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# Building Science

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## Towering Inferno

# Setting The Stage

Grenfell Tower

North Kensington, United Kingdom

June, 2017







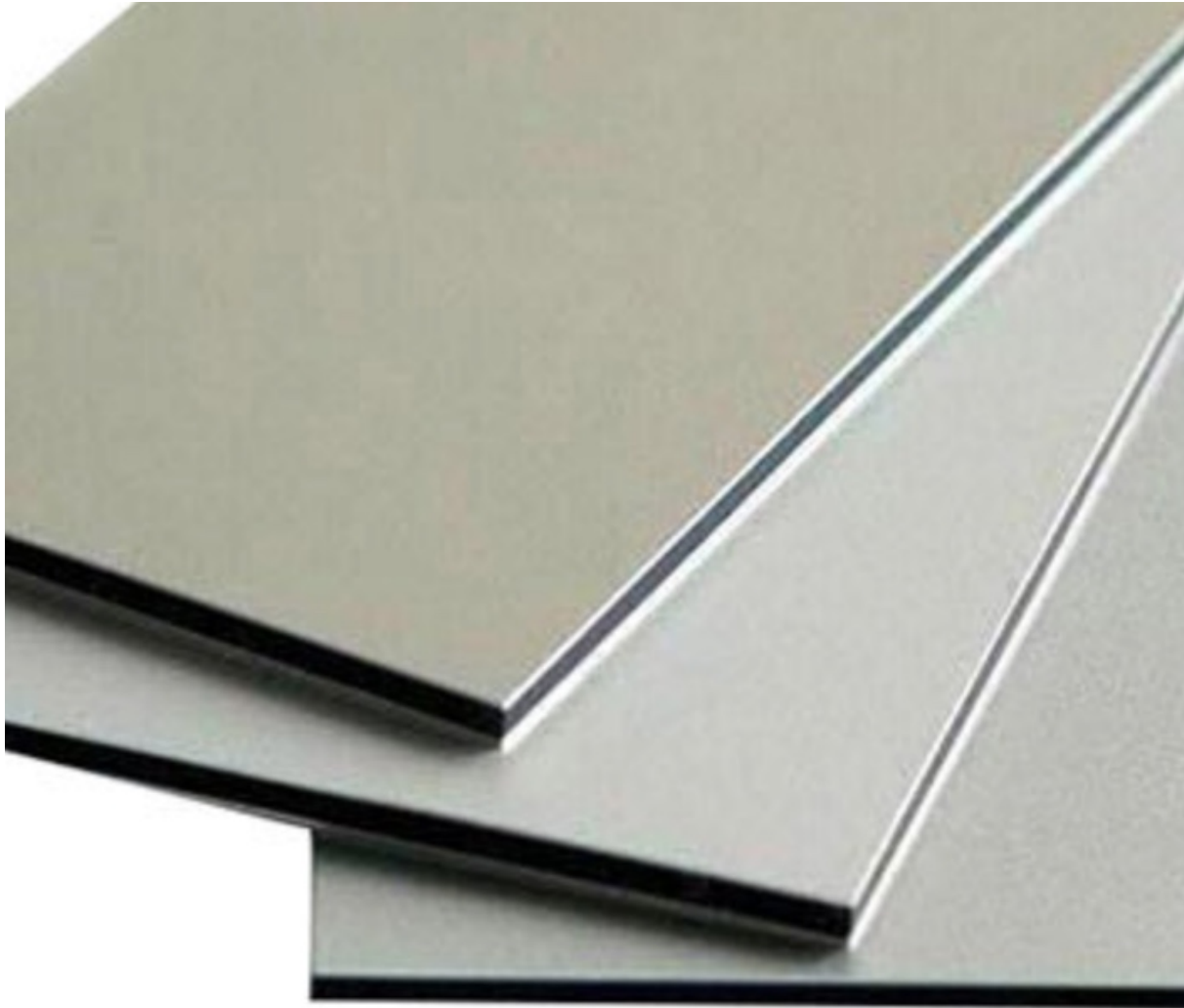
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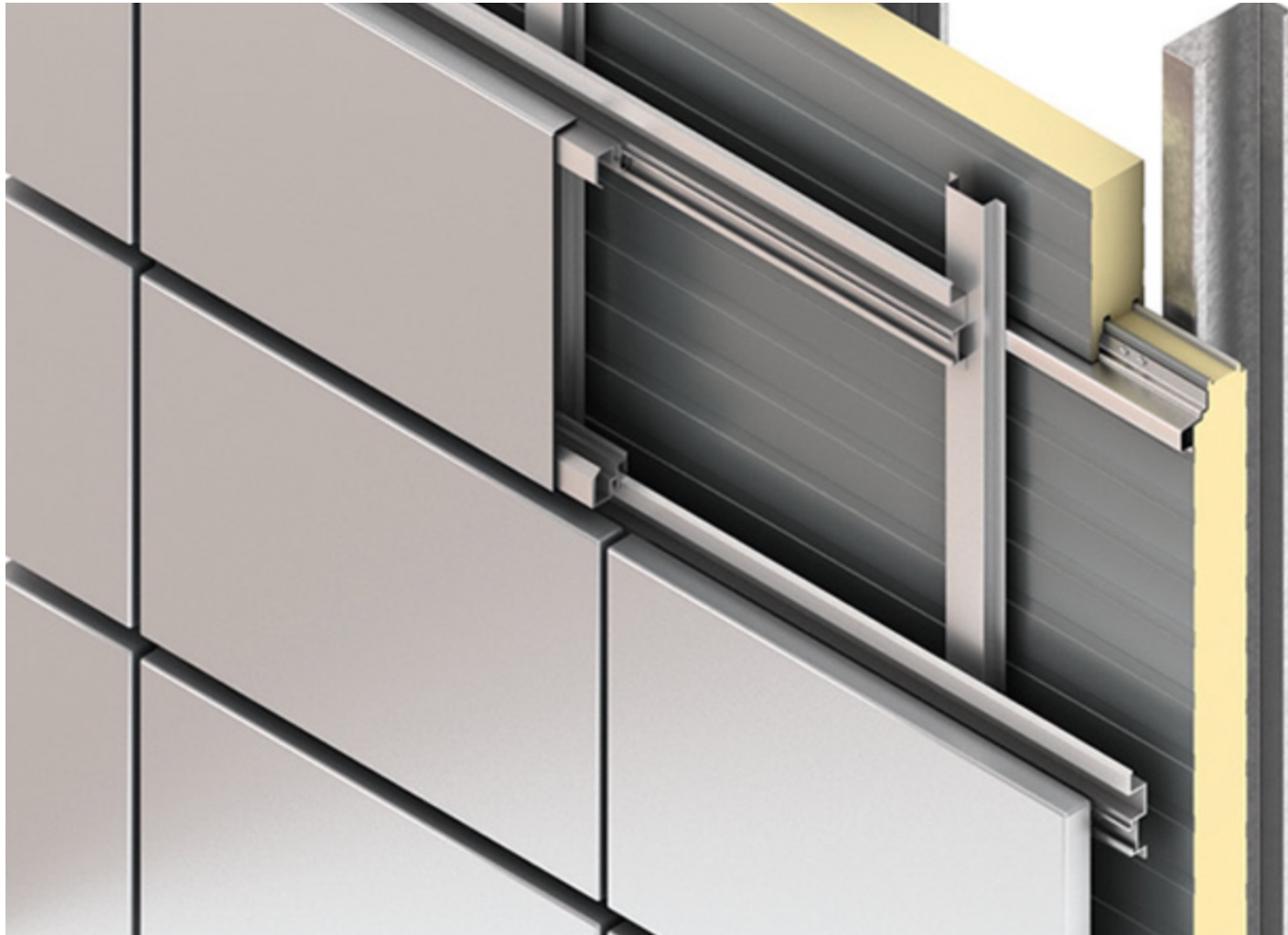
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Effective Compartmentalization  
Detection and Alarm Systems  
Sprinkler Systems  
Egress

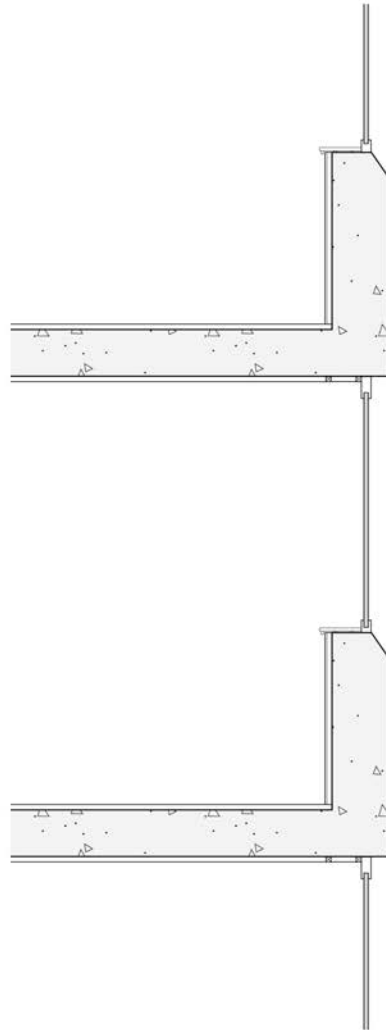


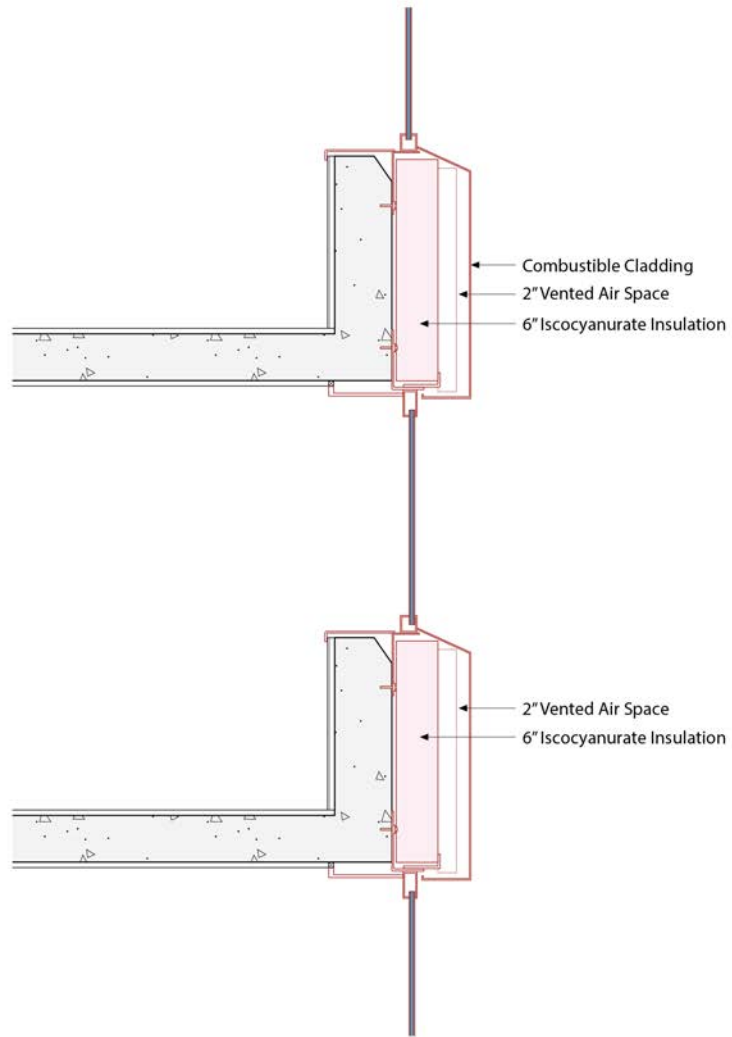


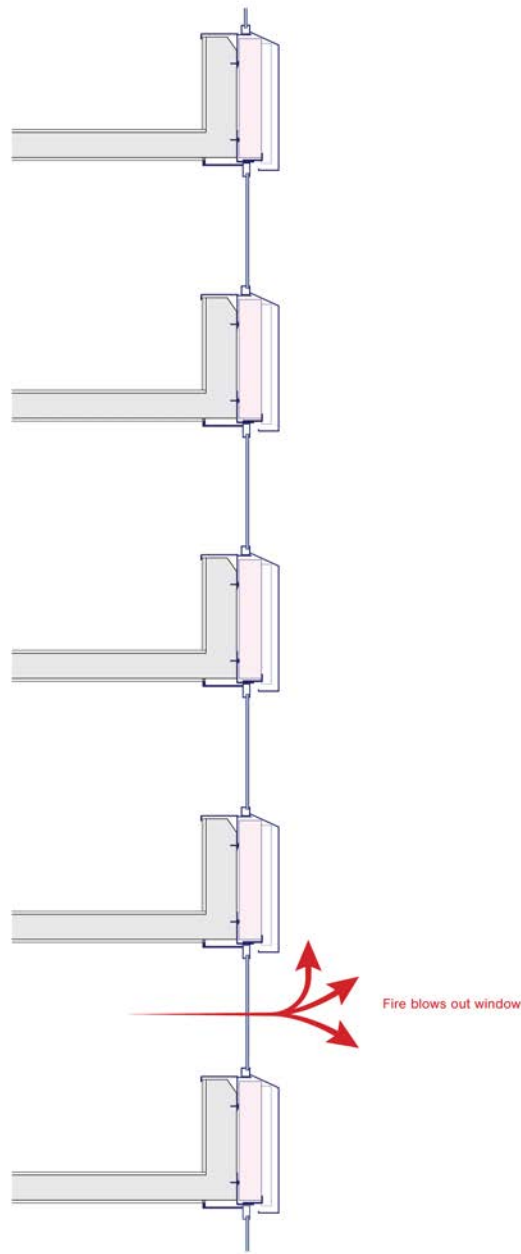


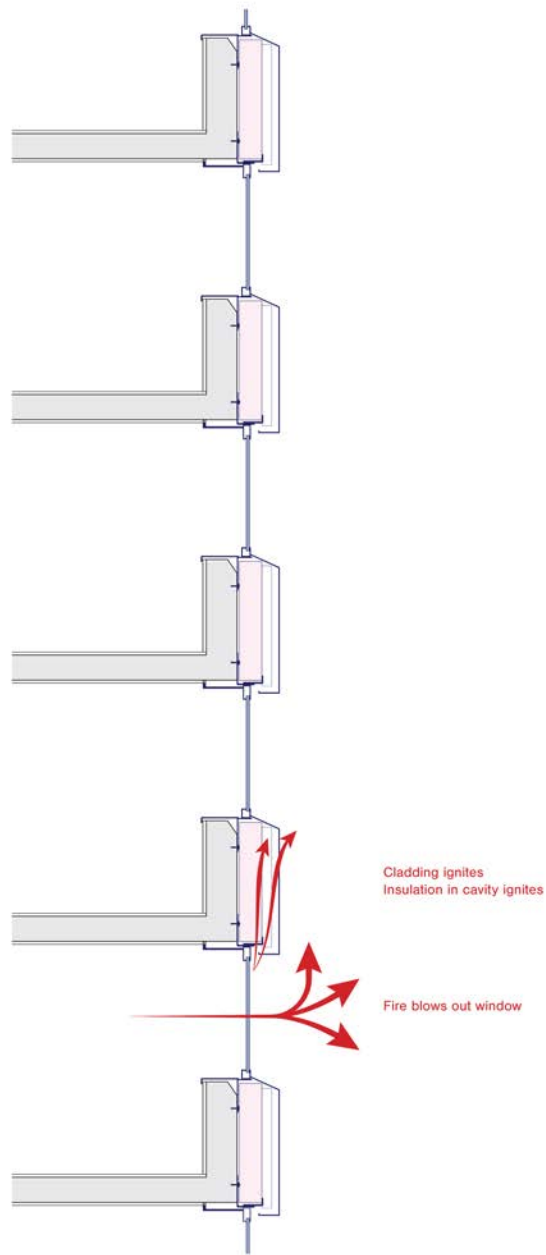




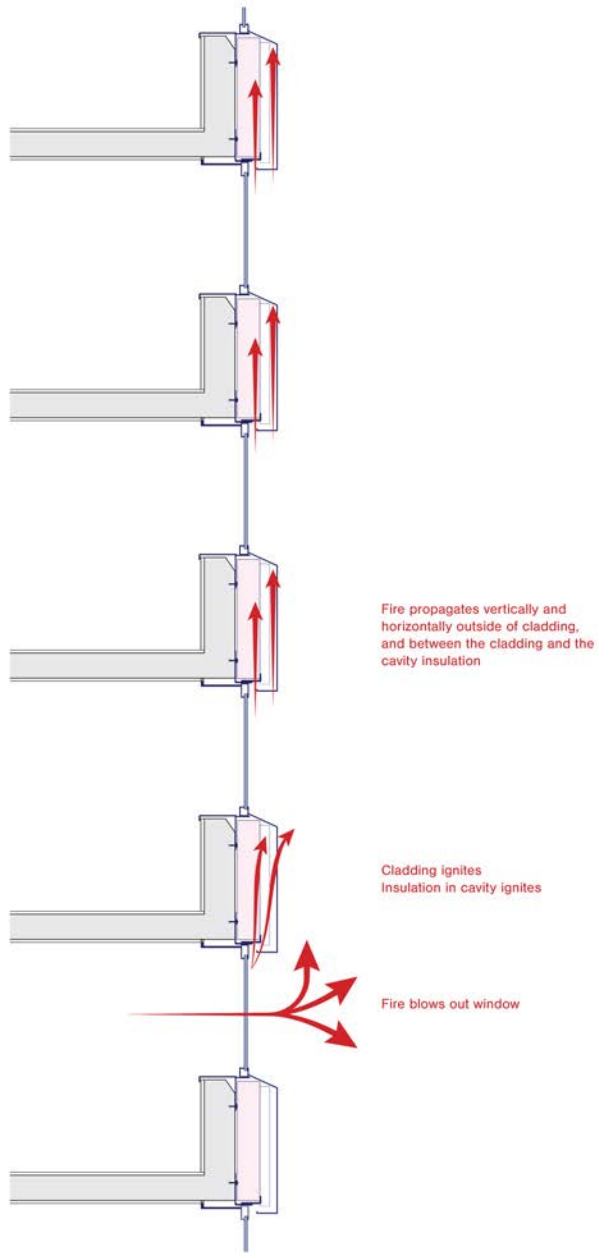


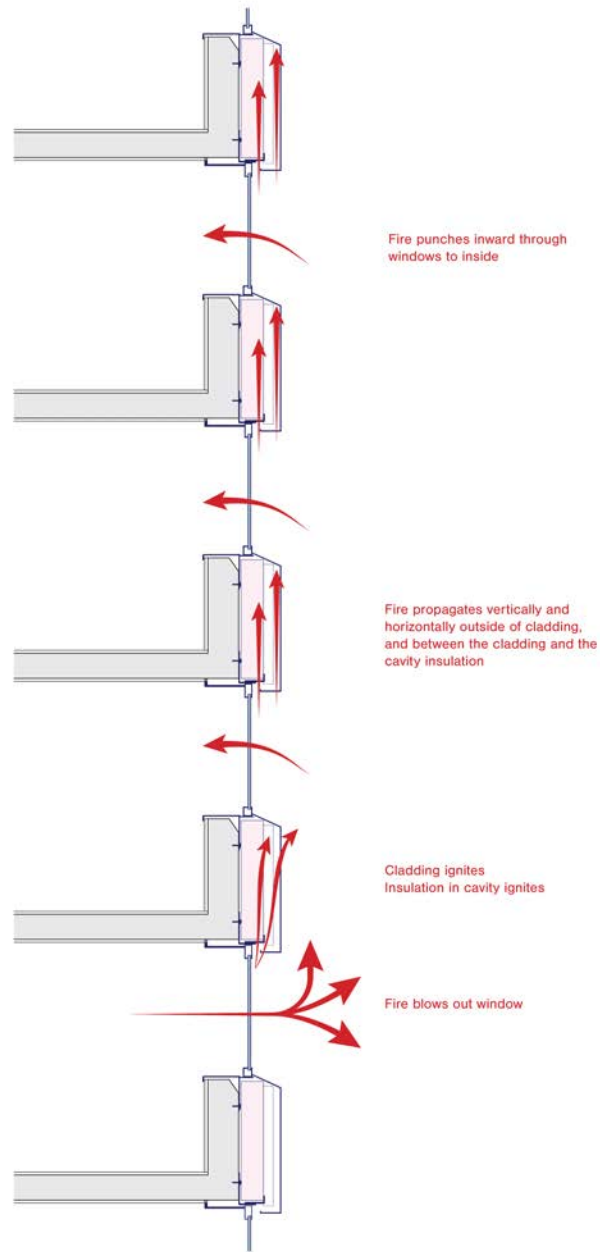












Fire punches inward through windows to inside

Fire propagates vertically and horizontally outside of cladding, and between the cladding and the cavity insulation

Cladding ignites  
Insulation in cavity ignites

Fire blows out window

Dubai Address Hotel

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

January, 2015





# Mermoz Roubaix, France

## May 2012



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KHZfLDxYBuU>



Tamweel Tower

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

November, 2012





Al Nahda Tower

Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

April, 2012





Polat Tower  
Istanbul, Turkey  
July, 2012







Dubai Torch Tower  
Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
August, 2017





Thorn House Hotel

Rostov-on-Don, Grozny, Chechnya

September, 2017





Marco Polo Apartments  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
July, 2017







Trump Tower  
New York, New York  
April, 2018







Monte Carlo Casino  
Las Vegas, NV  
January, 2008









# The English Fix



# Cladding Attachment



# Hooker Chemical Building Niagara Falls, New York





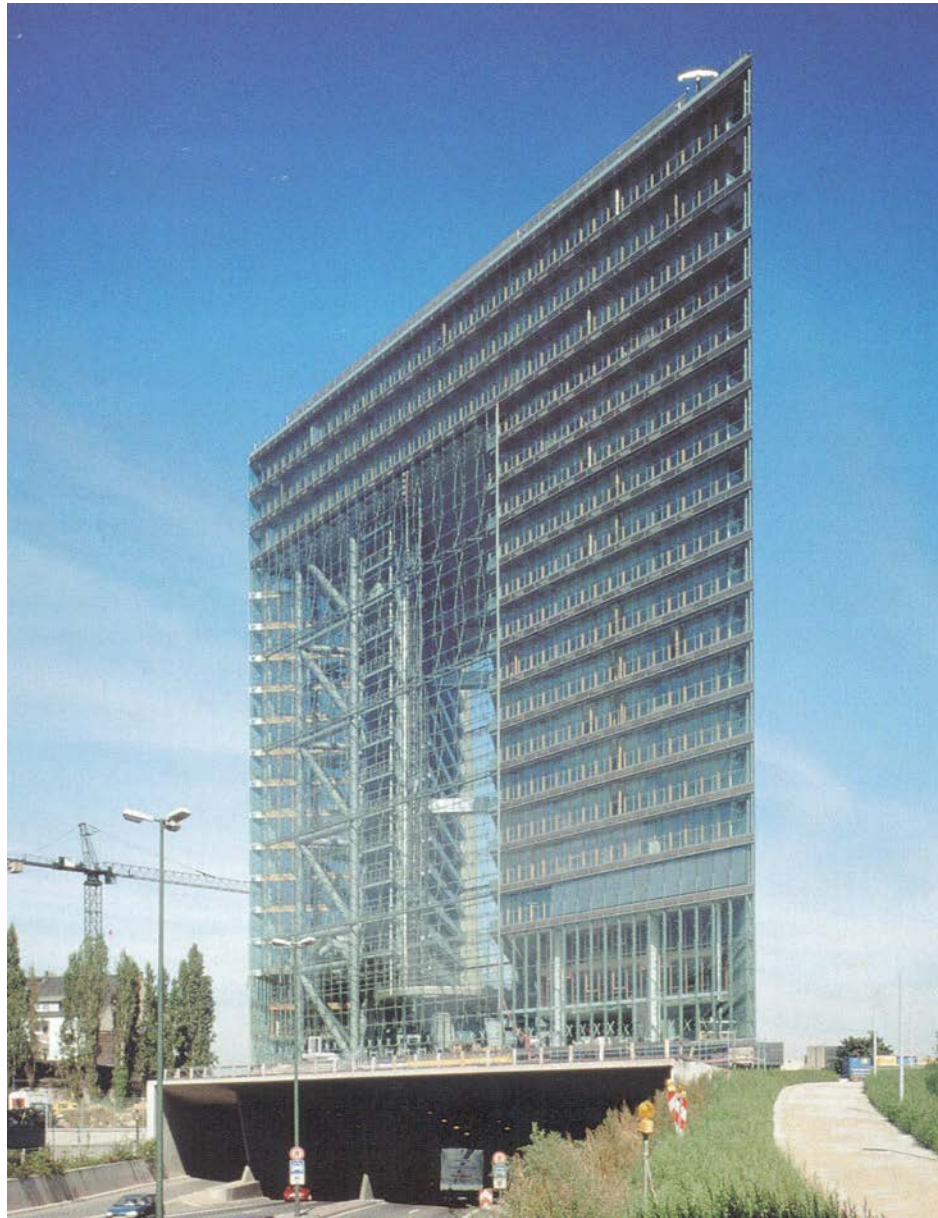


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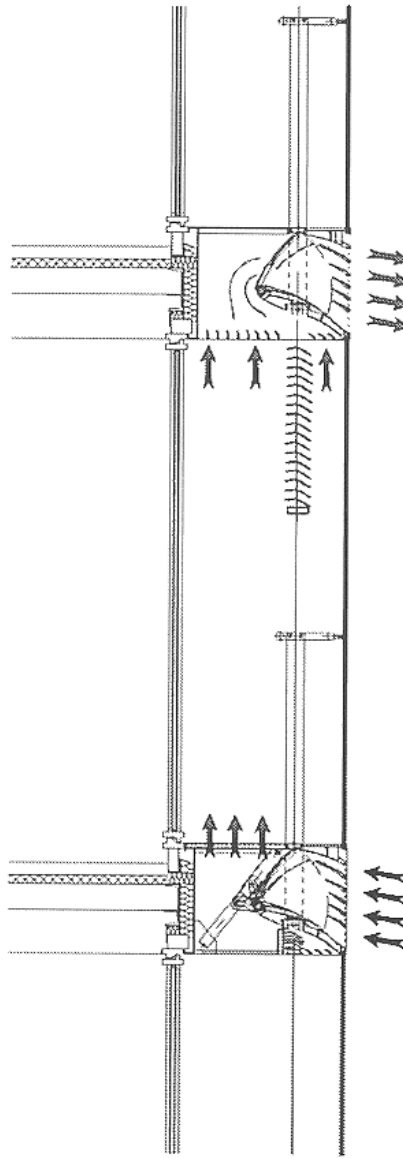




# Stattdor Building Dusseldorf, Germany









# Where I Grew Up









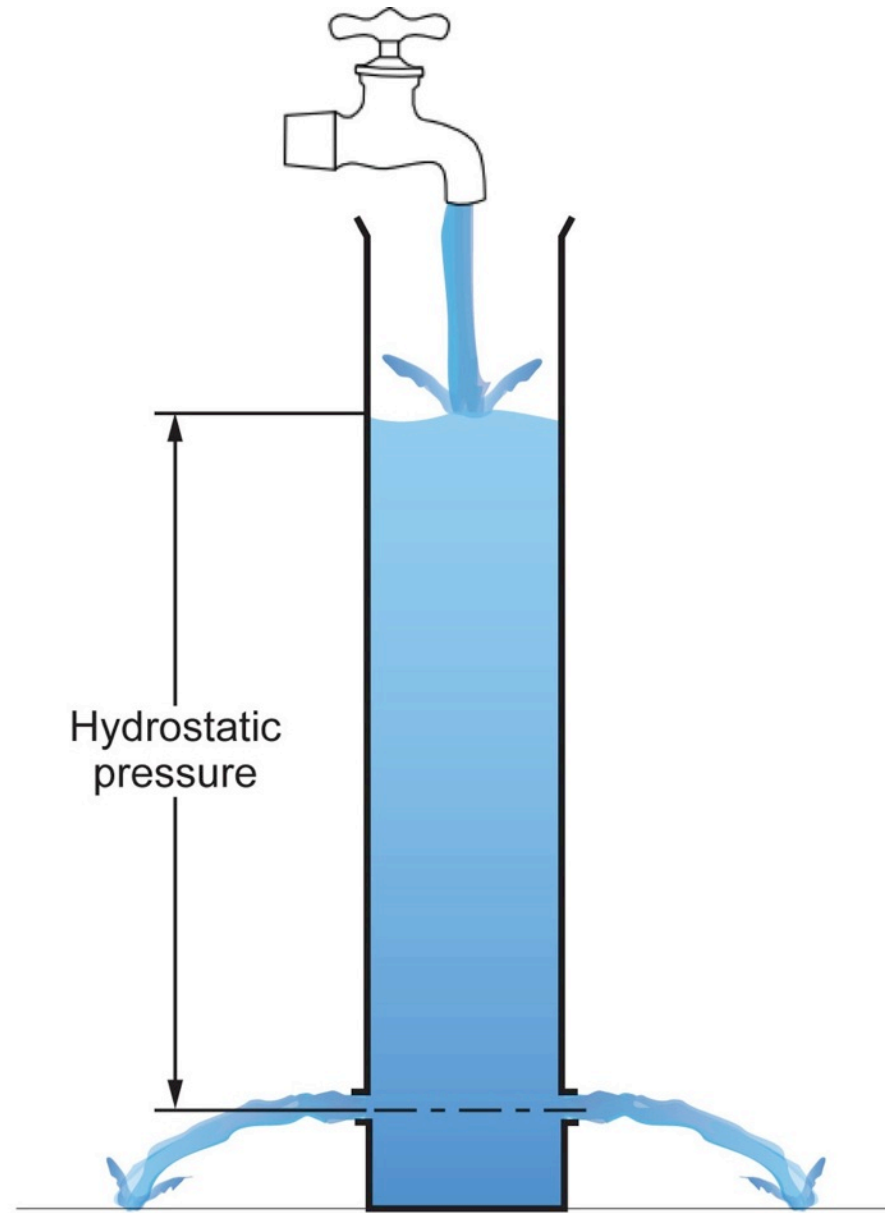
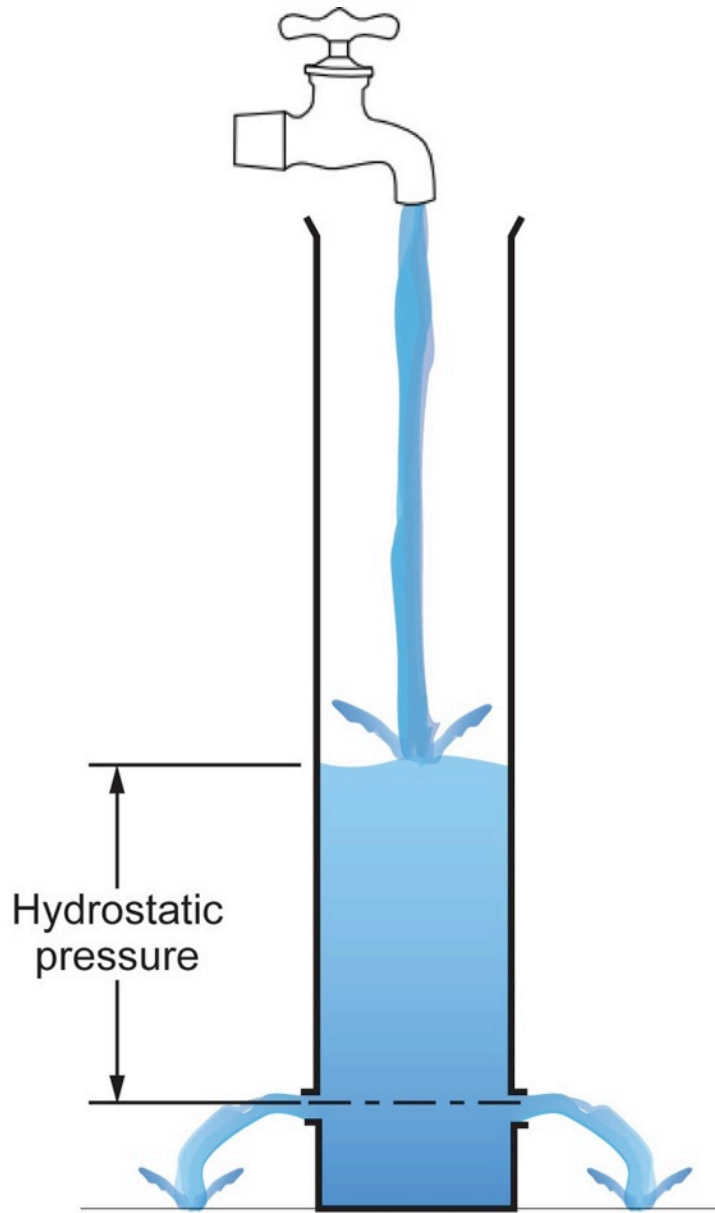




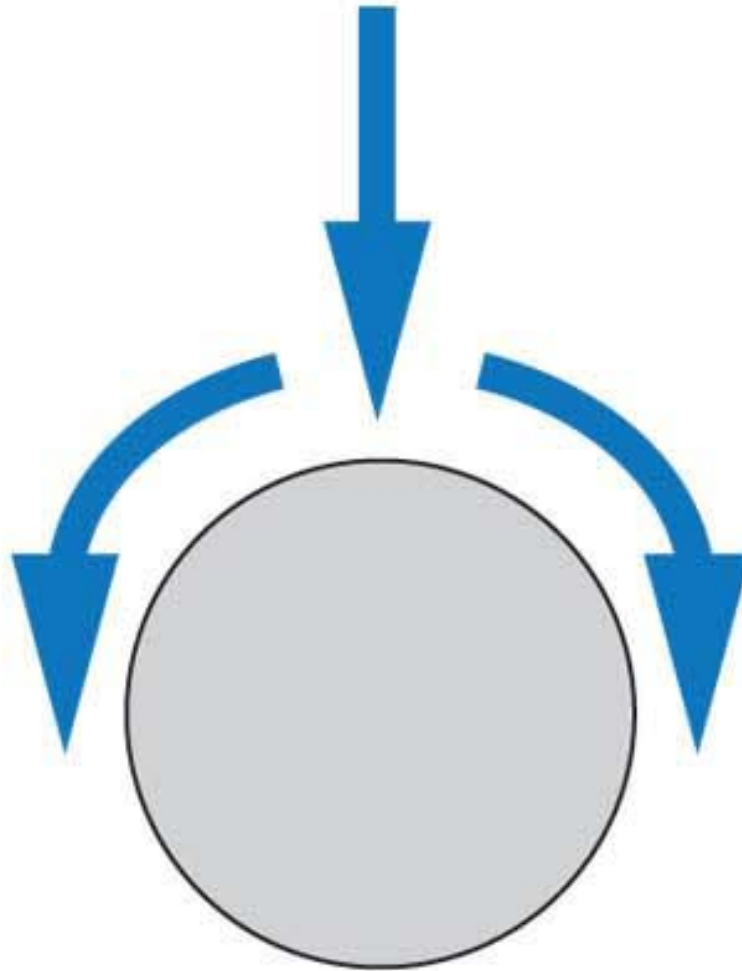
# Rain

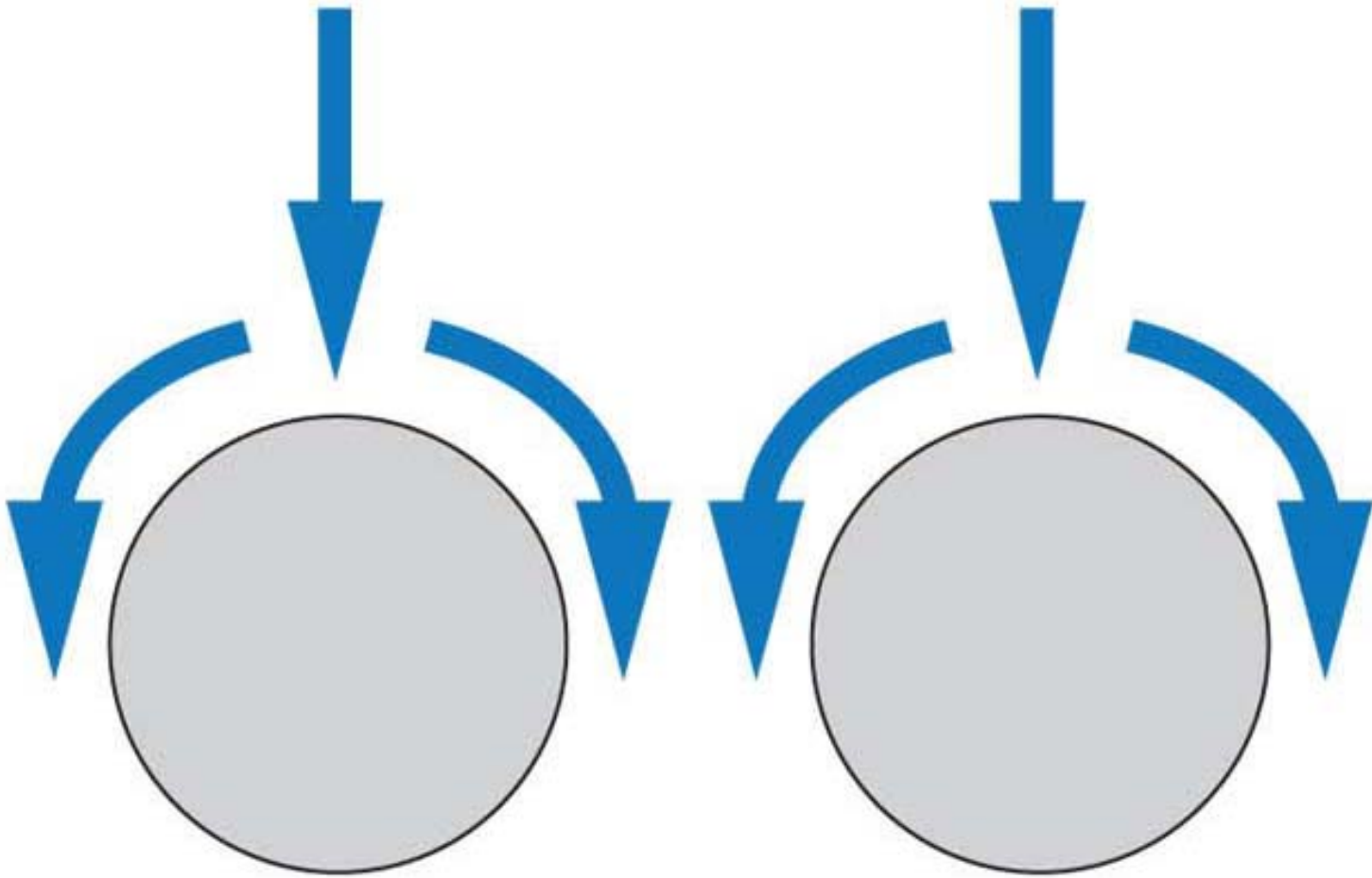


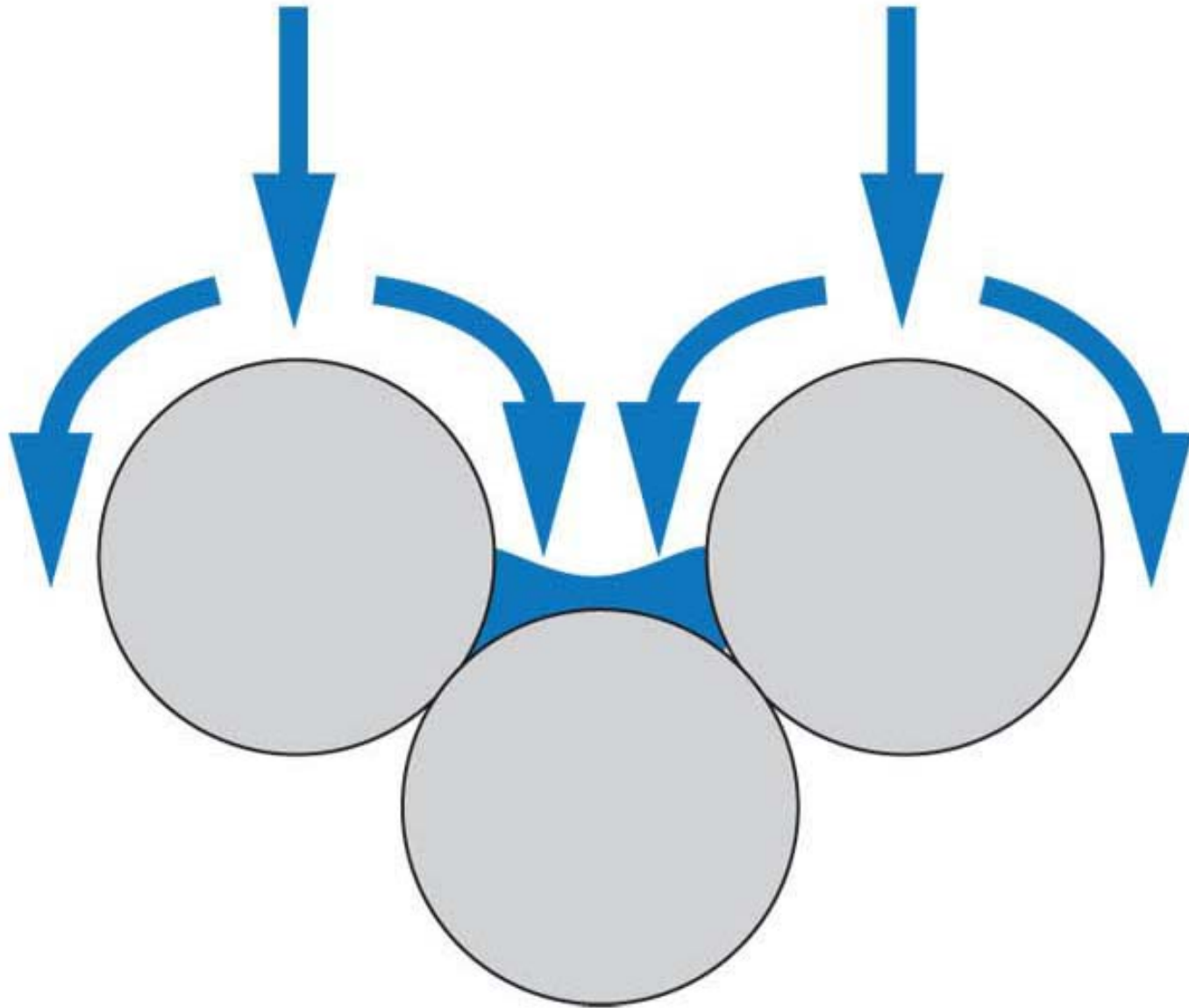


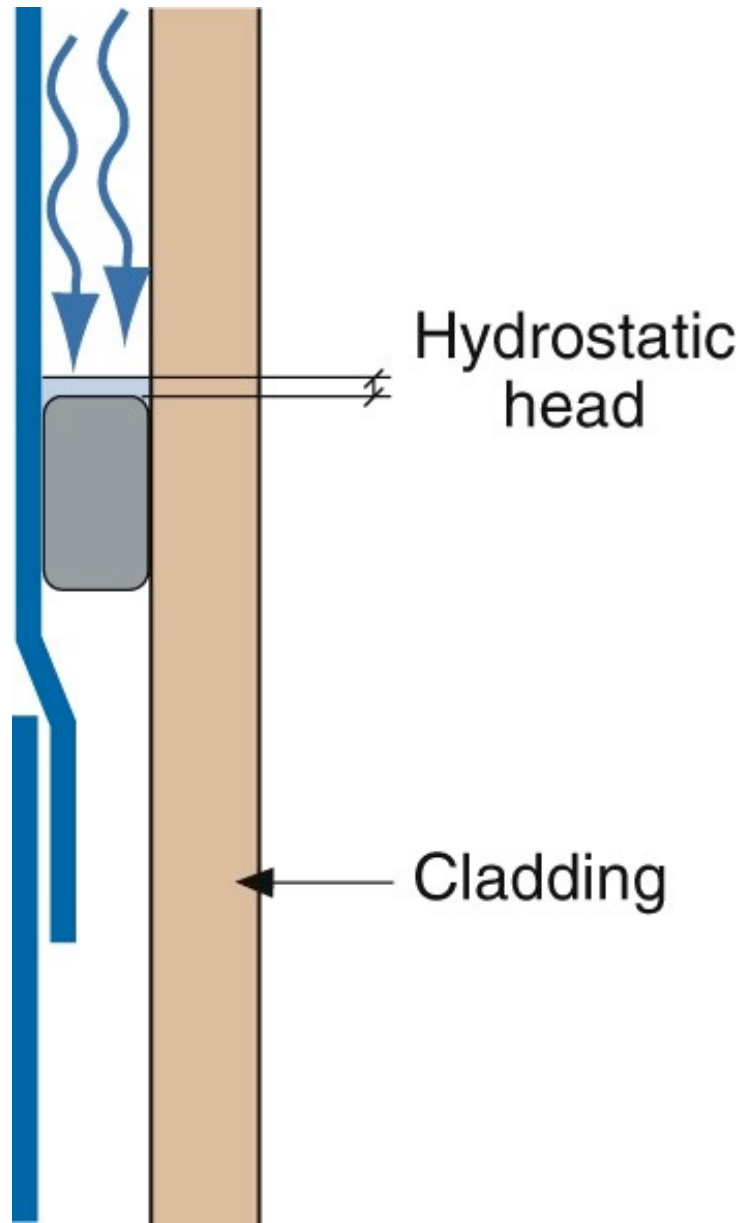


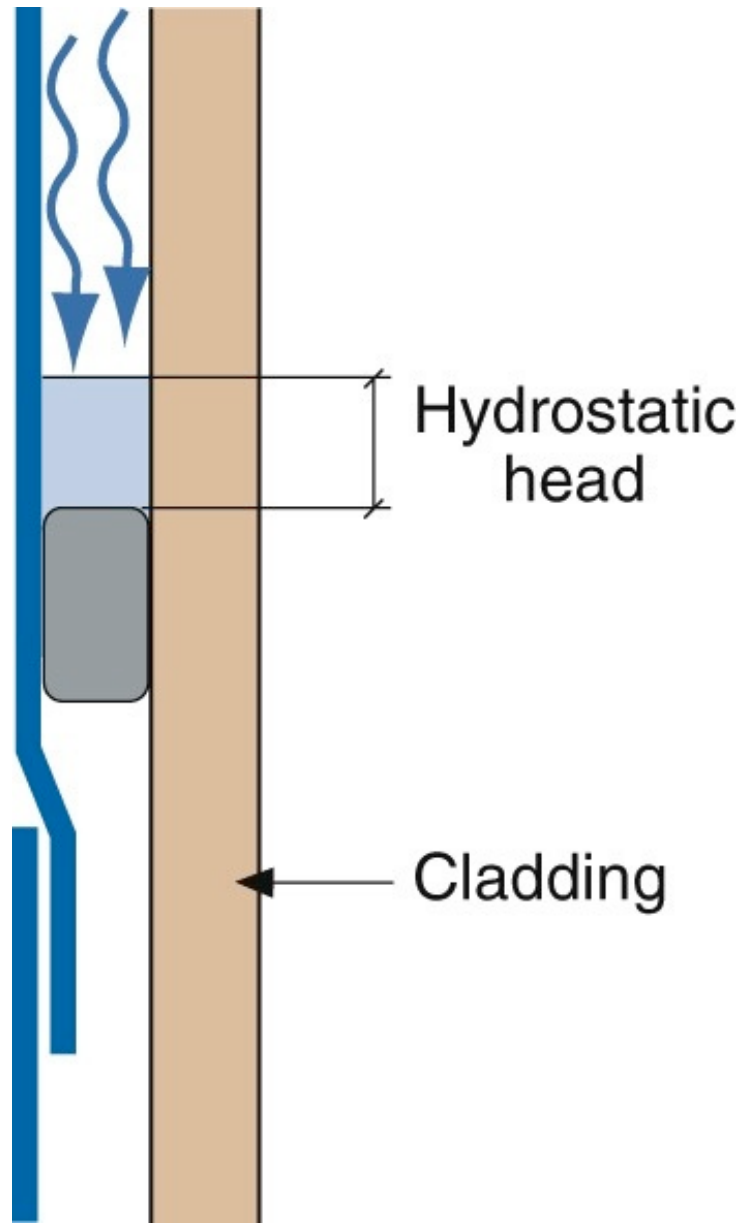




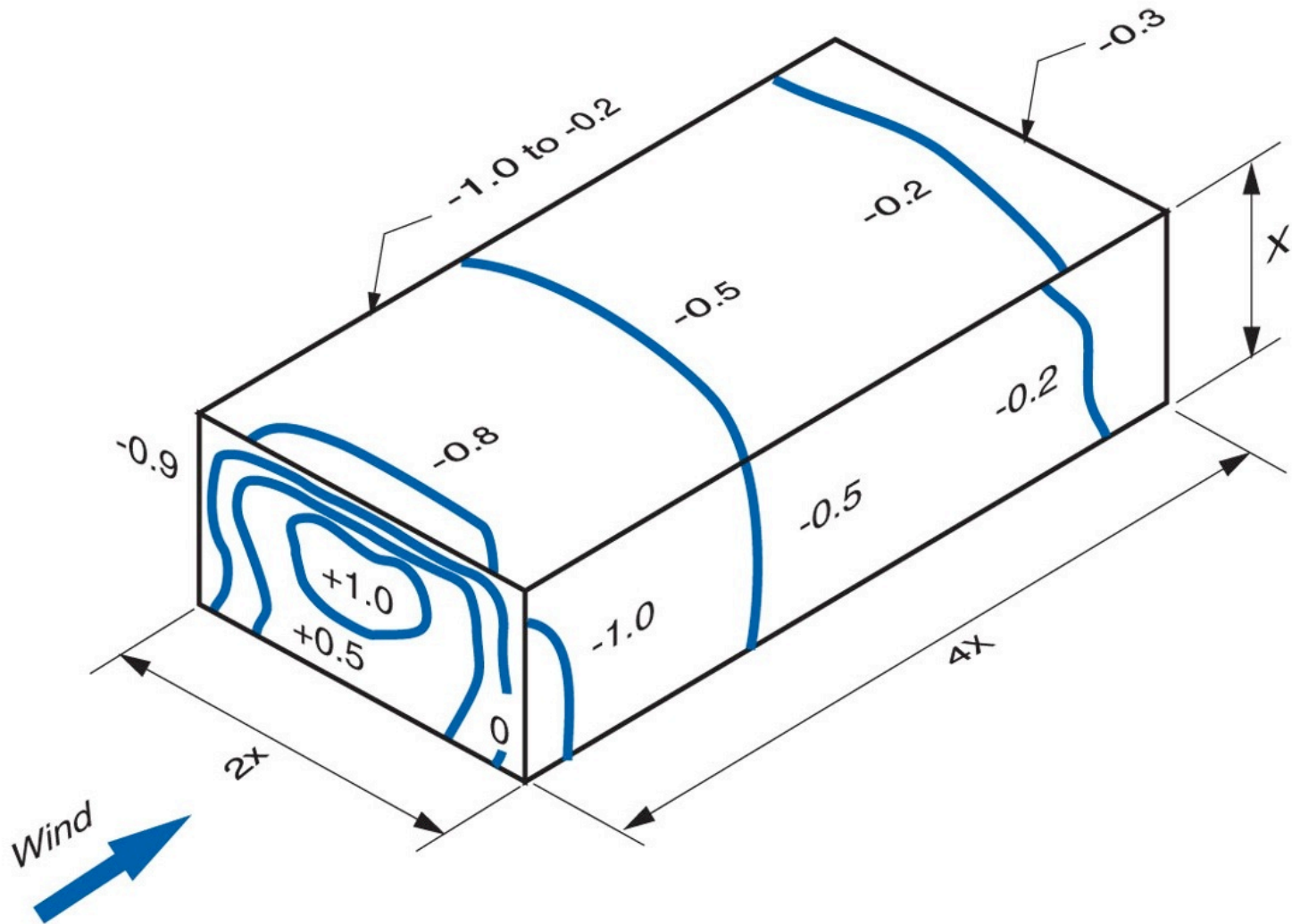






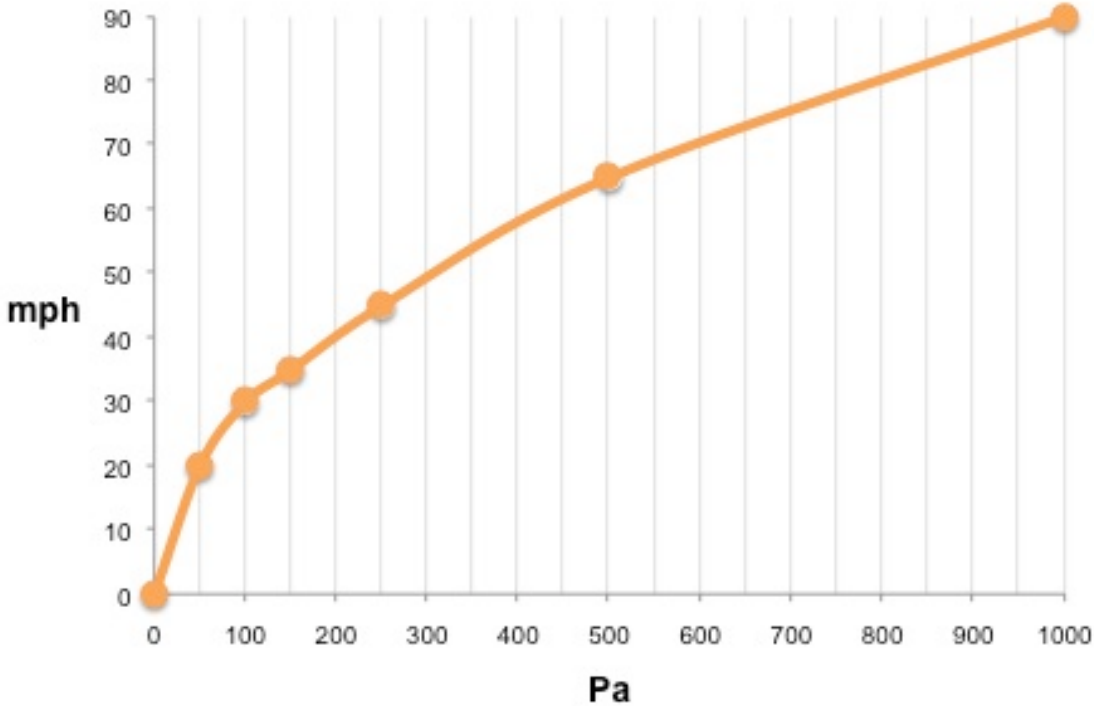




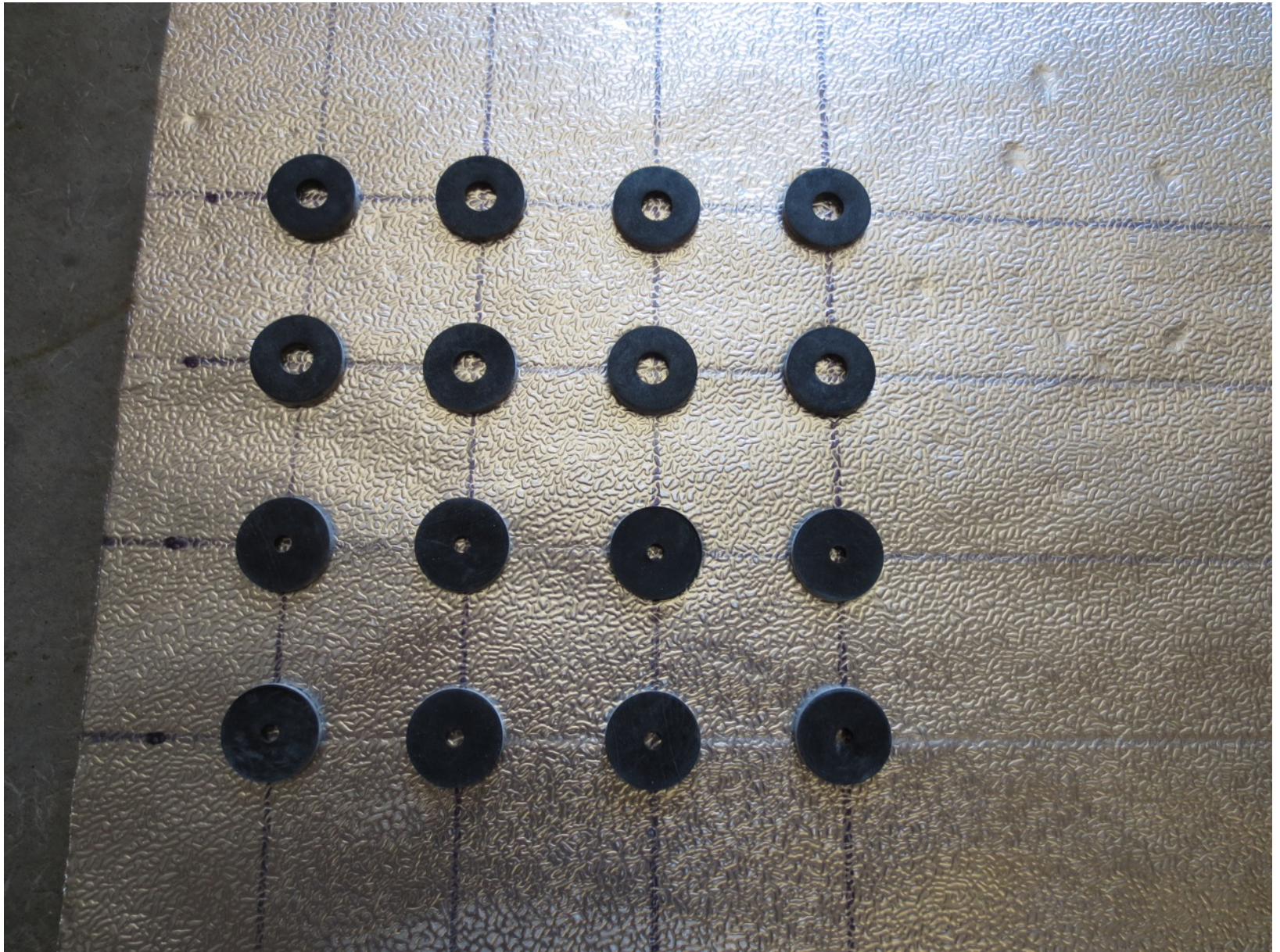


Pascals	mph
50	Pa = 20 mph
100	Pa = 30 mph
150	Pa = 35 mph
250	Pa = 45 mph
500	Pa = 65 mph
1,000	Pa = 90 mph

Wind Speed (mph) vs. Stagnation Pressure (Pa)

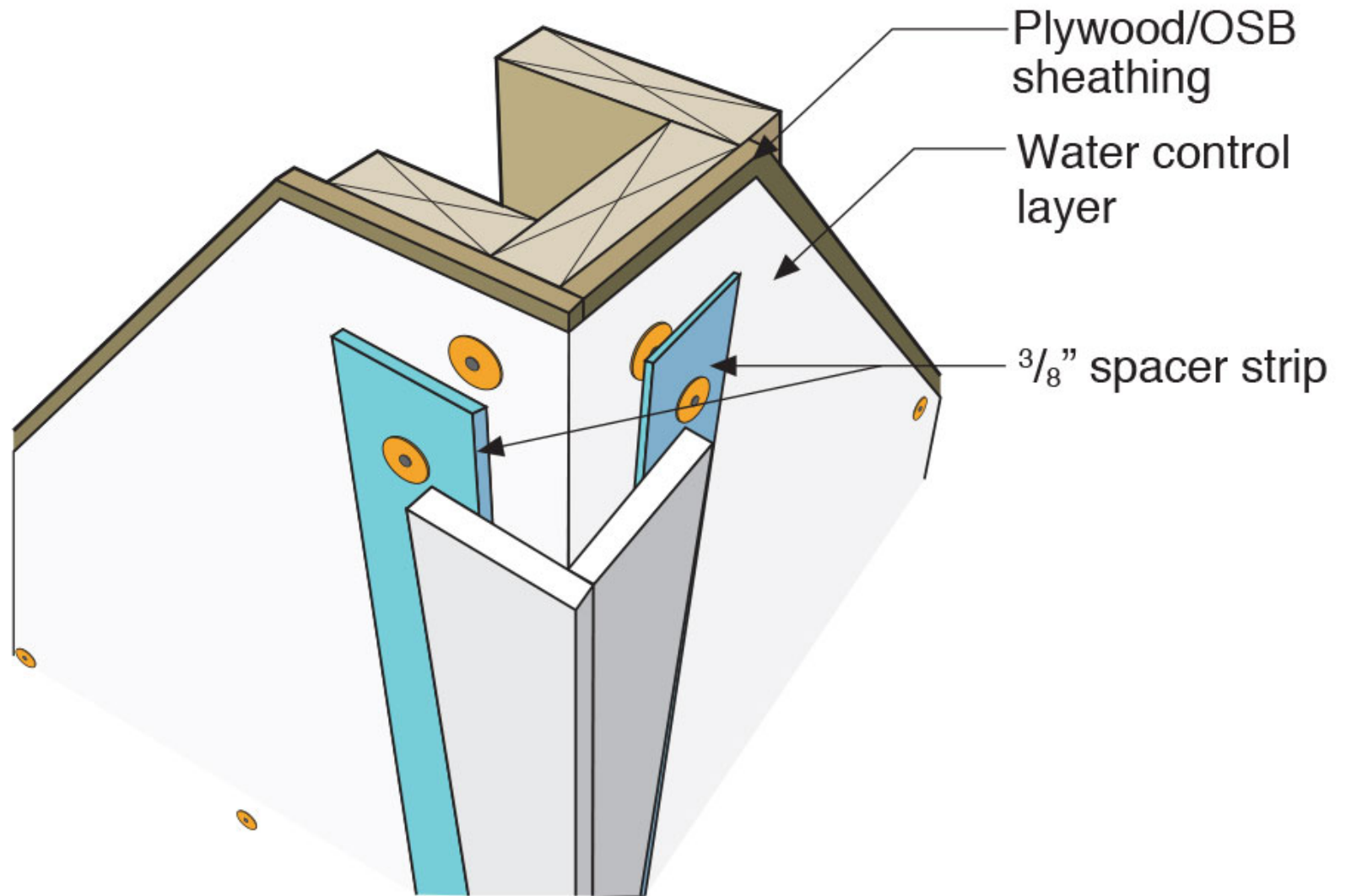


# Rain Screen





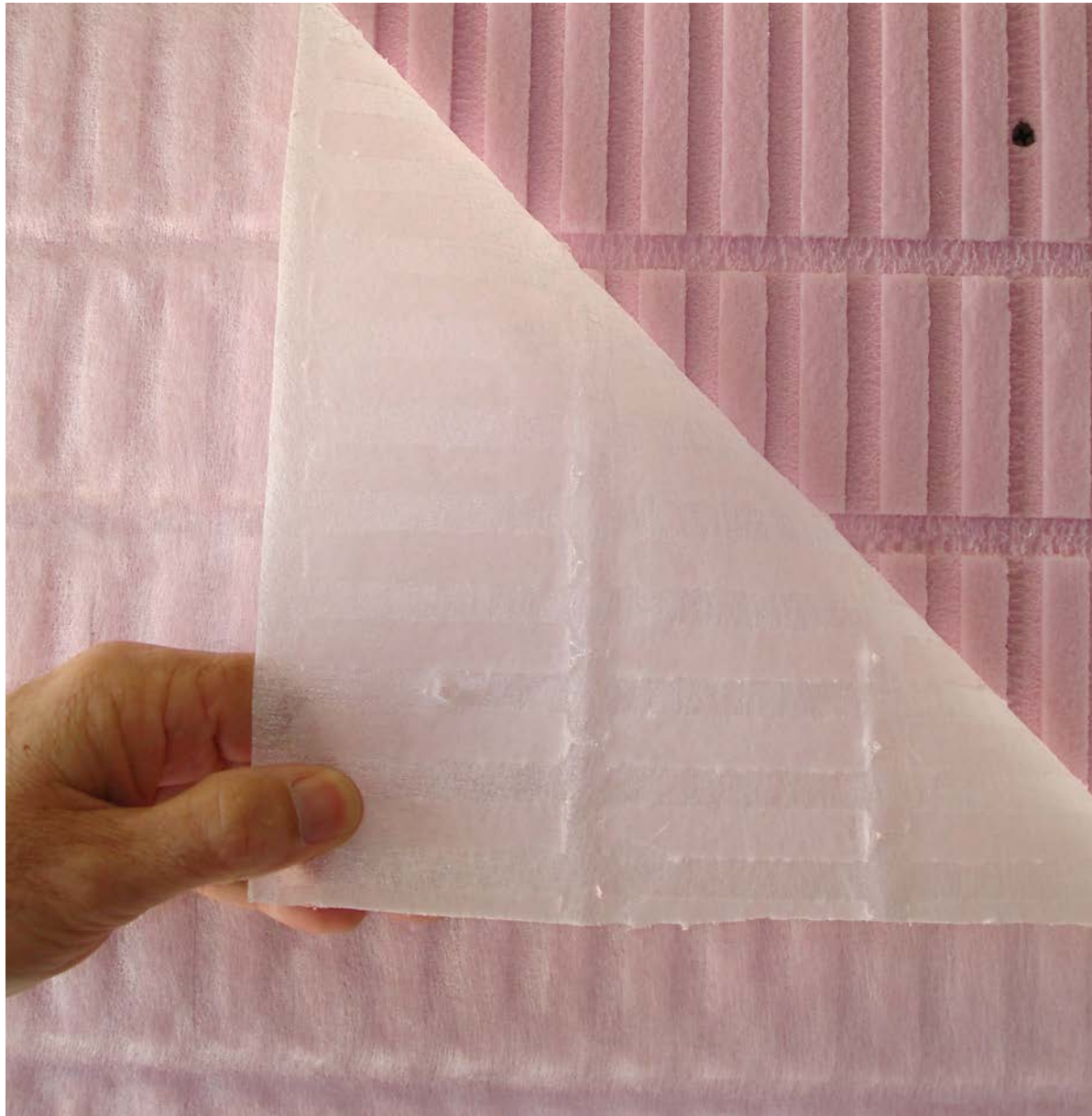


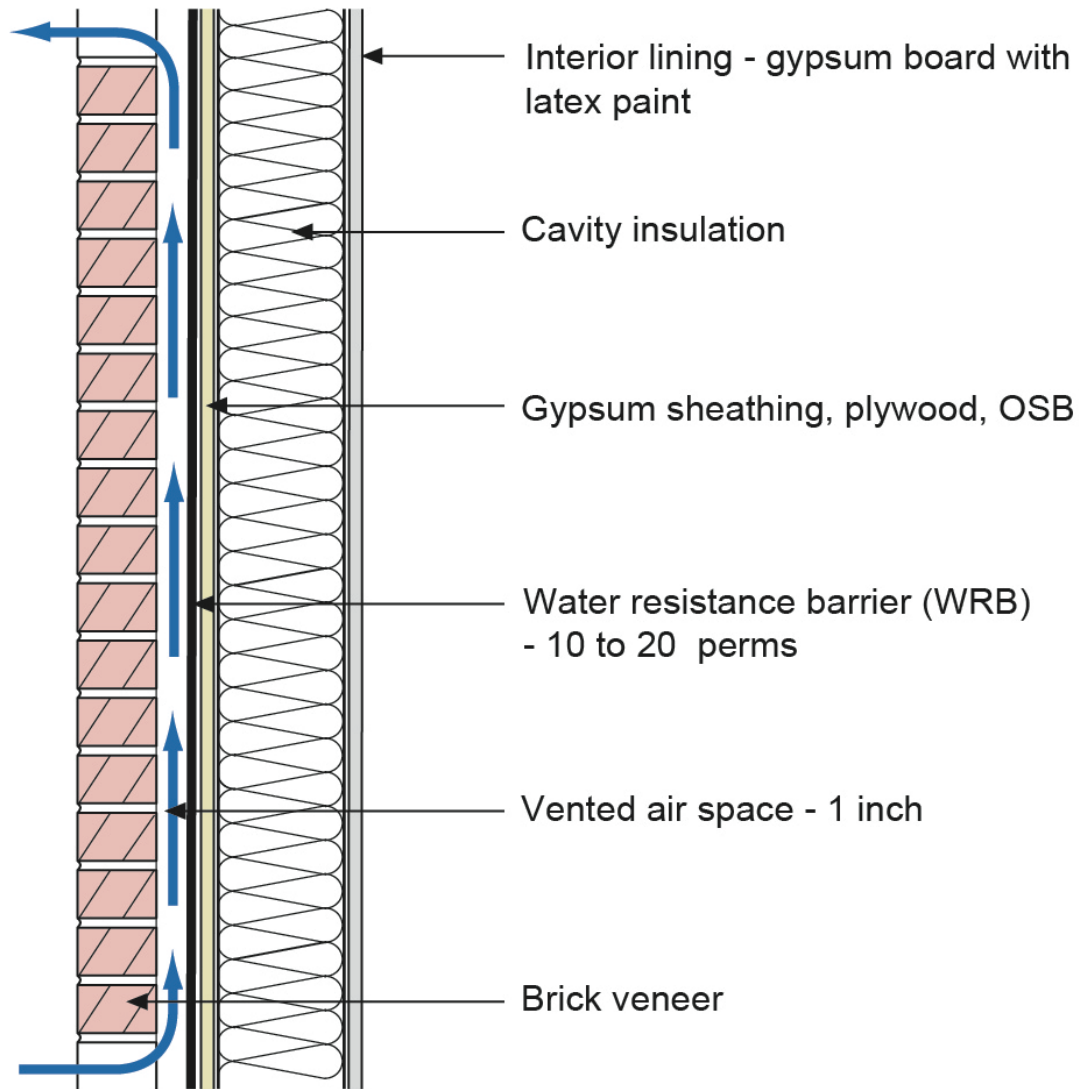


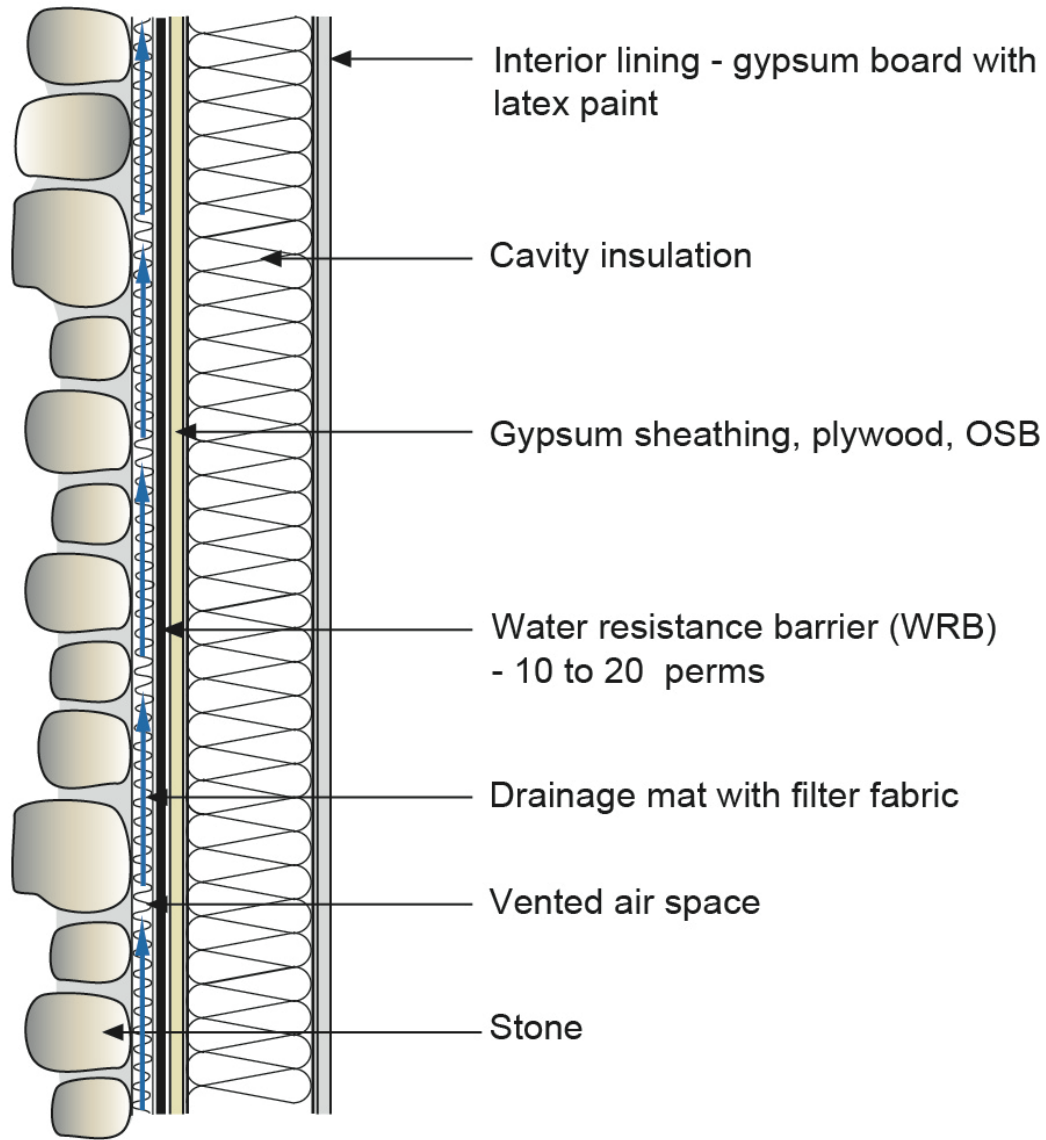


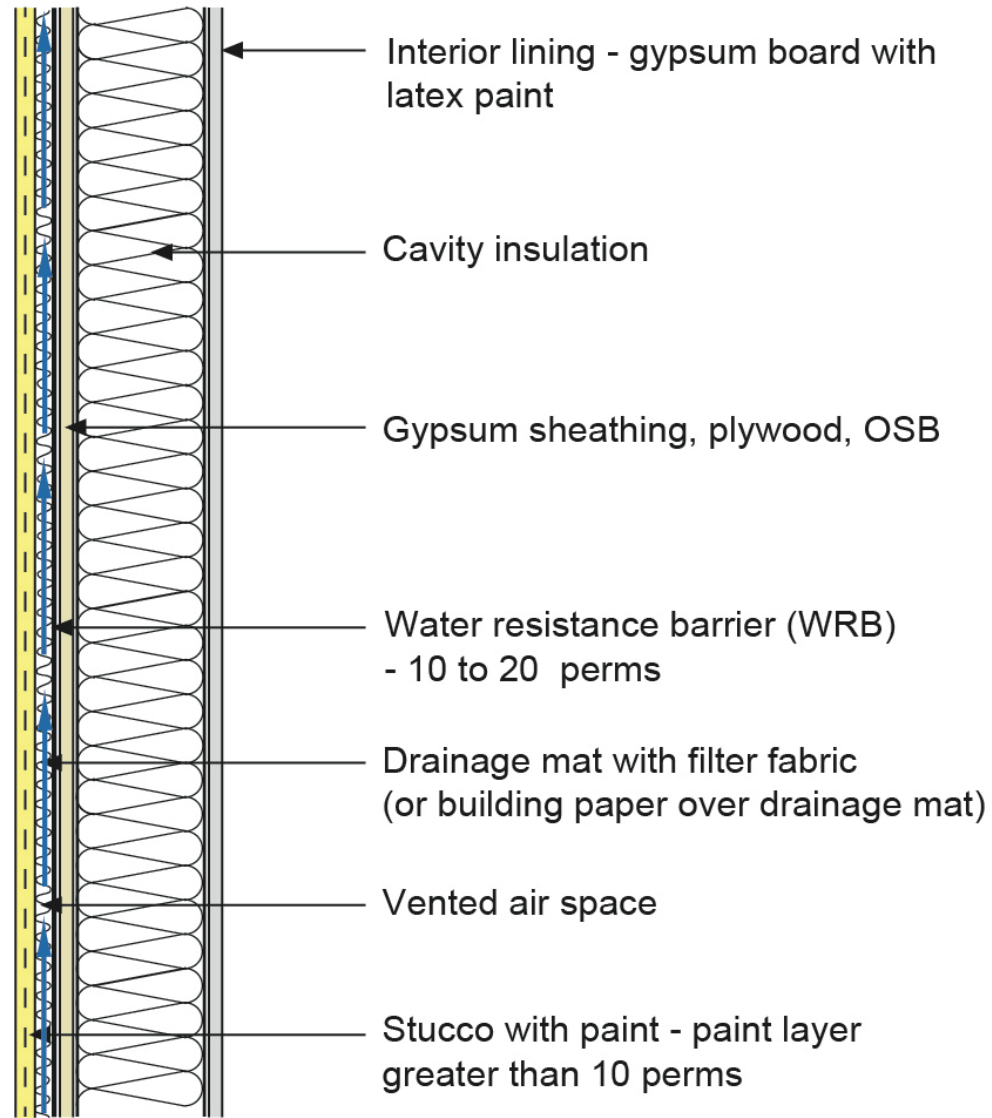


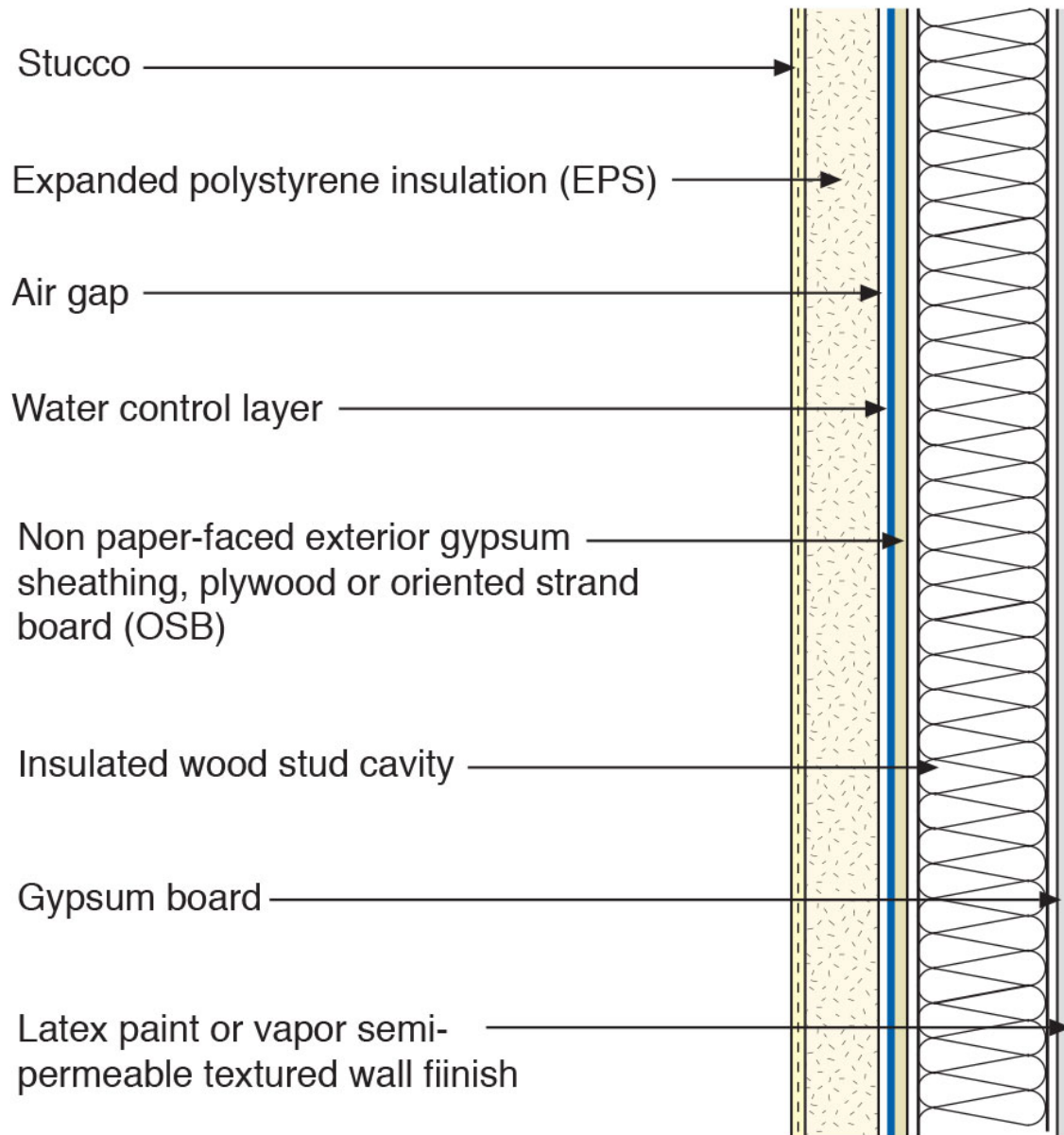




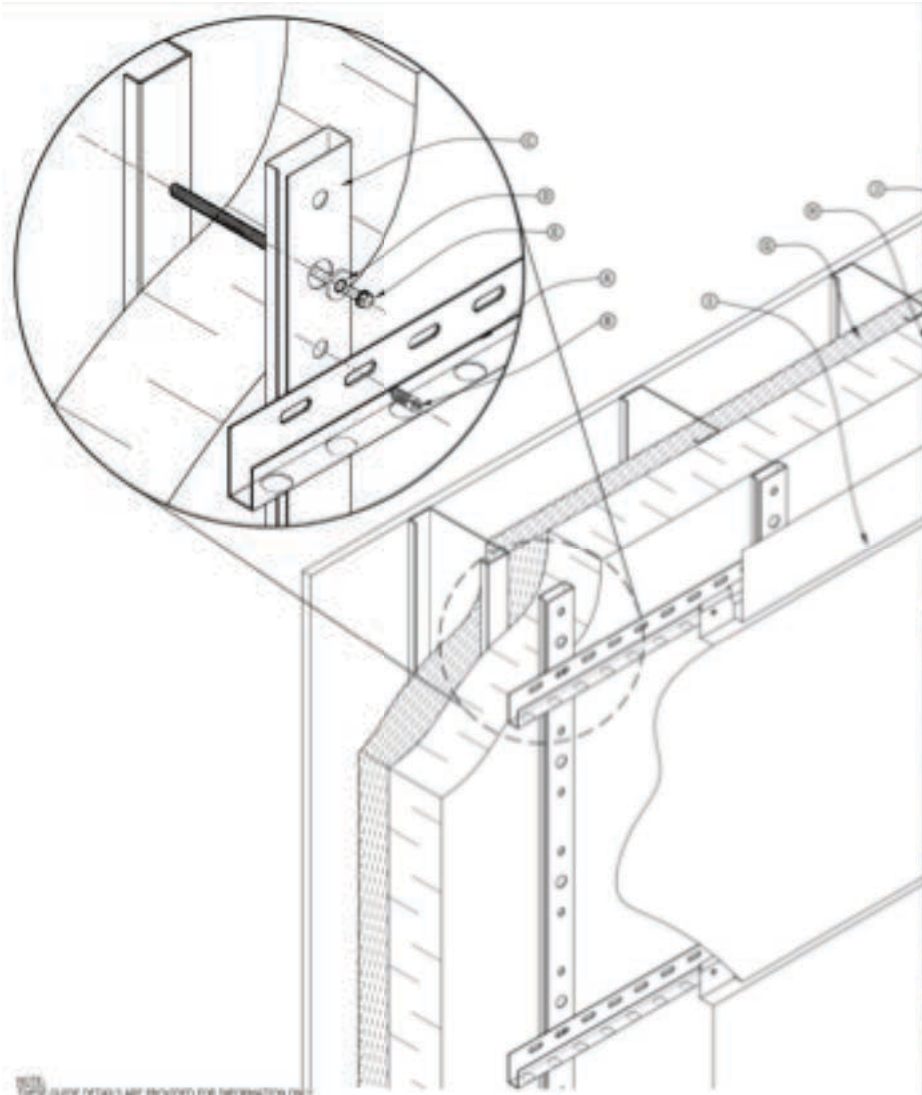




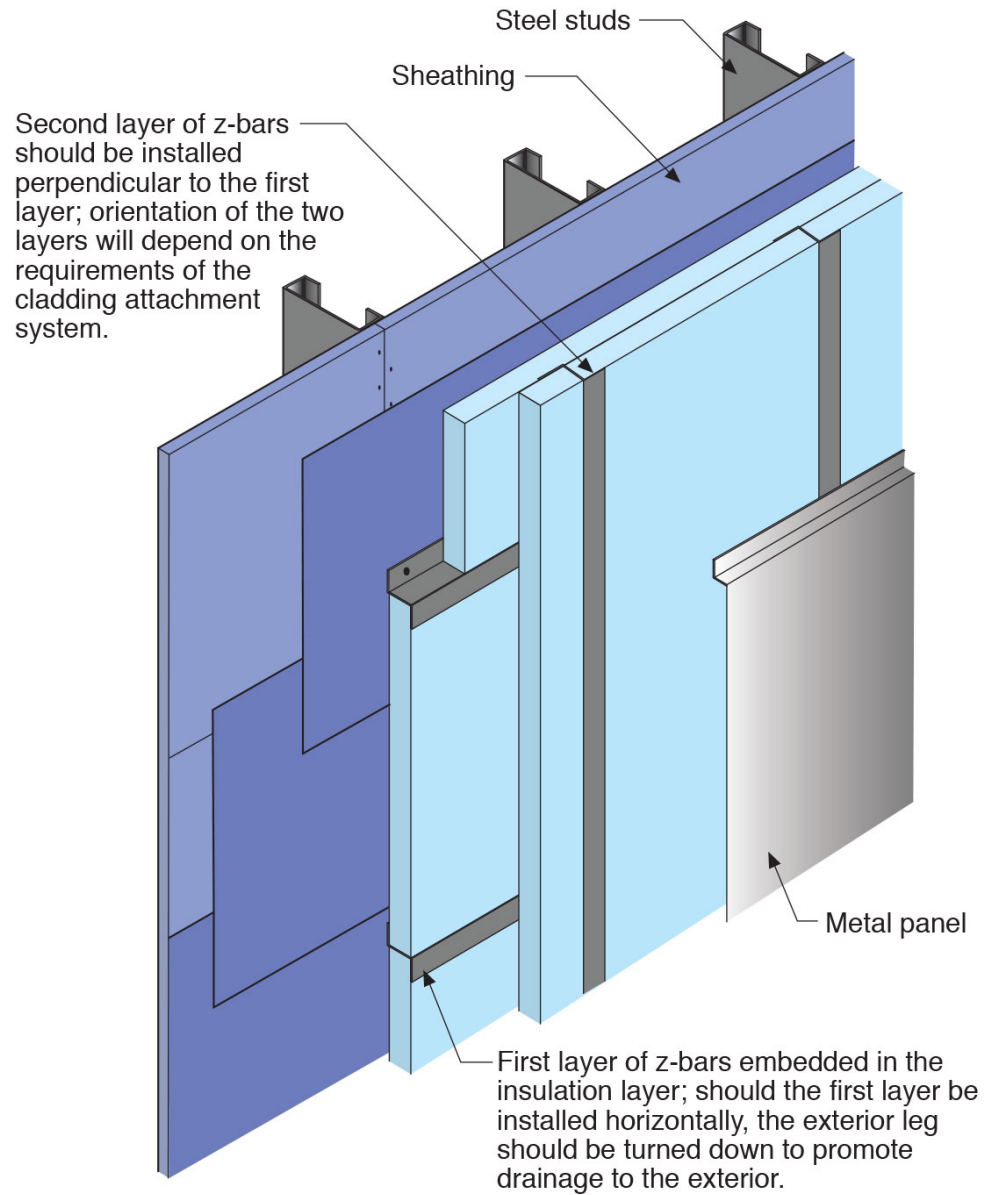


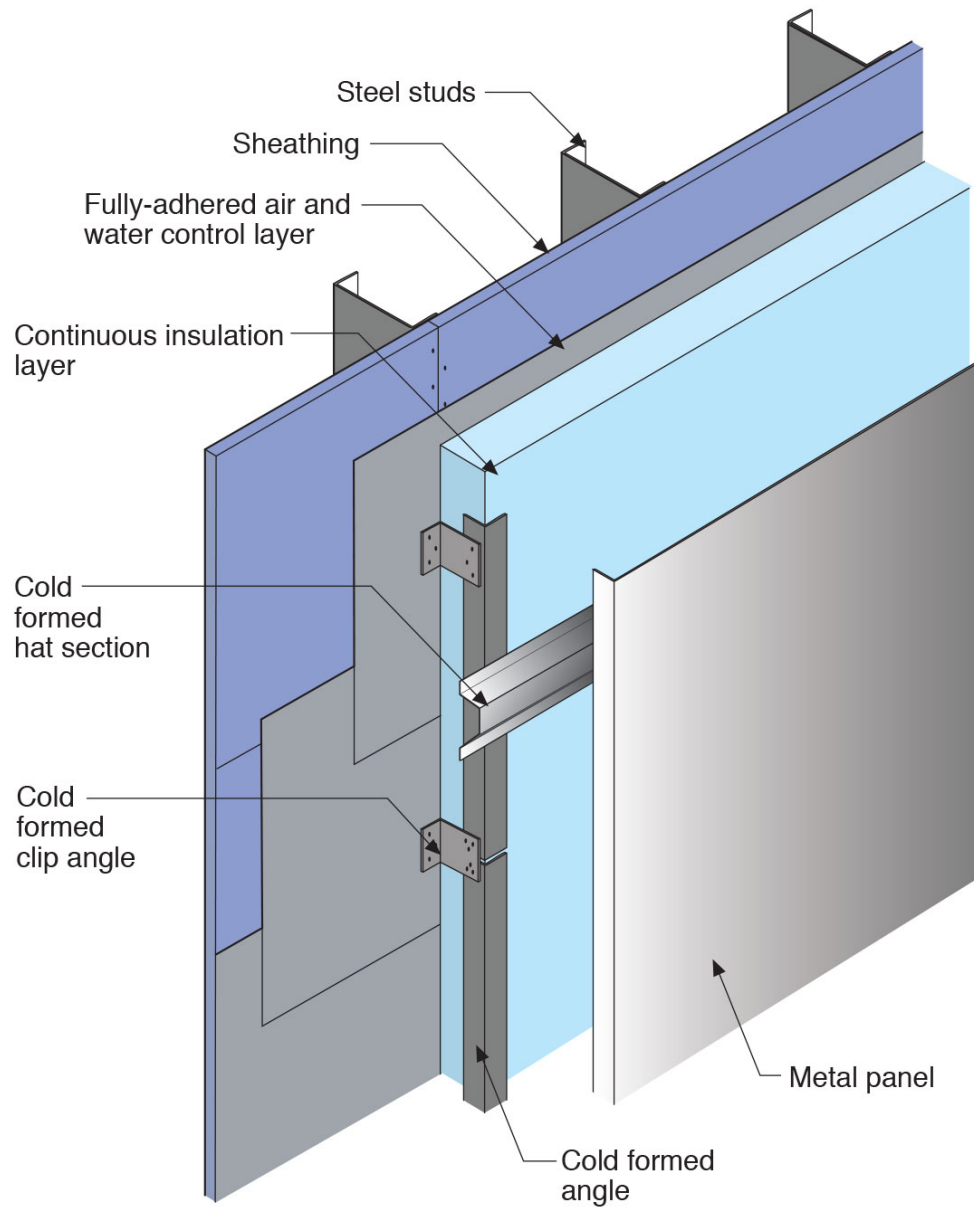


# Cladding Attachment



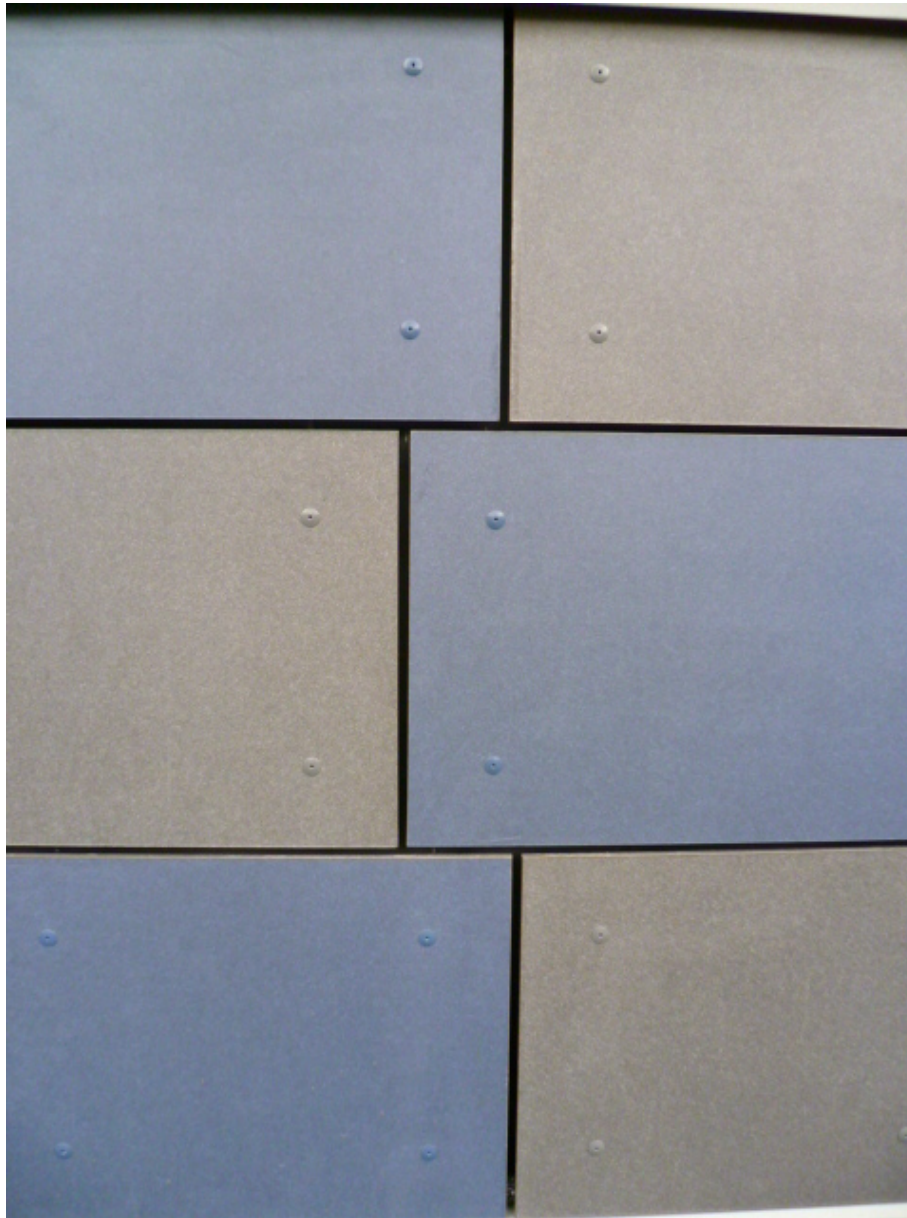








# Open Rain Screen







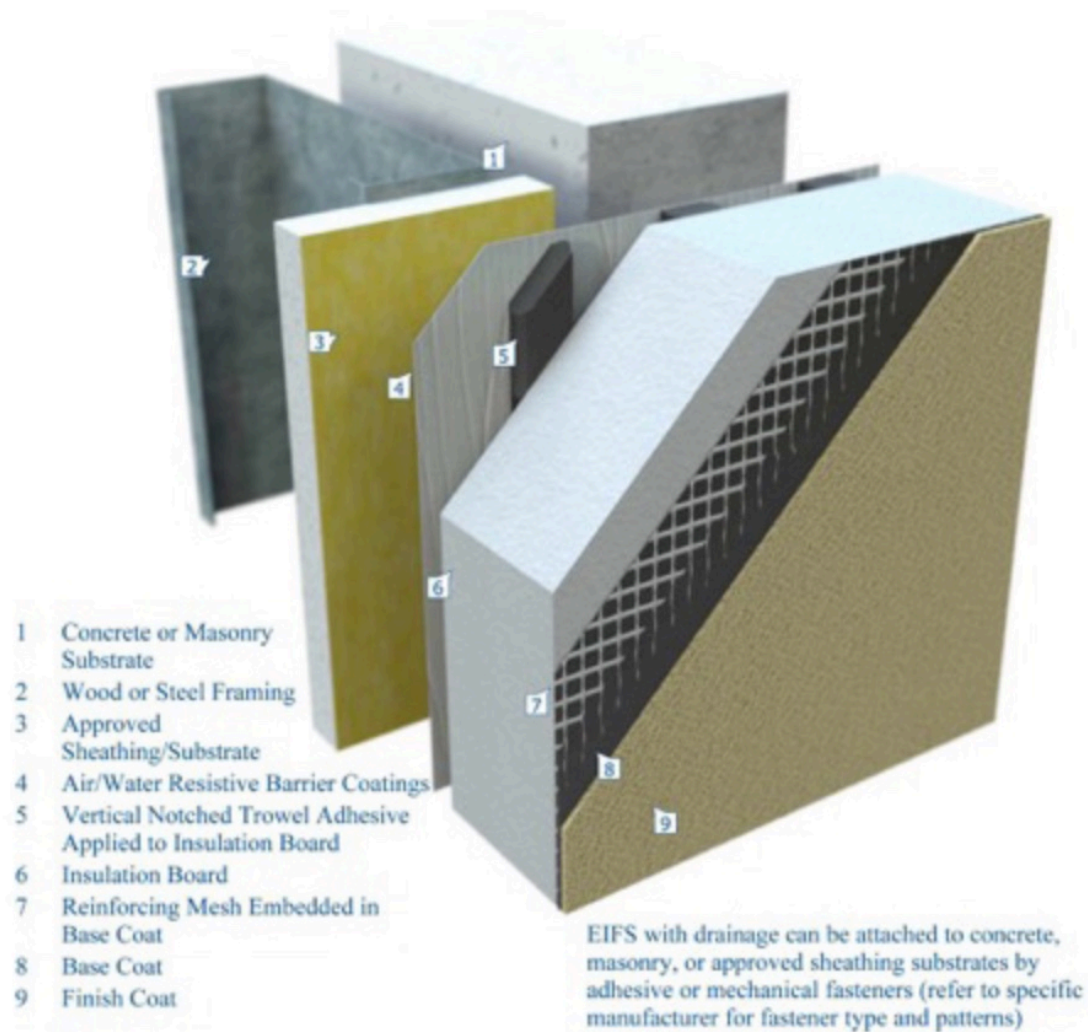




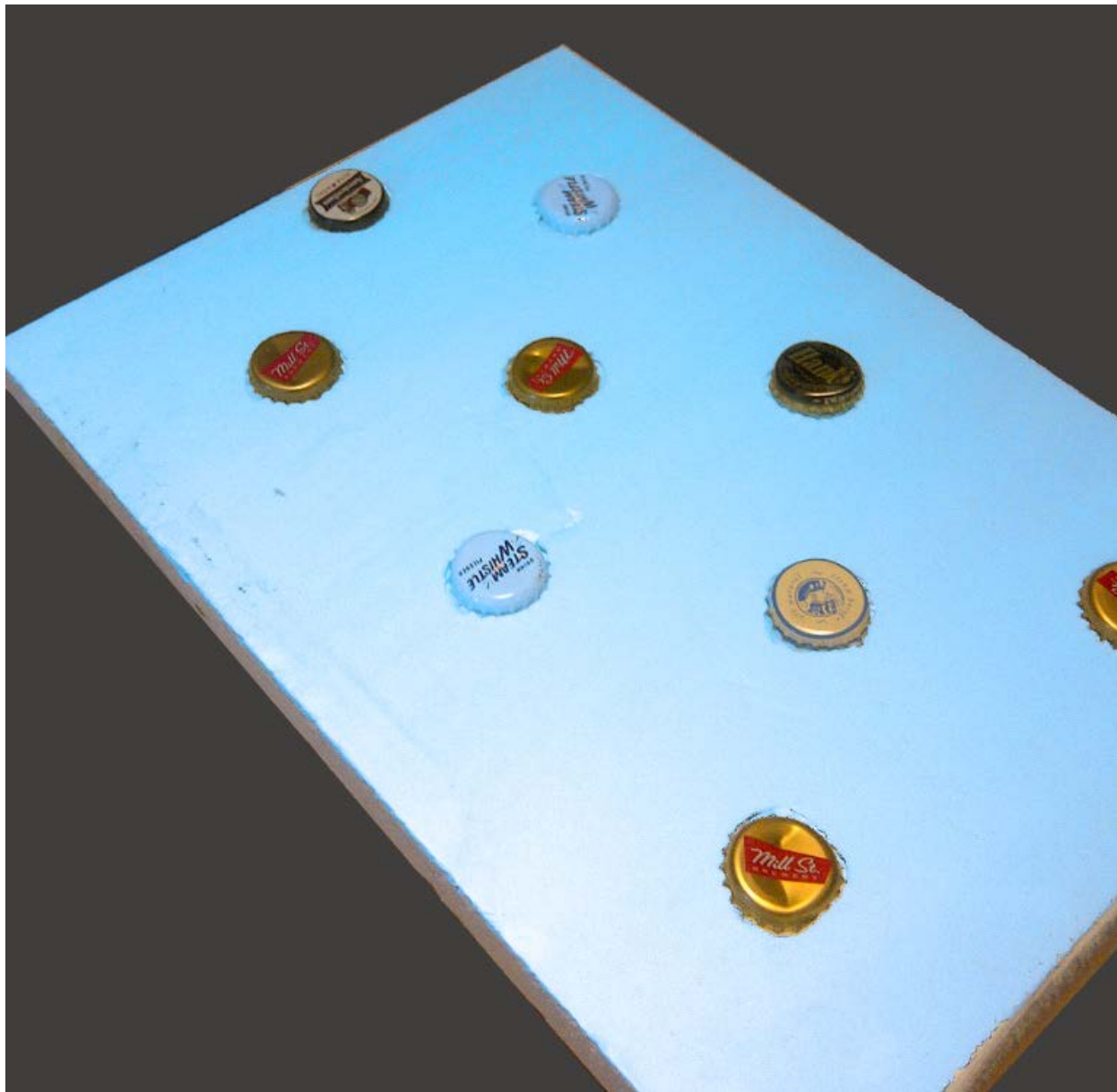
# EIFS....”Drain Screen”

# Beer Screen?

## TYPICAL EIFS CONFIGURATION



# Beer Screen?



# NFPA 285



Image Courtesy Payette



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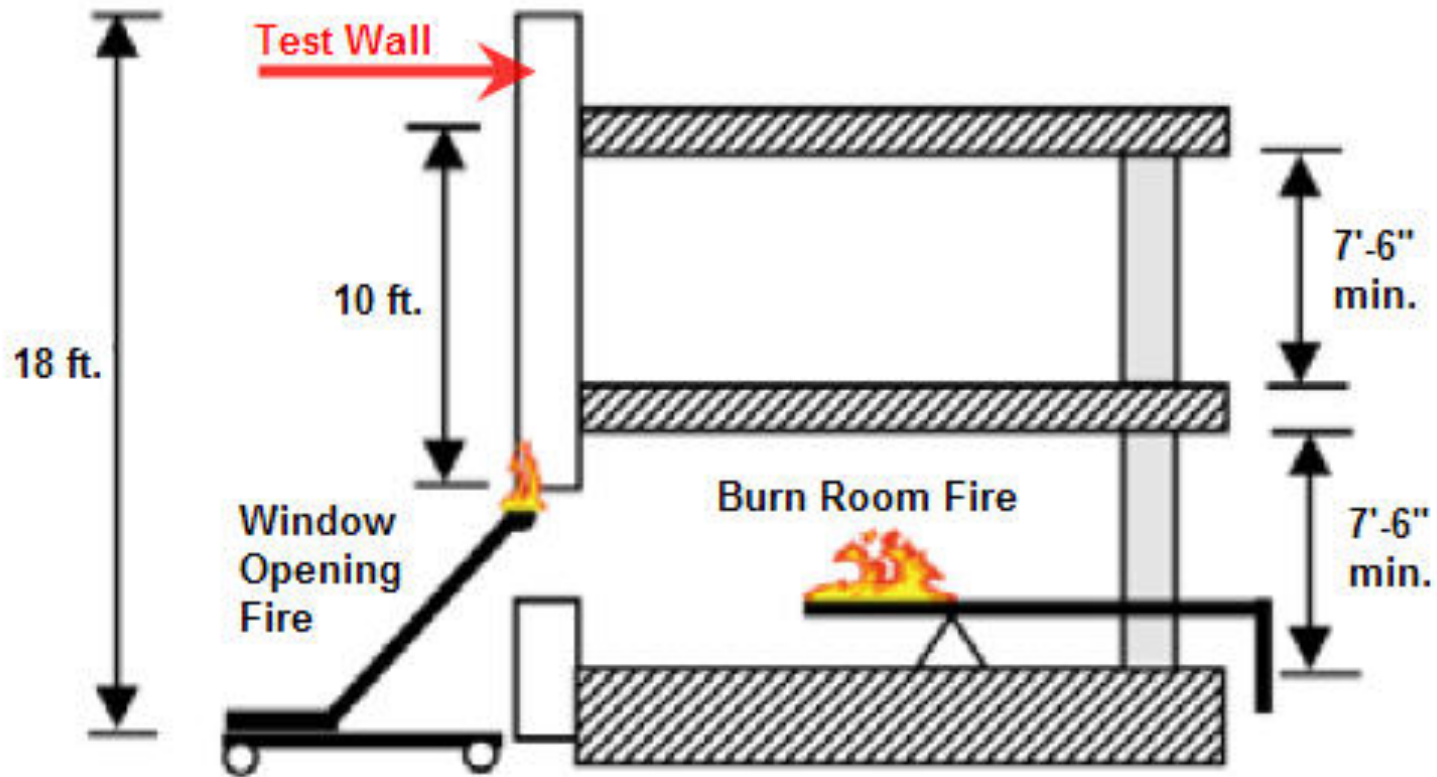


Image Courtesy Carlisle

Thank Jesse Beitel....

# Wild Fires

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Biggest Problem is Due to Embers Drawn  
into Vented Attics

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Easy Solution...Unvented Attics

# Need To Understand Vented And Unvented Attics....