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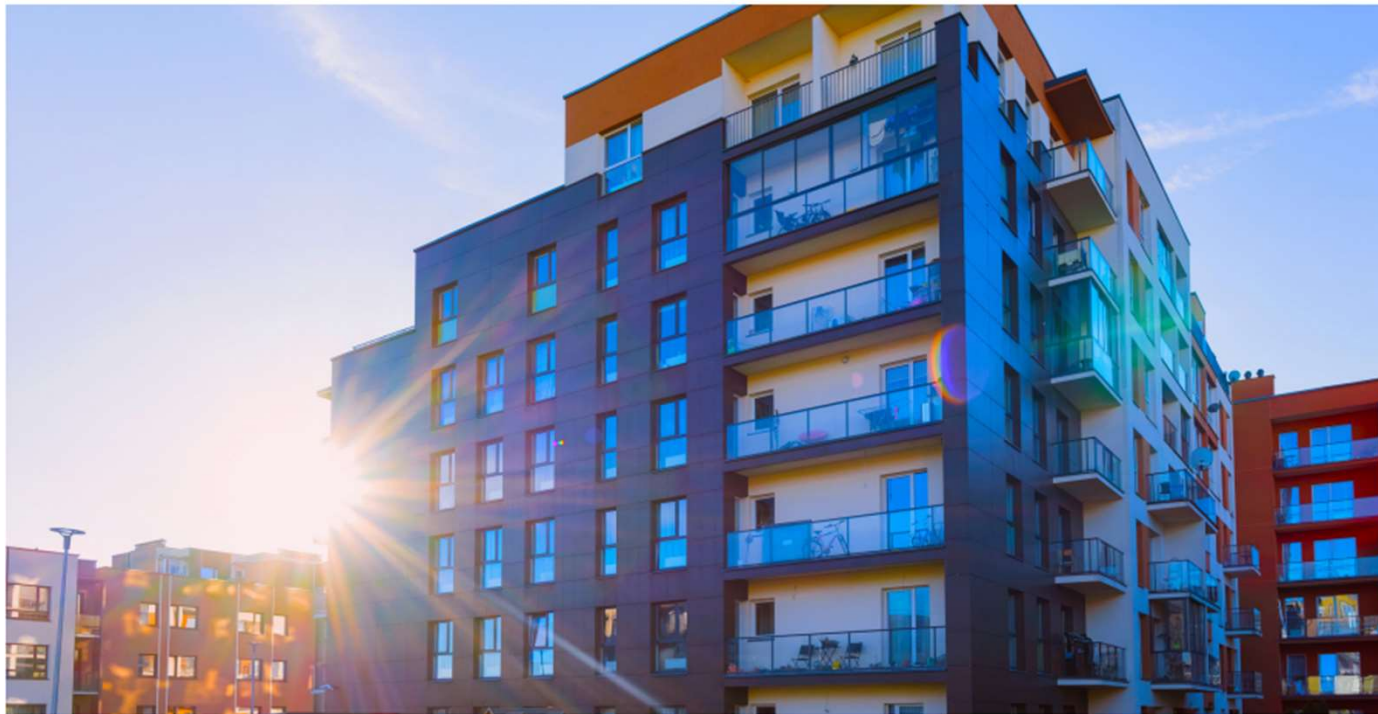


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# Take energy efficiency to a new level

Residential New Construction Passive House Multi-family buildings with five units or more



PASSIVE HOUSE INCENTIVE STRUCTURE FOR MULTI-FAMILY (5 UNITS OR MORE)				
Incentive Timing	Activity	Incentive Amount	Max Incentive (Per Unit)	Max Incentive (Per Project)
Pre-Construction	Feasibility Study <sup>1</sup>	Up to 100% of Feasibility Study Costs	N/A	\$5,000.00
	Energy Modeling <sup>2</sup>	75% of Energy Modeling Costs (Before 90% Design Drawings)	\$500.00	\$30,000.00
		50% of Energy Modeling Costs (90% Design/50% Construction)	\$250.00	\$15,000.00
Post Construction	Certification <sup>3</sup>	Up to 100% of Certification Costs	\$1,500.00	\$60,000.00

1. Feasibility Study will require documentation in the form of a Feasibility Study report and invoice from the Passive House Consultant

2. Incentives will only be awarded prior to 50% Construction Drawings for Passive House projects. No incentives will be granted after 50% Construction Drawing set.

3. Certification may be either through PHIUS, PHI, or EnerPHit certification offerings.

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The future of high-performance,  
all-electric homes starts here.





	LEVEL 1		LEVEL 2	
	Single Family (Detached Dwellings)	Multifamily (Attached Dwellings)	Single Family (Detached Dwellings)	Multifamily (Attached Dwellings)
Total UA Alternative Compliance or HERS Index Score <sup>†</sup>	Total UA ≥ 7.5% better than 2021 IECC or HERS Index Score ≤ 55		Total UA ≥ 15% better than 2021 IECC or HERS Index Score ≤ 45	
Heat pump for space heating <sup>††</sup>	Required		Required	
Space Conditioning Connectivity & Controls <sup>†††</sup>	Optional		Required	
Heat pump for water heating	Required	Optional	Required <sup>††††</sup>	
Hot Water Distribution <sup>††††</sup>	Required		Required	
Envelope Infiltration Rate (ACH)	ACH50 ≤ 2.5	CFA > 850ft <sup>2</sup> : ACH50 ≤ 4.0 CFA < 850ft <sup>2</sup> : ACH50 ≤ 5.0	ACH50 ≤ 2.0	CFA > 850ft <sup>2</sup> : ACH50 ≤ 3.0 CFA < 850ft <sup>2</sup> : ACH50 ≤ 4.0
Duct Leakage Rate (CFM)	2021 IECC code minimum requirements		All ductwork must be located in conditioned space	
Balanced Ventilation Systems	Optional		Required HRV/ERV (≥70% SRE / ≥40% TRE)	
Induction Cooking	Optional		Required <sup>†††††</sup>	Optional
Electric Vehicle Readiness <sup>††††††</sup>	Required		Required	

ALL-ELECTRIC HOME INCENTIVE STRUCTURE		
	Level 1	Level 2
Single Family	\$7,500	\$10,000
Single Family Attached	\$3,000	\$5,000
Multifamily	\$1,500	\$2,500

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High Performance  
Healthy Planet  
Healthy People



 High Performance

## **Building envelope, thermal, and acoustic solutions**

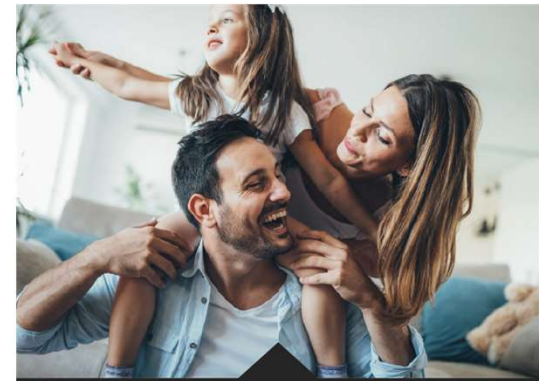
A comprehensive, above-grade product line to create wind-tight, vapor-open assemblies offering stable, long-term R-values, improved temperature stability, and premium sound protection



 Healthy Planet

## **Recyclable, renewable, non-toxic, and carbon negative**

Made from residual wood chips to maximize the use of our renewable forest resource. As a high-value insulator with a negative carbon footprint, reduces a building's global warming potential on day one and everyday it operates



 Healthy People

## **Moisture managing, safe, and sound absorbing**

Installers benefit from the absence of dangerous fibers that harm skin and negatively impact air quality. Leads to the creation of safe, quiet indoor habitats, free of airborne toxins and trapped humidity



# Introducing TimberHP

Wood Fiber Insulation made in America



## Carbon Storing

The only insulation on the market to do this



## High Performance

Manages air, moisture, conductivity, and



## Highly Recyclable

sound



## Nontoxic, Safe

When you cut it, you get sawdust



## Class A/B Flame Spread

Leading to healthy indoor air quality





# TIMBERHP

Thermal and Acoustic Solutions for Above-Grade Applications

*Wood Fiber Insulation  
Made in America*

**Coming 2023**

## TimberFill

Production Begins Q2  
Certified Product Available Q3



## TimberBatt

Production Begins Q3  
Certified Product Available Q4



## TimberBoard

Production Begins Q4  
Certified Product Available Q1, 2024



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# Solving Performance Demands Using Wood Fiber Insulation

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Questions related to specific materials, methods, and services will be addressed at the conclusion of this presentation.





# Learning Objectives

**Learning Objective 1:** Working knowledge of insulation products available on the market today and the impact of new building codes on the building envelope. Convey why now more than ever selecting the right insulation has a greater impact on our environment than ever before.

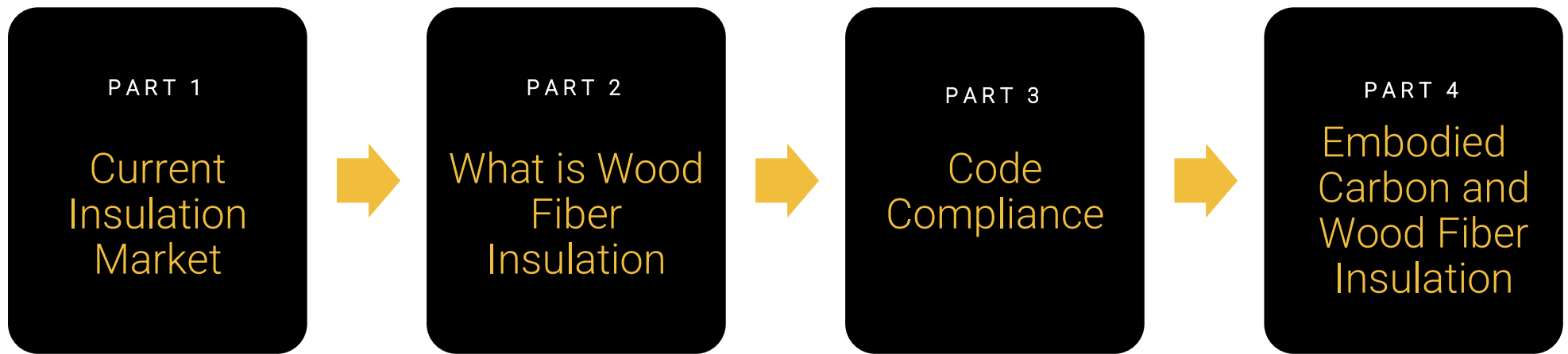
**Learning Objective 2:** Understanding of wood fiber insulation which includes a knowledge of positive sustainability implications; fire, bugs, and water; and why wood fiber stands up to these field liabilities and performs to code.

**Learning Objective 3:** Ability to explain the importance of code compliance and how climate zone impacts assembly design. Ability to understand thermal bridging and how to address the condition, especially in cold climate regions.

**Learning Objective 4:** Knowledge of Life Cycle Analysis modeling and how it is used to help better understand building materials impact on the environment. A strong understanding of Embodied Carbon Emissions and how product selection moving forward can help reduce its impact on the environment.



# Course Outline





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## AIA Credit Awarding: Solving Performance Demands Using Wood Fiber Insulation





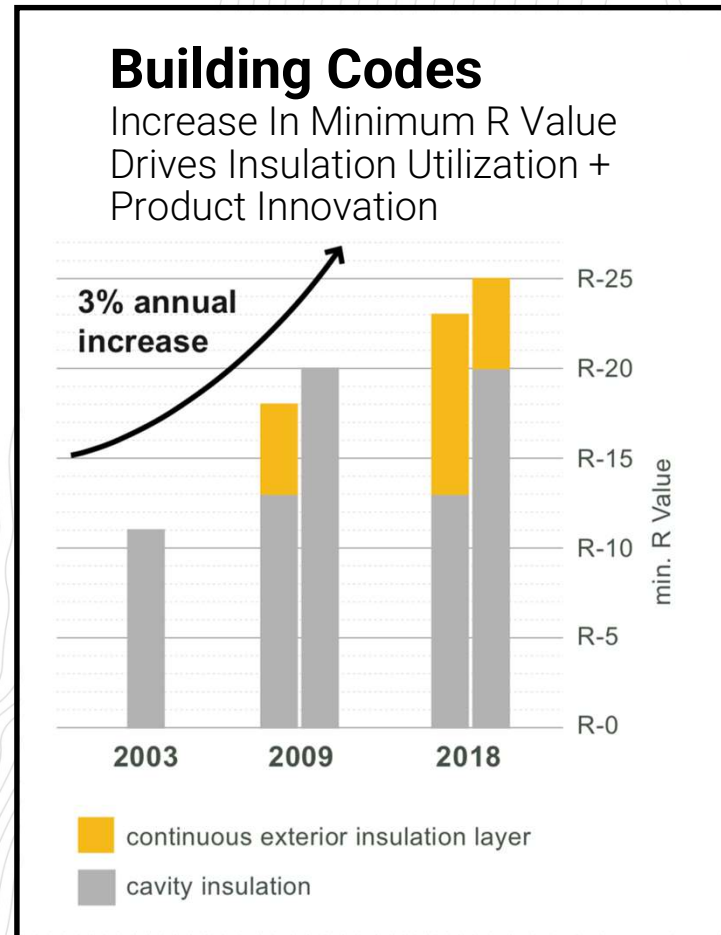
PART ONE

## Current Insulation Market



# Current Insulation Market

Increases to the minimum R-value (thermal value) within the mainstream US energy code—International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)—since 2006 have increased demand for insulation and driven new renovations.



# Reducing Thermal Bridging With Continuous Insulation – Today's Solutions



Framing accounts  
for 20 – 25 % of  
exterior wall



While modern regulations are driving demand, insulation solutions in the US are outdated



# In the US, Fiberglass & Foam dominate the market with over 90% of market share

Source: AIA 2030, IAL Consultants, Gupta-Verlag



MINERAL WOOL

4.7%

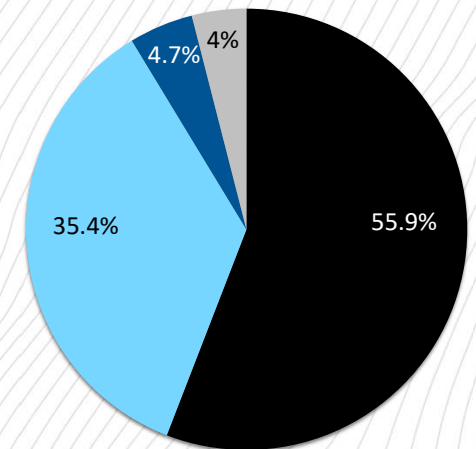


FOAMED PLASTICS  
35.4%



FIBERGLASS  
55.9%

US INSULATION MARKET SHARE



■ Fiberglass  
■ Mineral Wool  
■ Foamed Plastics  
■ Other



# Current insulation options are costly, unsafe, or unsustainable:



FIBERGLASS	FOAMED PLASTICS	MINERAL WOOL	CELLULOSE	COTTON
1938	1950s	1953	1950s	1970s
Glass	Oil-derived chemicals	Rock	Shredded paper products	Recycled denim
Though most are now formaldehyde-free they can still <b>off gas</b> due to binders. Commodity fiberglass allows for cavity <b>wind washing</b> and doesn't rebound at install.	If applied improperly can <b>cause fires</b> or hold in damaging <b>leaks and humidity</b> . Requires protective gear for <b>toxic</b> off-gassing. Cannot be removed without <b>damage</b> .	Is flame-retardant but an <b>extreme irritant</b> when handled with bare skin. Can be <b>hazardous</b> , difficult to cut, and is not easily disposable. High <b>embodied carbon</b> and still uses <b>formaldehyde</b> .	Is falling victim to <b>shrinking feedstock</b> , resulting in more plastics. Powdered flame retardant can make install dusty and lead to long-term <b>performance issues</b> .	Has very little feedstock and is quite <b>costly</b> to produce. Requires application of <b>powdered flame retardant</b> .

Source: MarketWatch, AIA 2030, Focus Groups with all three audience groups conducted in Boston, MA & Seattle, WA by Schireson Associates & Blackbird Global (March 2019).



PART TWO

## Introducing Wood Fiber Insulation

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## Carbon Storing

The only scalable carbon-negative insulation on the market



## High Performance

Manages air, moisture, conductivity, and sound



## Highly Recyclable

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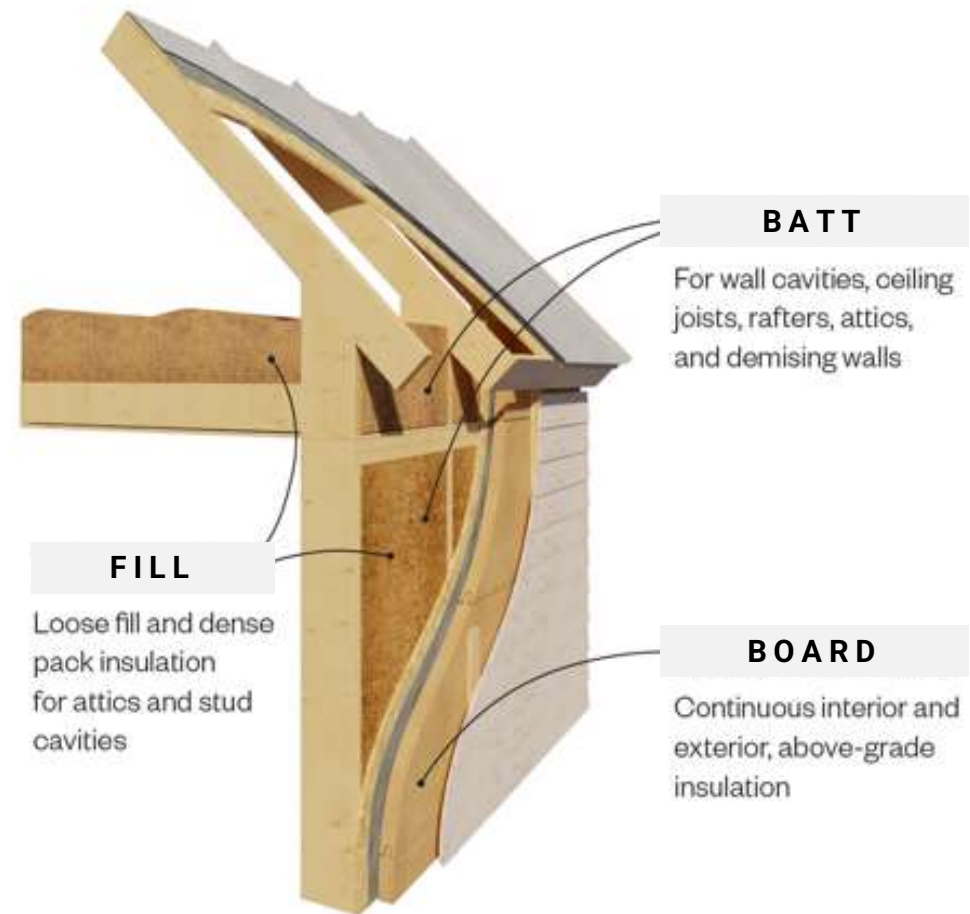
## Nontoxic, Safe

Leading to healthy indoor air quality



## Class A/B Flame Spread

Offers a high degree of fire protection



## European wood fiber insulation market shows product potential in North America

- 15 manufacturing facilities in Europe with 5 more under construction
- Estimated \$800 m (~5% of total insulation market) for all three products (board, batt and loose fill)
- Freedonia forecast the European market will reach \$1 b in demand by the end of 2023
- Product is sold at a 20% premium in a market that is only 25% wood frame construction

### EUROPEAN SUPPLIERS OF WOOD FIBER INSULATION:



Freight costs combined with high production costs limit the sale of European wood fiber insulation in North America to select projects only where price is not a factor.



## EUROPEAN SUPPLIERS OF WOOD FIBER INSULATION



Freight and high production costs limit the sale of European wood fiber insulation in North America

## Utilizing an Abundant Waste Resource

Made from clean, species-agnostic, softwood residuals; insulating wood fiber composites are a perfect fit for the US wood products manufacturing sector.

### PROCESS:



LUMBER IS MILLED FROM LOGS



THE WASTE CHIPS ARE RECOVERED



FINELY GROUND



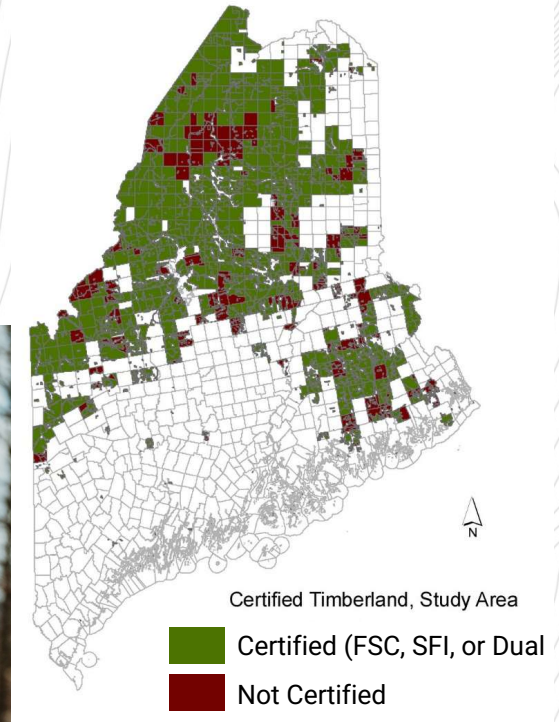
AND FORMED INTO INSULATION



# Maine Makes the Difference

Since 2014, Maine alone has lost markets for over 4 million tons of low-grade wood that would have otherwise supplied paper and biomass mills

Wood fiber insulation production is able to provide a new market for those chips, supporting foresters and loggers throughout Maine and beyond





# Reviving Our Forest Economy

With the decline in paper production, the robust wood baskets of the US and Canada need new manufacturers who create high-demand products from sawmill residuals and low-value fiber.

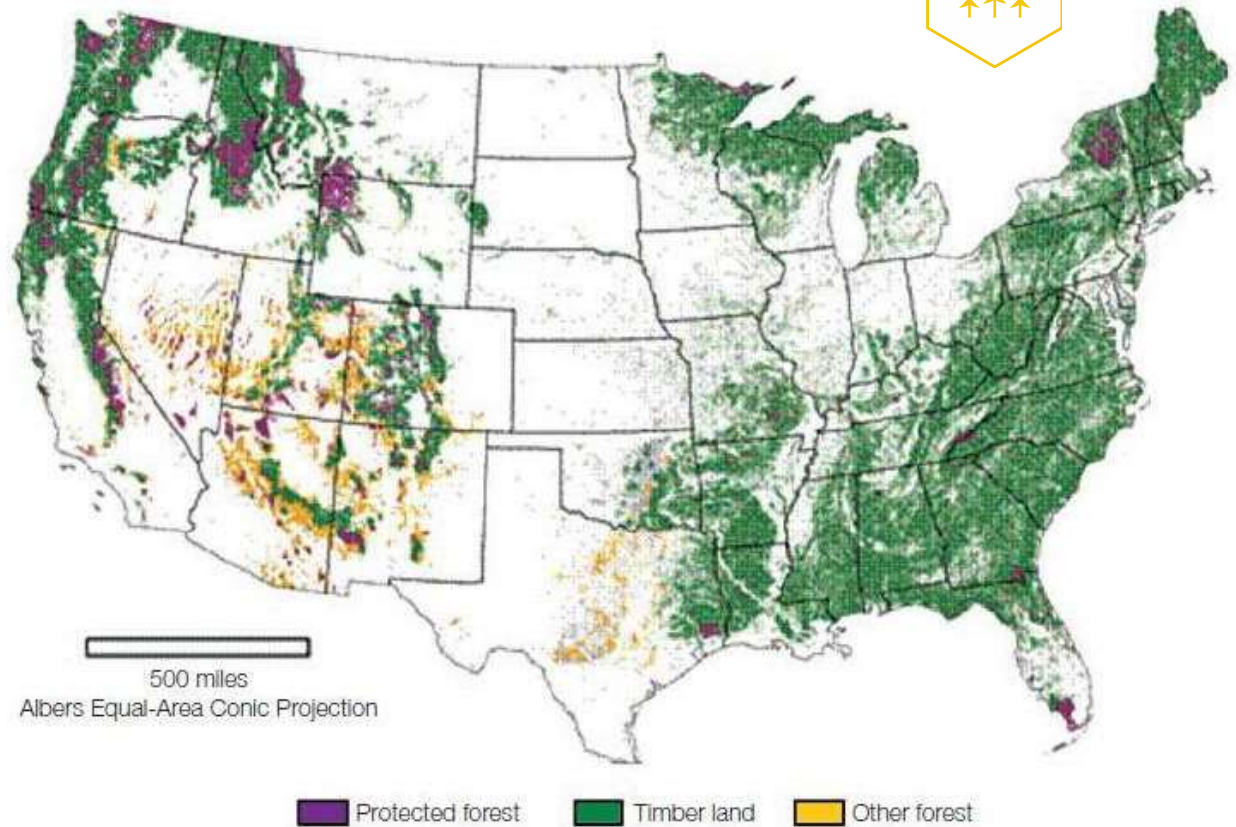


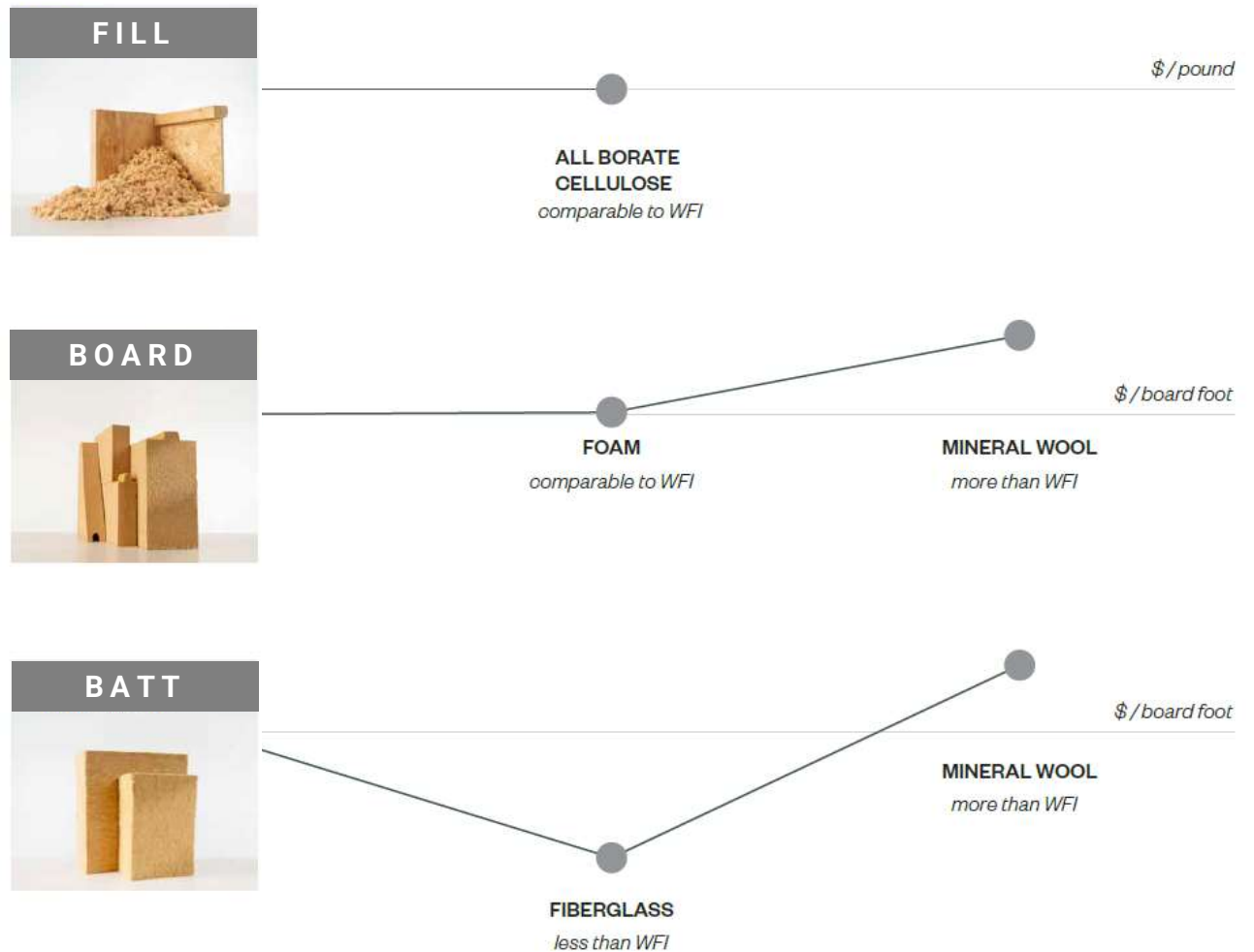
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# Domestically Produced Wood Fiber Insulation: Price Comparison\*



\*Within Madison Target Market



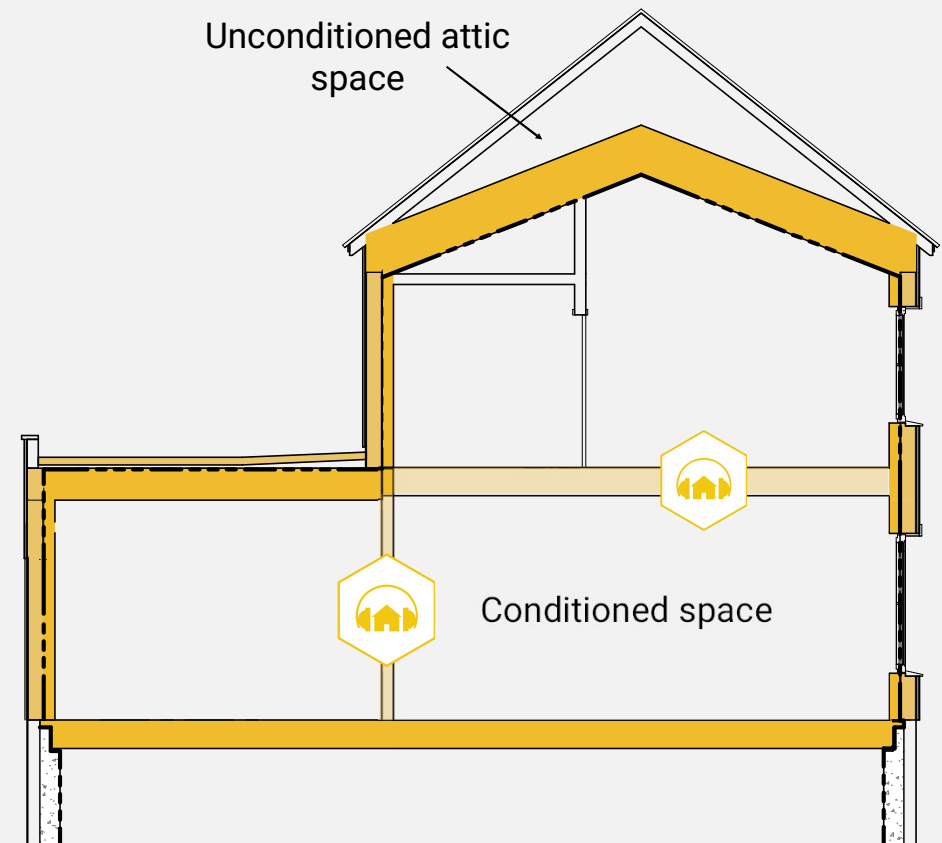
# Market Position

## Drop-In Replacement

- Affordable, low-risk replacement for foam, mineral wool, cellulose, fiberglass, and other traditional insulating products for above-grade assemblies
- Meet thermal and acoustic demands with the same product offering

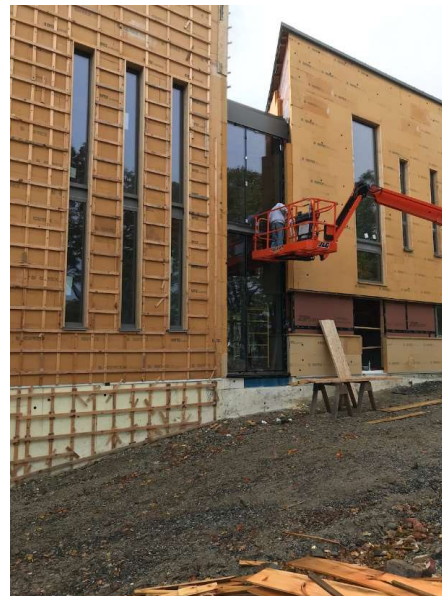
## Comprehensive Above-Grade System

- Full-line of insulating products made from one material to address cavity, continuous, and attic blanket applications
- Prescriptive building envelope approach to create wind-tight, vapor-open assemblies

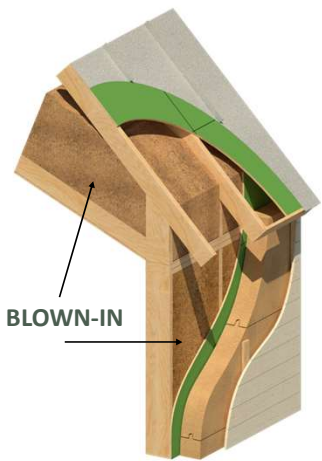


# Market Fit

- Code-compliant building envelope, thermal, and acoustic assemblies for residential new construction and remodeling
  - Single-family and multi-family
- Commercial and institutional
  - Buildings 4 stories or less
  - Mass timber and cross laminated timber
- Factory-built solutions
  - Residential and commercial prefab
  - Panel, full-scale, modular designs
- Passive House, net zero, carbon negative, bio-based



# Loose Fill and Dense Pack Insulation



R-3.8 / inch

## APPLICATIONS

- Dense pack cavity insulation in stud walls and between rafters and joists
- Loose fill blanket insulation for attics

## COMPOSITION

- Softwood fiber fire treated with boric acid

## PRODUCT MERITS

- R-3.8/inch
- Achieve desired R-value with less volume compared to other blown-in options
- Shape and size of fibers prevent issues with settling, reducing voids and air pockets
- Boric acid full fiber penetration—Class A Flame Spread, mold/mildew and pest inhibitor
- Pure, consistent feedstock. Low dust, no toxins, free of printing ink, no foreign contaminants



Borate is more than a fire retardant; it inhibits mold and mildew growth and prevents pests.





# Batt Insulation



R - 4 / inch

## APPLICATIONS

- Thermal cavity insulation
- Acoustic insulation for interior spaces and demising walls

## COMPOSITION

- Softwood fiber, polyamide binding fiber, boric acid

## SIZING

- Wood and non-structural steel framing
- 16" and 24" OC
- 3"; 3.5"; 5.5"; 6"; 7.25"

## DISTINCTIVE PRODUCT MERITS

- R-4/inch, vapor open
- Flexible, semi-rigid. Most durable batt on the market
- No toxins and no harmful fibers
- Boric acid full fiber penetration—Class A Flame Spread, mold/mildew and pest inhibitor
- Low thermal conductivity and high heat capacity



FRICITION FIT BATT INSULATION



# Continuous Board Insulation

## APPLICATIONS

- Exterior continuous insulation
- Interior insulation of walls, floors, and ceilings

## COMPOSITION

- Softwood fiber, PMDI Adhesive, and Paraffin

## SIZING

- Thickness 1"-9.25" Width 2' & 4' Length 4' & 8'

## DISTINCTIVE PRODUCT MERITS

- **Stable R-3.4 to 3.7/inch**
- Hydrophobic and vapor open for superior performance
- High compressive strength (10 – 20 psi)
- Class B Flame Spread with no fire retardants
- Buffers changes in humidity and temperature



R-3.4– 3.7 / inch







College of the Atlantic



Bulk moisture demonstration





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# High Performance

## Wood Fiber Manages Moisture

Wood fiber insulation offers high vapor permeability (40 to 70 perms/inch) allowing for drying to both the inside and outside of buildings

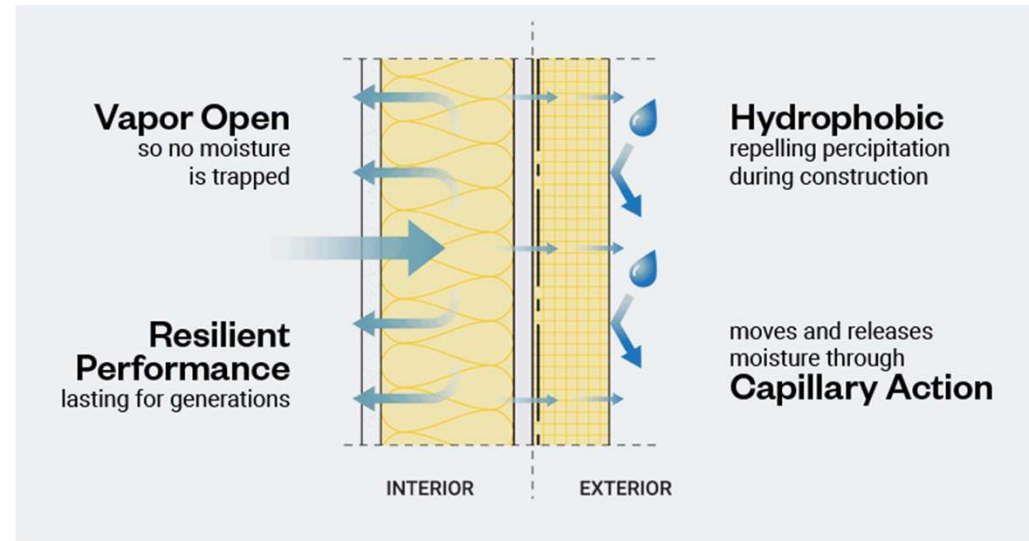
Wood fiber can hold 15% of its weight in moisture without losing insulating properties

Through capillary action, moisture is spread out across the insulation and dries either to the inside or outside of the building depending on temperature, pressure, and humidity levels

- High structural resilience by reducing chance of rot
- More comfortable indoor humidity levels
- Healthier indoor air quality



Breathable insulation  
results in healthy  
indoor air quality



# High Performance

## Insulation for all seasons

Low Thermal Conductivity & High Heat Capacity balance temperature swings in conditioned spaces, reducing heating and cooling loads.

Wood fiber absorbs heat slowly over time and radiates warmth out when cooler conditions exist

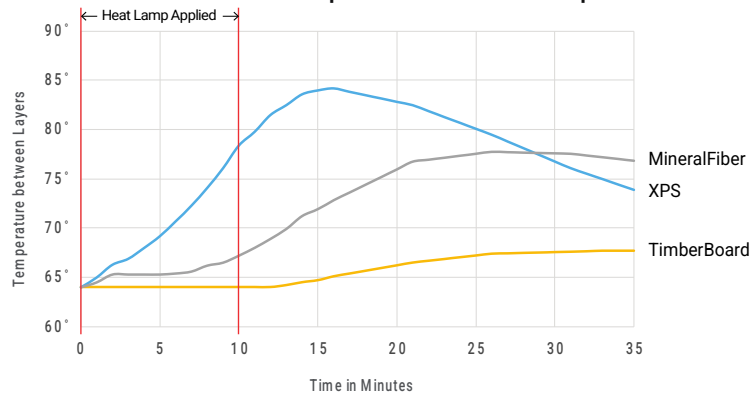
- Guards against summer heat
- Saves the heat we buy in the winter



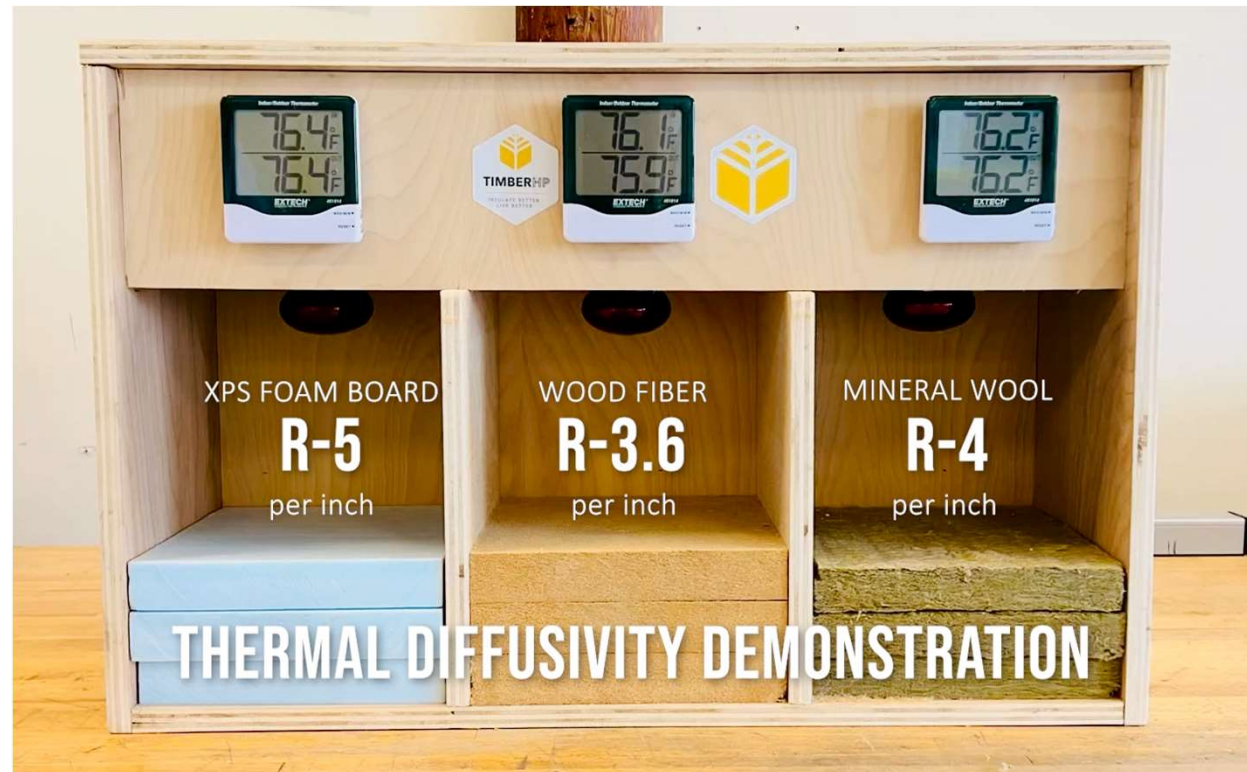
# Unmatched Heat Protection

Resulting from product density and the combined high heat capacity and low thermal conductivity of wood, wood fiber insulation delays heat transfer and increases temperature stability in our buildings.

Temperature Rise Comparison



## Beyond R-VALUE





# Healthy People

## Opening the indoors

Vapor-open assemblies allow structures to breathe and indoor humidity to escape

No trapped moisture means less chance for mold and mildew, less chance for respiratory issues and allergies

## Acoustics

Best-in-class acoustics and pure fiber are the building blocks for the new indoor habitat



# Wood fiber batt steel frame wall Acoustic Performance

Wood fiber provides a compelling option.



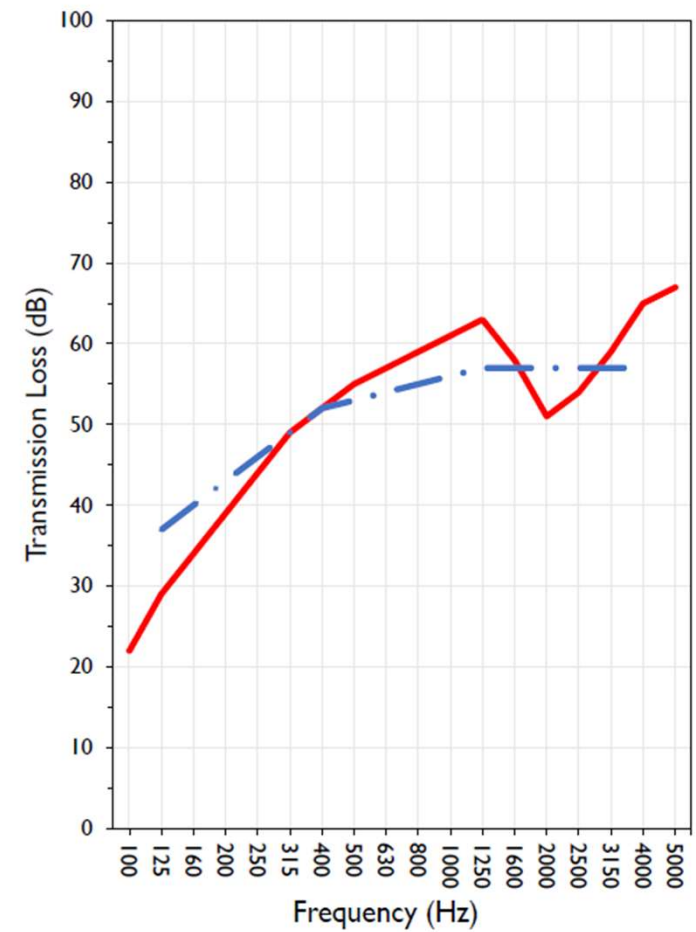
STC  
45



Mineral Wool Batt

Acoustics				Assembly Number: ISS-08	
STC:	45	OITC:	29	Report No.	NWTL140829-01
Assembly Components					
Finish material	5/8" gypsum				
Size	3 5/8" Steel Stud				
Spacing	16" oc				
Thickness	3.5"				
Resilient Channels	RC Deluxe, 16" OC				

## SOUND TRANSMISSION RESULTS



**STC = 53**  
TOTAL DEFICIENCIES = 29

# Wood fiber batt / wood frame wall Acoustic Performance

This same wall in a 2x4 profile achieved a sound transmission class (STC) of 50 vs. mineral wool at 47.

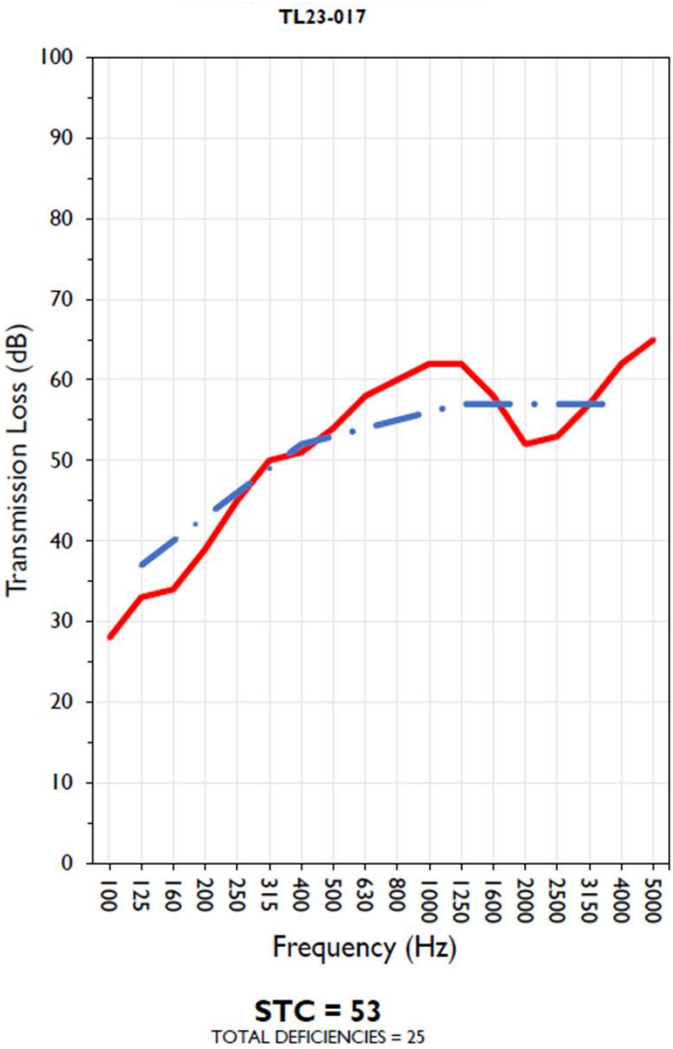
Both batt and fill @5.5" noise reduction coefficient (NRC) 1.15 (sound absorption)



Mineral Wool Batt

Acoustics		Assembly Number: MWS-20	
STC:	53	OITC:	37
		Report No.	TL21-357
Assembly Components			
Finish material	5/8" Type X gypsum		
Size	2 x 6 Wood Stud		
Spacing	16" oc		
Thickness	5.5"		
Wall Configuration	Single Stud		
Resilient Channels	24" oc		

## SOUND TRANSMISSION RESULTS



# Healthy People

## Just Wood

Over 90% of every insulating product is softwood residuals

No toxins to breathe  
No fibers to irritate skin

When you cut wood fiber insulation, you produce sawdust.

It can be handled and installed without wearing gloves, long sleeves, or chemical respirators. Installers appreciate insulation free of toxins and abrasives.





PART THREE

## Code Allowed Applications for Wood Fiber Insulation

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION CODES,  
INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE,  
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE



## US and Canada Code Compliance



ASTM C739 CAN/ULC-S703-  
Standard Specification for  
Cellulosic Fiber  
ASTM 119/E84 CAN/ULC S102



ASTM C739 CAN/ULC-S703-  
(Abridged) Standard Specification  
for Cellulosic Fiber  
ASTM 119/E84 CAN/ULC S102



ASTM (abridged) C208/209  
Standard for Cellulosic Fiber  
Insulating Board  
ASTM 119/E84 CAN/ULC S102

Additional fire assembly testing UL listings (ASTM E119/UL 263)  
Hygrothermal analysis code compliance and best practices  
Sound testing (assemblies)  
Evaluation Services Reports

# NFPA 285 Definitions for Material Combustibility

- **Combustible Material:** will ignite and burn in the form in which it is used and under the conditions anticipated
  - Wood Framing, OSB
  - Cellulose, Foam, Wood Fiber Insulation
- **Non-Combustible Material:** will not ignite, burn, support combustion, or release flammable vapors when subjected to fire or heat in the form in which it is used and under the conditions anticipated (Passes ASTM E 136 at 750C)
  - Brick/Concrete/Cement
  - Mineral Wool Insulation

# IBC Construction Types Where Wood Fiber is Allowed

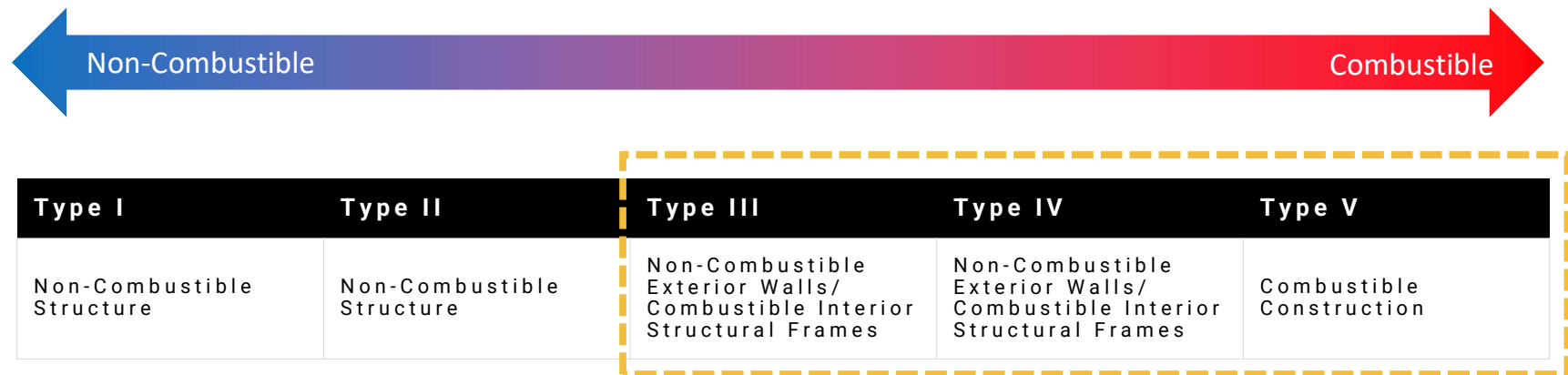


Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
Non-Combustible Structure	Non-Combustible Structure	Non-Combustible Exterior Walls/ Combustible Interior Structural Frames	Non-Combustible Exterior Walls/ Combustible Interior Structural Frames	Combustible Construction

- Each type has an “A” and a “B” sub-category, “A” has increased fire protection requirements




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# IBC Maximum Building Height

Building Use	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
					
<b>Assembly *</b>	Unlimited	4	4	4	3
<b>Education</b>	Unlimited	4	4	4	2
<b>Business</b>	Unlimited	6	6	6	4
<b>Factory</b>	Unlimited	6	5	6	4
<b>High Hazard</b>	Unlimited	6	6	6	4
<b>Institutional</b>	Unlimited	5	5	5	3
<b>Mercantile</b>	Unlimited	5	5	5	4
<b>Residential</b>	Unlimited	5	5	5	4
<b>Storage</b>	Unlimited	6	5	6	5
<b>Utility</b>	Unlimited	5	4	5	3

\* Where a building is equipped with an approved automatic sprinkler system, the maximum number of stories is increased by one

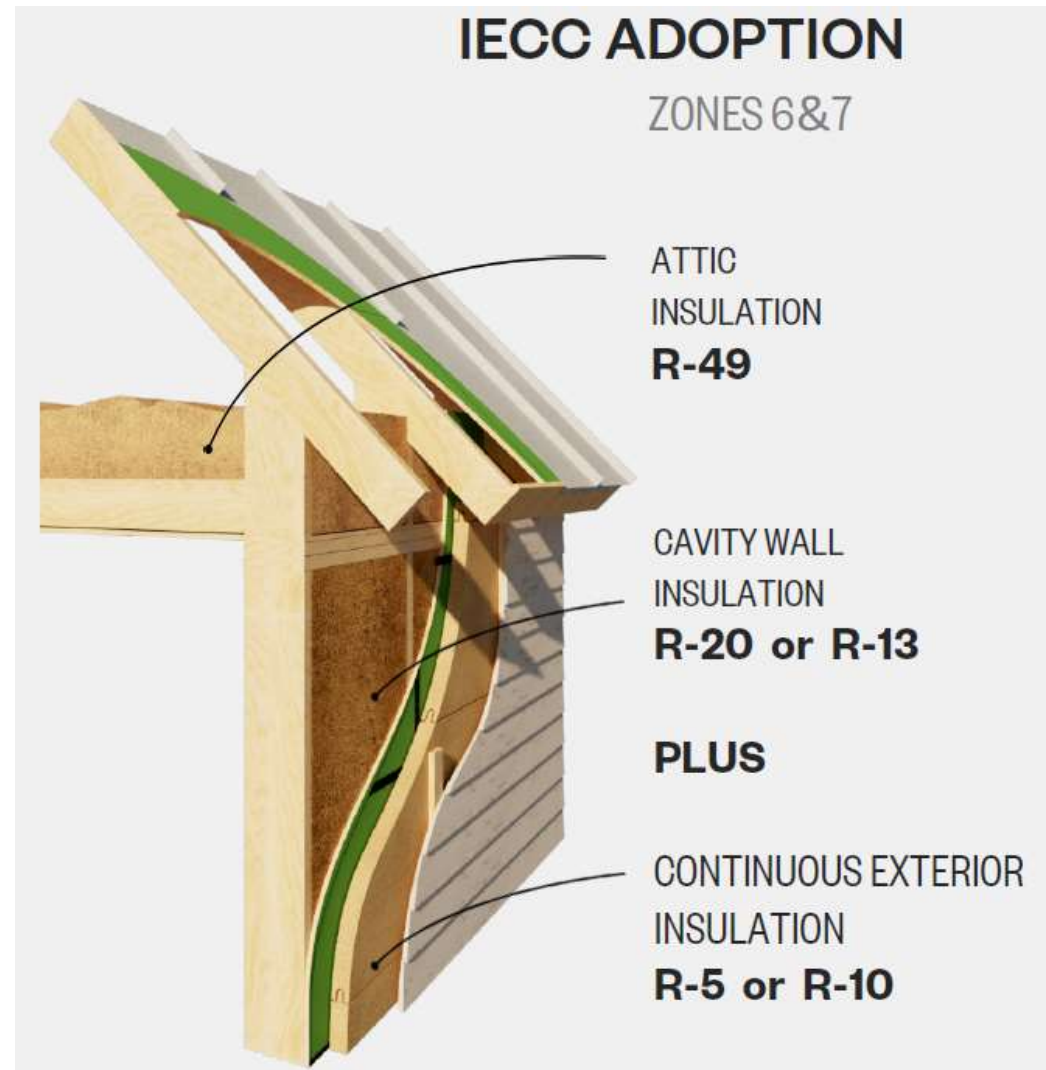
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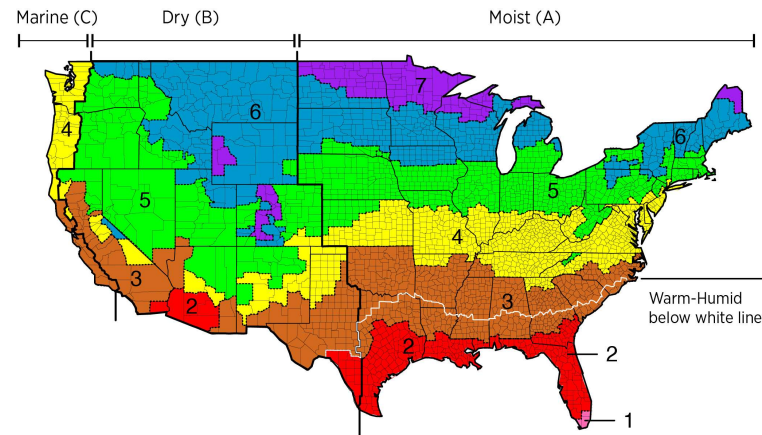
# Building Code Drives Tighter Buildings and Higher R-Values

- Not just more insulation, but continuous insulation
- Climate zone and basic requirements
- More insulation can mean more problems
- View the building envelope as a system





# IECC 2018 Minimum Insulation Requirements



WALL	1	2	3	4 EXCEPT MARINE	5 & MARINE 4	6	7	8
METAL FRAMED	R-13 + 5 c.i.	R-13 + 7.5 c.i.	R-13 + 7.5 c.i.	R-13 + 7.5 c.i.	R-13 + 7.5 c.i.	R-13 + 7.5 c.i.	R-13 + 15.6 c.i.	R-13 + 17.5 c.i.
WOOD FRAMED	R-20	R-20	R-20	R-20	R-20 + 3.8 c.i.	R-20 + 3.8 ci.	R-20 + 3.8 ci.	R-20 + 10 c.i.

NR = Not Required ; c.i. = continuous insulation

# Tighter Buildings Can Bring More Risk

TABLE N1102.1.3 (R402.1.3)  
INSULATION REQUIREMENTS BY COMPONENT<sup>a</sup>

Climate Zone	Wood Framed Wall (R-Value)
1	13 or 0+10
2	13 or 0+10
3	20 or 13+5 <sup>h</sup> or 0+15
4 except Marine	30 or 20+5 <sup>h</sup> or 13+10 <sup>h</sup> or 0+15 <sup>h</sup>
5 and Marine 4	30 or 20+5 <sup>h</sup> or 13+10 <sup>h</sup> or 0+15 <sup>h</sup>
6	30 or 20+5 <sup>h</sup> or 13+10 <sup>h</sup> or 0+20 <sup>h</sup>
7&8	30 or 20+5 <sup>h</sup> or 13+10 <sup>h</sup> or 0+20 <sup>h</sup>

a. R-values are minimums. When insulation is installed in a cavity which is less than the label or design thickness of the insulation, the installed R-value of the insulation shall not be less than the R-value specified in the table.

h. The first value is cavity insulation, the second value is continuous insulation, so "13+5" means R-13 cavity insulation plus R-5 continuous insulation.

Blower Door Testing  
Leakage = Air Changes per Hour (ACH)

## Testing R402.4.2.1

- OPTIONAL
- Approved 3<sup>rd</sup> Party
- Written Report

**7 ACH50 or Less**

## Testing R402.4.1.2

- MANDATORY**
- Approved 3<sup>rd</sup> Party
- Written Report

**Not Exceeding 3 ACH50**

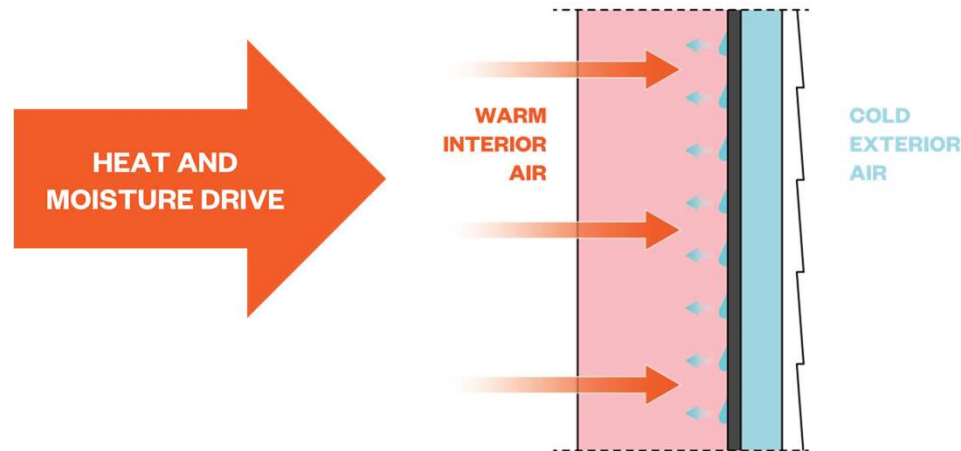
## Calculation

- ACH50 (Air Change per Hour at 50 Pascals)

$$\frac{\text{CFM50} \times 60}{\text{VOLUME}} = \text{ACH50}$$



# Houses don't need to breathe... people do.



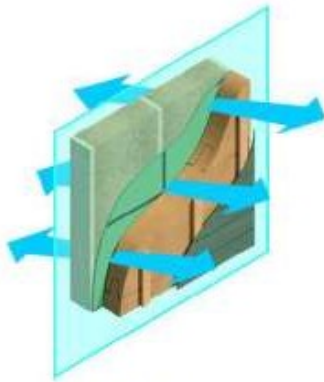
# IBC 2018 Vapor Retarder Mandatory Requirements

INTERIOR SIDE OF FRAME WALLS						
VAPOR RETARDER	1&2	3 & 4 EXCEPT MARINE	MARINE 4	5	6	7&8
CLASS I	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
CLASS II	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CLASS III * allowed if one of the conditions are met	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓</li> <li>• Vented cladding over wood structural panels, fiber board or gypsum, or</li> <li>• Continuous insulation with <math>R \geq 2.5</math> (2x4 wall) or <math>R \geq 3.75</math> (2x6 wall)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓</li> <li>• Vented cladding over wood structural panels, fiberboard or gypsum, or</li> <li>• Continuous insulation with <math>R \geq 5</math> (2x4 wall) or <math>R \geq 7.5</math> (2x6 wall)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓</li> <li>• Vented cladding over fiberboard or gypsum, or</li> <li>• Continuous insulation with <math>R \geq 7.5</math> (2x4 wall) or <math>R \geq 11.25</math> (2x6 wall)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓</li> <li>Continuous insulation with <math>R \geq 10</math> (2x4 wall) or <math>R \geq 15</math> (2x6 wall)</li> </ul>

\* Only Class III is allowed on the interior side of frame wall if foam insulating sheathing with a perm rating of less than 1 is applied on the exterior side of frame wall



# IBC 2018 Vapor Retarder Mandatory Requirements



**CLASS I**  $\leq 0.1$  Perm

$0.1 \text{ Perm} < \text{CLASS II}$   $\leq 1$  Perm

$1 \text{ Perm} < \text{CLASS III}$   $\leq 10$  Perm

$10 \text{ Perm} < \text{Vapor Permeable}$

- Vapor Retarder class shall be based on the manufacturer's certified testing or a tested assembly

COMMON VAPOR RETARDERS	
Class I	Sheet polyethylene
	Nonperforated aluminum foil
Class II	$\geq 1"$ XPS
	Kraft-faced fiberglass batt
	$\frac{1}{4}"$ Plywood (exterior glue)
Class III	Latex or enamel paint
	OSB sheathing
Vapor Permeable	Wood Fiber Insulation
	Mineral Wool

**TABLE R702.7.1**

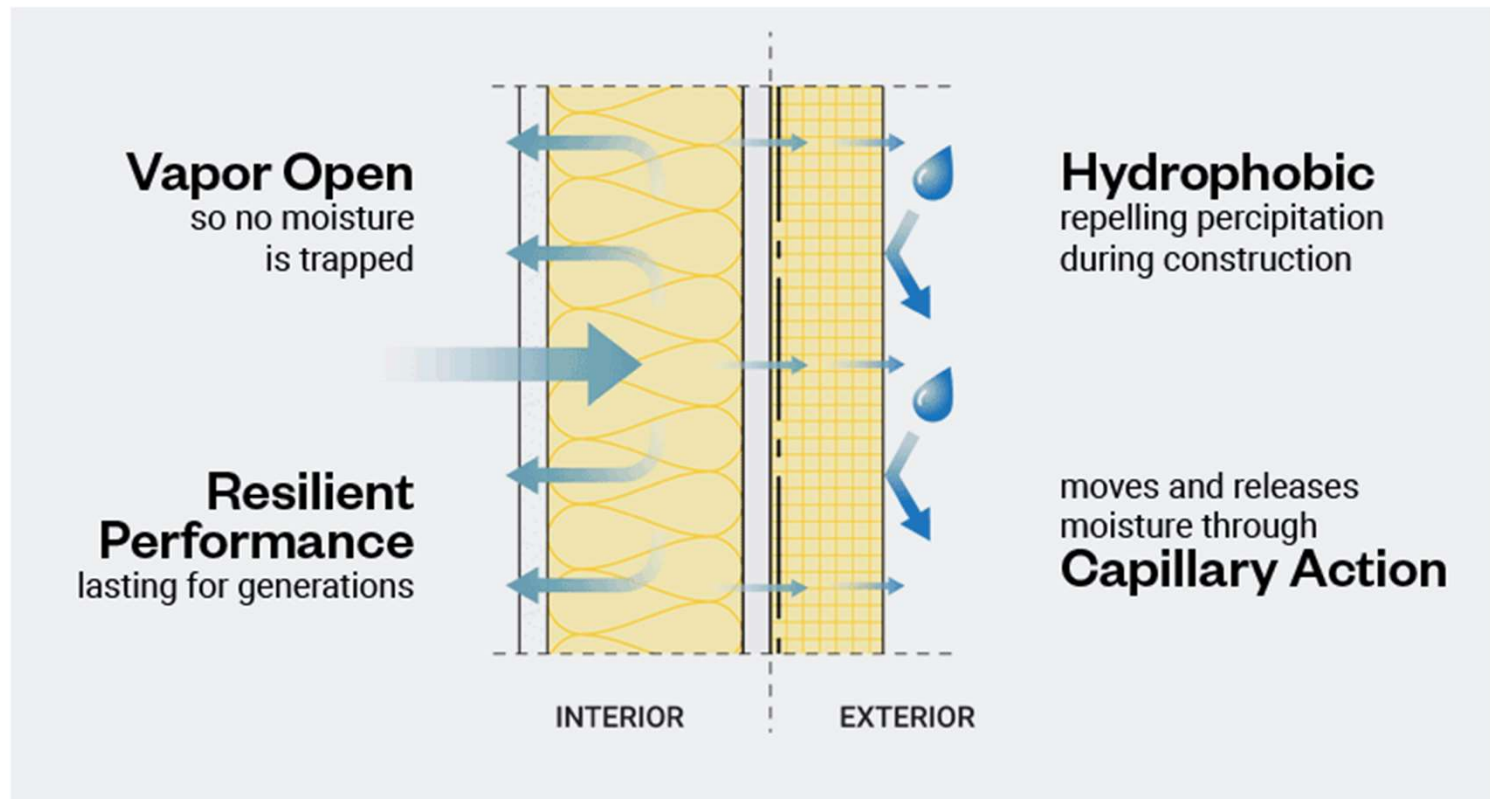
**CLASS III VAPOR RETARDERS : LATEX OR ENAMEL PAINT <sup>a,b</sup>**

CLIMATE ZONE	CLASS III VAPOR RETARDERS PERMITTED FOR:
Marine 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CI with R-value <math>\geq 2.5</math> over a 2x4 wall</li> <li>- CI with R-value <math>\geq 3.75</math> over a 2x6 wall</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CI with R-value <math>\geq 5</math> over a 2x4 wall</li> <li>- CI with R-value <math>\geq 7.5</math> over a 2x6 wall</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CI with R-value <math>\geq 7.5</math> over a 2x4 wall</li> <li>- CI with R-value <math>\geq 11.25</math> over a 2x6 wall</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CI with R-value <math>\geq 10</math> over a 2x4 wall</li> <li>- CI with R-value <math>\geq 15</math> over a 2x6 wall</li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CI with R-value <math>\geq 12.5</math> over a 2x4 wall</li> <li>- CI with R-value <math>\geq 20</math> over a 2x6 wall</li> </ul>

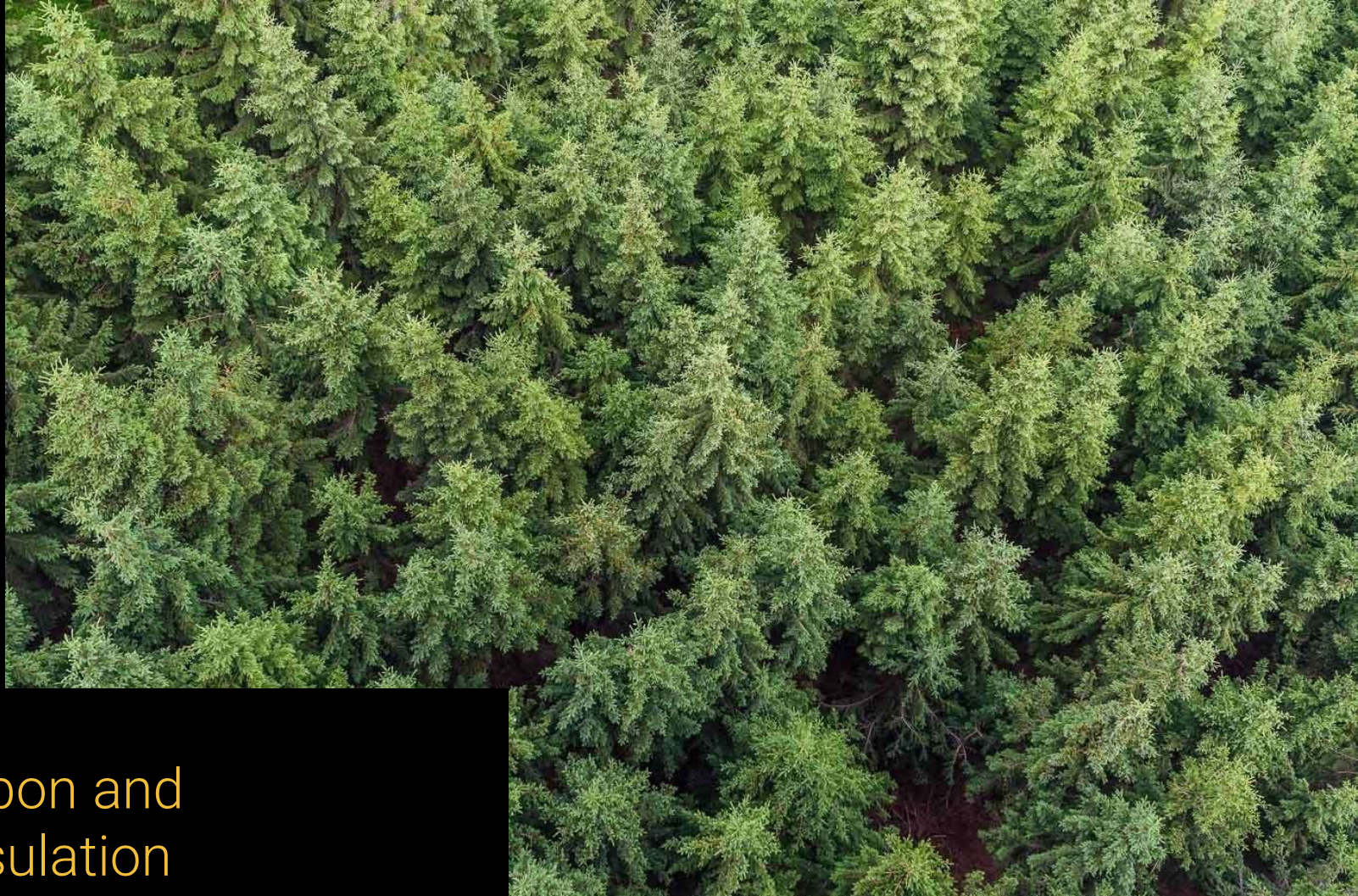
a. CI = Continuous Insulation

b. The requirements in this table apply only to insulation used to control moisture in order to permit the use of Class III vapor retarders. The insulation materials used to satisfy this option also contribute to but do not supersede the thermal envelope requirements of Chapter 11.

## Reduce Risk with Flow-Through Assemblies





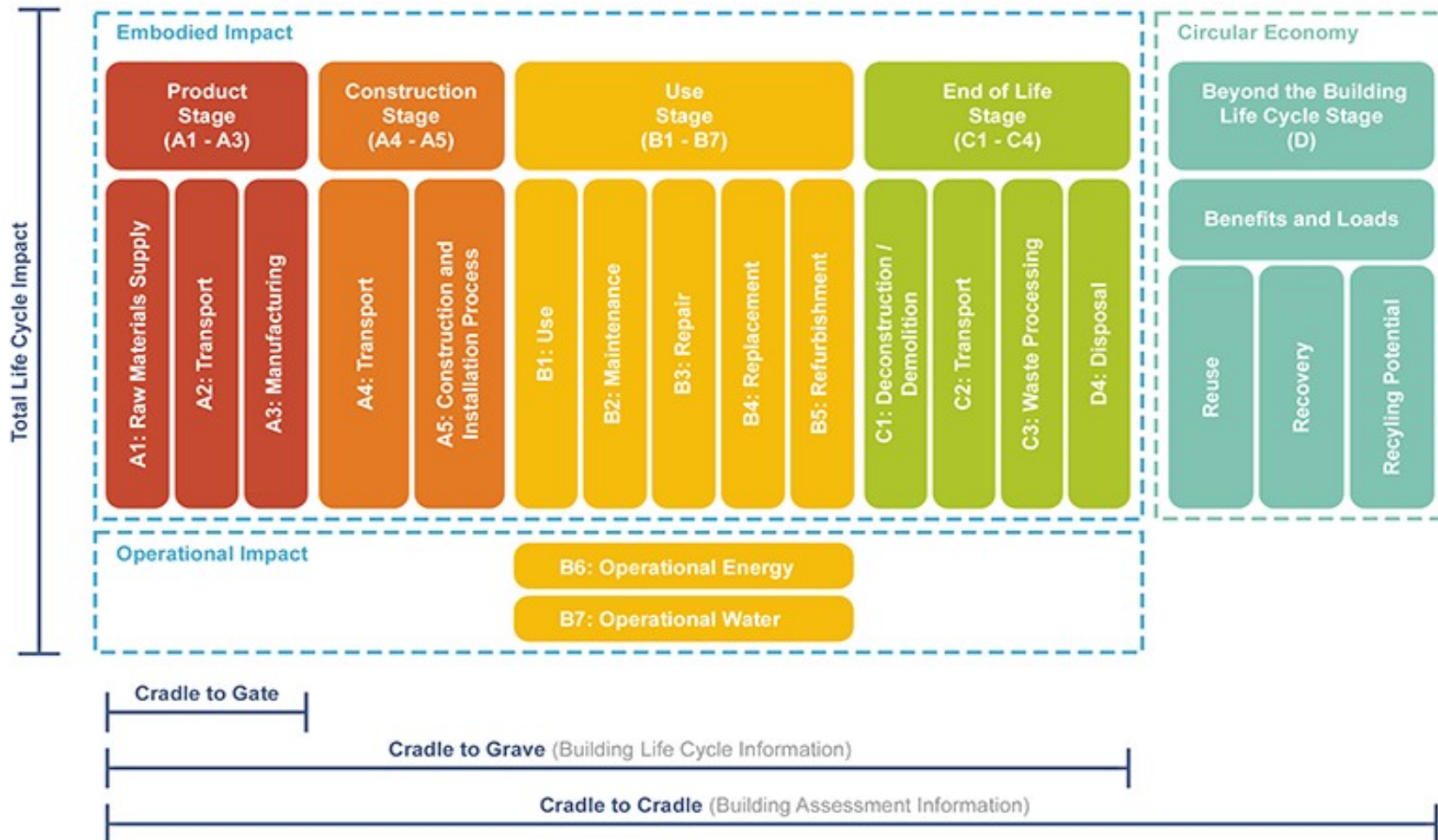


#### PART FOUR

## Embodied Carbon and Wood Fiber Insulation

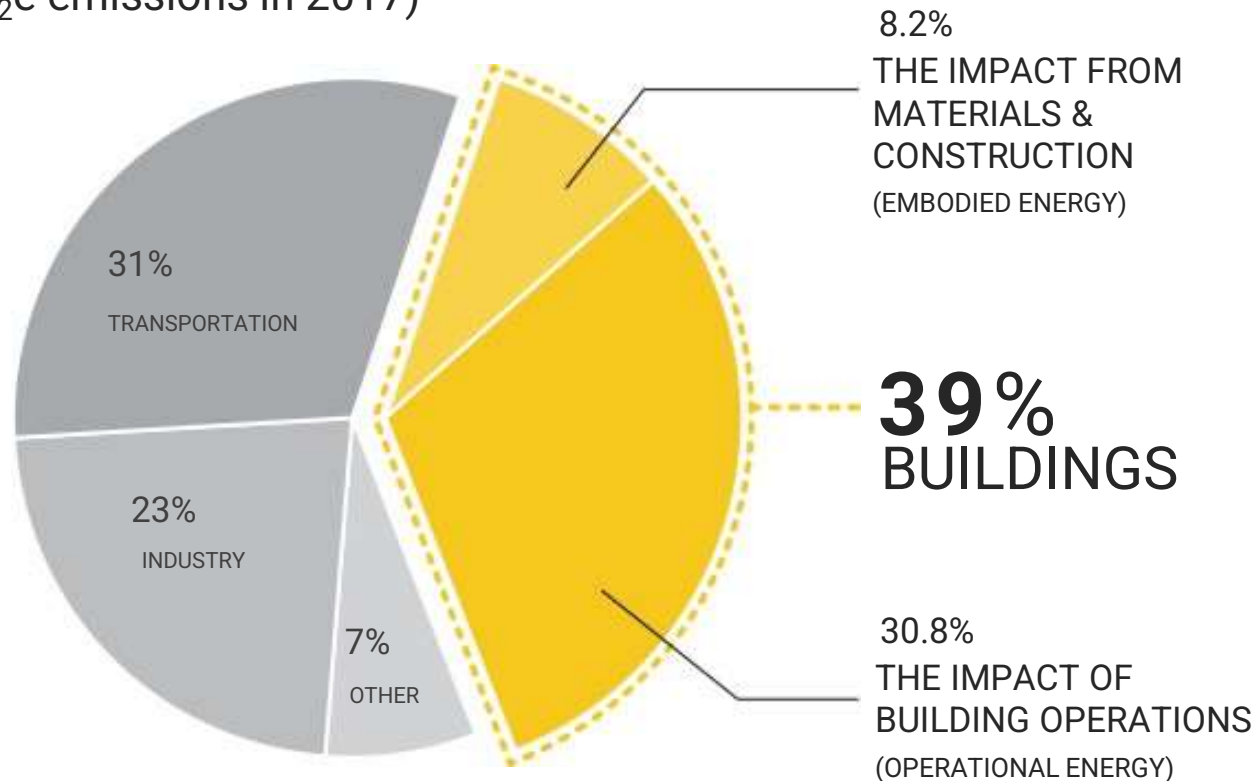


# Embodied Carbon - Life Cycle Analysis



# Built Environment and Energy Consumption

(CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions in 2017)



The construction and operation of buildings in the United States alone is responsible for almost

**2 Gigatons CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions annually.**

The prescription for dramatically reducing that impact is well understood and immediately technologically achievable.

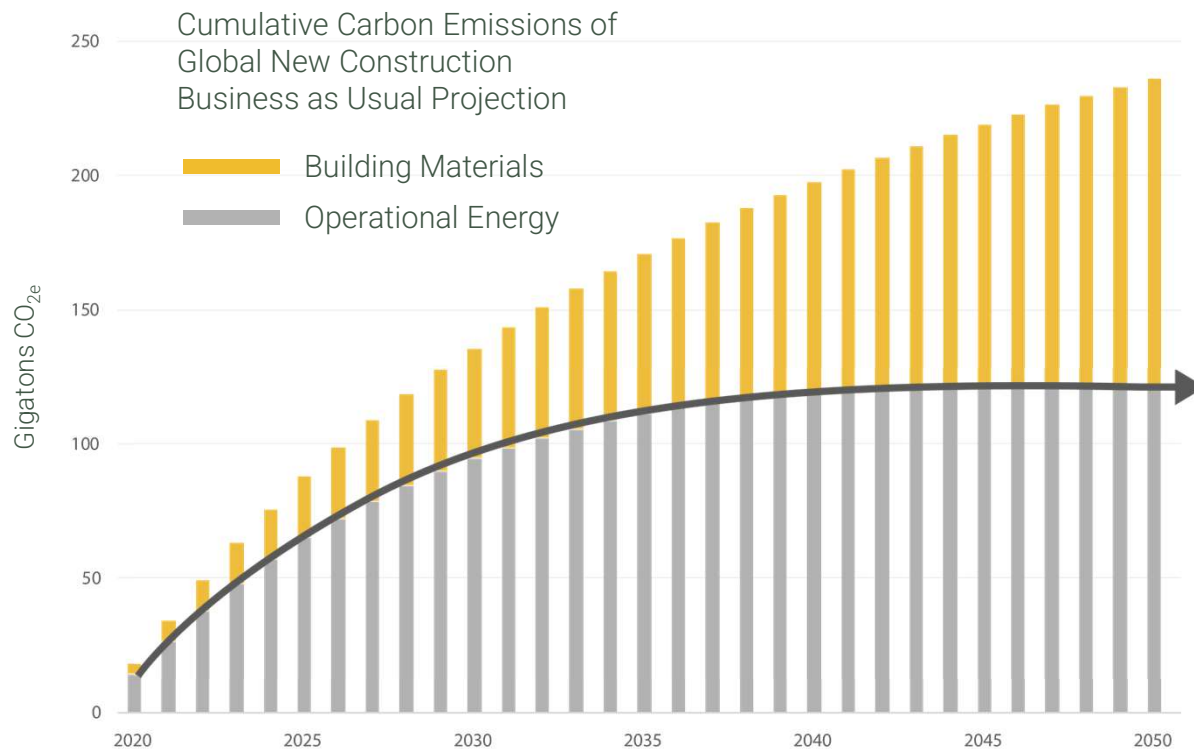
Source: Global Alliance for Building and Construction, *Global Status Report*, 2019; US EIA, *EIA International Energy Outlook 2017*, 2017.

# Embodied Carbon from Building Materials is responsible for 8.2% of global GHG emissions

- **Embodied Carbon** is the amount of greenhouse gases emitted during the life cycle of a material
- **Life Cycle Analysis (LCA)** is a tool that quantifies a product's carbon footprint through a holistic view of its environmental interactions from cradle to grave
  1. Extraction and transportation of raw materials
  2. Manufacture of product
  3. Use of product
  4. End-of-life treatment (disposal or recycle)



# Embodied Carbon is increasingly significant



Source: AIA 2030

By 2050, it is projected that embodied carbon will take up almost half the total carbon emissions from new construction.

Energy Retrofit Programs

+

Renewable Energy



**Reduced Operational CO<sub>2e</sub>**



**Problem** : The insulation market is dominated by fossil-fuel dependent products with devastating environmental impacts



### High Embodied Carbon

Irredeemable Global Warming Potential



### Vapor closed, traps moisture

Leading to mold and mildew, health risks, and rot



### Non-recyclable, made with toxins

Loaded with dangerous toxic ingredients

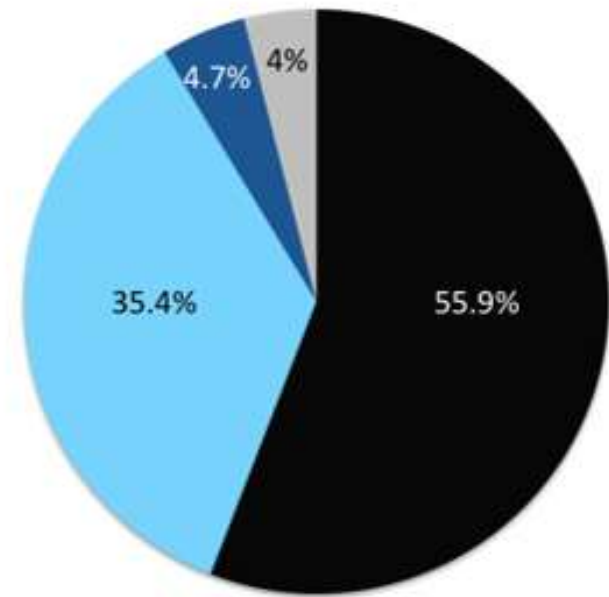


### Harmful off-gassing

Leading to unhealthy indoor air quality

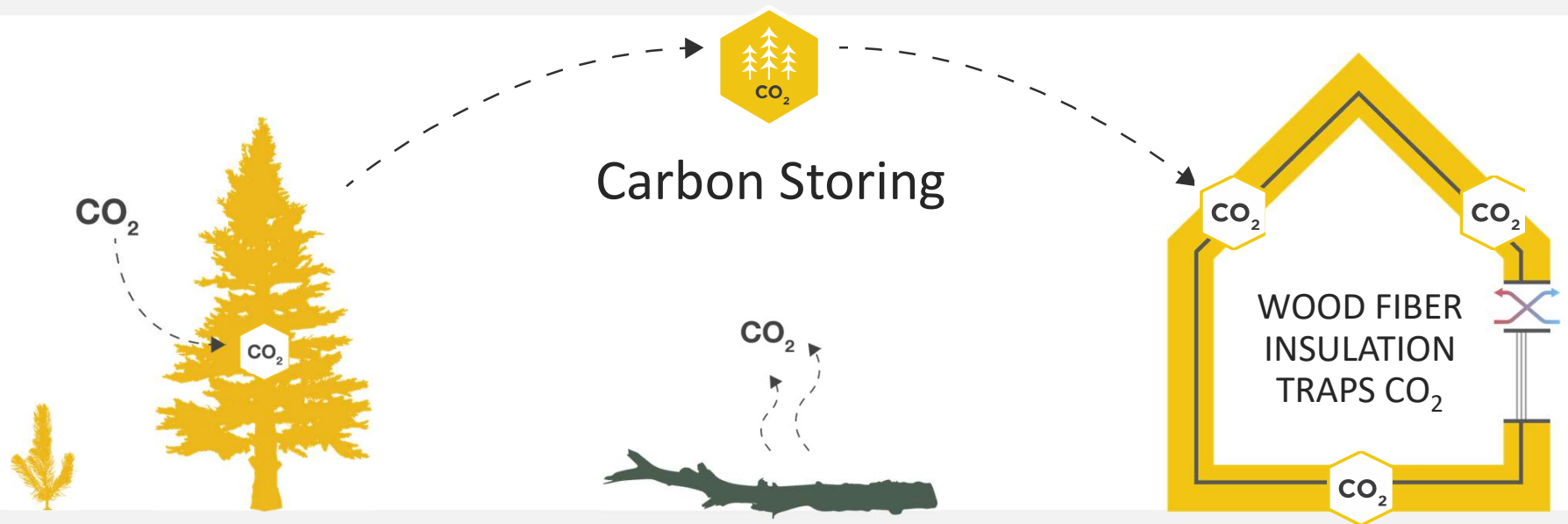


### Highly flammable



# Solution : Wood Fiber Insulation

Carbon storing wood products used in construction yield a net benefit to the atmosphere



Atmospheric carbon dioxide is taken up by trees and, through photosynthesis, stored as carbon in biomass

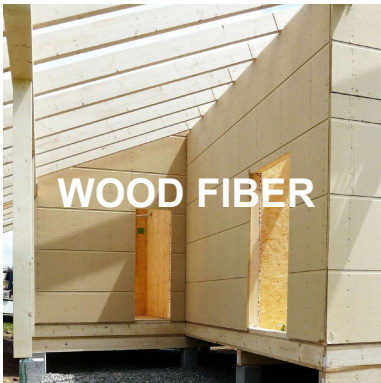
At the end of the tree's life, when left to decay, this stored carbon returns to the atmosphere slowly

Harvesting trees as the source material for building products can delay the release of that carbon for the life of the building and potentially far longer



# Carbon Footprint

**2 kg CO<sub>2</sub>**  
Per 100SF @ R=1



WOOD FIBER



FIBERGLASS



MINERAL WOOL



SPRAY FOAM



XPS

**14 kg CO<sub>2</sub>**  
Per 100SF @ R=1



**15 kg CO<sub>2</sub>**  
Per 100SF @ R=1



**36 kg CO<sub>2</sub>**  
Per 100SF @ R=1

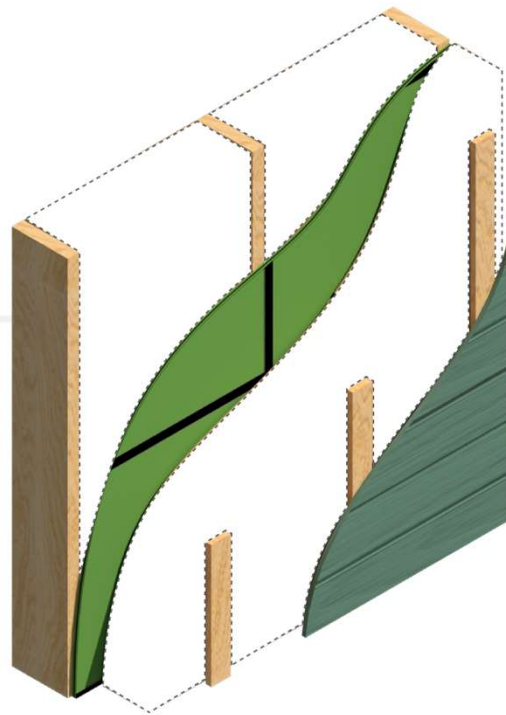


**-9 kg CO<sub>2</sub>**  
Per 100SF @ R=1



# Embodied CO<sub>2</sub>

## 1,500 SF Passive House Wall Assembly

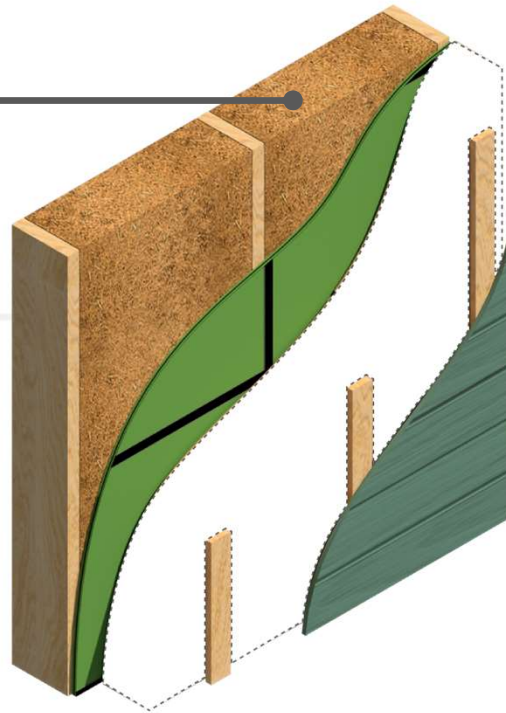
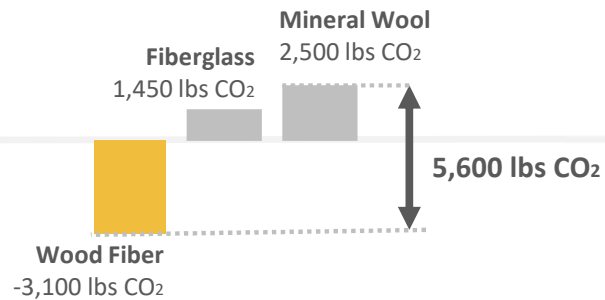




# Embodied CO<sub>2</sub>

## 1,500 SF Passive House Wall Assembly

### 2x6 Batt Insulation

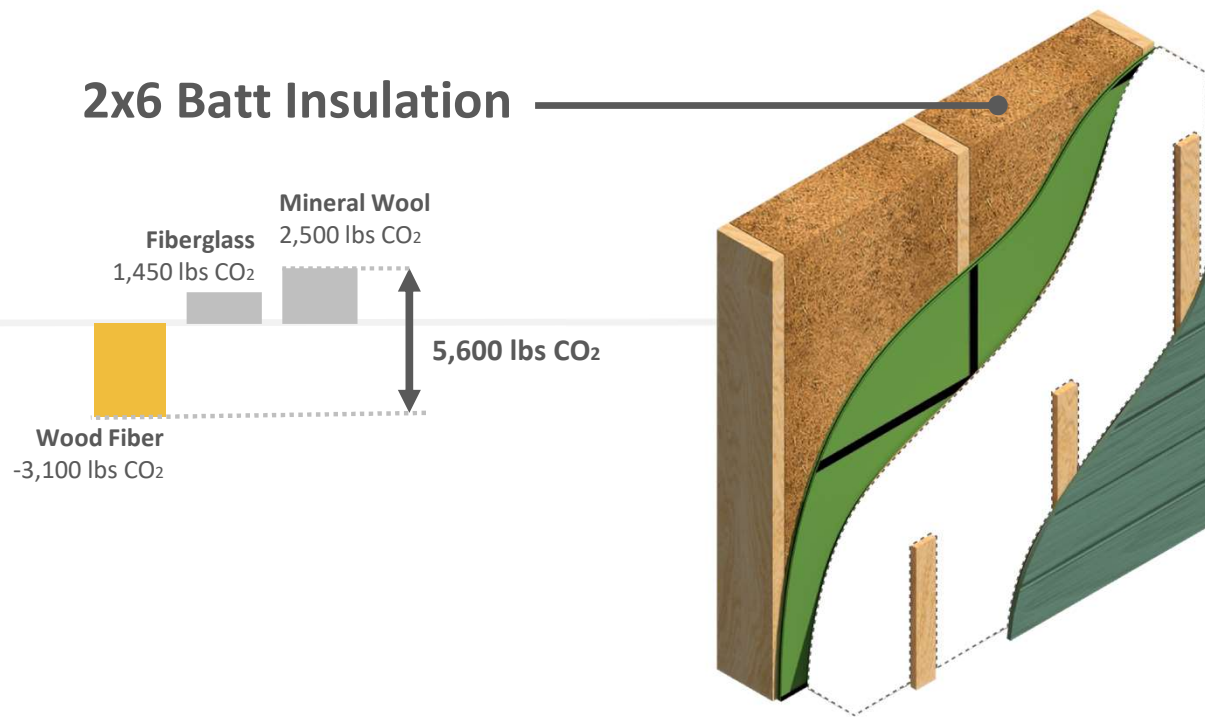


# Embodied CO<sub>2</sub>

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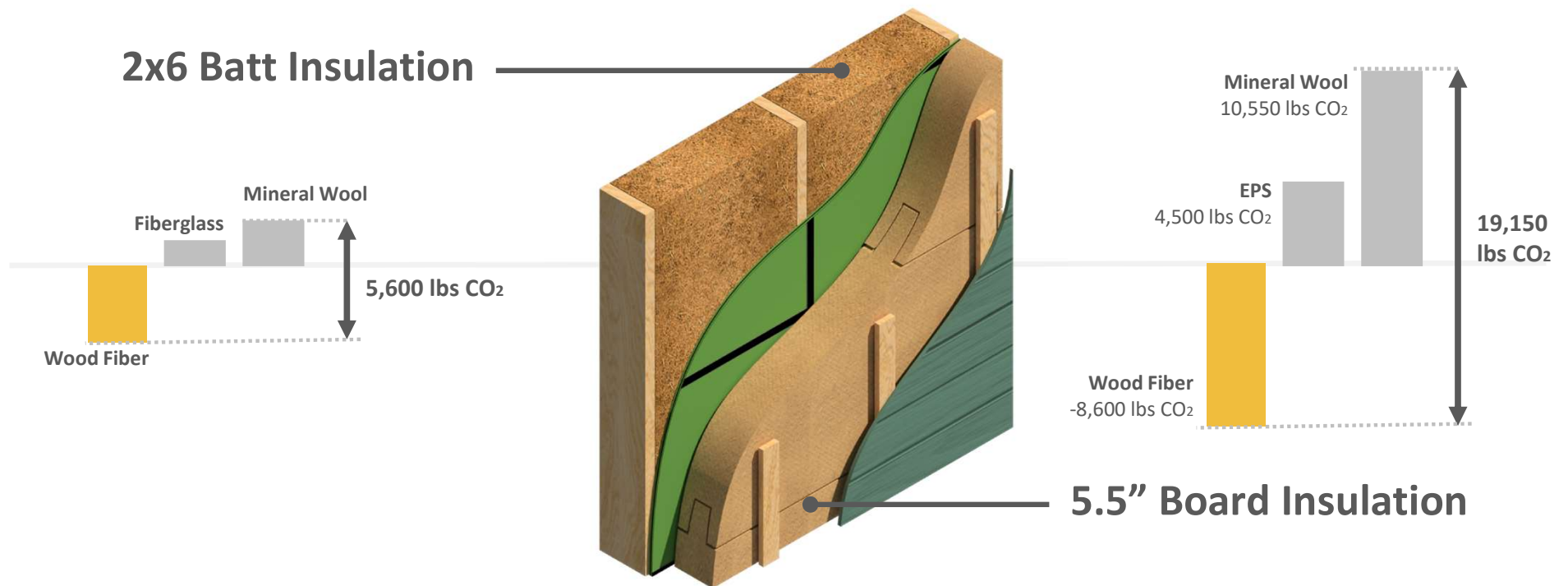
The CO<sub>2</sub> savings for one house is equivalent to the emissions from driving 7,100 miles

### 2x6 Batt Insulation



# Embodied CO<sub>2</sub>

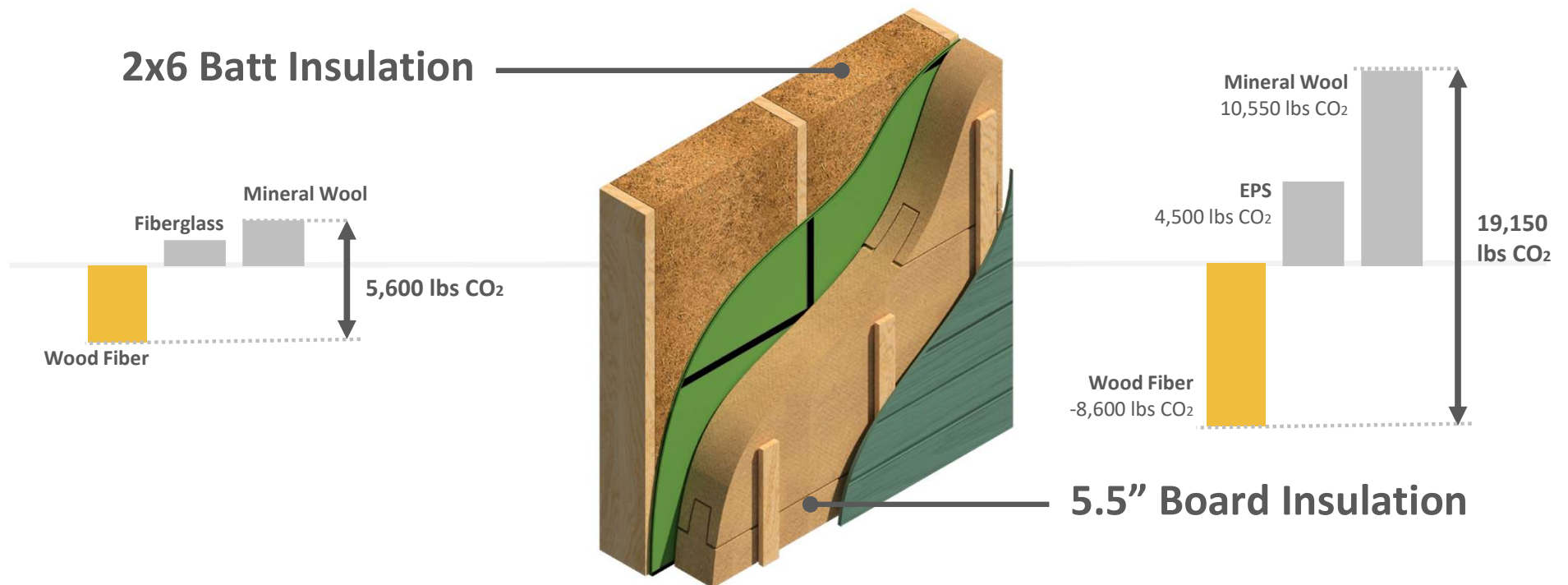
## 1,500 SF Passive House Wall Assembly



# Embodied CO<sub>2</sub>

## 1,500 SF Passive House Wall Assembly

The CO<sub>2</sub> savings for one house is equivalent to the emissions from driving 23,500 miles

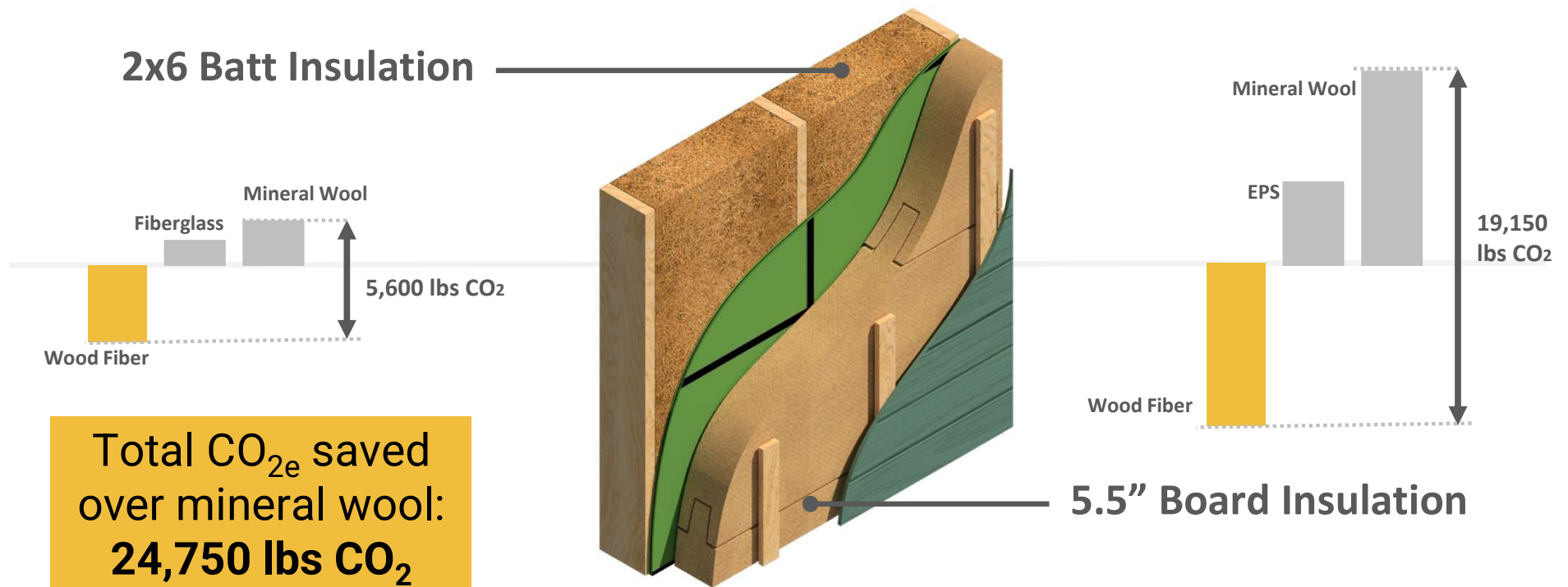




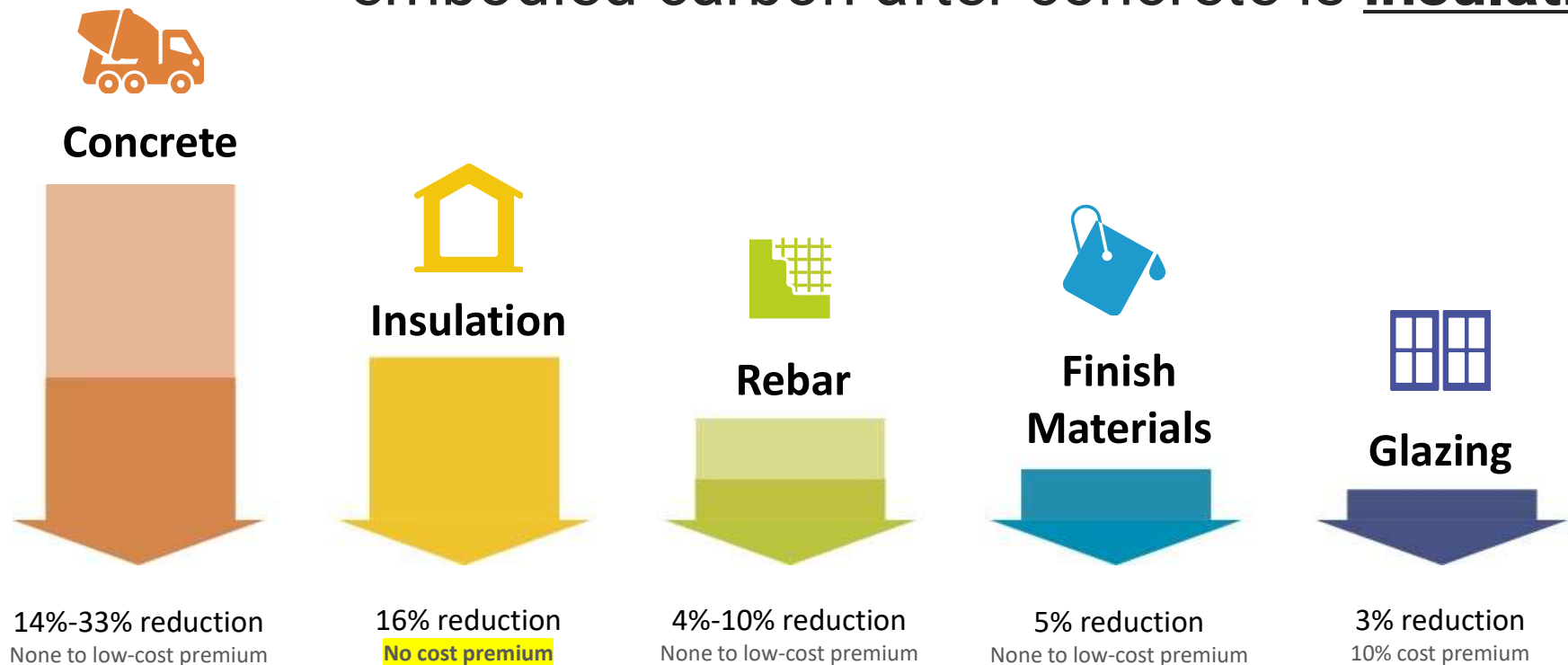
# Embodied CO<sub>2</sub>

## 1,500 SF Passive House Wall Assembly

The total CO<sub>2</sub> savings for one house is equivalent to the emissions from driving 1 car for 2.5 years



# The greatest opportunity for reducing embodied carbon after concrete is insulation



## TOP BUILDING MATERIAL CATEGORIES FOR REDUCING EMBODIED CARBON

Data Source: RMI