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## Masonry Walls and Energy Codes - Effective Compliance Methods Session 2

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## Introduction

- The prescriptive energy code requirements for building envelopes have increased significantly over the past several years.
- Compliance with these code provisions is becoming increasingly more difficult, and new solutions are necessary.
- This presentation will provide an overview of energy code provisions, review of energy analysis on various building prototypes.

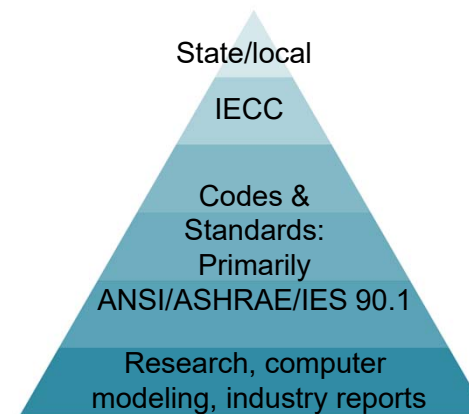
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## Introduction

- Look at thermal bridging, U and R values, and payback costs analysis for energy improvements using whole building analysis
- Throughout discuss resources available for designers, such as ACI/TMS 122.

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## Energy Code Hierarchy



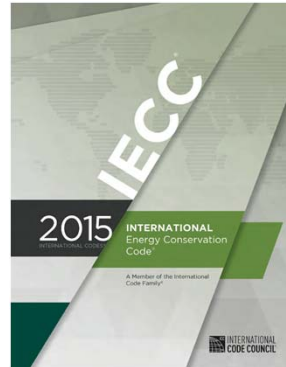
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# International Energy Conservation Code

Energy codes continue to become more stringent...

- 2012 is about 15% more efficient than 2009
- 2015 is about 11% more efficient
- References ASHREA 90.1



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# ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1



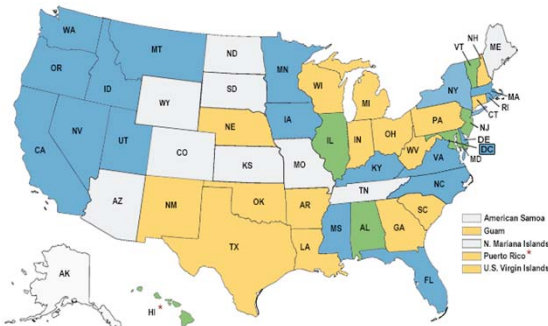
**Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings (I-P Edition)**

See Appendix F for approval data by the ASHRAE Standards Committee, the ASHRAE Board of Directors, the IES Board of Directors, and the American National Standards Institute.



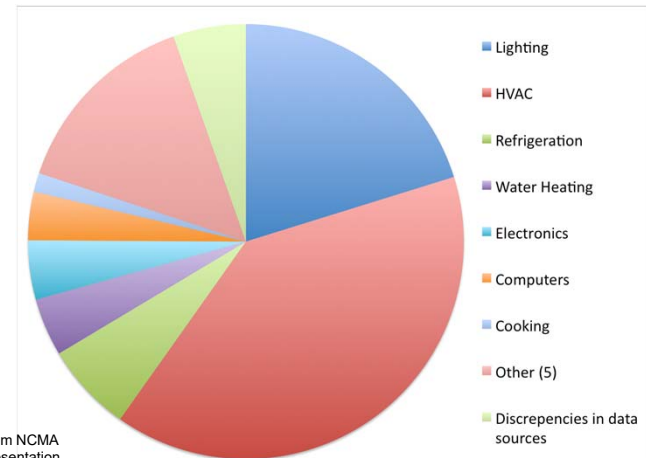
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# International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)



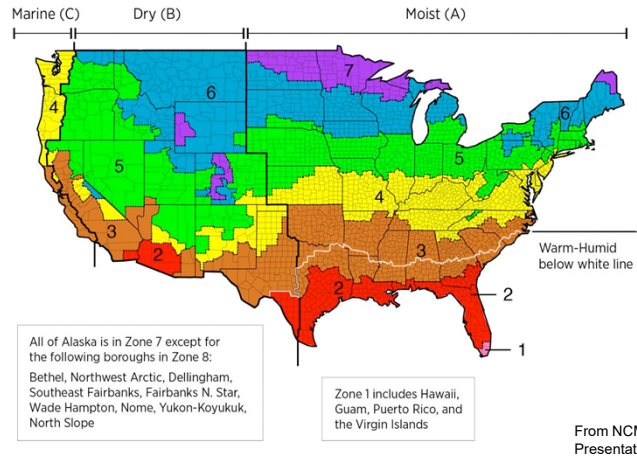
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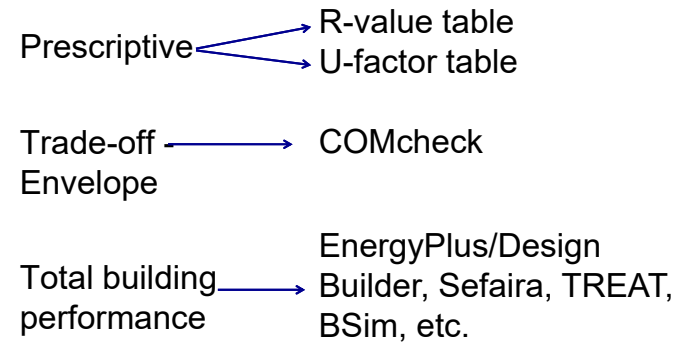


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## Climate Zones



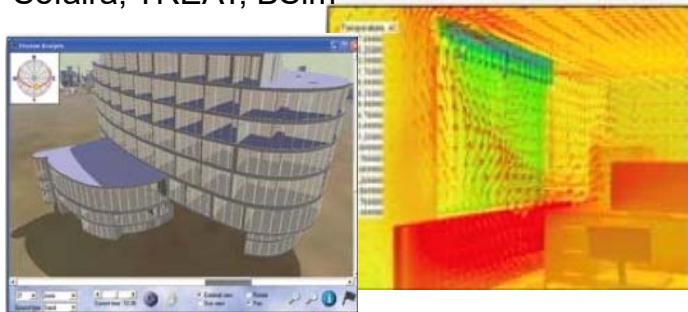
## Compliance Options - IECC



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## Total Building Performance

Tools include: EnergyPlus/DesignBuilder, Sefaira, TREAT, BSim



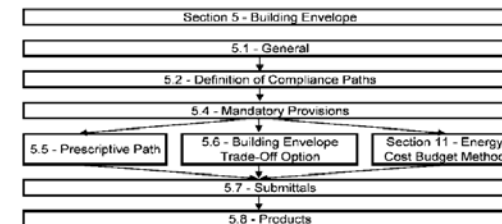
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## Energy Code Design ASHREA 90.1

STD. generally allows 3 methods to be used for design of the various energy related building systems (IECC – references -ASHRAE 90.1) **Similar in other Systems**

### 5. BUILDING ENVELOPE



## Energy Code Design

### Prescriptive requirements – Envelope – Varies with Climate Zone

TABLE 5.5-4 Building Envelope Requirements for Climate Zone 4 (A, B, C)\*

**Climate Zone 4 B**

Opaque Elements	Nonresidential		Residential		Simulated	
	Assembly Maximum	Insulation Min. R-Value	Assembly Maximum	Insulation Min. R-Value	Assembly Maximum	Insulation Min. R-Value
<b>Roof</b>						
Insulation Entirely above Deck	U-0.048	R-30.0 c.i.	U-0.048	R-30.0 c.i.	U-0.173	R-5.0 c.i.
Metal Building <sup>a</sup>	U-0.055	R-13.0 + R-13.0	U-0.055	R-13.0 + R-13.0	U-0.087	R-10.0
Attic and Other	U-0.027	R-18.0	U-0.027	R-18.0	U-0.053	R-19.0
<b>Walls, Above-Grade</b>						
Mass	U-0.104	R-9.5 c.i.	U-0.090	R-11.4 c.i.	U-0.180	NK
Metal Building	U-0.084	R-19.0	U-0.084	R-19.0	U-0.113	R-13.0
Steel-Framed	U-0.084	R-13.0 + R-7.5 c.i.	U-0.084	R-13.0 + R-7.5 c.i.	U-0.124	R-13.0
Wood-Framed and Other	U-0.089	R-13.0	U-0.084	R-13.0 + R-3.8 c.i.	U-0.089	R-13.0
<b>Walls, Below-Grade</b>						
<b>Floors</b>						
Mass						
Steel-Joist						
Wood-Framed in						
<b>Slab-On-Grade Floors</b>						
Unheated	F-0.730	NK	F-0.540	R-10 for 24 in.	F-0.730	NK
Heated	F-0.880	R-15 for 24 in.	F-0.880	R-15 for 24 in.	F-1.020	R-7.5 for 12 in.
<b>Opaque Doors</b>						
Swinging	U-0.700		U-0.700		U-0.700	
Nonswinging	U-0.500		U-0.500		U-1.410	
<b>Fenestration</b>						
	Assembly Max. U	Assembly Max. SHGC	Assembly Max. U	Assembly Max. SHGC	Assembly Max. U	Assembly Max. SHGC
Vertical Glazing (0%–40% of Wall)						
Nonmetal Framing (all) <sup>b</sup>	U-0.40		U-0.40		U-1.20	
Metal Framing (intermittent glazing) <sup>b</sup>	U-0.50		U-0.50		U-1.20	
Metal Framing (continuous glazing) <sup>b</sup>	U-0.85	SHGC-0.40 all	U-0.85	SHGC-0.40 all	U-1.20	SHGC-NK all
Metal Framing (all other) <sup>b</sup>	U-0.55		U-0.55		U-1.20	

*Walls, Above-Grade*

Mass U-0.104 R-9.5 c.i.

## Terminology

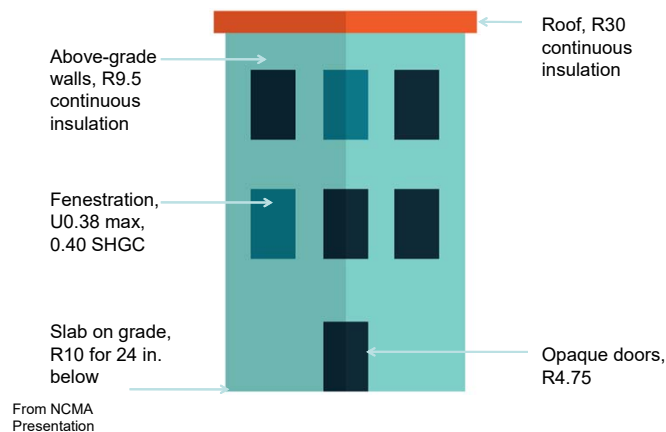
**R-value:** describes how well a material insulates under steady state temperature conditions;  $R = 1/U$

**U-factor:** describes how well a material conducts heat under steady state temperature conditions;  $U = 1/R$

**Heat capacity (HC):** describes how well a material stores and releases heat under transient temperature conditions (thermal mass)

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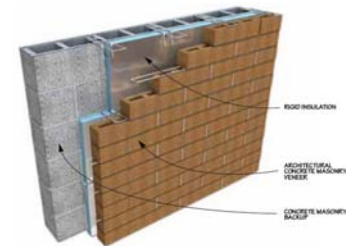
## Prescriptive Compliance Example Zone 4 – Envelope – R values



## Prescriptive R-Value Compliance

### Masonry cavity wall:

- cavity width can be varied to accommodate insulation
- R-values largely independent of grout schedule
- exposed masonry provides maximum durability

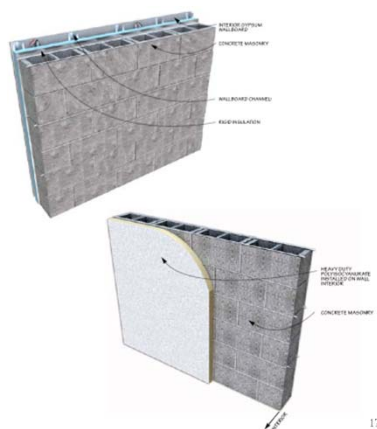


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## Prescriptive R-Value Compliance

### Continuous interior insulation:

- R-values independent of grout schedule
- allows exterior exposed masonry
- furring space can be used for wiring and utilities

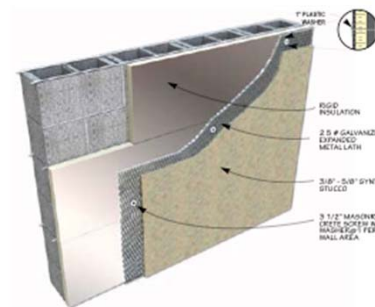


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## Prescriptive R-Value Compliance

### Continuous exterior insulation:

- R-values independent of grout schedule
- allows interior exposed masonry, maximizing thermal mass benefits



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## Prescriptive R-Value Compliance

### Internal insulation



CLIMATE ZONE	1		2		3	
	All other	Group R	All other	Group R	All other	Group R
Insulation entirely above roof deck	R-20ci	R-25ci	R-25ci	R-25ci	R-25ci	R-25ci
Metal buildings <sup>b</sup>	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS
Attic and other	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38
Mass	R-5.7ci <sup>c</sup>	R-5.7ci <sup>c</sup>	R-5.7ci <sup>c</sup>	R-7.6ci	R-7.6ci	R-9.5ci
Metal building	R-13 + R-6.5ci	R-13 + R-6.5ci	R-13 + R-6.5ci	R-13 + R-6.5ci	R-13 + R-6.5ci	R-13 + R-6.5ci
Metal framed	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci

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<sup>c</sup> R-5.7ci is allowed to be substituted with concrete block walls complying with ASTM C90, ungrouted or partially grouted at 32 inches or less on center vertically and 48 inches or less on center horizontally, with ungrouted cores filled with materials having a maximum thermal conductivity of 0.44 Btu-in/h-°F.

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## WHAT IF MY BUILDING DOESN'T MEET PRESCRIPTIVE INSULATION R-VALUES?

### Prescriptive U-Factor Compliance

*Note this is assembly U*

Walls, Above-Grade  
Mass

U-0.104

R-9.5 c.i.

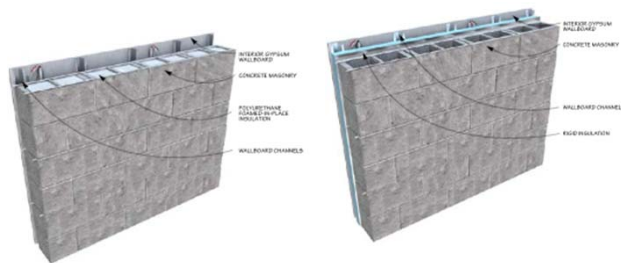
ASHRAE Provisions

IECC – Has a Separate U value table – Assembly U

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## Prescriptive U-Factor Compliance

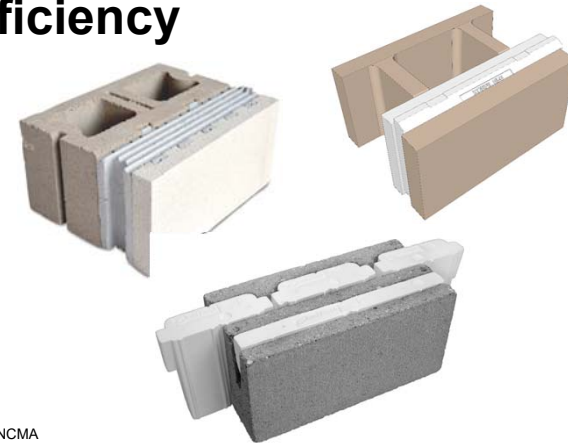
Makes sense any time the preferred wall meets the prescriptive U-factor requirement.



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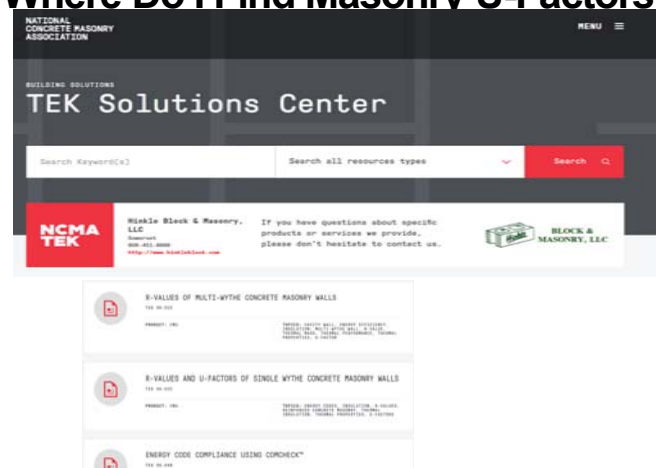
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## Where Do I Find Masonry U-Factors?



## Where Do I Find Masonry U-Factors? NCMA WEB SITE CHANGING – No Spread sheet



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## Where Do I Find Masonry U-Factors?



### SINGLE WYTHE CONCRETE MASONRY ASSEMBLIES CELL INSULATION

Assembly 1-2: Polyurethane foamed-in-place insulation in ungrouted cells, exposed exterior masonry, 1/2 in. gypsum wallboard on furring on interior



Concrete Masonry Assembly R-Values (hr-ft<sup>2</sup>·F/Btu) and U-Factors (Btu/hr-ft<sup>2</sup>·F)

Density of CMU, PCF	6 in. Concrete Masonry				8 in. Concrete Masonry			
	Ungrouted	Lightly Reinforced	Heavily Reinforced	Fully Grouted	Ungrouted	Lightly Reinforced	Heavily Reinforced	Fully Grouted
85	7.48 (0.134)	5.55 (0.180)	4.99 (0.228)	2.90 (0.345)	9.68 (0.103)	6.73 (0.148)	5.11 (0.196)	3.21 (0.312)
95	6.64 (0.151)	5.11 (0.196)	4.13 (0.242)	2.81 (0.356)	8.50 (0.118)	6.17 (0.162)	4.80 (0.208)	3.10 (0.323)
105	5.90 (0.169)	4.71 (0.212)	3.90 (0.257)	2.73 (0.366)	7.48 (0.134)	5.65 (0.177)	4.50 (0.222)	3.00 (0.334)
115	5.27 (0.190)	4.35 (0.230)	3.68 (0.272)	2.66 (0.375)	6.59 (0.152)	5.18 (0.193)	4.23 (0.236)	2.91 (0.344)
125	4.73 (0.212)	4.02 (0.249)	3.48 (0.287)	2.60 (0.384)	5.83 (0.172)	4.75 (0.210)	3.98 (0.251)	2.83 (0.354)
135	4.26 (0.235)	3.73 (0.268)	3.30 (0.303)	2.55 (0.393)	5.18 (0.193)	4.37 (0.229)	3.75 (0.267)	2.76 (0.363)

Density of CMU, PCF	10 in. Concrete Masonry				12 in. Concrete Masonry			
	Ungrouted	Lightly Reinforced	Heavily Reinforced	Fully Grouted	Ungrouted	Lightly Reinforced	Heavily Reinforced	Fully Grouted
85	11.57 (0.086)	7.70 (0.130)	5.70 (0.176)	3.45 (0.290)	14.09 (0.071)	8.81 (0.113)	6.32 (0.158)	3.68 (0.271)
95	10.08 (0.099)	7.04 (0.142)	5.34 (0.187)	3.33 (0.300)	12.20 (0.082)	8.06 (0.124)	5.93 (0.168)	3.56 (0.281)
105	8.79 (0.114)	6.42 (0.158)	5.01 (0.200)	3.23 (0.310)	10.57 (0.093)	7.38 (0.138)	5.57 (0.179)	3.45 (0.289)
115	7.67 (0.130)	5.86 (0.171)	4.70 (0.213)	3.13 (0.319)	9.17 (0.109)	6.71 (0.149)	5.23 (0.191)	3.35 (0.296)
125	6.72 (0.149)	5.36 (0.187)	4.41 (0.227)	3.05 (0.328)	7.97 (0.115)	6.11 (0.164)	4.90 (0.204)	3.26 (0.307)
135	5.92 (0.169)	4.90 (0.204)	4.14 (0.242)	2.96 (0.337)	6.96 (0.144)	5.57 (0.180)	4.59 (0.218)	3.17 (0.315)

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## Where Do I Find Masonry U-Factors?

### SECTION TWO 2-WEB CMU ASSEMBLIES



Assembly 2-1: Polyurethane foamed-in-place insulation in ungrouted cells, exposed masonry (interior and exterior)



- Masonry exposed on both the interior and exterior provides maximum durability.
- Values in table assume no insulation in grouted cells. Note that some rigid inserts are configured to accommodate insulation, reinforcing steel and grout in the same cell, which can improve R-values.
- Other masonry cell insulations include molded polystyrene inserts, other types of foamed-in-place insulations and expanded perlite or vermiculite granular fills. These insulations will have different thermal properties than polyurethane which will affect the resulting R-value.
- Cell insulation, in contrast to additional insulation on either side of the wall, allows some of the thermal mass (masonry) to be in direct contact with the indoor air, providing excellent thermal mass benefits.
- Insulation should occupy all ungrouted cells.
- "Lightly reinforced" = grout 8 in o.c. both vertically and horizontally (or vertical reinforcement only at 48 in. o.c.).
- "Heavily reinforced" = grout 32 in o.c. vertically and 48 in. o.c. horizontally (or vertical reinforcement only at 24 in. o.c.).

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## Where Do I Find Masonry U-Factors?

Use to have a Spread sheet that allowed Parallel and series analysis



NCMA Value / U-Factor / Heat Capacity Calculator  
(User Input Page 1 Layer Unit)

Please enter inputs below for the wall assembly:

Step 2: CMU Description  
Description: [Text Box]  
NOTE: Enter description of CMU to be included in calculation output  
Step 3: CMU Nominal Dimensions  
Width (in.): [Text Box] -0.375  
Height (in.): [Text Box] -0.375  
Length (in.): [Text Box] -0.375

Step 4: Face Shell Thickness  
Face 1 Thickness (in.): [Text Box]  
Face 2 Thickness (in.): [Text Box]

Step 5: Web Information  
Web 1 Thickness (in.): [Text Box] Web 1 Height (in.): [Text Box]  
Web 2 Thickness (in.): [Text Box] Web 2 Height (in.): [Text Box]  
Web 3 Thickness (in.): [Text Box] Web 3 Height (in.): [Text Box]  
Web 4 Thickness (in.): [Text Box] Web 4 Height (in.): [Text Box]  
Option - enter total web area for CMU [Text Box]  
NOTE - Entering a total web area above will override individual web entries.

Calculated Web Area  
Total [Text Box]

Step 11 & 12: Surface Finishes  
Inside Surface Finish: [Text Box] None  
Outside Surface Finish: [Text Box] None

New – Changes to ASTM C 90 allow 2 web Blocks – will reduce block U

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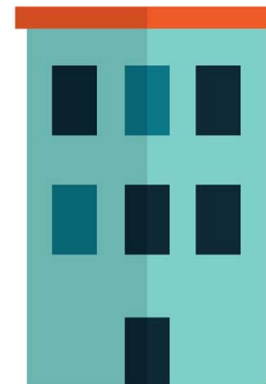
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## Second Compliance Method

### Trade-Off Compliance/COMcheck

Three overall budgets:

Envelope  
Mechanical  
Lighting



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# COMcheck

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## COMcheck™ Software


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**COMcheck™ for Windows®**  
**Version 4.0.2 (Build Version: 4.0.2.8)**  
 Runs on Vista or Windows 7 in either single, multi-user, or network environments

**Supported Codes:**  
 2009, 2012 and 2015 IECC.  
 ASHRAE Standard 90.1:2007, 2010, and 2013  
 Various state-developed energy codes.

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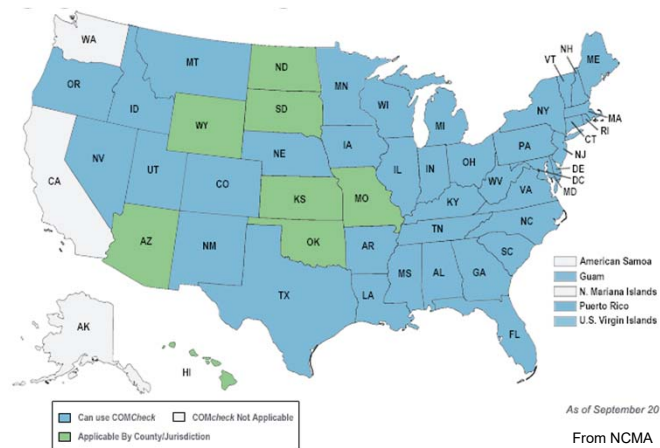
# COMcheck

- easy way to take advantage of trade-offs, ie, increase roof insulation to reduce wall or window requirements.
- program shows if the envelope complies, and how close it is to compliance
- allows individual elements to be tweaked for compliance, revisions are quick and easy.
- **Trade offs are for envelope only**

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## Where Can I Use



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## COMcheck Input

COMcheck-Web - 2015 IECC

Big Box Retail

2015 IECC

My Projects Preferences Log Out

New Project PROJECT ENVELOPE INT. LIGHTING EXT. LIGHTING MECHANICAL REQUIREMENTS Reports Options

Base Add Duplicate Move Up Move Down Delete

Component	Assembly	Building Area Type	Penetration Details	Construction Details	Gross Area or Sub-Perimeter	Cavity Insulation R-Value	Continuous Insulation R-Value	U-Factor	Heat Capacity	UA	SHGC	Projection Factor
1	Roof	Insulation Entirely Above Deck	2 - Retail 1 in 15		134111 ft²		30	0.032		4292		
2	Roof	Insulation Entirely Above Deck	1 - Office 1 in 15		4188 ft²		30	0.032		134		
3	Ext. Wall	Other Mass Wall	2 - Retail 1 in 15		32887 ft²			0.1	9	3114		
4	Door	Insulated Metal		Berming	378 ft²			0.61		231		
5	Door	Insulated Metal		Non-Berming	182 ft²			0.21		34		
6	Window	Uninsulated Double Layer Metal			520 ft²			0.21		67	0.25	1.45
7	Window	Metal Frame with Thermal Break, Fixed	Non-NFRC p...		207 ft²			0.37		197	0.25	9
8	Window	Metal Frame with Thermal Break, Fixed	Non-NFRC p...		152 ft²			0.37		56	0.25	1.45
9	Ext. Wall	Other Mass Wall	1 - Office 1 in 15		5243 ft²			0.1	9	114		
10	Floor	Unheated Slab-On-Grade	2 - Retail 1 in 15		3811 ft²		10			870		

Envelope Passes 9.2% Interior Lighting TMD Exterior Lighting TMD

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## COMcheck Input

**Always use Other (mass) exterior wall input**  
**Default value for CMU very conservative.**

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## COMcheck Input – Other Mass Wall

Assembly	Orie	Continuous Insulation R-Value	U-Factor	Heat Capacity
Other Mass Wall	North		0.091	9

Thermal Catalog  
 NCMA TEKs 6-1C & 6-2C  
 R-Value/U-Factor  
 Calculator

NCMA TEK 6-16A

Also ACI 122R Guide to Thermal  
 Properties of Concrete and  
 Masonry Systems

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## COMcheck Results

- Using COMCheck allows slightly higher U-factor for mass wall than prescriptive
- Using trade-offs can change required efficiency for walls (or other components)

Method	Mass wall requirement
Prescriptive R-value	R9.5 ci
Prescriptive U-factor	U-0.104 (R9.6)
COMcheck code max U	U-0.109 (R9.2)
Trade-off: max roof R (R60)	U-0.164 (R6.1)

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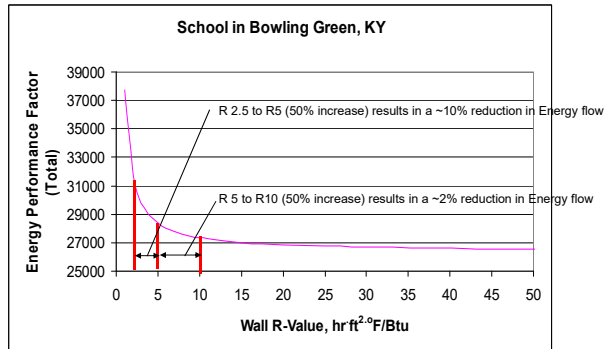
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## COMcheck

- If close to prescriptive can help
- But prescriptive R/U values close to max effective values.
- Large increases in R have less impact at higher R values
- See following slide

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Envelope Performance Factor (EPF) is a relative term that approximates the total heating and cooling energy associated with an average square foot of surface or square meter of building envelope



COMCheck accounts for this effect so adding a lot of R on roof only minimally effective if on flat part of curve

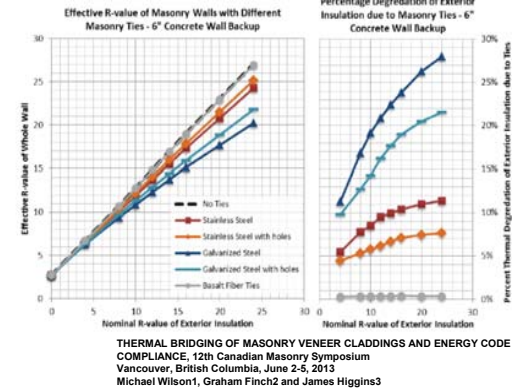
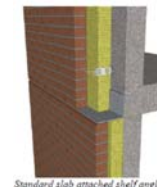
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## Thermal Bridging

Thermal bridging can have a significant effect on Thermal resistance of the envelope – Thus the  $C_i$  or U requirement.

*Ties(anchors) angles can reduce steady state thermal resistance significantly*

16" x 24"



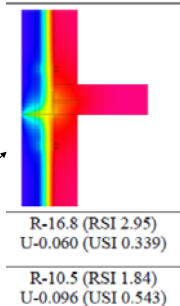
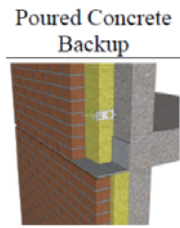
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## Thermal Bridging

Thermal bridging can have a significant effect on Thermal resistance of the envelope – Thus the  $C_i$  requirement.

*Shelf angles can reduce steady state thermal resistance significantly*

*~40% reduction*



MASONRY VENEER SUPPORT DETAILS: THERMAL BRIDGING, 12th Canadian Masonry Symposium  
Vancouver, British Columbia, June 2-5, 2013  
Michael Wilson1, Graham Finch2 and James Higgins3

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## Metal Thermal bridges can impact Steady state thermal resistance.

- What impact does reduction in the exterior wall thermal resistance have?
- Do changes in envelope thermal resistances produce proportional increases in energy loss and thus energy use?
- Looked at this issue further by addressing energy use in a few typical masonry buildings –

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## BEST WAY TO EVALUATE THESE EFFECTS IS TO USE HOLISTIC ENERGY ANALYSIS – **ENERGYPLUS, DOE 2.**

- Basis of 3rd compliance method, Energy Budget method – Proposed building must have  $\leq$  Energy cost to prescriptive methods – Also new Appendix G method index.
- Better accounts of thermal mass effects – dynamic weather and internal loads, etc.

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## Designed a Base Prototype Middle School to Meet prescriptive provisions -4B

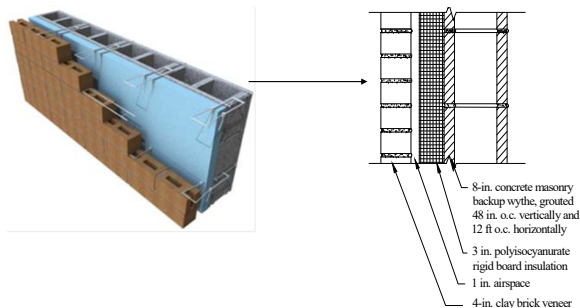
- Most Lights T 12- 2 and 4 lamp systems
- High bay halides
- HVAC VAV - Gas boilers and Chillers
- Typical school use schedules.
- Minimum Envelope U and R values ~ R 26 Roof, ~R 9.8 Walls
- Base EUI - ~132



www.schoolclearing house.org) ~158,000 ft<sup>2</sup> 2 Story- Prototype

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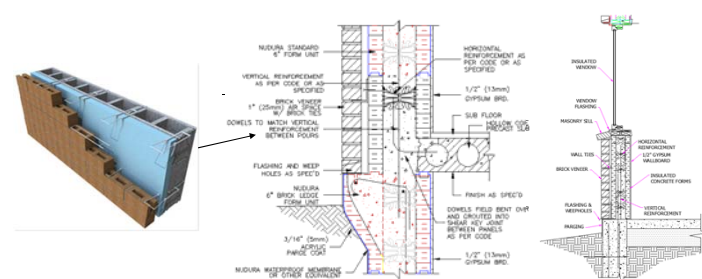
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Vary the exterior masonry cavity wall insulation: 1 1/2" thick polystyrene, 1 1/2" thick polystyrene, 2" thick polyisocyanurate foam board, 3" polyisocyanurate foam board. **Over 100% swing in insulation values.**

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## Evaluated Select Alternatives (ECM's): •Variety of Building Envelopes - Walls



Exterior CMU wall structure to an insulated concrete form (ICF) wall system; 4" face brick, air space, 1 1/2" polyurethane, 6" 140lb concrete, 1 1/2" polyurethane, and 1/2" gypsum board.

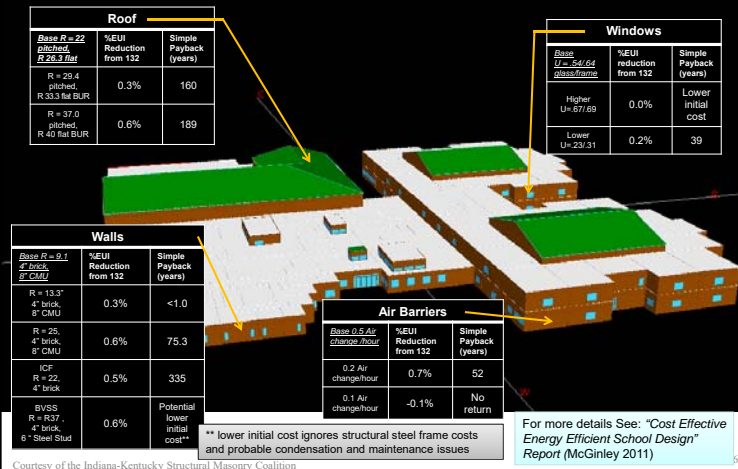
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## Investigated Energy Conservation Measures

- Each of the Mature alternative energy conservation measures (ECM's) technologies were incorporated into the building.
- Prototype building was re-analyzed using eQuest (DOE2) for each ECM singly and in groups - 5 KY cities. Holistic analysis – **Energy Budget Method**
- Conducted an economic differential cost analysis – Pay back and Self-funding

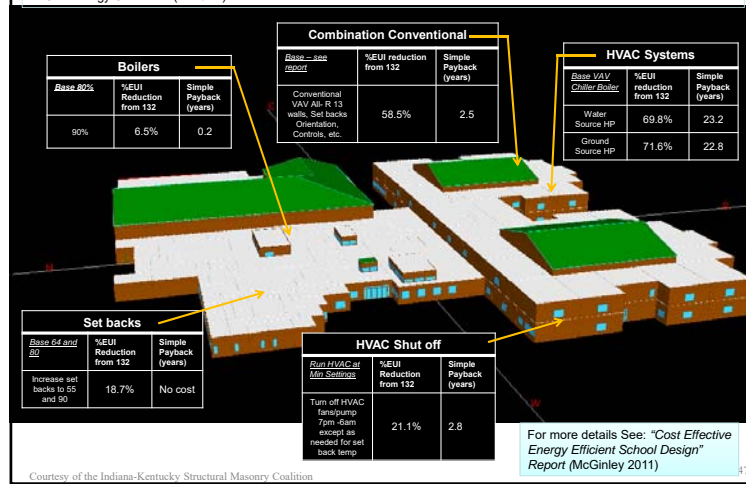
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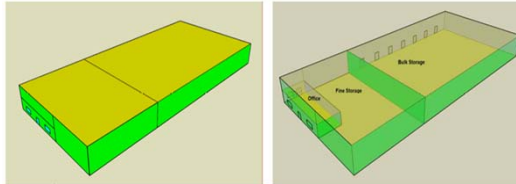
## ALTERNATIVE ENERGY DESIGNS IN SINGLE WYTHE MASONRY BUILDINGS

- U of L looked at design alternatives to the simple prescriptive solutions offered by the energy code for three building archetypes that are typically constructed with single wythe masonry exterior wall systems.
- For each archetype, various code-compliant [ASHRAE 90.1 2010, NECB 2011] alternative construction configurations were examined for energy efficiencies, energy costs and construction costs (for various climate zones).
- Also conducted a differential capital cost and payback analysis
- Also looked at Canadian Code

## Archetype 1 – Warehouse - US

One of 16 reference buildings used for the evaluation of energy analysis software by the Department of Energy and developed to be representative of over 80% of typical warehouse configurations [Deru, et-al 2011], [NREL 2013].

**Prototype Warehouse for the Energy Modelling (≈50000 ft<sup>2</sup>)**

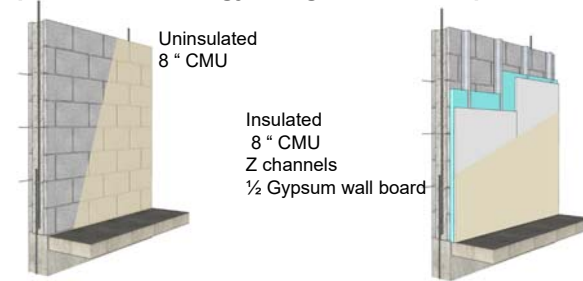


**Evaluated Climate Zones and cities.**

City	State	Climate Zone	City	State	Climate Zone
Atlanta	Georgia	3A	Chicago	Illinois	5A
Las Vegas	Nevada	3B	Boulder	Colorado	5B
San Francisco	California	3C	Minneapolis	Minnesota	6A
Baltimore	Maryland	4A	Helena	Montana	6B
Albuquerque	New Mexico	4B	Duluth	Minnesota	7
Seattle	Washington	4C			

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## Prototype Warehouse **BASELINE DESIGNS** - US Configured to Code Prescriptive levels and Analyzed using the Energyplus program for cities in Table 1 as required in the Energy Budget Code Compliance method



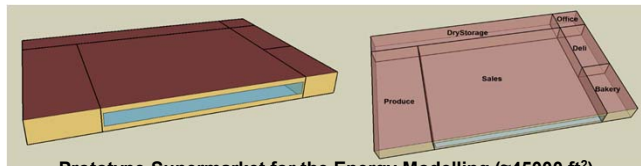
(Infiltration rate of 0.038 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup>)

Some climate zone required the exterior walls of the bulk storage to be insulated, some did not. The office and fine storage areas were insulated with varying R values

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## Archetype 2 &3 Supermarket & Box Retail-US

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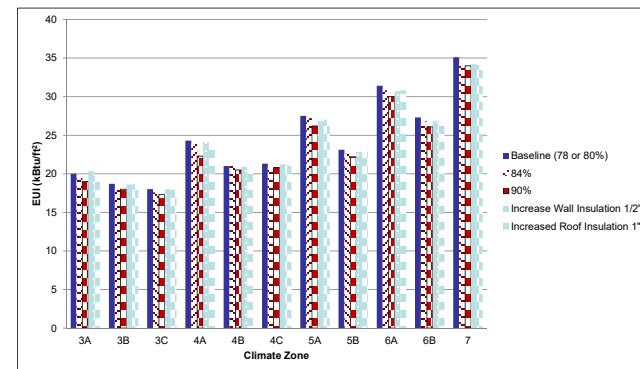
**Prototype Supermarket for the Energy Modelling (≈45000 ft<sup>2</sup>)**



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## Warehouse Sensitivity Analysis- US



Energy Use Intensities: Wall and Roof Insulation vs. Heating Efficiency  
Less effect of insulation more effect of HVAC efficiency

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## Warehouse Sensitivity Analysis- US



8" CMU wall, partially grouted and reinforced at 48 inches OC -all other cores filled with foam insulation

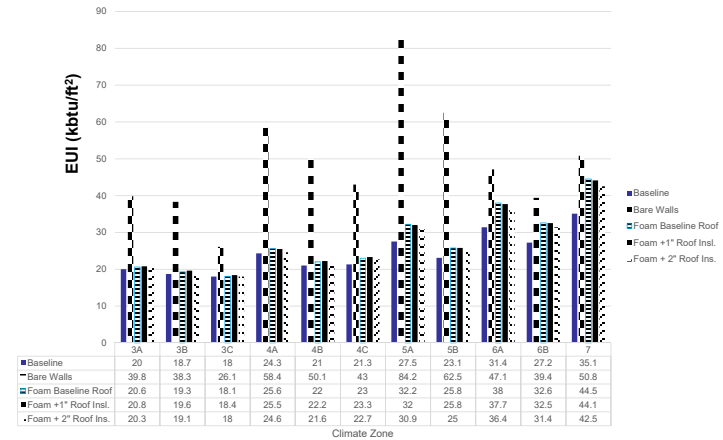
By NCMA TEK Note 6B [14] U- and R-values = 0.287 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup>-h-°F and 3.48 ft<sup>2</sup>-h-°F/Btu

This is a significant decrease in thermal transmittance when compared to the bare masonry wall (with U-value of 0.580 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup>-h-°F-partially grouted).

(8" CMU wall having a continuous insulation of R-7.2 ft<sup>2</sup>-h-°F/ Btu (U-value of 0.125 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup>-h-°F)).

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## Warehouse Sensitivity Analysis- US



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## Alternative Designs US Code Compliance - Warehouse

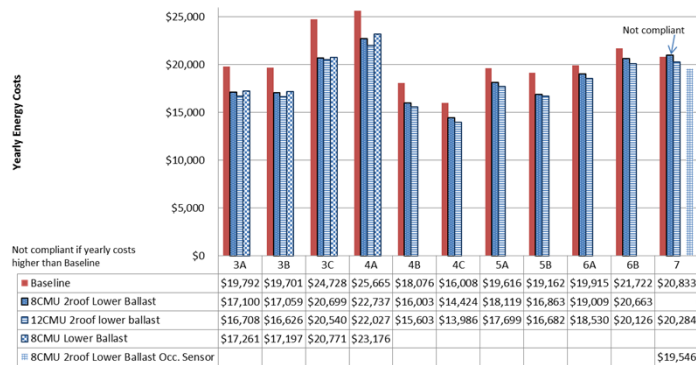
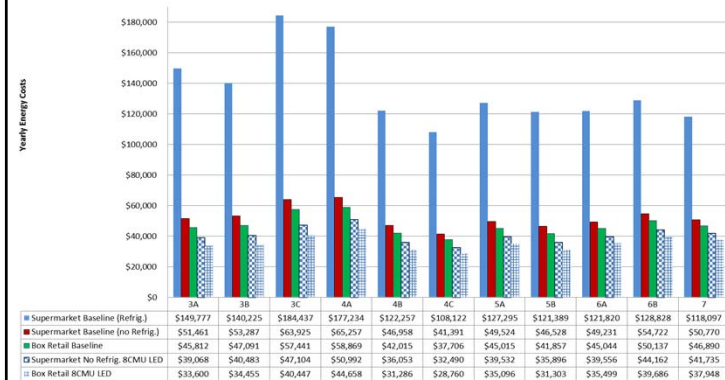


Figure: Yearly Prototype Warehouse Energy Costs. (based on State Averages)

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## Alternative Designs US Code Compliance- Supermarket-Box Retail



Yearly Prototype Energy Costs. (see next slide)

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## Alternative Designs US Differential Construction Cost

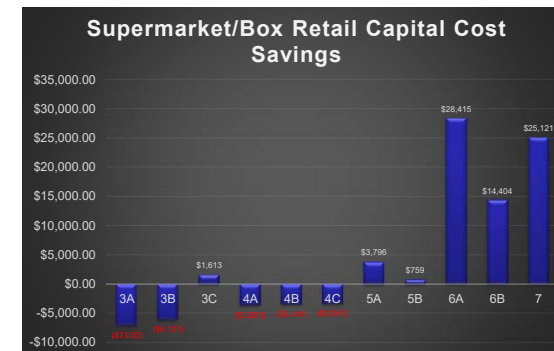


**8"CMU Foam core Walls, Lower Ballast Factors  
For 4B and above - +2" Roof insulation  
For 7 - Occupancy Sensors**

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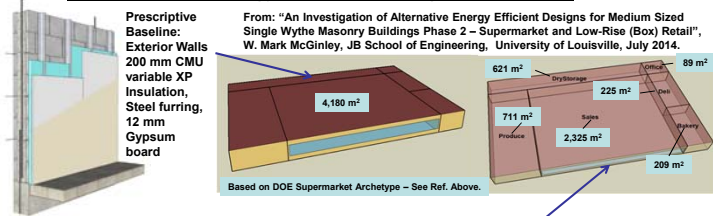
## Alternative Designs US Differential Construction Cost

**Construction Cost Savings of Alternative Designs Box Retail  
and Supermarkets – 8" CMU Foamed wall and LED Lights**



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## Single Wythe Masonry Walls, Supermarkets & Box Retail Bldgs.– Alternative Energy Code Compliant Designs (To the National Energy Code for Buildings – NECB 2011)



## Maximum Prescribed Envelope Thermal Transmittances (U-values)- NECB-2011 (W/m²K)

Climate Zone	4	5	6	7A	7B
Wall	0.315	0.278	0.247	0.210	0.210
Roof	0.227	0.183	0.183	0.162	0.162
Floor	0.227	0.183	0.183	0.162	0.162
Windows	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Doors	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2

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## Single Wythe Masonry Walls, Supermarkets & Box Retail Bldgs.– Alternative Energy Code Compliant Designs

Table1 Location	Annual Energy Use Index EUI – GJ/m² (kBtu/ft²)				
	Victoria	Windsor	Montreal	Edmonton	Ft. McMurray
Climate Zone	4	5	6	7A	7B
Supermarket Reference Baseline, No Refrig., (Max FDR)	0.732 (64.5)	0.809 (71.2)	0.937 (82.5)	0.966 (85.1)	1.06 (93.1)
Supermarket, 20 cm CMU Foamed, LED Lights, No Refrigeration	0.674 (59.4)	0.750 (66.0)	0.899 (79.2)	0.947 (83.4)	1.07 (94.2)
Supermarket, 20 cm CMU Foamed, LED, 0.9 Heating Coil, No Refrig.					0.990 (87.1)
Box Retail, Reference Baseline, (Max FDR)	0.696 (61.3)	0.773 (68.1)	0.913 (80.4)	0.927 (81.6)	1.015 (89.4)
Box Retail, 20 cm CMU Foamed, LED Lights	0.635 (55.9)	0.709 (62.4)	0.872 (76.8)	0.921 (81.1)	1.046 (92.1)
Box Retail, 20 cm CMU Foamed, LED Lights, 0.9 Heating Coil					0.961 (84.6)



**Alternative: 20 cm CMU, grouted at 1200mm OC, XP Foam in Cores (U=1.64 W/m²K)**

Table 2 Alternative NECB Code Compliant Costs Compared to Prescriptive Configs.		Victoria	Windsor	Montreal	Edmonton	Ft. McMurray
Climate Zone		4	5	6	7A	7B
Supermarket and Box Retail Construction Savings		\$64,270	\$52,041	\$56,095	\$59,844	\$20,351
Supermarket Yearly Energy Cost Savings		\$3,479	\$4,592	\$2,762	\$5,131	\$4,336
Box Retail Yearly Energy Cost Savings		\$6,454	\$6,690	\$2,660	\$3,925	\$2,640

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## Conclusions

- Prescriptive Methods can be used but assembly U values may be the best way to achieve this especially with 8" or 12" CMU and foamed cores, or two web blocks.
- COM check – Envelope trade offs can work where your designs are close to prescriptive code configurations. Use OTHER Walls.
- Energy Budget method showed significant potential energy savings of over 50% for typical prescriptive configurations. Better lighting, HVAC systems and aggressive control strategies -paybacks < 3 years.

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## Conclusions

- Envelope improvements beyond code minimums have little effect on yearly energy consumption.
- Thermal Bridging may have minimal effect on energy consumption and may be compensated with a little additional insulation.

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