

Giving Credit to Quality Insulation Installation

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Not Inspected...

Default values for insulation that is not inspected according to Procedures in Appendix A shall be modeled according to the requirements of Grade III under 3.B.5.m, and shall be recorded “not inspected” in the rating information.

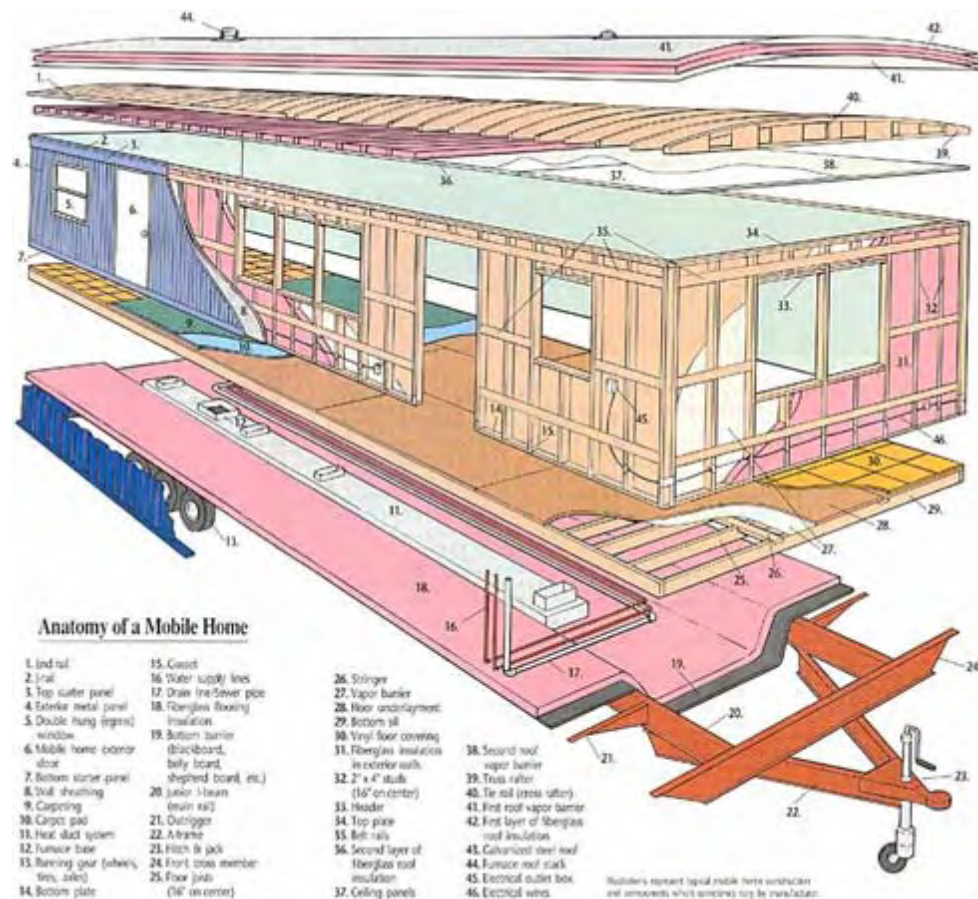
Insulation R-Values...

...*may not be averaged* according to coverage area.

**For example, if 50 square feet of a wall area has no cavity fill insulation at all, that 50 square feet must be recorded as a separate wall area with no cavity insulation.*

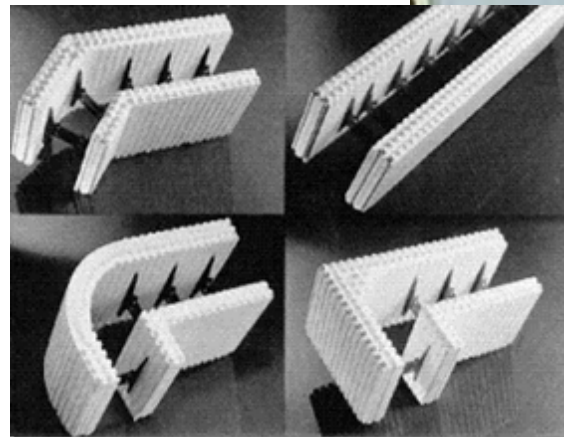
Exceptions:

1. Modular and manufactured housing using IPIA (In-Plant Inspection Agent) may be substituted for a HERS inspection.



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2. Structural Insulated Panels (SIP's) and Insulated Concrete Forms (ICF's) and other similar manufactured assemblies



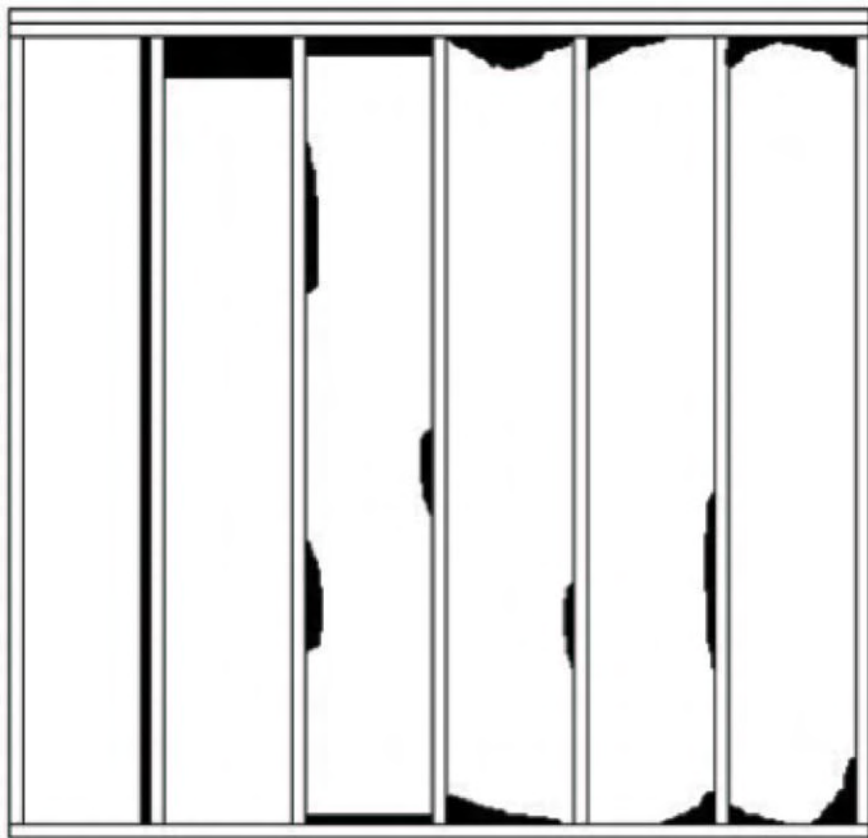
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3. A RESNET –
approved, third-party
audited installer
certification program



Grade III...

Shall be used to describe an installation with substantial gaps and voids, with missing insulation amounting to *greater than 2%* of the area, but *less than 5%* of the surface area it is intended to occupy.



**This includes insulation that is not in substantial contact with sheathing on at least one side of the cavity or insulation in a wall that is open (unsheathed) on one side, and exposed to the exterior.*

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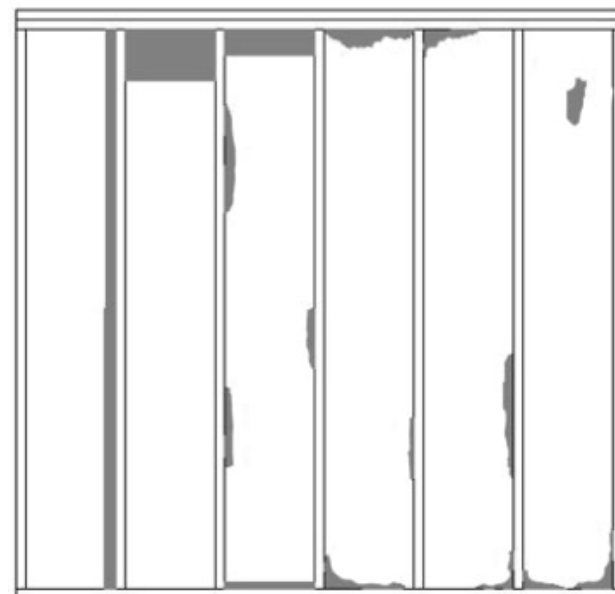
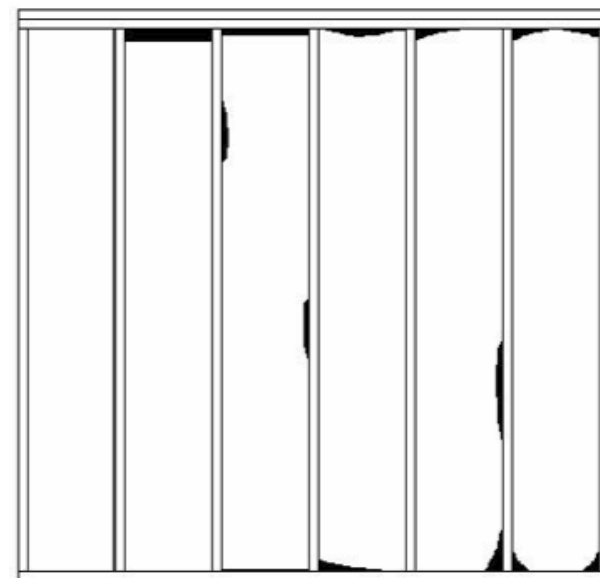


Grade II...

Shall be used to describe an installation with moderate to frequent installation defects: gaps around wiring, electrical outlets, plumbing and other intrusions; rounded edges or “shoulders”; or incomplete fill amounting to **10% or more** of the area, with **less than 70%** of the intended thickness.

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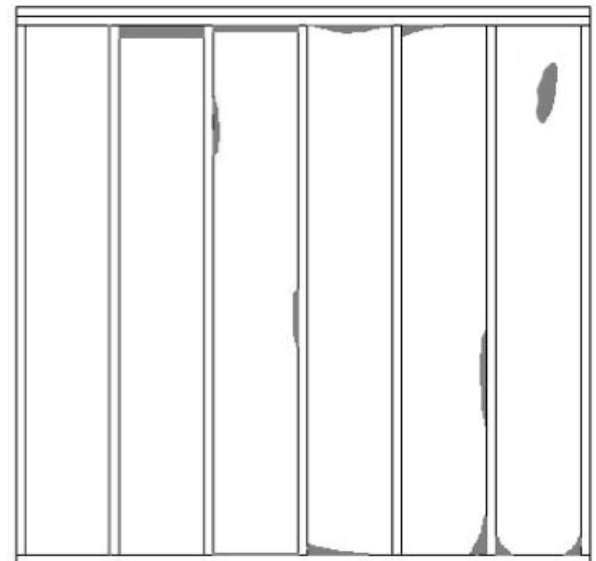
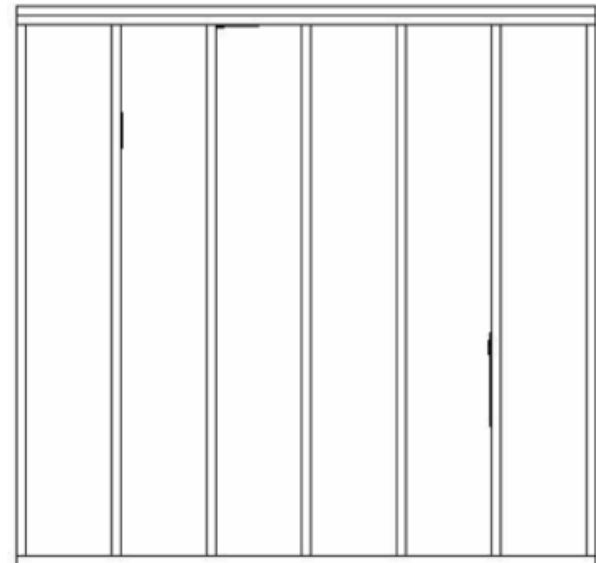


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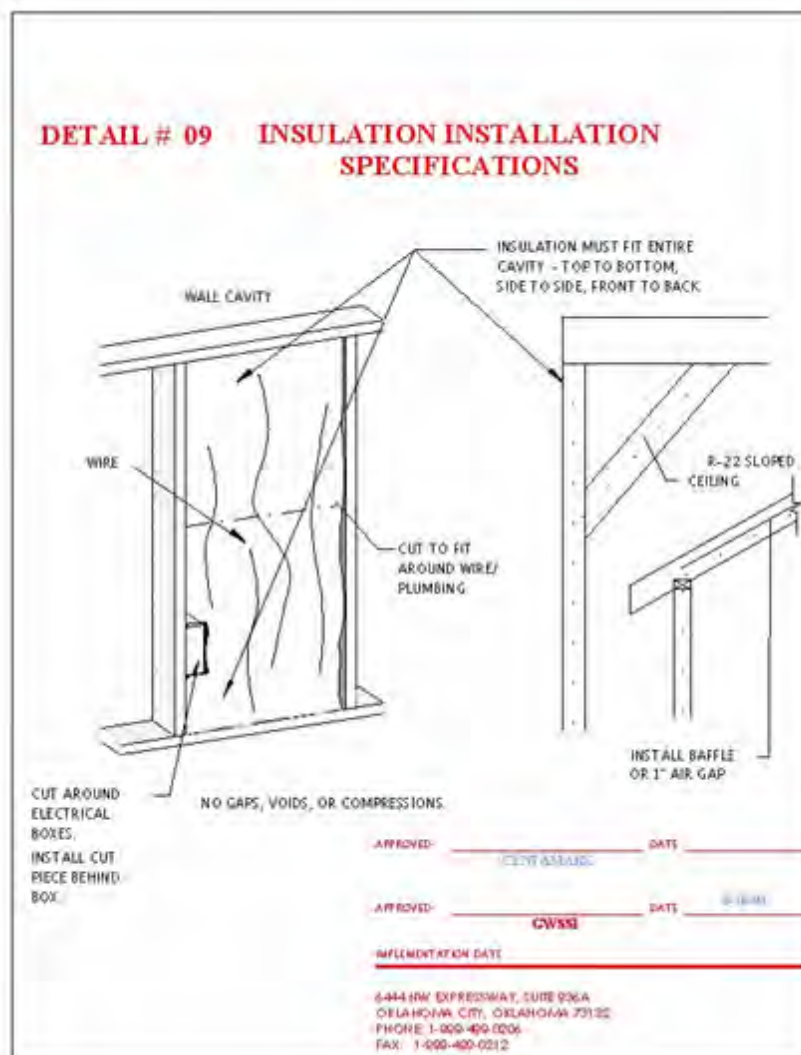
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Detail of Grade I Installation...



Loose Fill...

For loose fill applications, be sure to get four (4) readings which accurately reflect the insulation level.



Questions?