

Healthy Walls = Rainscreen & Ventilation



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Methods of Wall Construction

- Load bearing masonry
- Barrier wall
- Rainscreen or cavity wall
 - Benefits of rainscreen

Problems

- Moisture issues
- Images of moisture damage

Research and Codes

- Studies on the need for rainscreen
- Building Codes related to moisture management
 - Exterior wall envelope
 - Weather protection
- Rainscreen statement
- Codes including Rainscreen
 - National Building Code of Canada
- BIA cavity wall recommendations and requirements

Component of a Rainscreen System

- Cladding types for rainscreen
- Airspace requirements
- Drainage plane, flashing, and drainage holes

Rainscreen Systems

- What to look for in a rainscreen product
- Important characteristics of drainage mats
- Manufactured stone installation instructions
- Lap siding details
- Fiber cement siding study
 - Images of projects
- Images of rainscreen on projects near you

Brick Cavity Walls

- Main types of airspace
- Brick cavities with insulation and airspace
- Solutions to drain one inch cavity
- What to look for in full wall drainage
- ATI wall drainage test study
 - Mortar bridging
 - Air flow
 - Drainage
- How to drain brick cavity walls



Learning Objectives

- Analyze the way that various wall systems are being detailed and identify potential flaws that can lead to moisture failures
- Review the benefits and principles behind having an airspace within the wall system
- Compare the performance of various wall systems using test results for rates of drainage and ventilation in mockup wall systems
- Establish the best practices for designing and constructing a well drained and ventilated wall system

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