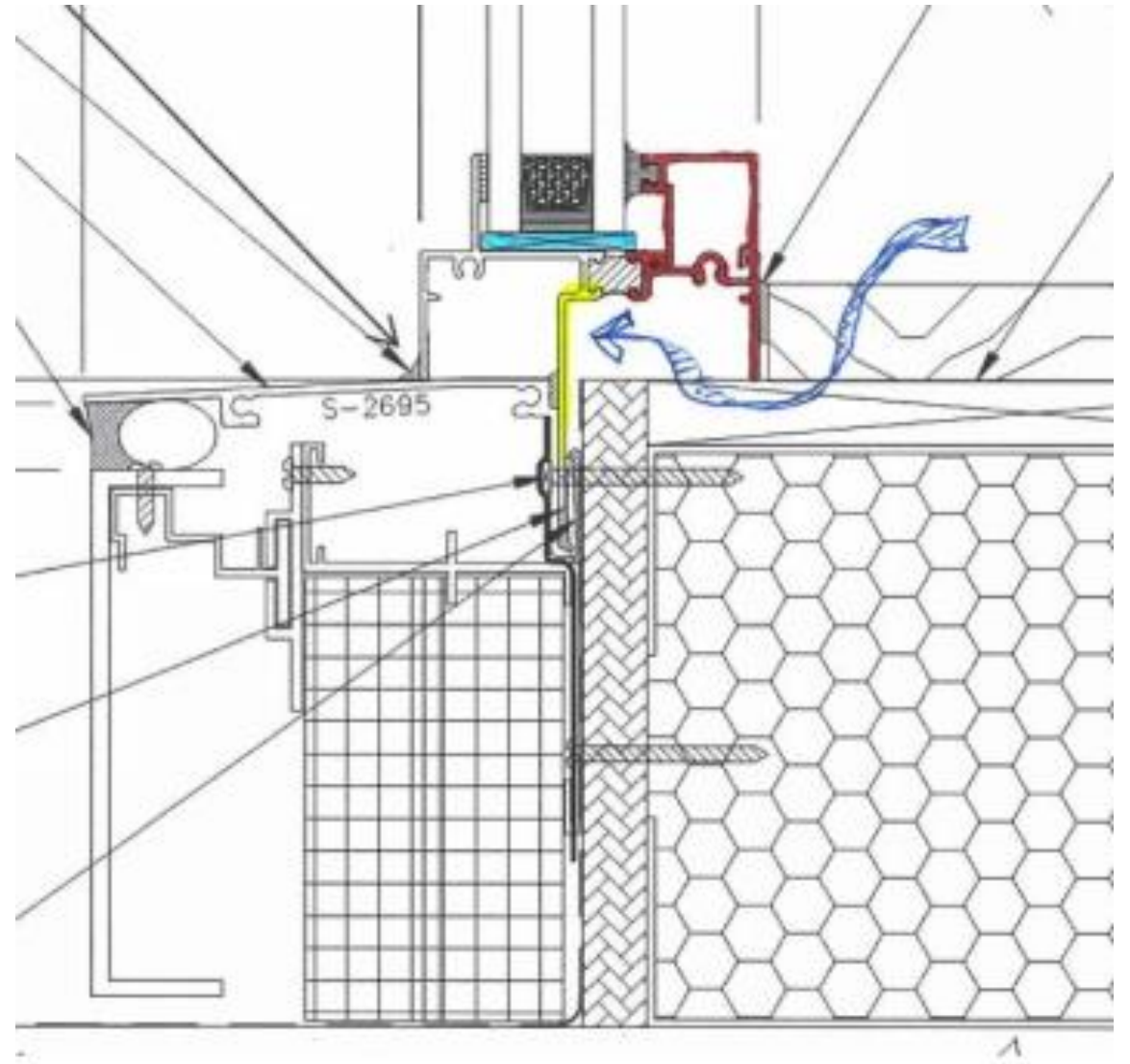
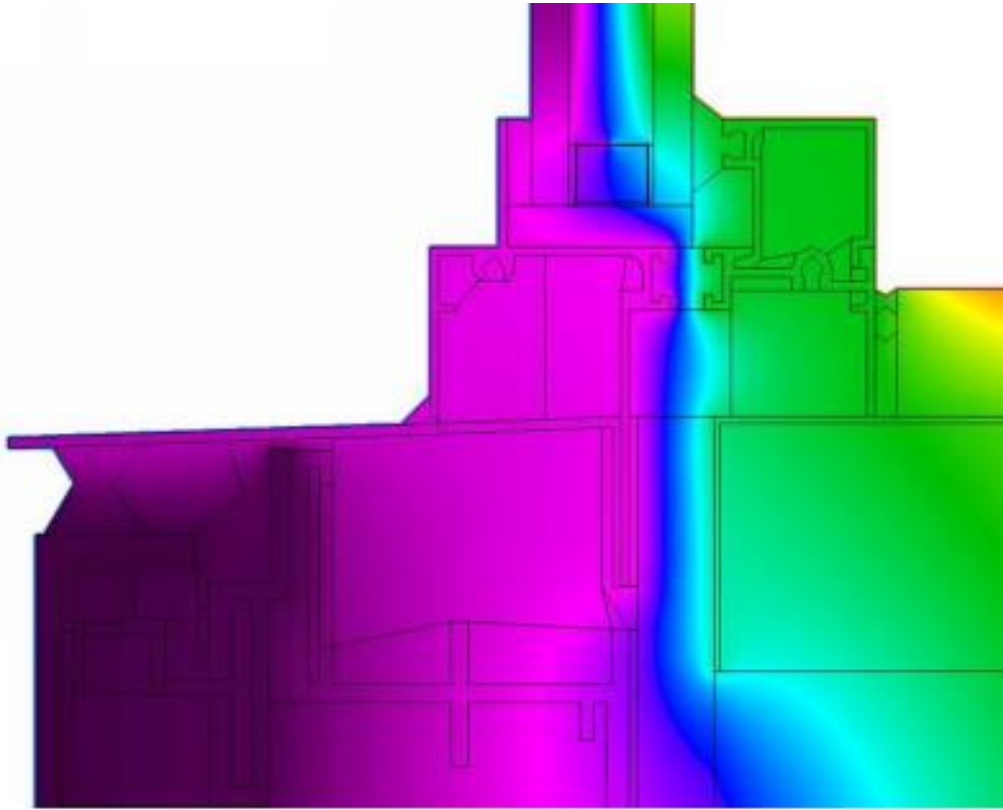
Mockup information			Water penetration tests (ASTM E1105)	
Mockup no.	Installation method	Interior air seal	ASTM E1105 (cyclical) at 10 psf (23 min)	Summary description
1	Open at sill	Nothing	Water observed at approx. 10 s, right sill corner. “FAIL”	Worst
2	Barrier at sill	Nothing	Water observed at approx. 9 to 19 min, right sill corner. “FAIL”	Mid
3	Open at sill	Foam	No water observed. “PASS”	Best
4	Barrier at sill	Foam	Water observed at both sill corners only after testing was complete and chamber was removed. “FAIL”	Mid
5	Open at sill	Sealant	No water observed. “PASS”	Best
6	Barrier at sill	Sealant	Water observed at approx. 13 min, primarily at right sill corner, but all along sill. “FAIL”	Mid

Conclusions

1. The backer rod and sealant or foam installed from interior...is very important!

Lessons Learned





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2. E2112 Method “A1” appears to be better than “B1” at managing water, but more testing needed to verify high rise construction, hurricane zones.
3. E2112 Method “B1” is the best for air tightness. But “A1” can be good too.
4. Doesn’t matter at 75 pa (Code, Passive House). Could make a difference at 300 pa, high rise construction, hurricane zones.



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ABSTRACT

Multifamily building has been one of the fastest growing market sectors over the past five years, and outlooks predict this trend will continue. Nationwide, authorities having jurisdiction have been adopting the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code, which eliminates the air barrier exception for climate zones 1, 2, and 3. This code change effects multifamily construction across much of the southern United States from Florida to California. Some design professionals do not know how to develop air barrier details, and some contractors do not know how to build air barrier details. This research provides the multifamily construction sector with air and water penetration knowledge for flanged window-to-wall integration detailing. Low-rise multifamily construction typically is multistory, wood-framed construction with vinyl-flanged windows. High-rise condo and apartment building construction typically utilizes metal framing, gypsum sheathing, and aluminum-flanged windows. Various water-resistant barriers (WRBs) as well as details from WRB manufacturers also are utilized. Few data indicate which detailing and installation methods are better for air and water penetration. Building wraps, sheathing systems with integral coatings, and fluid-applied WRBs can be applied according to ASTM E2112,

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at the interior perimeter or backer rod and sealant at the interior perimeter. Various options for flange sealant can be considered. We built six 4' × 8' mockups, each with the same simulated flanged window, according to a distinct yet common multifamily windowsill detail. We tested the mockups according to ASTM E1105, *Standard Test Method for Field Determination of Water Penetration of Installed Exterior Windows, Skylights, Doors, and Curtain Walls, by Uniform or Cyclic Static Air Pressure Difference*, and ASTM E783, *Standard Test Method for Field Measurement of Air Leakage Through Installed Exterior Windows and Doors*.

Keywords

flanged windows, window fins, window detailing, window air and water penetration

Introduction

A significant amount of testing and data within the building industry are available for air barrier systems, including mechanically fastened water-resistant barriers (WRB), fluid-applied WRB, and sheathing board with integral WRB. A significant amount of testing and data within the building industry for manufactured products, such as windows, doors, louvers, are also available. There is a lack of knowledge within the building industry, however, related to how these products are integrated into the air barrier systems to prevent air and water penetration. The goal of this research project is to determine test methods specifically to evaluate detailing at the integration between fenestration products and air barrier systems. This study will not evaluate or compare air barrier systems or products. It aims, however, to specifically evaluate the integration details with respect to both air and water, and how well products are designed and integrated with the building's primary air and WRB systems.

Multifamily construction is a building type that has seen tremendous growth in recent years and is projected to continue for at least the near term. Flanged windows are a dominant window type in this type of construction. This study will focus on flanged windows to simplify the quantity of testing while refining the test methods. Similar to residential construction methods, low-rise multifamily construction typically utilizes wood framing with wood sheathing and vinyl-flanged windows. Similar to commercial construction, high-rise multifamily construction typically utilizes metal framing with gypsum sheathing but with aluminum-flanged windows. This research effort will focus on both low-rise multifamily construction methods and high-rise multifamily construction methods, which experience far greater wind and air forces.

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Testing	Research Team	Air Leakage Test Method	Water Leakage Test Method	Mockups 1-6
Round 1 (2017-2018)	Terracon, JE Dunn	ASTM E783 (field test)	ASTM E1105 (field test)	Mechanically-Fastened WRB System
Round 2 (2019-2020)	Terracon, JE Dunn, Tremco	ASTM E283 (lab test)	ASTM E331 (lab test)	Fluid-Applied WRB System

Round 2 Mockups





**Test Report
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**Tremco
Tested in Accordance with
ASTM E283, E331**

**Products Tested:
ExoAir 230, ExoAir 110AT, Dymonic 100**

**Test Start: 9/9/2020
Test Completion: 9/10/2020**

**Test Technician: Cory Bendokas
Test Engineer: Dante Marimpietri**

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Test Specimen Description

Specimen size is 4'x8' framed with 18gauge steel studs and track. Studs placed at 0", 12", 36", and 48". Two horizontal pieces of studs were used to frame out a rough opening that measured 2'x3' in the middle of the specimen. The specimen was sheathed with one piece of 4'x8' 5/8" thick exterior gypsum sheathing. The rough opening was cut out from the sheathing, all fastener heads detailed with Dymonic 100, then ExoAir 230 was applied at 50 wet mils. Once the membrane was cured, the rough opening was flashed with ExoAir 110AT with the top edge and 6" down each side detailed with a bead of Dymonic 100. A nail flanged window blank was installed into the rough opening into wet Dymonic 100 around the header and jambs. After the initial air test was run, a 4" strip of ExoAir 110at was applied to the header and jambs over top of the window blank with the top edge and 6" down each side detailed with a bead of Dymonic 100. (Wall #1)



Wall 1 prior to the 4" ExoAir 110AT being applied



Test Results

Test Standard	Duration (minutes)	Window Perimeter Result
ASTM E283	n/a	Pass
ASTM E331 @ 1.57psf	15	Pass
ASTM E331 @ 6.2psf	120	Pass
ASTM E331 @ 9psf	15	Pass
ASTM E331 @ 12psf	15	Pass
ASTM E331 @ 15psf	15	Pass
ASTM E331 @ 18psf	15	Fail
ASTM E331 @ 21psf	15	Fail
ASTM E331 @ 25psf	15	Fail

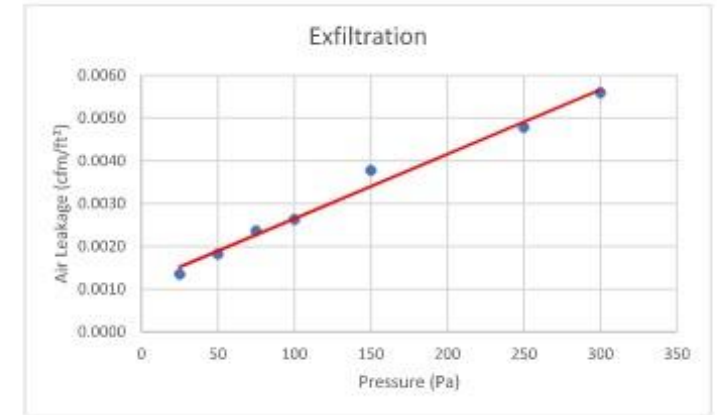
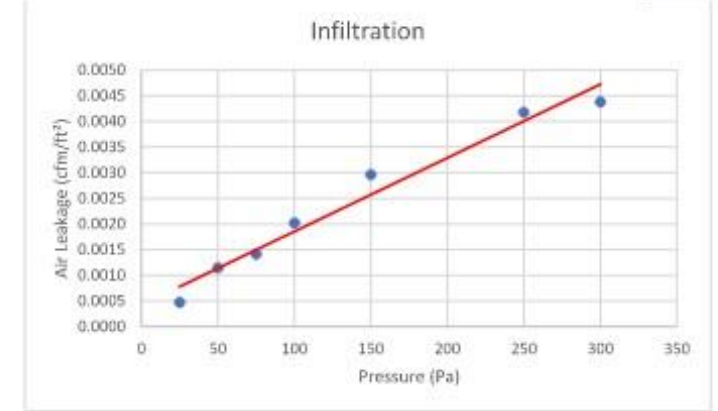
Comments

1. During 6.2psf water test, water infiltration observed coming in from a window fastener in the sill. Since we are looking at the window perimeter for this test, this is not considered a failure.
2. During 18psf water test, water infiltration observed coming in the sill connection at the window perimeter

Photos



1. Refer to comment #1



Iteration 2:

Pa	L/s	L/s*m²	cfm	cfm/ft²
-25	0.0092	0.0031	0.0194	0.0006
-50	0.0153	0.0051	0.0323	0.0010
-75	0.0285	0.0096	0.0604	0.0019
-100	0.0376	0.0127	0.0798	0.0025
-150	0.0458	0.0154	0.0970	0.0030
-250	0.0621	0.0209	0.1315	0.0041
-300	0.0804	0.0271	0.1703	0.0053
25	0.0173	0.0058	0.0366	0.0011
50	0.0254	0.0086	0.0539	0.0017
75	0.0326	0.0110	0.0690	0.0022

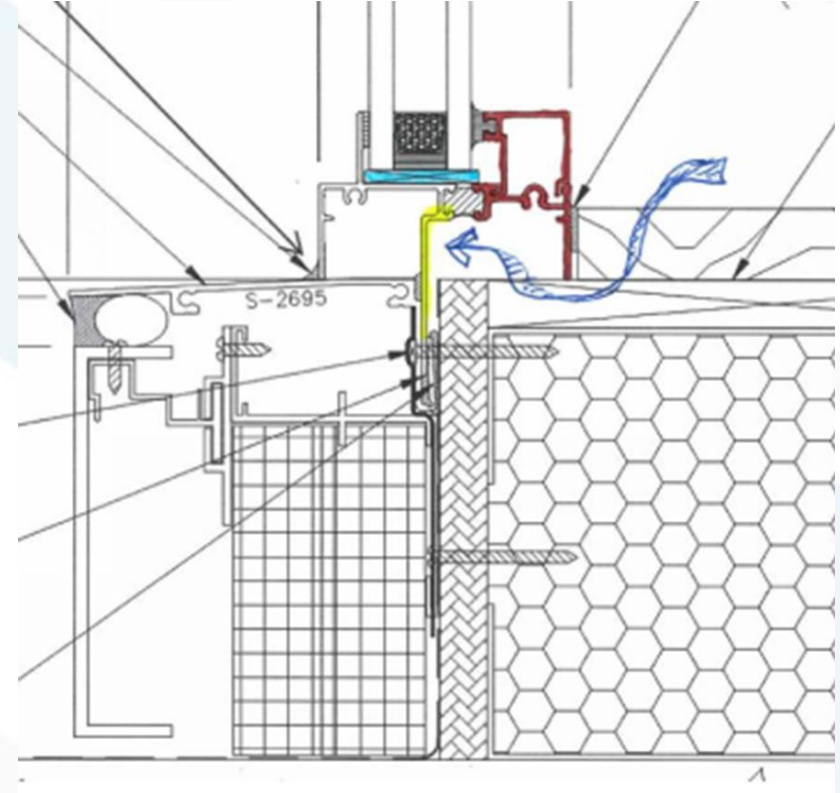
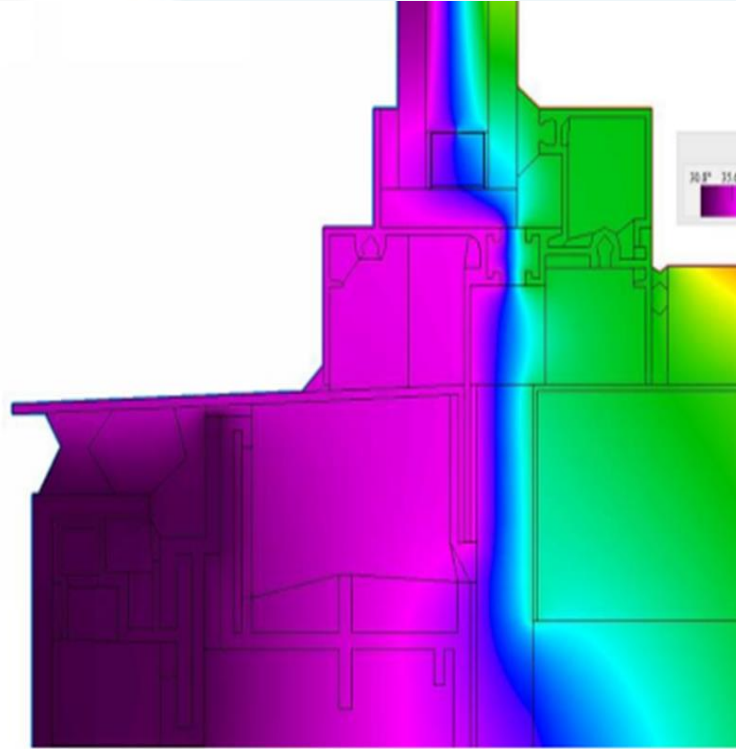
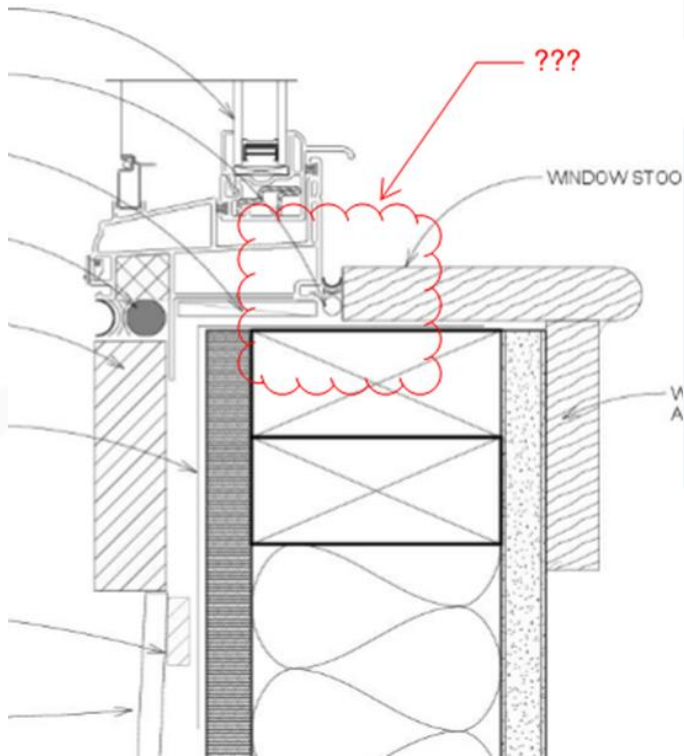
Results: Round 1 Testing

Mockup Information			Mechanically Fastened WRB		
Mockup No.	Installation Method	Interior Air Seal	Air leakage thru specimen (cfm/sf) ASTM E783 300 pa	Air leakage thru specimen (cfm/sf) ASTM E783 75 pa	Water leakage thru specimen ASTM E1105 (Cyclida) at 10 psf (23 total minutes) Summary
1	Open at Sill	Nothing	1.37	0.33	10 sec (480 pa)
2	Barrier at Sill	Nothing	0.35	0.23	19 mins (480 pa)
3	Open at Sill	Foam	0.15	0	pass (480 pa)
4	Barrier at Sill	Foam	0	0	23 mins (480 pa)
5	Open at Sill	Sealant	0.12	0	pass (480 pa)
6	Barrier at Sill	Sealant	0	0	13 mins (480 pa)
			(0.04 is pass)	(0.04 is pass)	(no water observed is pass)

Results: Round 2 Testing

Mockup Information			Fluid-Applied WRB		
Mockup No.	Installation Method	Interior Air Seal	Air leakage thru specimen (cfm/sf) ASTM E283 300 pa	Air leakage thru specimen (cfm/sf) ASTM E283 75 pa	Water leakage thru specimen ASTM E331 Summary
1	Open at Sill	Nothing	0.005	0.002	860 pa
2	Barrier at Sill	Nothing	0.015	0.015	75 pa
3	Open at Sill	Foam	0.049	0.019	pass (1200 pa)
4	Barrier at Sill	Foam	0.015	0.015	300 pa
5	Open at Sill	Sealant	0.005	0.002	pass (1200 pa)
6	Barrier at Sill	Sealant	0.017	0.015	pass (1200 pa)
			(0.04 is pass)	(0.04 is pass)	(no water observed is pass)

Conclusions



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- **Foam/sealant is critical** for both air and water management and performance. Pros and cons between the two options.
- **Open at sill better** at water management than barrier at sill for low-rise construction.
- Barrier at sill is the best for air tightness, **but** open at sill can be very airtight too (sometimes also zero air leakage). Doesn't matter at 75 pa (Code, Passive House). Could make a difference at 300 pa, high rise construction, hurricane zones.
- Significant upgrade in performance going from mechanically-fastened WRB to a **fluid-applied WRB**.

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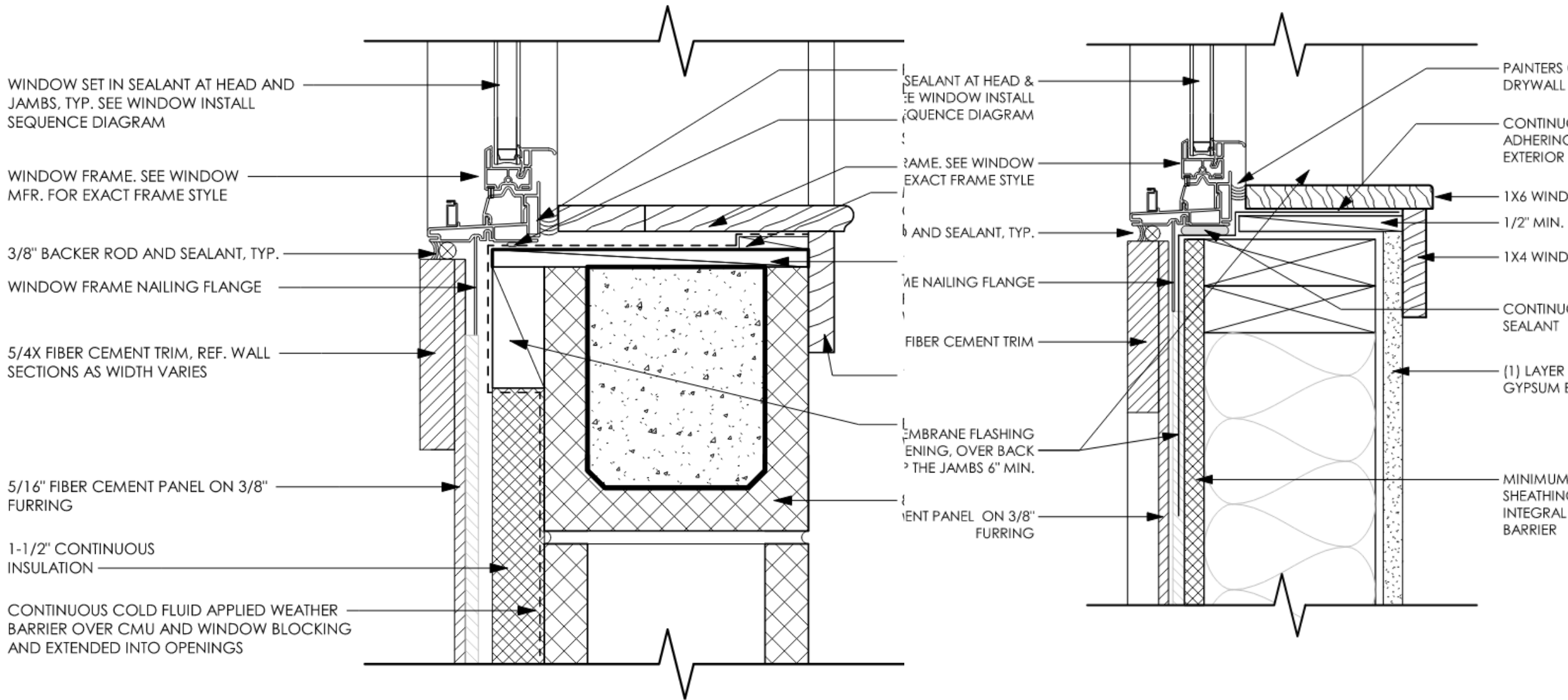
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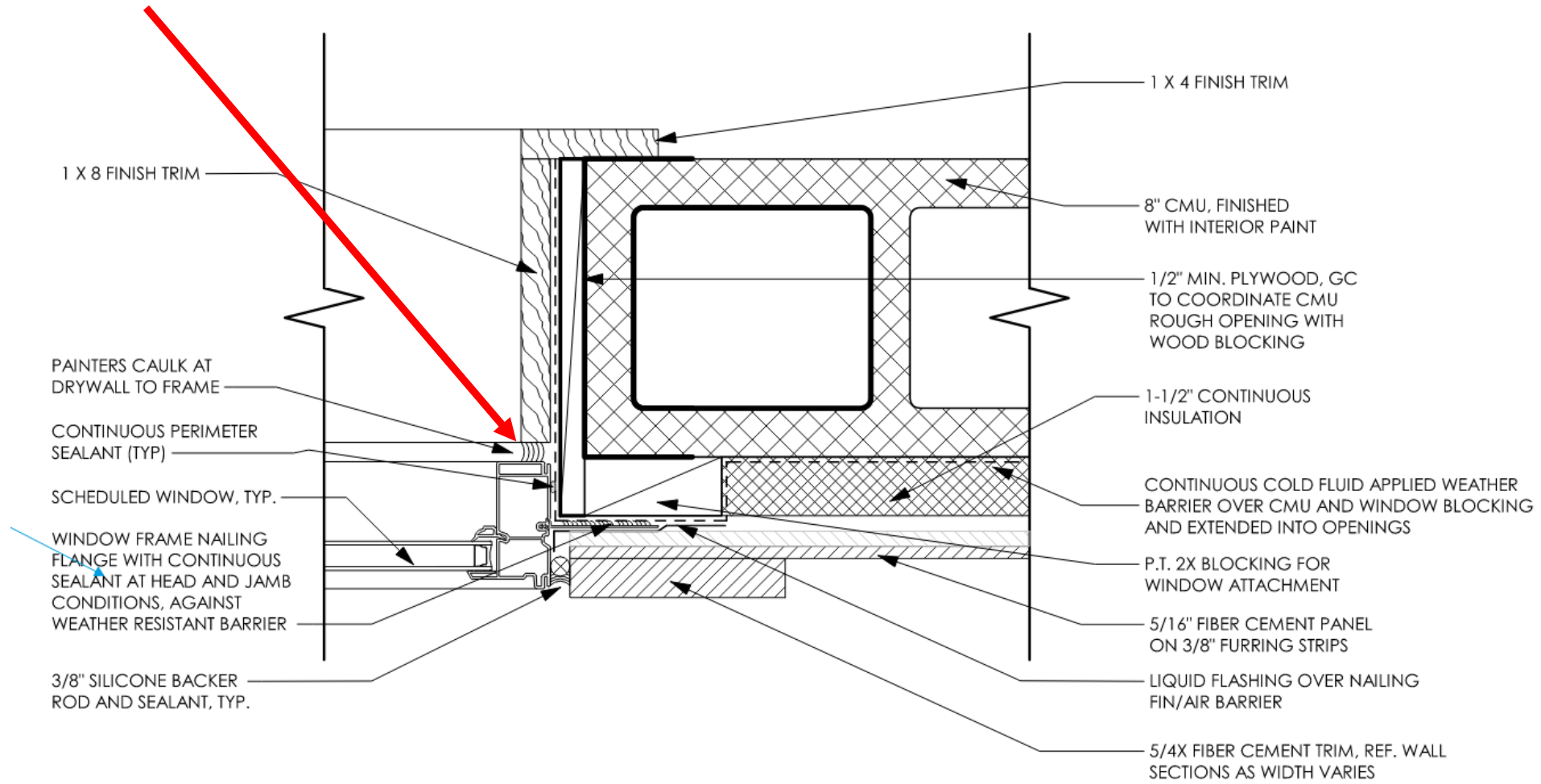
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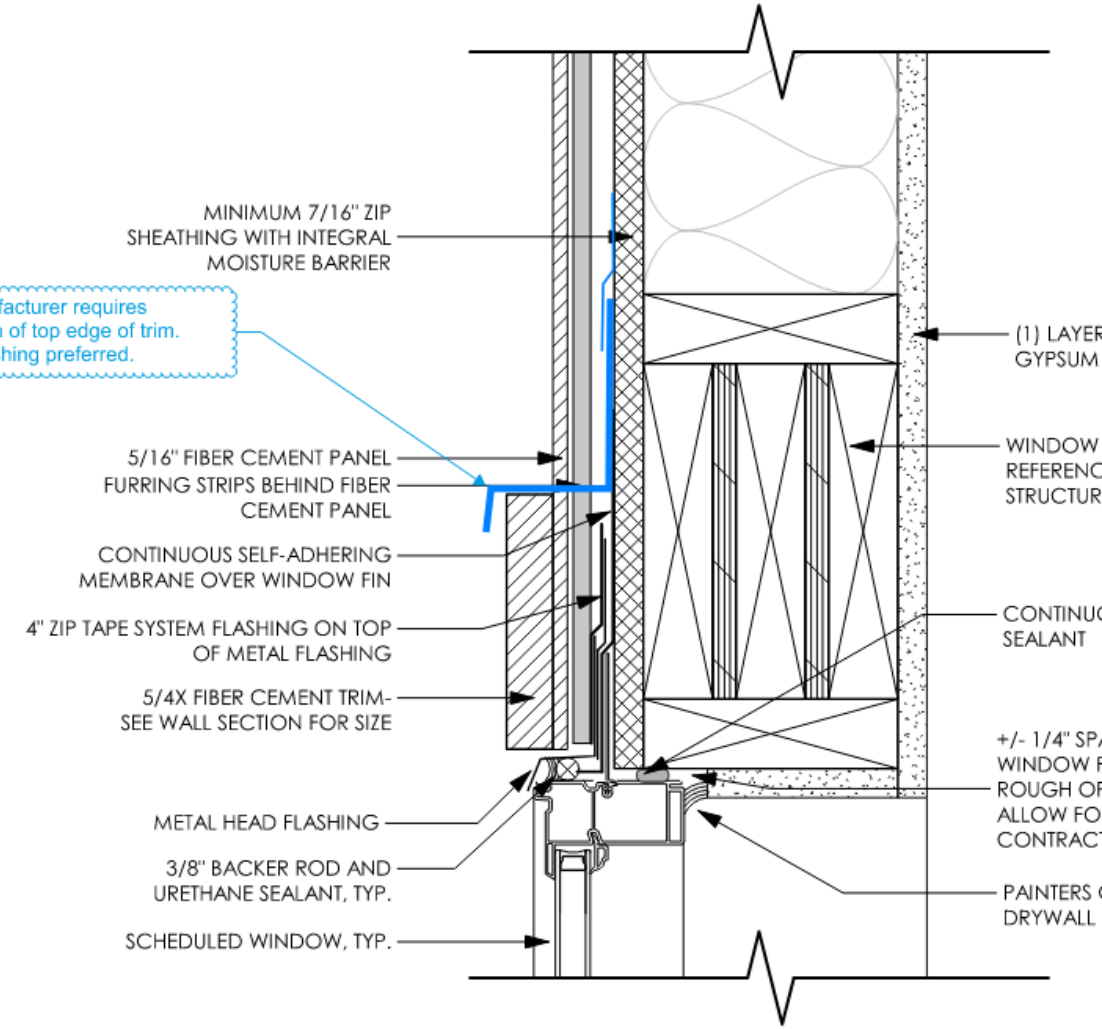
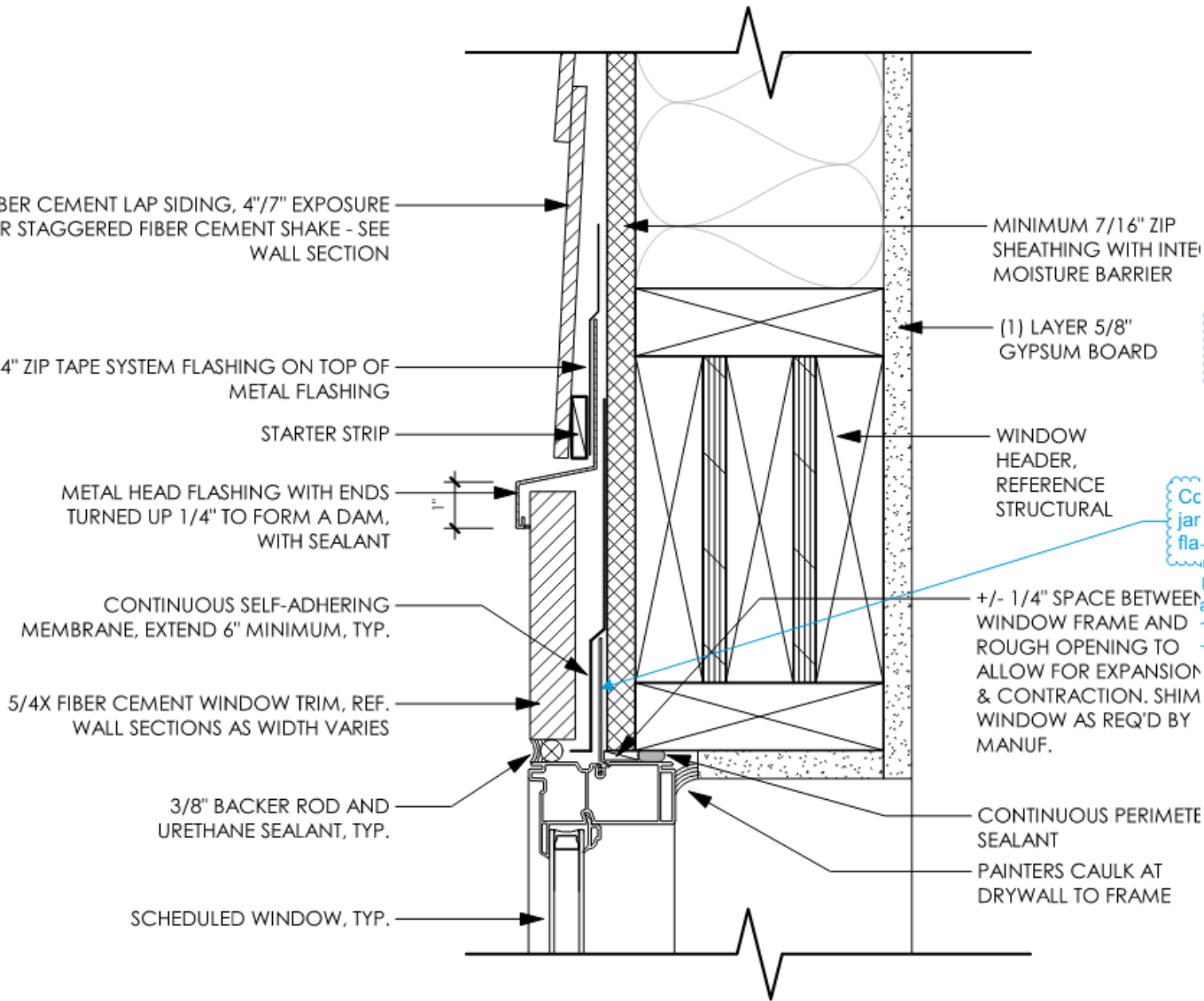


1 WINDOW SILL DETAIL (CMU) AT FIBER CEMENT PANEL & TRIM
 3" = 1'-0"

DETAIL AT F.C. BOARD & TRIM



③ WINDOW JAMB DETAIL (CMU) AT FIBER CEMENT PANEL & TRIM
 3" = 1'-0"



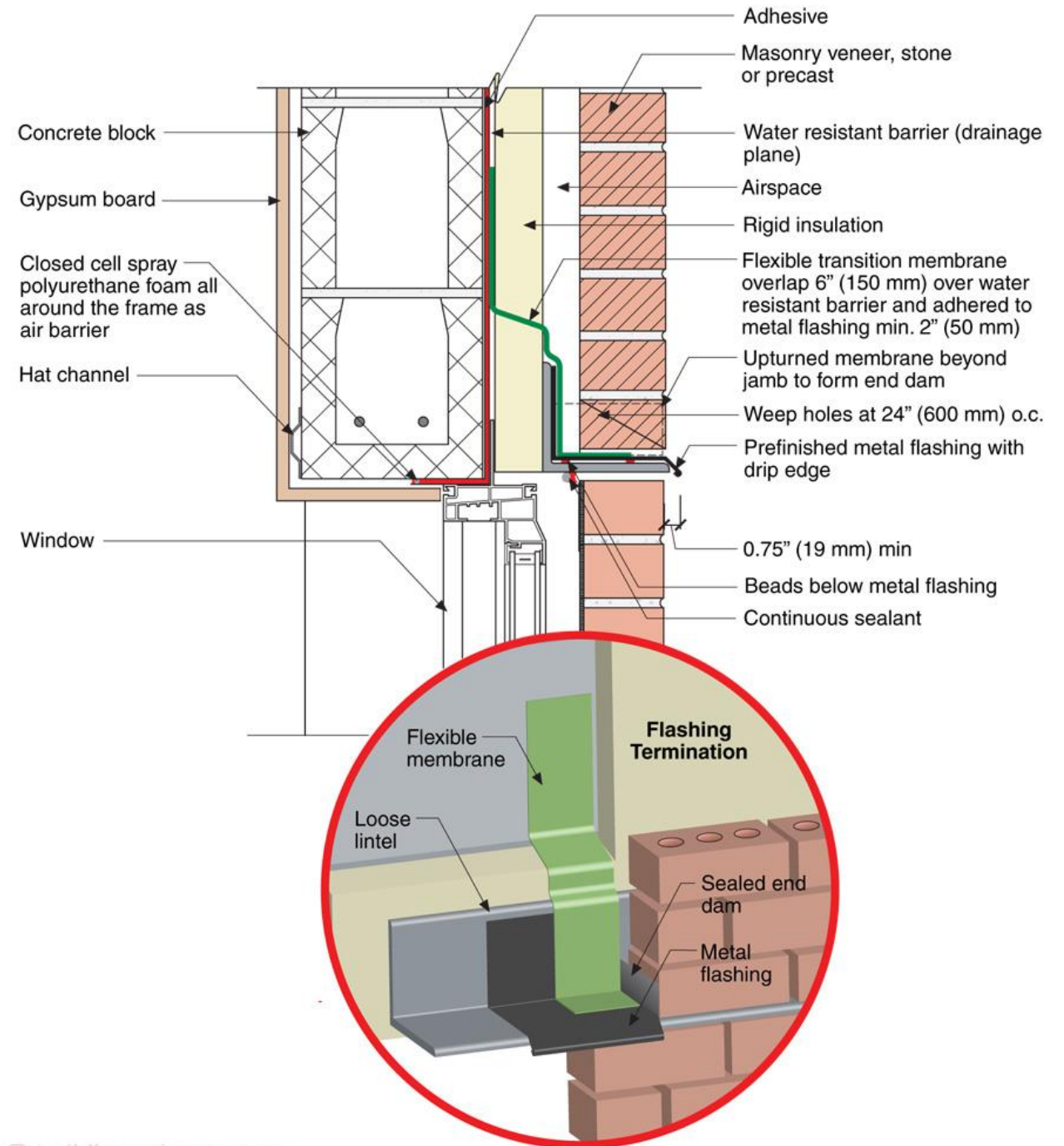
2 WINDOW HEAD DETAIL AT F.C. LAP SIDING & TRIM
 3" = 1'-0"

5 WINDOW HEAD DETAIL AT F.C. BOARD & TRIM
 3" = 1'-0"

ThermalBuck



BSI-062: *Thermal Bridges Redux*







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What is *daylighting*?



The ***controlled*** distribution of natural light in a space

What is *daylighting*?



NOT:
sunlight

Texas Architect Magazine
September/October 2013



Below *Public and waiting areas are filled with natural light. The interior finishes are inspired by the desert's color palette.*

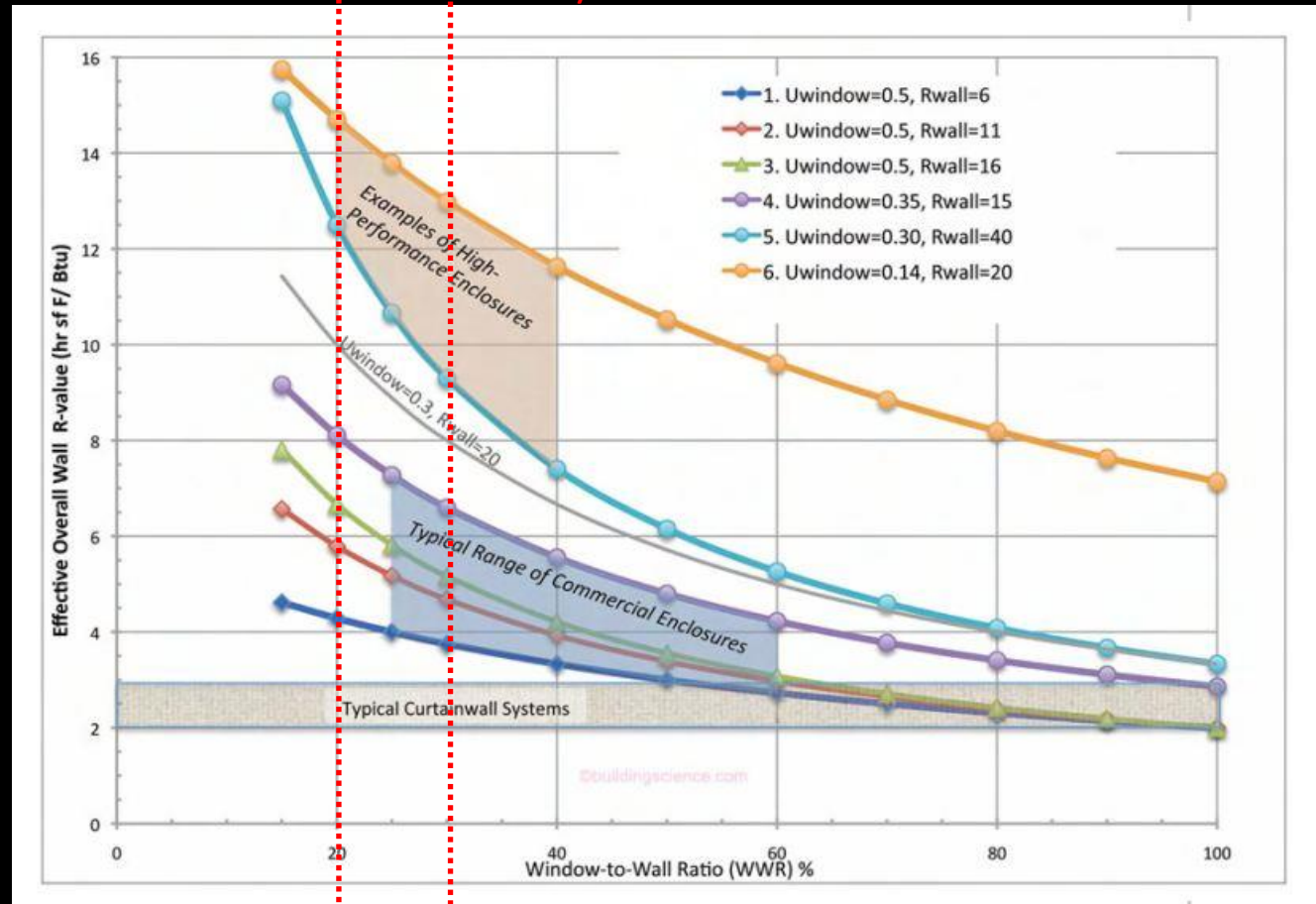
What is *daylighting*?



Can Highly Glazed Building Facades Be Green

by John Straube, BSI-006, 2008

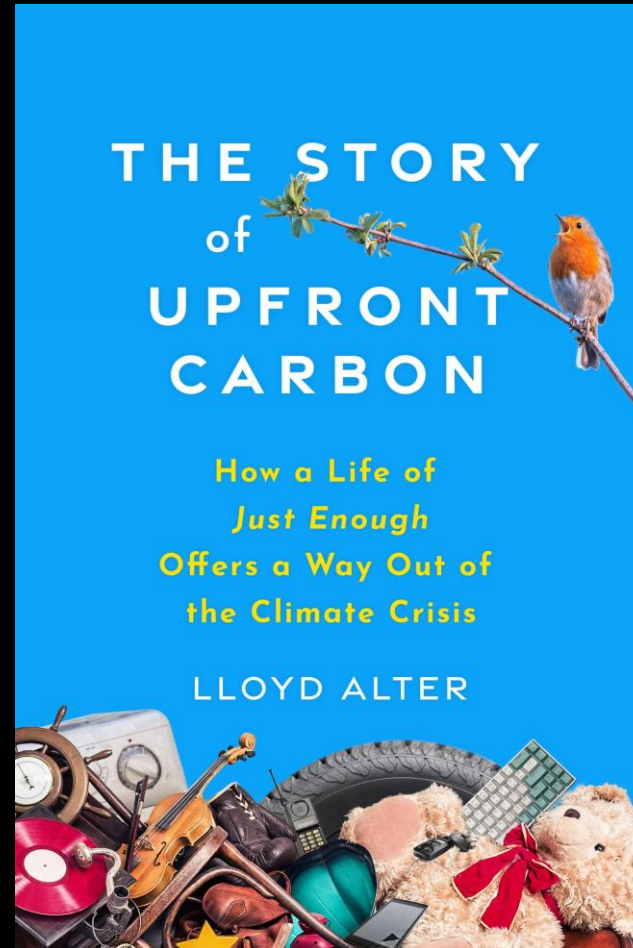
Lake/Flato recommendation: 20-30% WWR







Lloyd Alter *The Story of Upfront Carbon* – Use Less!!!



Why is daylighting so important?

- Energy Efficiency
- Health
- Productivity
- (Almost) Perfect Color Rendering



How does daylighting save electricity?

Rainha Santa Isabel Secondary School/Oficina - Ideias em Linha







Jet Blue terminal at JFK



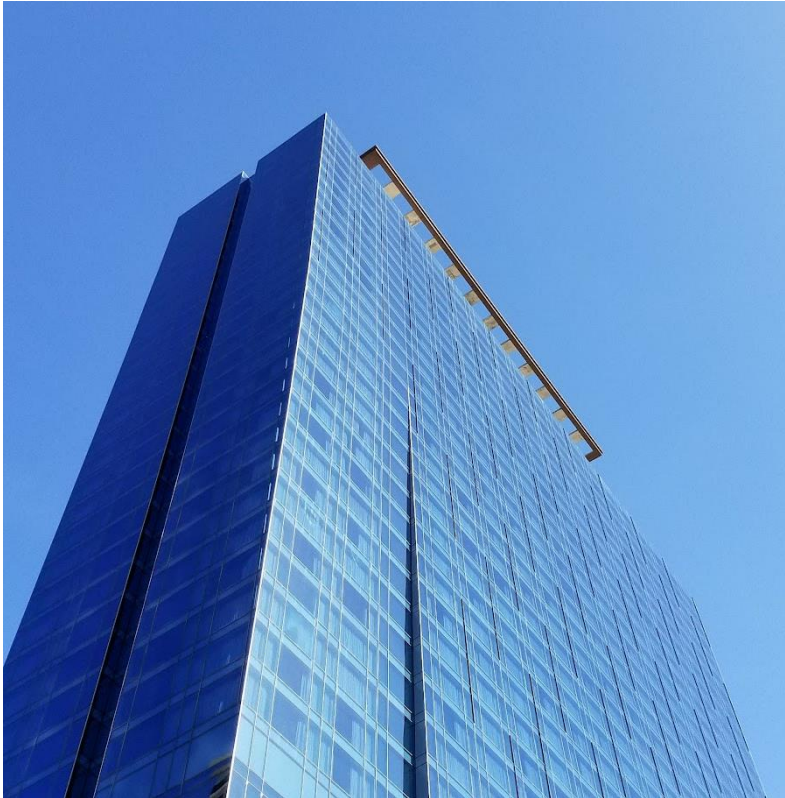


Basic Daylighting Strategies

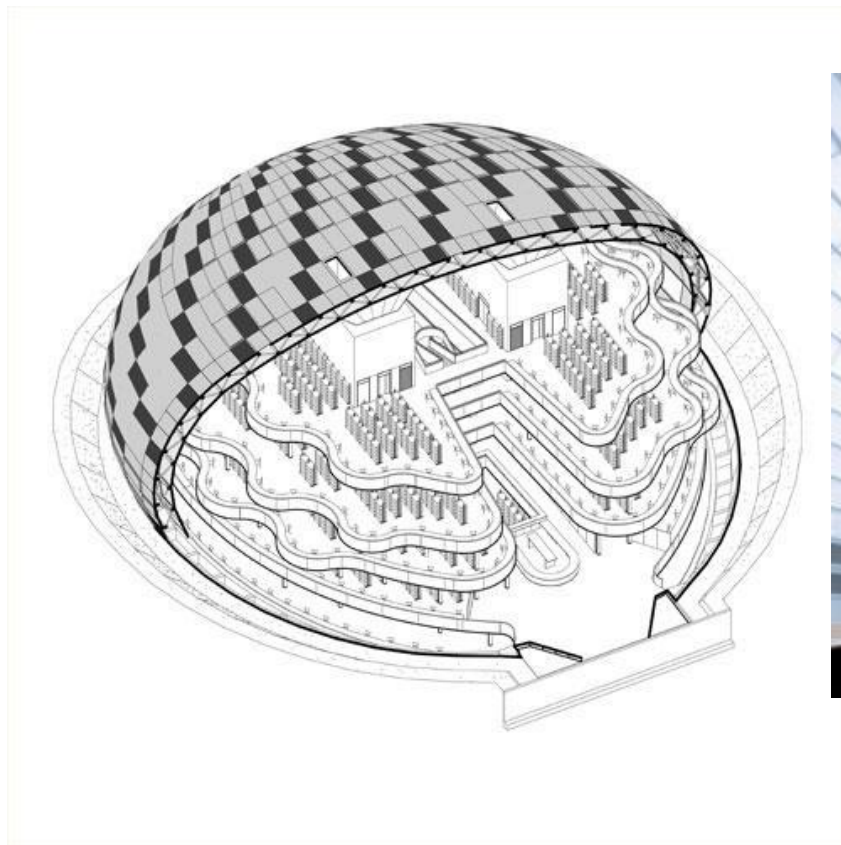
- **Solar Geometry**
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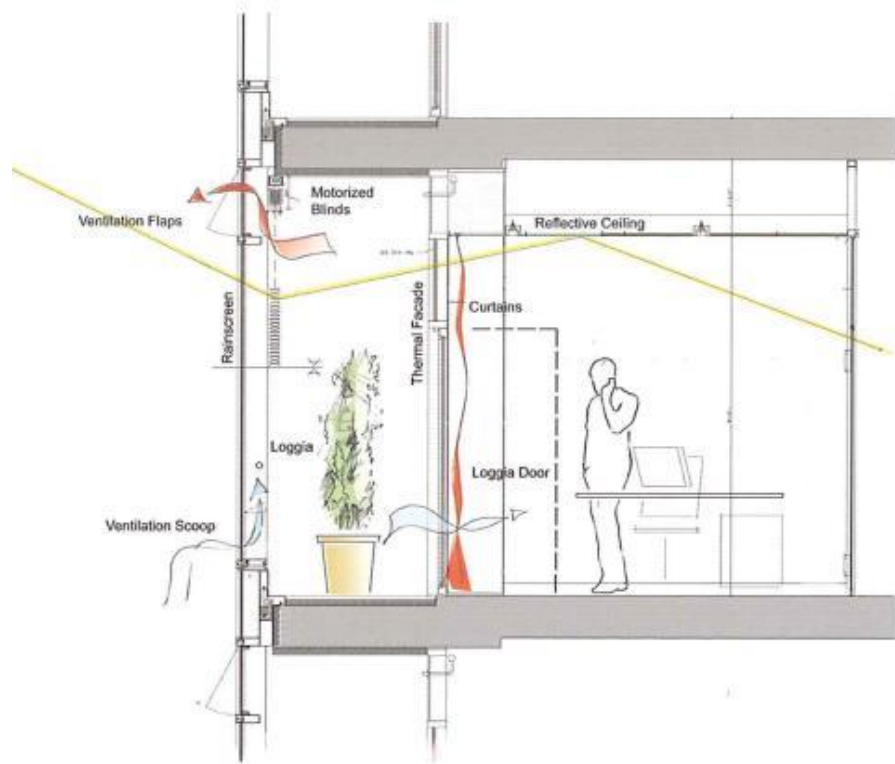
Solar Geometry



Free University Library, Norman Foster



Genzyme Center, Stefan Behnisch



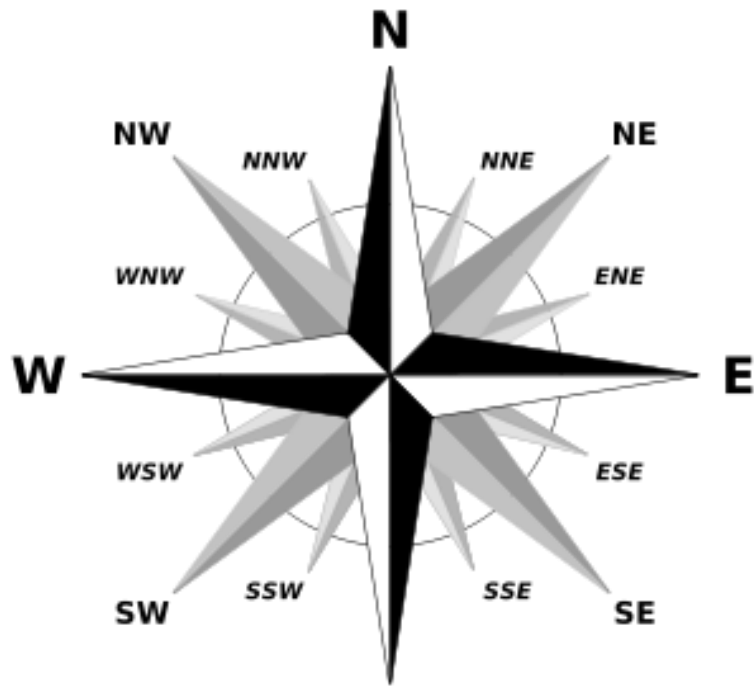
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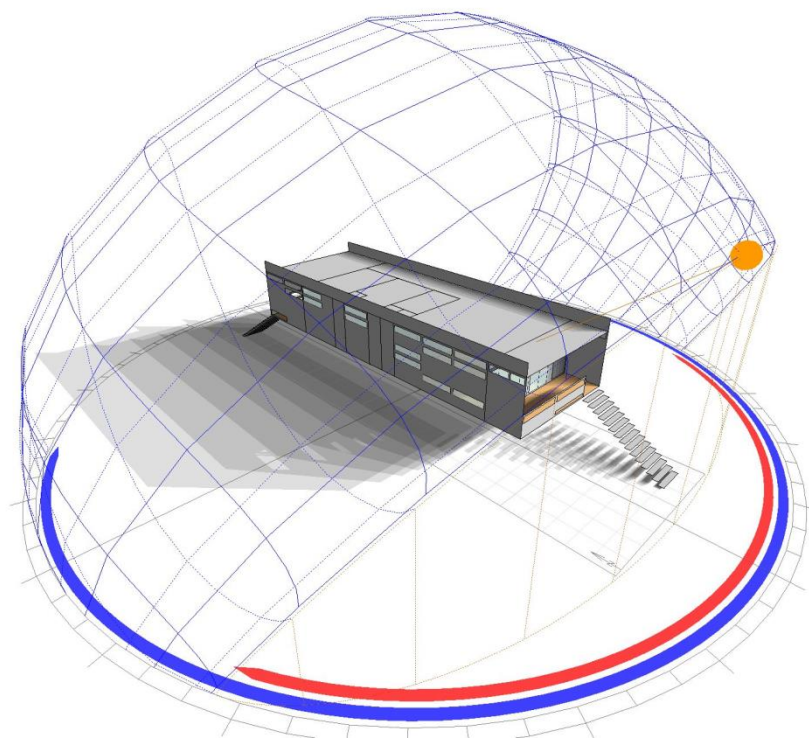


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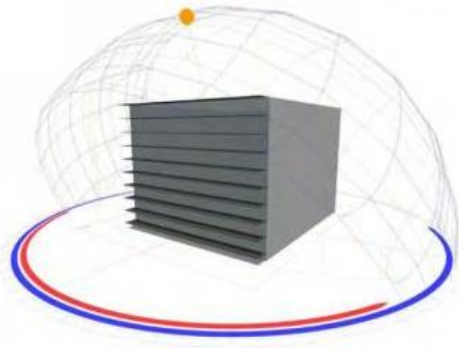
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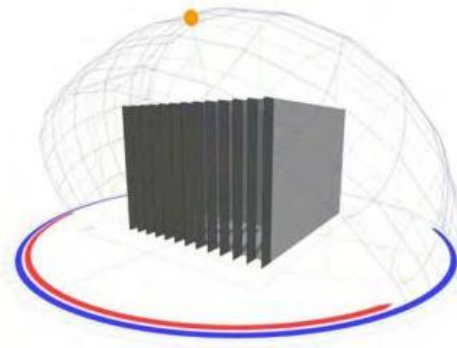
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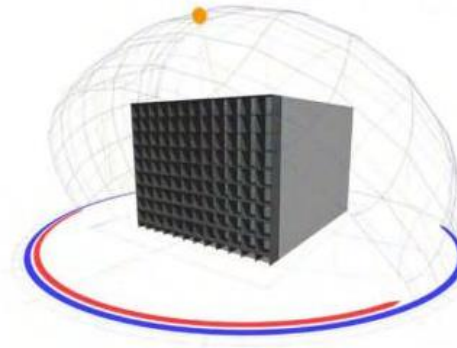
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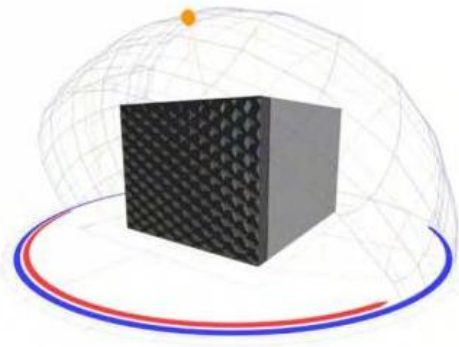
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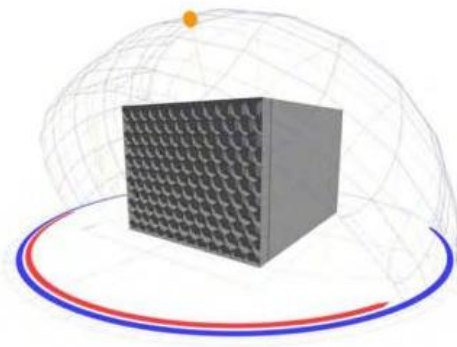
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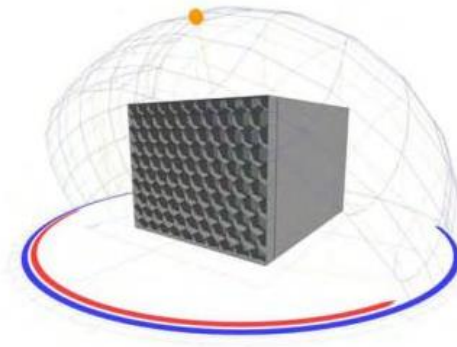
c) Eggcrate shading structure - square



d) Honeycomb shading structure - horizontally oriented

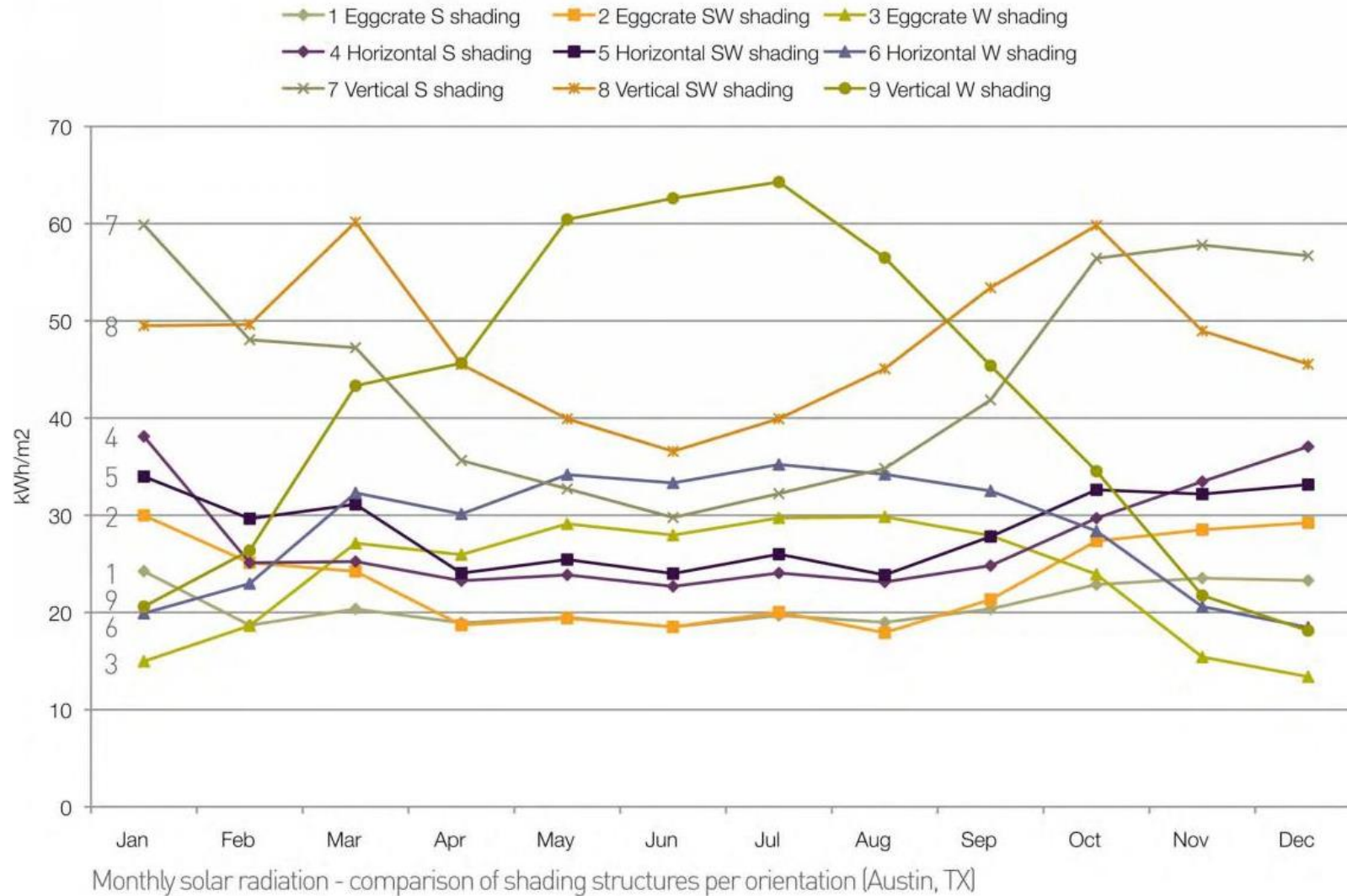


e) Honeycomb shading structure - vertically oriented



f) Honeycomb shading structure - vertically oriented - 4' circumference

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Don't be this guy!



South Elevation; 12pm October 10th; Austin, TX

Noon
South
Summer



5pm
South
June 5

Don't be this guy either!



East
Summer

Yikes!



2:30pm
South
June 17



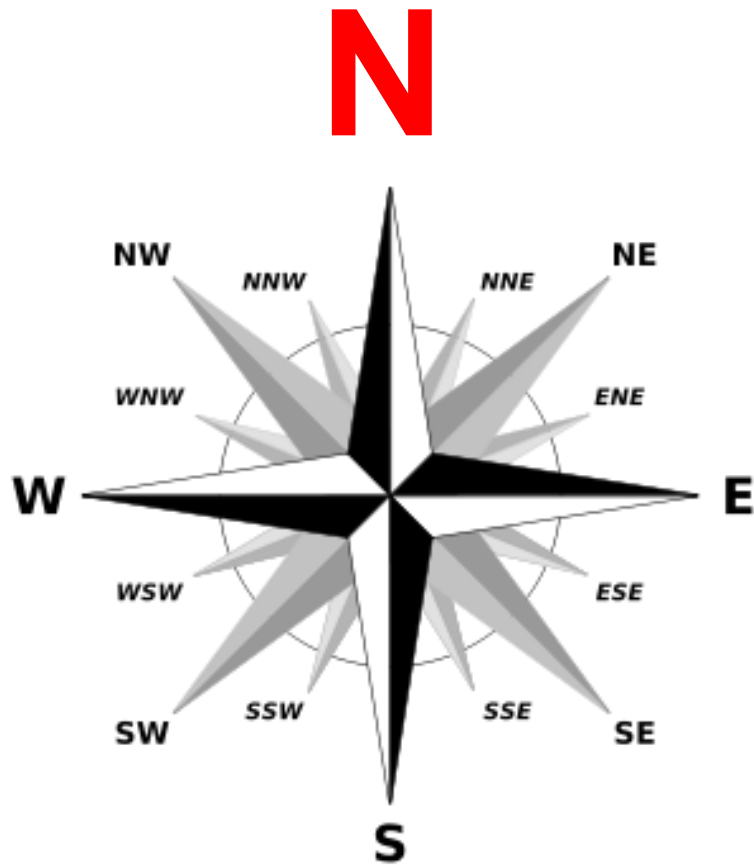


South, SW Elevations; 3pm September 29th; Austin, TX

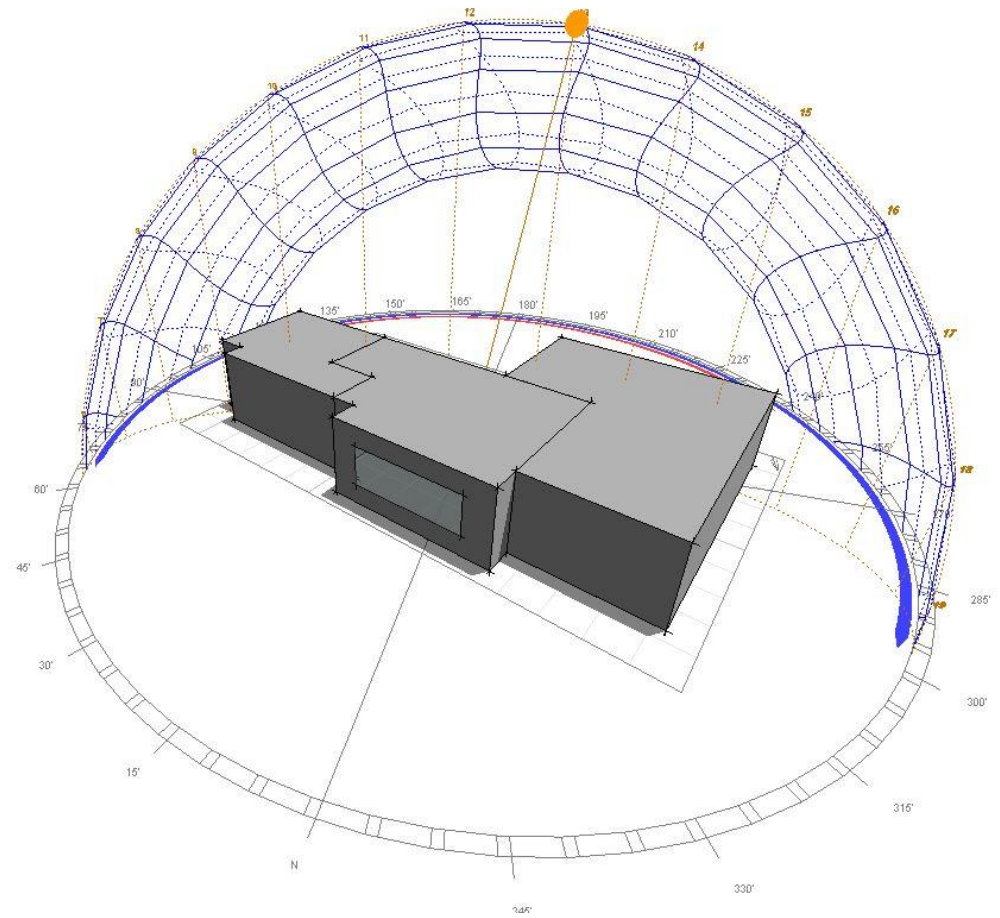
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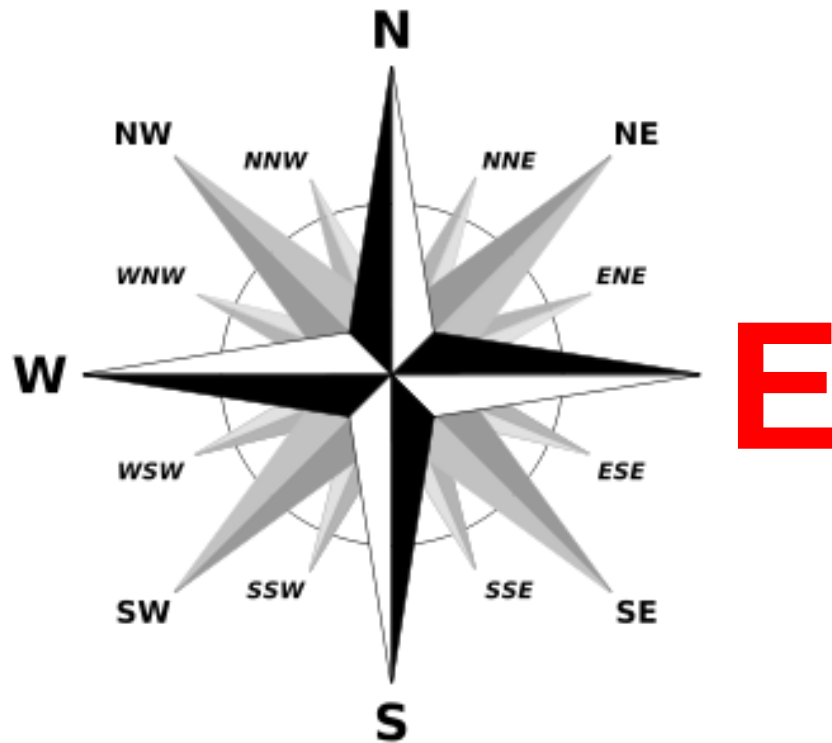
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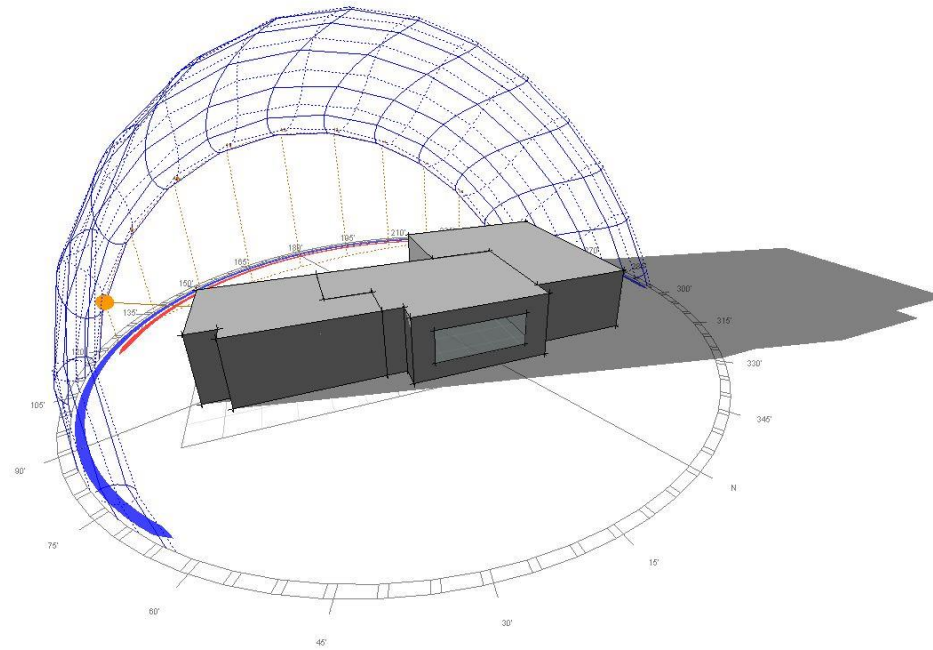
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Eastern Orientation



A Pattern Language, Alexander, pattern #138: *Sleeping to the East*



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East
July 2



10am, 12pm
East
September 8



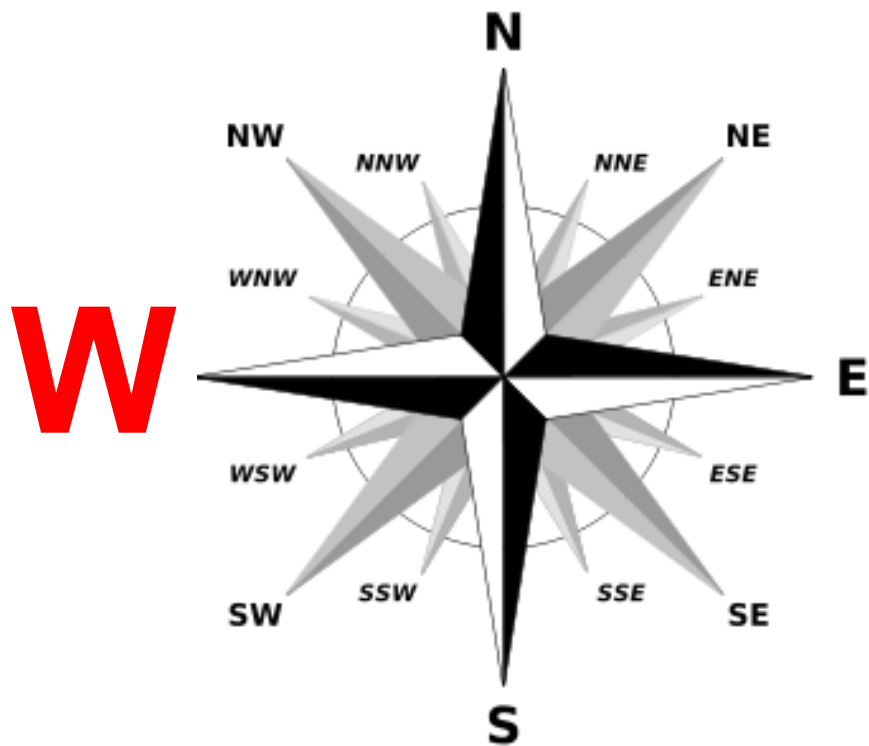
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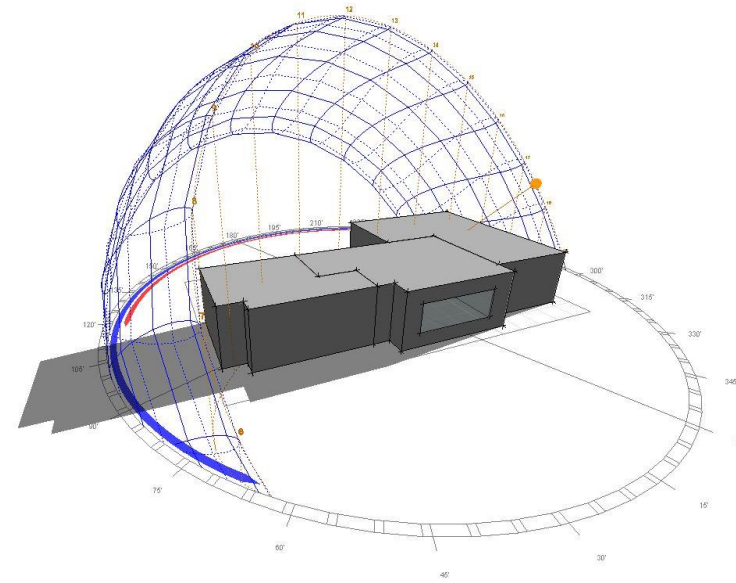
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Western Orientation



Western Orientation



4:15pm
West
August 12



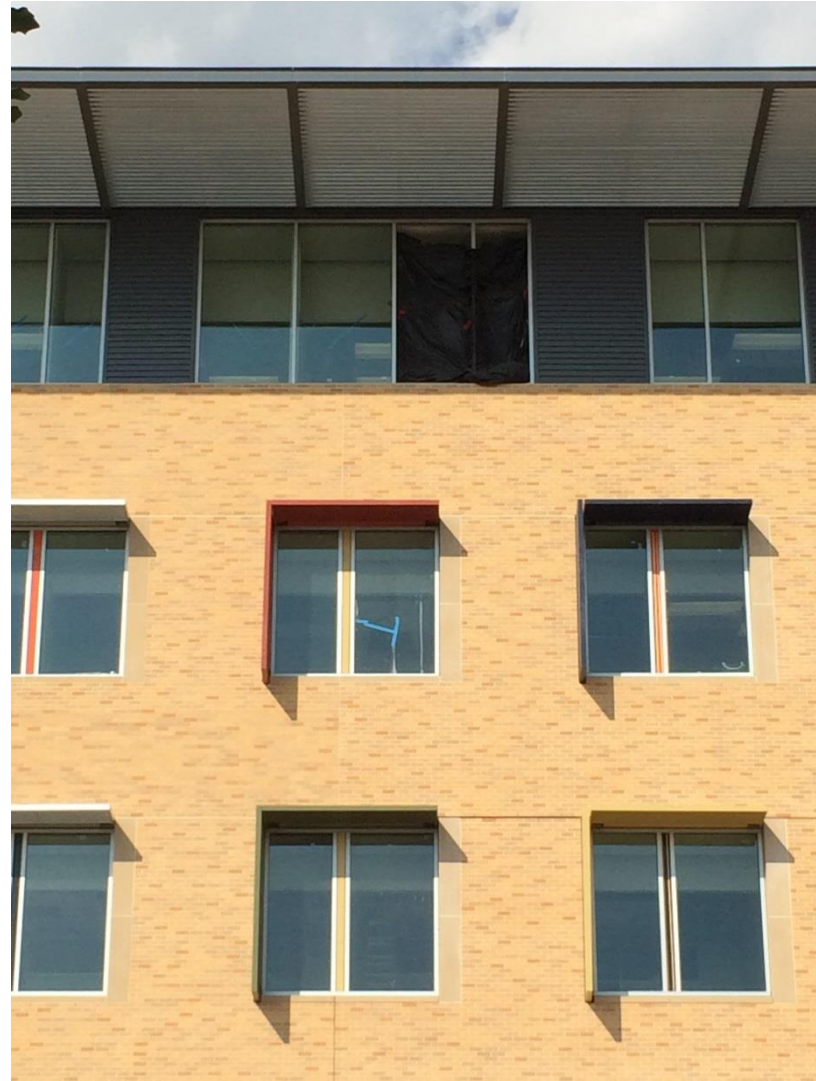
7pm
West
July 12



5:00 pm, Overcast
SE, SW
July 24



5:30 pm
SW
July 24





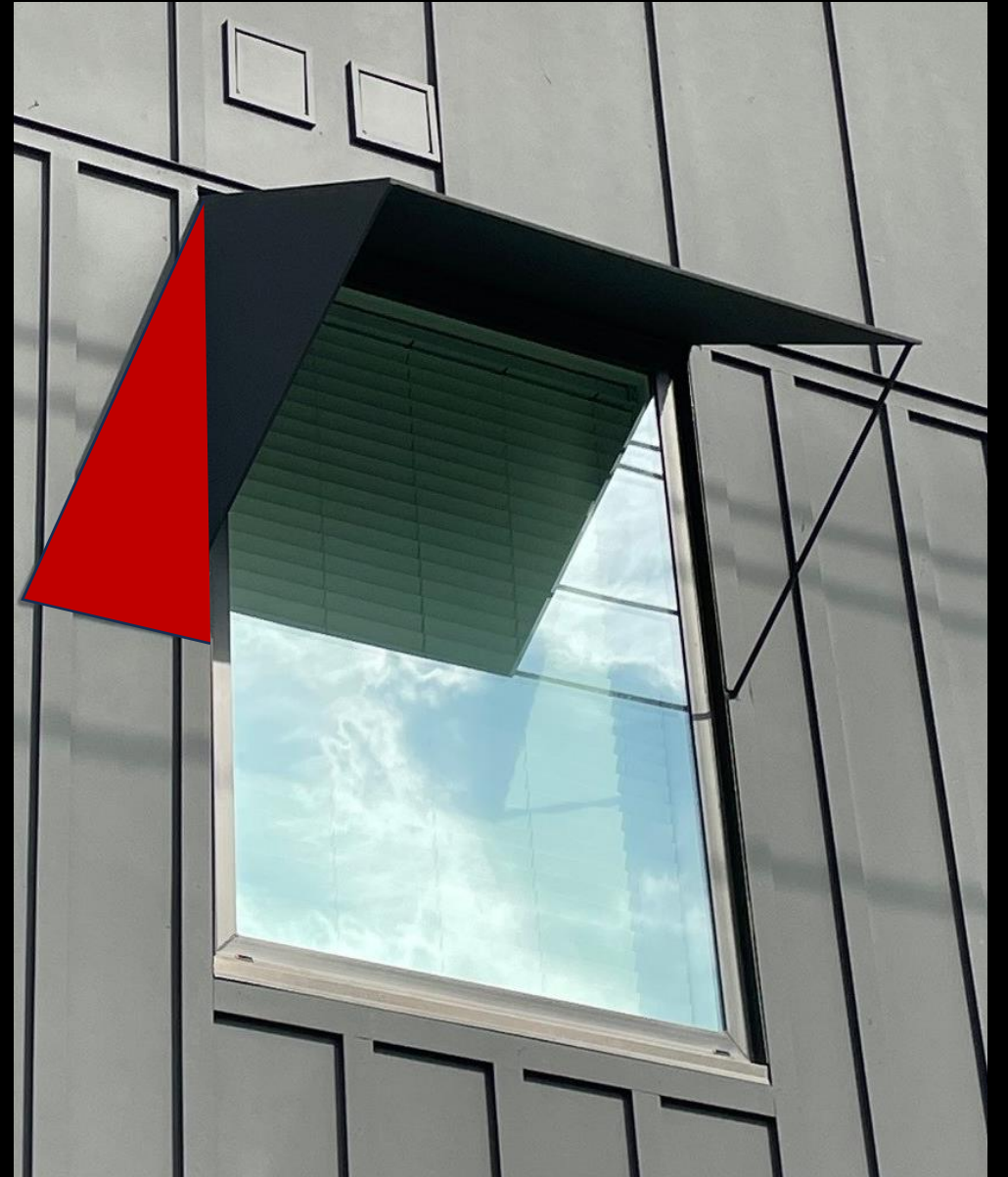
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Southwest Elevation



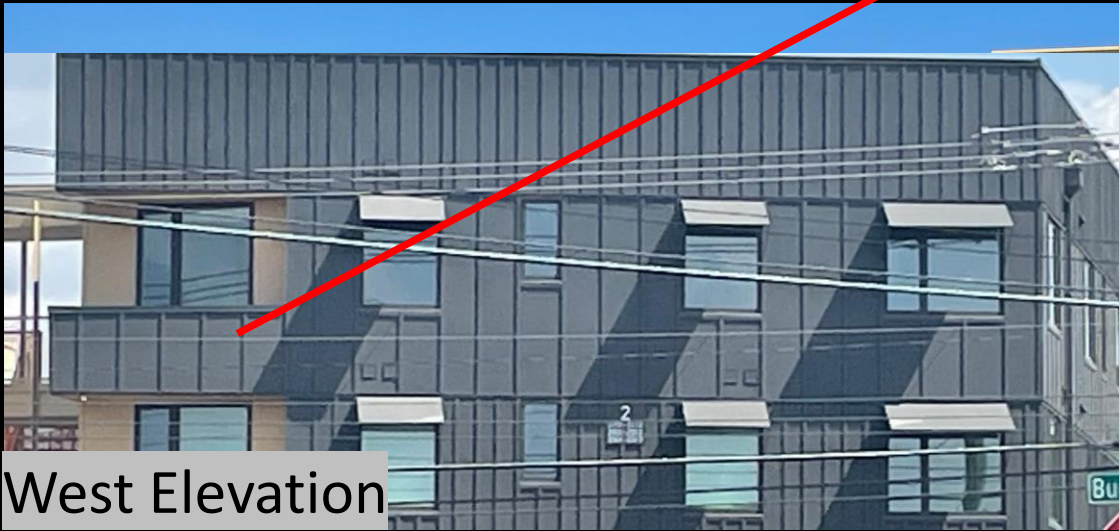


5:30pm West Sept. 4th





North Elevation



West Elevation



South Elevation



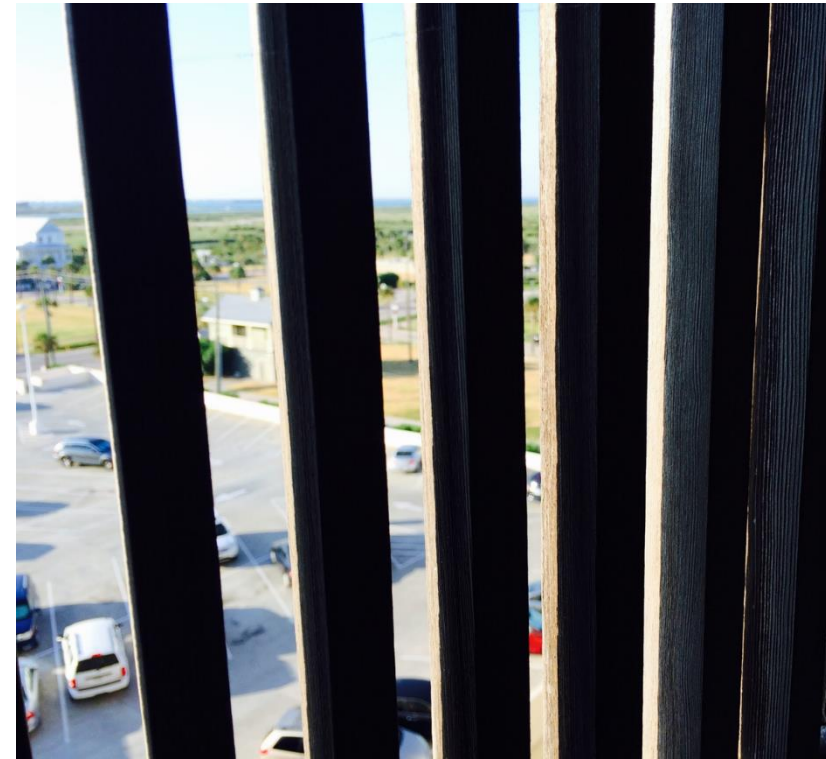
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August 4

The Galvestonian – East



The Galvestonian – West Facade



The Galvestonian – West Facade

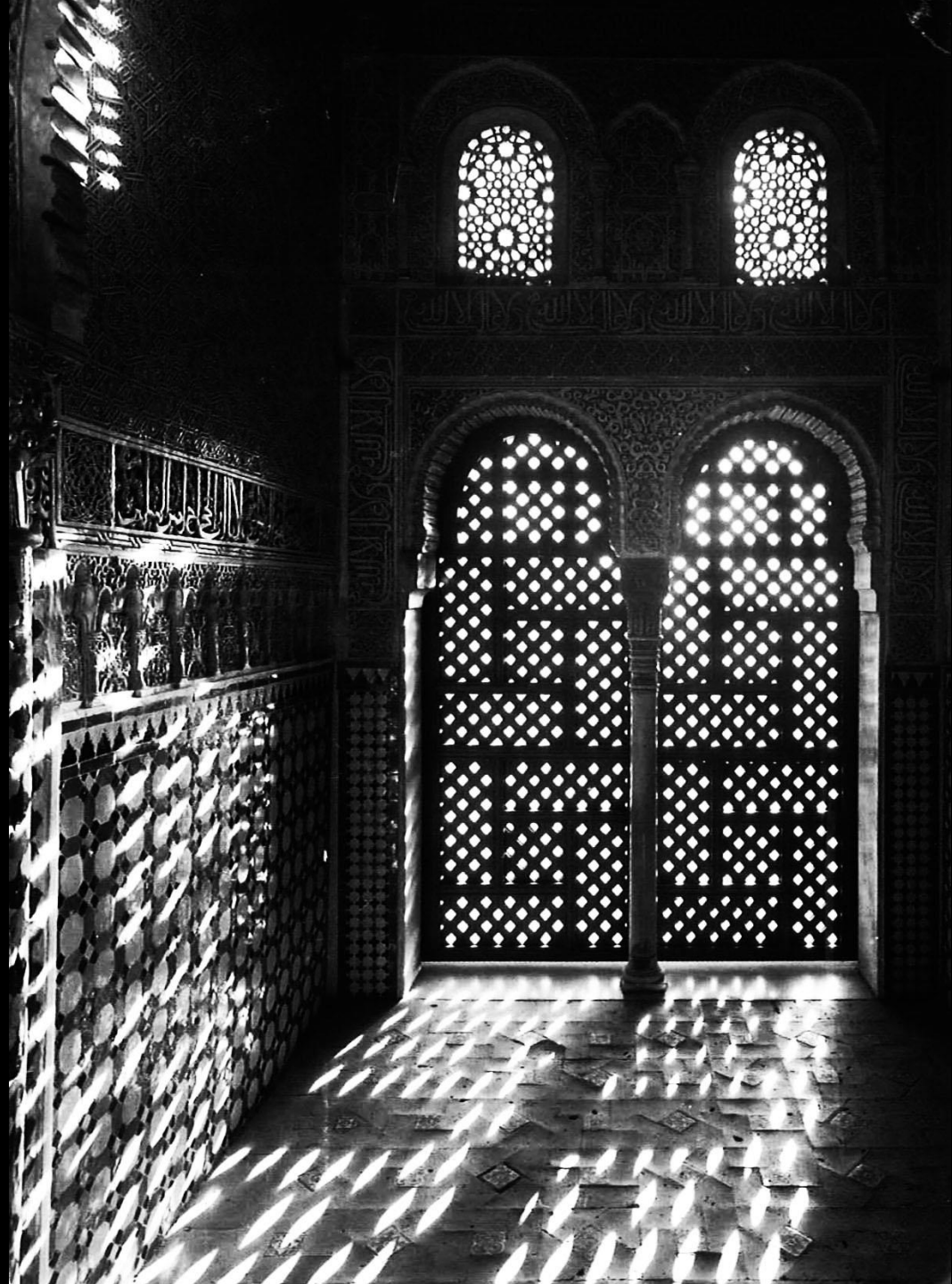


The Galvestonian – West Facade









Objectives: **Toplighting & Sidelighting**

- Solar Geometry
- **Sidelighting**
- **Toplighting**
- Form
- Programming
- Space Planning
- Surface Reflectances



Perception of brightness:

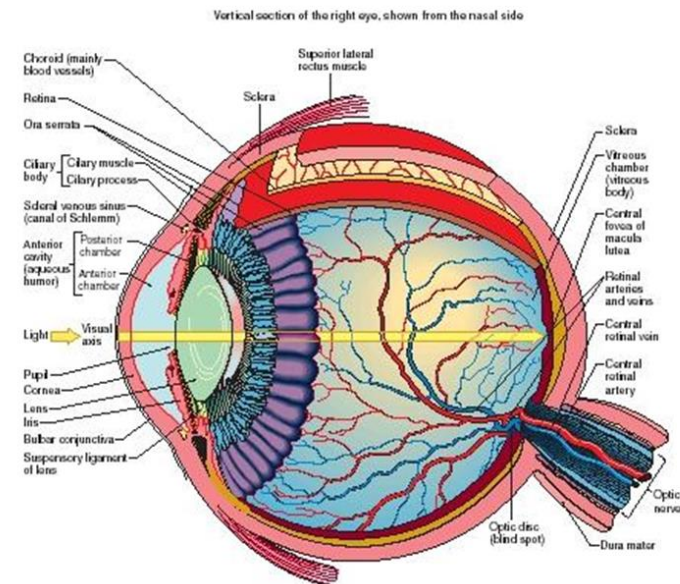
1. Luminance of object

2. Contrast:

- Brightness of adjacent objects
- Luminance Ratios

3. Biology of Individual:

- Health/Age
- Accommodation
- Adaptation (time dependent)



Eye Adapts to bright background leaving subject in silhouette, Fuller Moore



*Mechanical and Electrical Equipment
for Buildings, Kwok/Grondzik*

Excessive
luminance
ratios

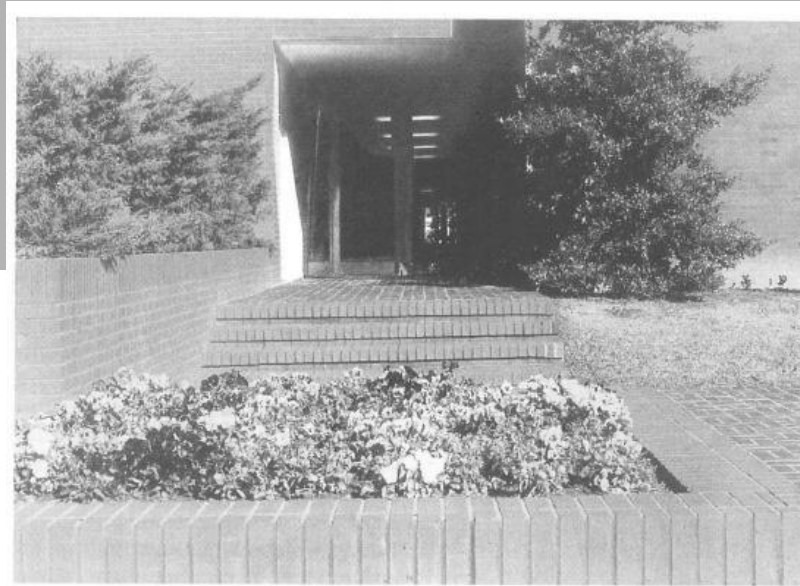


Figure 12.10a In this photograph, the camera was adjusted to correctly expose the high brightness of the exterior. We cannot see indoors because the brightness there is too low compared to the outdoors. This is a problem of excessive brightness ratios.

HIGH Contrast
Contrast is necessary for visibility
MEDIUM Contrast
Contrast is necessary for visibility
LOW Contrast
Contrast is necessary for visibility



Figure 12.10b In this photograph, the camera was adjusted to correctly expose the interior. Consequently, we cannot clearly see the outdoor view because it is too bright compared to the interior. This is a problem of excessive brightness ratios.

Light Shelf

- Most effective on south façade
- East and west – must be longer
- Not effective on north

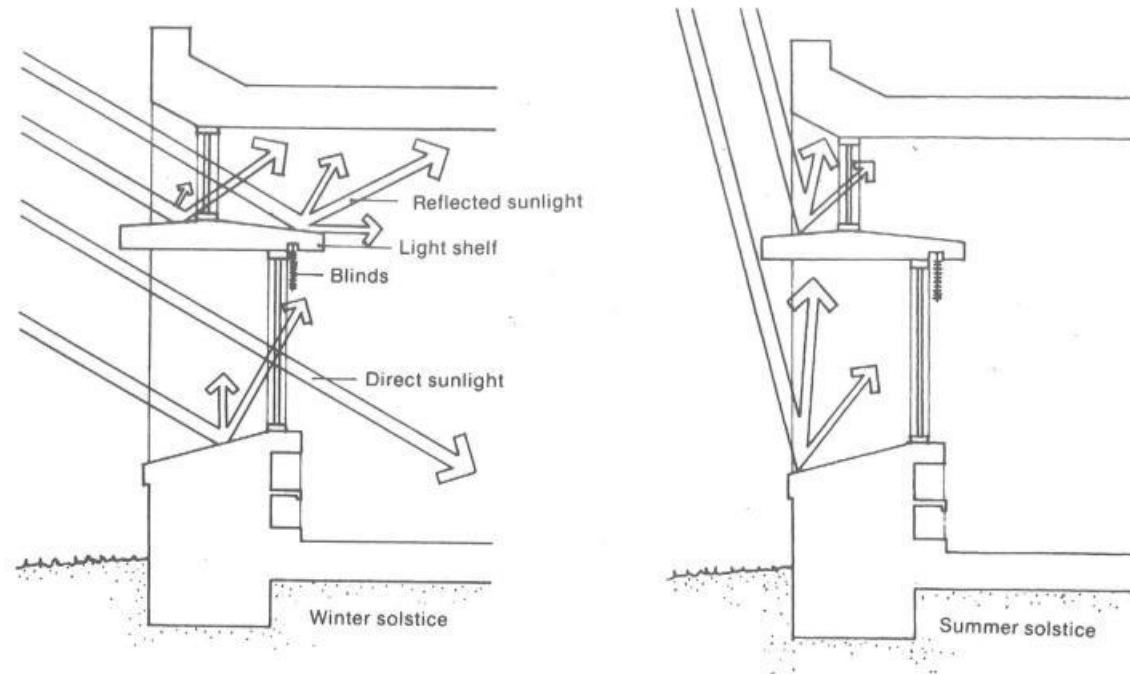
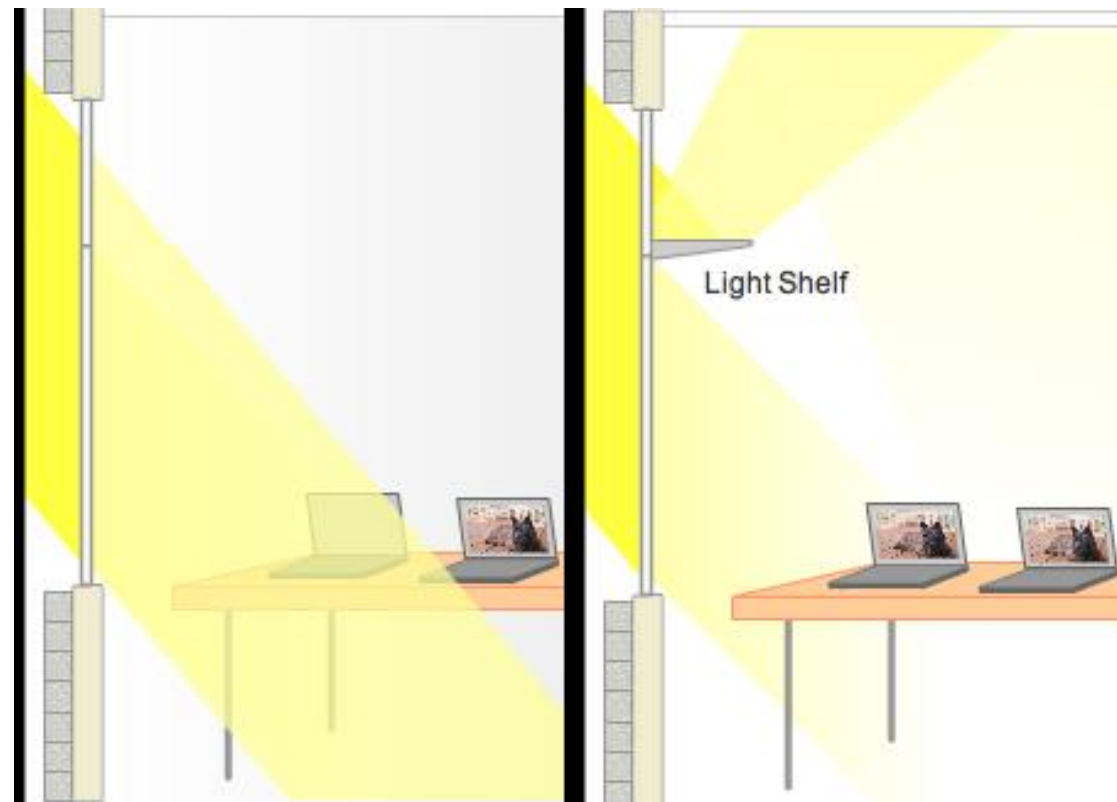


Figure 13.15n
Sections through south windows of the Mt. Airy Public Library in North Carolina. More reflected sunlight can enter in the winter than the summer. [From *Passive Solar Journal*, Vol. 3(4). © American Solar Energy Society.]

Light Shelf



Light Shelf



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Experiments test:

- Light Shelf Top Surfaces
- Partition Materials
- Placement of Partitions
- Ceiling Height
- Comparisons of the Light Shelf & FISCH system



Figure 1: Exterior Image of the Test Cell

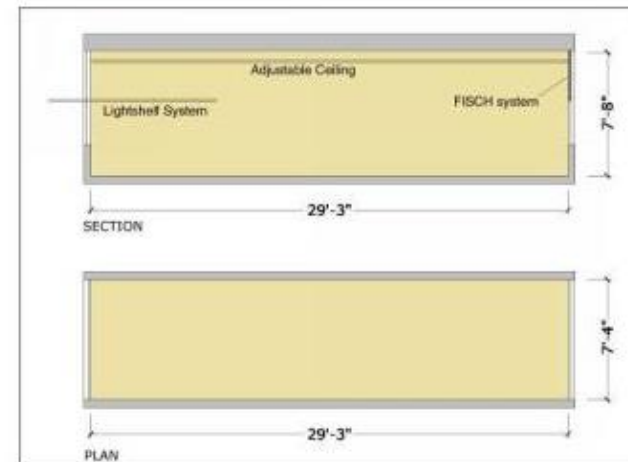
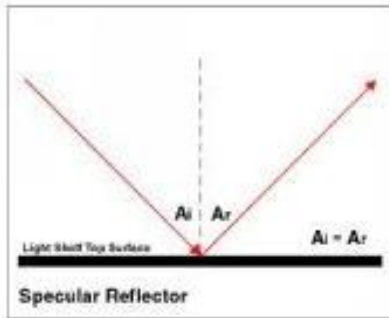


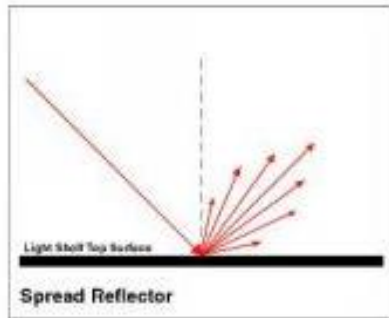
Figure 2: Interior Dimensions of the Test Cell



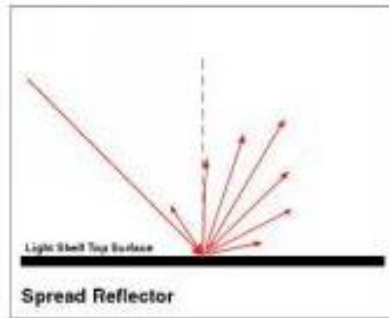
Mirror



Foil Backing



Glossy White Paint



Ceiling Tile

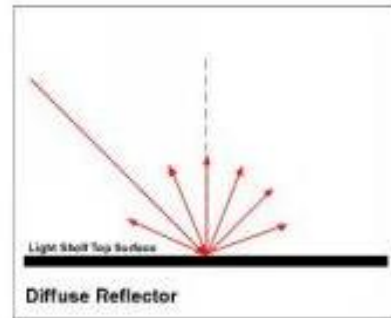


Figure 3: Four Reflectors and Their Optical Properties.

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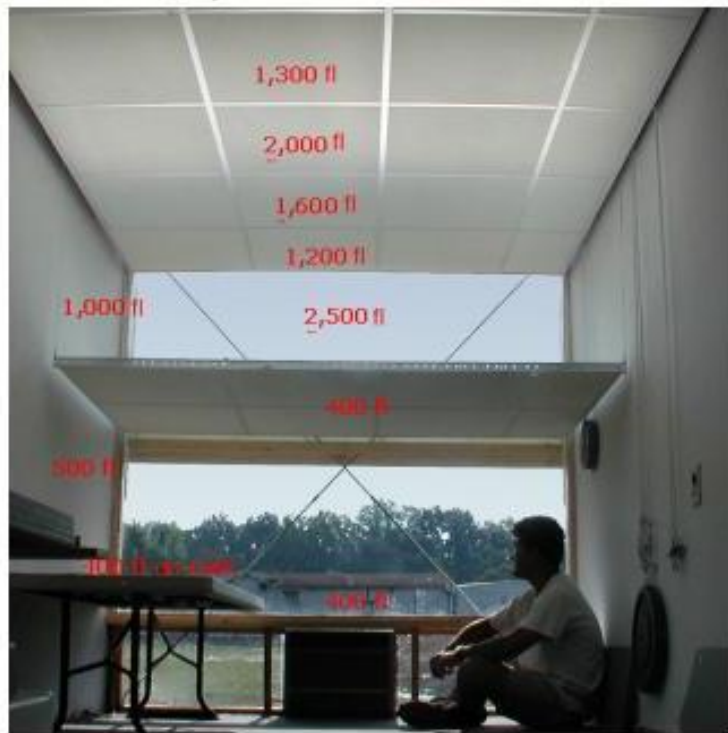


Figure 5: Foil Reflector

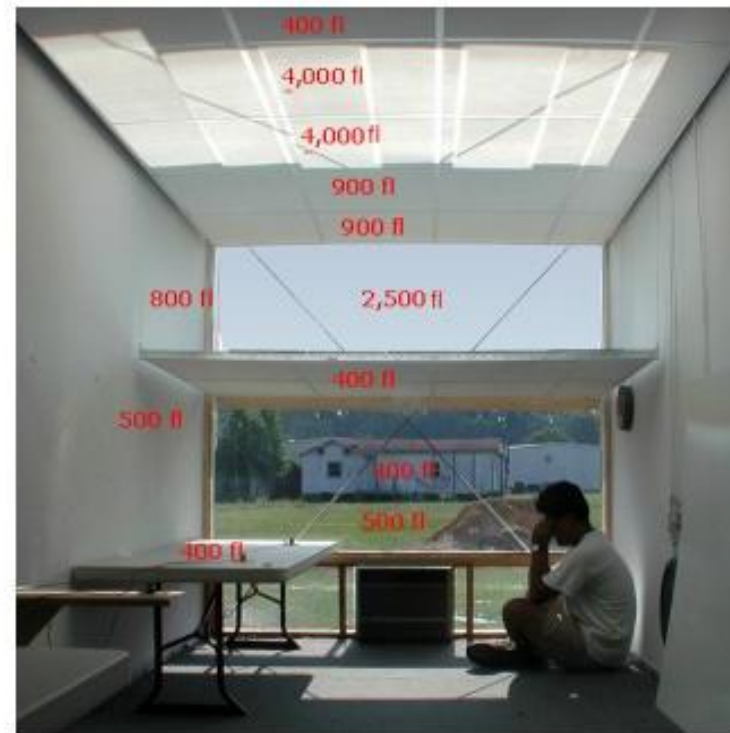
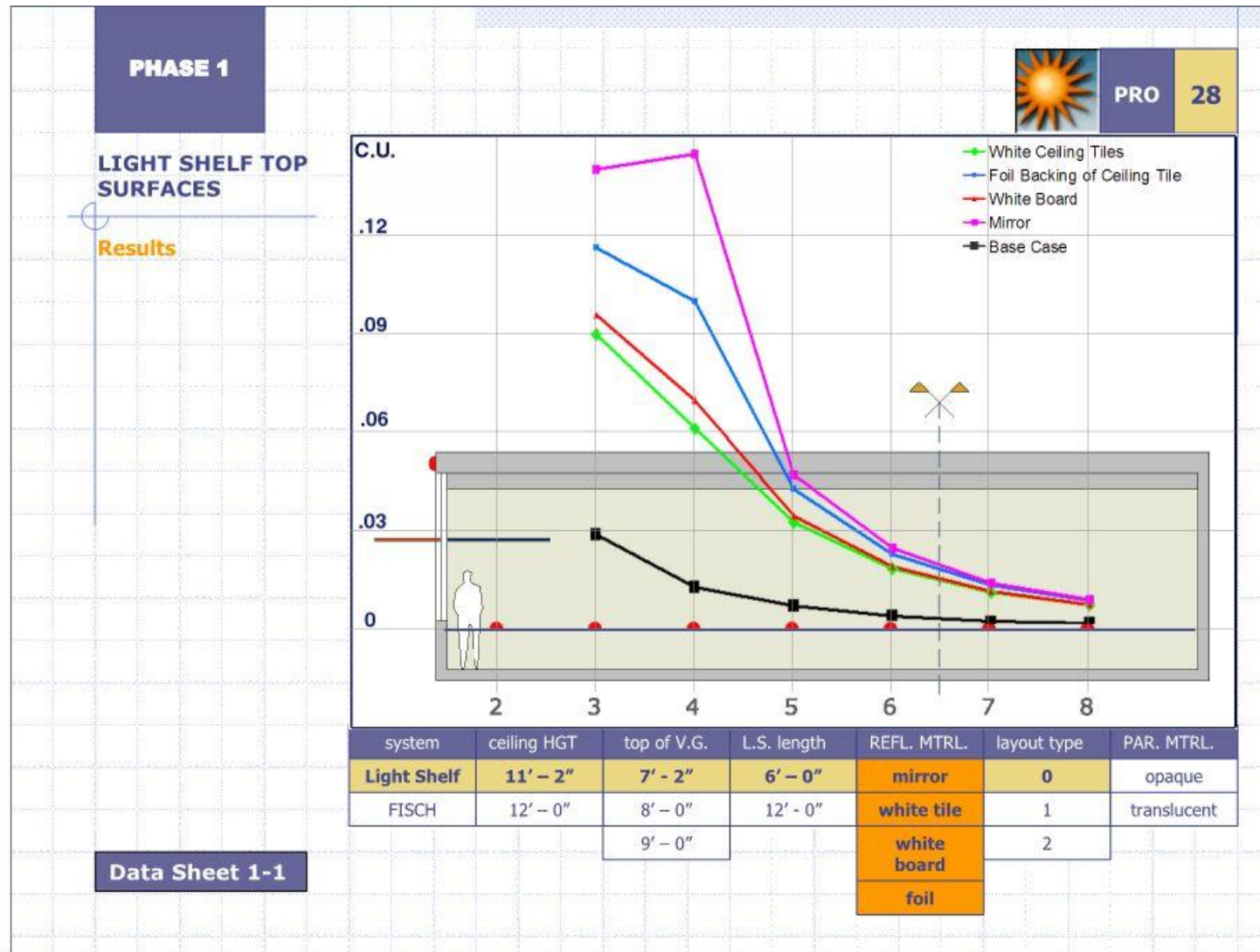


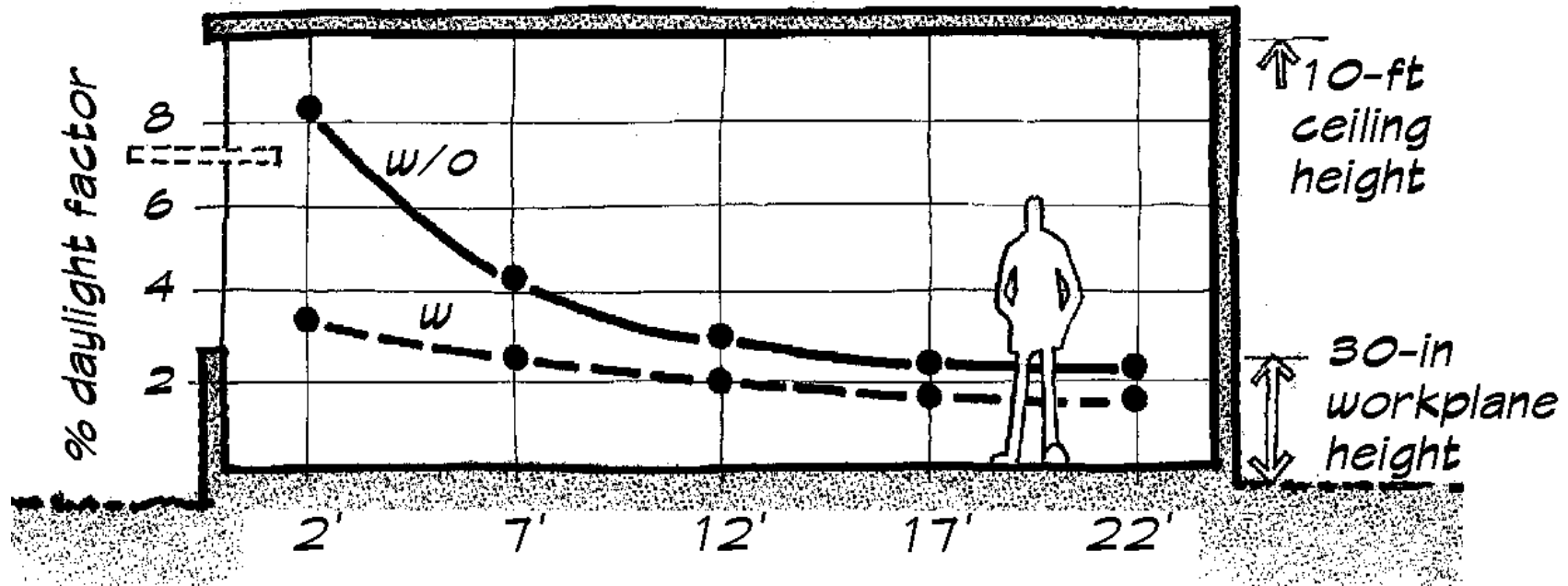
Figure 6: Mirror Reflector

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Environmental Control Systems, Fuller Moore



Building Form

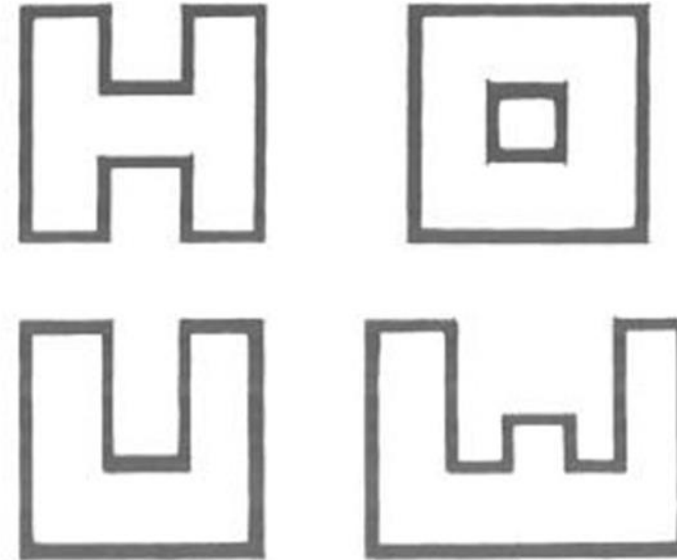
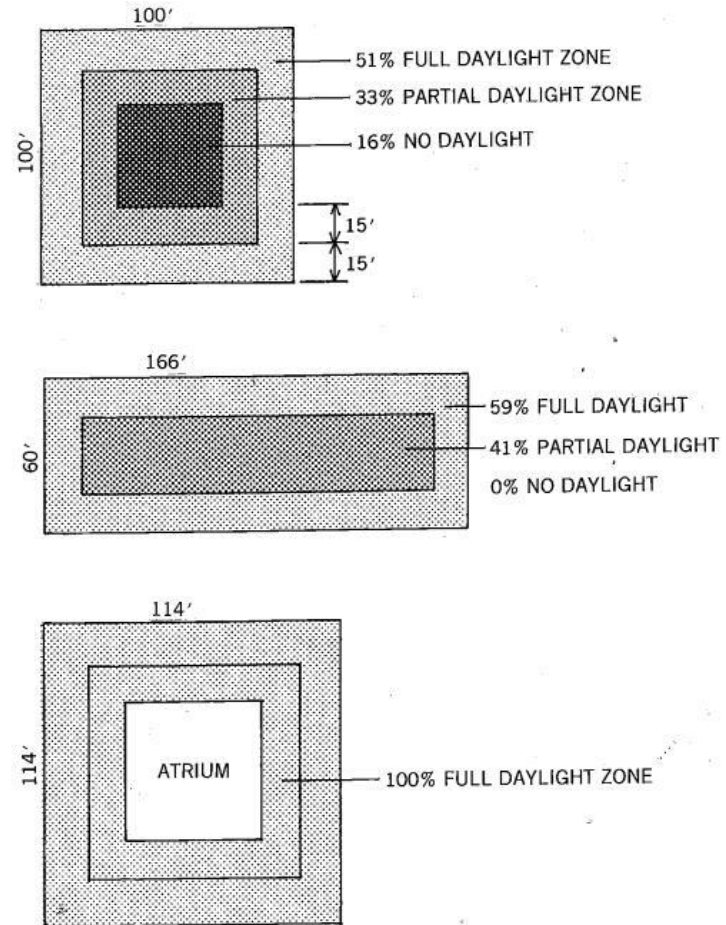


Figure 13.1d These were the common floor plans for large buildings prior to the twentieth century because of the need for light and ventilation.

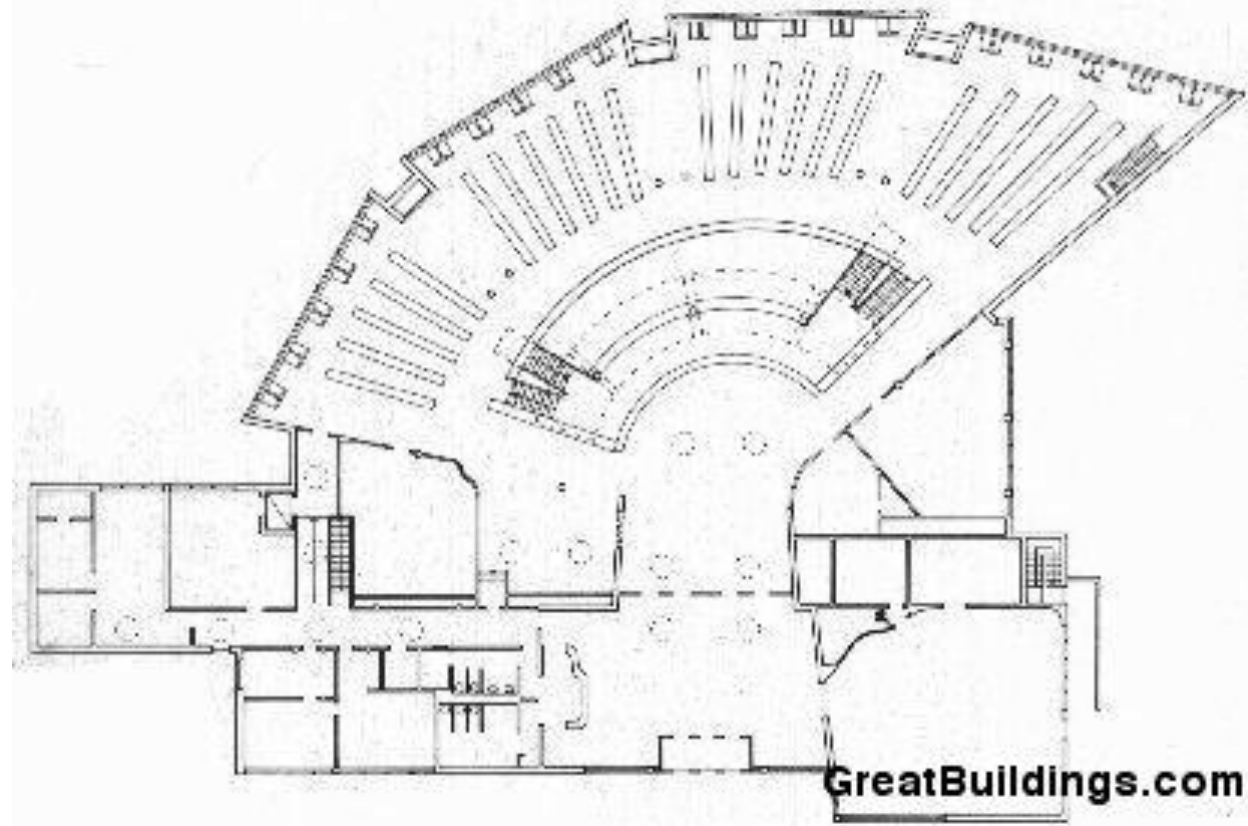


Space Planning



Alvar Aalto Mount Angel

Space Planning: stacks (or desks) perpendicular to windows



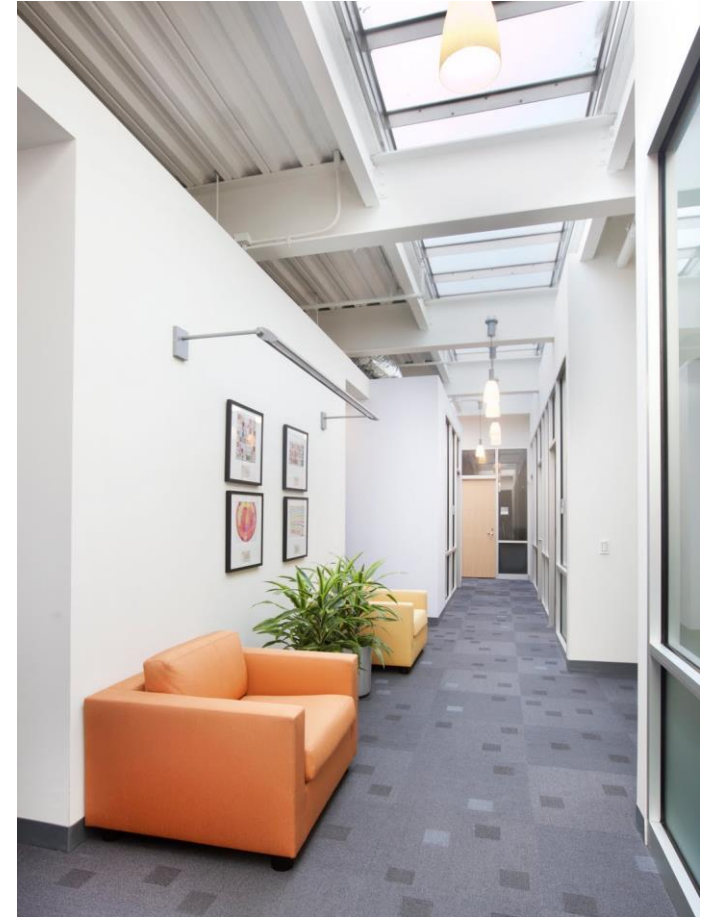
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Space Planning: translucent interior partitions



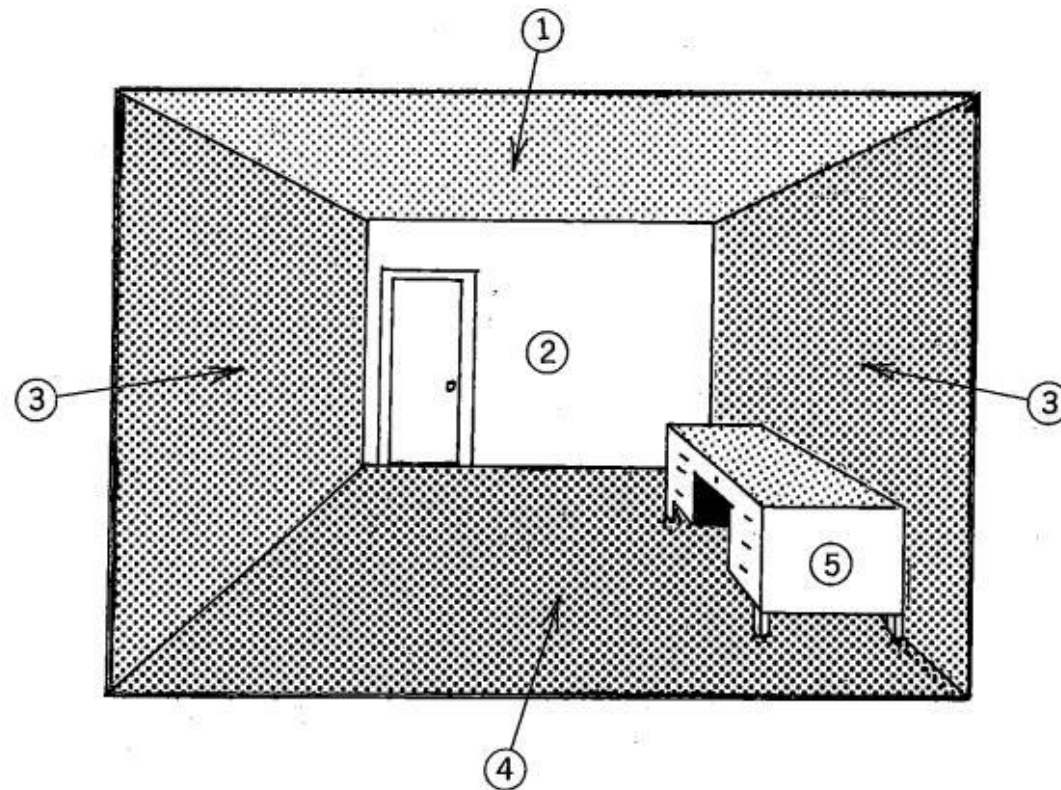
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Space Planning



Color, Surface Reflectances





Glazing Selection

U-Factor

U-factor measures how well a window prevents heat from escaping. Ratings generally fall between 0.20 and 1.20. The lower the U-value, the greater a window's resistance to heat flow and the better its insulating value.

Visible Transmittance

Visible Transmittance (VT) measures how much visible light come through a window, expressed as a number between 0 and 1. The higher the VT, the more light is transmitted.

Condensation Resistance

Condensation Resistance (CR) measures on a scale of 0 to 100 the ability of a window to resist the formation of condensation on the interior surface. The higher the rating, the better the product is at resisting condensation. While this rating cannot predict condensation, it allows consistent product comparisons.

	World's Best Window Co. Millennium 2000+ Vinyl-Clad Wood Frame Double Glazing • Argon Fill • Low E Product Type: Vertical Slider
ENERGY PERFORMANCE RATINGS	
U-Factor (U.S./I-P) 0.35	Solar Heat Gain Coefficient 0.32
ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE RATINGS	
Visible Transmittance 0.51	Air Leakage (U.S./I-P) 0.2
Condensation Resistance 51	—

Solar Heat Gain Coefficient

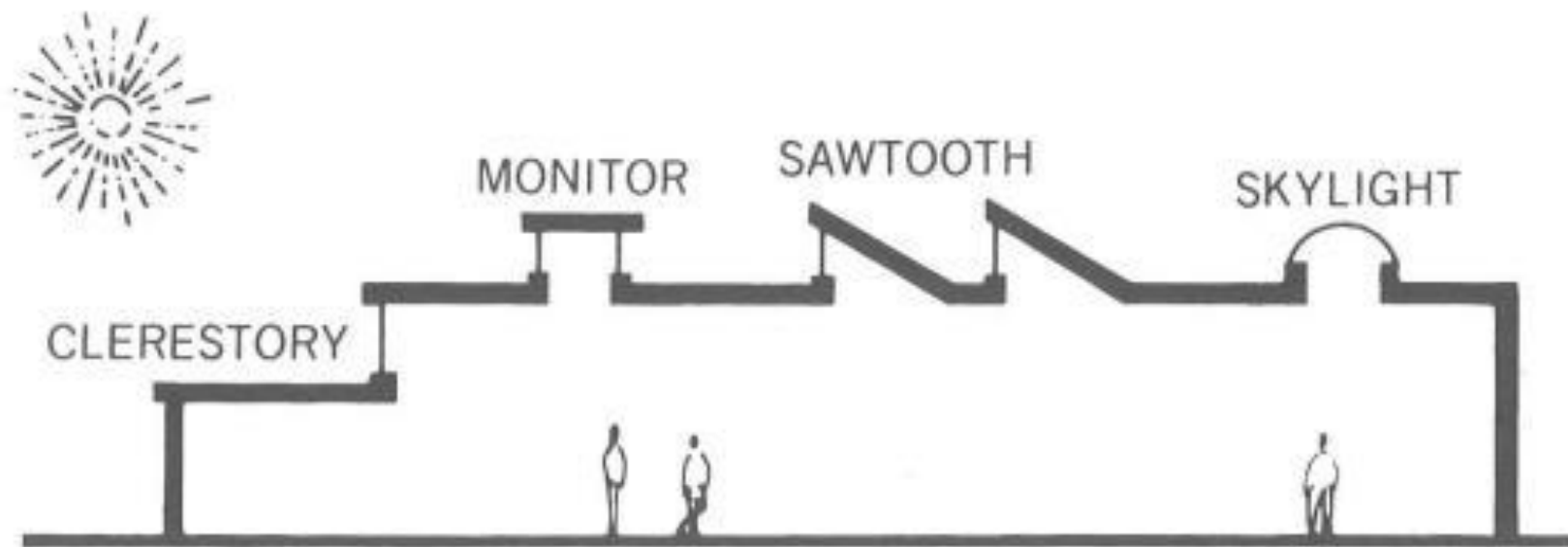
Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC) is the fraction of incident solar radiation admitted through a window as heat gain, either directly transmitted or absorbed by the glass and then released inward. SHGC is expressed as a number between 0 and 1. The lower the SHGC, the less solar heat is transmitted.

Air Leakage

Air Leakage (AL) through a window is expressed as the equivalent cubic feet of air passing through a square foot window area (cfm/sq ft). The lower the AL, the less air will pass through cracks in the window assembly.

Top Lighting



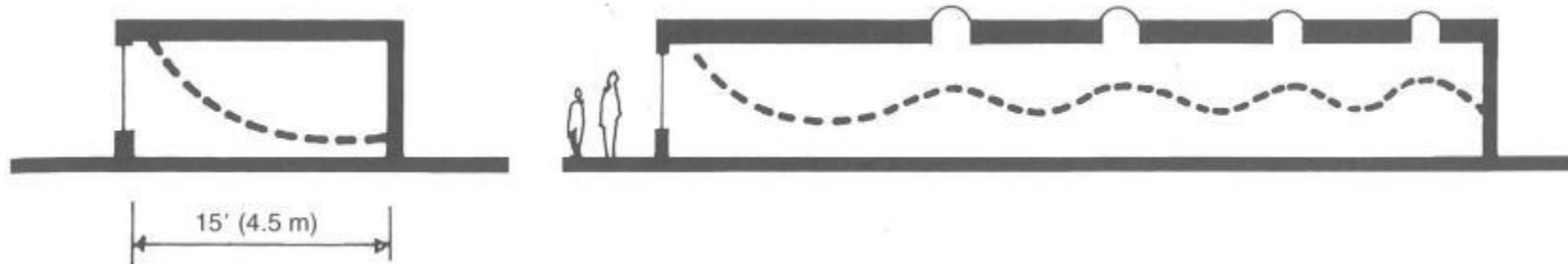


Advantages:

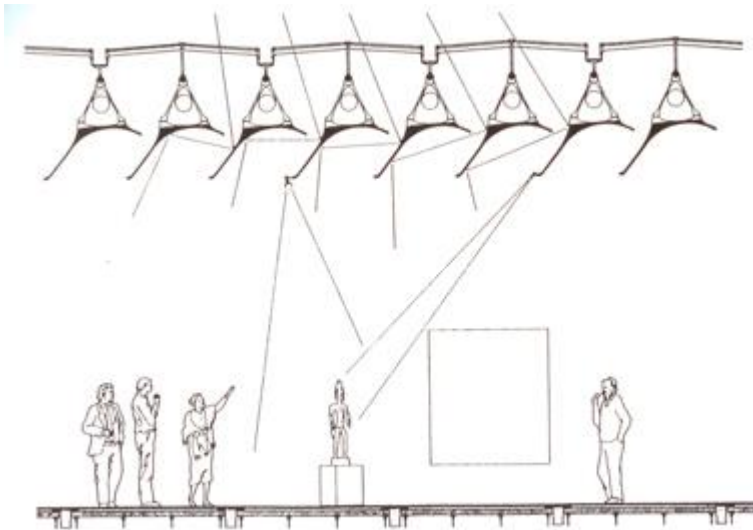
- Potential for uniform illumination over great floor areas
- Receive greater amounts of illumination

Disadvantages:

- Intensity of light is greater in summer than in winter
- Difficult to utilize other than 1-story buildings or the top floor
- Difficult to shade – therefore try to use vertical glazing on the roof (clerestories, monitors, sawtooths)



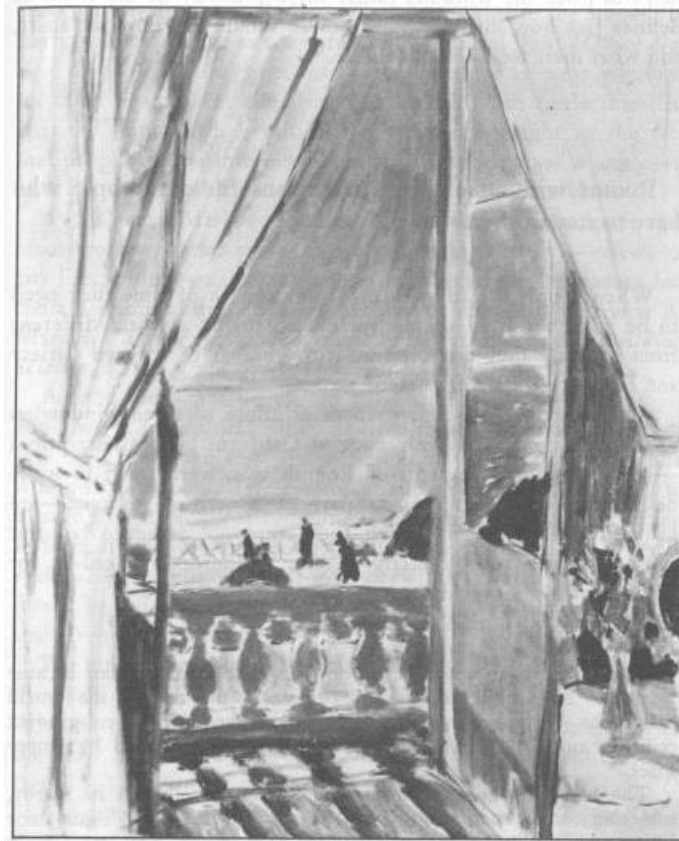
The Menil Museum, Renzo Piano



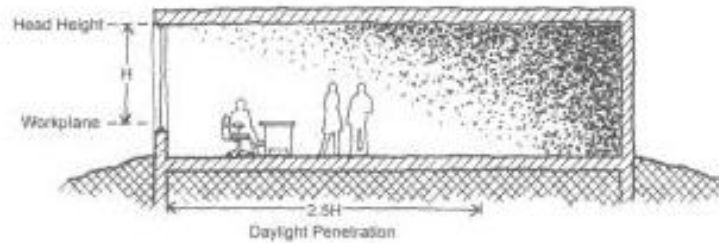
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Side Lighting

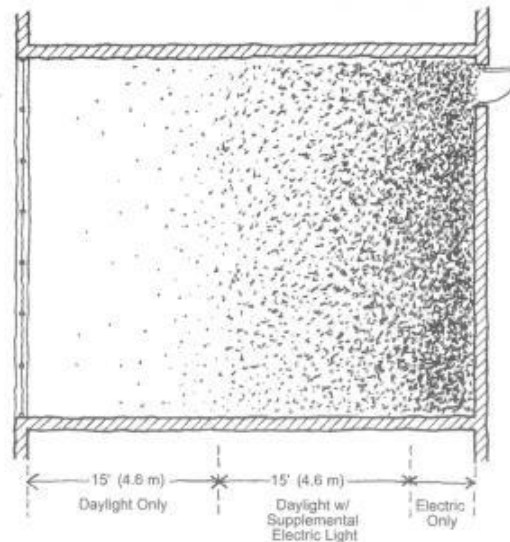


Grondzik, Walter T.; Kwok, Alison G.; *The Green Studio Handbook: Environmental Strategies for Schematic Design, 2nd Edition.* Elsevier, 2011. ISBN-13: 978-0080890524, page 64.



2.5H Rule of Thumb Assumes:

- Clear Glazing
- Overcast Skies
- No major obstructions
- Total window width approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of perimeter wall



15/30 Rule of Thumb Assumes:

- No assumptions stated
- Very basic guess

Calculating Sidelighting Apertures

$$A = (DF_{\text{target}})(A_{\text{floor}})/(F)$$

$$A = ((DF_{\text{target}}) (A_{\text{floor}})) / (F)$$

where,

A = required area of aperture, ft² [m²]

DF_{target} = target daylight factor

A_{floor} = illuminated floor area, ft² [m²]

F = 0.2 if the target is an average daylight factor OR

0.1 if the target is a minimum daylight factor

Note: any window area below task height is of little use for daylighting.





Basics Window Strategies:

From *Heating, Cooling, Lighting* - Lechner

1. Place high on the wall, widely distributed, optimize overall area
2. If possible, place windows on more than one wall
3. Place windows adjacent to interior walls
4. Splay jambs to reduce the contrast between windows and walls
5. Filter daylight
6. Shade windows from excess sunlight in summer
7. Use movable shades
8. Additional Strategies

**1. Place high on the wall, widely distributed,
optimize overall area**

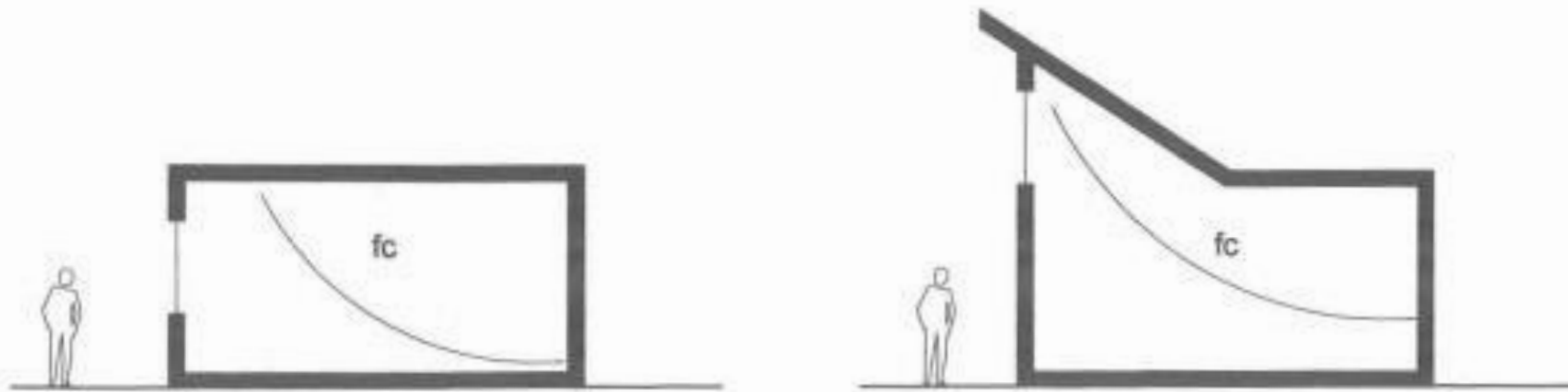


Figure 13.10a Daylight penetration increases with window height.

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4. Ceiling Height

Ceiling height is a crucial factor in daylighting design. The purpose of this phase is to demonstrate how much a ten-inch difference in ceiling height could affect the performance of daylighting solutions. The issue is studied in conjunction with several daylighting systems and in a number of space configurations, one of which is shown in Figure 11.

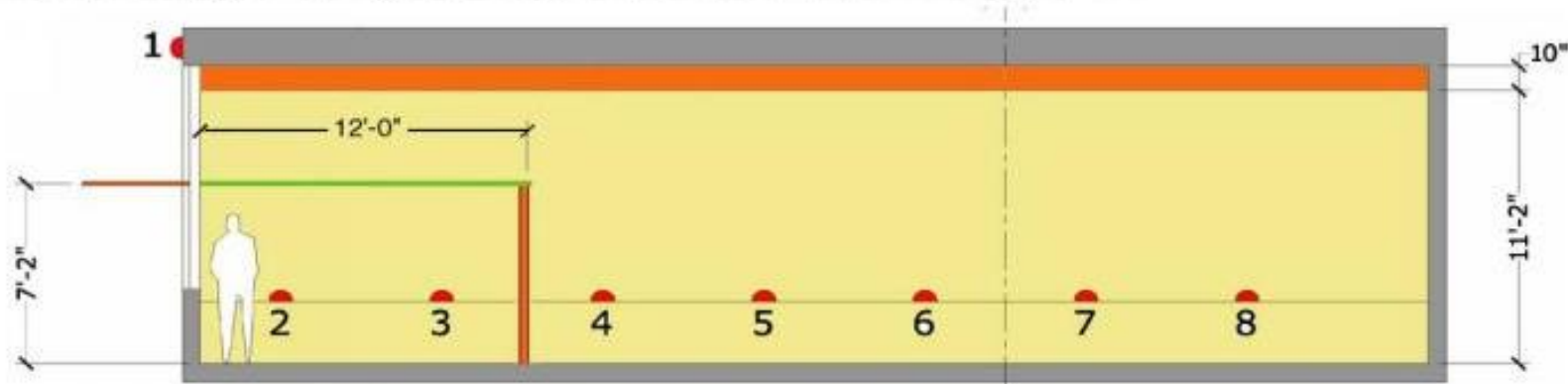


Figure 11: Configuration for Studying Ceiling Height

In this case, going from the 11'-2" ceiling to the 12'-0" ceiling increases the height of daylight glazing by 21%. However, it increases the average illuminance level for sensors 4-8 by 49%. The benefits of raising the ceiling height by 10 inch are significant. There are certainly many factors motivating towards lowering the ceiling, including construction cost, fire rating, and accommodating structure, duct work, and other utilities. Successful daylighting requires careful integration of systems to assure adequate ceiling height for daylighting.

1. Place high on the wall, widely distributed, optimize overall area



Figure 13.10c Strip or ribbon windows, as seen here in the Maison LaRoche by Le Corbusier, admit uniform light, which is further improved by placing the windows high on the wall. Note that photographic film exaggerates brightness ratios. (Photograph by William Gwin.)

**1. Place high on the wall, widely distributed,
optimize overall area**



2. If possible, place windows on more than one wall.



Figure 13.10b These plans, with contours of equal illumination, illustrate how light distribution is improved by admitting daylight from more than one point.

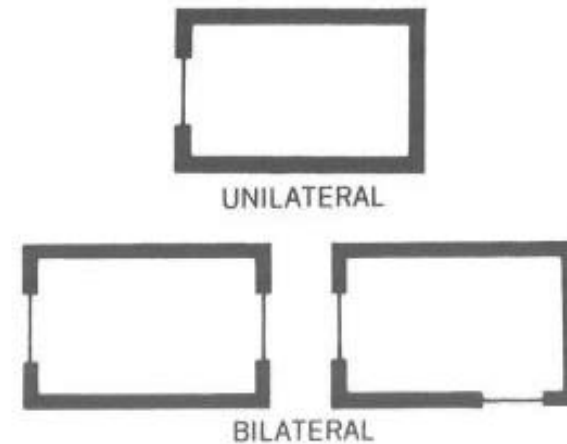
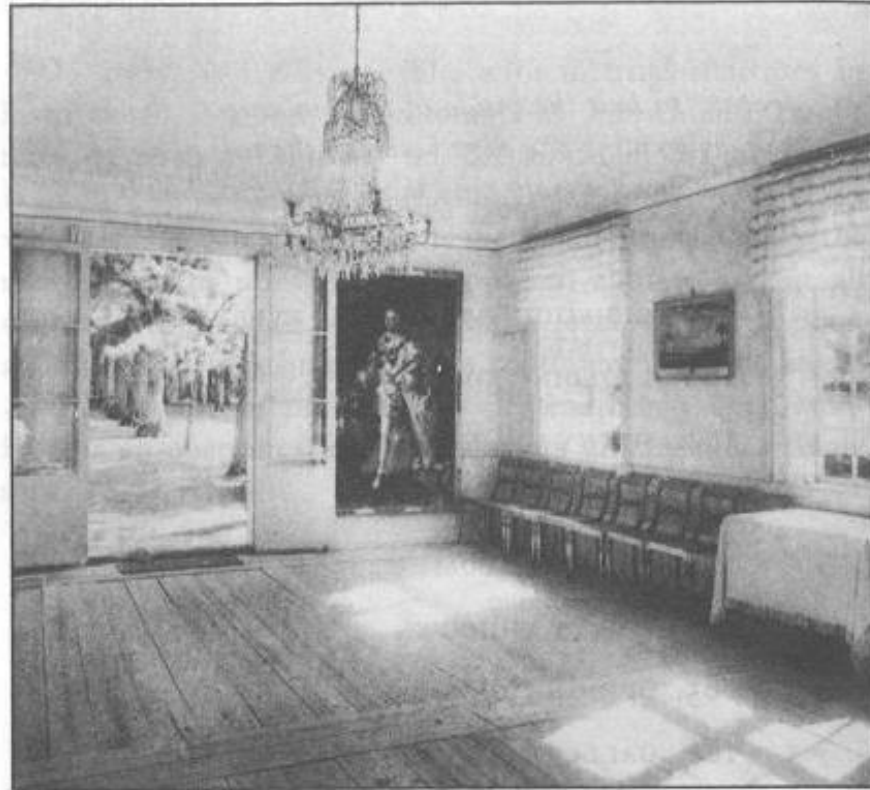


Figure 13.10d Bilateral lighting is usually preferable to unilateral lighting (plan view).

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center



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3. Place windows adjacent to interior walls.

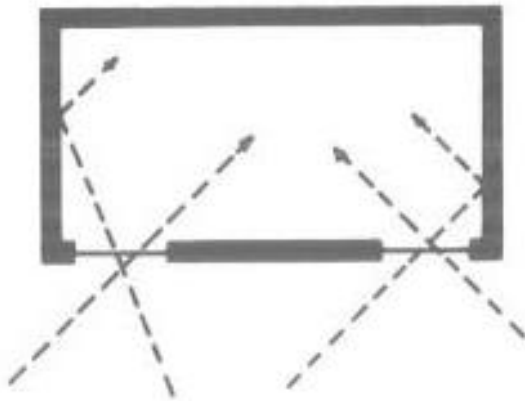


Figure 13.10e Light distribution and quality are improved by the reflection off sidewalls.

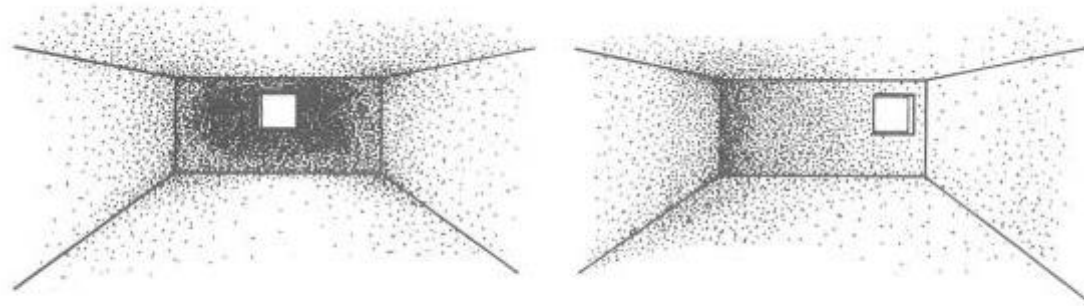


Figure 13.10f The glare from a window next to a sidewall is less severe than that from a window in the middle of a room.



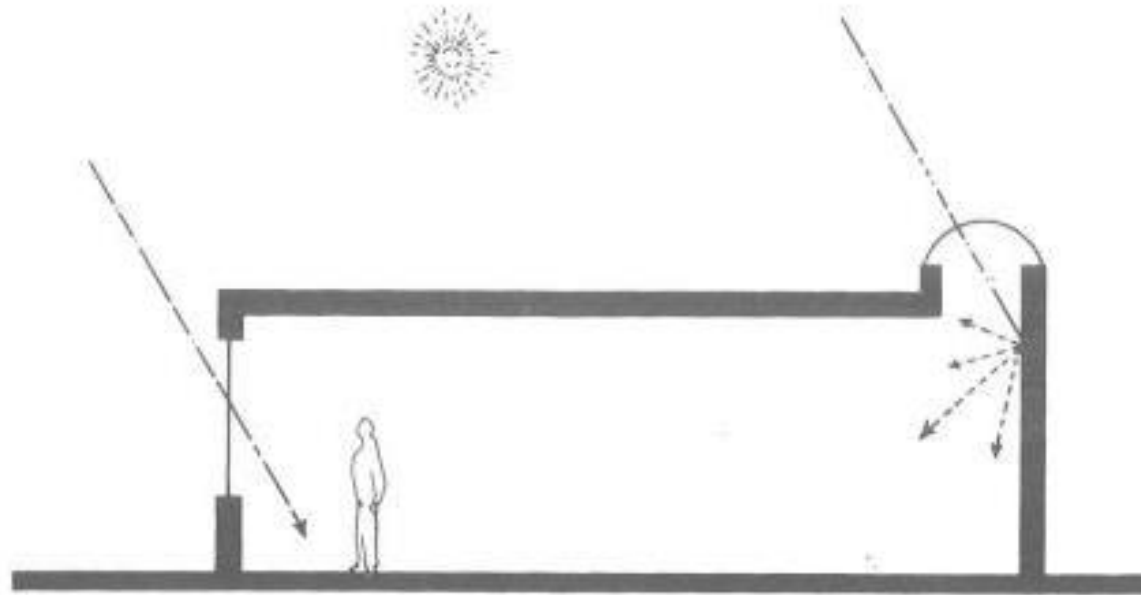
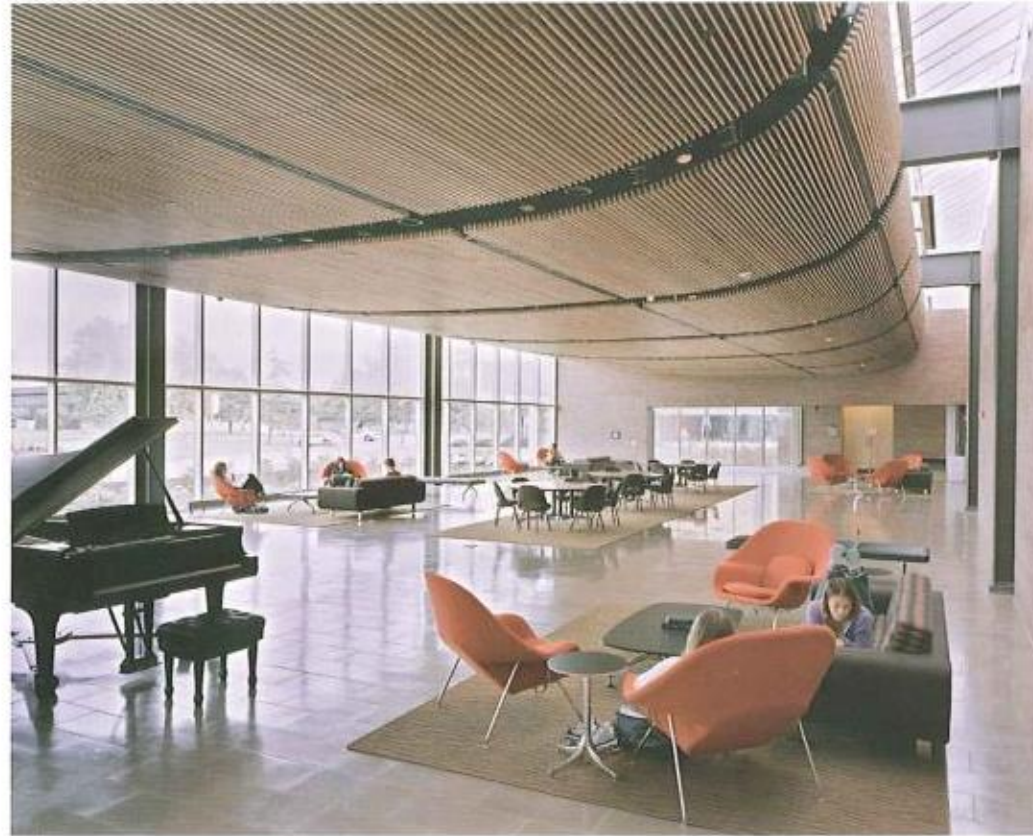


Figure 13.14e Place a skylight in front of a north wall for more uniform lighting and less glare.

Grondzik, Walter T.; Kwok, Alison G.; *The Green Studio Handbook: Environmental Strategies for Schematic Design, 2nd Edition.* Elsevier, 2011. ISBN-13: 978-0080890524.



4.72 Multiuse room with toplighting and sidelighting to provide even daylight distribution at the Christopher Center at Valparaiso University, Indiana. © PETER AARON/ESTO

4. Splay window surrounds to reduce the contrast between windows and walls as well as increase daylight penetration.

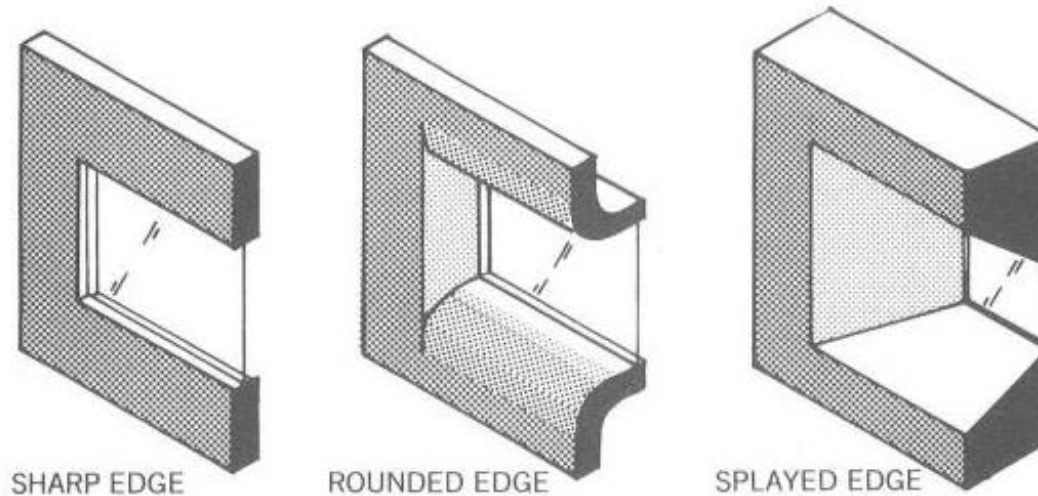


Figure 13.10g The excessive contrast between a window and a wall can be reduced by splaying or rounding the inside edges. (After M. D. Egan, *Concepts in Architectural Lighting*.)

Splay Window Surrounds



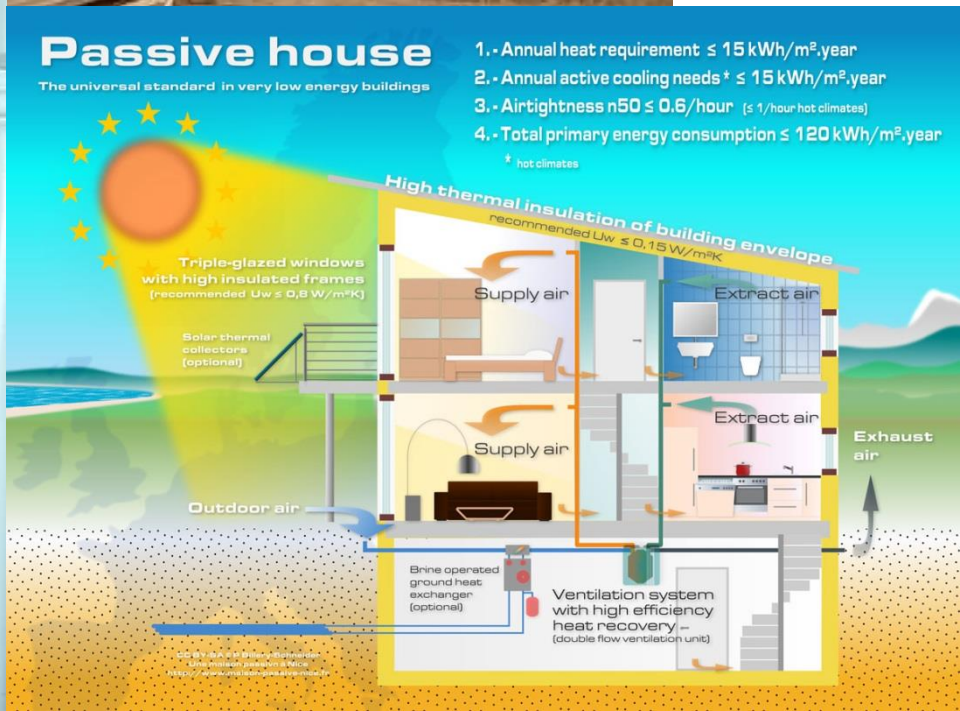
I am currently working comfortably under daylight at 6.30 PM in a 240 sq ft north-west facing room in a Cornish cottage which has two windows of less than 6 sq ft glass area each with 18" deep splayed reveals in an 8' x 15'6" wall. So the glass area is just under 10% of wall area and 5% of floor area.

With good wishes,
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Splay Window Surrounds



Splay Window Surrounds



Splay Window Surrounds (same for toplighting)



Figure 13.14c Splayed openings distribute light better and cause less glare than square openings.

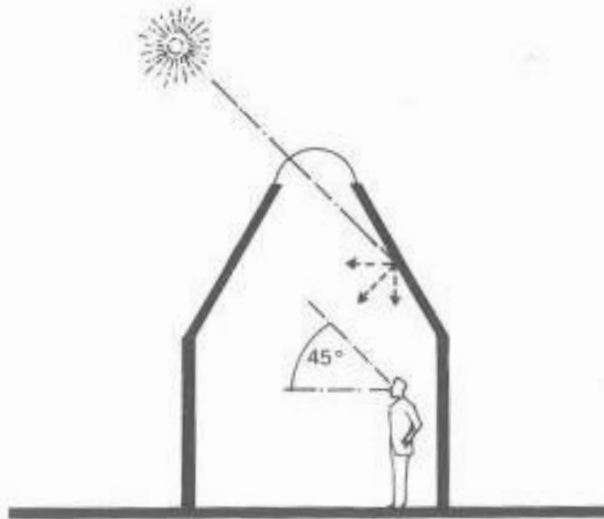
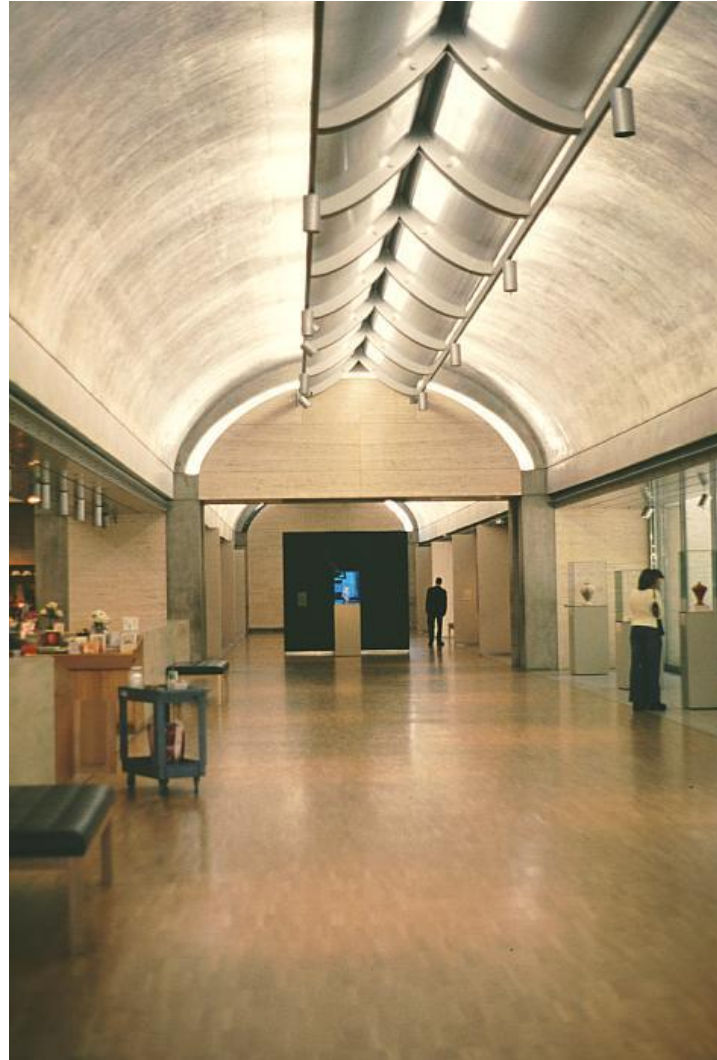


Figure 13.14d In high, narrow rooms, glare is minimal because the high light source is outside the field of view.

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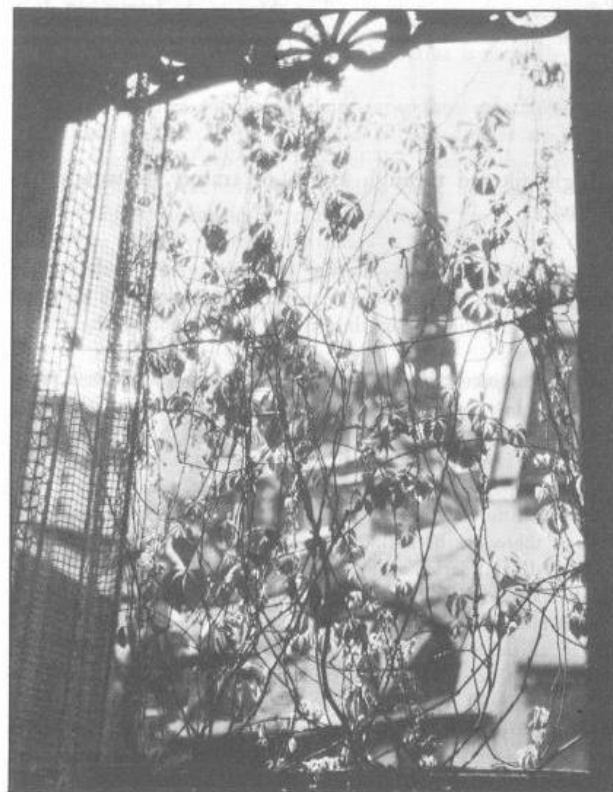


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5. Filter Daylight



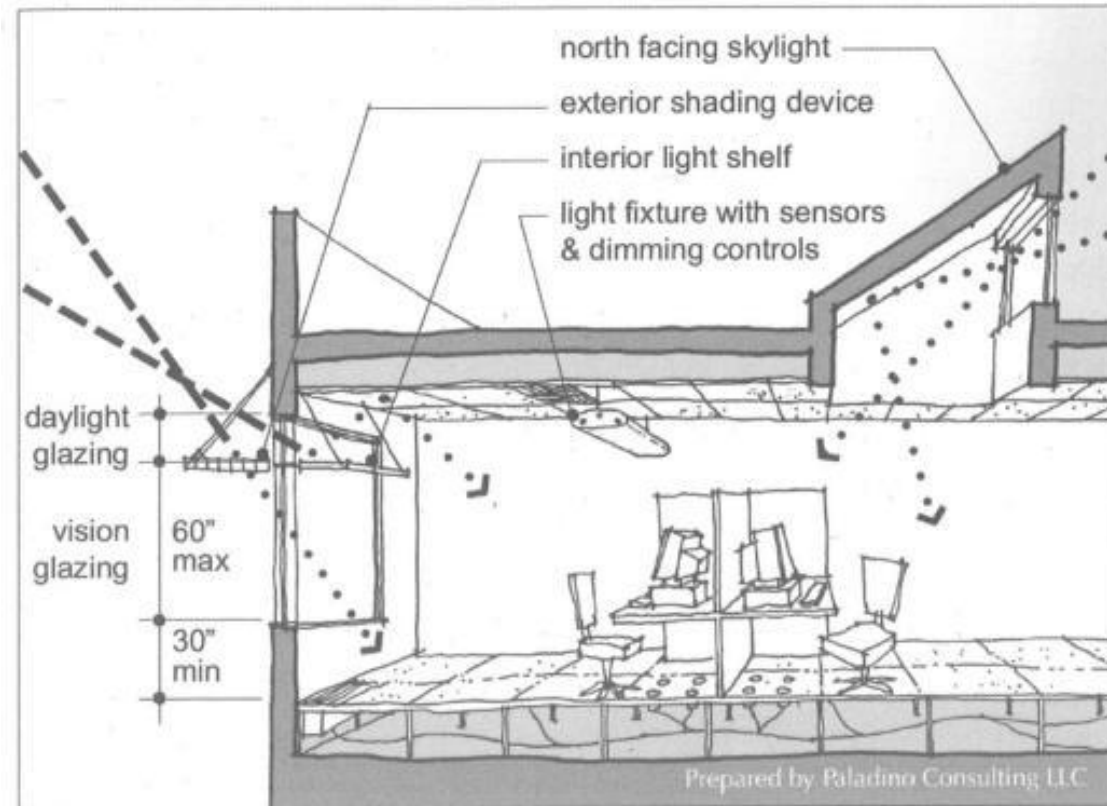
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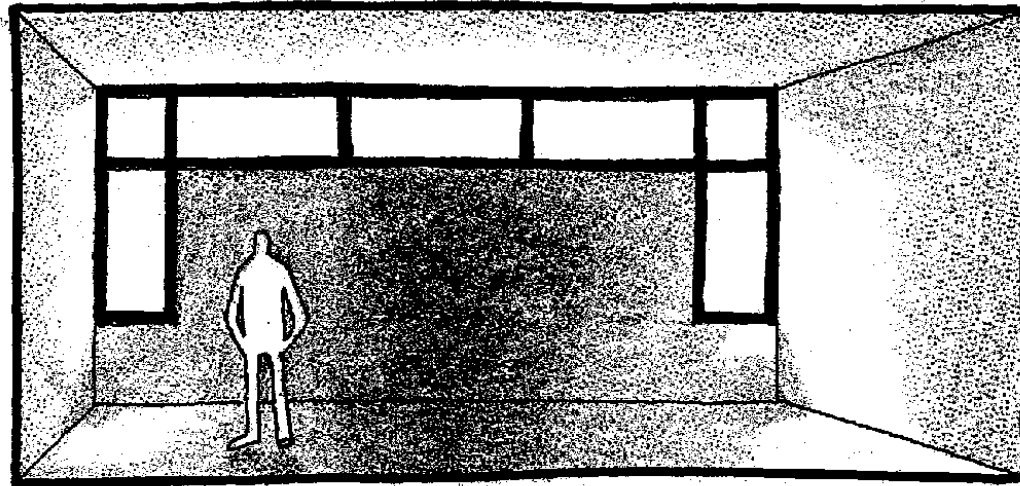
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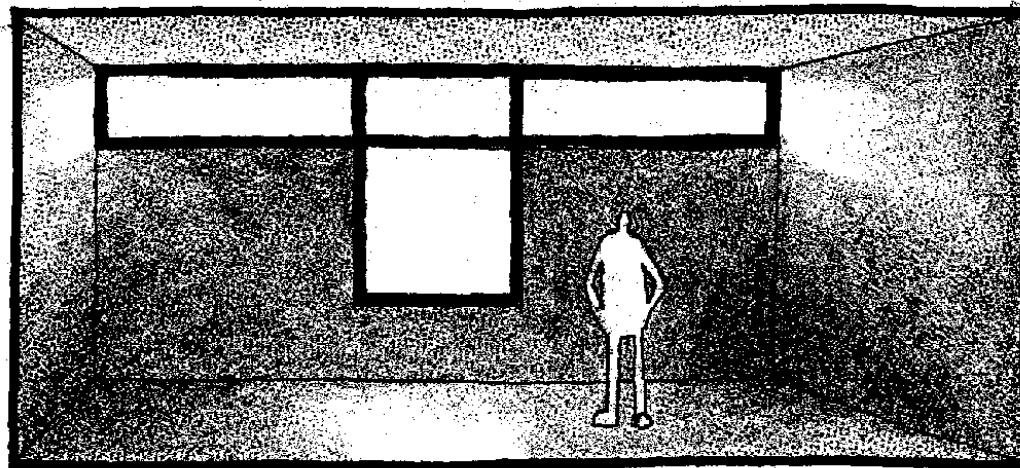
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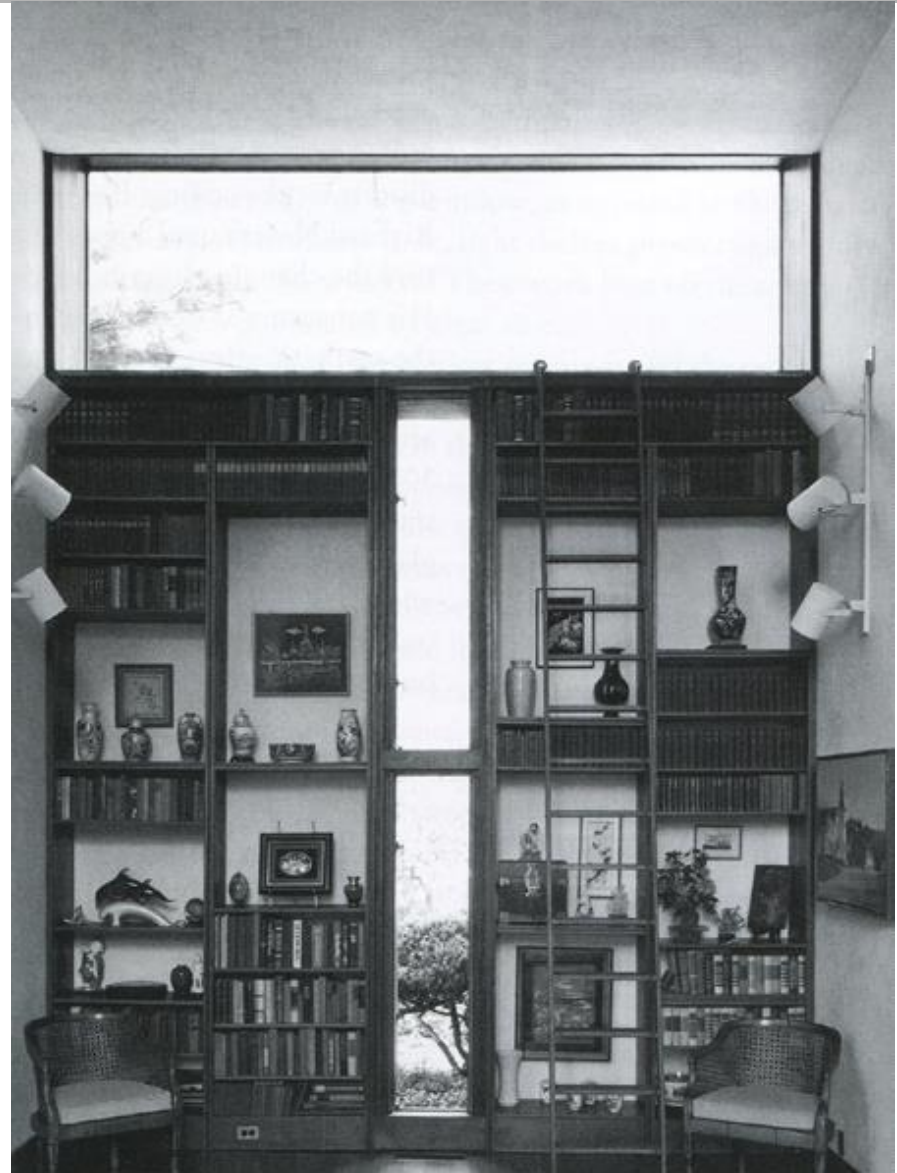


better daylight distribution



better view

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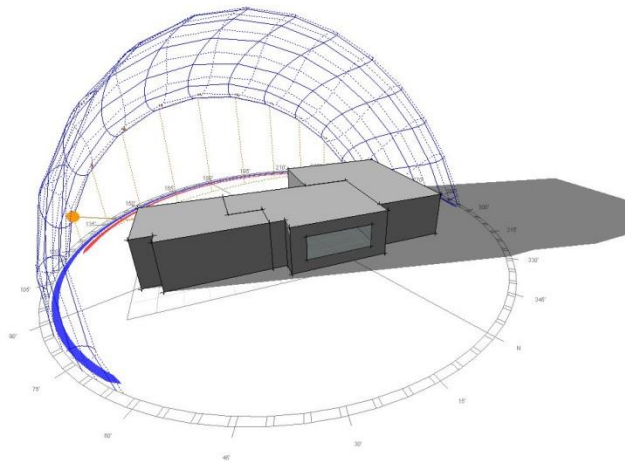


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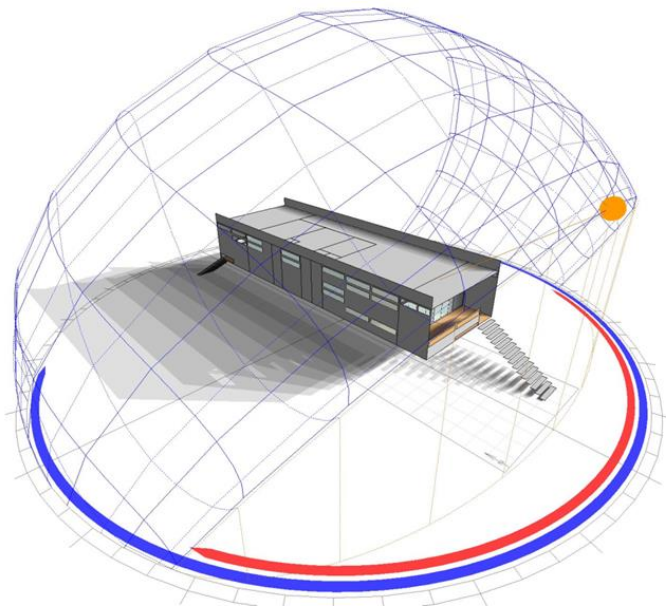


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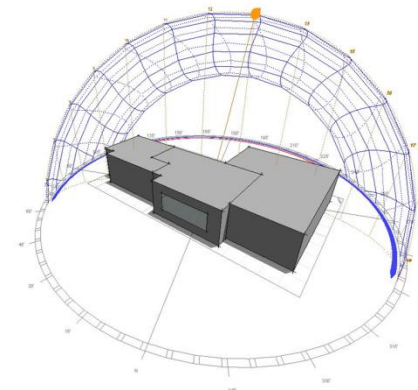
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7. Use movable shades



7. Use movable shades:

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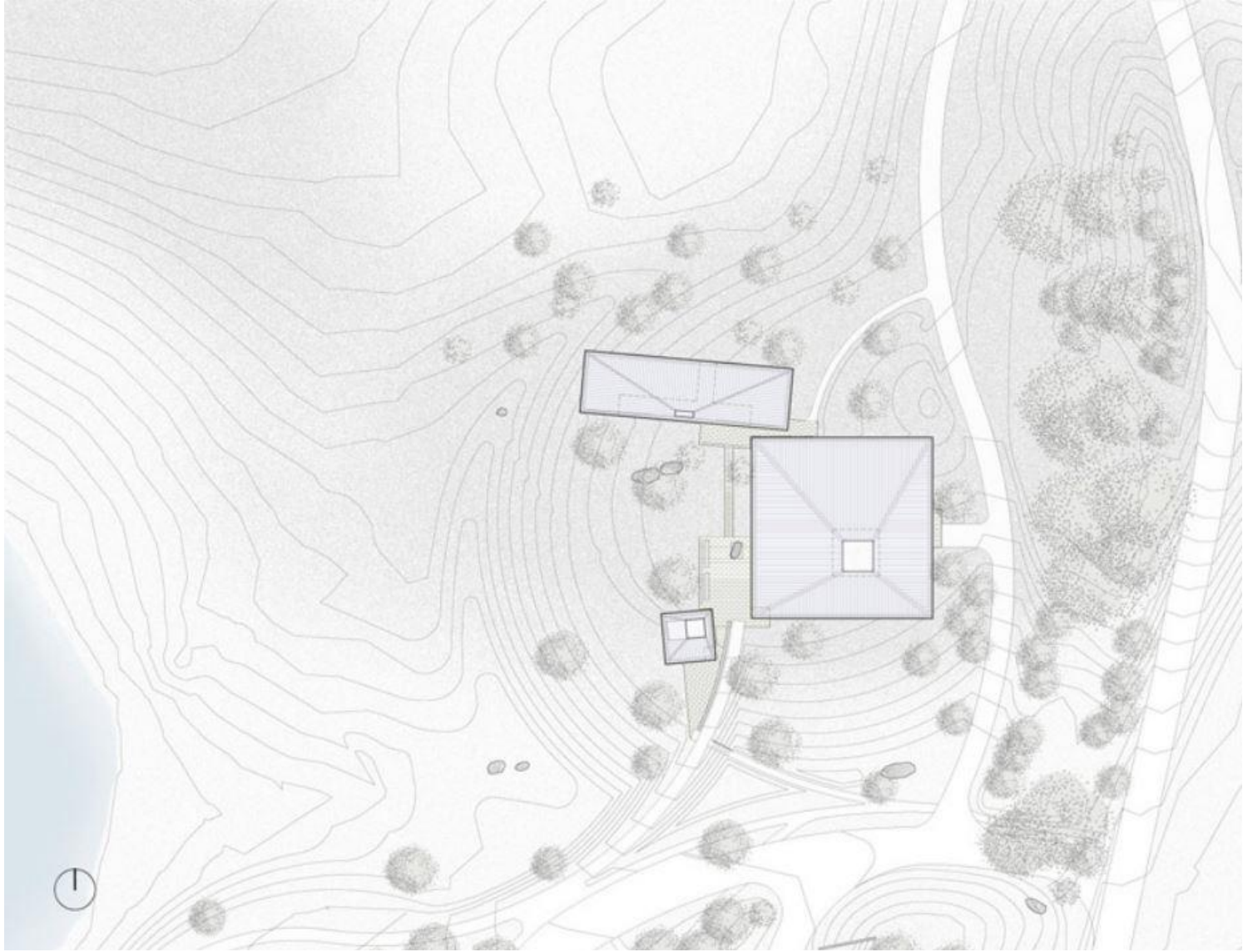
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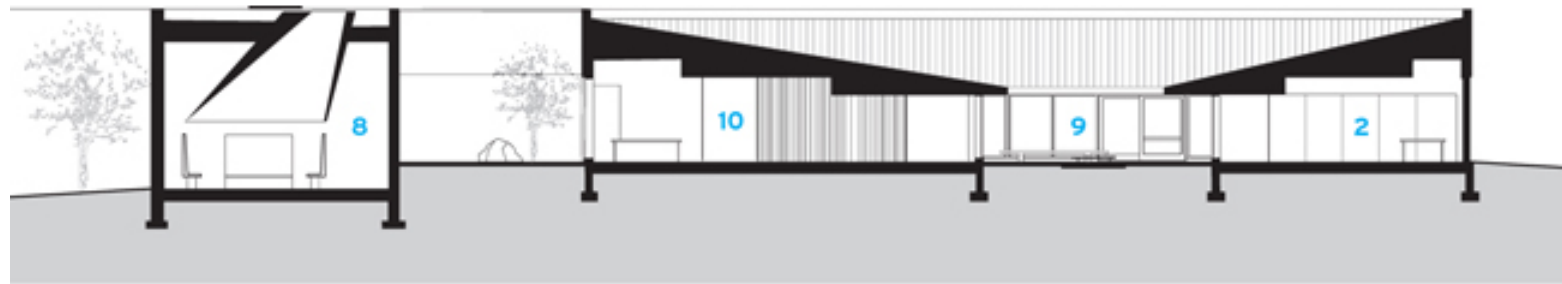
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