

Double Stud Wall Net Zero Assembly

See **Appendix A: Double Stud Wall Net Zero Assembly Construction Details** for plans and construction details.

Description & Overview

The design of this assembly utilizes two 2x4 stud walls spaced apart by 3". This entire 10" cavity is then filled with insulation. The construction method is very similar to "Business as Usual" as it is essentially just a thick wall. The interior of the two walls was made the structural wall. This allowed for the floor joists to land on this interior wall and insulation to fill the cavity from the rim board to the exterior of the assembly. The air control layer for this assembly was the VB, detailed in the same manner as the "Business as Usual" assembly. The wall assembly, from exterior to interior, contains:

- Exterior Cladding
- WRB, vapour open
- Structural sheathing
- 2x4 stud wall @ 24" O.C. with fibreglass batt cavity insulation
- 3" cavity with fibreglass batt insulation
- 2x4 stud wall @ 24" O.C. with fibreglass batt cavity insulation
- Airtight variable vapour barrier
- ½" gypsum board
- Interior finish

The roof for drafting and details is the same as with the Tier1 2x6 Assembly. The foundation was drawn as an ICF foundation as is used by many builders utilizing this assembly.

The window installed in the mock-up was the same window as the Tier 1 2x6 Assembly. It was installed to the exterior of the structural sheathing.

The decision to select this assembly was primarily influenced by the fact that multiple high-performance builders in Alberta and across North America have utilized this assembly and it has been replicated many times. This, combined with the relative ease of construction and material availability confirmed that this assembly would be one of the selections to showcase.

Materials

Materials used for mock-up wall construction are as follows:

- **WRB**
 - Membrane – Tytar Building Wrap – mechanically fastened
 - Sill Pan Flashing – Henry – BlueSkin Butyl Flash
- **Stud Walls**
 - 3/8" OSB structural sheathing
 - 2 walls - 2x4 SPF lumber
- **Cavity Insulation**
 - 3 rows of Owens Corning R-12 Pink Next Gen Fiberglass Insulation
- **Airtight Vapour Barrier**
 - Membrane - Siga Majrex moisture variable VB
 - Sealing Tape – Siga Fentrim VB tape
- **Assembly Effective Thermal Performance**
 - RSI-5.73 or R-32.52

Construction

Construction of this assembly was again very similar to the Tier 1 2x6 Assembly. Framing consisted of two 2x4 stud walls, framed utilizing current code compliant, industry standard techniques. These walls have a 3" space between them, so a plywood or OSB spacer that is ripped to the width of the overall assembly thickness was installed to the top of the walls cap plate. This kept the walls held the correct distance apart. While building, 3" blocks were utilized to keep the two walls spread apart while securing them together. A 3/4" plywood buck was installed around the perimeter of the window and door R.O. to maintain proper spacing and provide a solid R.O. surface.

R-12 fibreglass batt insulation was installed in the exterior 2x4 wall cavity first. The fibreglass batts were then installed in the 3" cavity space horizontally. Installing this layer horizontally allowed the insulation to span across several stud spaces which helped hold the insulation in place the interior wall insulation is then installed. This process, especially installing the insulation in the 3" cavity space, was time consuming but very straightforward and simple.

The air control layer for this assembly was the Siga Majrex Moisture Variable VB. Maintaining a continuous air control layer was achieved with this membrane along with the following materials and methods:

- Taping any joints and openings in the VB and taping the VB to the floor under the wall bottom plate.
- Airtight electrical boxes with gasket seals at the face.
- Foam backer rod and caulking to connect the VB to the window frame.
- Expanding spray foam insulation.
- Taping WRB to mechanical penetrations

Assembly Advantages

- Easy to build as it was essentially just building a second wall compared to "Business as Usual"
- Materials used were easily accessible at a hardware or building supply store, aside from the Siga membrane and tape.
- WRB used was more affordable compared to the Tier 3 assembly.
- Did not require specialized professionals outside the norm to design or build.
- Building two walls with a space between significantly reduces the amount of thermal bridges compared to "Business as Usual".
- The spacing between the walls can be as large or small as needed or wanted.

Assembly Disadvantages

- Airtightness detailing was similar to the "Business as Usual Assembly" and was more challenging compared to the Tier 3 assembly as has been discussed.
- Lifting and moving the connected framed walls was more difficult due to the weight of the increased framing.
- Custom interior jamb finishing, or a custom ordered jamb extension from the window manufacturer was required.



Cost Analysis

Upon completing a cost analysis of this assembly compared to the Tier 1 2x6 Assembly, the cost to construct this assembly for the model home came out to roughly 23% more.

Of the new build assemblies that were selected, this assembly was the most affordable compared to the Tier 1 2x6 Assembly. The materials utilized in the mock-up construction were similar to the Tier 1 assembly, aside from the VB.

GBTAC found that the largest cause of additional costs was due to framing of two walls instead of one, the use of a more expensive high-quality VB, and the added insulation.

Appendix A:

Double Stud Wall Net Zero Assembly Construction Details

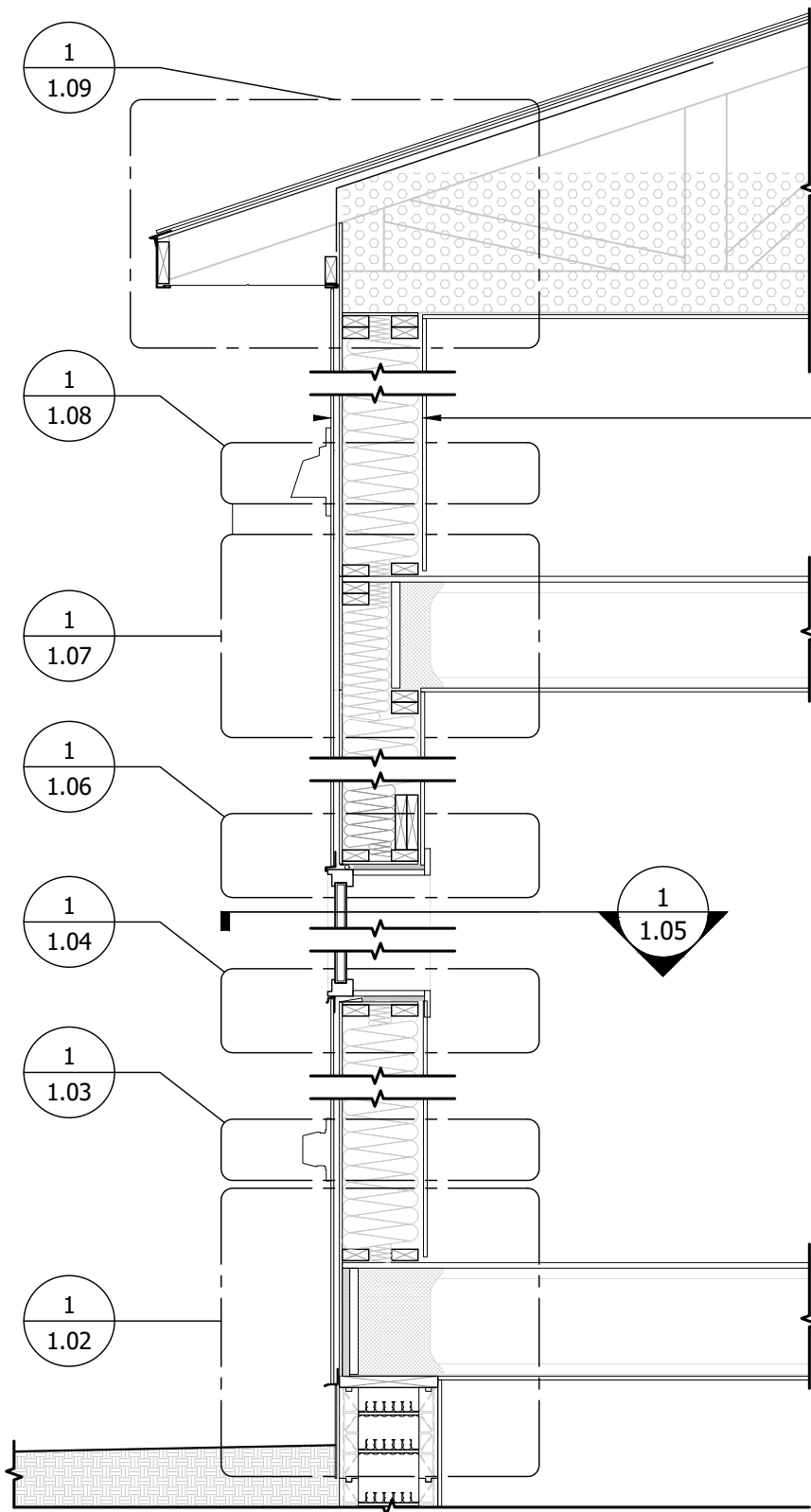
DOUBLE STUD WALL NZ ASSEMBLY

EFFECTIVE RSI = 5.73; R-VALUE = 32.52

- EXTERIOR CLADDING
- $\frac{3}{4}$ " RAINSCREEN STRAPPING (OPTIONAL)
- WATER RESISTANT BARRIER, SHEET APPLIED MEMBRANE, VAPOUR OPEN
- $\frac{3}{8}$ " EXTERIOR SHEATHING
- 2X4 WOOD STUDS w/ FIBREGLASS BATT INSULATION
- 3" VOID w/ FIBREGLASS BATT INSULATION
- 2X4 WOOD STUDS w/ FIBREGLASS BATT INSULATION
- AIRTIGHT VARIABLE VAPOUR BARRIER
- $\frac{1}{2}$ " GYPSUM BOARD
- INTERIOR FINISHING

NOTES

- NZ = NET ZERO



ENVELOPE SECTION

1/2" = 1'-0"



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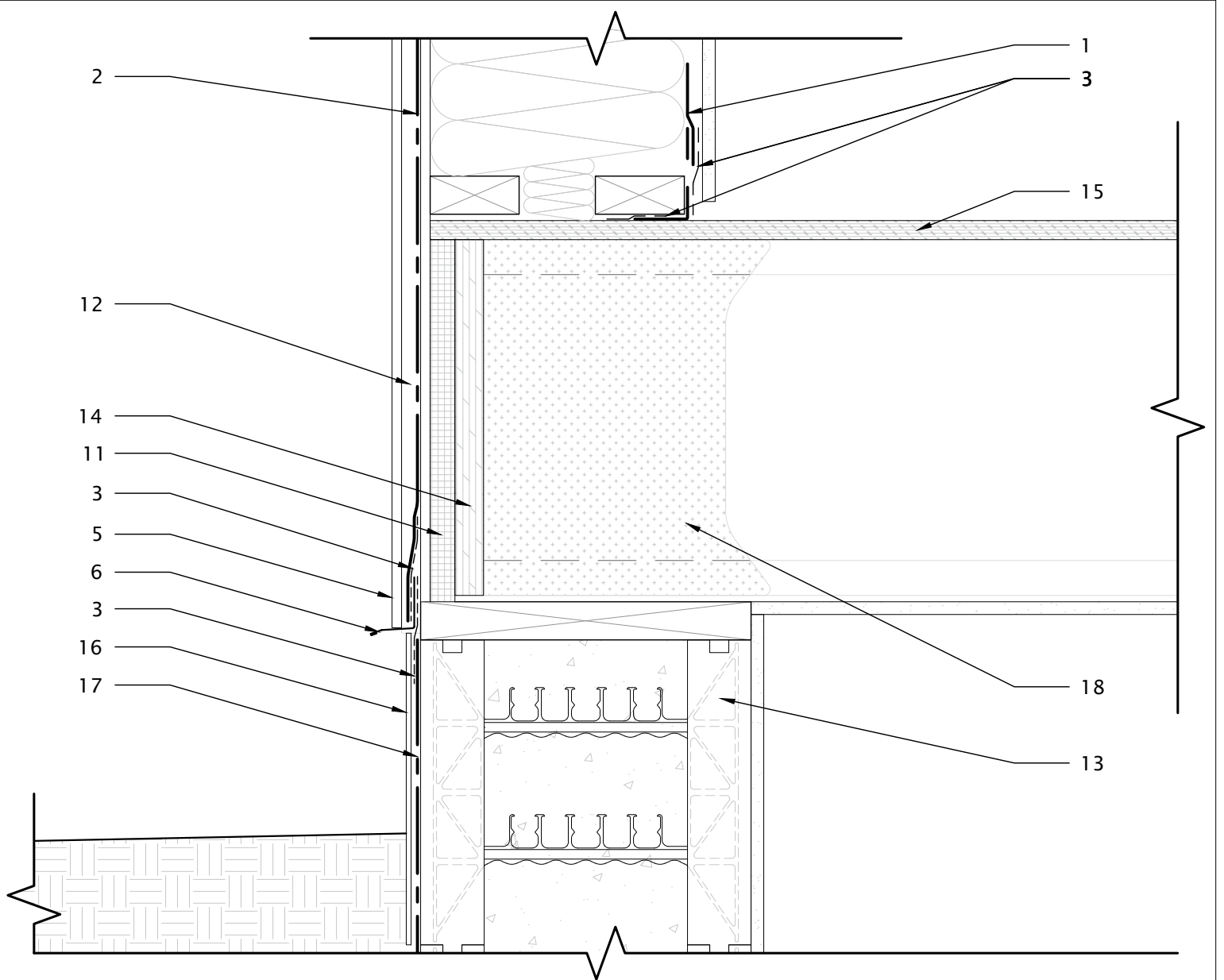
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1 FOUNDATION TRANSITION SECTION DETAIL

2" = 1'-0"

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 AIRTIGHT VAPOUR BARRIER | 11 EPS INSULATION | 13 ICF BLOCK |
| 2 WATER RESISTANT BARRIER | 12 RAINSCREEN STRAPPING | 14 RIM BOARD |
| 3 SELF ADHERED MEMBRANE | | 15 SUBFLOOR |
| 4 FIBREGLOSS BATT INSULATION | | 16 PARGING |
| 5 CLADDING | | 17 DAMPPROOFING |
| 6 FLASHING | | 18 SPRAY FOAM INSULATION |
| 7 SEALANT | | |
| 8 NON-HARDENING SEALANT | | |
| 9 COMPRESSED FOAM ROD | | |
| 10 EXPANDING POLYURETHANE SPRAY FOAM | | |



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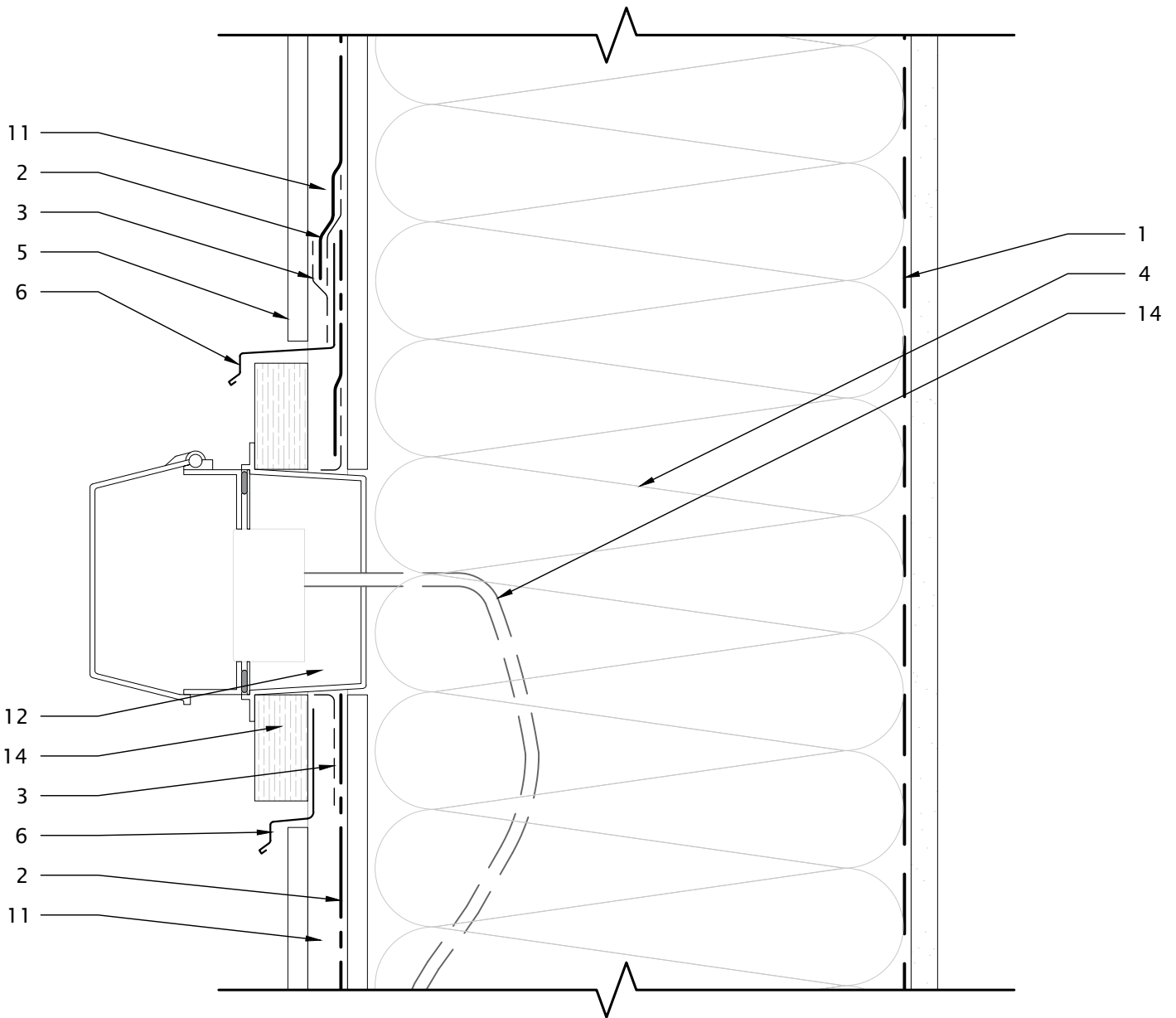
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RECEPTACLE SECTION DETAIL

4" = 1'-0"

- 1 AIRTIGHT VAPOUR BARRIER
- 2 WATER RESISTANT BARRIER
- 3 SELF ADHERED MEMBRANE
- 4 FIBREGLASS BATT INSULATION
- 5 CLADDING
- 6 FLASHING
- 7 SEALANT
- 8 NON-HARDENING SEALANT
- 9 COMPRESSED FOAM ROD
- 10 EXPANDING POLYURETHANE SPRAY FOAM

- 11 RAINSCREEN STRAPPING

- 12 IN USE RECEPTACLE ASSEMBLY
- 13 ELECTRICAL WIRE
- 14 BATTEN



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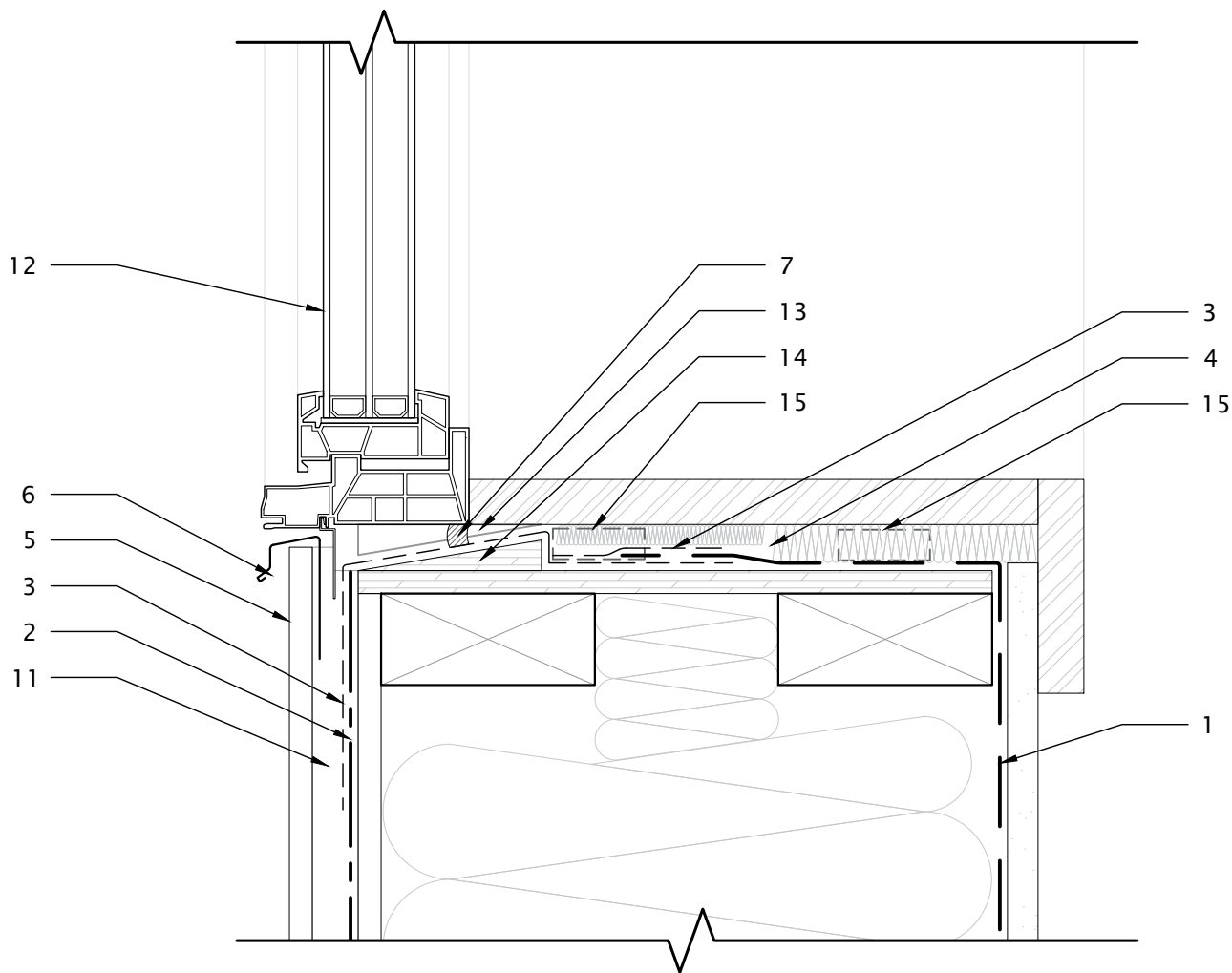
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WINDOW SILL SECTION DETAIL

4" = 1'-0"

- 1 AIRTIGHT VAPOUR BARRIER
- 2 WATER RESISTANT BARRIER
- 3 SELF ADHERED MEMBRANE
- 4 FIBREGLOSS BATT INSULATION
- 5 CLADDING
- 6 FLASHING
- 7 SEALANT
- 8 NON-HARDENING SEALANT
- 9 COMPRESSED FOAM ROD
- 10 EXPANDING POLYURETHANE SPRAY FOAM

- 11 RAINSCREEN STRAPPING

- 12 GLAZING UNIT
- 13 WINDOW SUPPORT SHIM
- 14 BEVELED SIDING SLOPED DAM
- 15 BLOCKING



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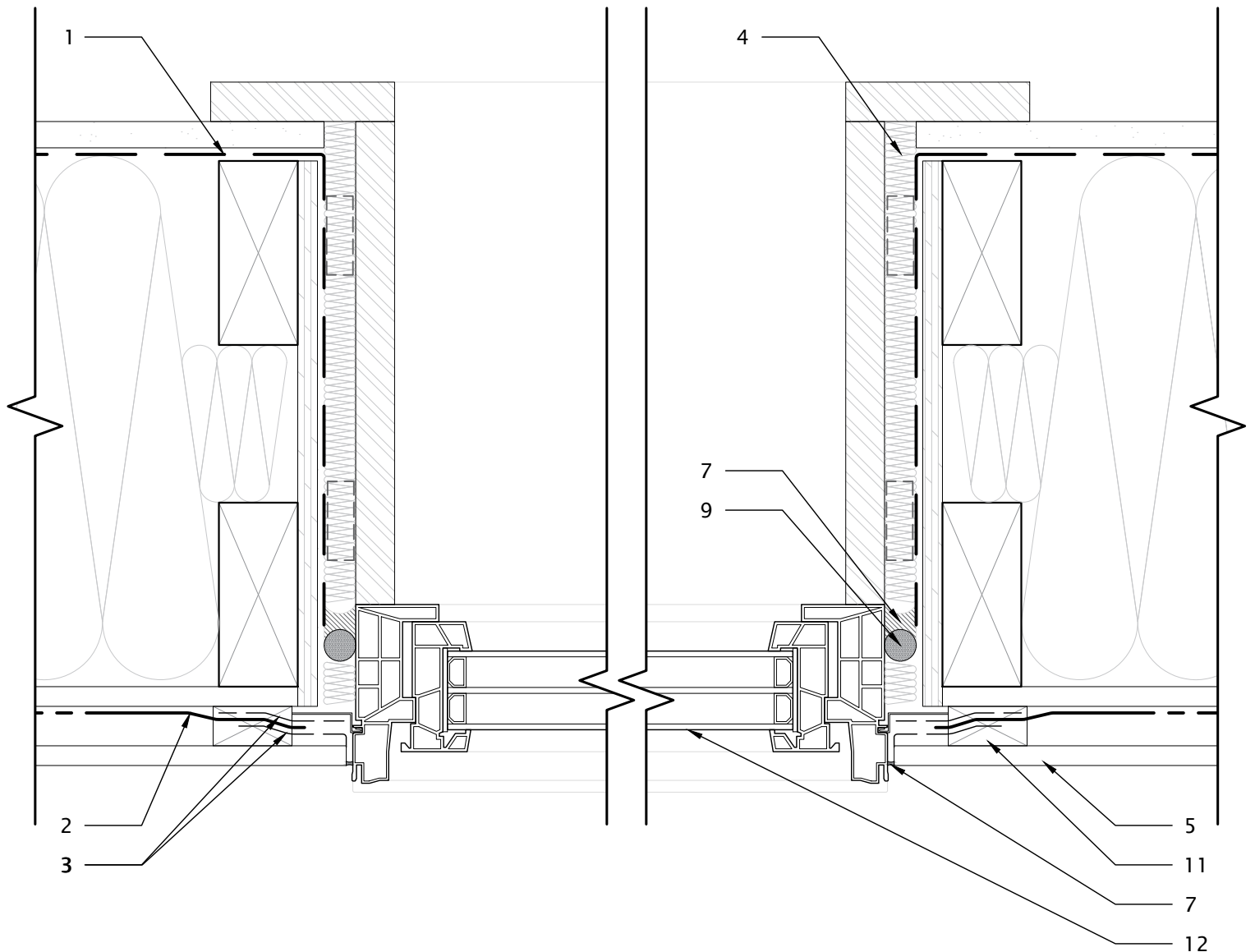
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1 WINDOW JAMB PLAN DETAIL

4" = 1'-0"

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| 2 WATER RESISTANT BARRIER | | |
| 3 SELF ADHERED MEMBRANE | | |
| 4 FIBREGLASS BATT INSULATION | | |
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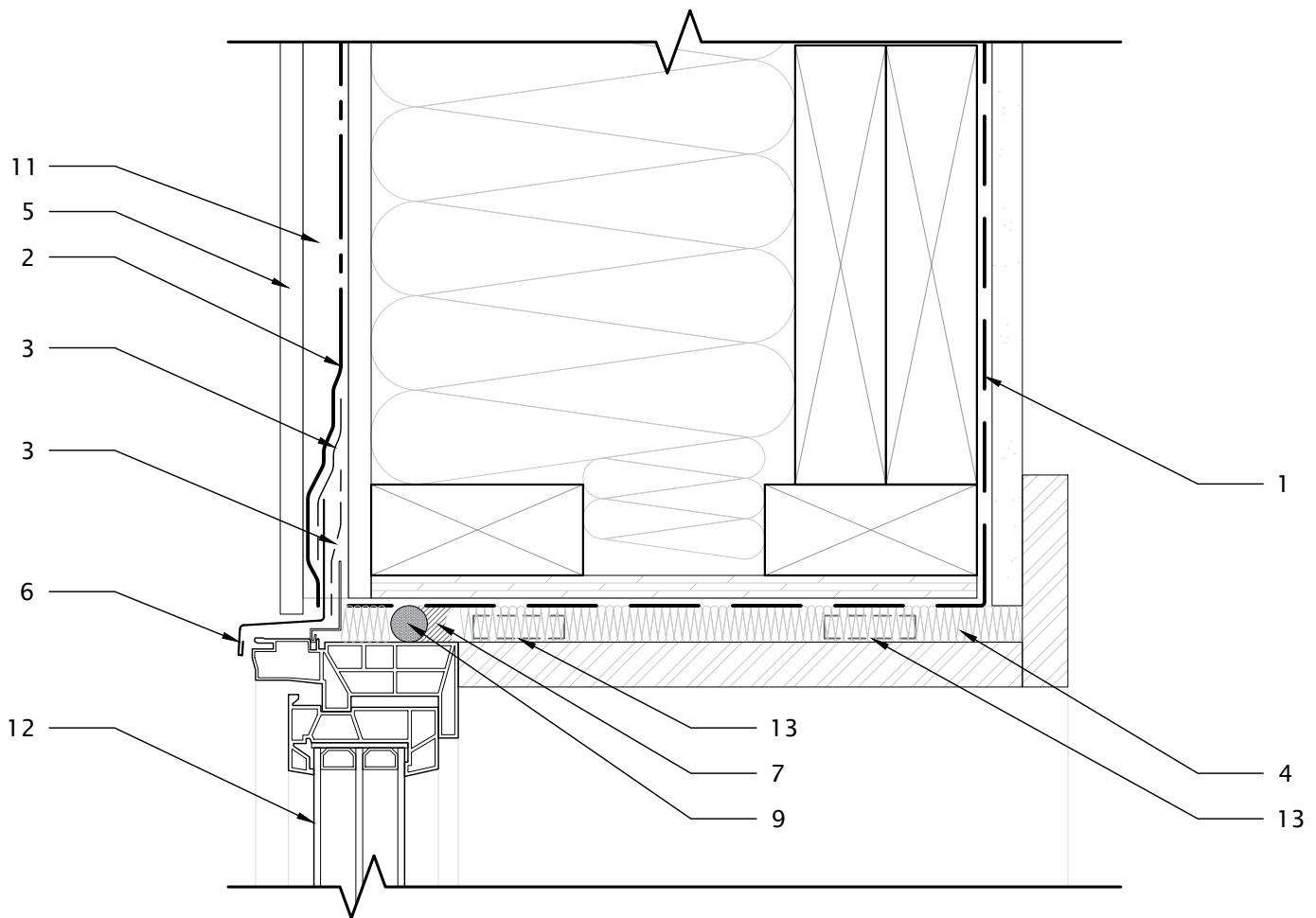
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WINDOW HEAD SECTION DETAIL

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- 2 WATER RESISTANT BARRIER
- 3 SELF ADHERED MEMBRANE
- 4 FIBREGLOSS BATT INSULATION
- 5 CLADDING
- 6 FLASHING
- 7 SEALANT
- 8 NON-HARDENING SEALANT
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- 11 RAINSCREEN STRAPPING

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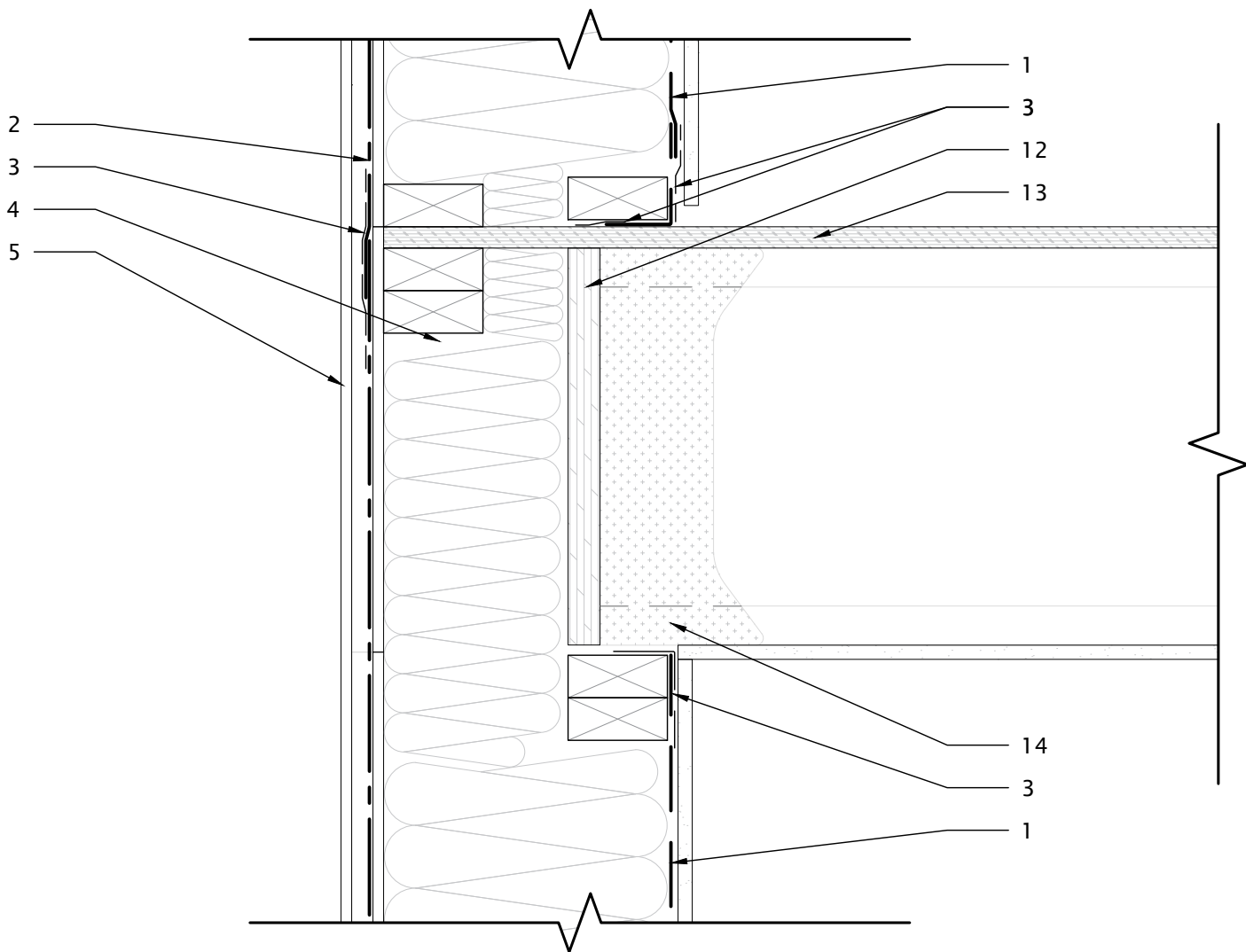
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FLOOR TO FLOOR TRANSITION SETION DETAIL

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- 1 AIRTIGHT VAPOUR BARRIER
- 2 WATER RESISTANT BARRIER
- 3 SELF ADHERED MEMBRANE
- 4 FIBREGLOSS BATT INSULATION
- 5 CLADDING
- 6 FLASHING
- 7 SEALANT
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- 10 EXPANDING POLYURETHANE SPRAY FOAM

- 11 RAINSCREEN STRAPPING

- 12 RIM BOARD
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- 14 SPRAY FOAM INSULATION



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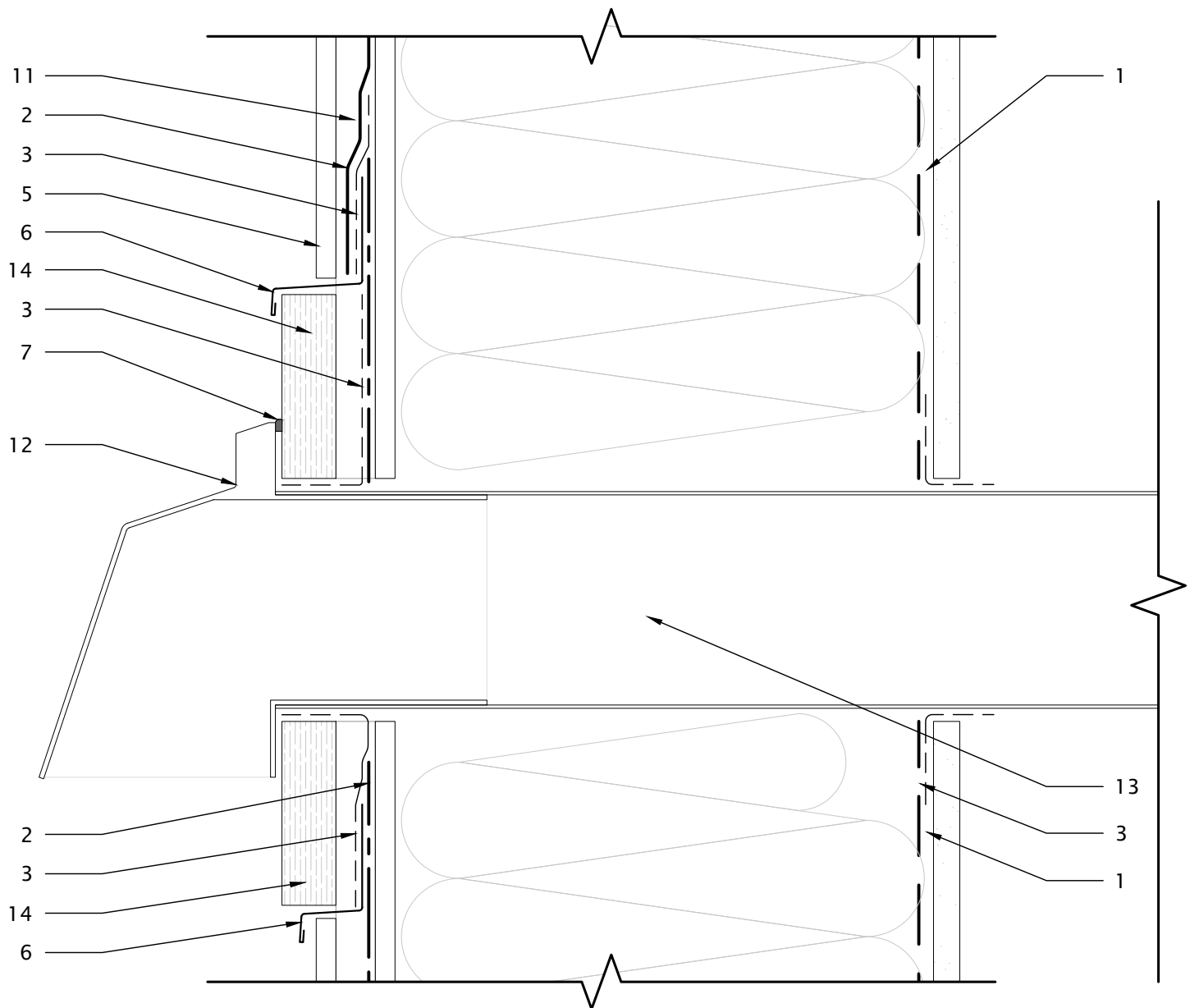
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DUCT OPENING SECTION DETAIL

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| 2 WATER RESISTANT BARRIER | | 13 DUCT |
| 3 SELF ADHERED MEMBRANE | | 14 BATTEN OSB CAP |
| 4 FIBREGLOSS BATT INSULATION | | |
| 5 CLADDING | | |
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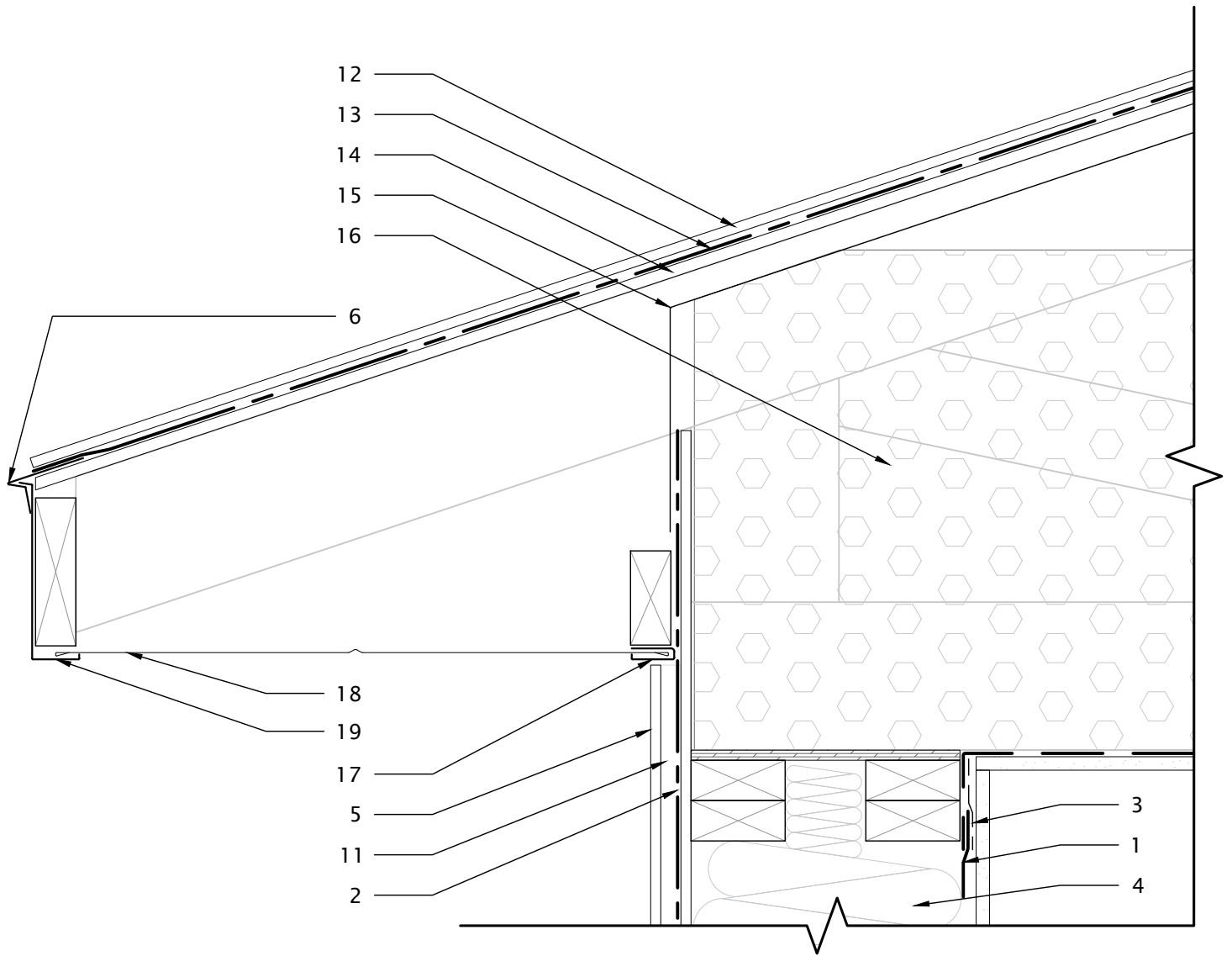
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WALL TO ROOF TRANSITION SECTION DETAIL

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- 1 AIRTIGHT VAPOUR BARRIER
- 2 WATER RESISTANT BARRIER
- 3 SELF ADHERED MEMBRANE
- 4 FIBREGLASS BATT INSULATION
- 5 CLADDING
- 6 FLASHING
- 7 SEALANT
- 8 NON-HARDENING SEALANT
- 9 COMPRESSED FOAM ROD
- 10 EXPANDING POLYURETHANE SPRAY FOAM

- 11 RAINSCREEN STRAPPING

- 12 ROOFING SHINGLE
- 13 ROOFING UNDERLAYMENT MEMBRANE
- 14 ROOFING SHEATHING
- 15 INSULATION STOP
- 16 BLOWN INSULATION
- 17 J-CHANNEL
- 18 SOFFIT
- 19 FASCIA



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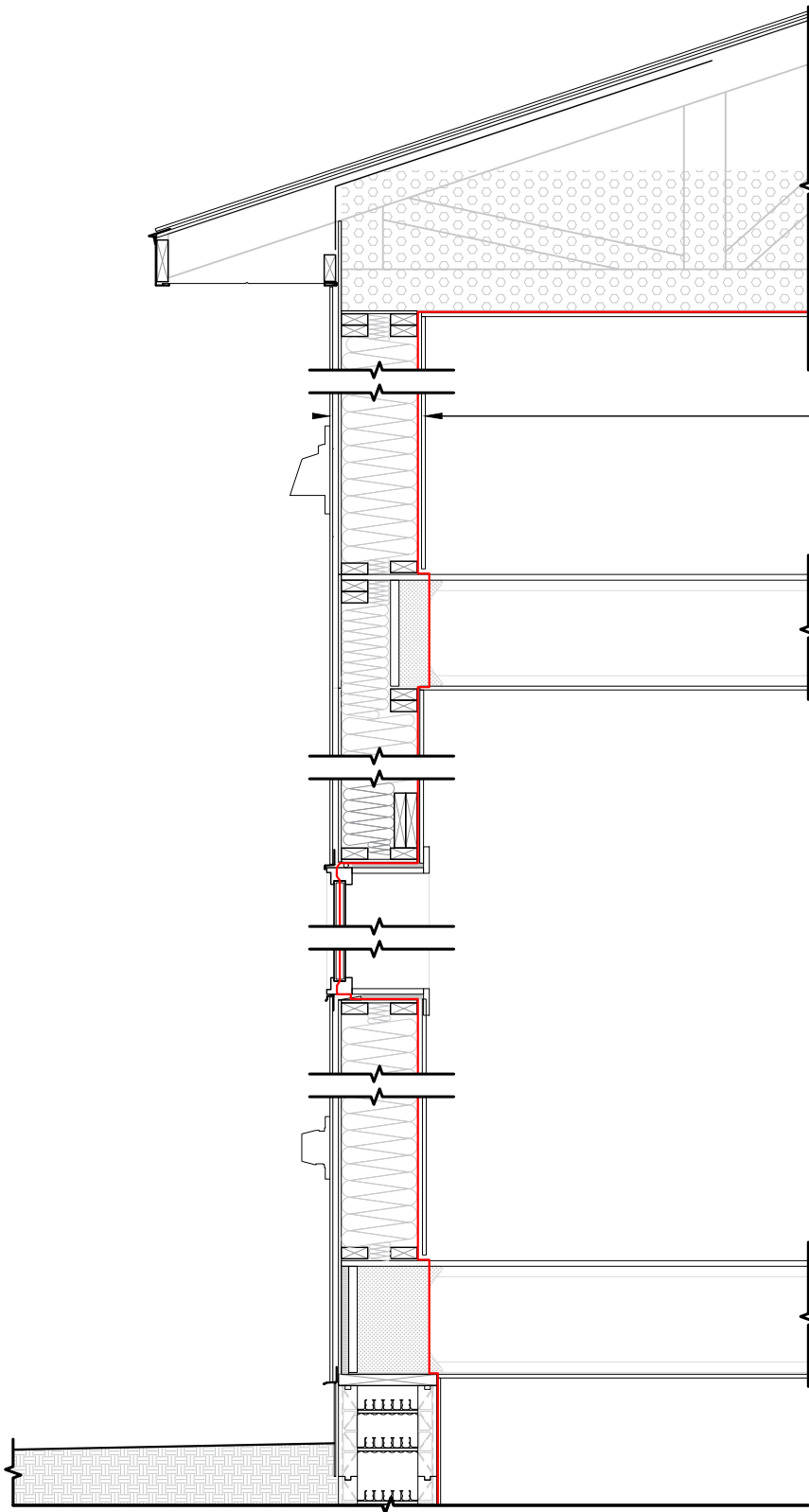
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- 3" VOID w/ FIBREGLASS BATT INSULATION
- 2X4 WOOD STUDS w/ FIBREGLASS BATT INSULATION
- AIRTIGHT VARIABLE VAPOUR BARRIER
- $\frac{1}{2}$ " GYPSUM BOARD
- INTERIOR FINISHING

LEGEND

— AIR BARRIER



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AIR BARRIER CONTINUITY

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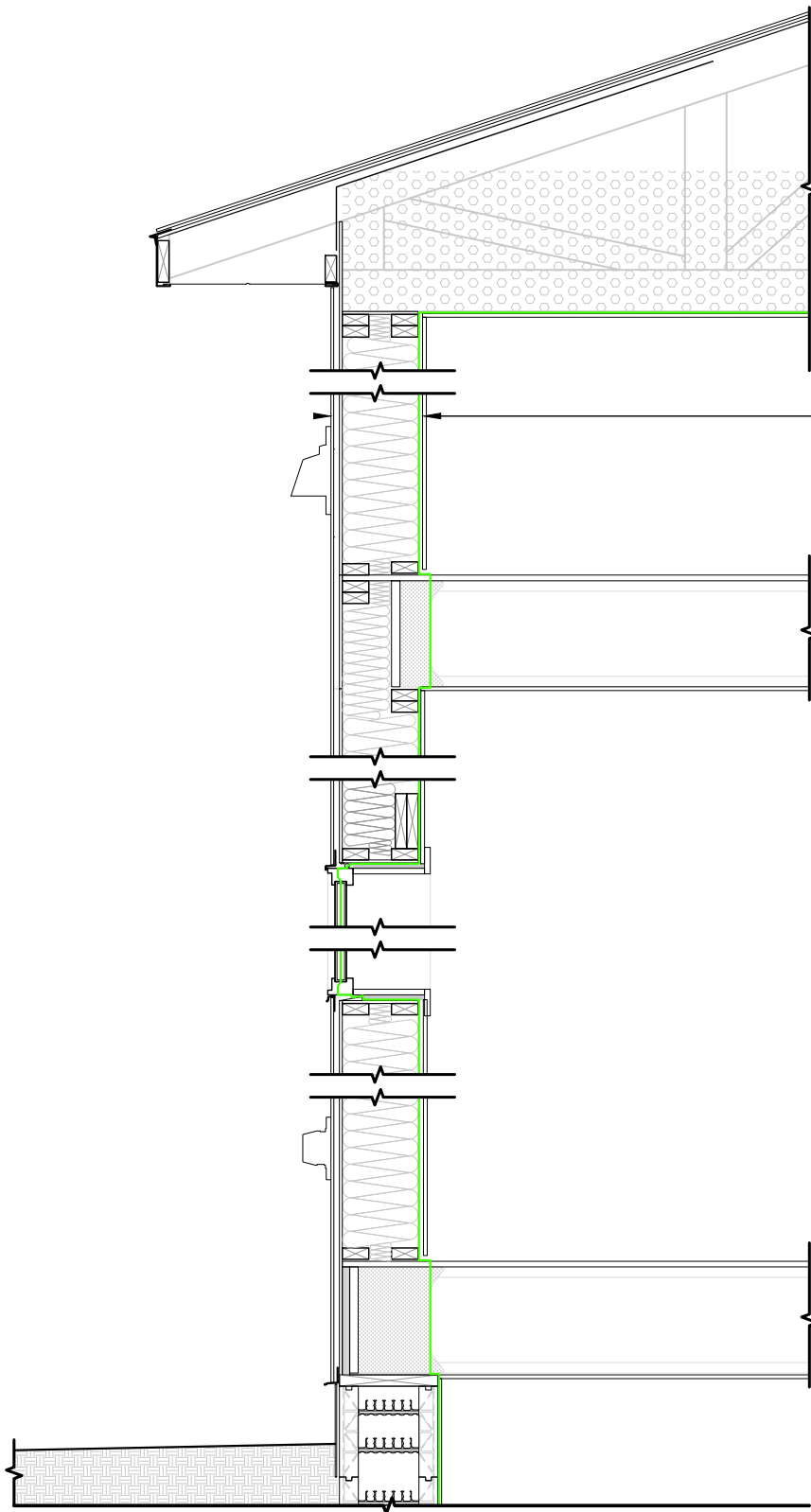
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- 2X4 WOOD STUDS w/ FIBREGLASS BATT INSULATION
- 3" VOID w/ FIBREGLASS BATT INSULATION
- 2X4 WOOD STUDS w/ FIBREGLASS BATT INSULATION
- AIRTIGHT VARIABLE VAPOUR BARRIER
- $\frac{1}{2}$ " GYPSUM BOARD
- INTERIOR FINISHING

LEGEND

— VAPOUR BARRIER



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VAPOUR BARRIER CONTINUITY

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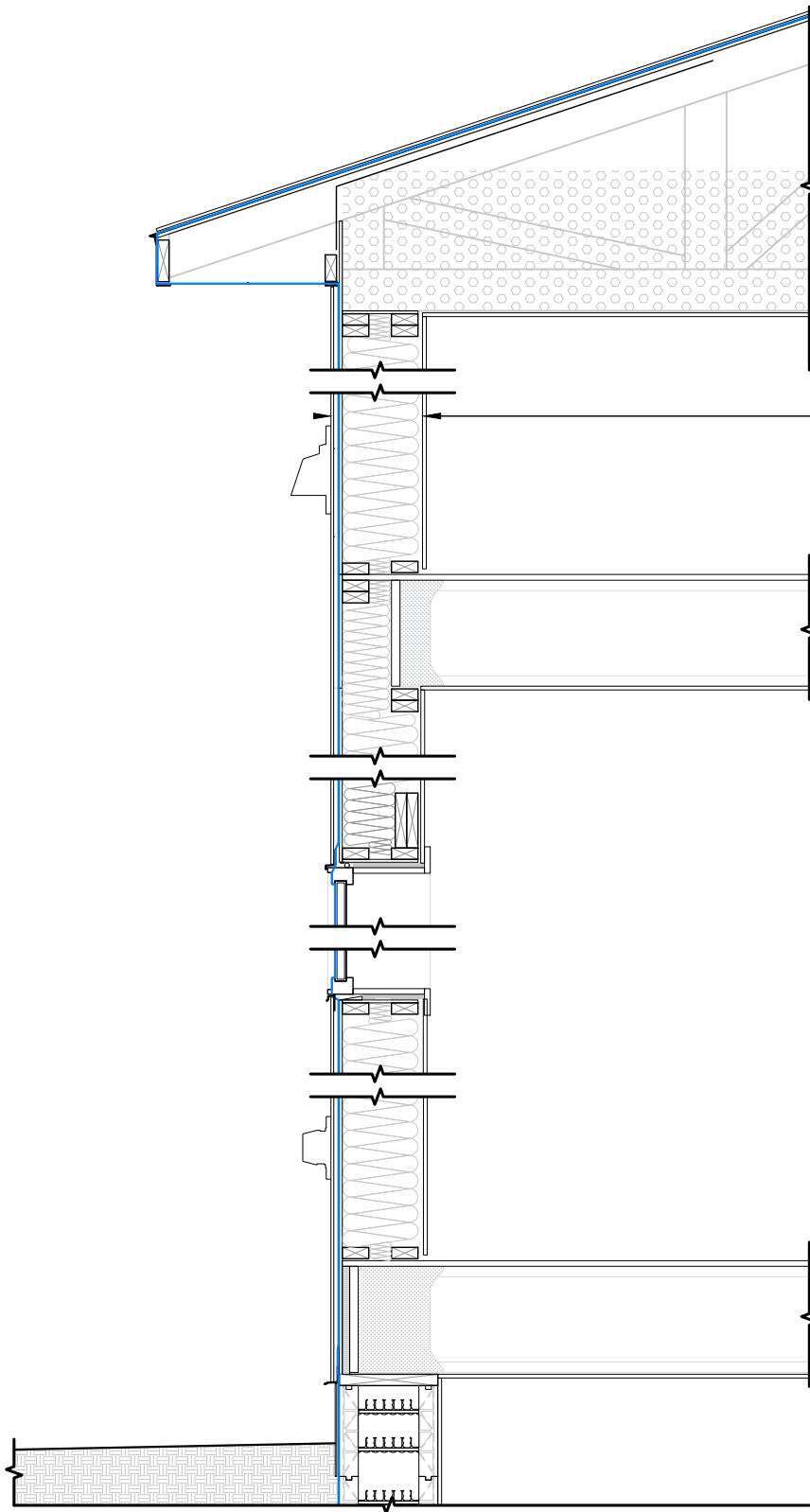
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- AIRTIGHT VARIABLE VAPOUR BARRIER
- $\frac{1}{2}$ " GYPSUM BOARD
- INTERIOR FINISHING

LEGEND

— WATER BARRIER



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WATER BARRIER CONTINUITY

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Appendix B:

Wall Assembly Effective Thermal Resistance Calculations

Project Name:

High-Performance Wall Assembly Project

Project Address:

Assembly Name:

Double Stud Wall Net Zero Wall Assembly

Materials in Assembly				RSI, (m ² *K)/W	R-Value
Outside Air Film				0.03	0.17
Rainscreen Framing (20mm x 0.0085 RSI/mm)	RSI _F =	0.17	% area of framing =	20	RSI _{Parallel} =
Rainscreen Air Cavity (20mm)	RSI _C =	0.18	% area of cavity =	80	
Building Paper				0.00	0.00
OSB Sheathing (9.5mm)				0.0930	0.53
Stud @ 610 (89mm x 0.0085 RSI/mm)	RSI _F =	0.76	% area of framing =	20	RSI _{Parallel} =
Batt Insulation (R12)	RSI _C =	2.11	% area of cavity =	80	
76mm space with Batt Insulation (R12)				2.11	11.98
Stud @ 610 (89mm x 0.0085 RSI/mm)	RSI _F =	0.76	% area of framing =	20	RSI _{Parallel} =
Batt Insulation (R12)	RSI _C =	2.11	% area of cavity =	80	
Vapour Barrier				0.00	0.00
Gypsum (12.7mm)		0.8		0.08	0.45
Interior Air Film		57.6		0.12	0.68
Calculated RSI _{EFF} =				5.73	32.52
9.36 Prescriptive RSI Required =				3.08	17.49
W/HRV				2.97	16.86

Parallel Path Flow Calculations

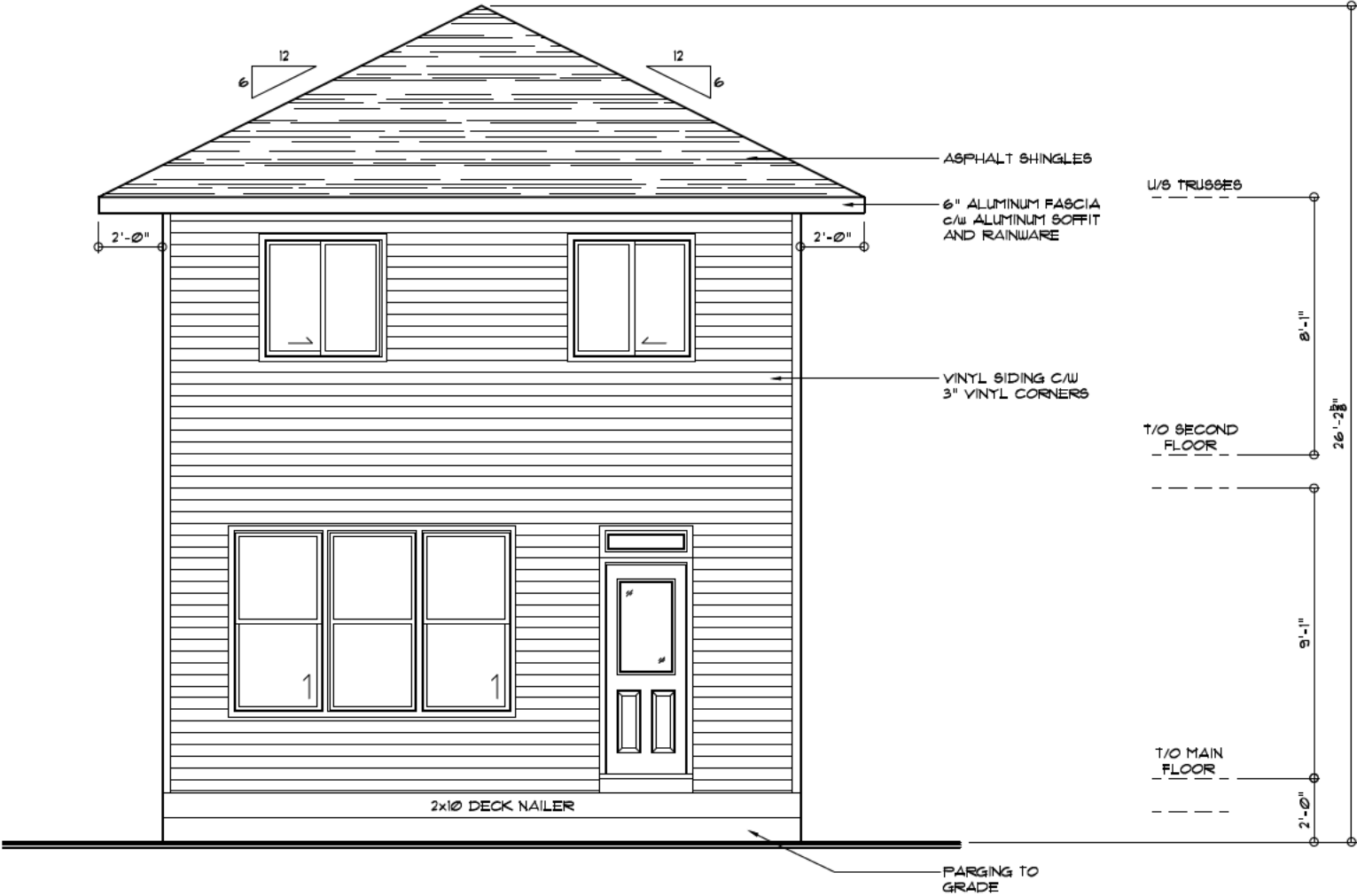
89mm stud with Batt Insulation (R12)

$$RSI_{Parallel} = \frac{100}{\frac{20}{0.76} + \frac{80}{2.11}} = 1.56 \quad (m^2 \cdot K)/W$$

Appendix C:

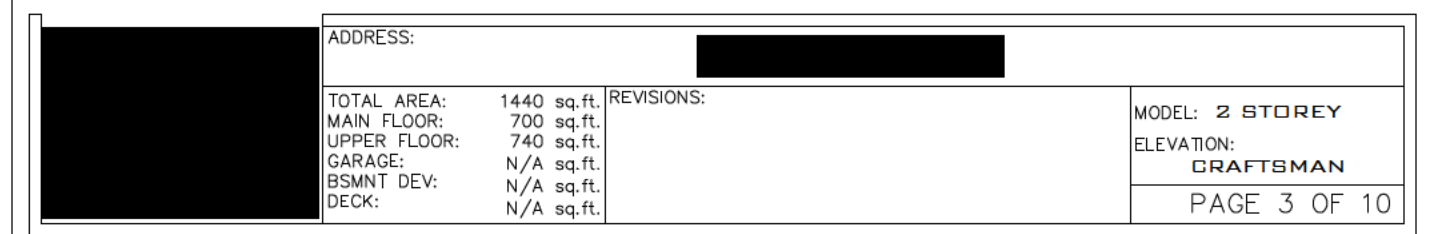
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REVISIONS:				
MODEL: 2 STOREY				
ELEVATION:				
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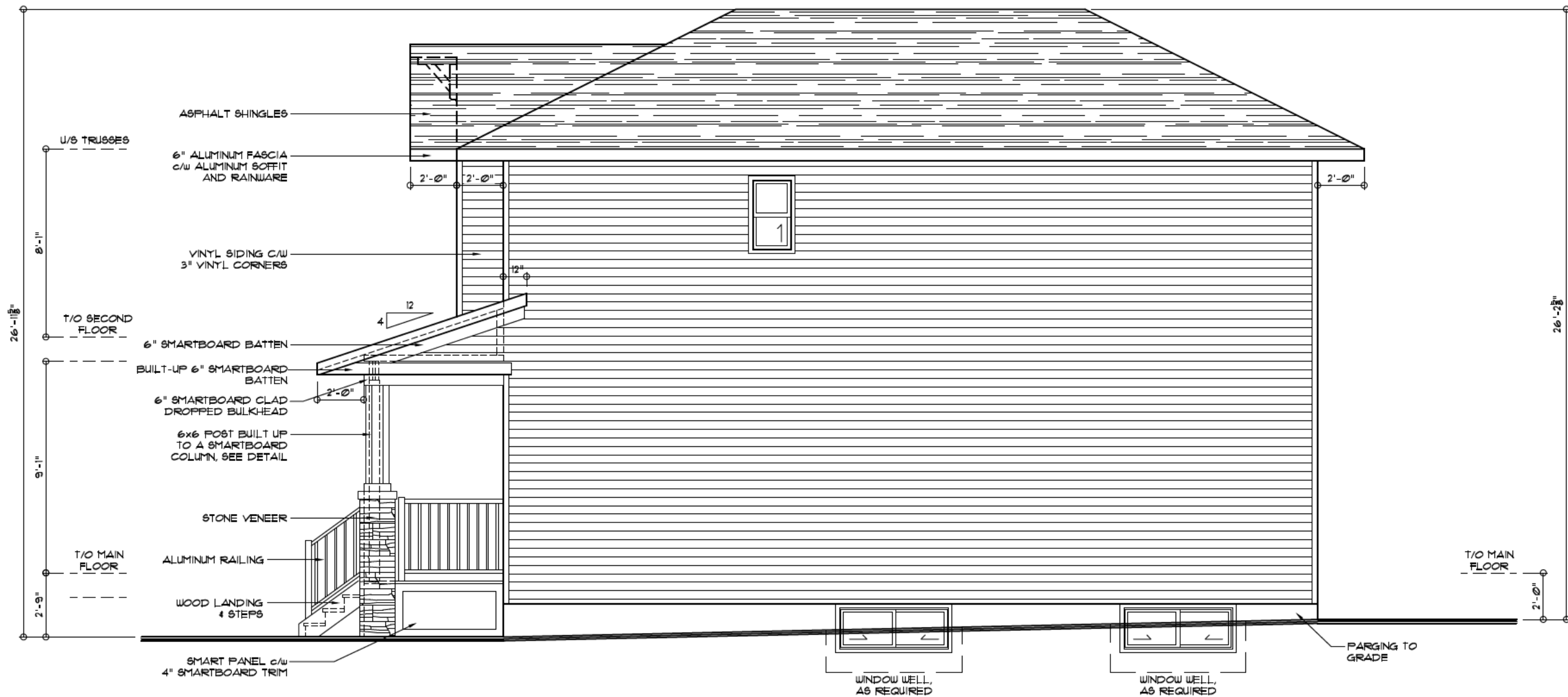
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LIMITING DISTANCE:	3.08 m
ALLOWABLE OPENINGS:	900 %
EXPOSED BUILDING FACE:	74333 sq.ft.
UNPROTECTED OPENINGS:	4684 sq.ft.
ACTUAL OPENINGS:	6.30%



UNPROTECTED OPENINGS

LIMITING DISTANCE:	122 m
ALLOWABLE OPENINGS:	7.00 %
EXPOSED BUILDING FACE:	139.05 sq.ft.
UNPROTECTED OPENINGS:	21.50 sq.ft.
ACTUAL OPENINGS:	3.12%



RIGHT ELEVATION

SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"

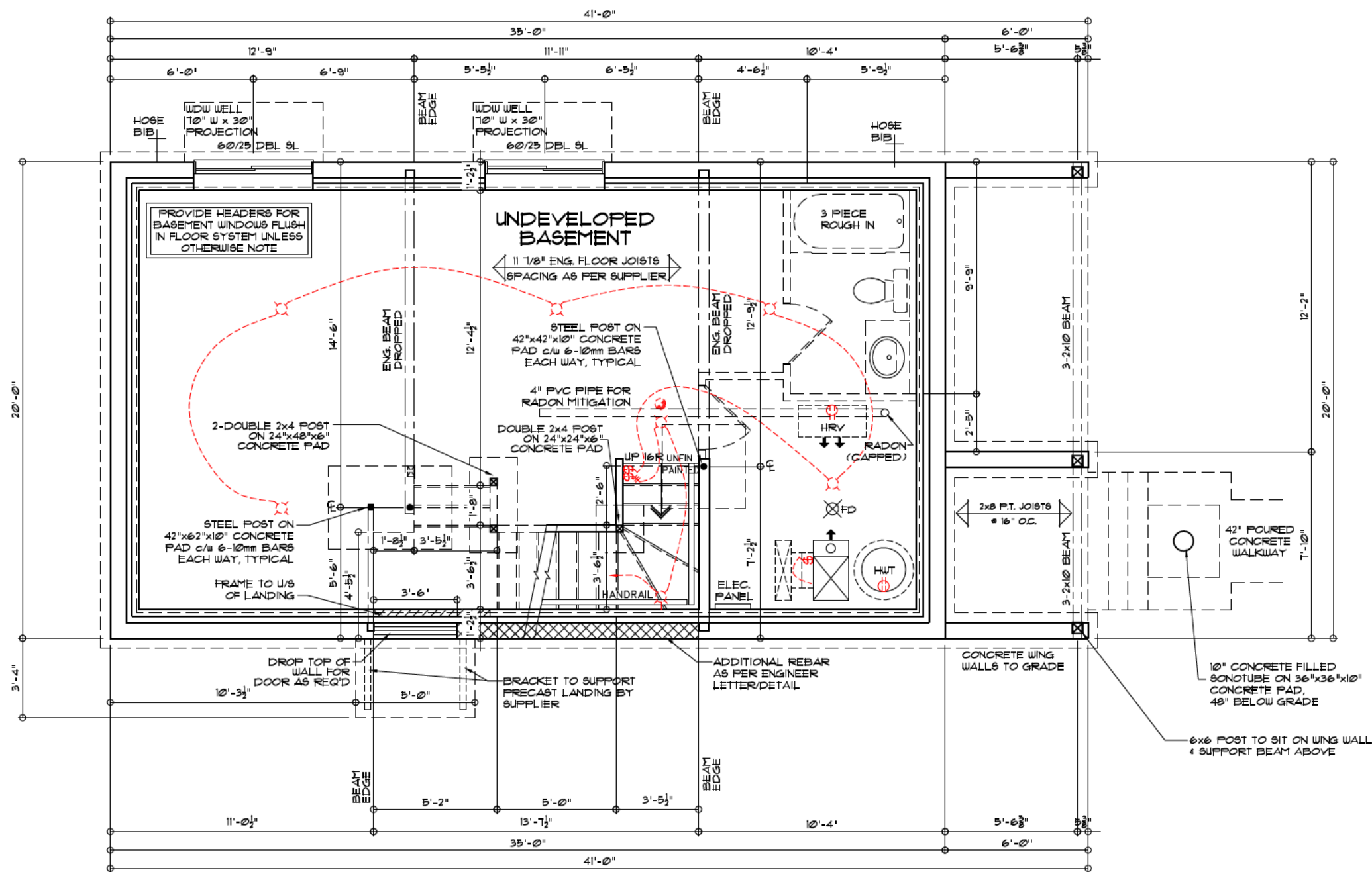
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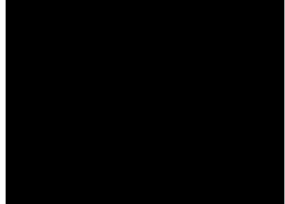

MODEL: 2 STOREY
ELEVATION:
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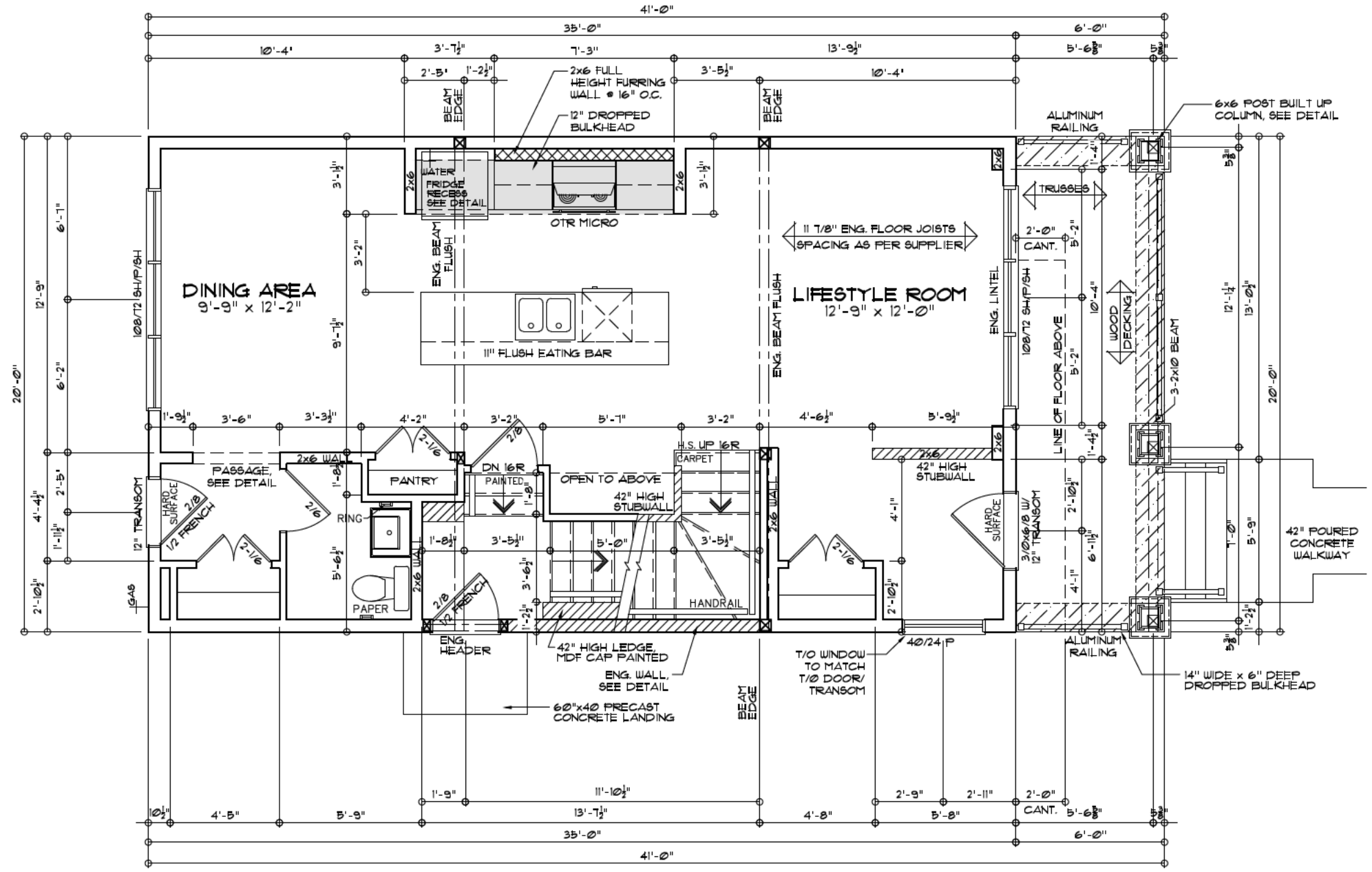


FOUNDATION PLAN
SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"

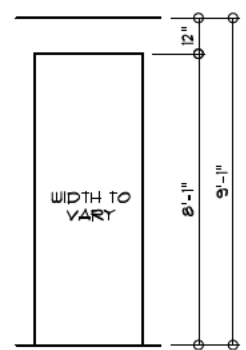
STANDARD WALL SCONCE HEIGHT
AT LANDING OR RISERS: 6'-0"

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	UPPER FLOOR: 740 sq.ft.	
	GARAGE: N/A sq.ft.	MODEL: 2 STOREY
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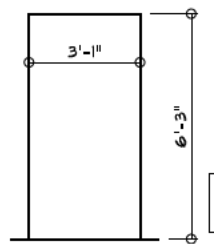
NOTE:
MAIN FLOOR WINDOWS
TO BE 7'-11" HIGH UNLESS
OTHERWISE NOTED



MAIN FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"



PASSAGE DETAIL
MAIN
SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"

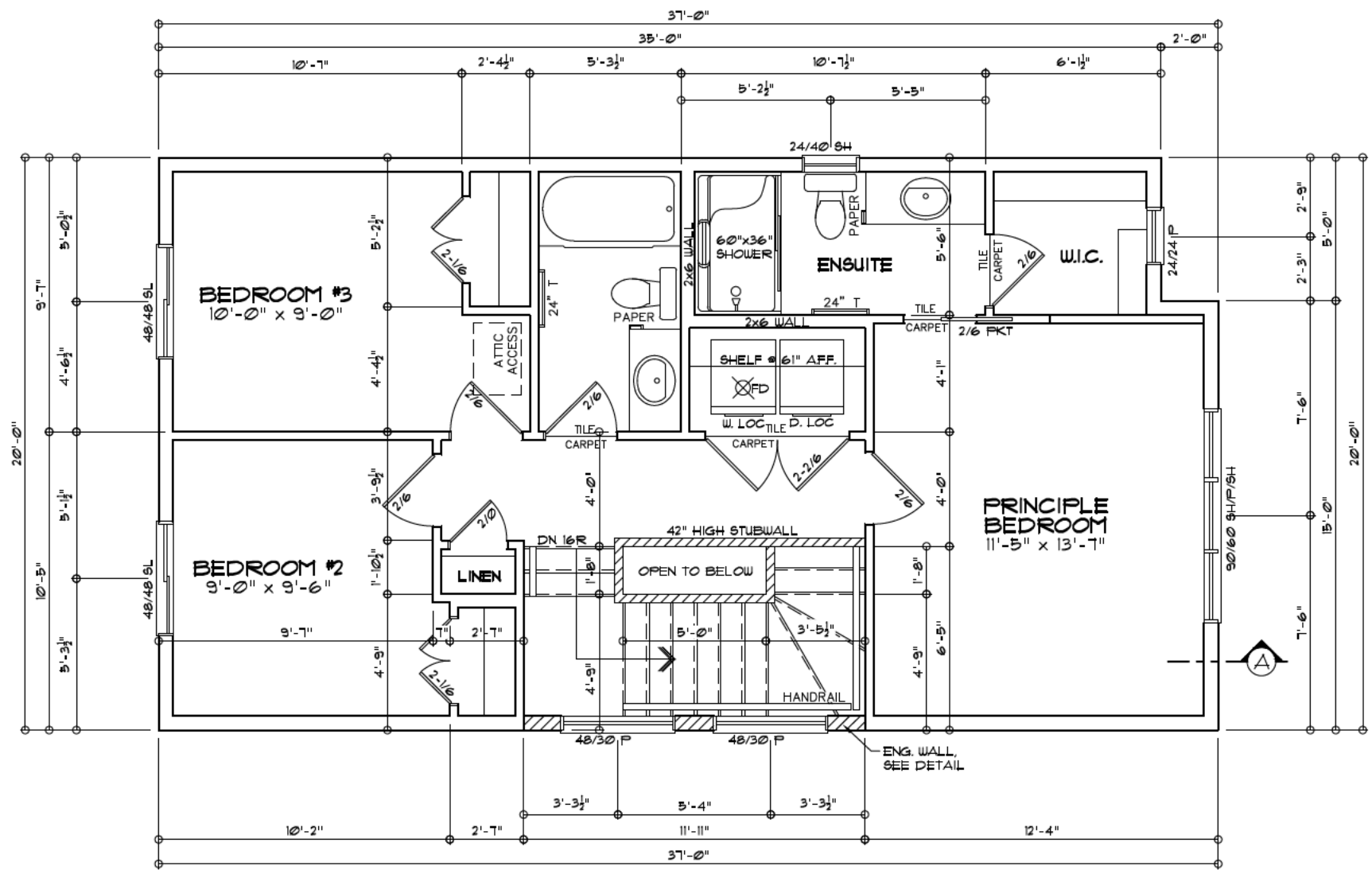


FRIDGE
RECESS DETAIL
SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"

NOTE:
DIMENSIONS ARE
TO FINISHED MATERIAL

		ADDRESS:			
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		MAIN FLOOR:	700 sq.ft.		
		UPPER FLOOR:	740 sq.ft.		
		GARAGE:	N/A sq.ft.		
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NOTE:
UPPER FLOOR WINDOWS
TO BE 6'-11" HIGH

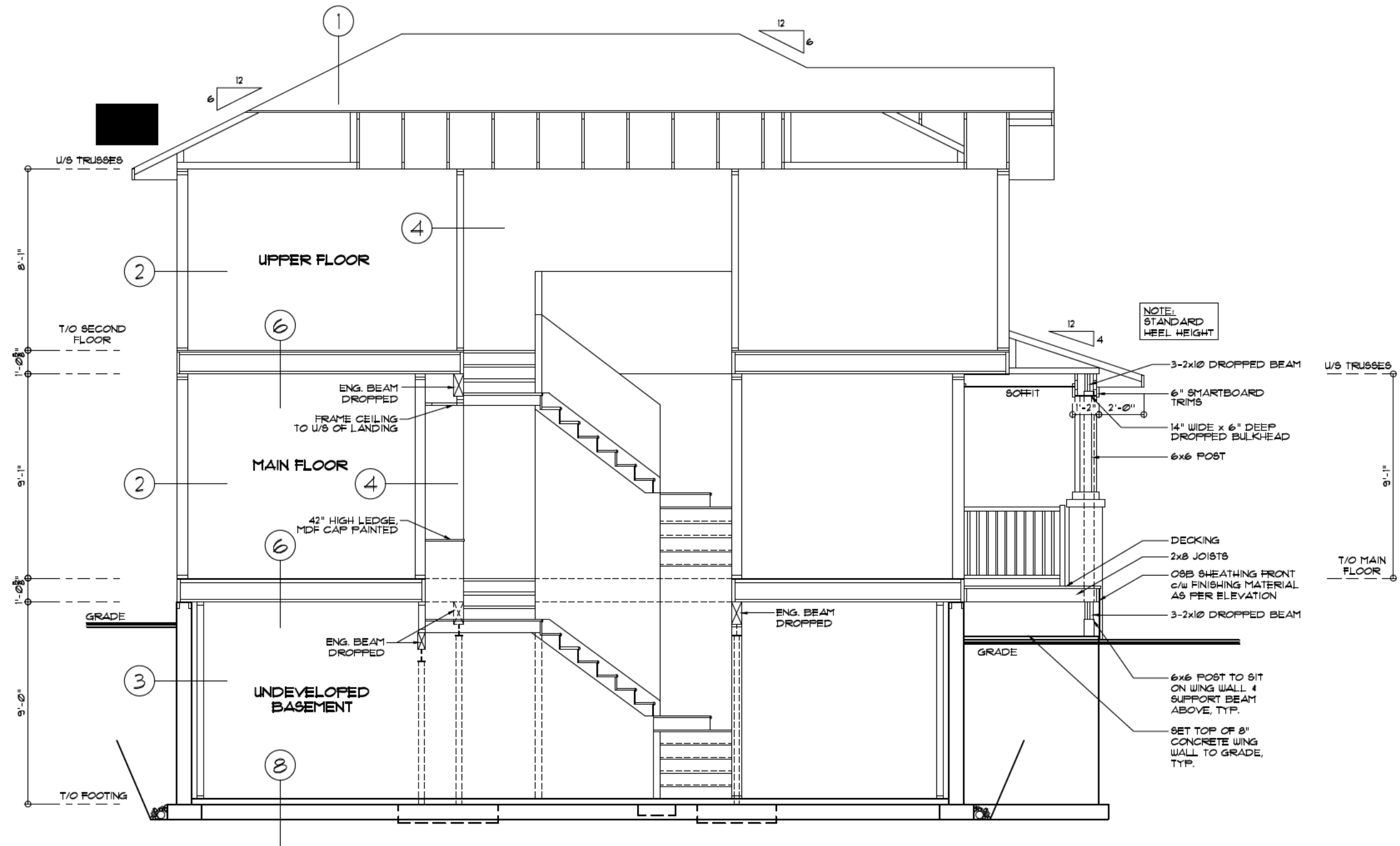


UPPER FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"

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	UPPER FLOOR:	740 sq.ft.	
	GARAGE:	N/A sq.ft.	MODEL: 2 STOREY ELEVATION: CRAFTSMAN
	BSMNT DEV:	N/A sq.ft.	
	DECK:	N/A sq.ft.	PAGE 7 OF 10

NOTE:
MAIN FLOOR WINDOWS TO
BE 7'-11" HIGH UNLESS
OTHERWISE NOTED

UPPER FLOOR WINDOWS
TO BE 6'-11" HIGH UNLESS
OTHERWISE NOTED



GENERAL NOTES:
-ALL CONSTRUCTION TO CONFORM TO CURRENT A.B.C., FIRE CODES AND 936 PERFORMANCE ENERGY MODEL DETAILS
-SPECIFICATIONS, CHANGE REQUESTS SHALL OVERRIDE PLANS
-FINAL GRADING AND SITE CONDITIONS MAY VARY EXTERIOR APPEARANCE
-SECTION NOTES ARE GENERAL AND MAY VARY OR NOT APPLY TO ALL PLANS
-ALUMINUM FASCIA AND EAVESTROUGH AS NOTED
-ALUMINUM VENTED SOFFIT ON FRONT AND REAR ELEVATIONS ONLY.
-NON-VENTED ALUMINUM SOFFIT ON SIDE ELEVATIONS
-TRUSS MANUFACTURER TO VERIFY ALL ROOF SLOPES AND TRUSS DESIGN PRIOR TO FABRICATION
LINTEL NOTES:
-ALL EXTERIOR LINTELS TO BE 2-2x10 SFF UNLESS NOTED
-ALL LINTELS OVER 6'-0" MUST HAVE A DOUBLE CRIPPLE
-INSULATE 4 DRYWALL WALLS WITHIN 4'-0" OF FURNACE & HUT
-INSULATE 4 DRYWALL WALLS ADJACENT TO STAIRS AND LANDING
-INSULATE AND DRYWALL WALLS AT BASEMENT LAUNDRY WHEN APPLICABLE
-ANY DISCREPANCIES TO BE REPORTED TO THE DESIGNER PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION

CROSS SECTION A
SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"

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Appendix D:

Wall Assembly Affordability and Constructability Analysis

Cost per sq/ft of Wall Affordability Analysis

Assembly	Cost/sqft of Wall	Notes
Tier 1 2x6	Baseline Cost	Assembly built with materials commonly used in current residential construction. These include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tyvek WRB. • 6 mil poly vapour barrier.
Exterior Mineral Wool Tier 3	153% higher than baseline	Incorporates high-performance building materials at an additional cost. These include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siga Majvest WRB (Roughly twice as much per sq/ft coverage of Tyvek). • Siga Majrex vapour barrier (roughly 9x as much per sq/ft coverage of 6 mil poly). • Siga WRB and VB tapes for air sealing. Other Additional Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exterior mineral wool insulation. • Rainscreen material.
Double Stud Net Zero	64% higher than baseline	Incorporates a combination of more commonly used construction materials and high-performance building materials at an additional cost. These include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typar WRB (similar in price to Tyvek). • Siga Majrex vapour barrier (roughly 9x as much per sq/ft coverage of 6 mil poly). • Siga VB tapes for air sealing. Other Additional Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framing of 2 walls. • Additional insulation to fill wall cavity.
Exterior Foam Net Zero	465% higher than baseline	Incorporates high-performance building materials at an additional cost. These include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soprema Sopraseal Stick WRB (Roughly 11x as much per sq/ft coverage of Tyvek). • Soprema sill flashing. Other Additional Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exterior XPS insulation. • Rainscreen material. • Fasteners for screwing through a large amount of insulation.
Fire Resistant Retrofit	206% higher than baseline	Incorporates high-performance building materials at an additional cost. These include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ProClima Mento WRB (Roughly 3x as much per sq/ft coverage of Tyvek). • ProClima tapes for air sealing. Other Additional Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exterior mineral wool insulation. • Rainscreen material. • Thermal Clips.
Larsen Truss Retrofit	165% higher than baseline	Incorporates common building materials similar to the baseline home; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typar WRB (similar cost as Tyvek). Additional Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framing material for the Larsen Truss. • Rainscreen material. • WRB tape for air sealing. • Insulation for Larsen Truss cavity. • Soprema liquid applied membrane for window bucks and air sealing.

- No monetary value has been noted as there are many variables that could impact the comparability of these costs.
- This chart is a direct comparison of the cost of the material to construct **ONLY** the wall assembly of the model home.
- This chart only compares the materials selected for each physical mock-up. It cannot be considered a 1 to 1 comparison as different materials selected have different costs, possibly resulting in inflated prices for certain assemblies.

Constructability Analysis

Assembly	Material Availability	Difficulties/Issues	Constructability Rating (1-5)
Tier 1 2x6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All material used was available at common hardware/construction material supply stores. Material was all readily available as this is a commonly built assembly across Alberta. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accoustical sealant can be messy and inconsistent. 	1 Baseline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easiest to construct.
Exterior Mineral Wool Tier 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framing and cavity insulation materials were readily available at common hardware/material supply stores. SIGA WRB, VB and tapes was not readily available and needed to be ordered in. This required a small lead time. Exterior mineral wool insulation was not readily available and needed to be ordered. This required a significant lead time. Rainscreen framing material and fasteners were readily available at common stores. Custom made flashing was required. GBTAC made these on site with the use of a Break. If GBTAC did not have this tool, this material would need to be custom ordered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WRB was the air control layer, so ensuring continuous membrane behind flashings and penetrations increased the difficulty of installing the WRB. Ensuring the screws that hold on the rainscreen strapping properly embed in a structural member of the wall. Ensuring proper flashing installation and detailing around the window. Custom exterior window trim detail was required. Order of operations for the framer. WRB membrane was required to transfer into the interior at the roof so as to transfer the air control layer to the underside of the roof ceiling. 	2.5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relatively simple to construct. Exterior insulation is the major change from the baseline that makes it more difficult
Double Stud Net Zero	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All materials used in this assembly were readily available at common hardware/material supply stores aside from the VB. VB and tapes was not readily available and needed to be ordered in. This required a small lead time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Double walls could be heavy and difficult to move around. Custom window jambs are required to be made to cover the large window rough opening to the interior of the window. Order of operation for the framer. VB needs to be wrapped under the plates of the walls before the walls are installed. Proper installation of the 3 layers of insulation in the cavity to ensure there is no settlement. 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple Construction . Not to dissimilar to the baseline with adding a second wall and extra insulation increasing the difficulty.
Exterior Foam Net Zero	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framing material readily available at common hardware/material supply stores. WRB was not readily available and needed to be ordered in. This required a small lead time. XPS and fasteners were readily available at some material supply stores, but had the possibility to need to be ordered in with a small lead time. Custom flashing needed to be made. This was made onsite with a break, otherwise this would have been needed to be ordered from a supplier. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WRB was the air control layer, so ensuring continuous membrane behind flashings and penetrations increased the difficulty of installing the WRB. Ensuring the screws that hold on the rainscreen strapping properly embed in a structural member of the wall. Ensuring proper flashing installation and detailing around the window. Custom exterior window trim detail was required. Installing through flashing in the correct spot at the wall proved difficult. Peel and stick membrane required at least 2 workers to install as it was difficult to remove the backing without adhering the membrane to itself. 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most difficult to construct. Long screws and the amount of exterior insulation made this assembly difficult to construct.
Fire Resistant Retrofit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ProClima WRB and tapes wer not readily available and needed to be ordered in. This required a small lead time. Exterior mineral wool insulation was not readily available and needed to be ordered. This required a significant lead time. Rainscreen framing material and fasteners were readily available at common stores. Custom made flashing was required. GBTAC made these on site with the use of a Break. If GBTAC did not have this tool, this material would need to be custom ordered. Soprema thermal clips had to be ordered in with minimal lead time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attaching the rainscreen strapping to the metal thermal clips proved quite difficult at times. 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Somewhat difficult to construct. If good screws are used that screw into the metal thermal clips well, the construction would be slightly easier.
Larsen Truss Retrofit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All framing material and the WRB material was readily available at common hardware/material supply stores. Dense pack cellulose needed to be installed by a professional installer. Lead time for booking the installer was required. Liquid applied membrane for window bucks was required to be ordered in with a small lead time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installing the liquid applied membrane could not be done at a lower temperature. 	2.5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relatively simple to construct. Amount of labour and correct installation of the Larsen Truss raises the difficulty.

• Constructability values are based on the previous experience of the GTAC Staff and conversations with industry



Double Stud Wall Net Zero Assembly





IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY
CALL 911

ATTENTION
PPE REQUIRED

SAFETY ABSOLUTES

ATTENTION
E REQUIRED

+ FIRST AID +
STATION INSIDE
FIRE
EXTINGUISHER
EYEWASH
STATION
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Caution
Do NOT climb or stand on the Wall displays
Beware of SHARP Edges and Splinters
These are real examples of walls and have all the pointy bits associated
Thank you
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MADE IN CANADA
7.16PKS
SPACE FRAMES
1/8" RICH ON ENDS
1/8" RICH ON SIDE
PARTILES ESPECIALES
1/8" EN LAS CORNAS
1/8" EN LOS LADOS
SIDE DOWN
LADO ABAJO
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