Introduction to Passive House Trades



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Zoom Orientation

- Please be sure your full name is displayed
- Please mute upon joining
- Use "Chat" box to share questions or comments
- Under "Participant" select "Raise Hand" to share a question or comment verbally
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3C-REN: Tri-County Regional Energy Network

- Three counties working together to improve energy efficiency in the region
- Services for
 - Building Professionals: industry events, training, and energy code compliance support
 - Households: free and discounted home upgrades
- Funded by ratepayer dollars that 3C-REN returns to the region









- Serves all building professionals
- Three services
 - Energy Code Coach
 - Training and Support
 - Regional Forums
- Makes the Energy Code easy to follow

Energy Code Coach: 3c-ren.org/codes 805.781.1201 Event Registration: **3c-ren.org/events**





- Serves current and prospective building professionals
- Expert instruction:
 - Technical skills
 - Soft skills
- Helps workers to thrive in an evolving industry

Event Registration: **3c-ren.org/events**





Multifamily (5+ units)

- No cost technical assistance
- Rebates up to \$750/apartment plus additional rebates for specialty measures like heat pumps

Single Family (up to 4 units)

- Sign up to participate!
- Get paid for the metered energy savings of your customers

Enrollment: 3C-REN.org/contractor-participation



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Global Knowledge. Regional Context. Local Applications







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Pacific Cohort Schedule

Fall 2024 - On-Demand / Live Online CPHD/C Training

October 10th start

popular)

Depending on your learning preferences, you can tackle this course in three ways:

- Focus on the on-demand content and view recordings of live-online content. (Most flexible)
 Stick to the cohort schedule of live online-sessions. (Best for clear pacing and making connections and community)
- Do a mix! Start before or after the cohort registration deadline, focus on the on-demand format at your pace, and also attend the live-online sessions as makes sense for you. (Most

On-Demand Activities		Live Online Activities				
Week Starts	Content	Activity Date/Time	Activity	Led by		
10/7/24	Module 1: Introduction Module 2: Insulation	10/10/24 12-1 PM PT	Kick-Off	PHN		
10/21/24	Module 3: Airtightness Module 4: Thermal Bridging Module 5: Windows	10/24/24 12-1 PM PT	Q&A Session 1	CPHD Practitioner		
10/28/24	Module 6: Ventilation Webinar 1: Building Services & Economics	10/31/24 9-12 PM PT	Webinar 1: Building Envelope	PHN Trainer		
11/4/24	Module 7: Heating & DWH Module 8: Cooling Module 9: Certification	11/7/24 12-1 PM PT	Q&A Session 2	CPHD Practitioner		
11/11/24	Module 10: Economics Module 11: QA/QC Module 12: Bidding	11/14/24 12-1 PM PT	Q&A Session 3	CPHD Practitioner		
11/18/24	Module 13: designPH Webinar 2: Building Services & Economics	11/21/24 9-12 PM PT	Webinar 2: Building Services & Economics	PHN Trainer		
11/25/24	Module 14: PHPP					
12/2/24	Module 15: Exam Prep Course & Wrap-up Review Exam Prep Modules	12/3/24 9-10 AM PT	Tech Setup (Required)	PHN with PHA		
	Review Exam Prep Modules	12/5/24 9-11 AM PT	Exam Review	PHN Trainer		
12/9/24	Review Exam Prep Modules	12/12/24 9-12 PM PT	PHI CPHD/C Exam	PHN with PHA		

All online sessions - excluding the Tech Setup & Exam - will be recorded and made available for all cohort students for reference.



https://passivehousenetwork.org/safe-at-home/

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- 1. Intro to Passive House
- 2. Envelope
- 3. Mechanical Systems
- 4. QA/QC & Certification
- 5. Resources



Introduction to Passive House Trades



PHN's Introduction to Passive House Trades course is a comprehensive dive into constructing residential and commercial Passive House buildings, specifically at the enclosure and mechanical trades.

There will be a brief introduction to Passive House about the basic principles and the drivers of Passive House performance that most concern builders' work.

The enclosure section will look at typical construction types, windows and installation, air barriers and insulation, and new, innovative PH products. The mechanical will look at the ventilation heating, cooling systems, and domestic hot water.

The work of the trades will be clearly placed in the context of Passive House performance, the role of each aspect of construction, its sequencing - and the importance of the tradesperson's work in achieving the target goals. 2 AIA LUs Credit, #Intro_PH_Trades_LO

Learning Objectives:

- 1. Describe the five key principles of Passive House projects.
- 2. Summarize typical materials, methods, and components used in Passive House enclosures and mechanical systems.
- 3. Outline typical Passive House construction sequencing.
- 4. Describe the basic approach to quality control, verification and commissioning.

Instructor:

Steve Mann

Principal of Home Energy Services, Steve Mann, is a California HERS, LEED AP+Homes and Green Rater, and is a certified Passive House Designer, Tradesperson, Trainer, and building Certifier with Passive House Institute. His two most recent design/build residential projects are Net Zero Energy (NZE), and are both LEED Platinum and Passive House certified.





Please answer questions in the comments:

- 1. Name? (if you'd like)
- 2. Location?
- 3. Typical project role?
- 4. Any previous Passive House knowledge or experience? If so, what?

Intro to Passive House



How we use fundamental elements matters



"I was working as a physicist. I read that the construction industry had experimented with adding insulation to new buildings and that energy consumption had failed to reduce. This offended me – it was counter to the basic laws of physics. I knew that they must be doing something wrong. So I made it my mission to find out what, and to establish what was needed to do it right."

- Wolfgang Feist



Passive House masters the elements of high -performance building.

What is Passive House?





- Passive House is a building standard
- Applies to new & existing buildings
- The most rigorous energy efficiency certification available
- Performance -based approach
- Focuses on mastering the drivers of building performance.







The House at Cornell Tech

Star Garment Factory Betances V

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Goals of Passive House



- Thermal Comfort
- Hygienic conditions
 - No mold
 - Healthy indoor air quality
- Energy Efficiency
- Durability

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• Affordability





5 Principles of Construction (the drivers)





These are the 5 things builders must focus on most intently.

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Energy Modeling: Calculating Predictable Performance



https://passivehouse.com/04 phpp/04 phpp.htm



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Predictable Performance is THE thing.



Performance: PHILADELPHIA Affordable



PH Median is 57% less energy per sq. ft. than Median

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Right size Heating & Cooling Systems





75% equip sizing reduction Efficient distribution (Pulled away from perimeter) Often all -electric, heat pump based.

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Construction is complicated!

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So many demands:

- Structural
- MEP
- Life safety
- Environmental
- Worker safety
- Framing
- Finishes
- Sequencing
- Budgets
- Other certifications!
- etc...

Passive House Focus: Hygiene, Comfort and Efficiency

What Trades to Focus on



- Carpentry
- Masonry
- Steel
- Foundation work
- Heating, Cooling & Ventilation
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Verification, Testing & Commissioning



Each should have a general understanding of Passive House & specific knowledge of their works impact. Connect the work to final performance results.

Logic of Passive House

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Logic of Passive House

Building industry is disconnected from the drivers of building performance. Passive House connects the dots and transforms industry expectations & capacity

Passive House empowers builders and designers to consistently deliver high-performance core solutions.



Anyone can build Passive House with modest but specific training.

It's more about building intentionally and simply.



The Passive House Criteria











Occupant Health
 Thermal Comfort
 Energy Efficient
 Durable

Criteria: Enclosure Quality



Thermal Protection (COMFORT)

- Interior Surface Temperatures: not more than 7.6 F below the operative indoor temperature.
- Floors: not below 66.2 F, Checked against 71.6 F in PHPP

Moisture Protection (HYGIENE/HEALTH)

fRsi defines the coldest point which can occur on the interior surface of a construction system. For example, if the temperature factor is 0.7, then 70% of the temperature difference between the inside and outside air is still present at the interior surface. If the temperature factor is achieved, then mould and condensation formation can be safely prevented at normal outdoor temperatures, indoor temperatures and indoor air humidity levels.



Even internal surface temperatures - Details matter a lot!

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Criteria: Enclosure Quality



Airtightness (Health, Comfort & Durability)

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- Whole building test result of equal or less than **0.60 ACH50**.
- Average of depressurization & pressurization.





Airtight Building Envelope



Description of airtight cover Air barrier spans the concrete slab on grade, transitions to the metal wall panel that has an interior air and vapor barrier which transitions to the concrete roof slab

WHOLE BUILDING LEAKAGE REQUIREMENTS & RESULTS [leakage est. cubic feet per minute (CFM) per square foot at 50.00 Pascal]



0.13 ACH50 final test = 0.15 CFM/SF

Criteria: High -Performance Windows & Doors

• Airtight

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- Excellent thermal performance
- Interior Surface Temperatures: not more than 7.6
 F below the operative indoor temperature.









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Criteria: Ventilation



- 1. Sufficient filtered fresh air to all occupied spaces
- 2. User control and boost

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- 3. 75% min system heat recovery efficiency
- 4. Fan power efficiency <0.765 W/CFM
- 5. Balanced Flow: <10% disbalance between fresh air supply and exhaust air.













Criteria: Other MEP



Heating & Cooling:

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- 1. No hard rules but must be efficient.
- 2. While heat pumps are now common any type of system is possible.
- 3. Typical successful approaches.
 - a. Keep it simple and small (right sized):
 - b. Combined heat/cooling systems
 - c. Minimize refrigerant lines.

Domestic Hot Water:

- 1. Efficient piping layout minimizing circulation.
- 2. Well insulated hot water piping & accessories.
- 3. Efficient heater: Heat pump encouraged.
- 4. Efficient pumps.
- 5. Bath waste water heat recovery encouraged.

Appliances & Lighting:

- 1. Efficient appliances and lighting.
- 2. All -electric encouraged.

"Do no harm": Minimize "accidental" heating & cooling. Only use what you need.

Criteria: Energy





Table 1 Passive House criteria



Table 5 PHI Low Energy Building criteria







or



Table 2 EnerPHit component criteria

Table 3 EnerPHit energy demand criteria (as an alternative to Table 2)

	Heating	Cooling		
Climate zone according	Max. heating demand	Max. cooling + dehumidification demand		
to PHPP	[kBTU/(ft²yr)]	[kBTU/(ft²yr)]		
Arctic	11.09			
Cold	9.51	equal to Passive House requirement ₁		
Cool- temperate	7.92			
Warm- temperate	6.34			
Warm	4.75			
Hot	-			
Very hot	-			

Climate Insu- zone lation	0	Opaque envelope ¹ against			Windows (including exterior doors)					N		
	ground	ambient air				Overall ⁴ Glazing ⁵			Solar load ⁶	vent	venulation	
	Insu- lation	Exterior insulation	Interior in- sulation ²	Exterior paint ³	Max. heat transfer		ransfer	Solar heat gain	Max. specific solar	Min. heat	Min. hu- midity re	
according to PHPP	Min	thermal resis (R-value)	stance	Cool colours	(1	J _{D/W, insta}	alled)	(SHGC)	cooling period	very rate ⁷	covery rate ⁸	
		[hr.ft².°F/BT	U]	1.1	(E	TU/hr.ft	².°F]	-	[kBTU/(ft²yr)]		%	
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		63.09	22.71	-	0.08	0.09	0.11	U_g - SHGC*0.7 \leq 0		80%	-	
Cold	Deter- mined in	47.32	18.93	-	0.11	0.12	0.14	U_g - SHGC*1.0 \leq 0		80%	-	
Cool- temperate	PHPP from	37.86	16.22		0.15	0.18	0.19	U _g - SHGC*1.6 ≤ 0		75%		
Warm- temperate	project specific heating	18.93	11.36	-	0.18	0.19	0.21	U _g - SHGC"3.2 ≤ -0.6	32	75%	-	
Warm	and	11.36	7.57	-	0.22	0.23	0.25	-		-	-	
Hot	degree days against ground.	11.36	7.57	Yes	0.22	0.23	0.25	-		-	60 % (humid climate)	
Very hot		22.71	12.62	Yes	0.18	0.19	0.21				60 % (humid climate)	

Table 4 General EnerPHit criteria (always applicable irrespective of the chosen method)



			Criteria ¹	Alternative Criteria ²	
Airtightness Pressurization test result n _{so} [1/hr]	S		1.0	l.	
Renewable Primary Energy (PER) ³		Classic	Plus	Premium	
PER demand ⁴ [kBTU/(tt ^a yr)]	4	19.02 + allowanc demand (co	14.26 e for larger hea ompared to Pas	9.51 ting/cooling sive House)	±4.75 kBTU/(ft ^a yr) deviation from criteria
Renewable energy generation ⁵ (with reference to projected building footprint)	2	-	19.02	38.04	with compensation of the above deviation by different amount of generation

30+ Certifiers Working in the US



Active Certifiers in the US include:

- **CertiPHIers Cooperative** 1.
- 2. Emu Passive

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- 3. Herz & Lang
- Home Energy Services 4.
- 5. Passive House Academy
- 6 Passive House Institute
- 7. Peel Passive House
- **RDH Building Science** 8.
- 9 Steven Winter Assoc

The North American **Certifiers** Circle

A group of independent organizations that certify buildings in North America which meet Passive House Institute performance standards.

NACC MEMBERS

next building project:

US Based Members

CertiPHiers Cooperative

www.certiphiers.com

www.emu.systems

green-mann.com

Home Energy Services

Steven Winter Associates

Canada Based Members Mizu Passive House Consulting

www.mizupassivehouse.com

RDH Building Science Inc. www.rdh.com

Stich Consulting & Design

Europe Based Members Herz & Lang

www.meadconsulting.co.uk

www.passivehouseacademy.com Passive House Institute passivehouse.com

Passive House Academy

stichpassivedesign.com

www.herz-lang.de

Mead LTD

praxis-rb.com Zephir Passivhaus Italia

passivhausitalia.com

Peel Passive House Consulting

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Benefits of Certification

The North American Certifiers Circle (NACC) certification provides many benefits to the developer, designer, consultant, builder, owner, and others,

Independent Review

Review services provided by a certifier are separate and distinct from those of a Passive House consultant or designer. This ensures an independent and objective assessment as well as additional quality assurance that benefits all parties involved

Avoid False Starts

By working with a certifier from the start of the project the project can avoiding rookie mistakes that need to be later undone.

Professional Development for Project Teams

The review of energy calculations and design and construction documentation through the lens of experts in high-performance building allows other members of the project team to gain a new perspective.

Assurance for the Project Team

Consultants, designers, and builders alike can breathe easier knowing their energy calculations and related details have been double-checked before construction begins.

Cost Control

We have established that the biggest driver of additional costs for Passive House is the experience or inexperience of the project team. No one has more experience than the building certifiers. Consequently the four reasons above work together to help you contain costs and meet your budget.

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https://passivehousenetwork.org/wpcontent/uploads/2023/01/NACC-Brochure-Jan-2023.pdf

Other accredited Passive House certifiers



The following experts* have been internationally accredited by the Passive House Institute to certify Passive House buildings. EnerPHit retrofits and Low Energy Buildings anywhere in the world on behalf of the Passive House Institute and in accordance with their criteria

How to become a Passive House certifier

Unless otherwise stated, building certification contracts are always concluded between the Passive House Institute and an individual person and not with their companies/organisations.

Organisation ¢	Country *	Website ¢	Building Certifier \$	
CertiPHIers Cooperative, Inc.	United States of America	http://www.certiphiers.com	Matthew Bowers, Languages: en Tad Everhart, Languages: en Rolf Jacobson, Languages: en Christnestt, Languages: en Christnas Snyder, Languages: en	
Emu Building Science LLC	nu Building Science LLC United https://emu.systems/ States of America		Enrico Bonilauri, Languages: en i	
Home Energy Services United States of America		http://www.green-mann.com	 Steve Mann, Languages: en 	
Steven Winter Associates, Inc United States of America		http://www.swinter.com	Lois Arena, Languages: en	
Etude Consulting Ltd. United http://passivhaus.etude.uk Kingdom/ Britan		 Naomi Grint, Languages: en Will South, Languages: en Chris Worboys, Languages: en 		
Mead Energy & Architectural Design LTD	United Kingdom/ Britain	http://www.meadconsulting.co.uk	 Kym Mead, Languages: en 	
WARM - Low Energy Building Phactice United Kryption: Bittain		Sally Godber, Languages: en Liam McDonagh- Greaves, Languages: en Mike Roe, Languages: en Peter Warm, Languages: en		
ZE Passivhaus Services Ltd	United Kingdom/ Britain	https://www.passiv.org	 Jesus Menendez Amigo, Languages: es en 	
Passivhusbyrån Ingo Theoboldt	Sweden	http://www.passivhusbyran.se	 Ingo Theoboldt, Languages: de en sv 	

https://passivehouse.com/03 certification/02 certification buildings/03 certifiers/01 accr edited/01 accredited.html

https://passivehousenetwork.org/certification/

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Certified Passive House Components





https://database.passivehouse.com/en/components/

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Certified Professionals

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The on-demand and hybrid formats allow students to leverage the benefits of on-demand & live online training to best meet their learning preferences. 35 AIA LU/HSW credits

https://passivehousenetwork.org/designer-training/



https://passivehousenetwork.org/tradesperson-training/

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Criteria Goals in Summary





- 1. Occupant Health
- 2. Thermal Comfort
- 3. Energy Efficient
- 4. Durable

- 1. Interior Surface Temperatures
- 2. Airtightness
- 3. Ventilation
- 4. Efficient MEP

Team & Process Overview



Assemble the team to deliver a Passive House



- Architects
- Engineers
- Consultants
- Passive House Consultant
- Verifier
- Inspectors
- Ventilation Commissioning
- Blower door testers
- Builder & Trades

What a team needs:

- 1. common language
- 2. common goal: Passive House
- 3. good attitudes
- 4. enough training
- 5. willingness to work as a team and connect the dots



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Owner, Owner's Rep and Certifier



Certification Process Overview



Initial Check Planning/Pre -	Preliminary Review SD/DD	Design Stage Review	Final Review	
Design	Phase(s)	Construction Document Phase	Construction Completion	
The basic programming complete, engage a Certifier, and have the Certifier conduct an initial check of programmatic assumptions and certification criteria - to clarify how aspects will be assessed in the certification .	 Assessment of the concepts for the design, insulation and building services, and of the preliminary version of the PHPP calculation for consistency with the certification criteria The PH consultant assembles key information The Certifier will provide feedback and suggestions so you can optimize your design and specifications and update the PHPP energy model. 	 The PH consultant will prepare the detailed certification submittal package (PHPP, plans, specifications, and required supporting documentation) according to your Certifier's guidance. Make corrections to your Certifier requests and re-submit until your Certifier can conditionally assure certification when construction is completed. Your Certifier will issue a design stage assurance letter that, as designed, the building can be certified. 	 Upon completion, complete submissions for Certifier's final review. As-built PHPP energy model and plans per PHI certification protocols Executed Builder Assurance Certificate that building has been constructed to the as-built plans and energy model per PHI certification protocols. Photo documentation per PHI certification protocols. Blower door test results per PHI certification protocols. Blower door test results per PHI certification protocols. Ventilation system commissioning report per PHI certification protocols. If your building meets all certification criteria, you will receive the building certificate. Post the certificate on your website and attach the plaque to your new Passive House building. List your newly certified building in PHI's online international project directory. 	

Enclosure Principles 1 -4



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First 4 Principles are about the enclosure





https://passipedia.org/basics/what_is_a_passive_house



Continuous Climate Specific Insulation Principle #1



Any Insulation is possible too - just be continuous!





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Boards: Mineral Wool, Foam, Wood Fiber





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Spray Insulation: Dense Pack Cellulose is a Favorite







Dense-pack: Pump to 3.5 lbs per ft³ in walls to prevent settling







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Batt Insulation (not continuous) Can play a part.





Quality Control of Batt Insulation is a Concern





Bad Installations Samples of Rigid Insulation



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Problems with Spray Foam

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Assembly Characteristics



protected by exterior cladding.

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top opening condensation on cold surfaces airtight envelope warm & humid side cold outside (red)

Primary air barrier at interior side of insulation - in a heating dominated climate this keeps warm moist air from condensing in the wall assembly.

hot air=less dense

bottom opening

cold air = heavy

Fundamental Characteristics of Enclosures

Control Layers:

Cladding

Structure

- 1. Shed Bulk Water (rain coat)
- 2. Vapor Control (prevent wetting and allow drying)

insulating

envelope

- 3. Air Control (airtightness)
- 4. Thermal Control (insulation)



bridging



fRsi helps guide insulation levels at weak points.



Note: For fpc: calculation, surface temps and exterior conditions must be modeled as per ISO 10211 & 13788

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Avoid Vapor Barriers in Walls & Roofs





Vinyl Wallcovering – Mold due to inwardly driven moisture trapped by the vapor impermeability of the vinyl wallcovering



Interior Polyethylene Vapor Barrier – Condensation from inwardly driven moisture

#1: Try to keep water out, BUT...#2: When* it gets in, let the water dry out.

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Shed Water Vapor Control Air Control Thermal Control

- 1. Back Vented Rainscreen
- 2. Continuous Insulation
- 3. Waterproofing
- 4. Structure (w/ insulation)
- 5. Airtightness
- 6. Service Cavity (to protect the airtight layer)
- 7. Interior Finish



Brick, Panels & Siding on Masonry & Framing Walls



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STRUCTURAL INSULATED PANELS (SIPS)





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Double Stud Walls







Larsen Truss or I - Joist Outrigger on Stud Wall







For a thick parka!

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Insulated Concrete Form









SOURCE: Thermohouse ICF

Insulation under the entire slab on grade.





Thermal Bridge Free Principle #2



Thermal 'Shortcuts' Through the Envelope Insulation





What's a Thermal Bridge?



Part of the building envelope where the otherwise uniform thermal resistance is significantly reduced by:



full or partial penetration of the insulating layers by materials with a different thermal conductivity



and/or

a change in thickness of the insulating layers

and/or

a difference between internal and external areas, such as occurs at wall/floor/ceiling junctions.

The Quality & Lengths of Joints Add Up!





uninsulated





highly efficient



Repeating Thermal Bridges (clear field)



Wood stud wall, insulated cavity:

Nominal R-value (through cavity): 22.3 Actual R-value (incl. framing): 19.0





Steel stud wall, insulated cavity:

Nominal R-value (through cavity): 22.3 Actual R-value (incl. framing): 11.6





Point Thermal Bridges at Structure & Attachments



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Identify all the locations of possible thermal bridges



Source: PHI, Author: JS

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Advanced Framing







Thermal Bridge Free Attachments





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Basalt Wall Ties

Thermal Conductivity (k): 0.4 Btu/hr.ft.°F



Stainless steel Wall Ties

Thermal Conductivity (k): 9.8 Btu/hr.ft.°F

> 25 times more heat loss!
Facade Clips

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Window Installation





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Parapet Improvement





AAC Block



Autoclaved Aerated Concrete Block (AAC)

- Increased thermal insulation (roughly R-1)
- Structural thermal break
 material
- Lightweight, workable with hand tools
- Fireproof
- Less Portland cement
- Noise reduction
- Moisture regulation









Structural Breaks







Steel to Steel Connections: Balcony Attachments (images courtesy of Contech Accessories and Shock)

Thermal Bridge Free Eaves

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Don't undermine insulation w/ metal parts





Higher heat losses



Hardly any heat losses

Aluminum starter track very commonly used

Creates a significant thermal bridge

Illustration © PH

Better to use a plastic version, or if using metal don't run completely to the exterior.

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Foundation Edge: Slab on Grade







Source: WarmForm

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Thermal Break Materials: Armatherm







Airtightness Principle #3





- Care toward details and workmanship make the difference.
- Experienced teams can rely on a good result with final test.
- Teams new to passive house will want to plan for preliminary tests while air barrier remains exposed and repairable.
- Teams must recognize the air barrier, protect it, and report any damages.
- The building can never be too airtight.



Date of Test: 1/11/2013 Test File: 15 Park Technician: Nicholas Abreu Project Number: 15 Park Place		Park Place Test	k Place Test Signature: Nutrole av		
Customer:	Placetailor 67 Dudley Street Roxbury, MA 02119 Phone: 617-639-0633 Fax:	Building Address: 15 Park Place Somerville, MA 02144			
Test Results at 50 Pascals: cfm (Airflow) ACH50 cfm/ft ² (Floor Area) cfm/ft ² (Surface Area)		Depressurization	Pressurization	Average	
		80 (+/- 0.6 %)	101 (+/- 0.5 %)	91 (+/- 0.4 %)	
		0.38	0.48	0.43	
		0.0609	0.0770	0.0689	
		0.0154	0.0194	0.0174	
Leakage A	reas:				
Canadian EqLA @ 10 Pa (in ²)		7.7 (+/- 2.5 %)	8.7 (+/- 2.6 %)	8.2 (+/- 1.8 %)	
in²/ft² Surface Area		0.0015	0.0017	0.0016	
LBL ELA @ 4 Pa (in ²)		3.9 (+/- 4.0 %)	4.2 (+/- 4.0 %)	4.0 (+/- 2.8 %)	
in²/ft² Surface Area		0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	
Building Lo	eakage Curve:				
Flow Coefficient (C) Exponent (n) Correlation Coefficient		5.2 (+/- 6.2 %)	5.1 (+/- 6.1 %)	5.2 (+/- 4.3 %)	
		0.698 (+/- 0.016)	0.763 (+/- 0.015)	0.730 (+/- 0.011)	
		0.99959	0.99965		
Test Standard:		E779-10			
Test Mode:		Depressurization ar	Depressurization and Pressurization		



Airtightness is a SYSTEM

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Ref http://passipedia.passiv.de/passipedia_en/

Membranes, tapes, caulks and sprays.



Air Barrier: Fluid Applied







Air Barrier Materials: Membranes













Inboard, Outboard / Reinforced, Self-Adhered / Vapor Control

Airtightness: Sheathing, Plaster and Concrete



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Don't Use Sacrificial layers as air barrier.

Protect Airtight Layer & Minimize Penetrations!









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Ducts, Pipes, Wires: Flexible & Long Lasting















Connections: Use flexible materials/connections









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Directions and Help



- Always consult and follow the manufacturer's data sheet and directions.
- Involve product reps as often as needed for assistance.

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Substrate Inspection

Concrete

Shall be cured in place 3 days minimum. It shall be smooth, with sharp protrusions such as cold joints ground flush. Honeycomb and holes/ cracks shall be filled with grout or mortar.

Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU)

Mortar joints shall be struck flush or tooled and shall be free of voids. Mortar droppings shall be removed from brick ties and all other surfaces accepting Barrithane VP and CCW accessories.

Gypsum Sheathing

Sheating boards shall be flunk at joints, with gap between boards according to building code and sheating mandscturer's requirements. Sheating boards shall also be securely fastered to the structure with proper fasterer type, licehique and gap dating code and sheating manufacturer's requirements. Sheating boards shall be required or replaced in impector revenest. Sheating boards shall be expound or project of impector revenest. Beating boards shall be expound conflocations are required with heating manufacturer.

OSB, Plywood, Lumber, Pressure-Treated Wood

Wood sheathing inspection carries the same protocol given for gypsum sheathing, Also, moisture content, measured with a wood moisture meter in the core of the substrate, also be below 20%. On ot cover any wooden materials with Barrithane VP or CCW accessories if moisture content is 20% or above. Do not encapsulate wood (such as nallers) with mmfraame, as this will cause premature not. In most cases fire-freated and pressure-treated wood must be kind rised to accommodate the less than 20% moisture content requirement.

Installation

Before application, obtain full, safe access to the area and mask adjacent surfaces to protect from splashes or drips. Verify that the product is within shelf life, as indicated on the product label.

The following conditions shall be detailed in accordance with Barrithane VP standard details:

- Sheathing joints: cover with 2" width tooled ribbon of Barribond or cover with embedded 4" width strip of DCH Reinforcing Fabric
- Rough openings, pipe/doct penetrations, sheathing inside/outside corners shall be traded with one of these methods: 1) 705 FIR-A/705 FIR-AXLT strip; 2) Trowel application 40 mils wet thickness of Barrhond or; 3) Single or multiple coats of Barrithane VF to build minimum 40 mils total wet thickness. II method 2 or 3 is used, fill all cracks and holes with Barrhond and coat rave edges of gypsum sheathing with CQV contact adversive.
- Expansion joints, control joints, termination at head/loot of wall, transitions of dissimilar materials: 705 FR-A/705 FR-A XLT strip bearing 3" onto each side of joint.

Prepare wall substrates accepting CCW self-adhered flashings with CCW-702, CCW-702 LV, CCW-702 WB, CAV-GRIP or Travel-Tack* contact adhesive. Prepare cured Barrithane VP membrane accepting CCW selfadhered flashings with CAV-GRIP or Travel-Tack contact adhesive.

Corner treatments shall cover the transition and extend at least 3 inches on each side. Bough opening treatment shall extend 3 inches minimum onb the wall and shall return into the reculo poening deep enough to provide continuous seel of the fenestration to the air barrier. Consult Barrithane VP details for more information. All terminating edges of CCW self-adhered flashing shall be covered with a 1° width tooled ribbon of Barribond.

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High Performance Windows & Doors Principle #4



Extensions of Insulation & Airtightness



PH Windows



Interior 68 °F Exterior 23°F

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With high performance glass frames are the weakest part of the window assembly

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PH Window Performance





Solar Heat gain through the glass SHGC



Heat Loss through the glass, frame, and spacer/installation thermal bridges **U-Value**

U_f: 0.11 Btu/(hr.ft².°F) U_g: 0.08 Btu/(hr.ft².°F)



Less Frame = Better Performance

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Certified Window Example Certificate





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Threshold xxxx 💄

 $h_1 = 84 mm$

 $h_{\rm Rel} = 0.74$

 $b_l = 84 \, \mathrm{mm}$

/_{Ru} = 0.74

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 $U_f = 0.87 \, W/(m^2 \cdot K)$

 $\Psi_{\rm g} = 0.019 \, W(m \cdot K)$

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Transom

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135 0.89 0.89 0.87 62

102 0.85

158 1.30

Spacer: Super Seasor

0.85

0.92

0.05

106mm Wood-Alu Window

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The window U-values were calculated for the test window size of $2.46 \, m \times 1.48 \, m$ with $U_0 = 0.70 \, W(m^2 \cdot K)$. If a higher quality glazing is used, the window U-values will improve as follows:



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Component-ID: 1270ws03

 Lateral
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Validated installations

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Traditional vs Passive Windows





Traditional Double Hung

Tilt and Turn

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PH Comfort and Hygiene Criteria

- 1. Comfort Criterion The minimum average window surface temperature can be no lower than 3.5°C than the average interior surface temperature. Based on the installed U value of a window.
- 1. Hygiene Criterion sets limits that restrict the minimum interior surface temperature at the coldest point of the interior surface per climate zone, eliminating the potential for condensation avoiding mold growth. Measured by climate specific temperature factors (f _{Rsi}).





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Install Conditions





Double Stud Window Detail





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Window in Masonry Layer





Window External to Masonry Layer



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Window Placed Outboard in Insulation Layer



Attachment with metal brackets (to be covered with insulation later)

Dense insulation blocking such as 'Compact' foam used to support the weight of the window whilst fixing into place

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B-N, WT-2, uPVC WINDOW JAMB DETAIL, OPERABLE




Pre taping for tight conditions.







Window Air Sealing Example

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Window Install Testing: Sometimes Necessary



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PH Ventilation Design Criteria



- Energy recovery > 75%
- Fan power efficiency < 0.765 W/CFM.
- Supply > 62 $^{\circ}$ F on winter design day.
- Supply air to all served spaces: living rooms, bedrooms, offices, classrooms etc...
- Exhaust from all services spaces: kitchens, bathrooms, utility rooms etc...
- Overall supply and exhaust must be • balanced to be with within 10% of each other.



1) Carry-over from extract to supply air side. 2) Due to heat exchanger condition the risk of carry-over from extract air to supply air side exists. In order to avoid carry over into the supply air side, pressure conditions in the device must be set as given by the manufacturer. 3) At the lower airflow rate might be exceeded CERTIFIED

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COMPONENT

Heat Recovery Ventilation Unit





Balanced Ventilation

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ERV/HRV – Single Unit

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Source: Zehnder, Renewaire



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- Duct insulation for intake and exhaust ducts with vapor -tight seal.
- Sound level ventilation system must not be noisy.
 - \leqslant 25 db(A): supply air to rooms
 - ≤30 db(A): rooms in non-residential buildings and exhaust air rooms in residential buildings
- Filtration for both supply and exhaust air.
 - MERV 13-14 to filter incoming air pollutants
 - MERV 6 to filter Extract return (only needed to protect heat exchange core)





Intake and exhaust duct insulation



Merv 13 filter sample

Duct Sealing & Testing for Large Buildings



- Ductwork needs to be airtight!
 - mastic duct sealant
 - mastic tape
 - preformed and insulated duct layouts
- Recommend to perform duct leakage testing to ensure system is well sealed.
- Balanced air flows is critical.
 - One strategy is to use Constant Airflow Regulators (CARs)

- Long ductwork requires careful planning
- Ensure CxA knows what the protocol is for measuring outlets – all outlets must be turned on, not just the suite being measured



 Proper duct sealing will only get you so far, a good design is always important!



Ventilation Balancing & Report





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Zero pressure compensating flow measuring instruments are the most accurate



Vane anemometers typically allow measurement of volumetric flow rate, air flow speed and temperature

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Training for	commissi	oning	

Training for commissioning agents is vital for accurate results

FINAL PROTOCOL WORK SHEET for Ventilation Systems: Initial Start-up Supply- / Extract-Air Ventilation System with Heat Recovery





1. Record of the air flow volumes, supply and extract air

Nr.	Room	Design			Measureme	ent 1	Measurmen	nt 2	Measureme	ent 3	ype of Valve	Adjustment	Flow-Through	Noise	Filter	Filter
		V _{SU}	VEX	V _{THROUGH}	V _{SU}	VEX	V _{SU}	V _{EX}	V _{SU}	V _{EX}			V _{THROUGH}		Grade	Clean?
		m³/h	m³h	m³/h	m²/h	m³/h	m?/h	m²/h	m³/h	m²/h			m/s	dB(A)		
1	Hobby room	35			45.1		30		37		et nozzle		0.6	20	F 7	yes
2	Storage room		20			36		26		21	Poppet Exhaust 3	ir	0.8	22	G4	yes
3	Technical space		20			41.2		18		20.3	Poppet Exhaust A	dr	0.7	22	G4	yes
4	Office	20			31.6		19.6		19.6		et nozzle		0.6	20	F 7	yes
5	Living / kitchen	60	60		62.4	45.2	57.4	65.3	59.5	61.2	et nozzle/poppe	t exhaust air	1.0	20	F7/G4	yes
6	Master bathroom		40			12.7		34.2		41	Poppet Exhaust A	dr.	0.6	22	G4	yes
7	Bedroom 2	20			21.9		26		20.7		et nozzle		0.6	20	F 7	yes
8	Bedroom 3	20			28		26.9		19.1		et nozzle		0.6	20	F7	yes
9	Master bedroom	25			20.6		26.1		26.1		et nozzle		0.7	20	F 7	yes
10	Bathroom		20			40.1		22.1		19.9	Poppet Exhaust Air		0.6	22	G4	yes
11	WC		20			43.6		23		19.6	Poppet Exhaust Air		0.7	22	G4	yes
12																yes / no
13																yes / no
14																yes / no
15																yes / no
	sum:	180.00	180.00		209.60	218.80	186.00	188.60	182.00	183.00						
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2. E	alance of airflow volume				Measur	ement 1	Measur	ement 2	Measurement 3 Disbalance Type of Control		Type of Control	Adjustment	Noise	Filter	Filter	
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_					m²/h	m³/h	m³/h	m³/h	m³/h	m³/h				dB(A)		
1	fresh air inlet				210		186		182		18	BUS		30	F 7	yes
2	exhaust air outlet					219		189		183		BUS		30	G4	yes
3. Ir mar	3. Initial start-up accomplished according to yes manufacturer's specifications: Signature:					Signatu	ar	. ~			© PHD Gmbh	+ PHI, Darm	stadt 09/2007			

Sample documents for building certification @ Passive House Institute 2023 Find out more at: www.passipedia.org/certification/certified_passive_houses/example_documents

Heating & Cooling Systems





Right Size Heating & Cooling Systems

- Often up to 75% reduction in equip sizing.
- Practically any kind of heating and cooling system can be used in a Passive House.
- Critical is efficient design with relatively compact distribution and right sizing of equipment.
- Typically heat pump technology capable of providing heating and cooling.
- Typically runs separately from, and independently of, ventilation air.



Air Source Heat Pumps



- Mini-Split
 - Split and mini (<1.5 tons or so)
 - Ducted (compact) or ductless
 - Usually 1:1
- Multi -Split (multi -port, multi zone)
 - One outdoor unit, 2+ indoor units
 - Ducted, ductless, or mix
 - 1.5 to 4 tons typically
- VRF (variable refrigerant flow)
 - Numerous modular outdoor units, 6 12 tons typical
 - Many indoor units, many types







Duct and Refrigerant Piping & Insulation

- Insulate all air conditioning ducts.
- Insulate all refrigerant lines.

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Source: Armaflex



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DHW and Energy Use

- Reducing the use of hot water is largely dependent on occupants, but an efficient water heater and distribution system can still make a big difference on the total energy used by reducing unnecessary losses.
- Overall strategy:
 - Minimize demand using low -flow devices
 - Use small-diameter pipes
 - Use the shortest possible pipe lengths
 - Minimize losses through insulation
 - Optional use heat recovery from wastewater
 - Optional generate hot water on -site from solar collector





Decentralized Hot Water

- Common options include
 - Conventional storage water heaters (gas, electric)
 - Tankless or on -demand water heaters (gas, electric)
 - Solar water heaters
 - Tankless coil / indirect water heaters
 - Heat pump water heaters



Combined Heat Pump System





Source: Energy Star, SANCO2

Split Heat Pump System



Minimize Pipe Runs in Design & Installation







DHW Pipe Insulation

- Insulation thicknesses to align with PHPP assumptions and local energy code requirements.
- Insulation to be continuous at all hanger locations.
- Runout piping to be fully insulated to the greatest extent possible.



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Pipe Insulation

- Pipes to be insulated include:
 - Domestic hot water: typically 1" insulation for smaller pipes, 1.5" insulation for larger pipes.
 - Domestic cold water (best practice): typically 1" all locations.
 - Refrigerant lines (covered in the mechanical section): typically 1" insulation for smaller pipes, 1.5" insulation for larger pipes.

Source: Johns Manville







DHW – Recirculation Pumps



- Ensure DHW pump sizes align with PHPP assumptions.
- Some systems may utilize a demand recirculation system that turns off the recirc pump during periods of low DHW use.







Assemble the team to deliver a Passive House



- Architects
- Engineers
- Consultants
- Passive House Consultant
- Verifier
- Inspectors
- Ventilation Commissioning
- Blower door testers
- Builder & Trades

What a team needs:

- 1. common language
- 2. common goal: Passive House
- 3. good attitudes
- 4. enough training
- 5. willingness to work as a team and connect the dots.



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Owner, Owner's Rep and Certifier



Mock - Ups: Visual & Testing





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An extensive mock up could be a full six-sided box with various details reflected.

A simple mock -up could be the first window installed on the project.

Construction Schedule: Passive House line items...

Design Stage Open Items						
Close out unresolved items						
Submittals						
Verification Plan						
Product Specs						
Training & Mockups						
Envelope Connections						
Window Installation						
Inspections						
Representative Photos						
Ventilation						
Duct Leakage Testing						
Ventilation Commissioning						
Airtighness Testing						
Connections Mockup						
FInal Whole Building Blower door test						
As-Built Updates						
PHPP, Construction Drawings, Details, schedules and descriptions						
Photo "catalog"						
Builder Assurance Certificate						

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Submittals for Certification





3.2	Documents to be submitted
3.2.1	Passive House Planning Package (PHPP)
3.2.2	Design and planning documents
3.2.3	Standard and connection details
3.2.4	Windows and doors
3.2.5	Shading
3.2.6	Ventilation
3.2.7	Space heating/cooling, DHW and waste water
3.2.8	Electrical devices and lighting
3.2.9	Renewable energy
3.2.1	0 Airtightness of the building envelope
3.2.1	1 Photographs
3.2.1	2 Exceptions (only for EnerPHit)
3.2.1	3 Economic feasibility calculation (only for EnerPHit)
3.2.1	4 Verification of general minimum requirements (according to Subsection 2.4)
3.2.1	5 Construction manager's declaration







3.2.11 Photographs

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Criteria

Evidence of the progress of construction must be supported with photographs, but it is not necessary to provide complete photographic documentation of all measures.



Additional requirements The construction progress must be documented with illustrative photographs. However, full photo-graphic documentation of all measures is not necessary. Photos should be taken preferably at at time when the installation situation is not yet covered by cladding etc. Typically, photographs of the following areas should be taken:

- Thermal insulation of the building envelope (preferably with a measuring ruler in the picture to show the insulation thickness)
- floor slab or basement ceiling
- perimeter area
- wall insulation
- roof insulation
- Product data labels of
- windows frames and glazing
- heating and cooling units
- ventilation unit
- · Insulation and attachments of the air ducts
- Insulation and attachment of heating, hot water and cooling pipes and fittings
- Other energy-relevant construction details, e.g. thermal bridges

A checklist of the pictures of the building site to be submitted for certification can be downloaded at: www.gasi.pedia.org \rightarrow Passive House Certification \rightarrow Building Certification \rightarrow Examples of documents that need to be submitted for certification

Please make sure that the photos can be as	signed correctly.	
Foundation		Comment
Photos of delivered insulation packages	Product name, thermal conductivity, thickness	
Photos of the installation	Insulation of the foundation area / basement (e.g. under the floor slab, perimeter insulation)	
	Joint between floor slab / basement ceiling to walls and pillars (e.g. thermal break, flank insulation)	
External walls		
Photos of delivered insulation packages	Product name, thermal conductivity, thickness	
Photos of the installation		
Thermal bridges		
Photos of thermal bridges	Balcony railings, canopies, fixed ladders, fall protection etc.	
	All places where the insulation is penetrated or weakened	
Windows		•
Photos of delivered windows + doors	Technical data on glazing (glass thickness, spacers, filling gas)	
	Technical data on frame (description), photo of frame	
Photos of the installation: windows	lateral, top, bottom, different installation types	
	Fixing sun protection, fall protection	
Photos of the installation: doors	lateral, top, bottom, different installation types	
Roofs		1
Photos of delivered insulation packages	Product name, thermal conductivity, thickness	
Photos of the installation		
Building Service		•
Photos of specification plate	all devices (e.g. pumps, ventilation unit, heater, cooling system, elevator)	
Photos ventilation unit	Location, silencer, duct insulation (thickness)	
Photos of sanitary pipes	Insulation of hot water / solar / heating pipes, storage and insulation of down waste water pipes (thickness)	
Project Specific Details		•
depending on the project additional photos ma	ay be necessary	

1. Photos must show the m	ake model of the equipment				
2. A description of what the	photo captures must accompany each photo				
3. All construction photos sl	hould be taken prior to interior finishes				
Photos of all product type	es / variants of the following must be submitted:				
Assemblies	Each insulation product for each wall, roof, floor, and foundation type				
Junctions	Each junction in the building, as per Junctions worksheet				
Windows	Each window and door type				
	Each operable window type in fully open and tilted positions to demonstrate how far the				
	open				
	Compensatory window heater				
Ventilation Systems	Each type of HRV / ERV unit				
	Outdoor and extract air filters for each HRV / ERV type				
	Ductwork & insulation for the supply, extract, outdoor and exhaust air ducts for each HR				
	ERV type				
	Duct attachements (hangers, etc)				
	Volume Flow Dampers				
	Internal and external vents / grilles, showing sufficient space between intake and exhau				
	Air transfer grilles AND / OR door under/overcut height				
	Frost protection system				
	Acoustic Attenuators				
	Supply air heater				
	In-unit occupant control devices for each HRV / ERV type				
Heating and Cooling	Each type of heat and cooling generator				
systems	Each type of humidification / dehumidification system				
	Distribution pine insulation product and thickness, including valves & T junctions				
	Distribution pipe instalation product and unchross, including valves or injunctions				
DHW Systems	Each type of heat generator				
	Each type of storage tank				
	Insulation product and thickness of primary pipes and recirculation pipes				
	Pipe attachments (hangers, clips, etc)				
	Circulation pumps				
	Sanitary system - AAVs, backwater valves, pipe insulation, alternative approach				
	Rainwater pipes - Ptraps, alternative approach				
	Solar thermal panels				
Electrical Equipment	Each type of light fixture and lamp				
	Each appliance type				
	Elevators				
	Solar PV panels				
	Any other relevant equipment				
Airtightness Testing	During search for areas of additional air leakage - showing method of detection.				
Shading	Include photographs of:				
	a. Each elevation of the building				
	b. Window and door overhands and reveals (from exterior)				

Organize daily/weekly throughout...don't wait!

Note: Typically conducted as part of inspection regime by independent verifier. **Contractor may submit photographs to document fixes.**

Construction Managers Declaration



Signed
DeclarationInclude a completed and
signed copy of the Declaration
of Conformance form from the
construction supervisor.

Project name:	
Location:	
Project name on Certification platform:	
Construction manager (First name, Surname):	
Project manager (First name, Surname):	

Construction manager declaration

In order for the quality inspection to award the "Certified Passive House" seal for the above mentioned construction project, we hereby assure that the on-site execution is in accordance with the planning documents, technical documents and textual descriptions that have been uploaded to the Passive House Institute's certification platform up to and including / / (and not marked as "obsolete").

This has been checked through regular site visits.

Construction management	Project management
Date, Signature	Date, Signature

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Checklists for Use During Construction

• Helpful for the field verifier and the contractor to understand what is expected for the project



- Below-grade insulation
- Above-grade wall insulation
- Roof insulation
- Air barrier
- Fenestration performance values
- Duct Sealing
- Pipe insulation
- HVAC and DHW equipment
- Lighting and lighting controls

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Airtightness Plan & Culture









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- Combination of hands-on practice and theoretical principles Focus on continuity of
- insulation and airtightness Change of mindset and attitude – 'thinking' fingers





- Airtightness 'control station' strategically located at project
- All penetrations must be noted in writing
- Airtightness coordinator checks the log of penetrations daily and repairs holes







General Takeaways - Do This

- Insist on training for the construction staff.
- All subs should be aware of the project goals even if not directly related to Passive House.
- Architect, owner, and energy consultant need to be involved throughout the construction.
- Plan for a mock -up to see project details implemented.
- Plan for interim blower door tests.
- Focus on air tightness with a specific person taking responsibility for its execution and completion.
- Prepare and use checklists throughout construction to keep track of items for verification.
- Keep open lines of communication between the architect, CPHD, field verifier, certifier, and contractor.





Verification and Certification are not held up so much on technical questions, so much as organizational issues.

- Design stage review open items difficult to get closed
- Mock-ups & trainings not happening
- Team focus on critical Passive House issues is lacking
- Responsibilities not clearly defined
- Non-certified components are substituted for certified components
- Team not in regular contact with Certifier giving updates and needed corrections



Build a Culture of Quality!



Focus on the 5 principle drivers, and the comfort, hygiene & efficiency goals.



With focus and a little training, anyone can build a Passive House.




Building Database - https://passivehouse-database.org/index.php?lang=en
Certification Criteria - https://passivehouse.com/03_certification/02_certification_buildings/08_energy_standards/08_energy_standards.html
Certification Guide - https://passivehouse.com/03_certification/02_certification_buildings/09_guide/09_guide.html
Certified Components - https://database.passivehouse.com/en/components/
Certifiers Globally - https://passivehouse.com/03_certification/02_certification_buildings/03_certifiers/01_accredited/01_accredited.html
Certified Passive House Designer Training - https://passivehousenetwork.org/designer-training/
Certified Passive House Tradesperson Training - https://passivehousenetwork.org/tradesperson-training/
ISO 9972 - https://www.iso.org/standard/55718.html
Manager Declaration Sample - https://passipedia.org/_media/picopen/construction_manager_declaration.pdf
North American Certifiers Circle - https://passivehousenetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/NACC-Brochure-Jan-2023.pdf
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Vancouver Passive House Checklist - https://passivehousenetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Vancouver-Passive-House-Verification-Plan-Checklist-2023.pdf
Ventilation Duct Leakage Testing - https://passivehousenetwork.org/product/multifamily-ventilation-duct-leakage-targets-strategies-and-lessons-learned/

Thank you.



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- Continuing Education Units Available
 - Contact <u>shuskey@co.slo.ca.us</u> for AIA LUs
- Coming to Your Inbox Soon!
 - Slides, Recording, & Survey Please Take It and Help Us Out!
- Upcoming Courses:
 - September 5th <u>Passive Design/Build™ Boot Camp Free info session</u>
 - September 12th <u>All-Electric Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)</u>
 - September 24th Building Electrification, Passive House PER & California
 - September 30th October 4th Passive Design/Build Boot Camp with Emu Passive Hands On Training and Exam (FREE!)
 - October 9th <u>All-Electric Retrofits with Electrical Panel Constraints</u>
 - October 10th <u>Certified Passive House Designer/Consultant (CPHD/C) Pacific Fall Hybrid Cohort</u>
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Thank you!

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