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Failure is Not an Option: Air Barrier Continuity Strategies for Storefront and Curtain Wall Systems

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Gain an understanding of how...

... transitions impact building enclosure performance.

...poor transitions can result in reduced energy efficiency.

... poor transitions can increase the risk of condensation.

...various compatibility and logistical issues impact options available to achieve proper transition details.





Lets Start With the Environmental Separators





They go by many names

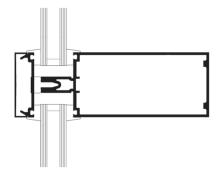
- Control Layers
- Planes of Performance
- Environmental Separators
- Barriers
- Retarders

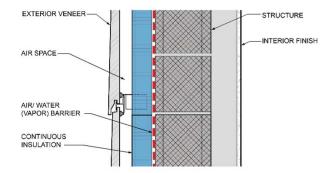


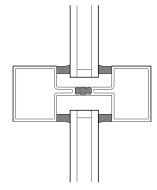
- WRB
- AWB
- AVB
- VB
- VR



Breaking Down The Barriers

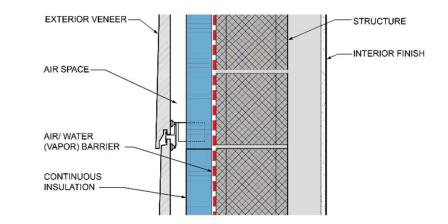


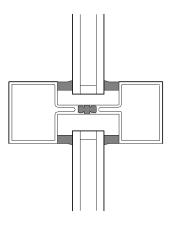












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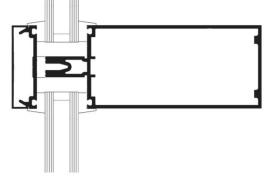
• Water

- Air
- Thermal
- Vapor

PROTECT THE STRUCTURE



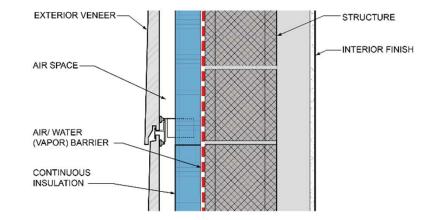
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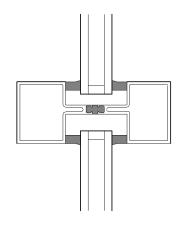


Understand that Perfection is **IMPOSSIBLE**.

Redundant Systems are **Durable** Systems.

<u>Design with Two</u> Lines of Defense.





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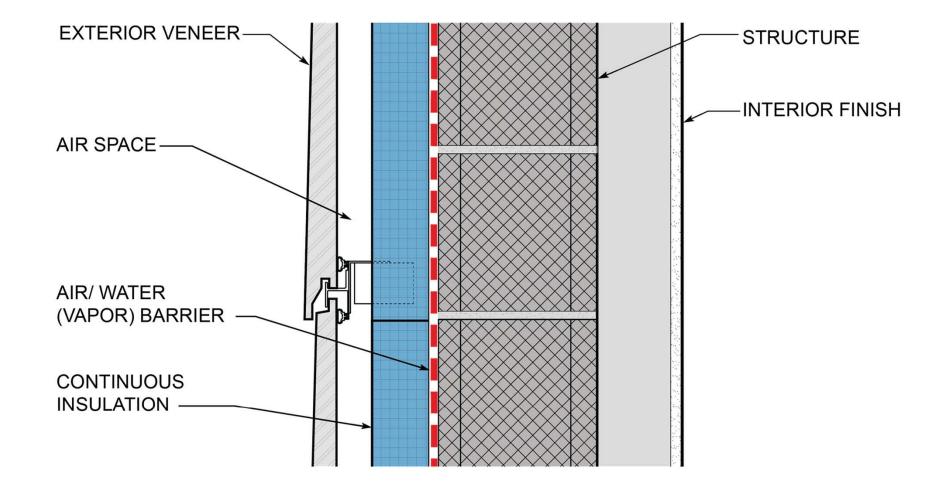


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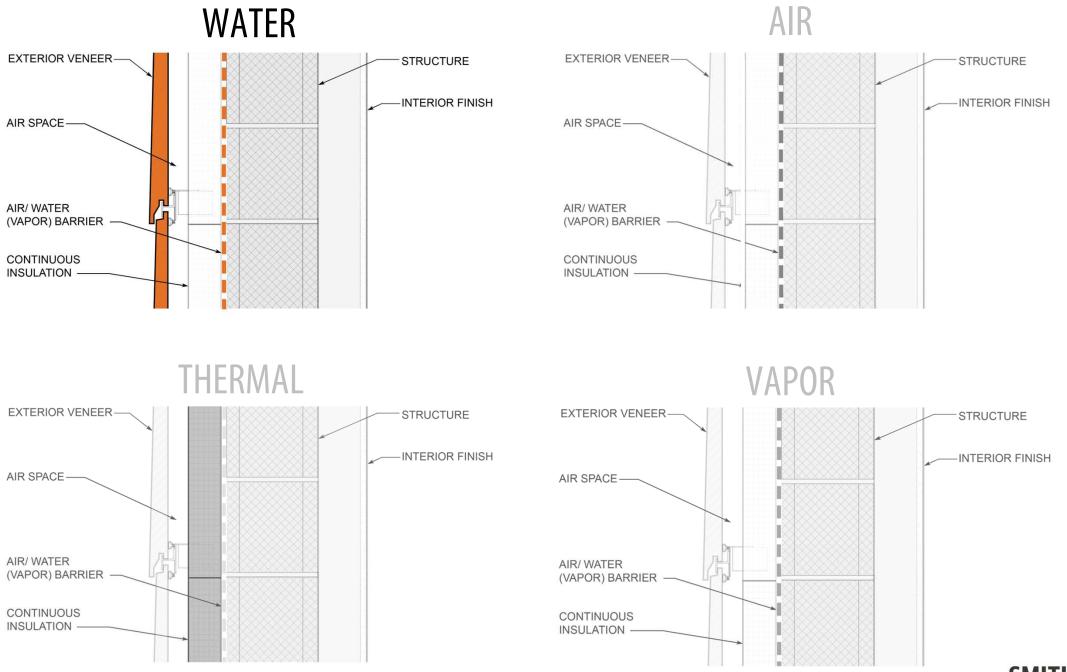




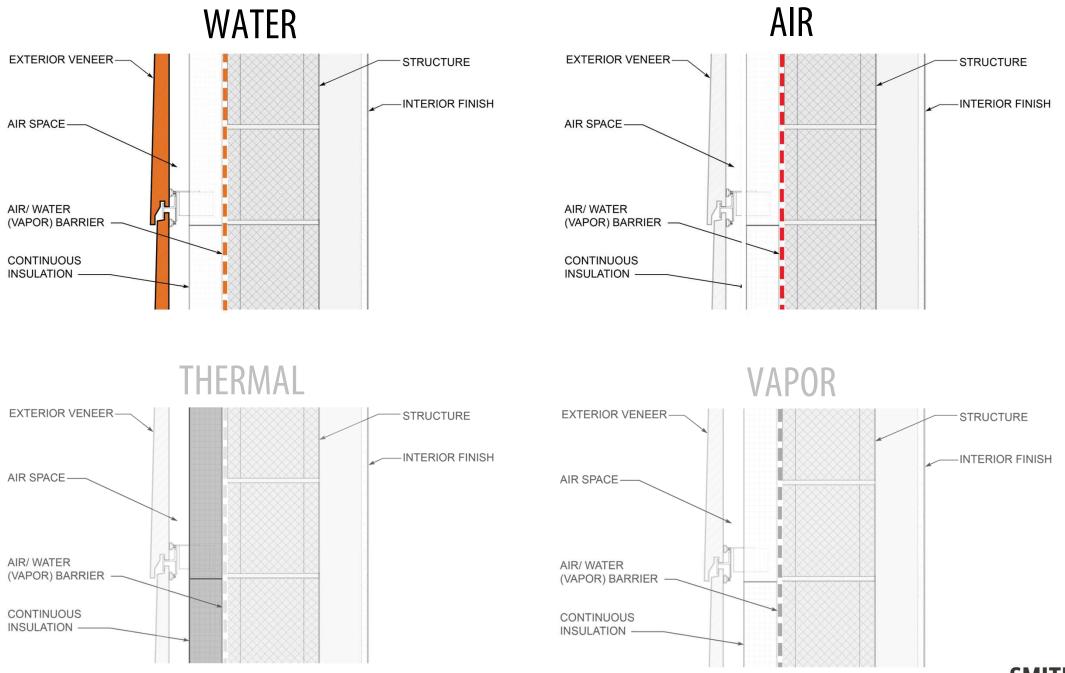






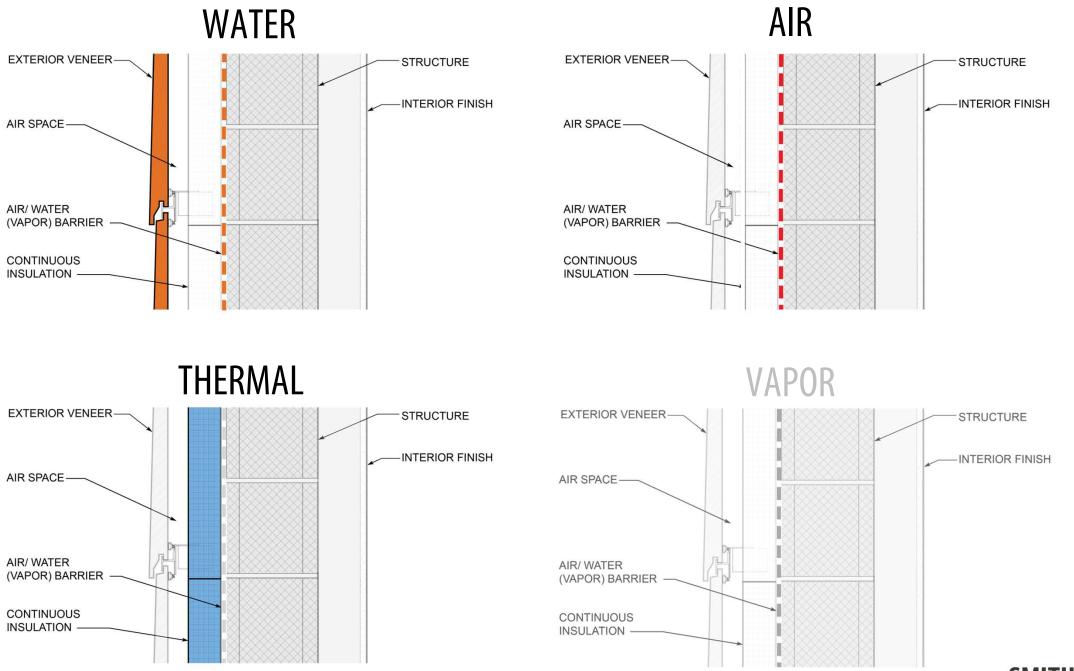


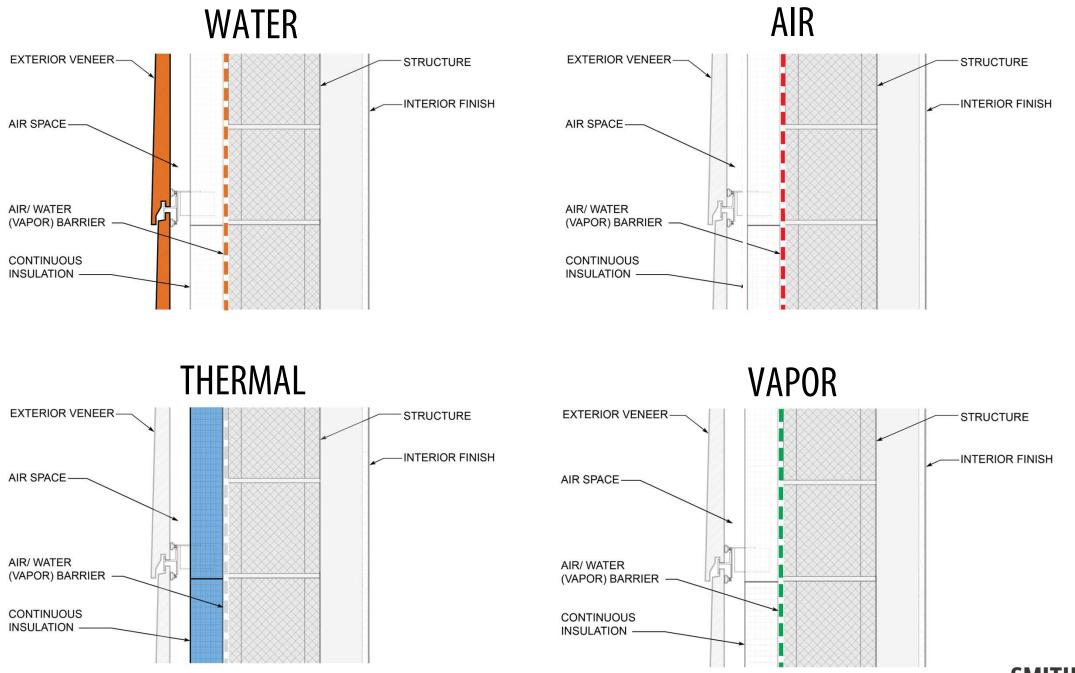






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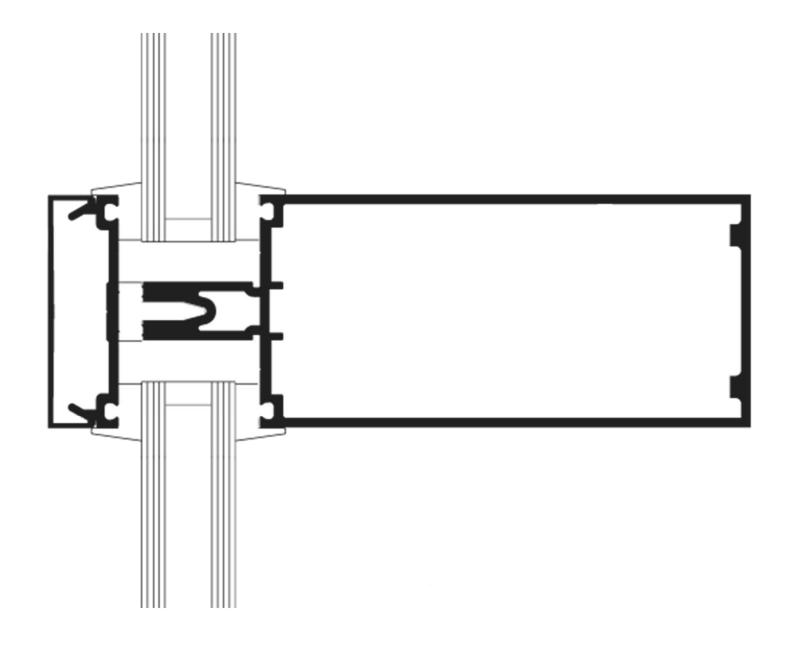




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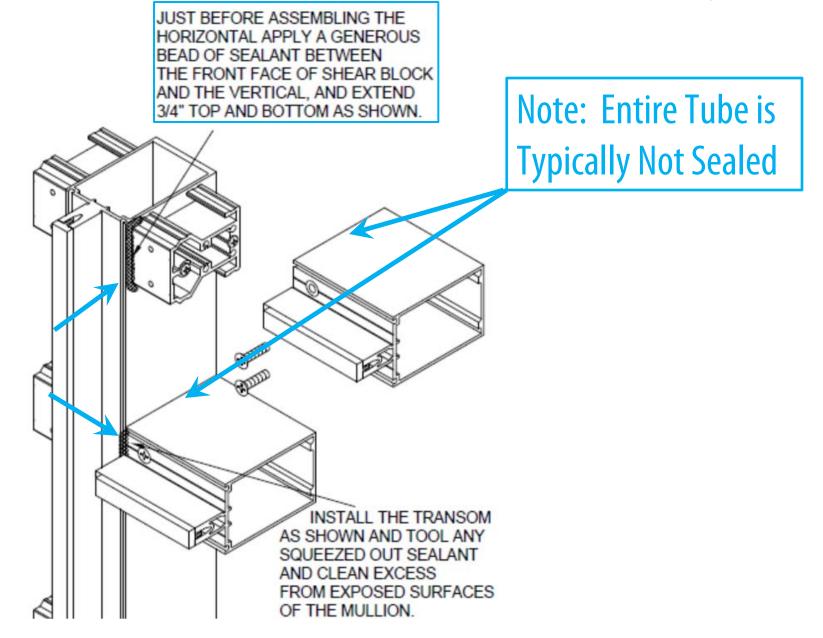




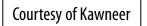




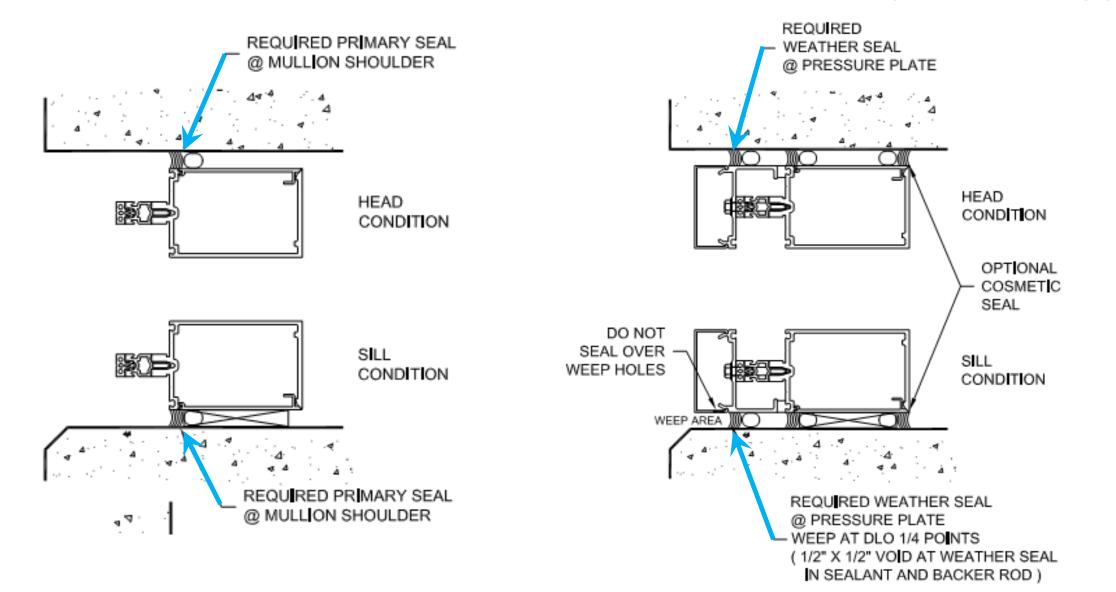






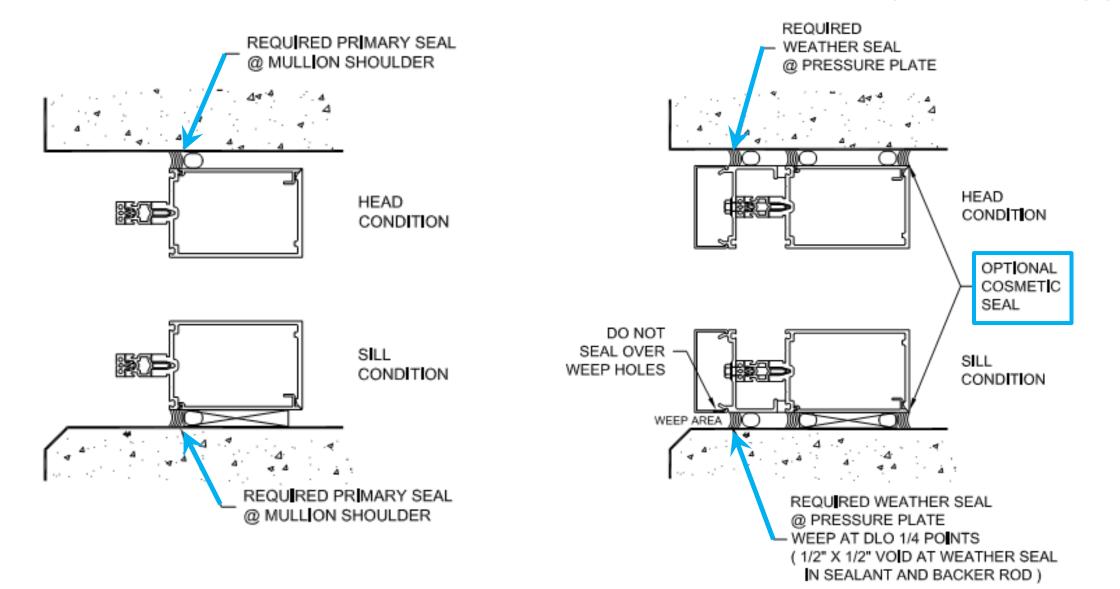


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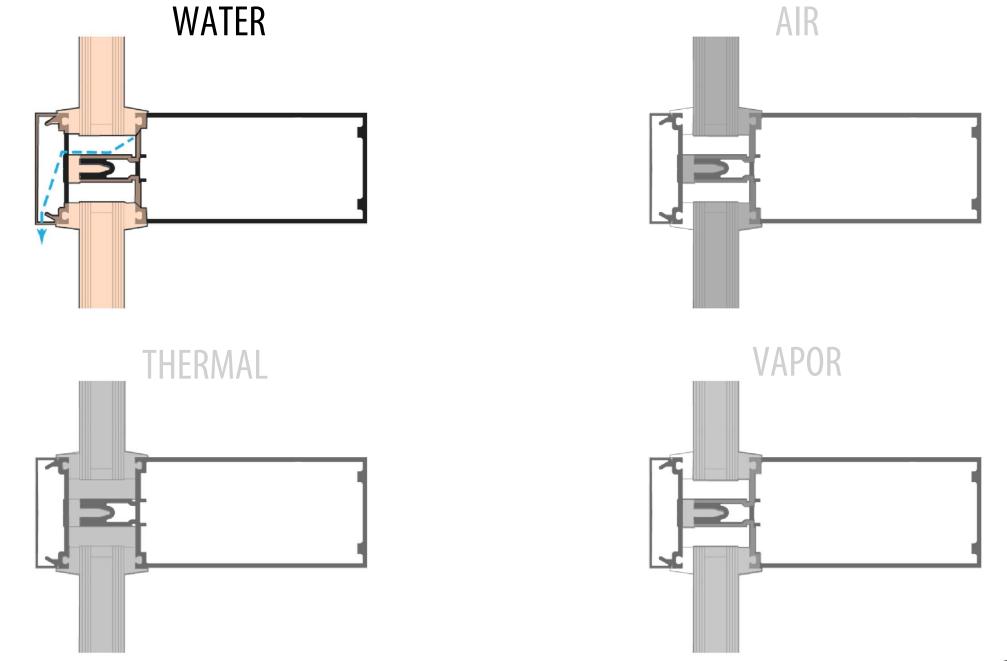


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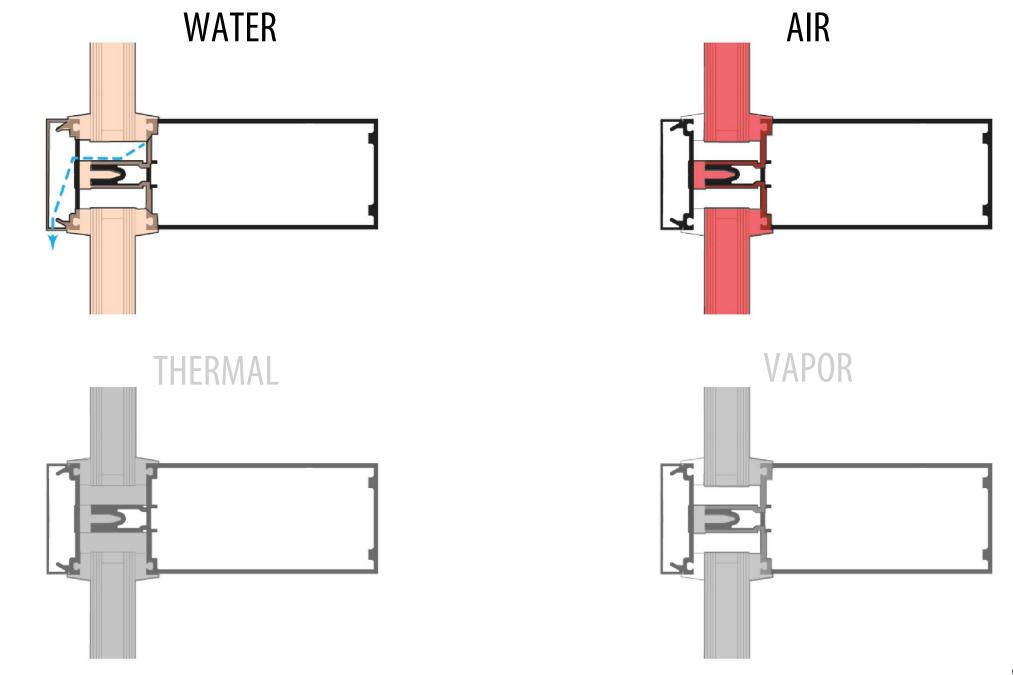


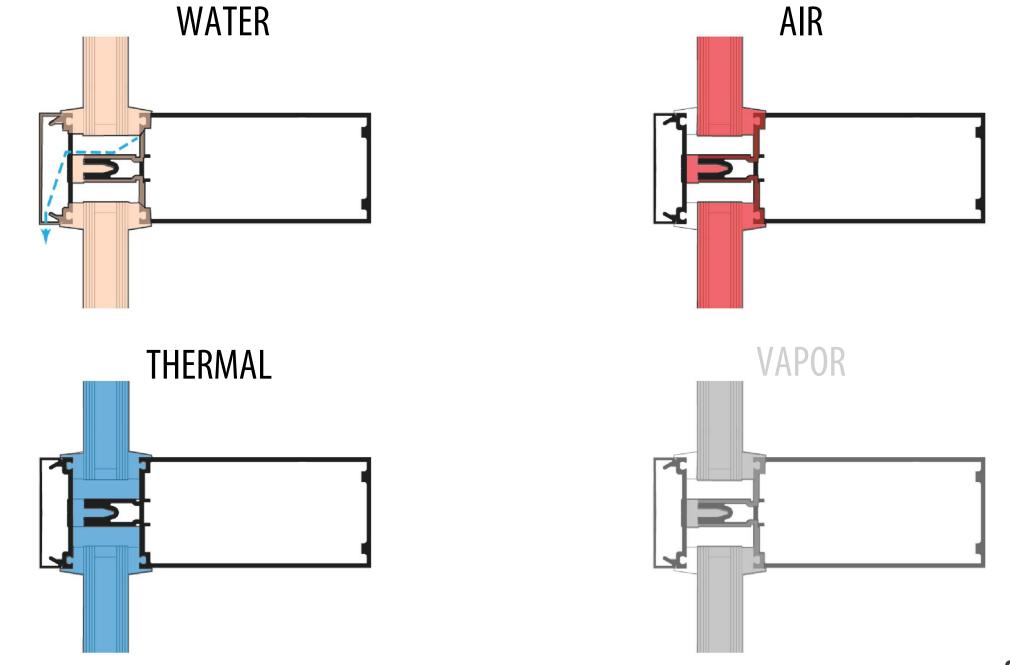
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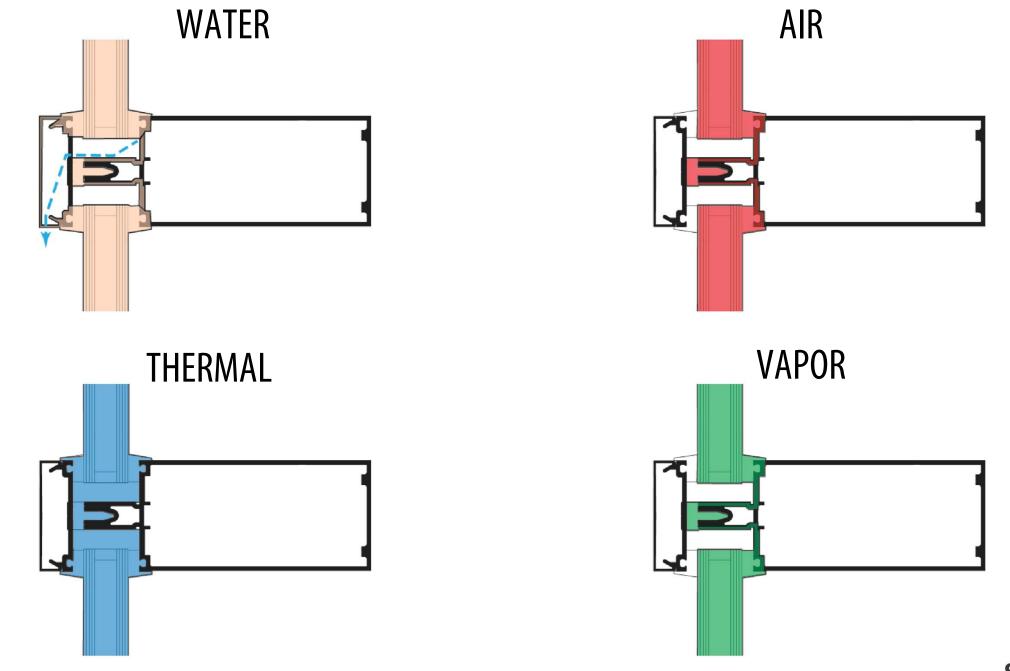
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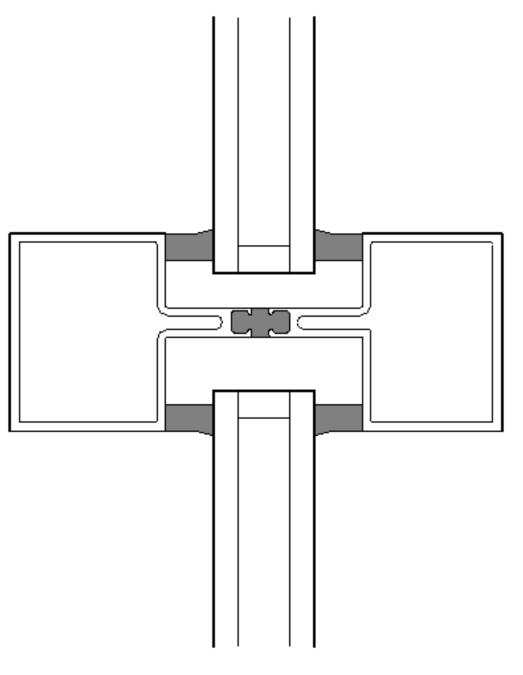


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Storefronts

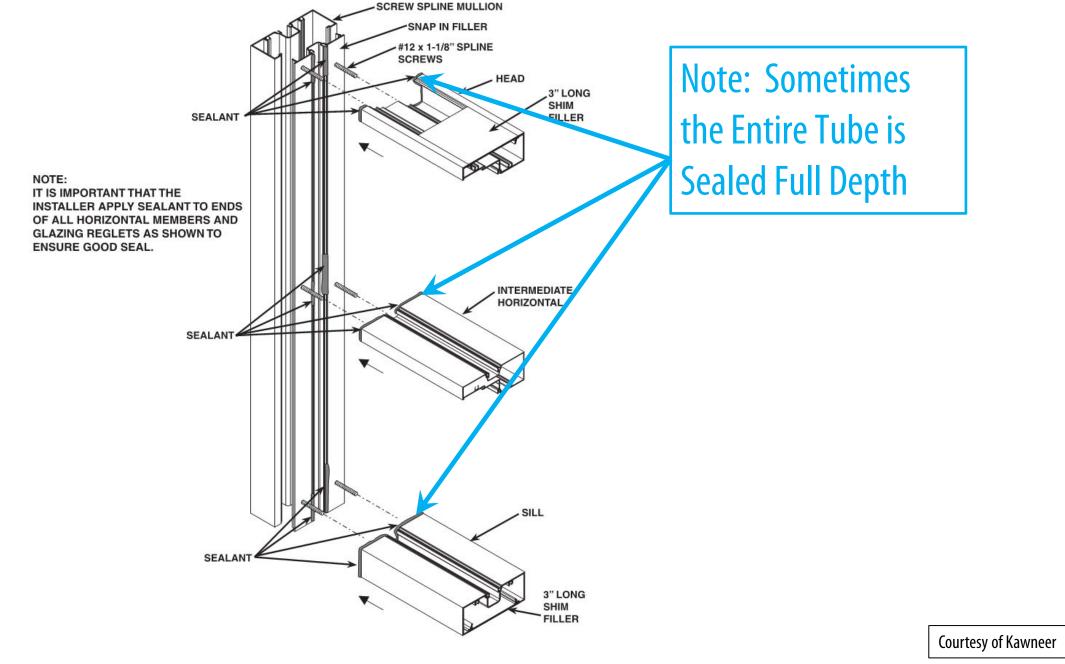






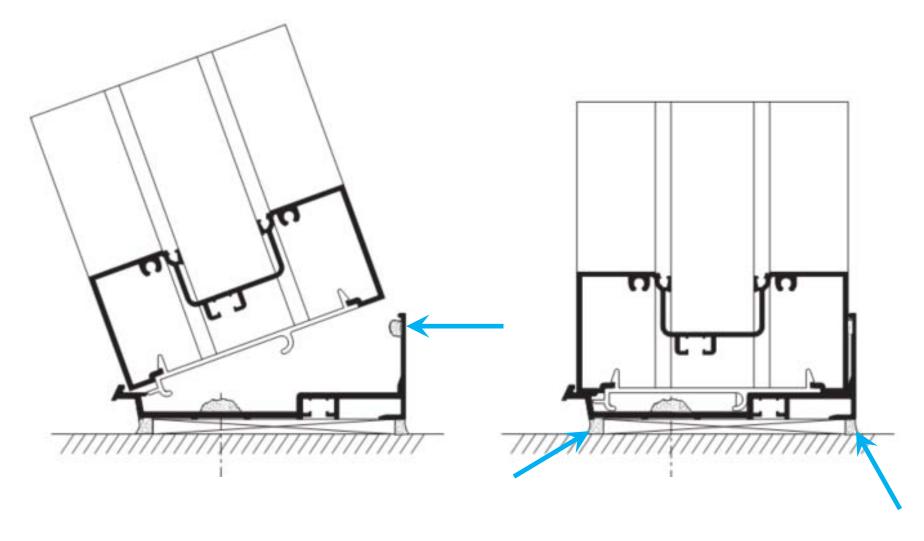






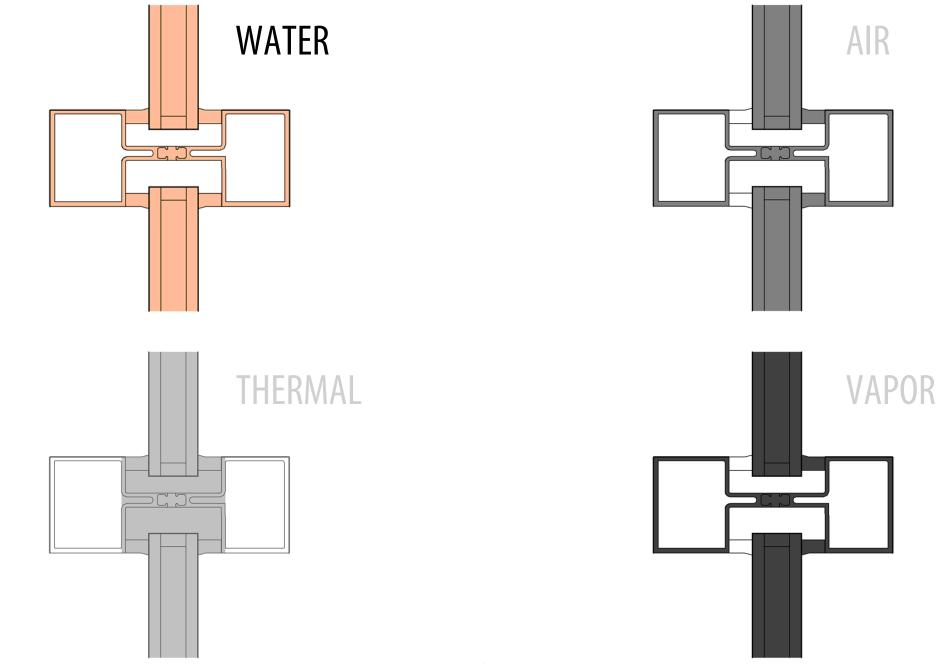


Caulk both interior and exterior at head, jamb and under sill flashing with high quality sealant. Do not block weep holes in flashing.

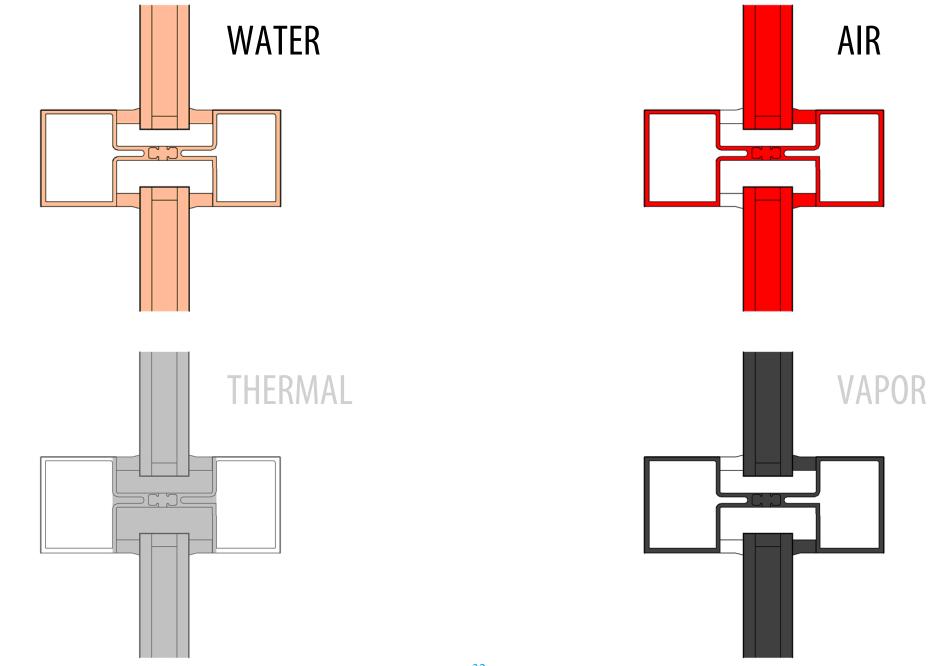






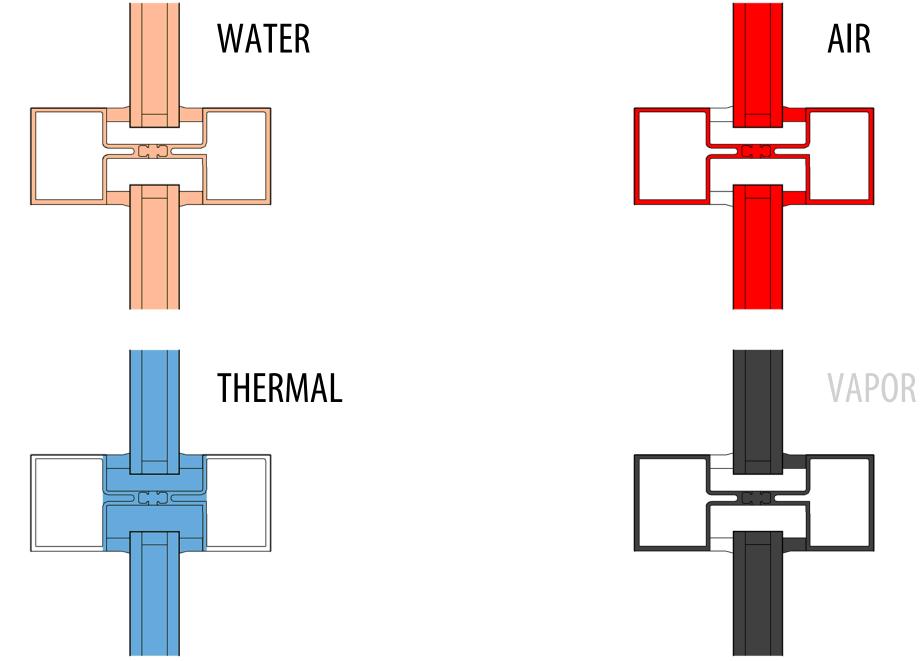


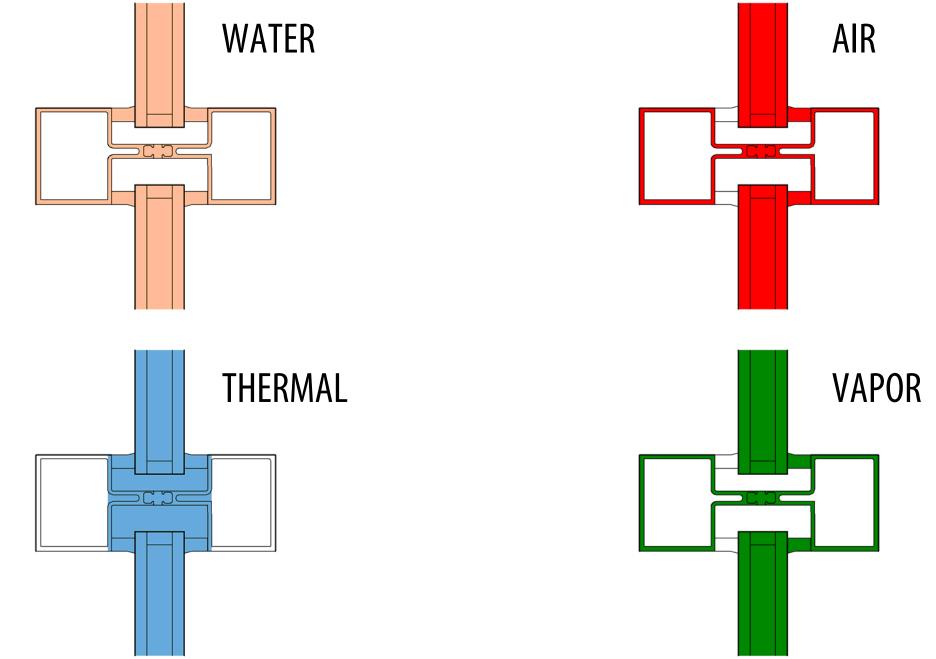
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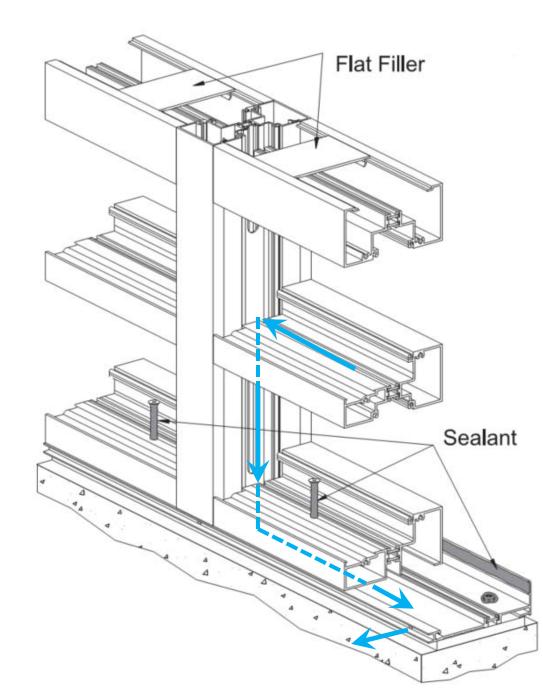
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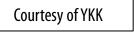






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WHY DOES THIS MATTER?





They need to Provide an **EFFECTIVE** separation between the interior and exterior.



THEY MUST BE CONTINUOUS...

... TO BE EFFECTIVE





Effects of Discontinuity

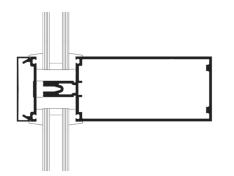


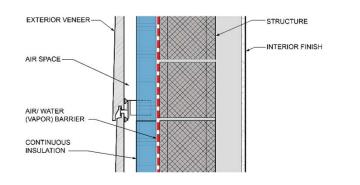


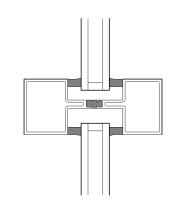
Lack of Continuity may lead to . . .

- Water leakage
- Air leakage
- Thermal bridging
- Poor energy performance
- Condensation

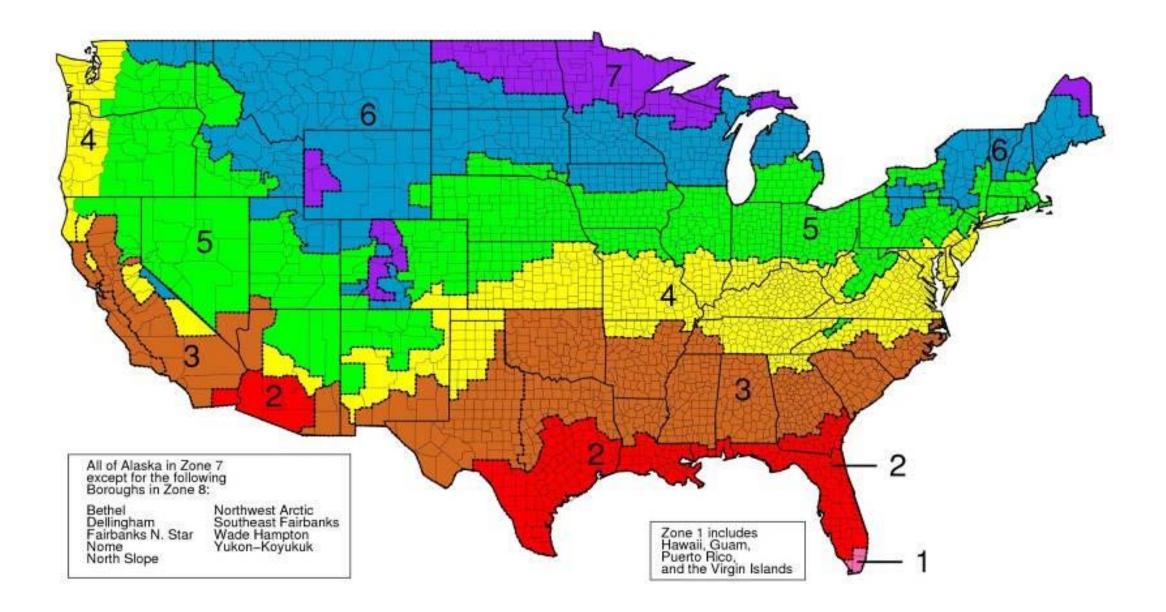
- Durability problems
- Mold
- Corrosion
- Rot
- Reversion



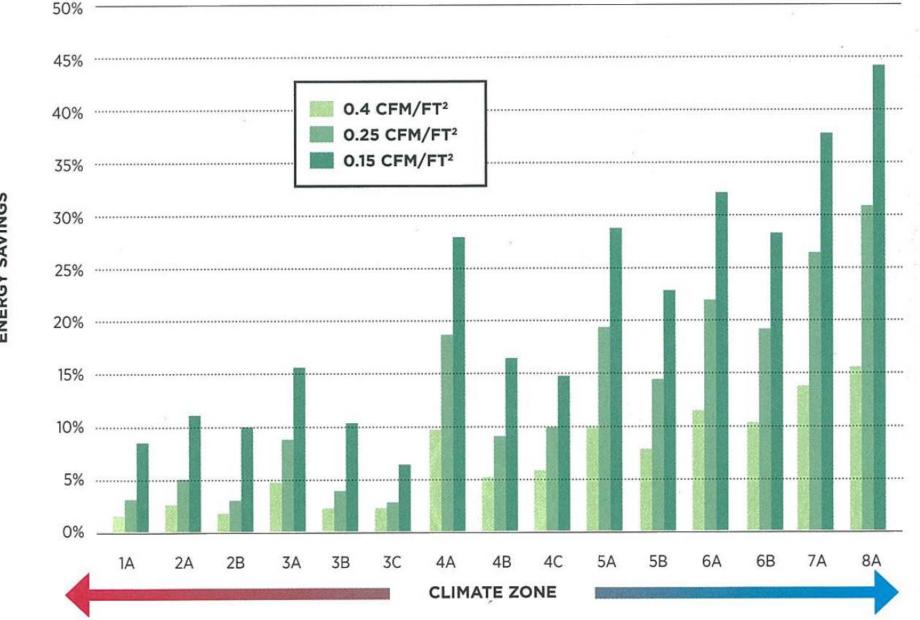










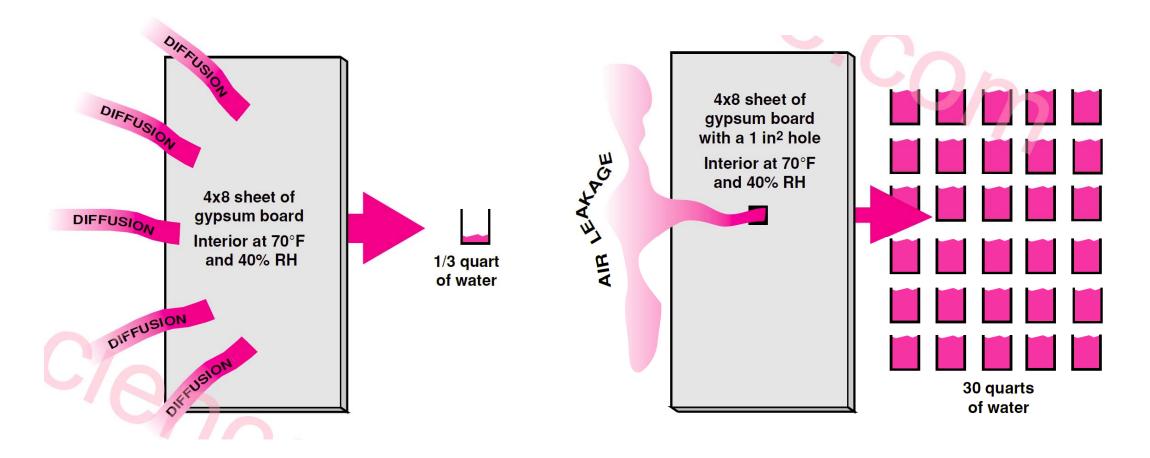


ENERGY SAVINGS



Courtesy of Buildings Magazine 8/14 and BCRA

For Vapor Control You Must First Have Air Control





Insulations, Sheathings, and Vapor Retarders: Building Science Corporation, Research Report - 0412



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ENERGY SAVINGS AND MOISTURE TRANSPORT CALCULATOR

In conjunction with Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) and the National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST), we are very excited to provide this new resource to the industry to help quantify energy savings based on the use of air barriers and increasing the airtightness of buildings.

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Energy Savings and Moisture Transport Calculator



Energy Savings and Moisture Transport Calculator

Location: 😧	United States	Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh	~
Building Type: 🛛	Mid-Rise Apartment	Floor Area: ft^2 v	33700	
	Leakage Rates:	CFM/ft*2 ~ 0		
Base case:	1.318895	Retrofitted building:	0.0492125	•
	Energy Cos	sts: 😧		
Electricity: (\$/kWh)	0.09	Natural Gas: \$/	10.13	
	Calculate >	> 0		



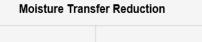
Results Display

Leakage Rate		Equivalent Leakage Area	
Base Case	Retrofitted Building	Base Case	Retrofitted Building
5.40 L/s/m² at 75 Pa	2.00 L/s/m² at 75 Pa	19.34 ft ²	7.16 ft ²

Predicted Savings	Electricity	Natural Gas
Energy	9,502 kWh	329,947 ft ³
Cost	\$ 855.21	\$ 2,397.77
Total Cost Savings	\$ 3,252.98	



Moisture Transfer Into the space Due to the Air Leakage			
Base Case	Retrofitted Building		
1.57 gal/ft²/year	0.46 gal/ft²/year		



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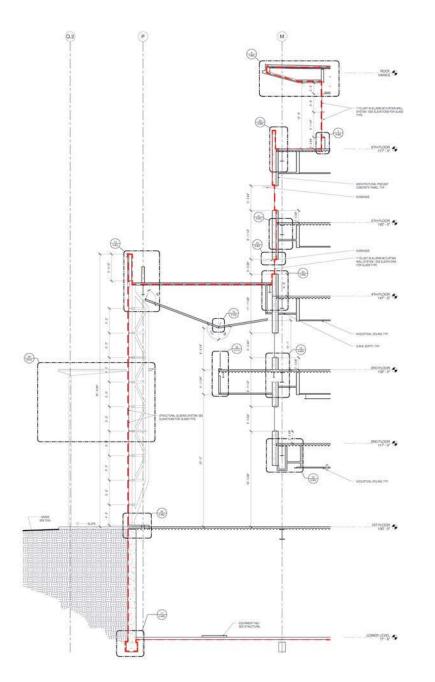
Avoid Discontinuity





Avoid Discontinuity

- Roofs
- Walls
- Fenestration
- Below Grade Walls
- Soffits
- Transitions



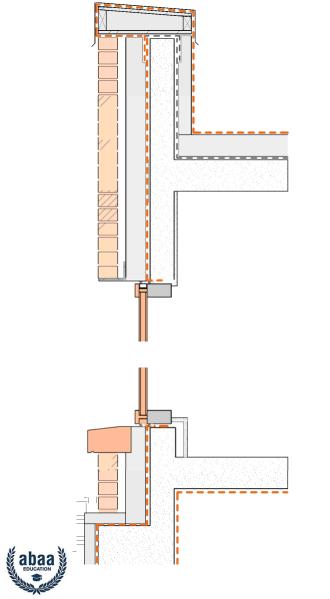




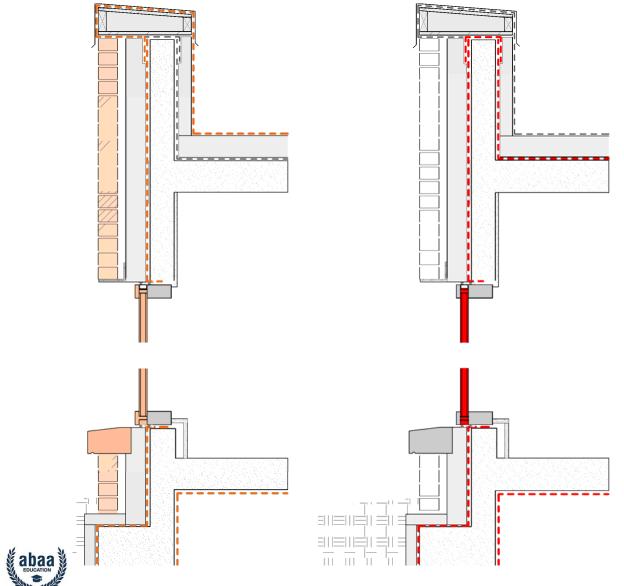


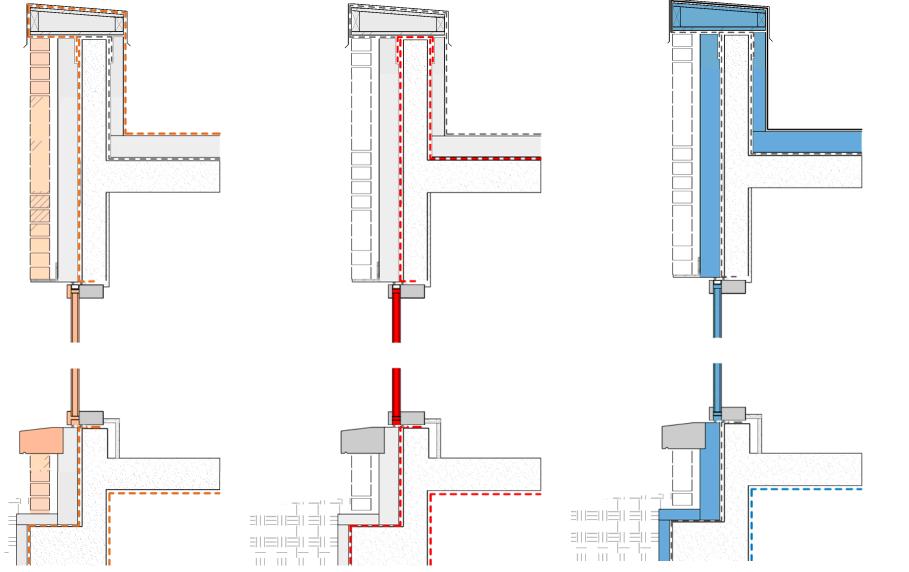
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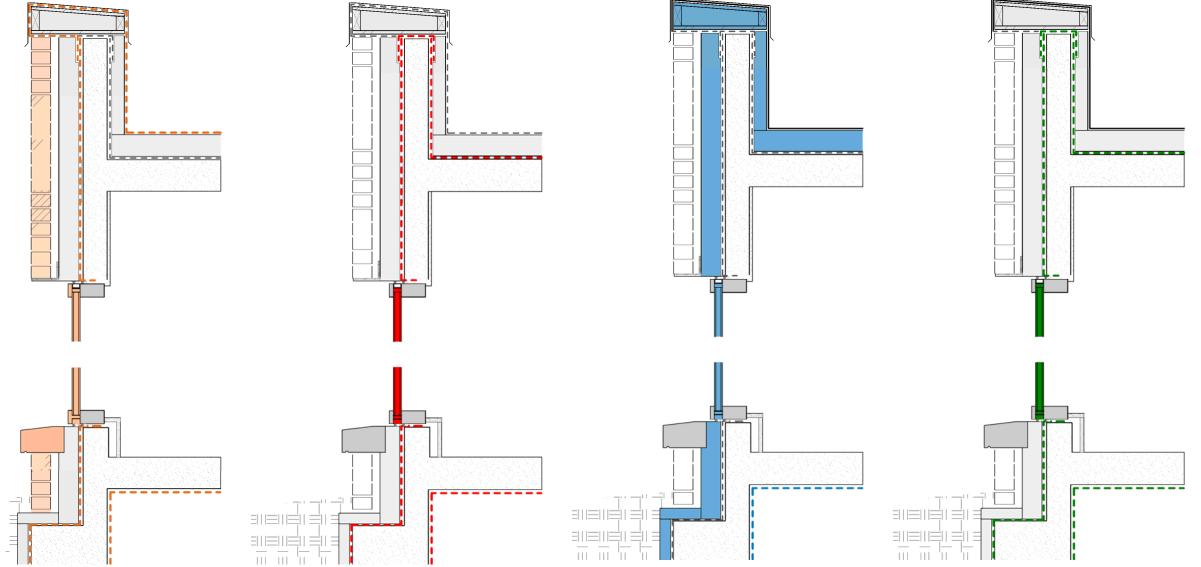
TRACE THE LAYERS









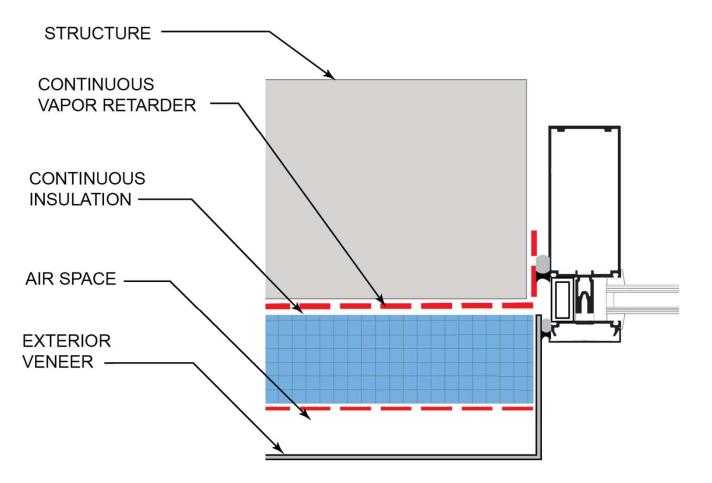


SYSTEM TRANSITIONS



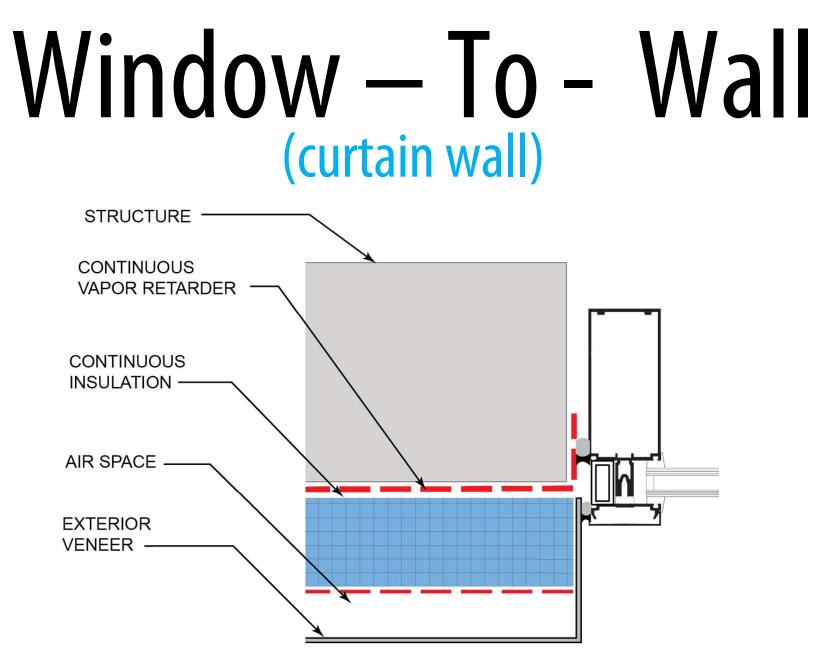


Window – To - Wall









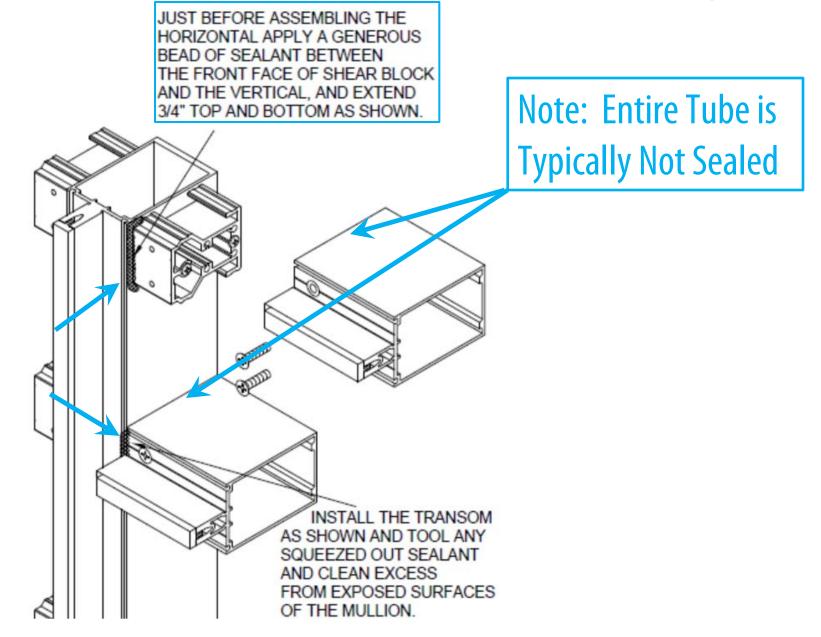




Remember First... Understand the System

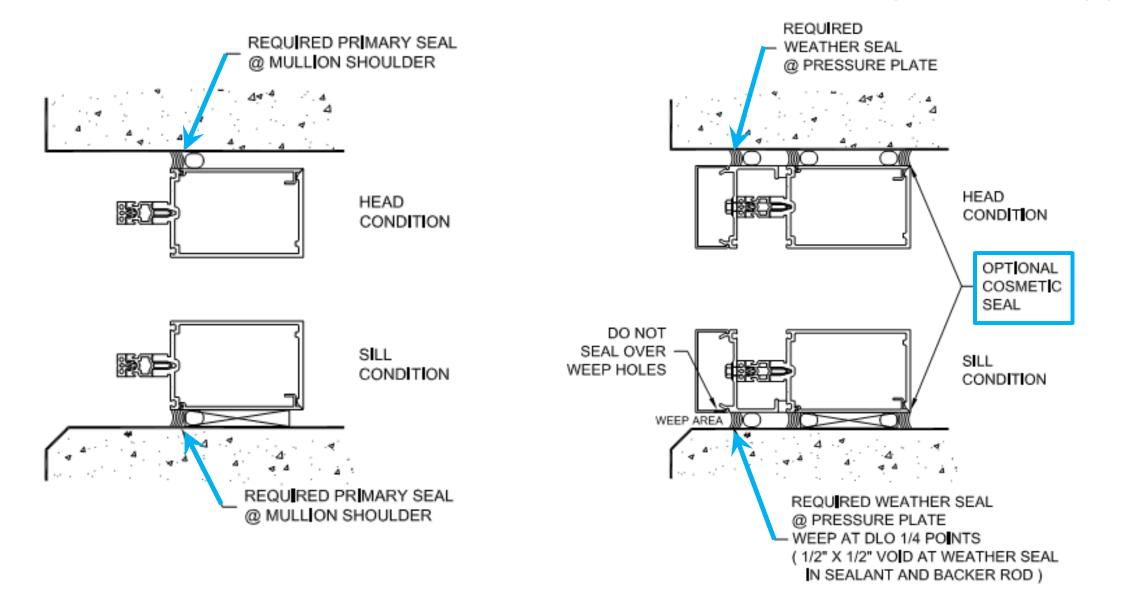




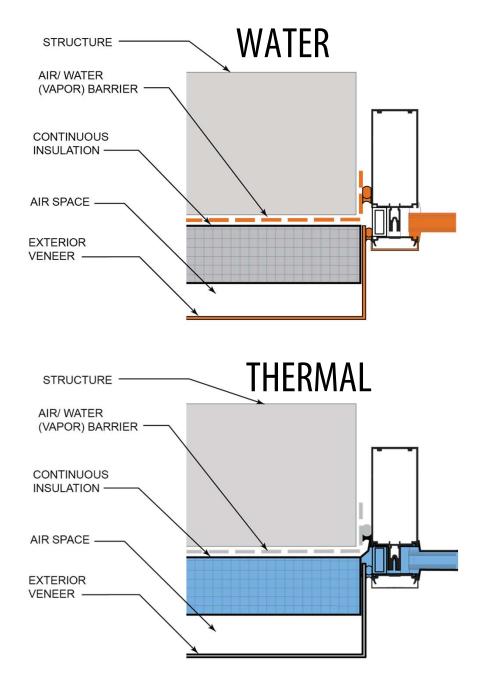


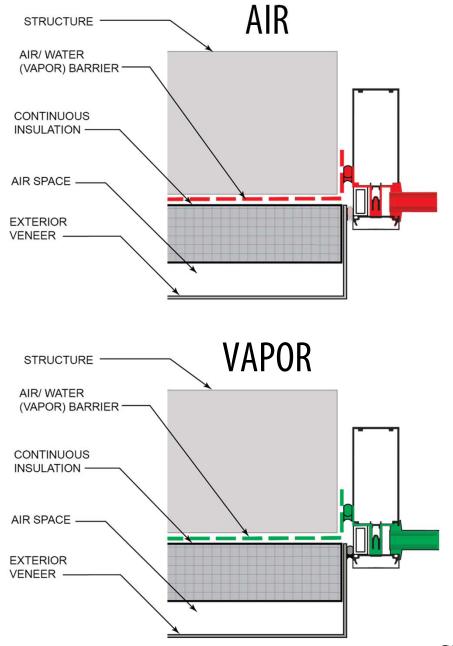






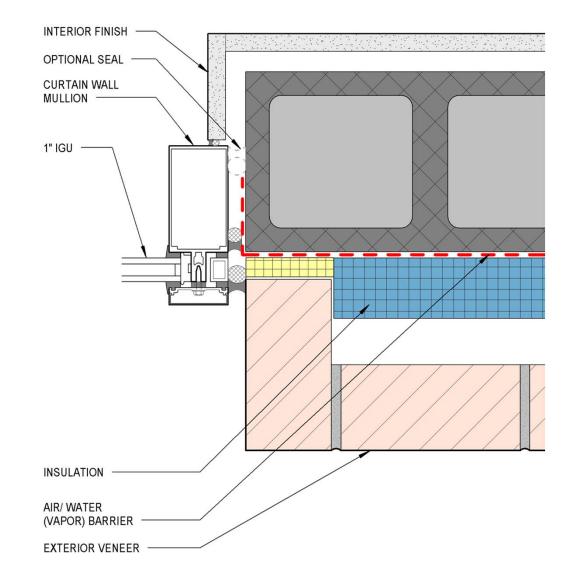






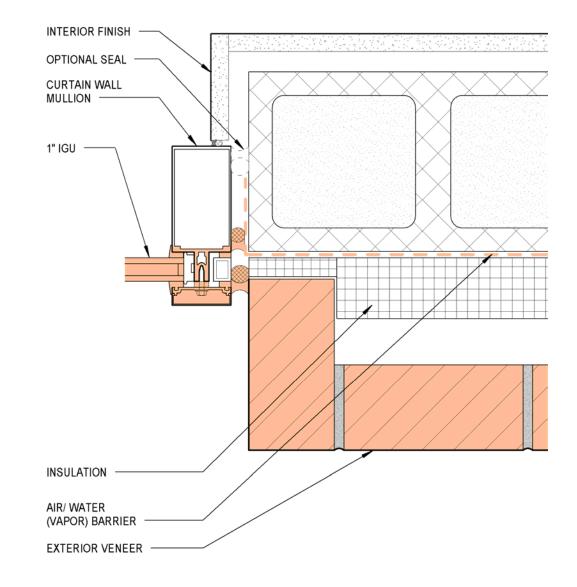
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Curtain Wall Jamb



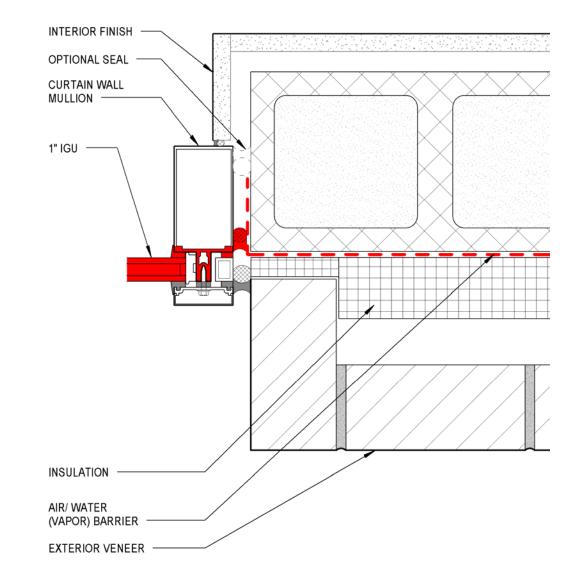


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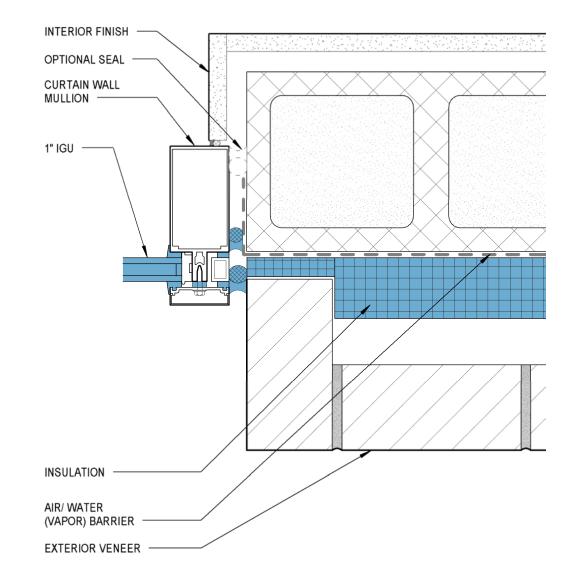


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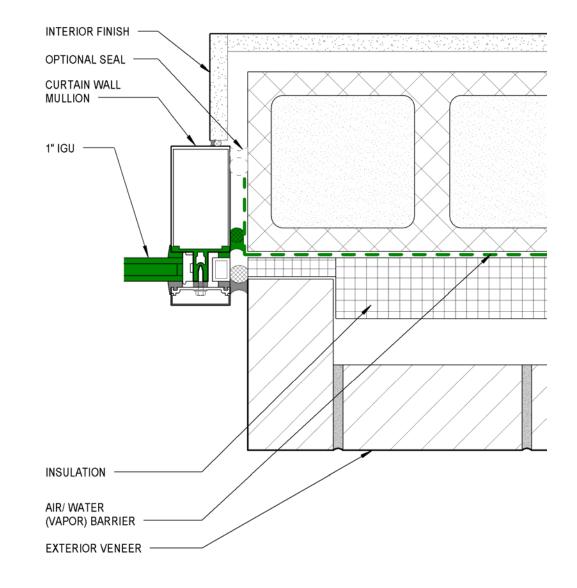


Thermal





Vapor





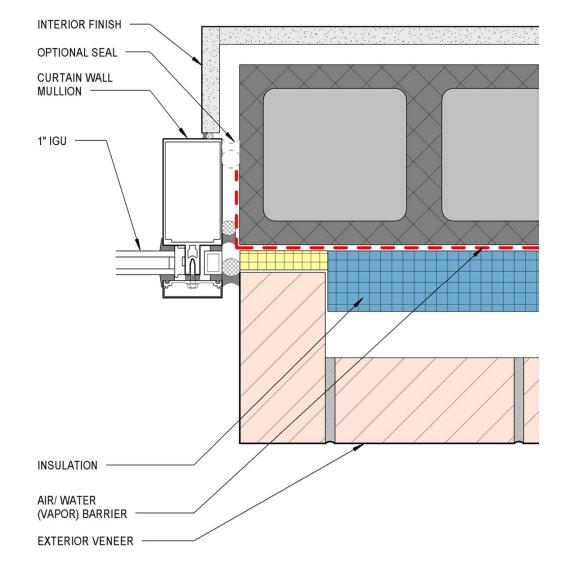
Two Methods to Achieve Continuity





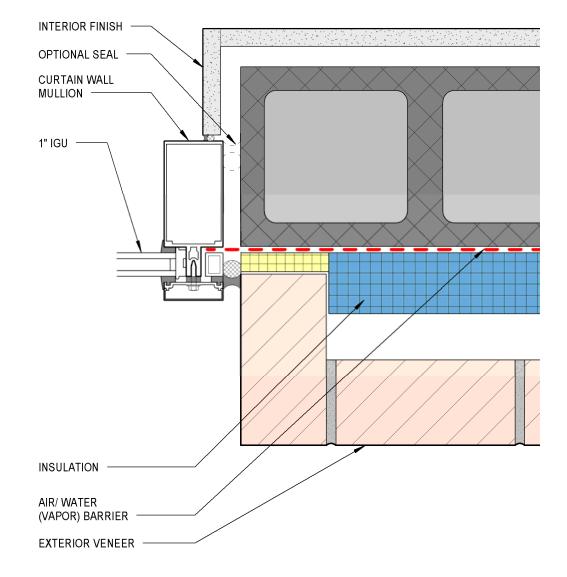
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Sealant Transition





Membrane Transition



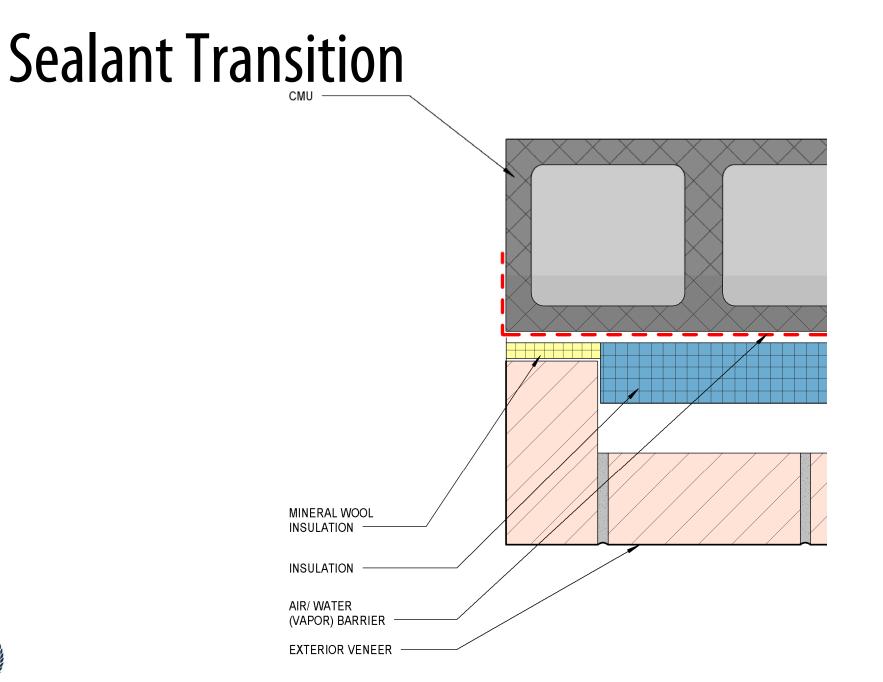


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Sequence of Installation

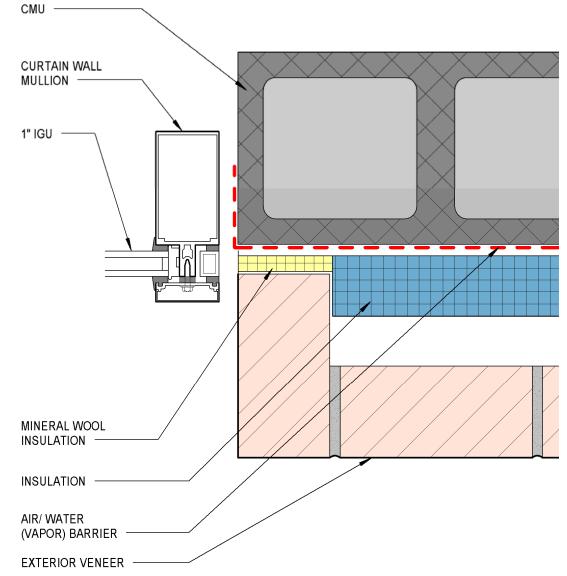






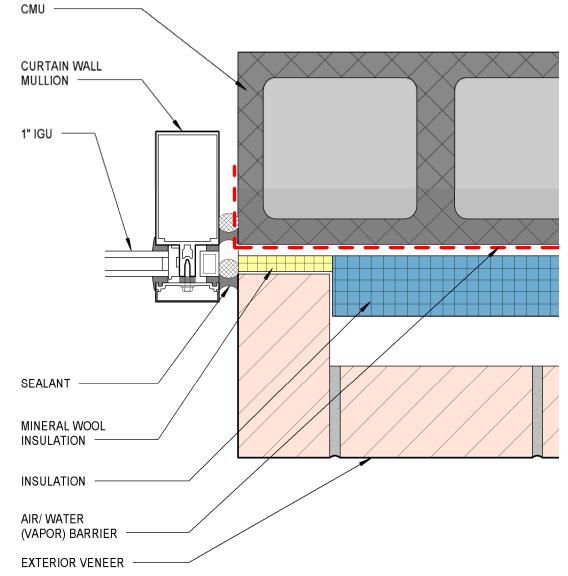
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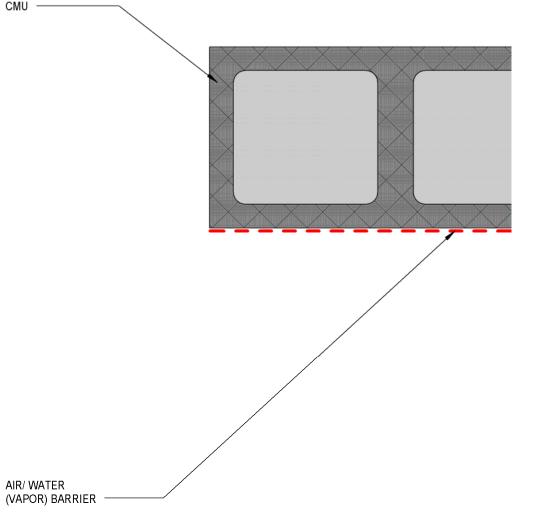




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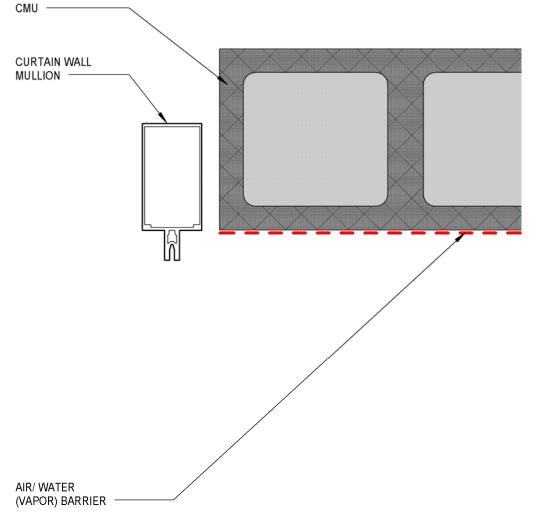






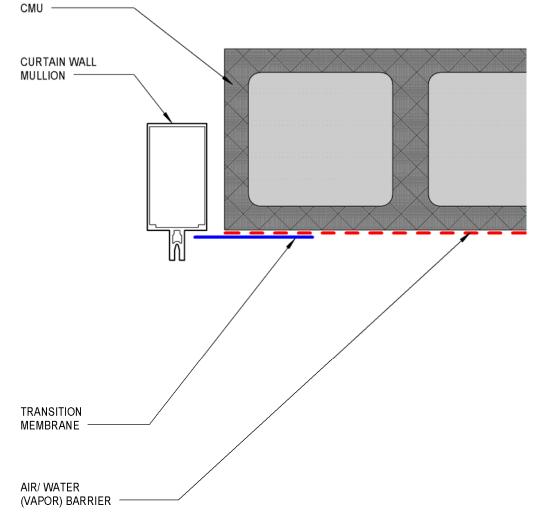






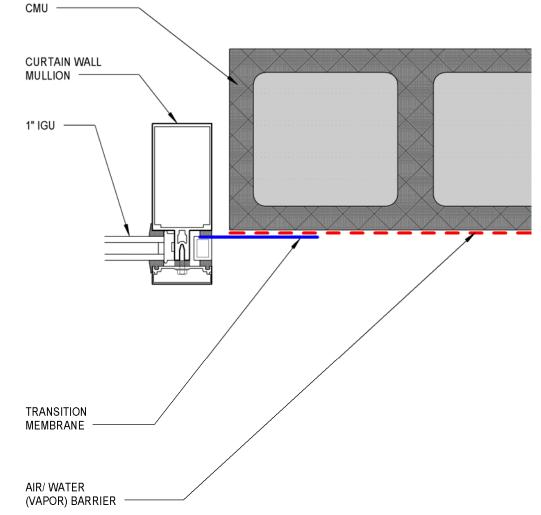








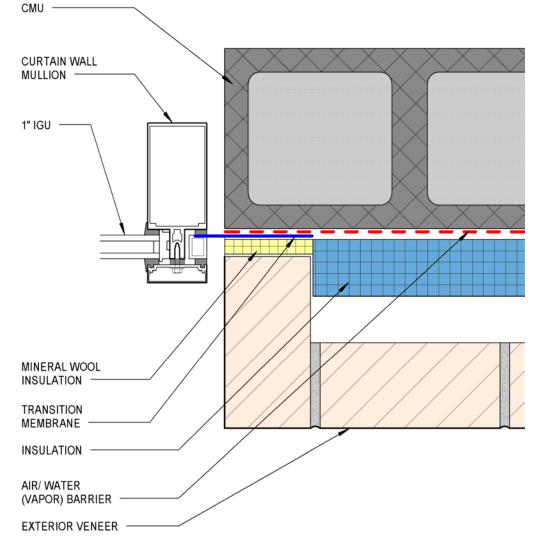








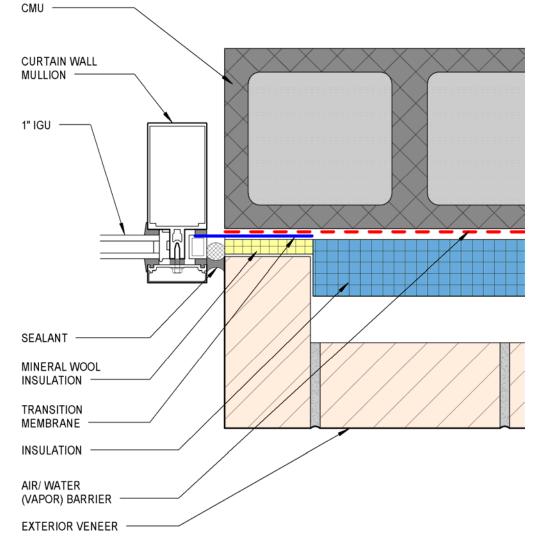
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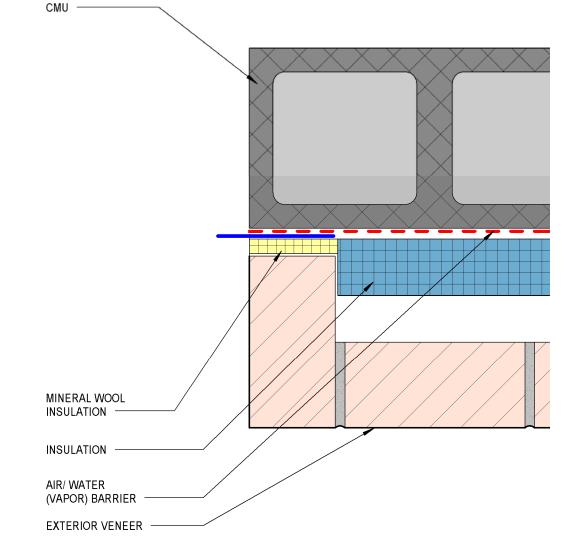




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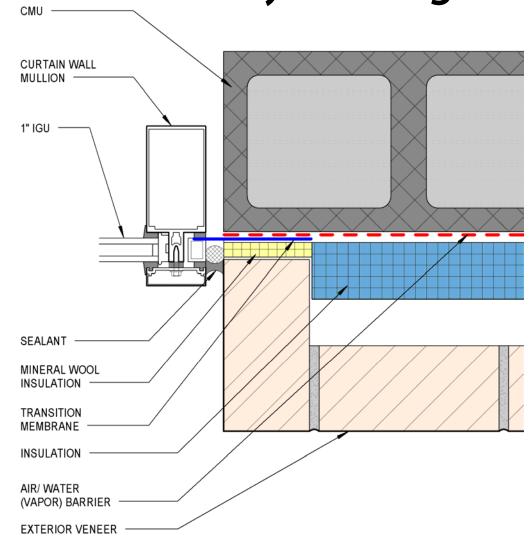
Membrane Transition 2





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Membrane Transition 2 (yeah, right...)





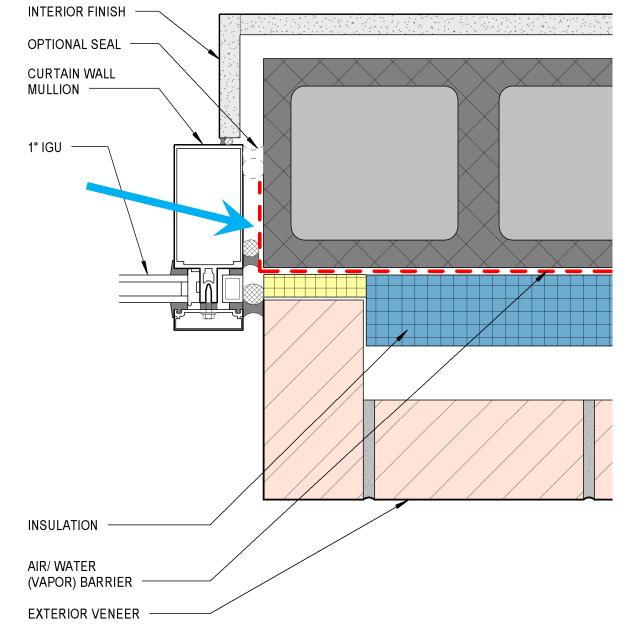
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Materials/Method Benefits/Limitations





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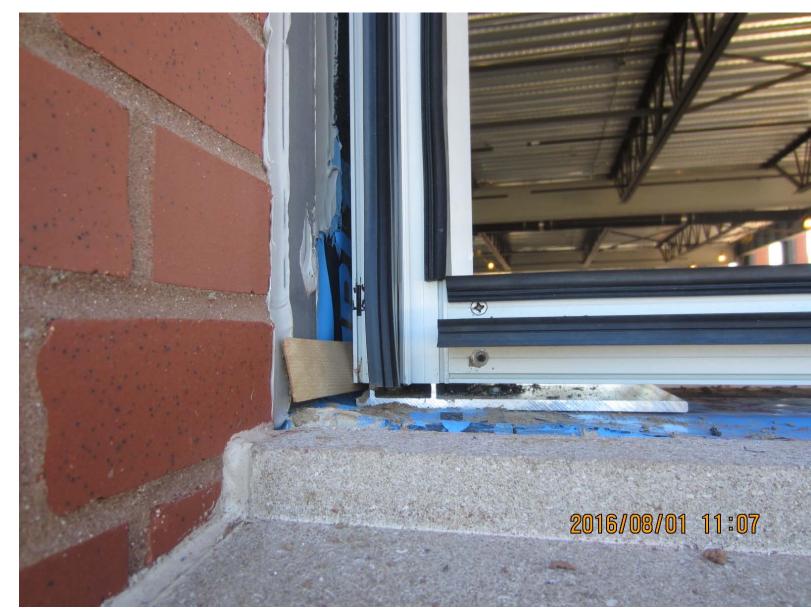


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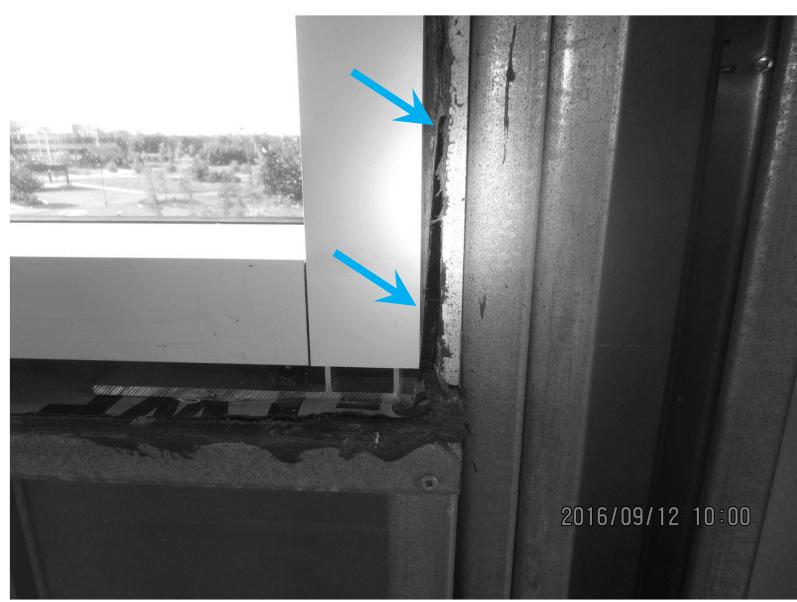


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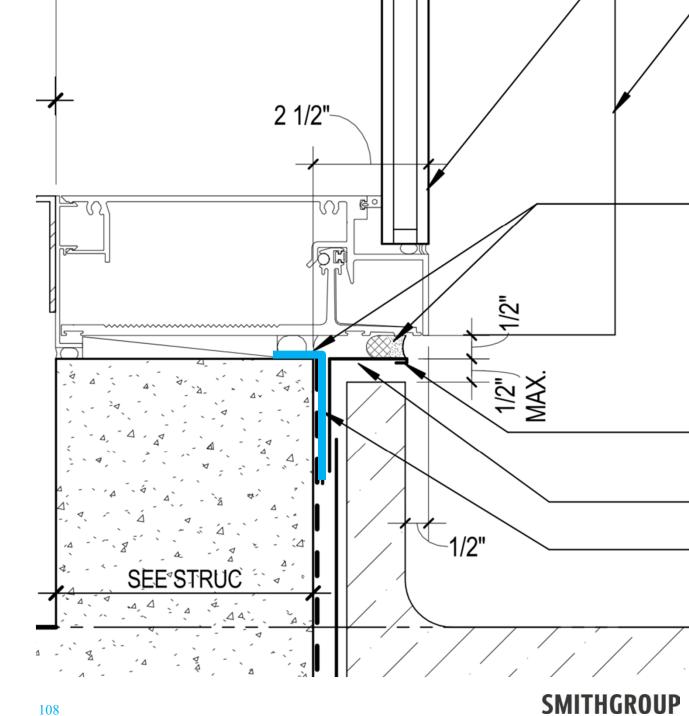


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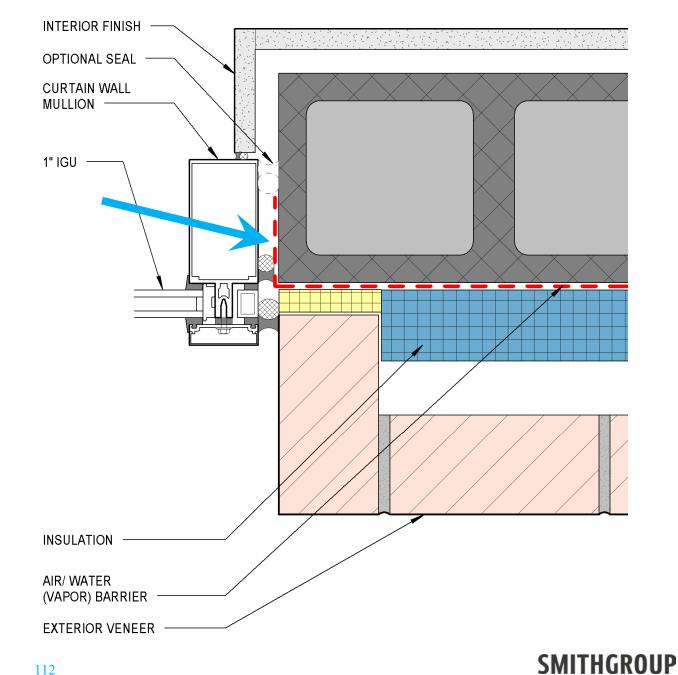
Sealant Transition

Flashing Materials

- Fluid Applied Flashing
 - Seamless
 - Thickness variability
 - Curing
 - Good Adhesion Compatibility
 - Possible Water Absorption
- Self Adhered •
 - Seams
 - Buildup of Layers
 - Adhesion

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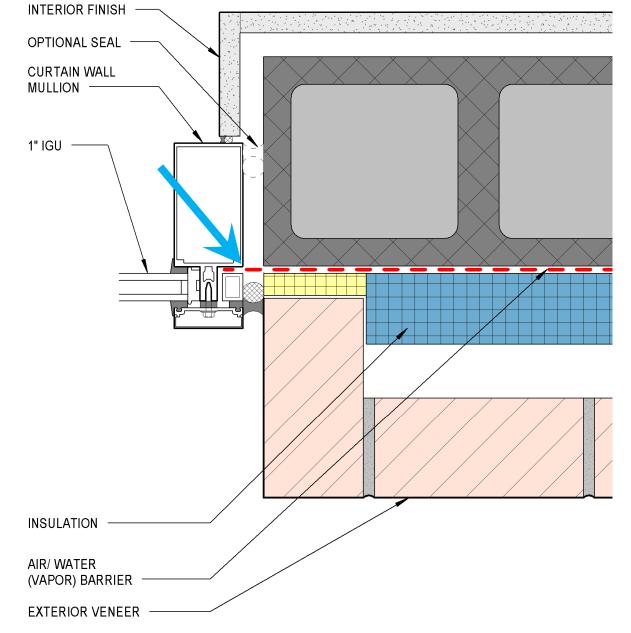
Sealant Compatibility



Membrane Transition

Flashing Materials

- Self Adhered Rubberized Asphalts
 - Risk of Compatibility
 - Span Limits
- Self Adhered Stainless Steel
 - Risk of Compatibility
 - Span Limits
- Sheet Metal
 - Lack of movement capability
 - Pre-cured Silicone



Membrane Transition

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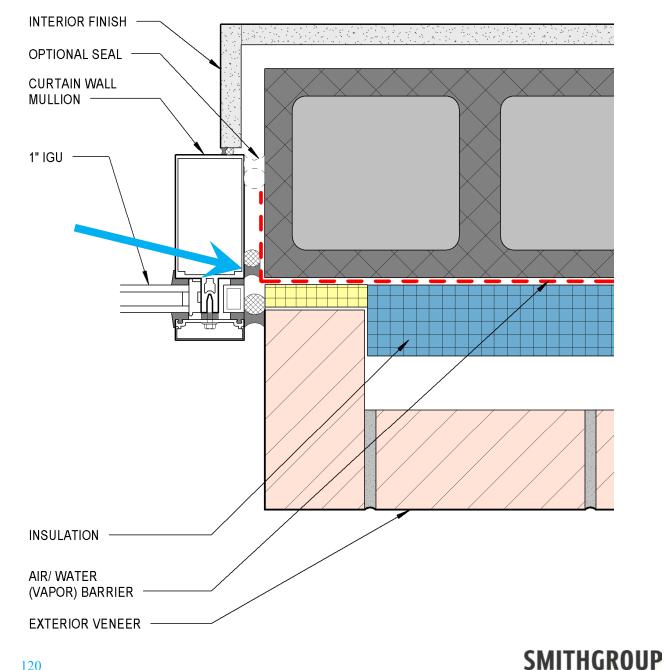
Sealant Transition

BENEFITS

- **Future Sealant Repair**
- Perimeter Sealant is Compatible with **Curtain Wall Sealants**
- Constructability / Sequence

LIMITATIONS

- Perimeter Sealant Alignment
- Sealant width tolerance
- Sealant/Membrane Compatibility •





Membrane Transition BENEFITS

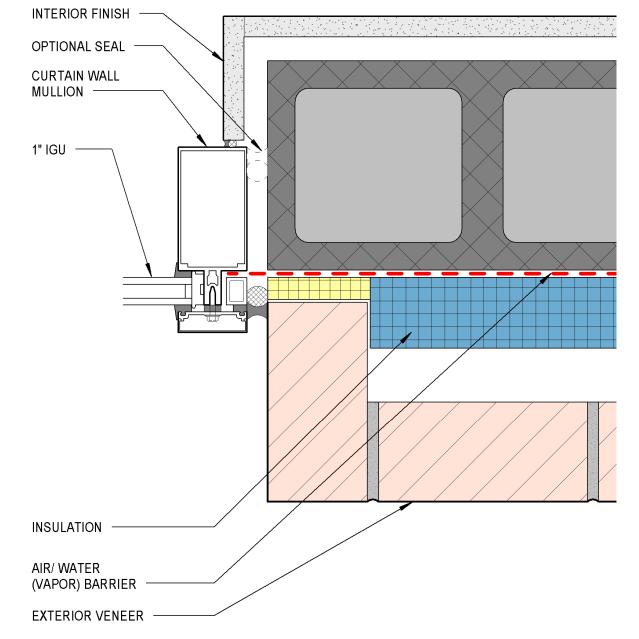
- Eliminates Sealant/Membrane Compatibility Issue
- Can span narrow gaps

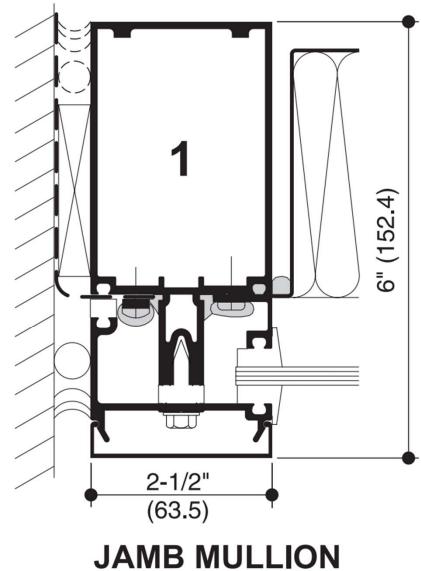
LIMITATIONS

- Constructability / Sequencing
- Seams

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- Certain Membrane Span Limits
- Future Repair Issues
- Requires Change of Gaskets
- Internal Curtain Wall Sealant Compatibility with Membrane
 - 3D Terminations are Difficult





AT SPANDREL

(With vapor barrier tie-in)





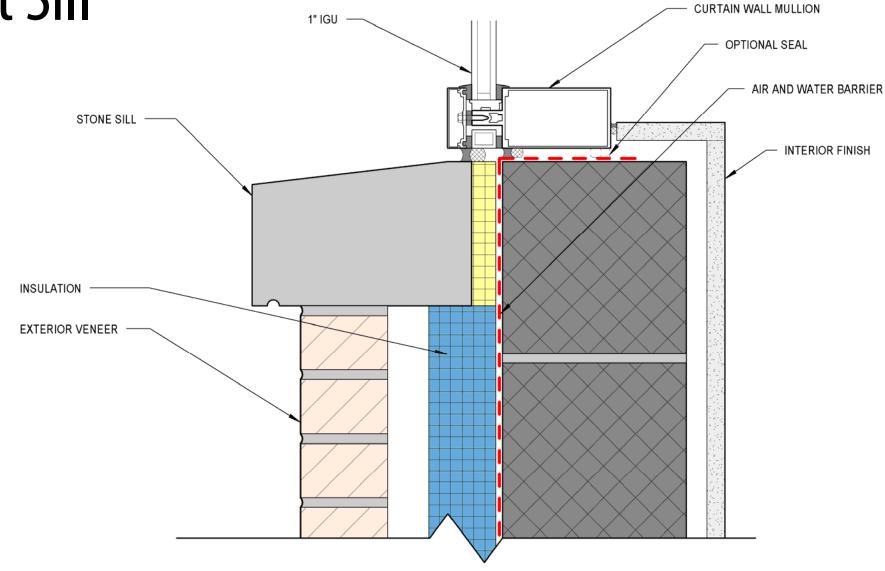
Continuity Around the Perimeter

Critical Seals must align at...

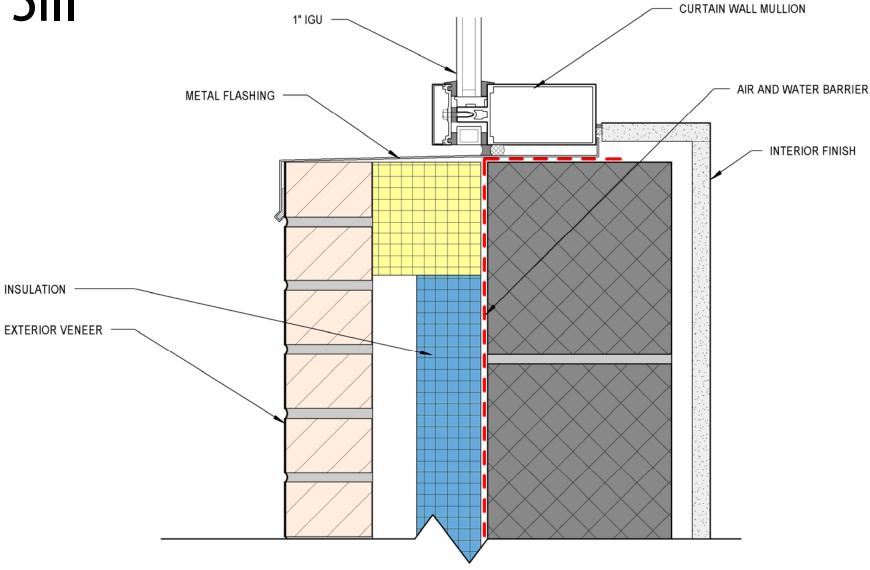
- -Head
- –Jamb

-Sill

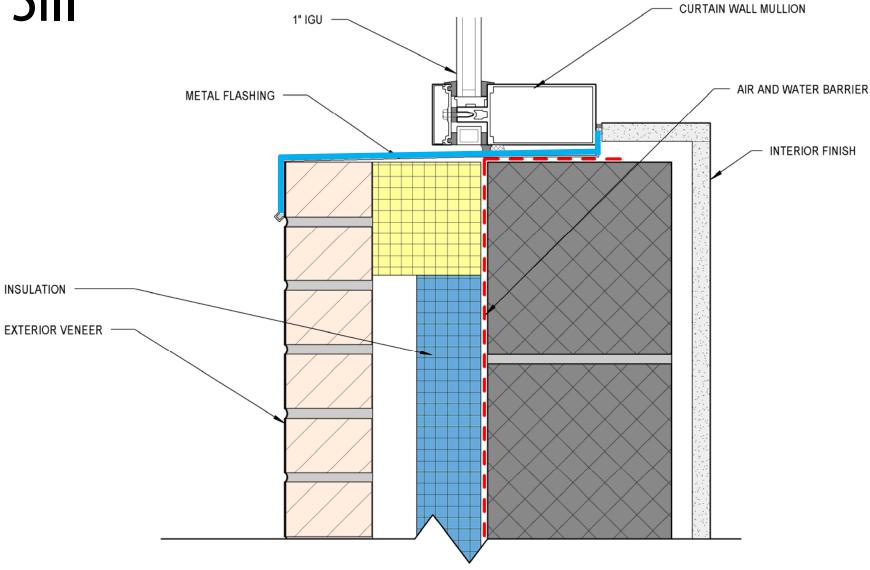




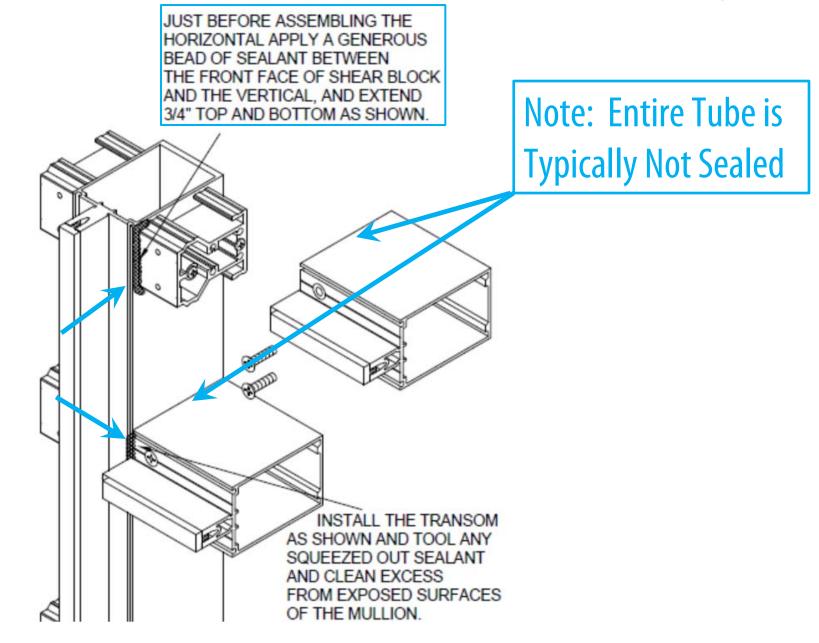






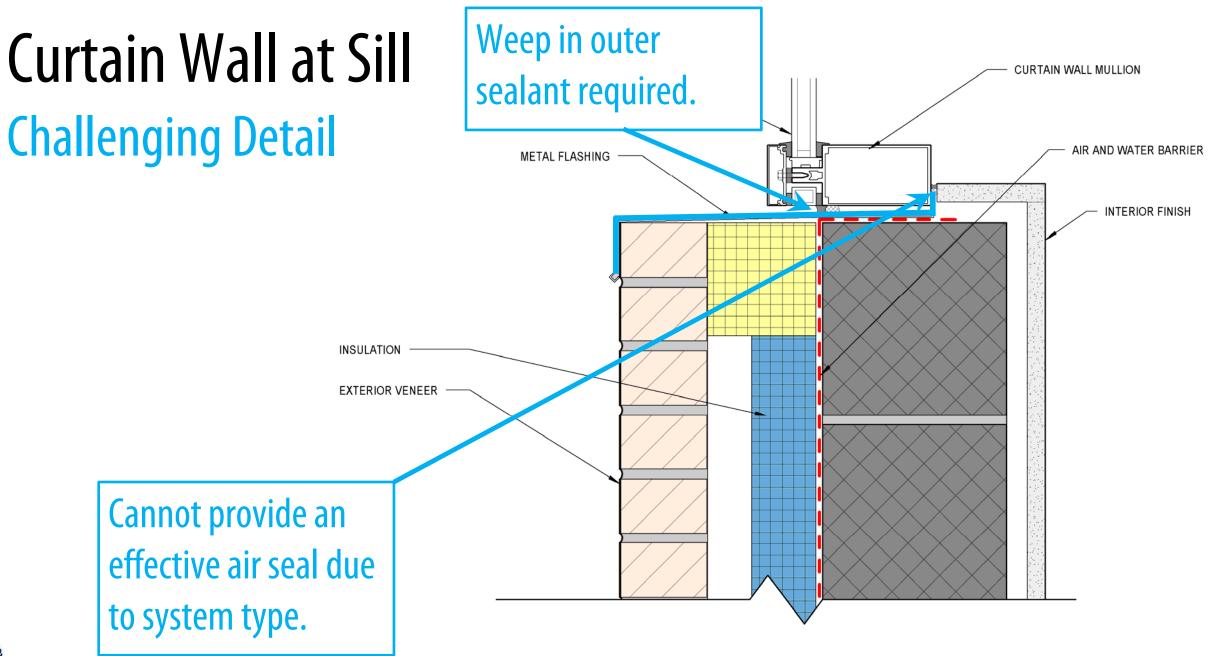




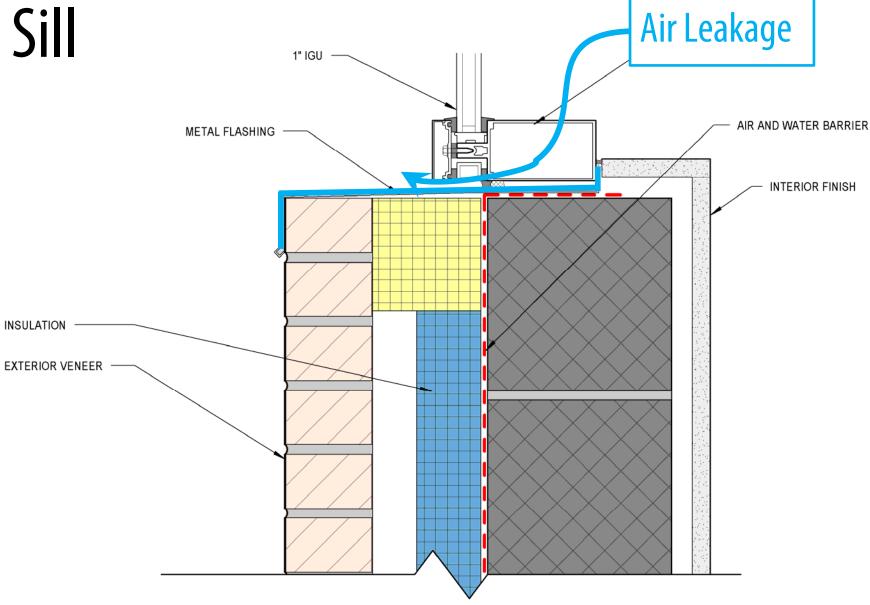








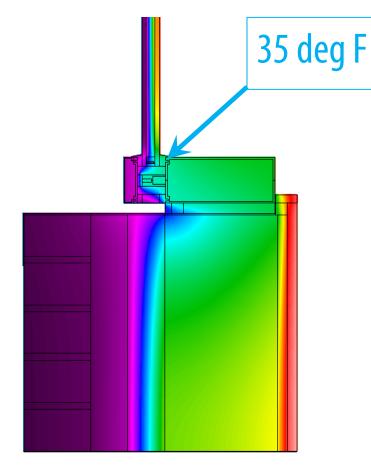


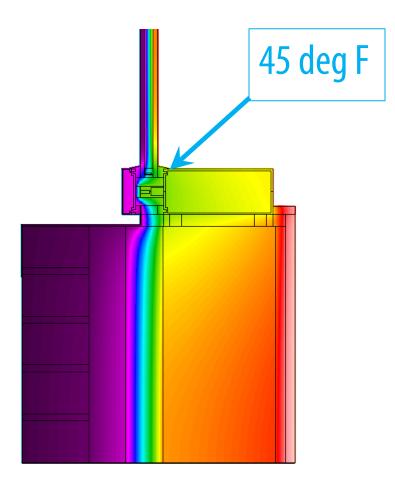




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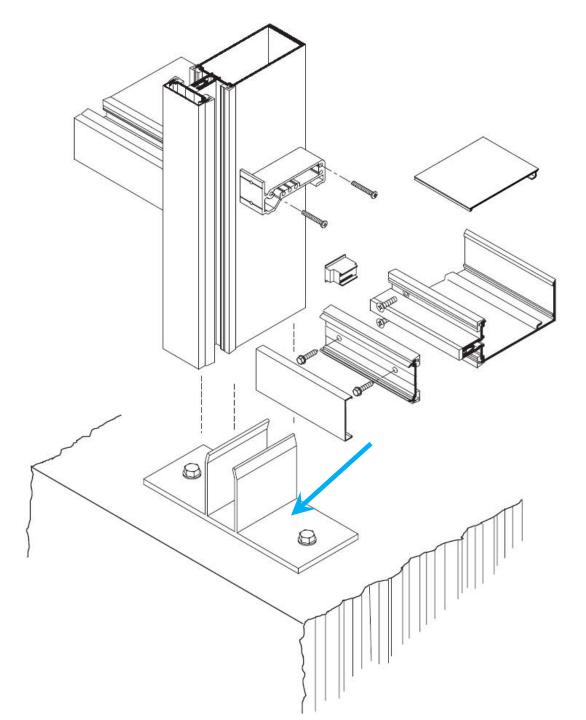






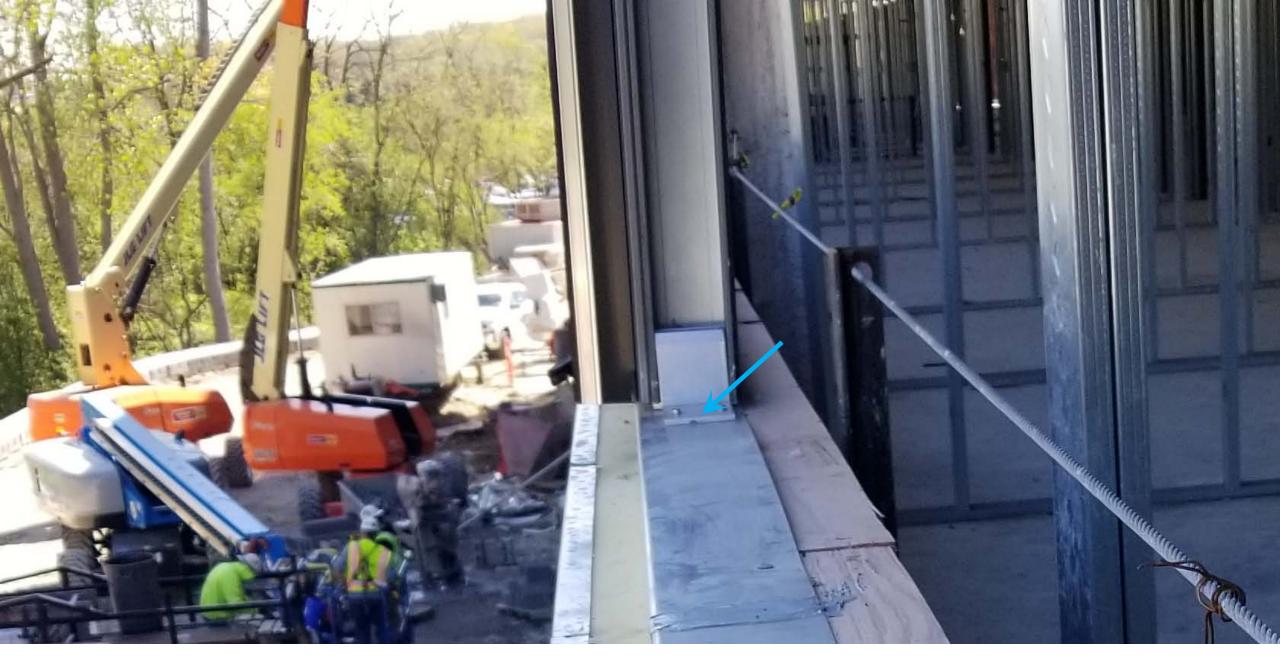


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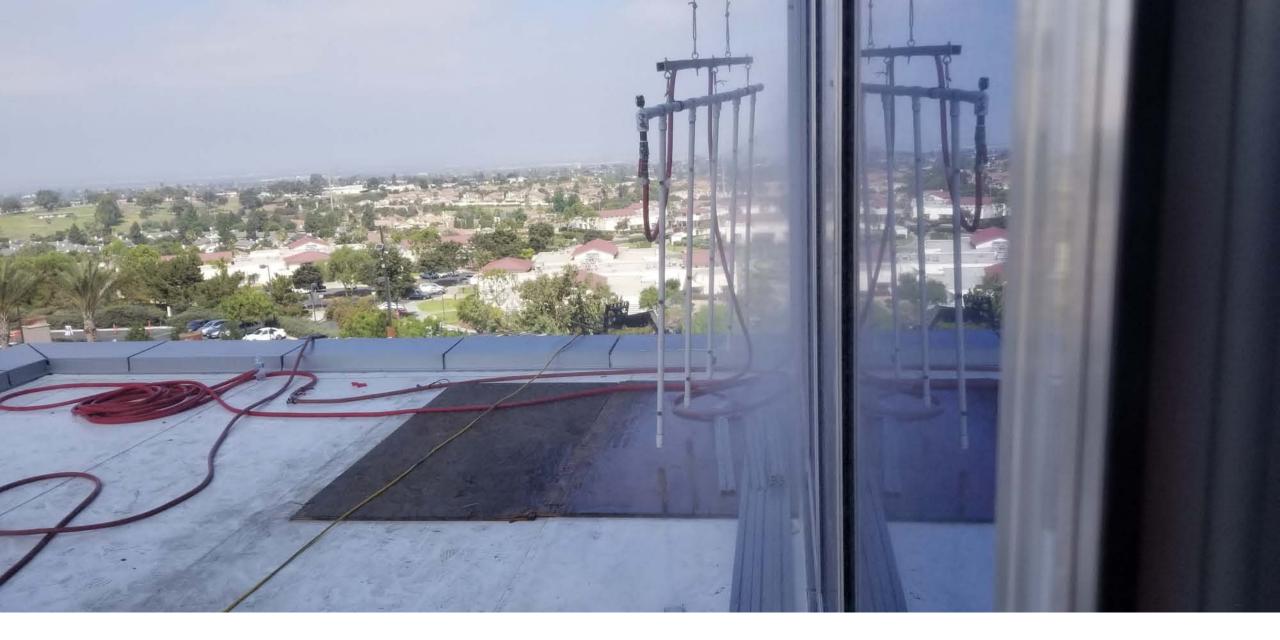
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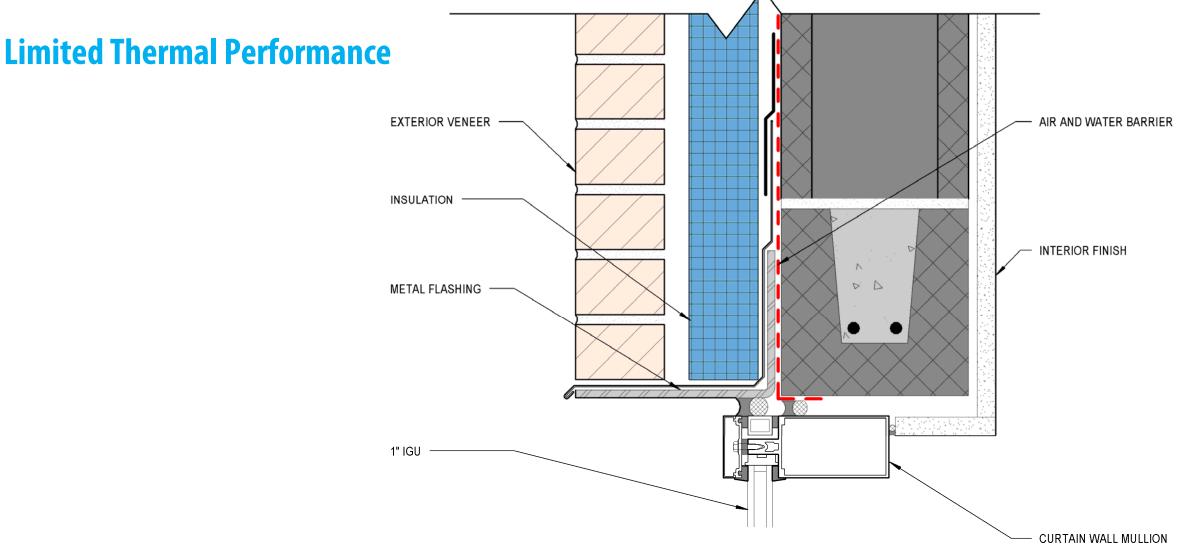
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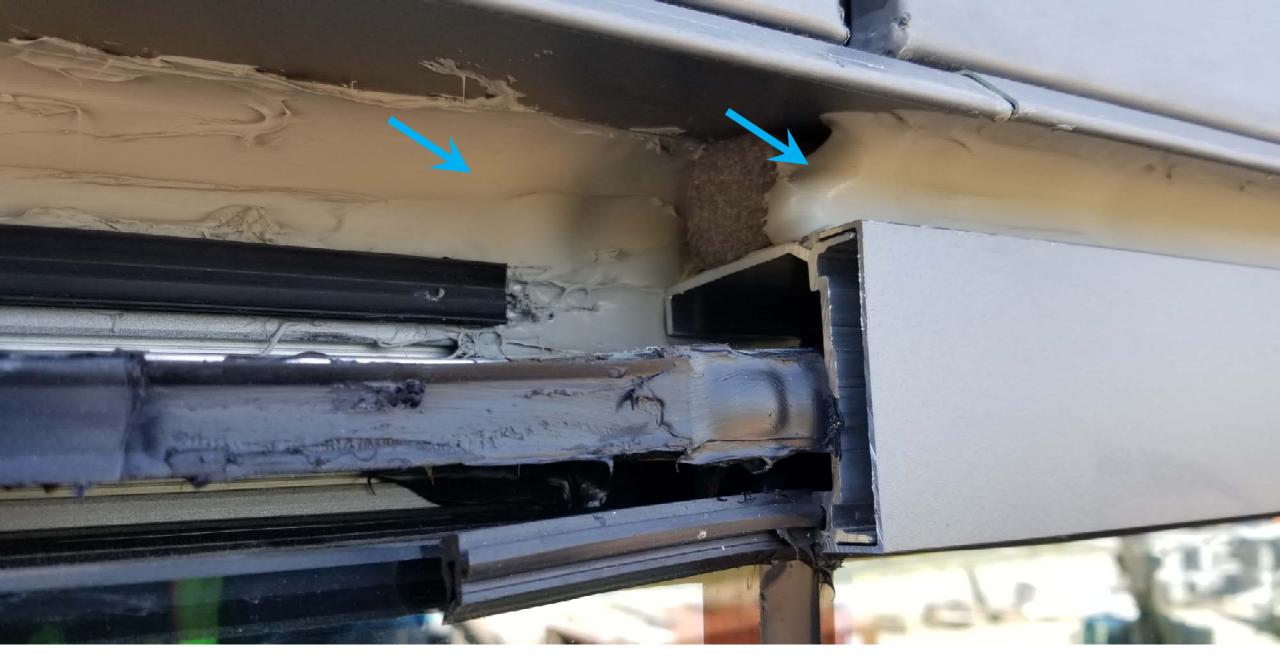
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Curtain Wall at Head



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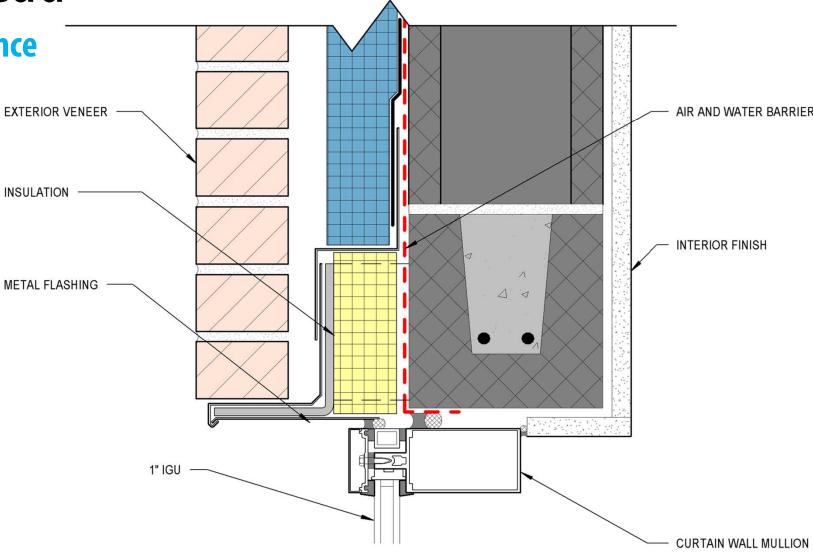


Curtain Wall at Head



Limitations

• Detailing of Air/Water/Vapor METAL FLASHING -Barrier around clips



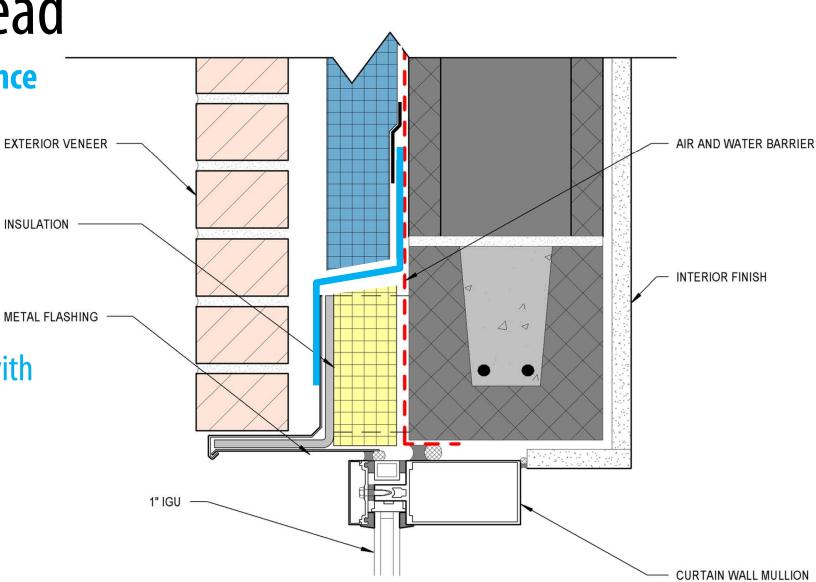


Curtain Wall at Head

Enhanced Thermal Performance

Limitations

- How to support the Flexible with Mineral wool?
- Detailing of Air/Water/Vapor • **Barrier around clips**





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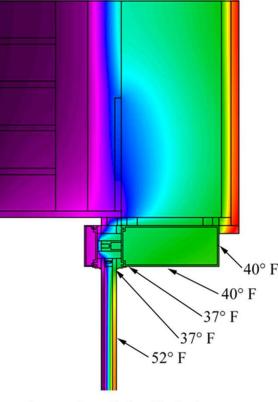


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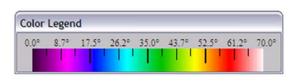


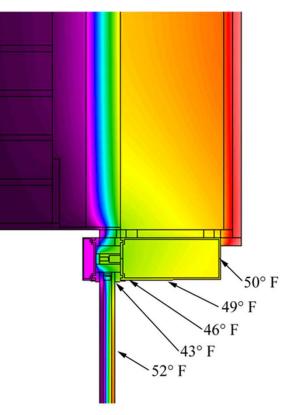


Curtain Wall at Head - Comparison



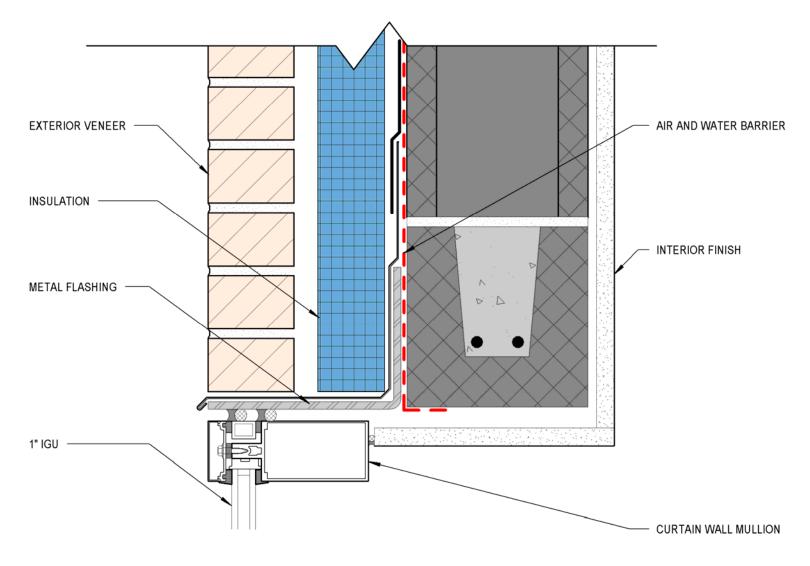
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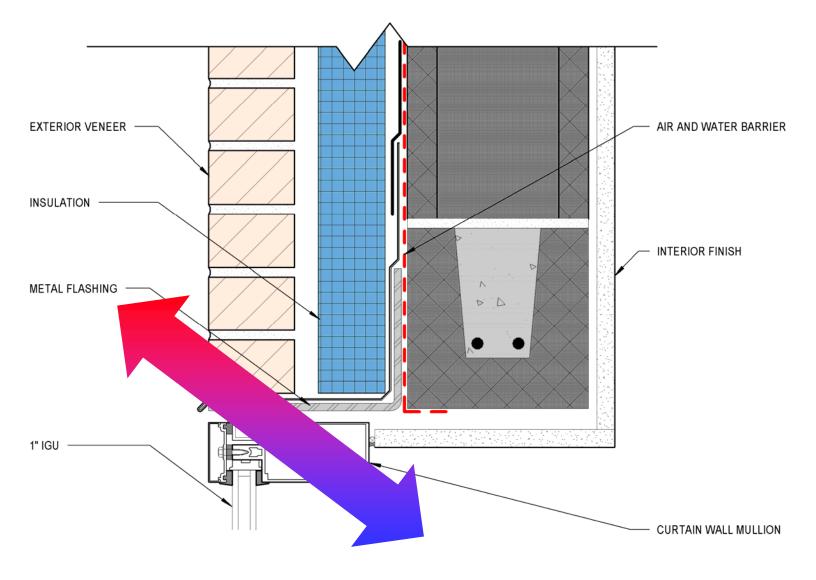
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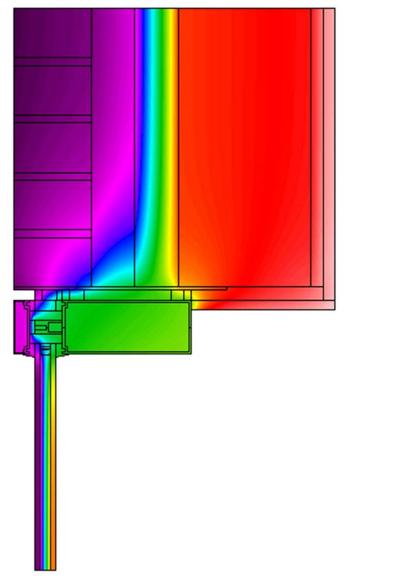
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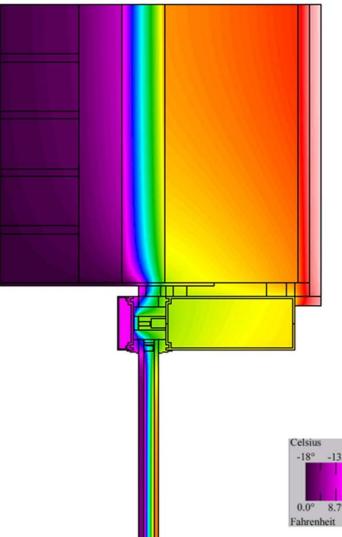


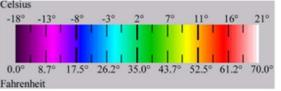




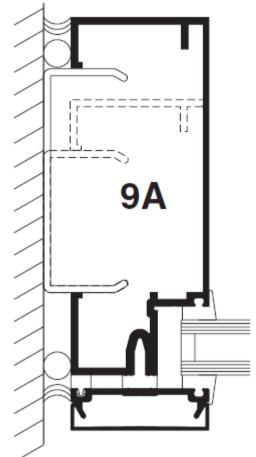
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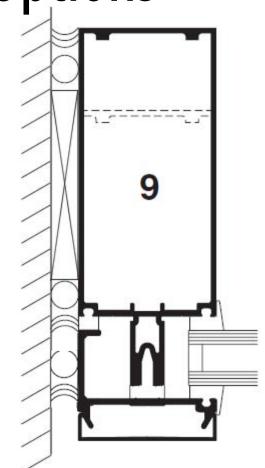




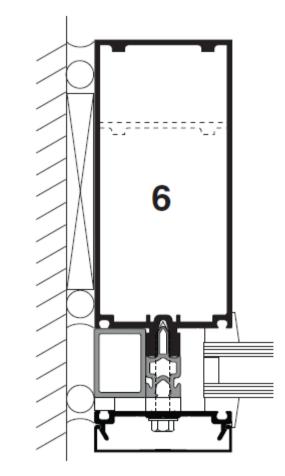
Perimeter Mullion Options



Lowest Thermal Performance



Low Humidity Only



Better For Humidified Environments





Window – To - Wall (storefront)

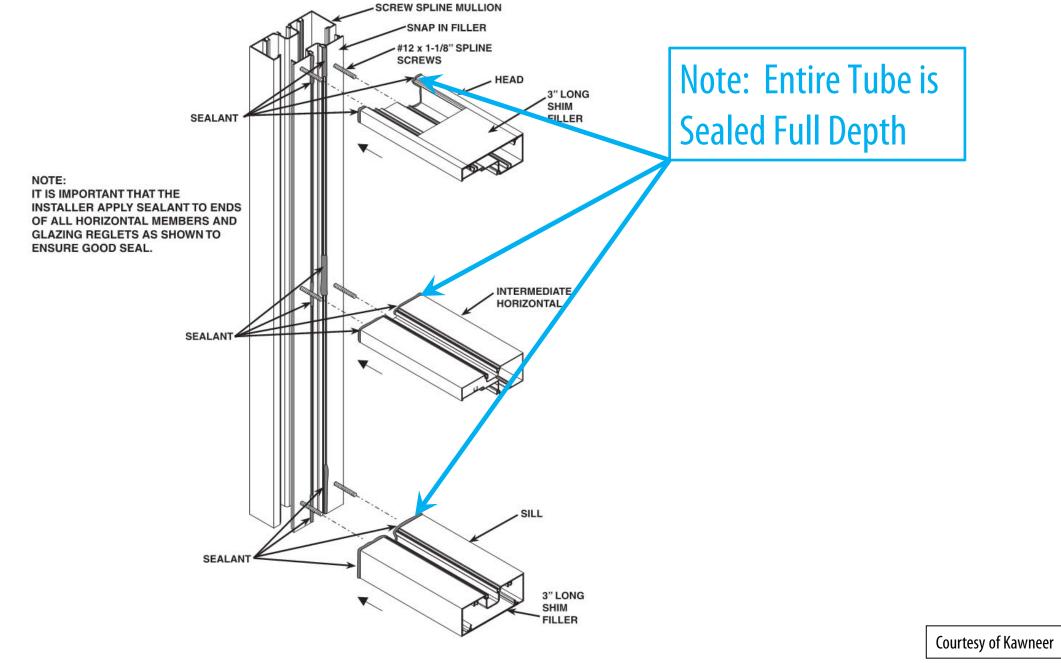




Remember First... Understand the System



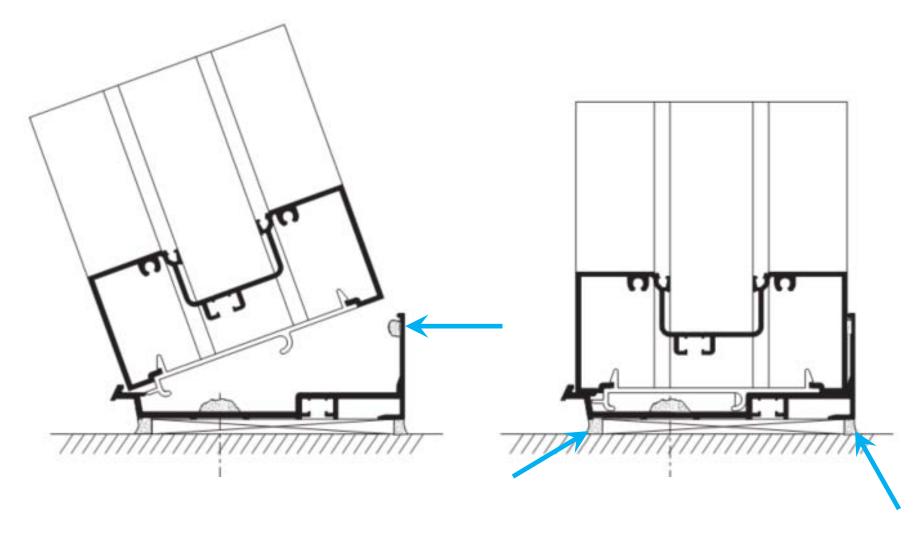




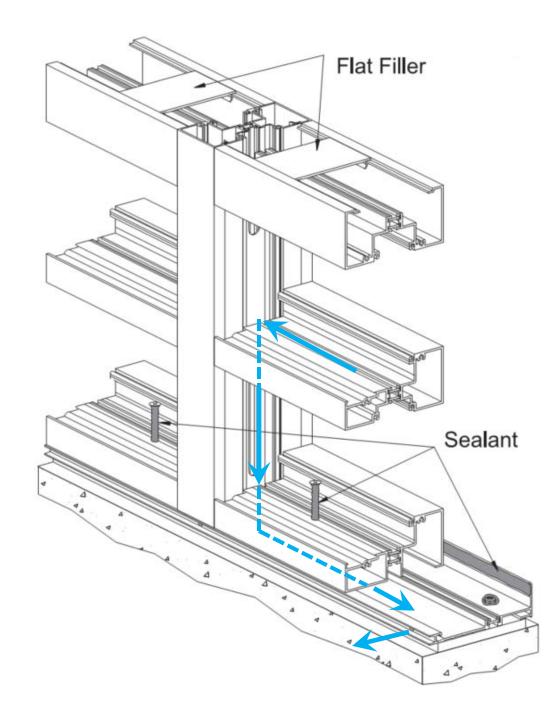




Caulk both interior and exterior at head, jamb and under sill flashing with high quality sealant. Do not block weep holes in flashing.

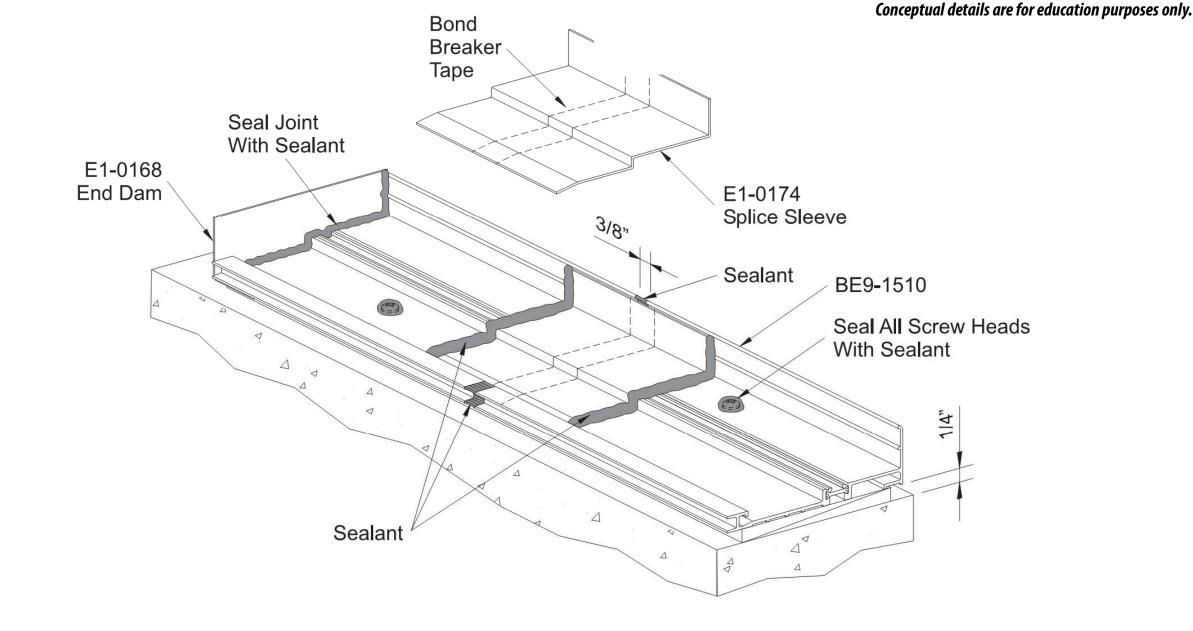
















So many options... (storefront)

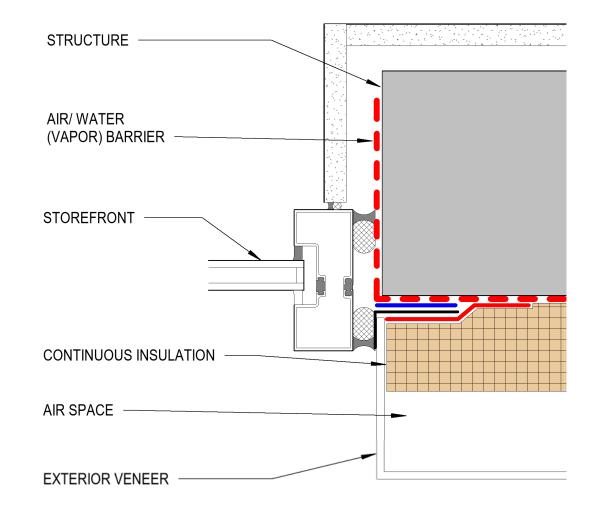




So many options... (storefront) and it depends...



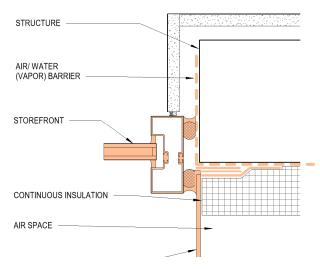




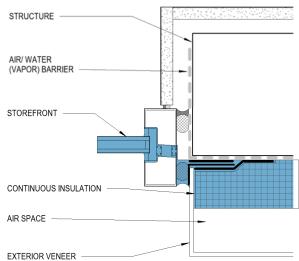




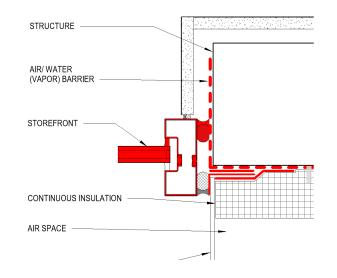
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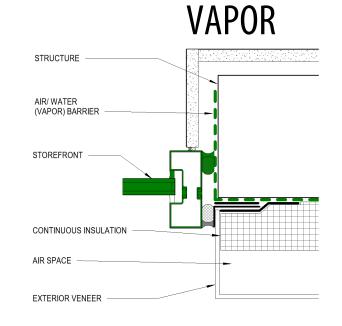


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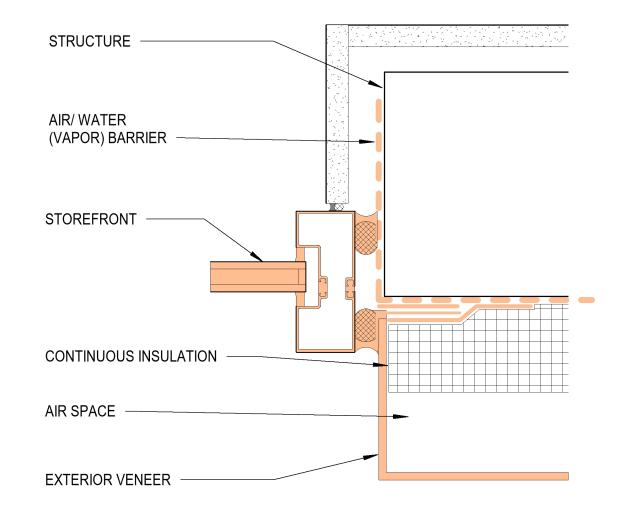


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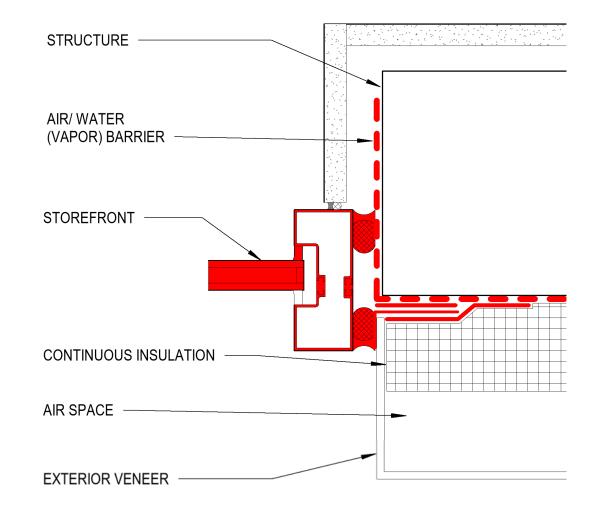


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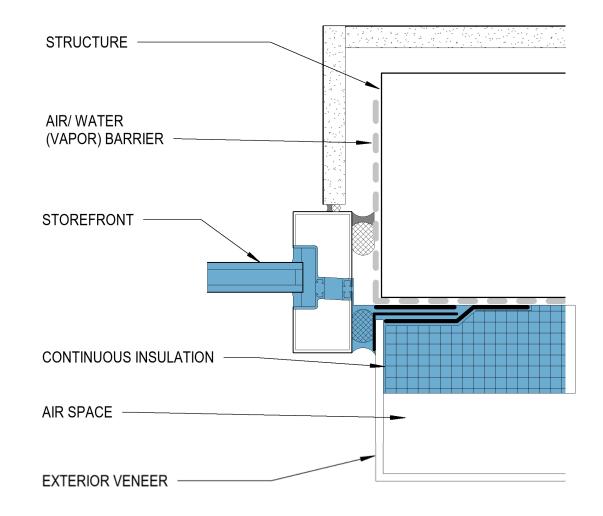
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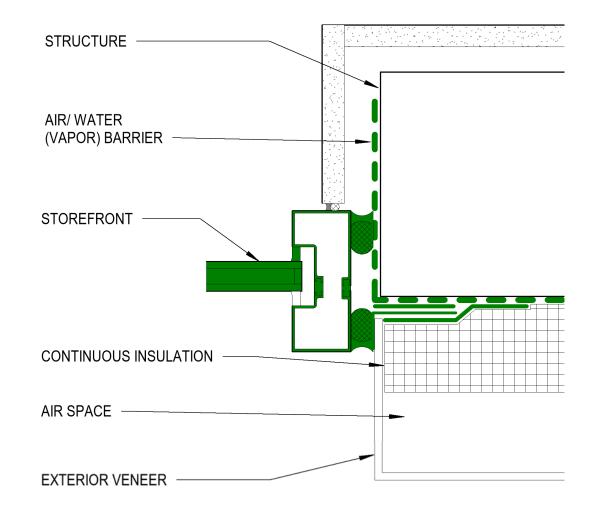


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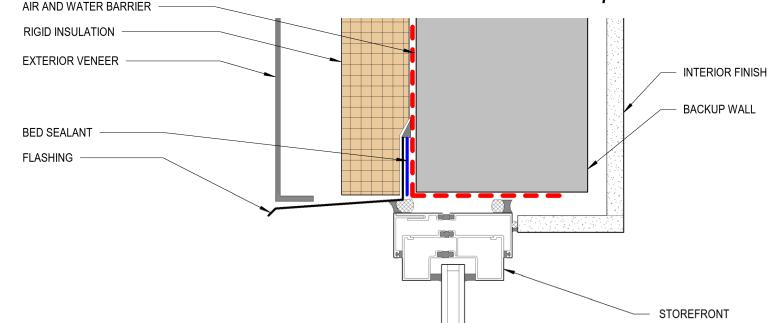


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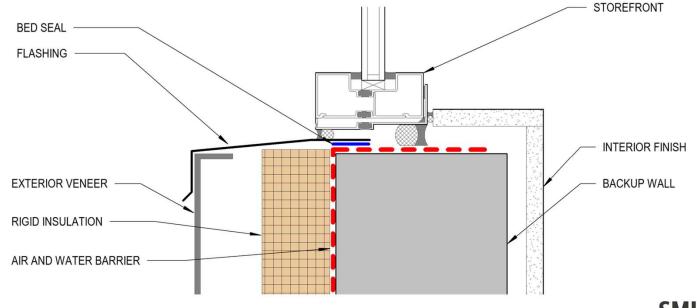




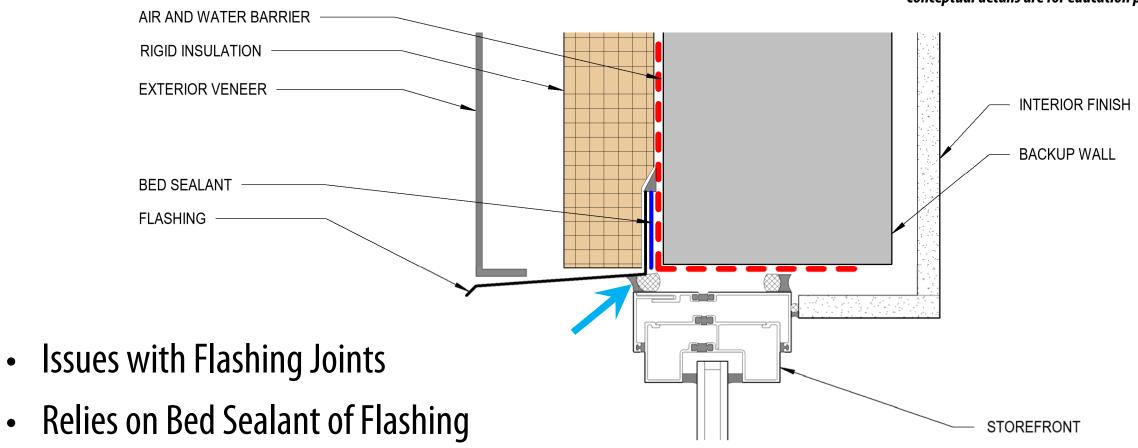
StoreFront Common



- Flashing Bed Sealed
- Flashing extended into opening at Sill





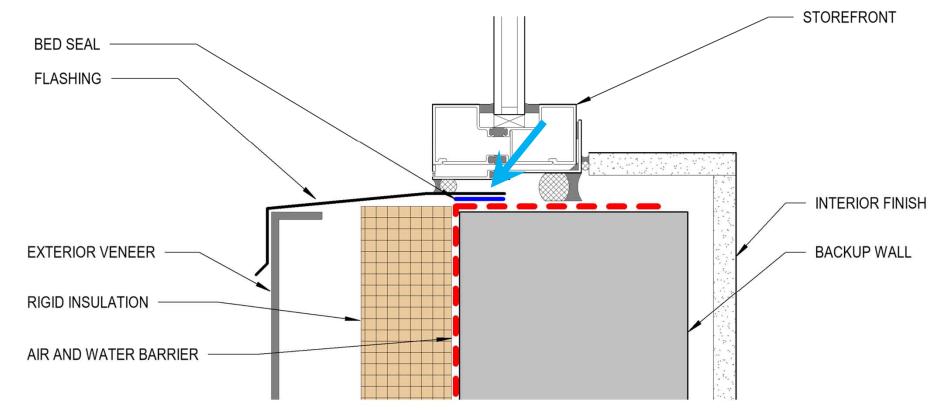


• Minimal Installation Tolerance for Sealant





- Issues with Flashing Joints
- Relies on Bed Sealant of Flashing
- Reduced Thermal Performance





















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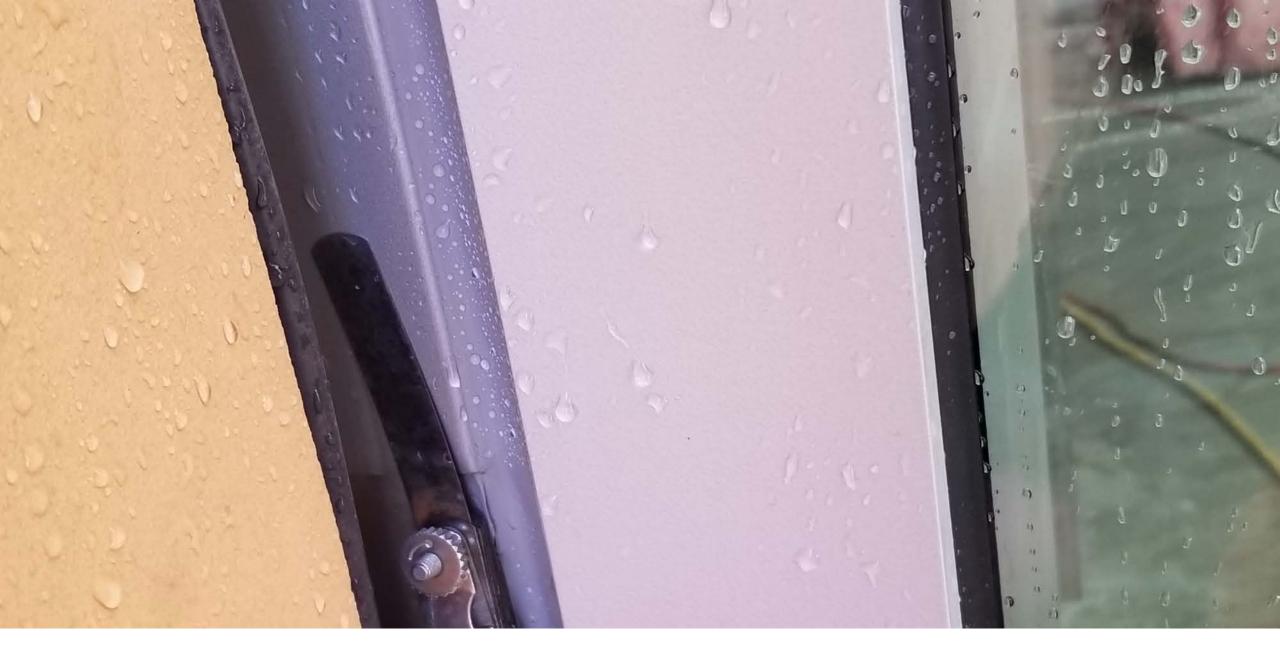














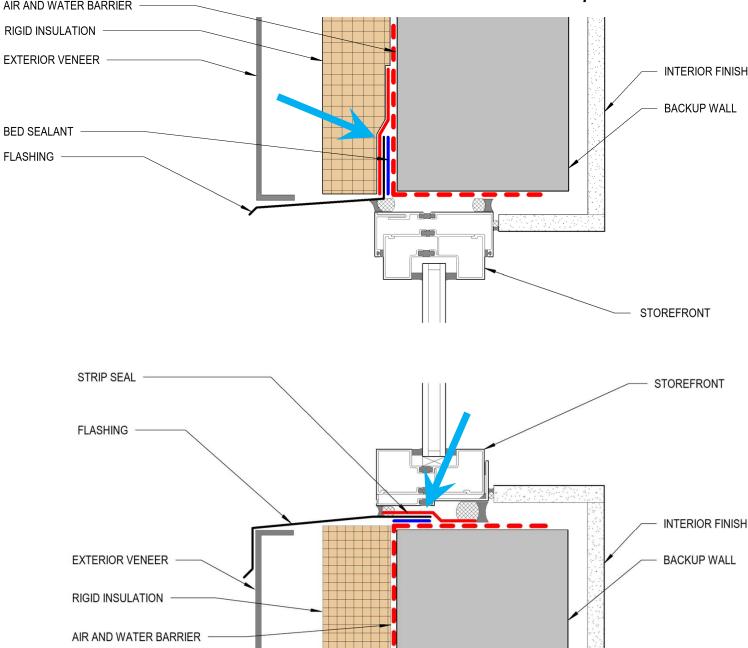




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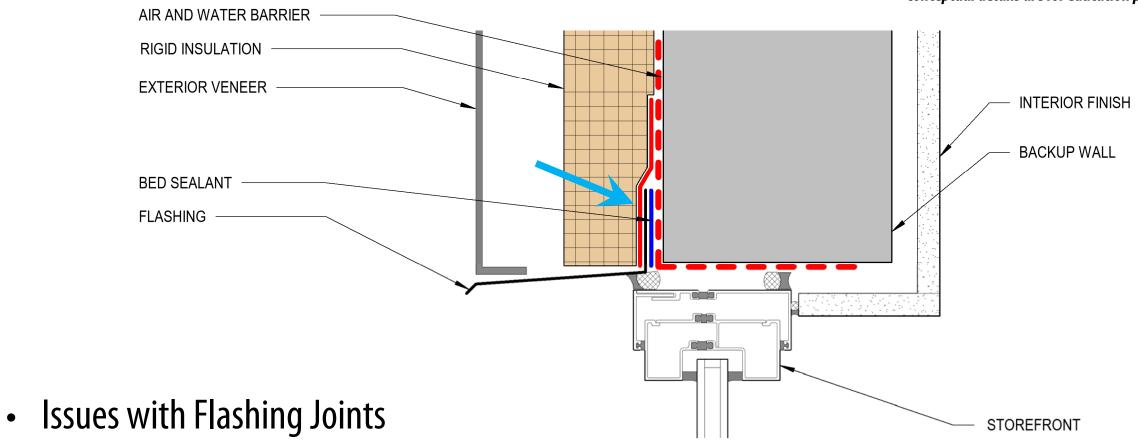
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Common+



- Flashing Bed Sealed
- Flashing "stripped-in"
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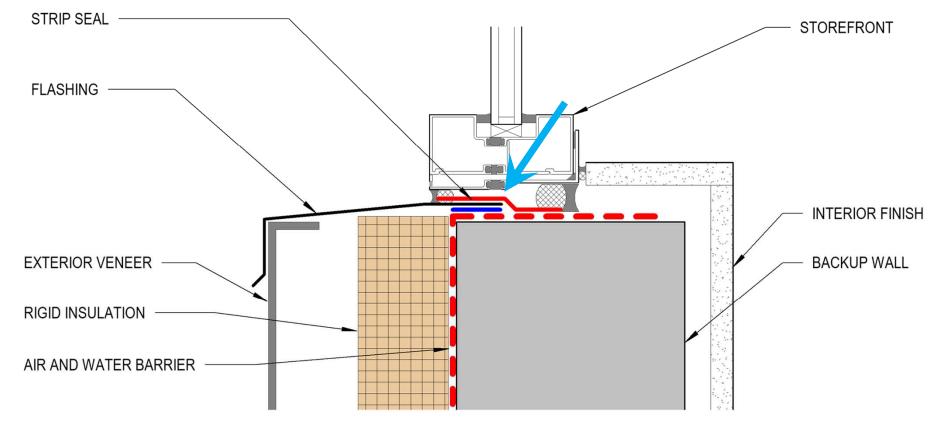




- Less Reliant on Bed Sealant of Flashing
- Minimal Installation Tolerance for Seal



- Issues with Flashing Joints
- Less Reliant on Bed Sealant of Flashing
- Reduced Thermal Performance







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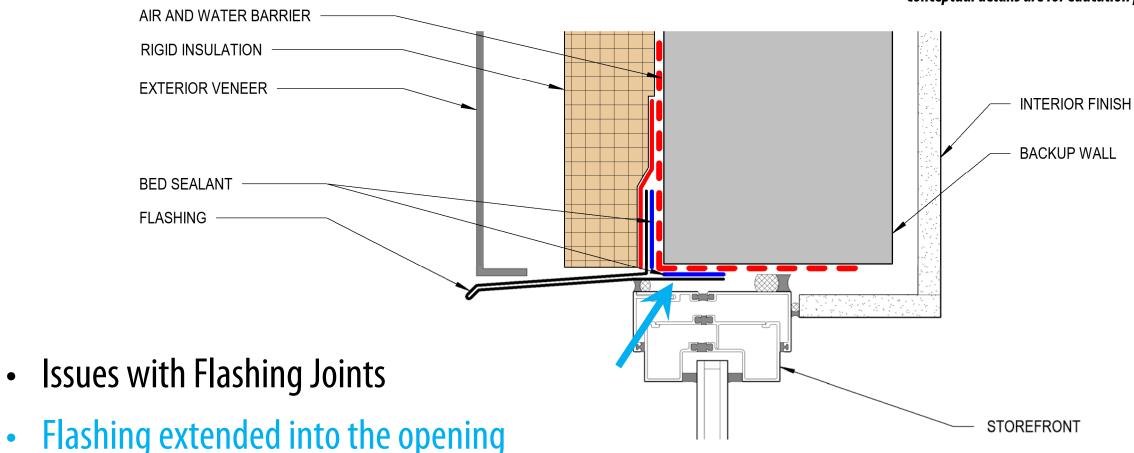
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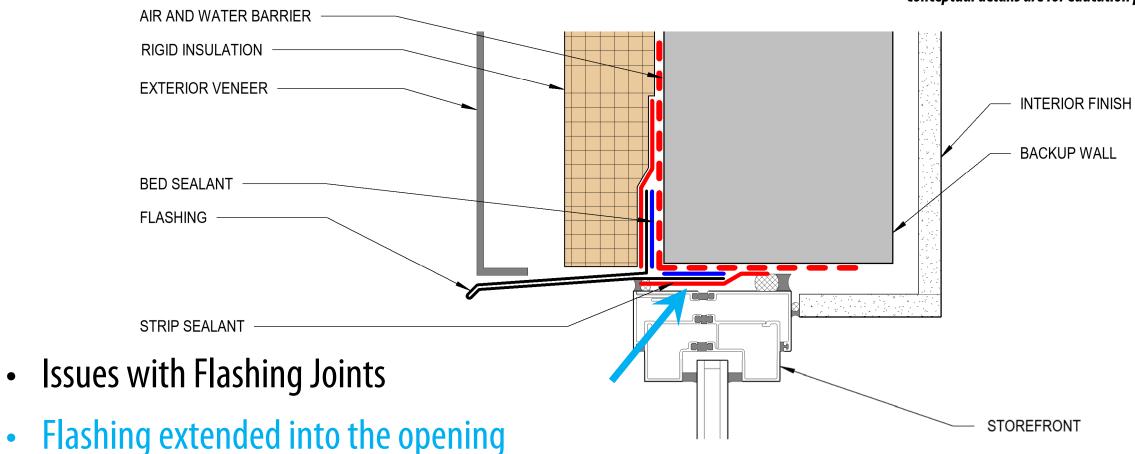




- Reliant on Bed Sealant of Flashing
- Installation Tolerance available for Sealant Joint
- Reduced Thermal Performance

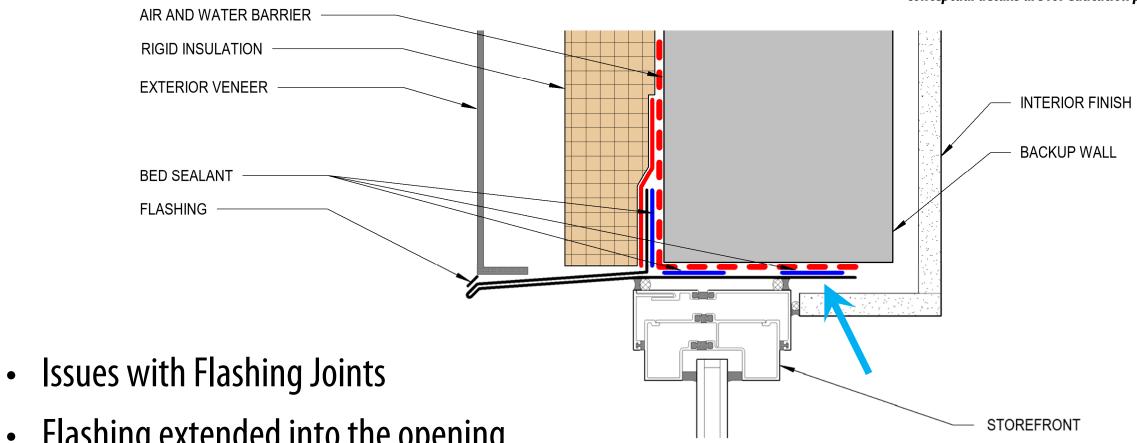


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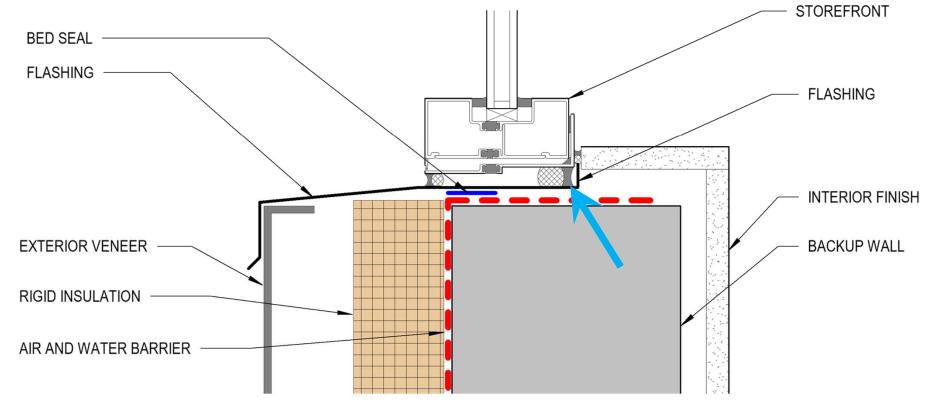


- Flashing extended into the opening
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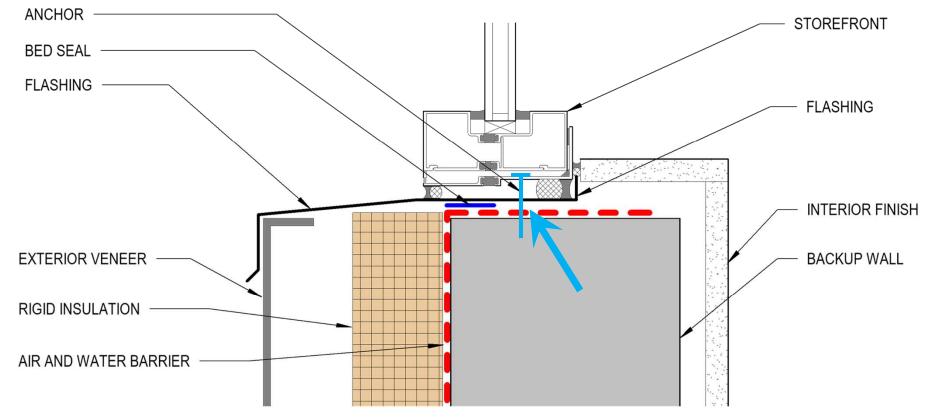
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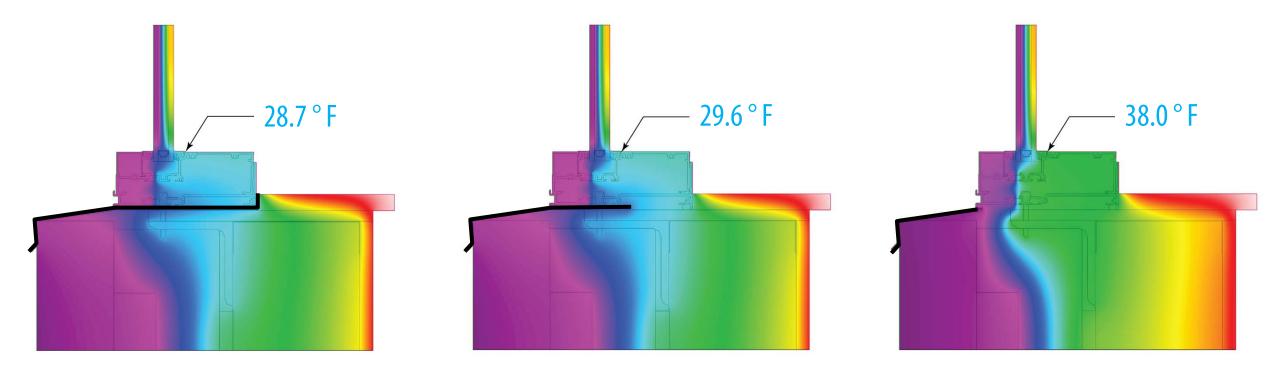


- Issues with Flashing Joints
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- Weep required to drain
- Introduces air infiltration which can lead to condensation
- Not able to seal fastener

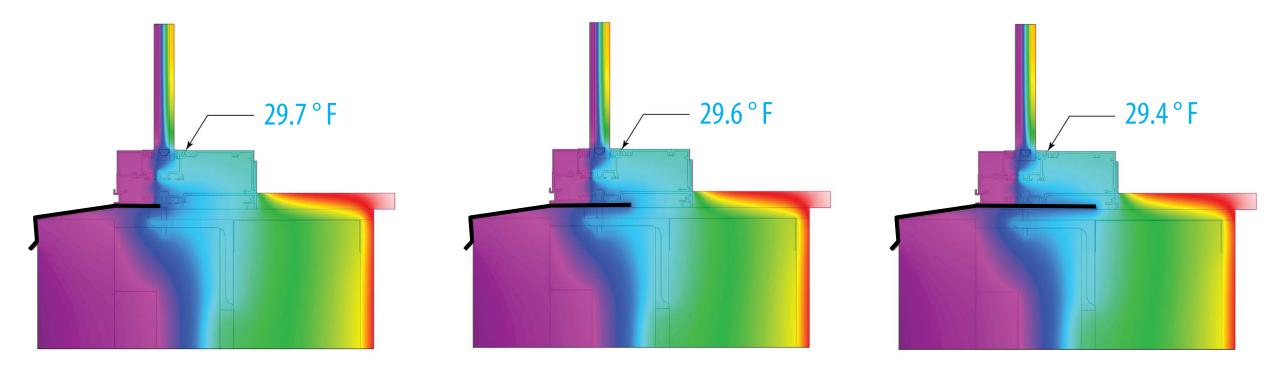








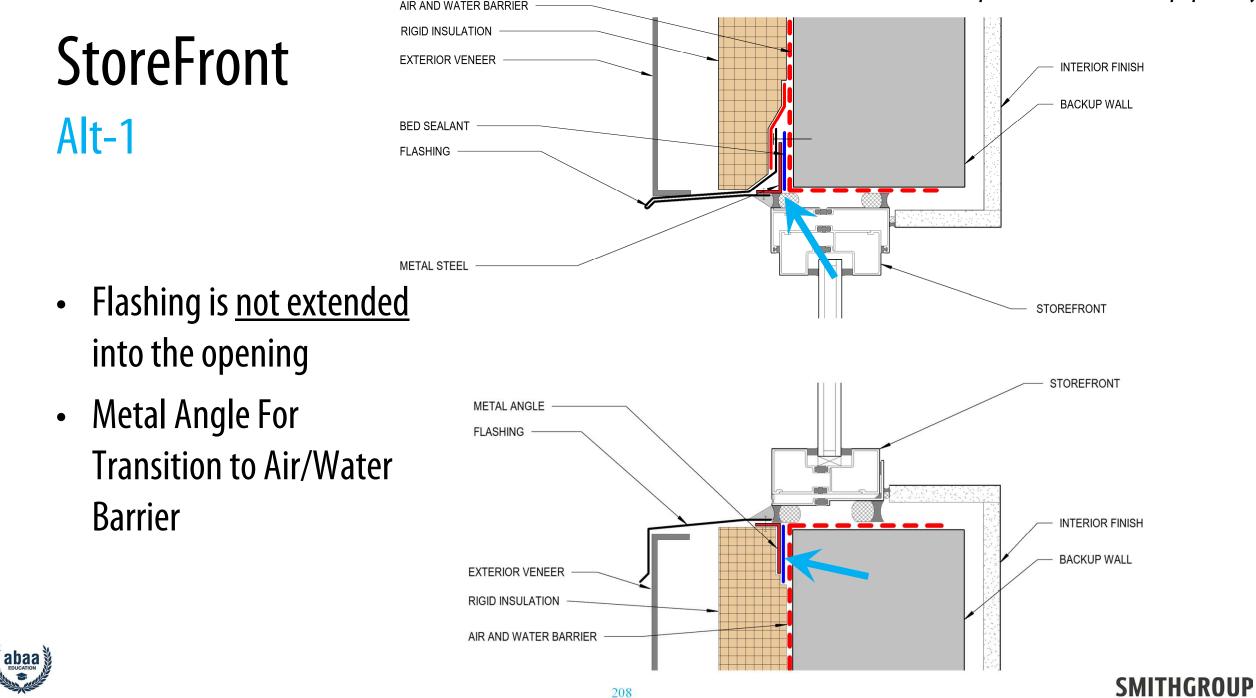


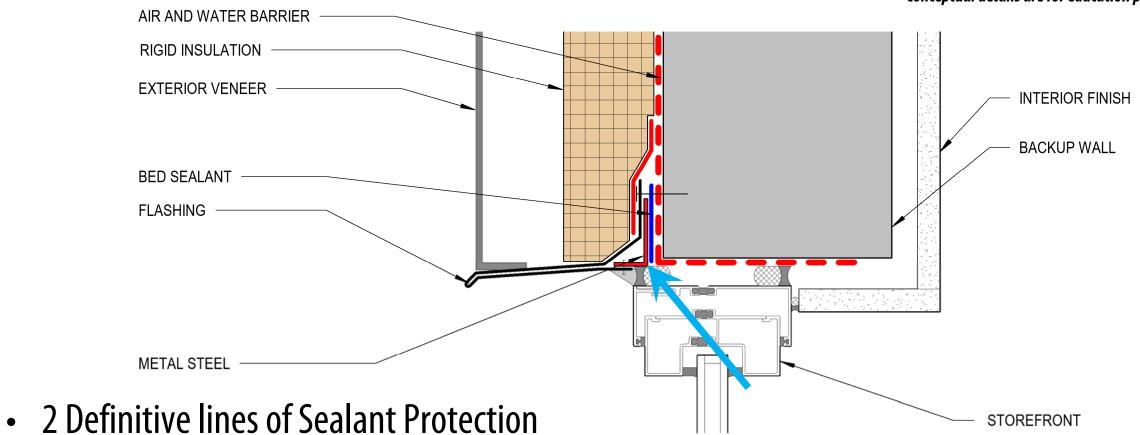








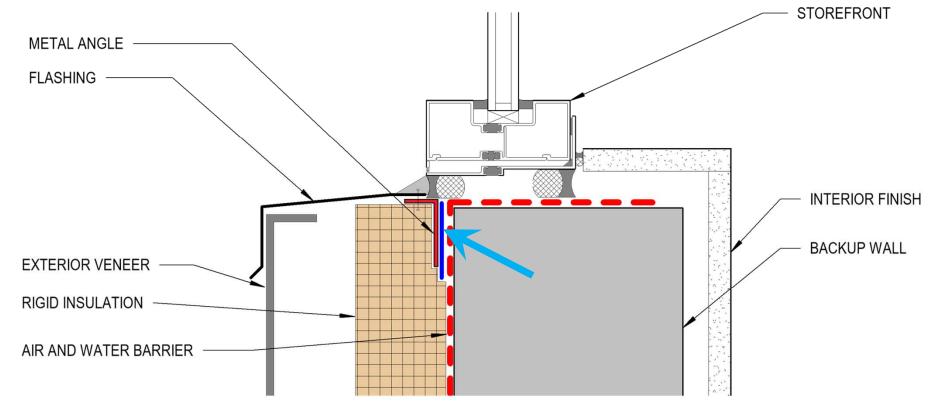




- 1 added Aesthetic Sealant
- Increased Installation Tolerance
- Better Flashing Joint Appearance
- Many More Pieces

- 2 Definitive lines of Sealant Protection Better Flashing Joint Appearance
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- Increased Installation Tolerance •

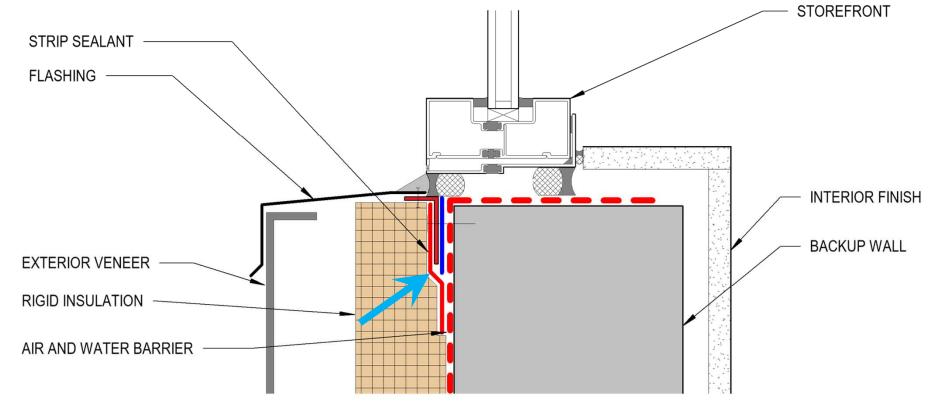
- Many More Pieces
- Reliant on Bed Sealant at Sill





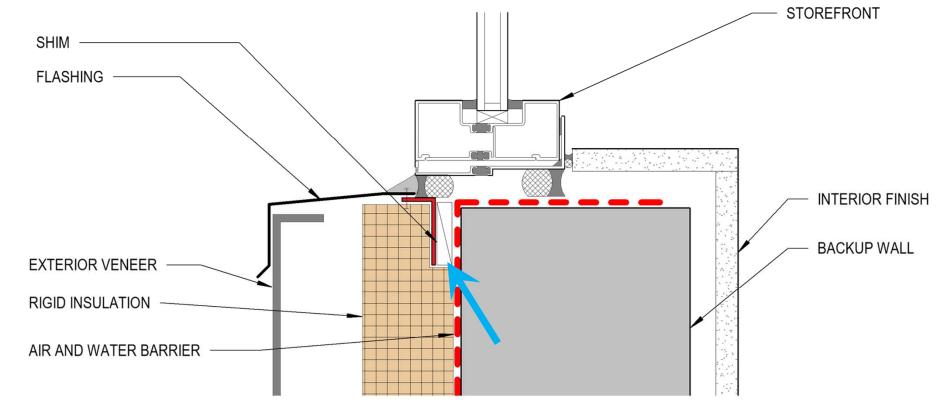
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- Many More Pieces
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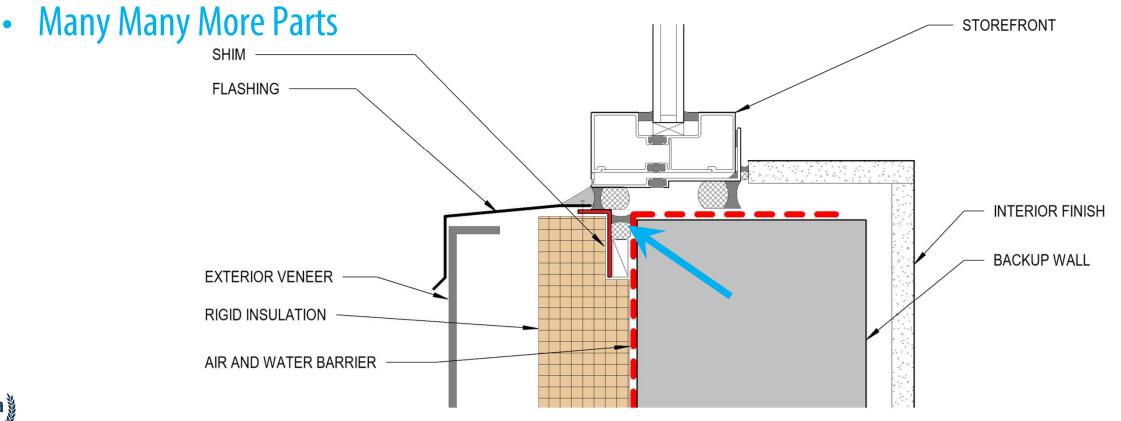


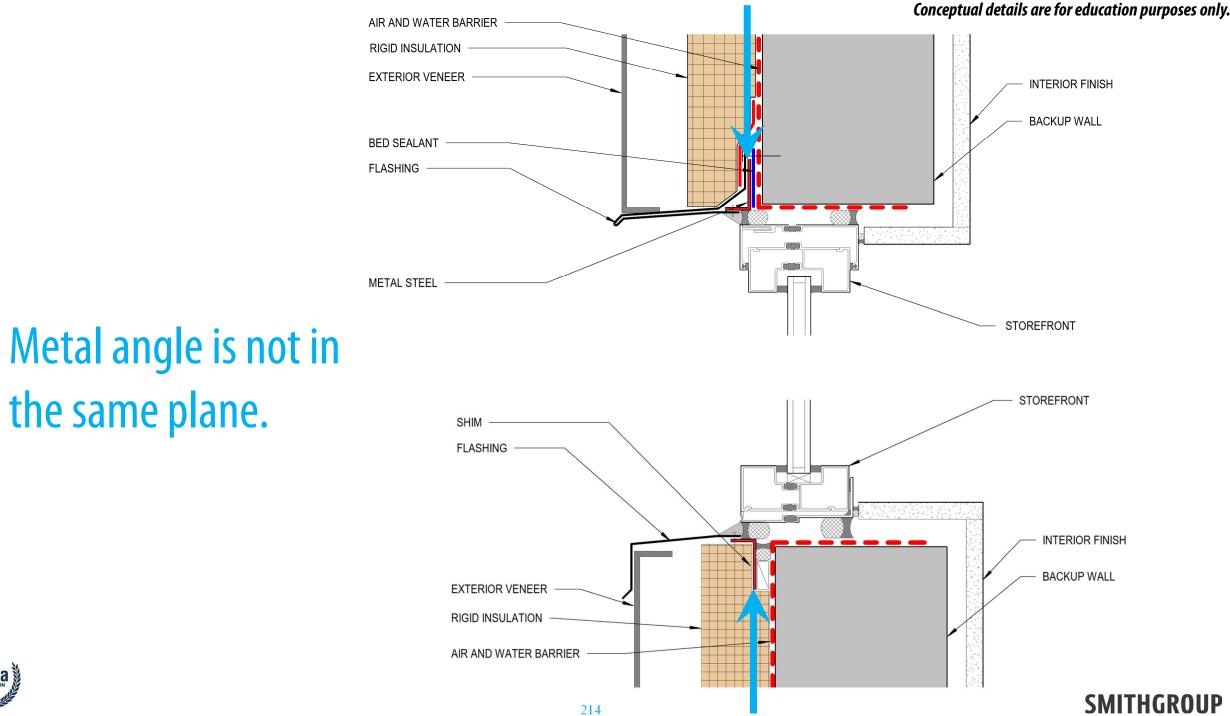
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- Creates air infiltration path past Thermal Break
- Metal Angle does not align with Head



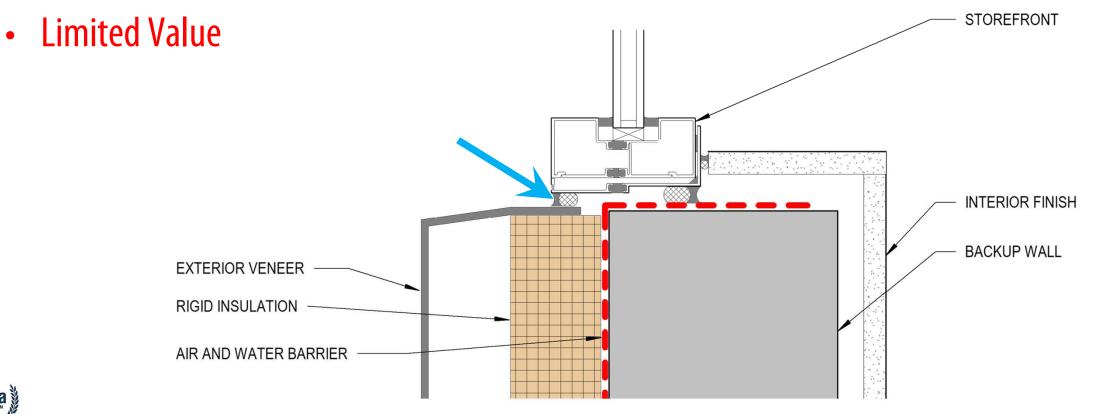


- Metal Angle with Shim and Weeped Sealant
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- Metal Angle does not align with Head



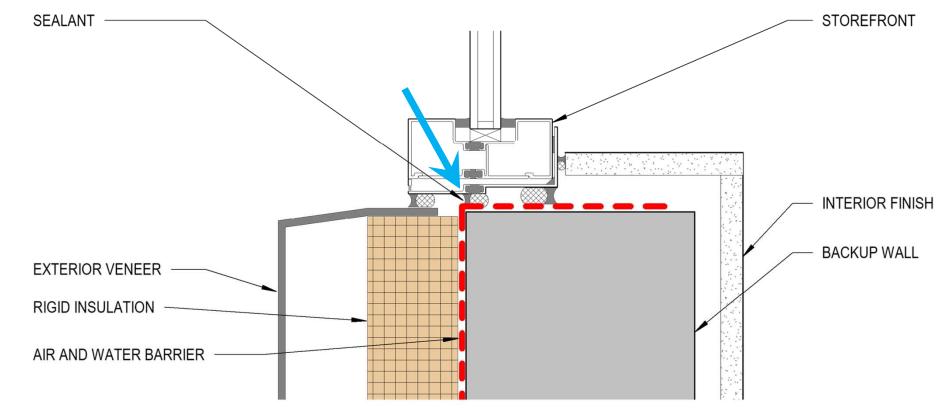


- Outer Seal to Veneer
- 1 line of Protection
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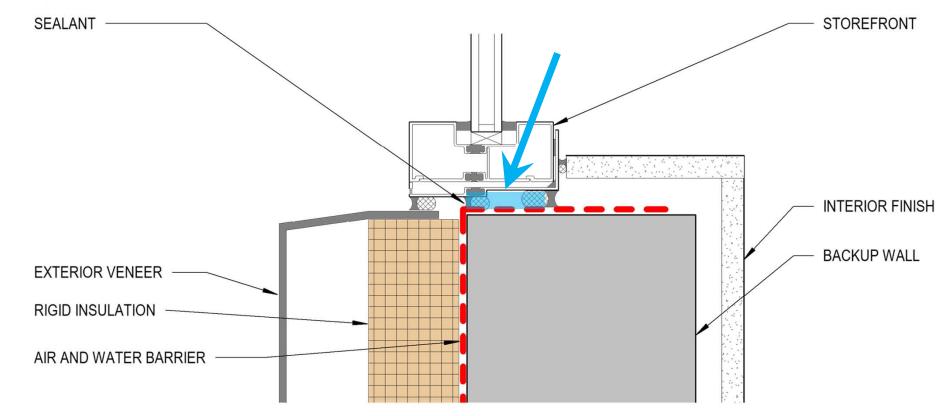
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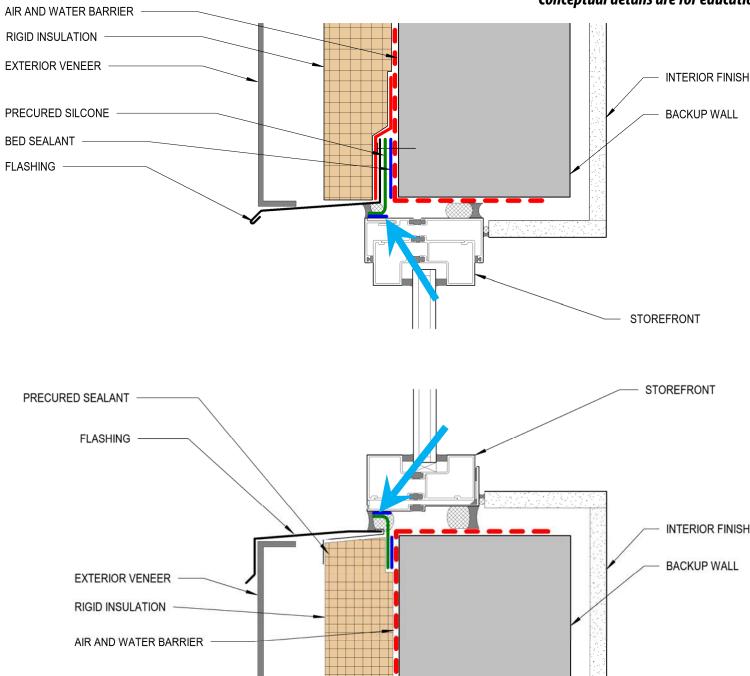
- Outer Seal to Veneer
- 2 lines of Protection
- **Reduces** air infiltration path past Thermal Break
- Sealant may conflict with shims





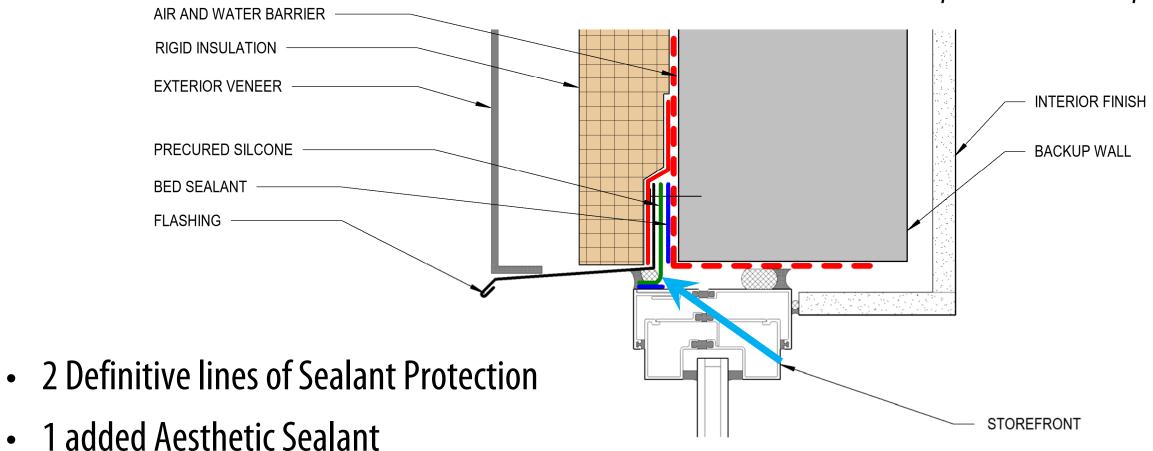
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StoreFront Alt-2



- Flashing not extended into opening
- Membrane transition to Storefront frame.

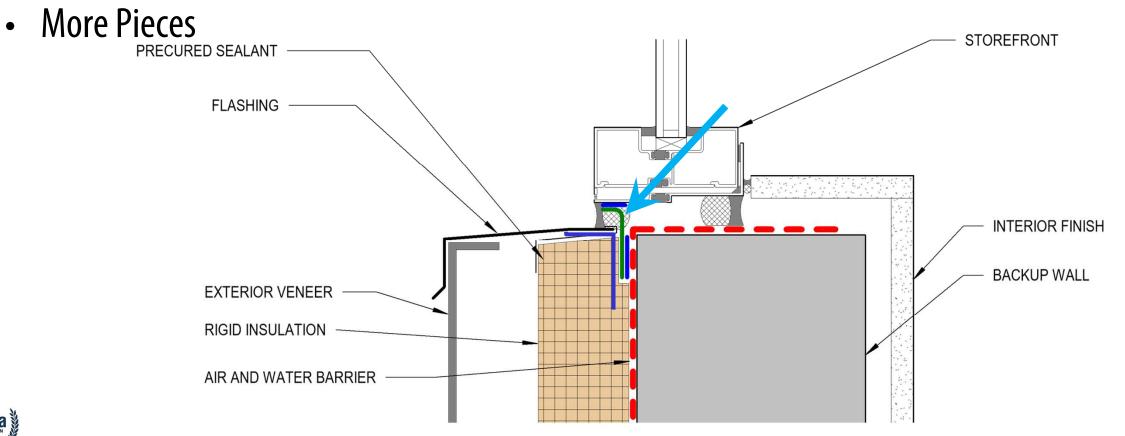
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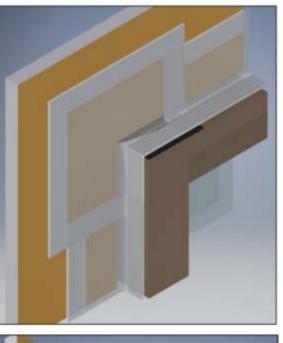
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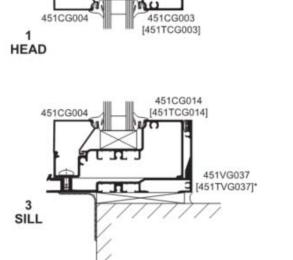












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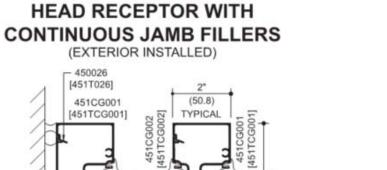
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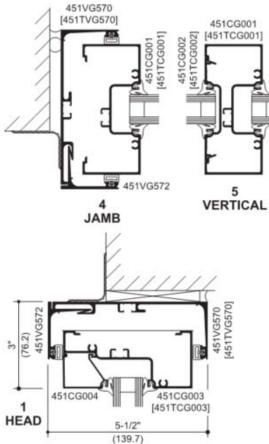


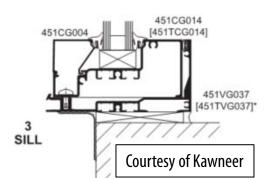
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So what is the Right Answer?





It Depends...





but maybe, Curtain Wall?





3D Detailing



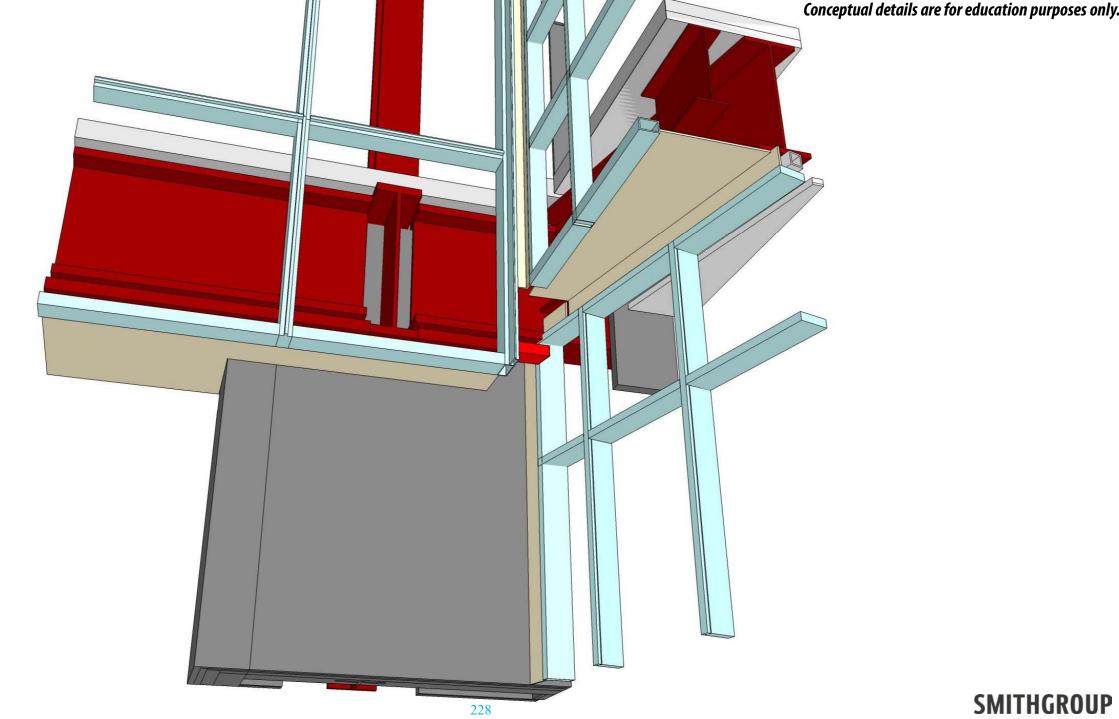




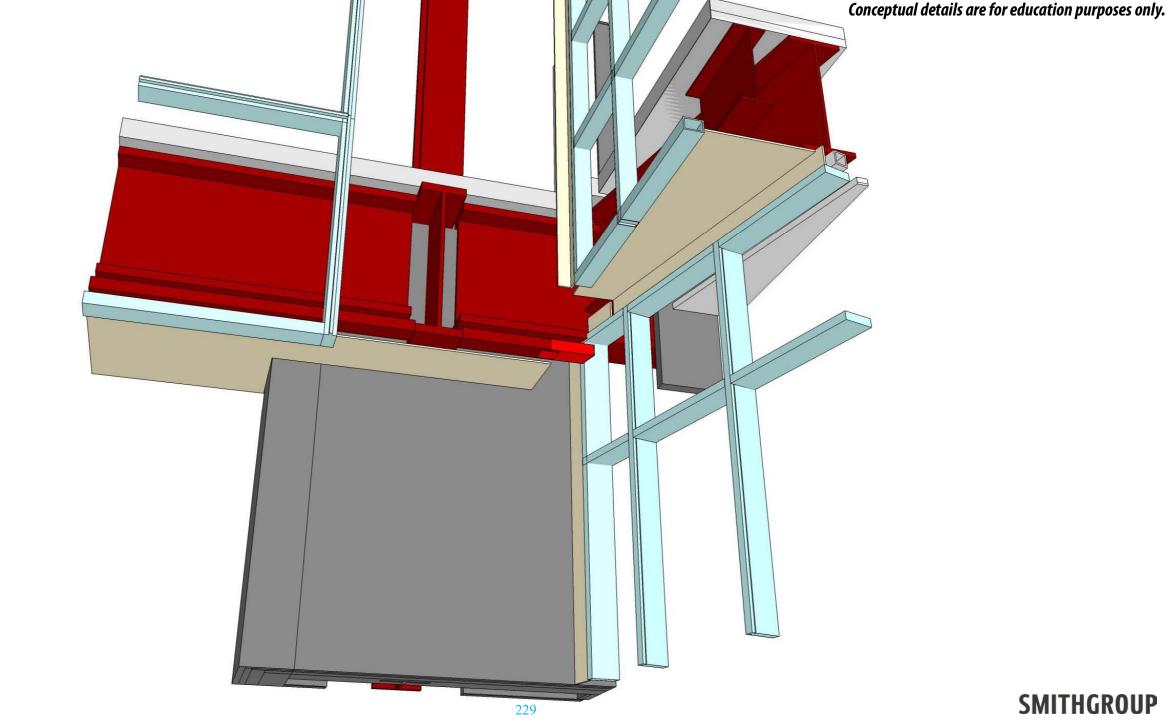




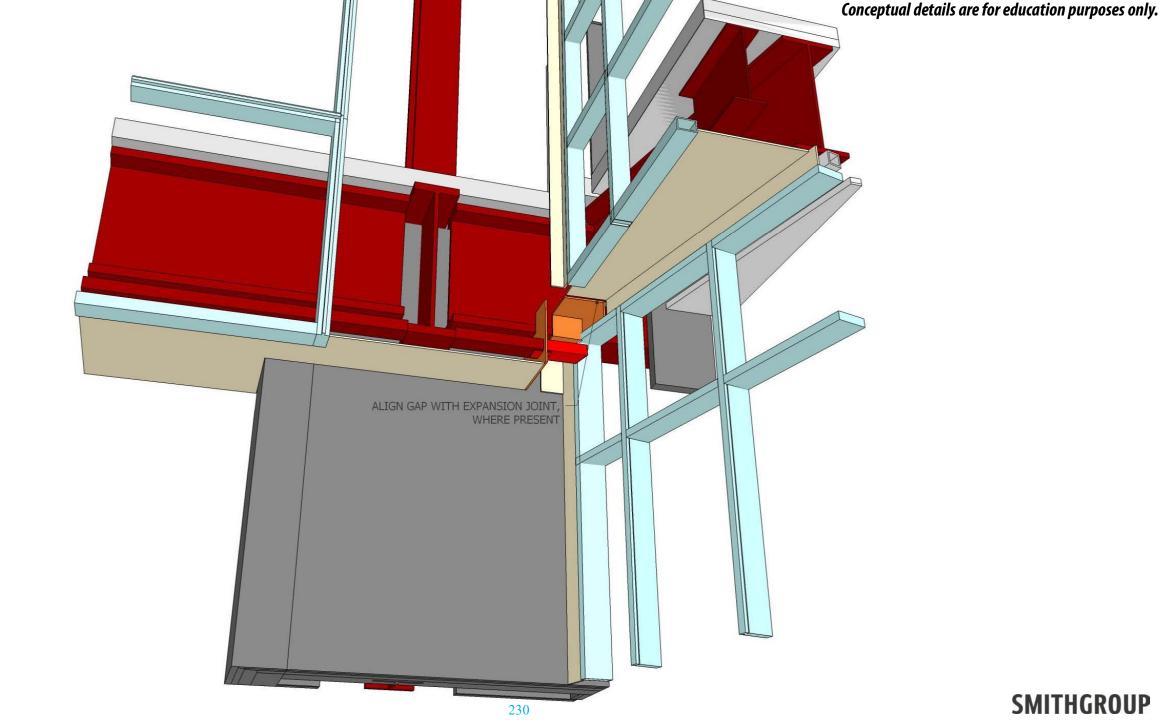




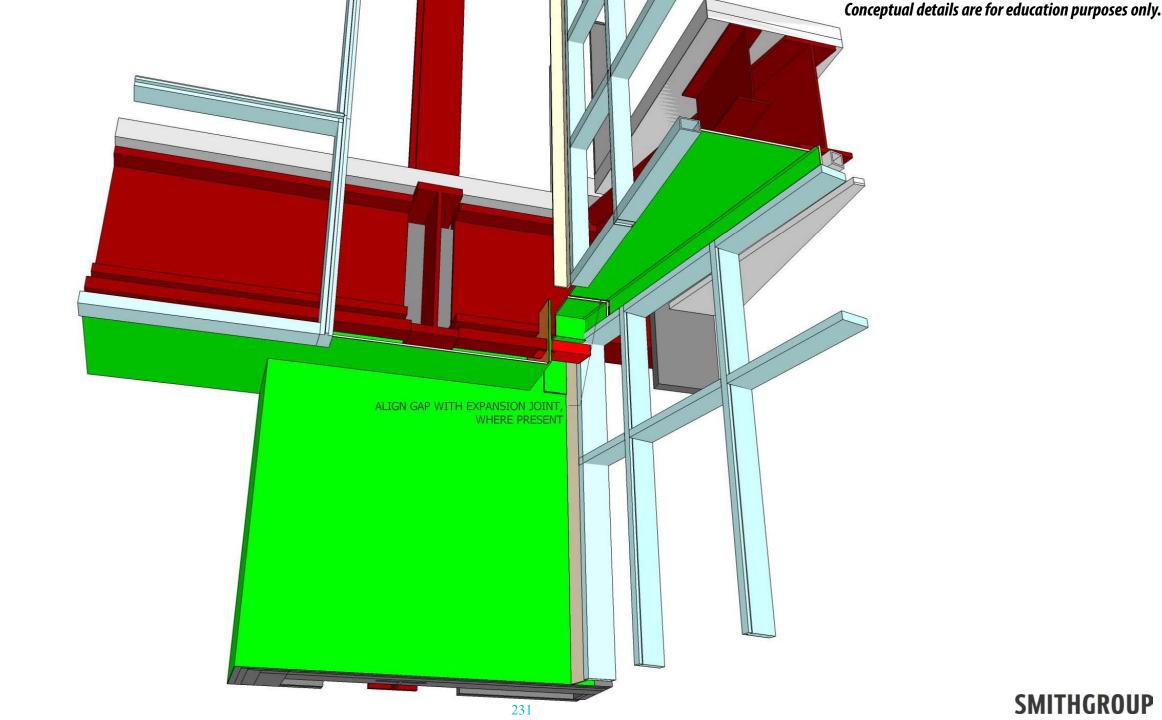




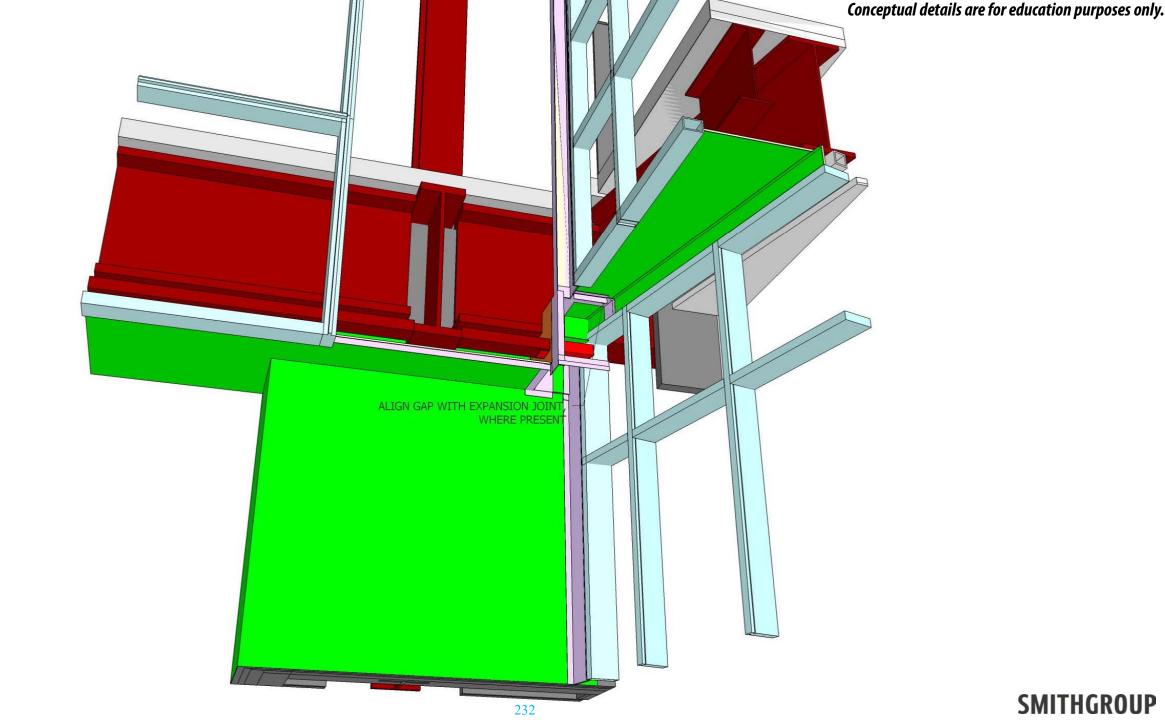
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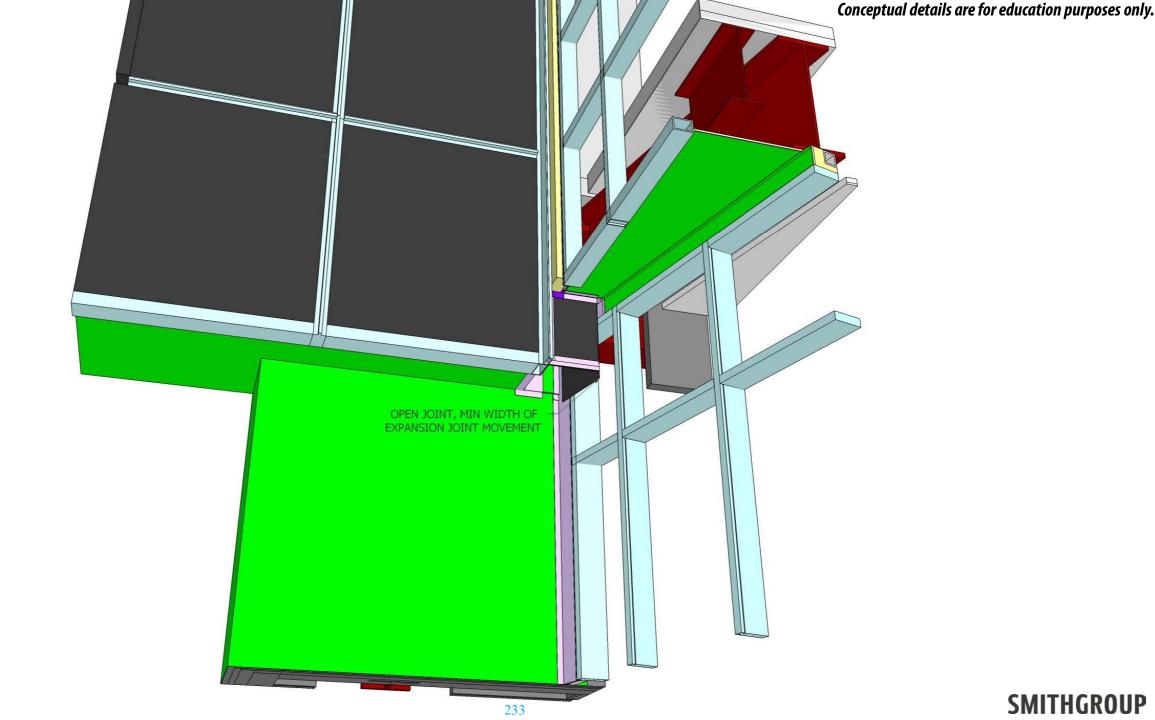




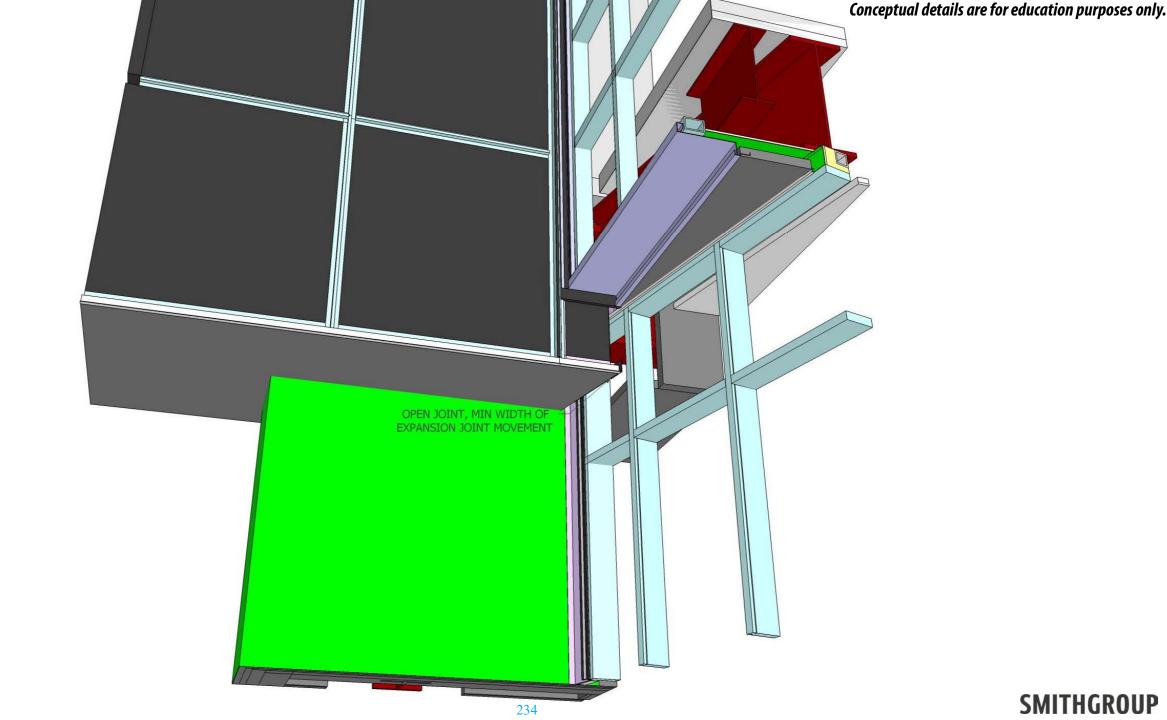




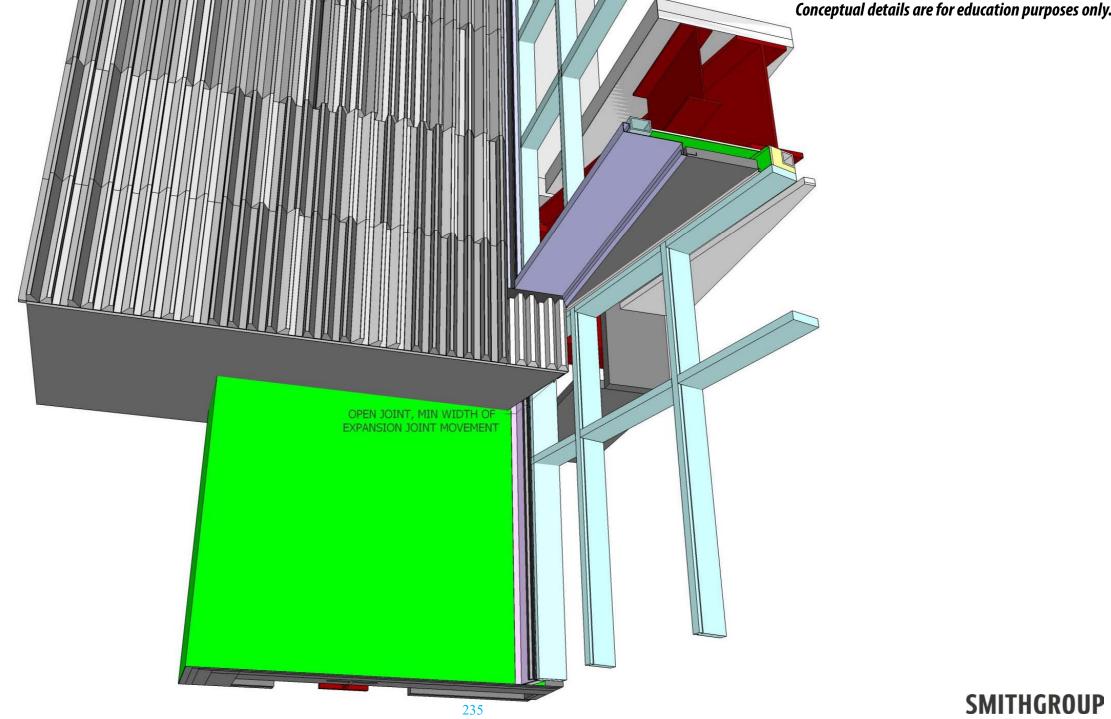




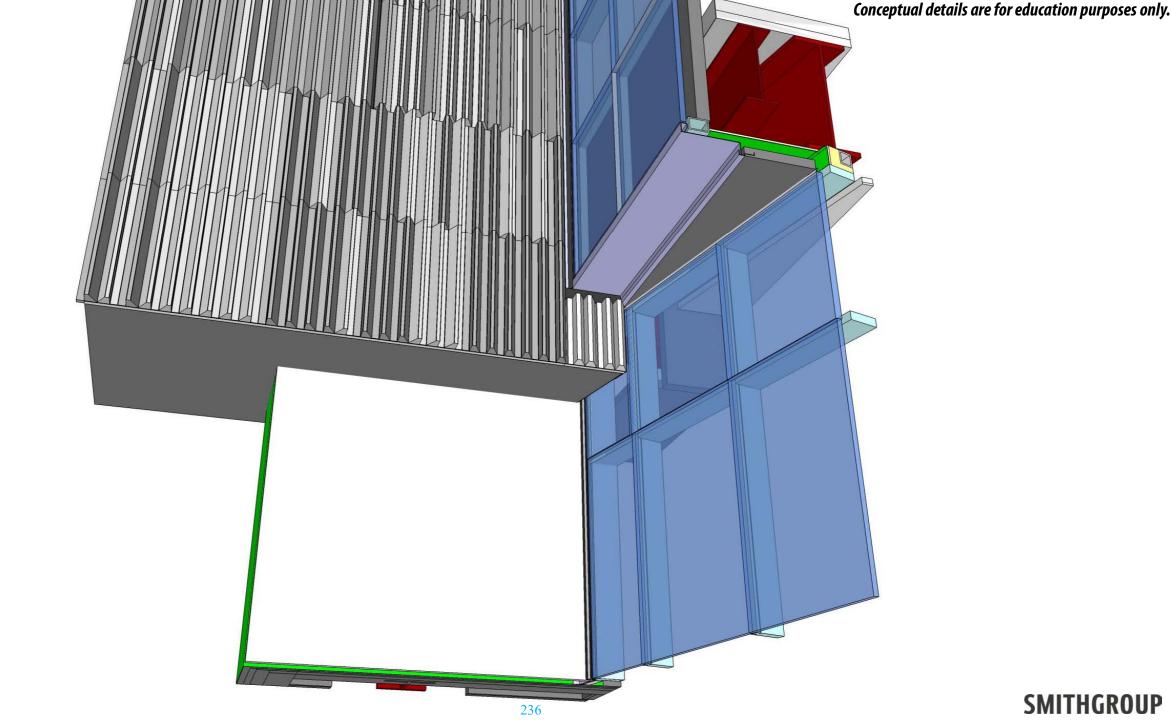














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So What's Next?



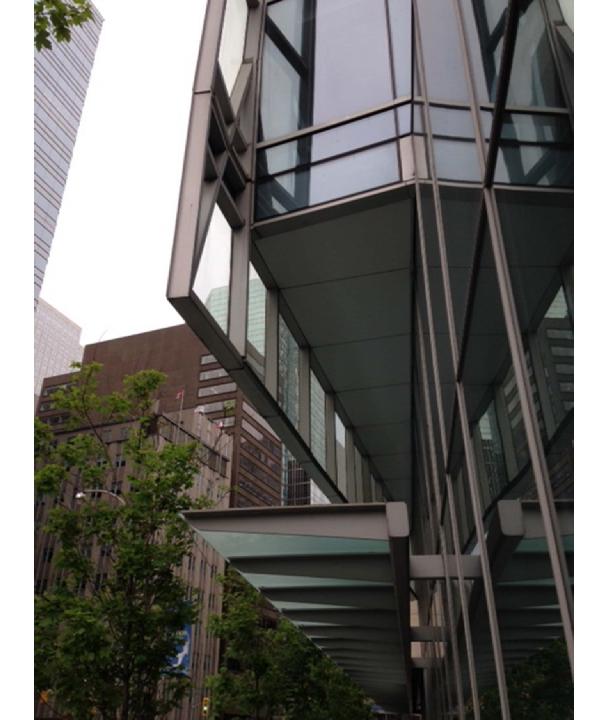






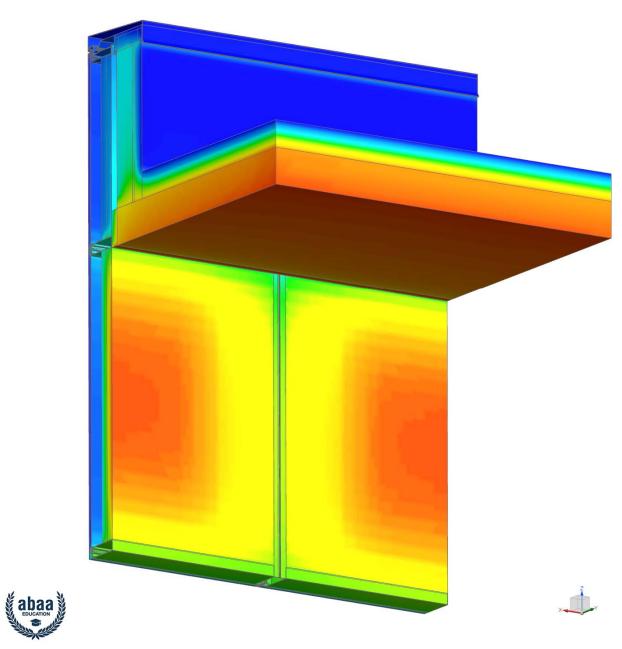


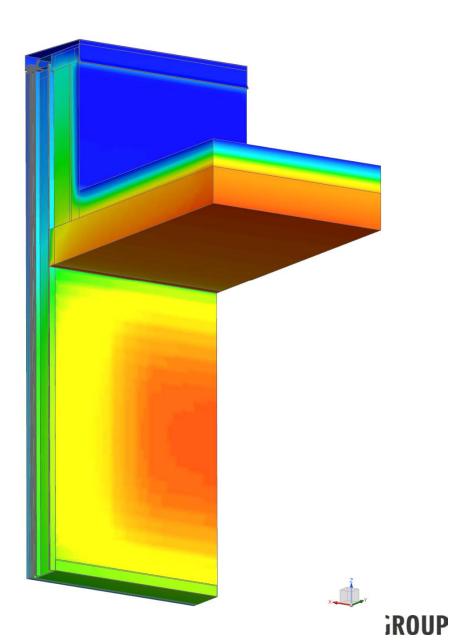


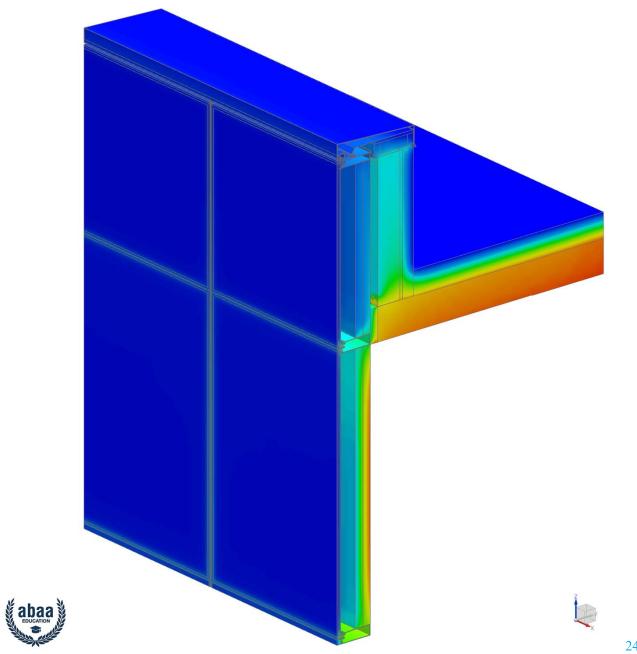


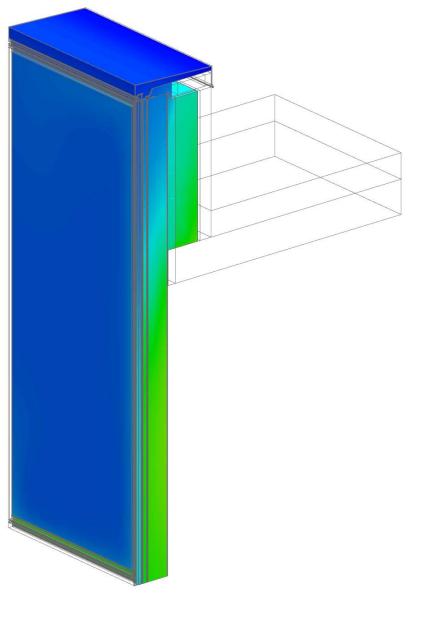












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