

# The Use of Wood in Architecture

From Historic Precedents to  
Modern Methods of  
Construction

# The History of Wood Construction



Wood is pretty good in tension and bending  
Resilient under repeated loads

# LIVING WITH WOOD:

## From the Beginning of Time



The first timber home dates back to over 10,000 years ago in the Mesolithic period and was found in Britain.

During 9000BC to 5000BC, one of the largest structures in the world was the **Neolithic Long House**, a long narrow timber structure housing 20 to 30 people.

STONE AGE



**MORE THAN HALF A MILLION YEARS AGO** man starting making tools.

They were made from natural materials such as animal bones, antler, stone and wood.





The copper and bronze age allowed man to make tools **more durable and less brittle.**

The copper age also brought about the metal saw which brought on advancements when working with wood.



## BRONZE AGE

Wattle and daub, a combination of woven wooden strips and other adhesive material has been used to build walls for at least 6,000 years.

In 2560BC Egypt had to strip every bit of forest and wood they could to build the pyramids of Giza, for levers and sledges.



During the Iron Age the main building material was the **mud-brick** which still required the use of wood- the bricks were formed in wooden moulds.



**Largest structure ever made from Adobe**

## IRON AGE

The Iron Age saw more advancement in wood work, steel improved all the existing tools, and introduced the hand-plane.



50%

of woodland had been cleared



The introduction of the timber crane during the Roman Empire allowed men to lift much larger weights to higher heights and create more impressive structures.

In the Middle Ages, Carpenters were considered to be among the most skilled craftsmen and **were in high demand**; the construction of every building required wood.



### THE WATER MILL,

invented during the Renaissance (14th-17th century) had a hugely positive impact on carpenters work and was used to saw timber and convert trees into planks.

MIDDLE AGE

The technique we now use today, known as 'Timber Framing' was first developed by the Romans in 50AD.



By the Middle Ages (476 – 1500 AD) timber framing was reaching its heights with impressive structures such as the hammer-beam roof of Westminster Hall.

In China, Temples are usually built with a timber frame on top of a stone base; the oldest wooden building in China is the Nanchan Temple (Wutai) which dates back to 782 AD.



One of the most popular uses for wood in construction now is the rustic log cabin.

The Granot Loma is the largest and most expensive log home in the world.



Wood is still a hugely popular material to build with and it will stay that way for a long time! It is aesthetically pleasing, provides us with a construction method which is renewable and sustainable as the world moves to greener way of living, the log cabin is bound to only increase in popularity.

21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

Whilst North America's forest acreage is stabilizing, more work must be done to ensure they survive for future generations.



# Historic Wood Architecture of Japan





Kōfukuji Five Storied  
Pagoda  
Nara, Japan  
730 CE



Itsukushima Shrine  
Miyajima, Japan  
593 CE











Fushimi Inari Shrine  
Kyoto, Japan  
711 CE









Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion)  
Kyoto, Japan  
1398 CE





Heian Shrine  
Kyoto, Japan  
1895













Tōdai-ji  
Nara, Japan  
750 CE























Historic Traditional House  
Nichinan, Japan







More contemporary Japanese house  
Using the same style of building



Historic Residence  
Kitakyushu, Japan





室内立入禁止

Don't enter in the rooms.

禁止進入室內  
금내입실금지 표시



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# Historic Wood Architecture of China



Various buildings  
Summer Palace  
Beijing, China

















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Early American Wood Houses  
Salem, Massachusetts









Houses in the Swiss Alps  
More solid construction  
than in North America





















# Wood Framing Techniques

Two kinds of "wood":

Natural:

- Logged and cut and can have defects
- Limited in size

Engineered:

- Select parts of the wood are "assembled" usually with a binder material (glue) into shapes that are more regular and stronger
- More environmentally responsible
- Very large sizes are available

## Advantages of Wood:

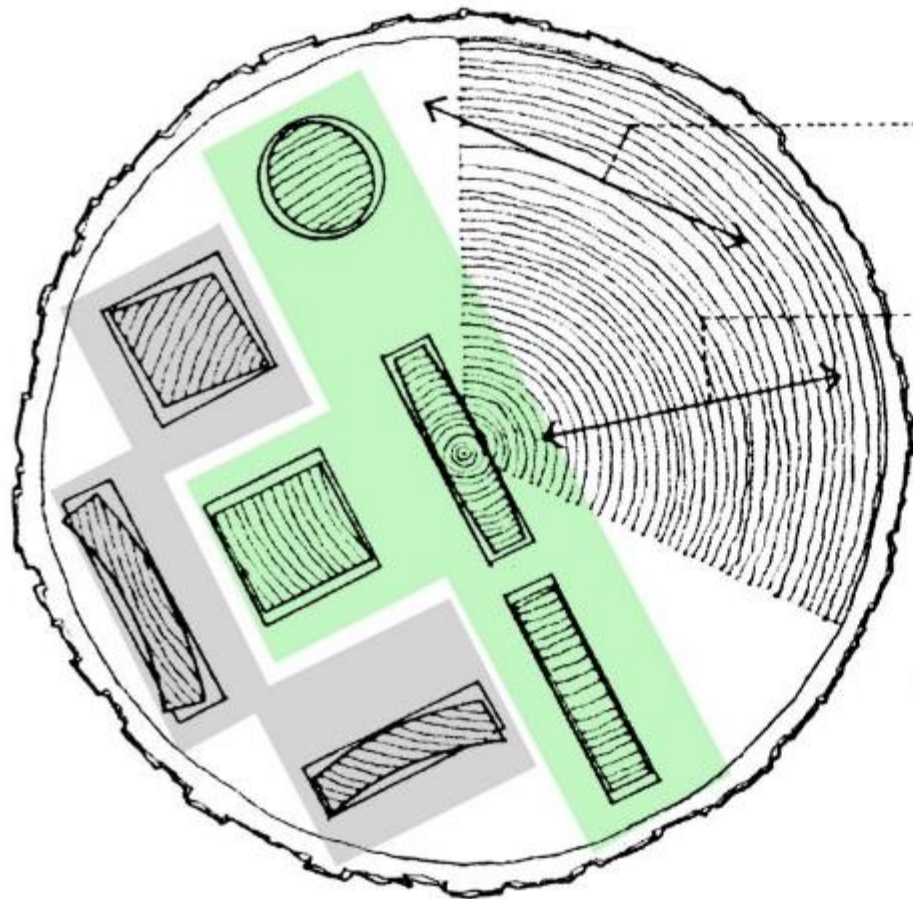
- Natural material
- Renewable (if forests carefully managed)
- Sequesters carbon
- Easily worked with hand tools on site

## Disadvantages of Wood:

- Burns
- Rots
- Food for termites and carpenter ants
- Not available everywhere in the world
- Height limited
- Natural insulator so cannot store heat

## Wood Construction Structural Types:

- Heavy bearing wall (solid)
  - Contemporary uses CLT panels
- Post and Beam
  - Larger members spaced usually 2.4m apart or more
- Light Framing
  - Smaller members (38mm x ??mm) placed at 400 mm o.c.



**tangential shrinkage**

Wood shrinkage in a direction tangent to the growth rings, about double that of radial shrinkage.

**radial shrinkage**

Wood shrinkage perpendicular to the grain, across the growth rings.

**longitudinal shrinkage**

Wood shrinkage parallel to the grain, about 2% of radial shrinkage.

- Quartersaw cutting
- Plainsaw cutting

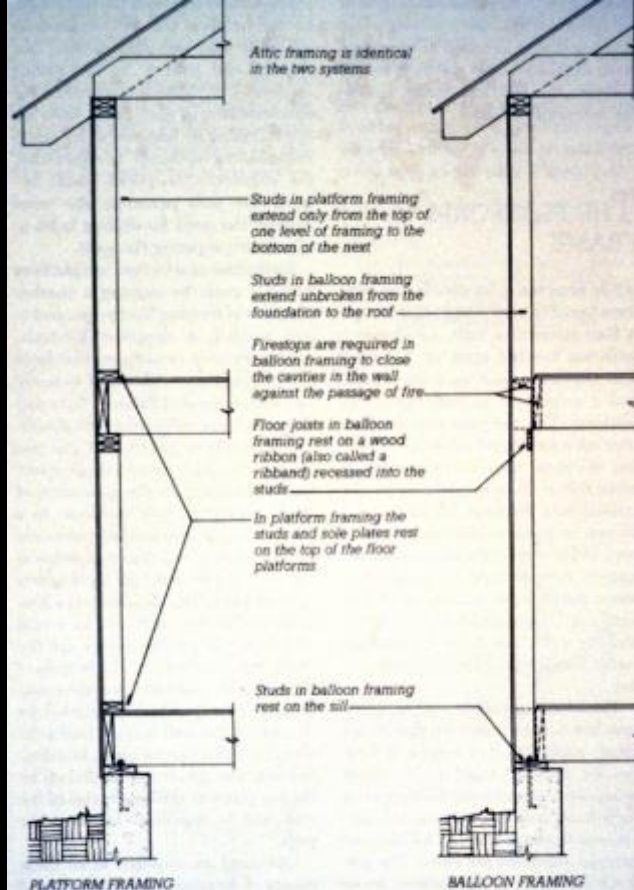






## Platform framing

## Balloon framing



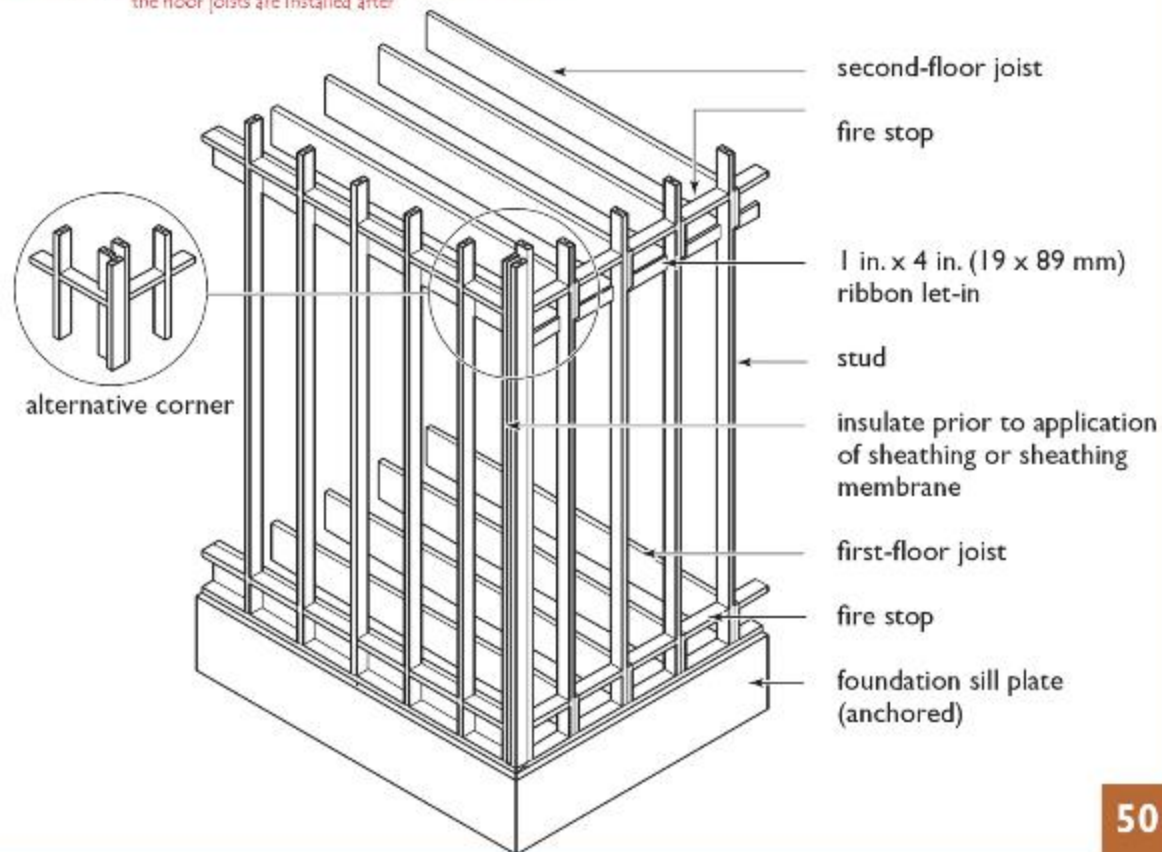
**FIGURE 5.2**

Comparative framing details for platform framing (left) and balloon framing (right). Platform framing is easier to erect but settles considerably as the wood dries and shrinks. If nominal 12-inch (300-mm) joists are used to frame the floors in these examples, the total amount of loadbearing cross-grain wood

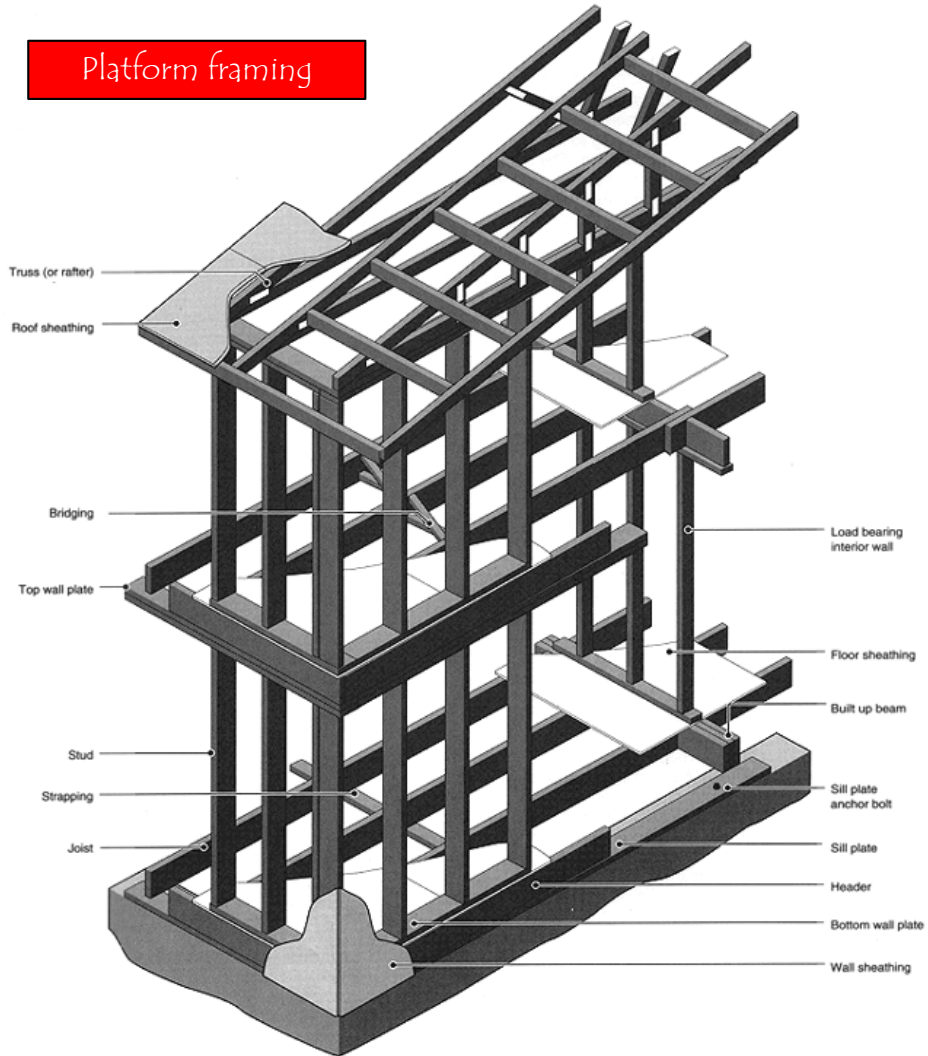
between the foundation and the attic joists is 33 inches (838 mm) for the platform frame, and only 4 inches (114 mm) for the balloon frame. Interior partitions in a balloon frame building are essentially platform framed, however, which can result in tilting of floors.

## Wall framing using balloon construction method

In balloon framing the studs are continuous to the underside of the roof  
the floor joists are installed after

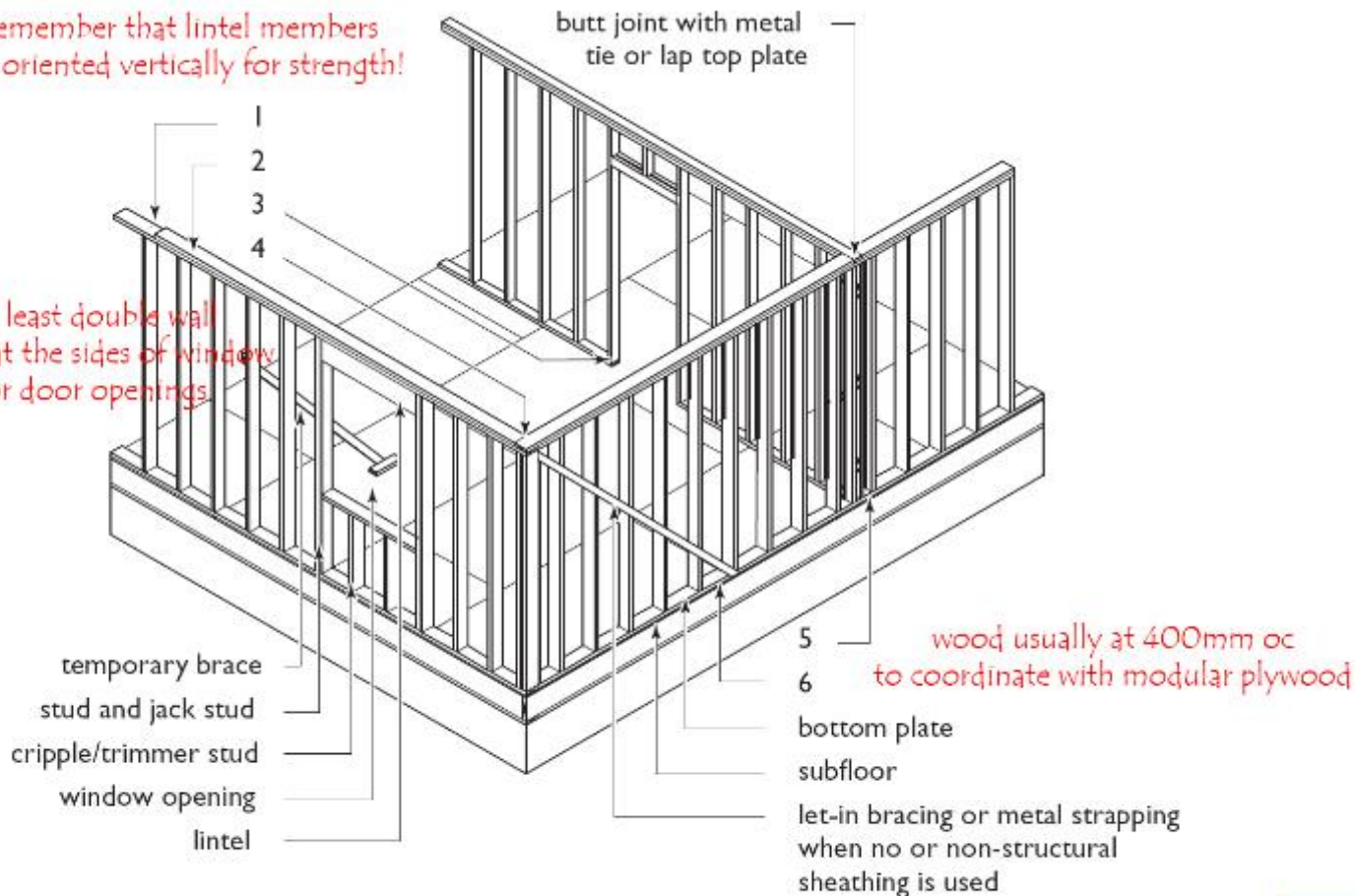


# Platform framing



remember that lintel members are oriented vertically for strength!

at least double wall studs at the sides of window or door openings.



**Note:** Where the lintel exceeds 10 ft. (3 m), the jack stud needs to be doubled on both sides of the opening.

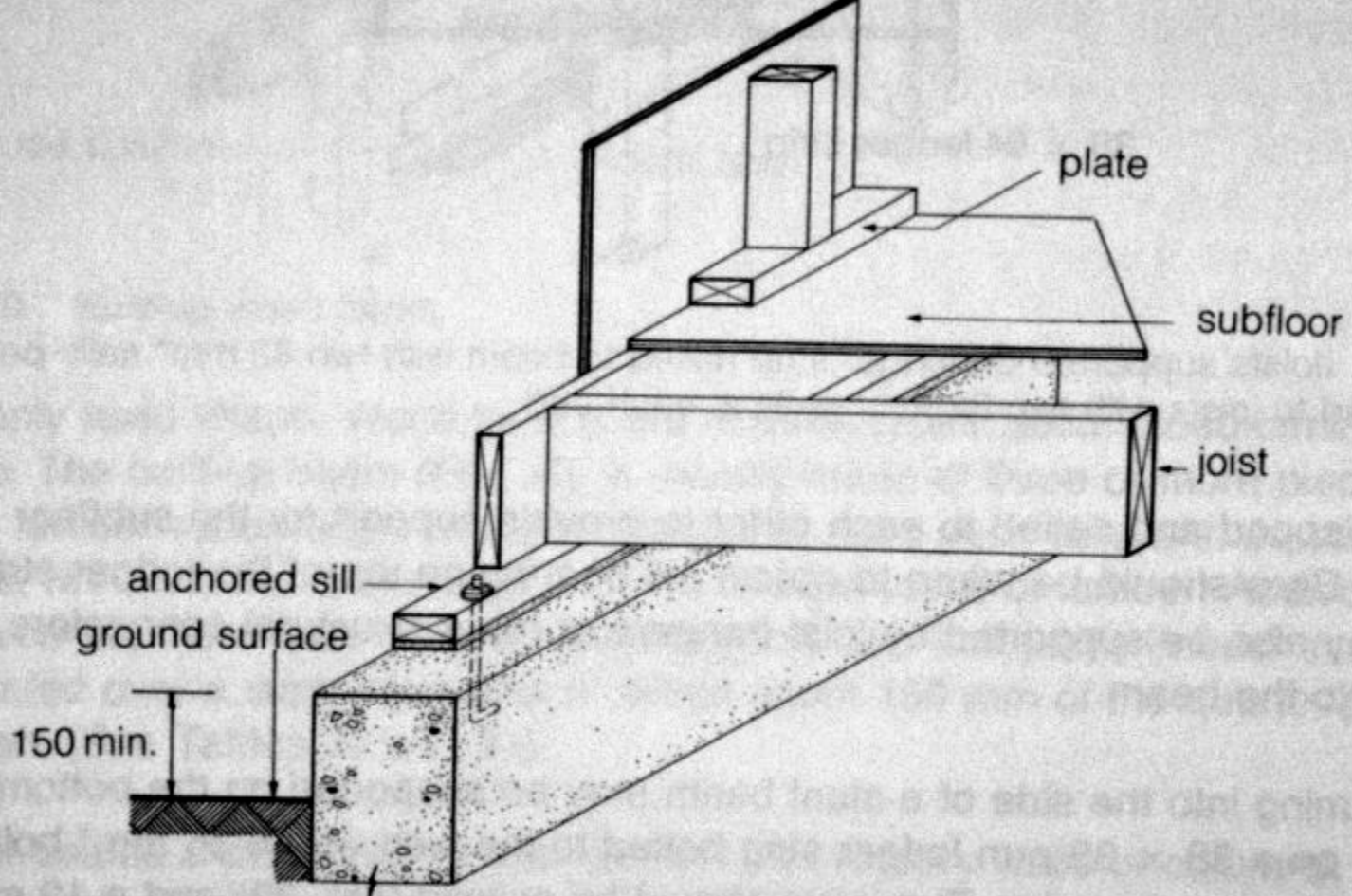


Figure 24. Box-sill method used in platform construction.

Closed cell high density spray foam insulation

Flashing

8" concrete foundation wall

Corrugated metal protection sheet

4" XPS rigid insulation (R-20)

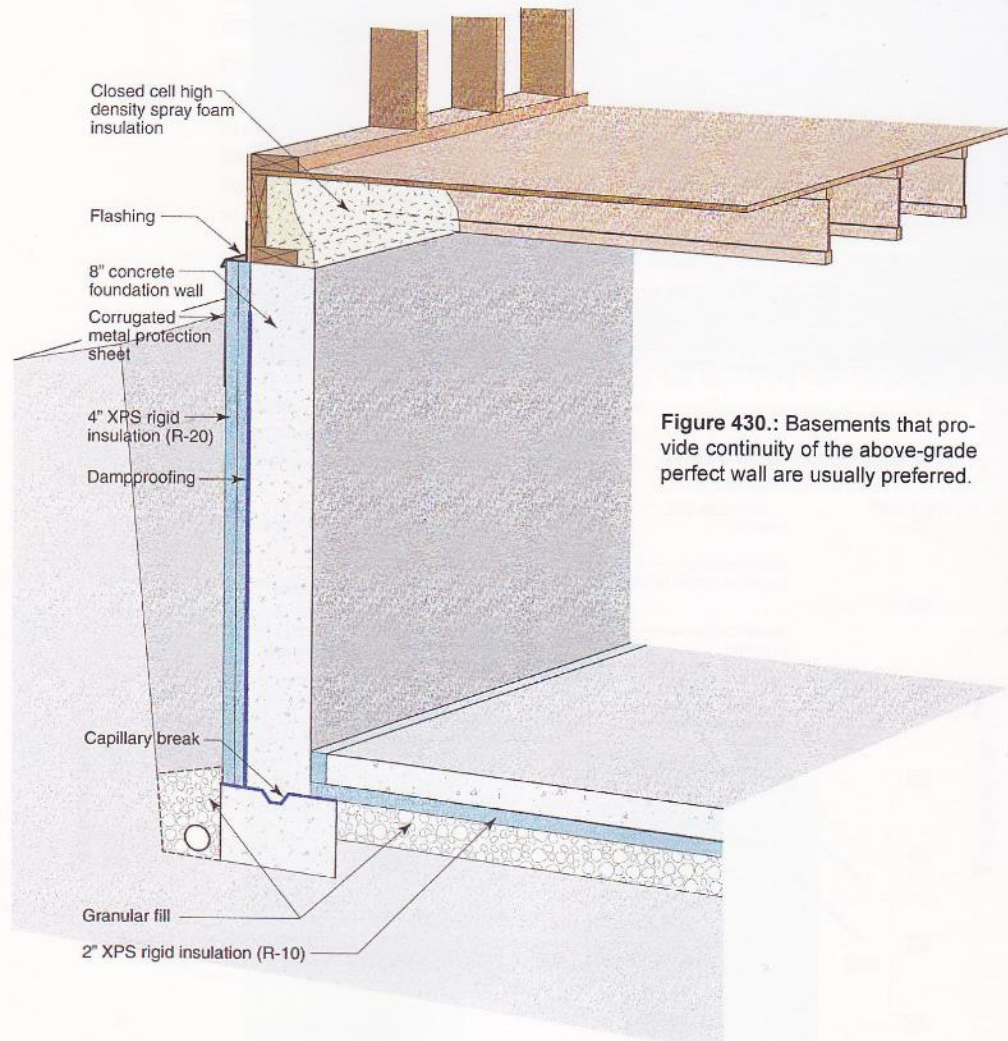
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Capillary break

Granular fill

2" XPS rigid insulation (R-10)

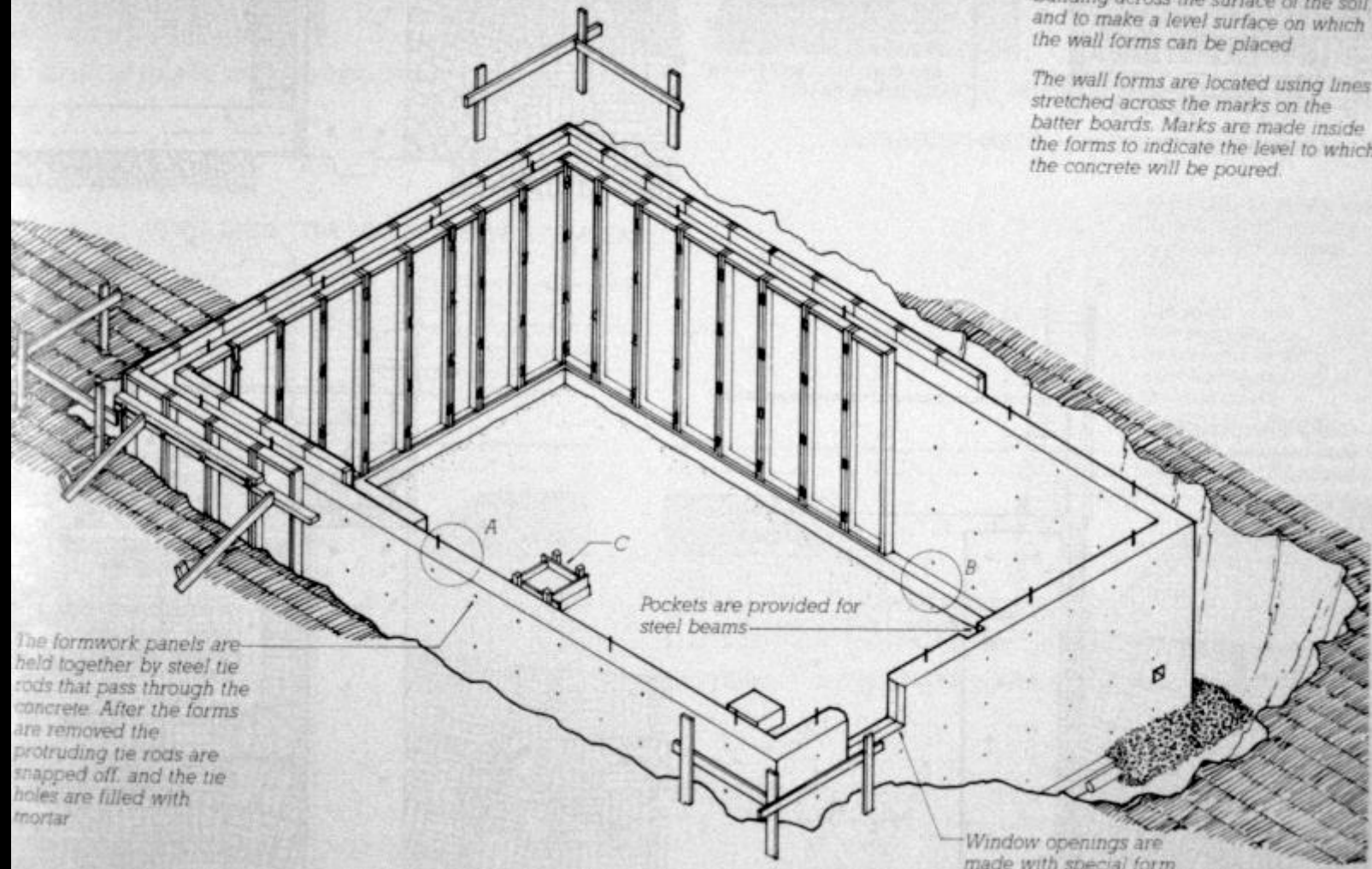
**Figure 430.:** Basements that provide continuity of the above-grade perfect wall are usually preferred.





After excavation, concrete footings are poured to spread the load of the building across the surface of the soil, and to make a level surface on which the wall forms can be placed.

The wall forms are located using lines stretched across the marks on the batter boards. Marks are made inside the forms to indicate the level to which the concrete will be poured.



The formwork panels are held together by steel tie rods that pass through the concrete. After the forms are removed the protruding tie rods are snapped off, and the tie holes are filled with mortar.

Pockets are provided for steel beams

Window openings are made with special form

OR FRAMING PLAN

Studs and joists are usually installed at 400mm on centre

The joists bear on a steel beam in the interior of the house

Fireplace opening

Regular joist spacings of 16" or 24" (406mm or 610mm) are maintained so as to align with joints in the plywood subfloor

Bridging at midspan is required by some codes

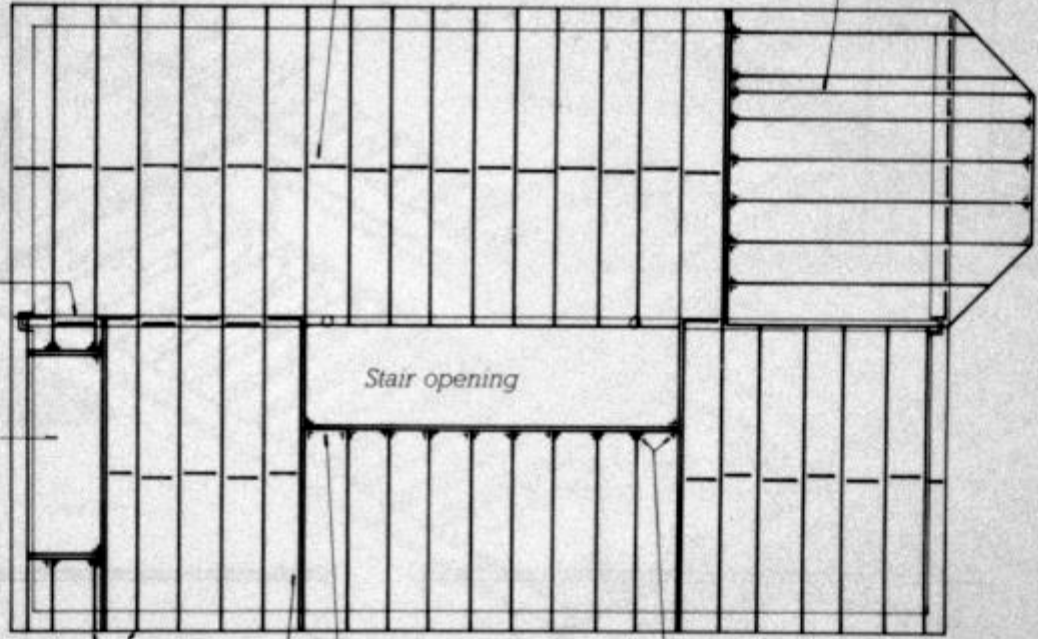
An extra joist is inserted to support the corner of the cantilevered bay

Stair opening

Double header joists support the ends of tail joists at floor openings

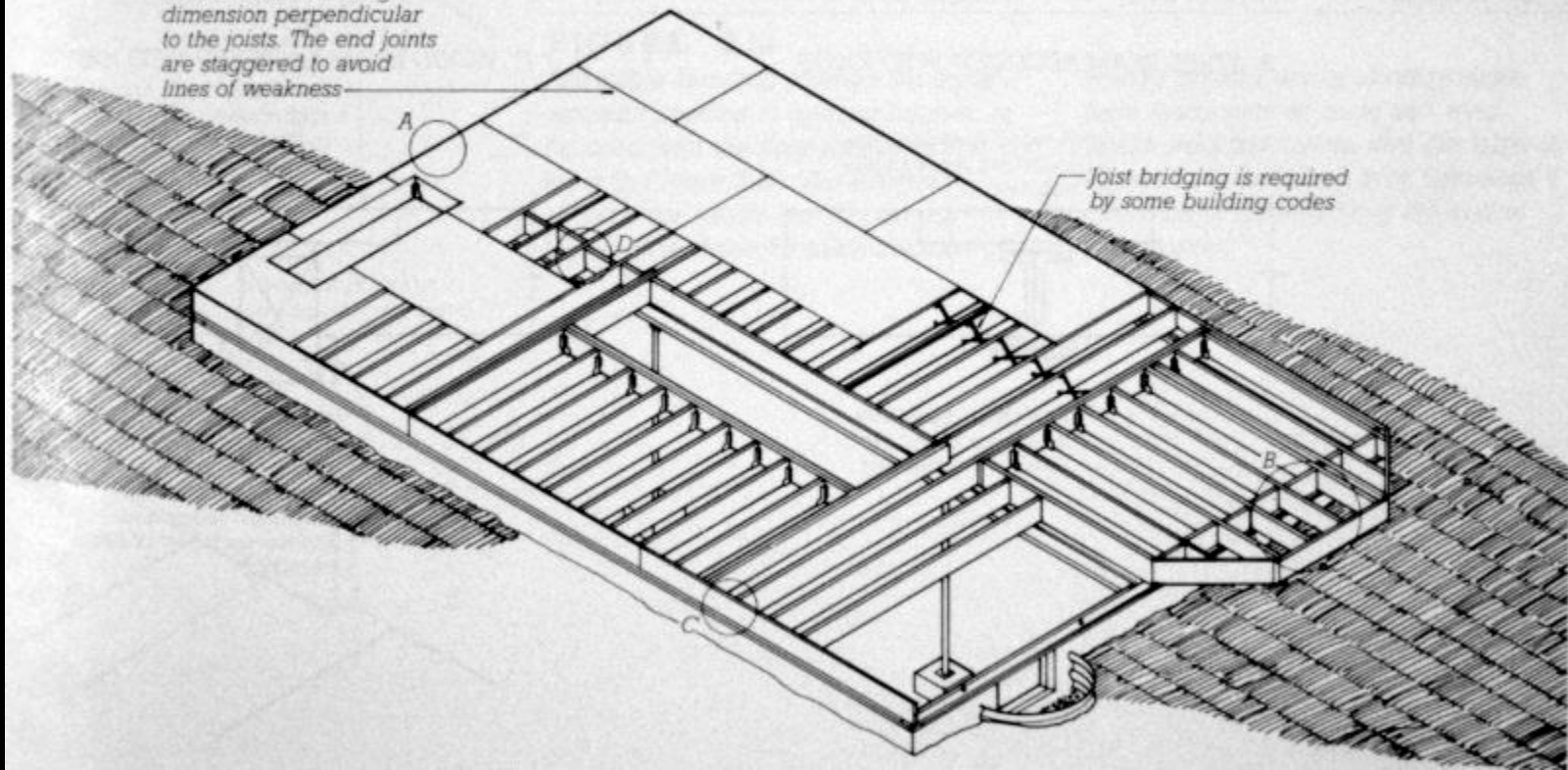
Double trimmer joists support header joists

Sheet metal joist hangers are used wherever joists support one another at right angles



*When the foundation is complete, basement beams are placed, sills are bolted to the foundation, and the first floor joists and subfloor are installed.*

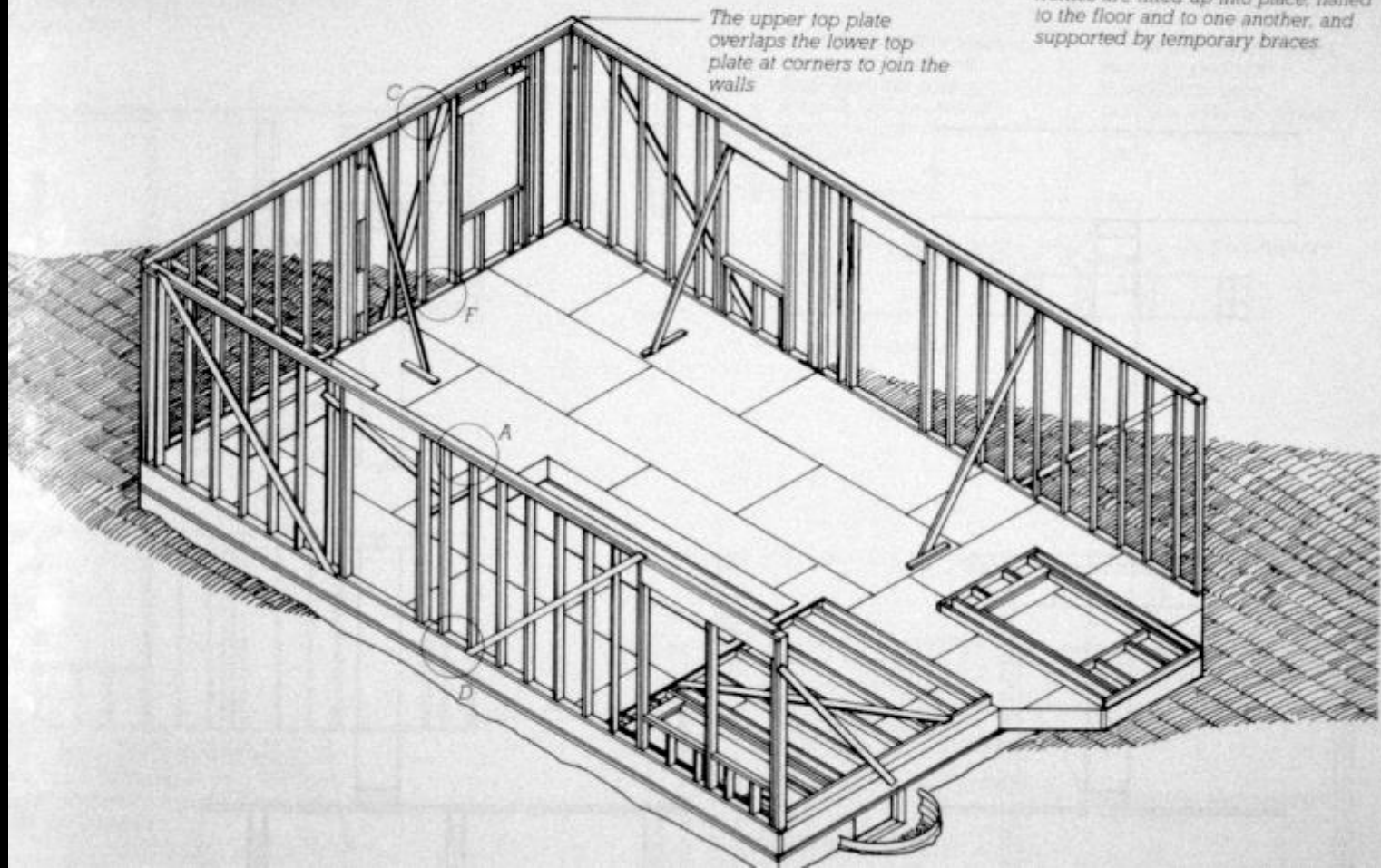
*Plywood sheets are considerably stiffer along their length than across their width, so they must be laid with their long dimension perpendicular to the joists. The end joints are staggered to avoid lines of weakness.*



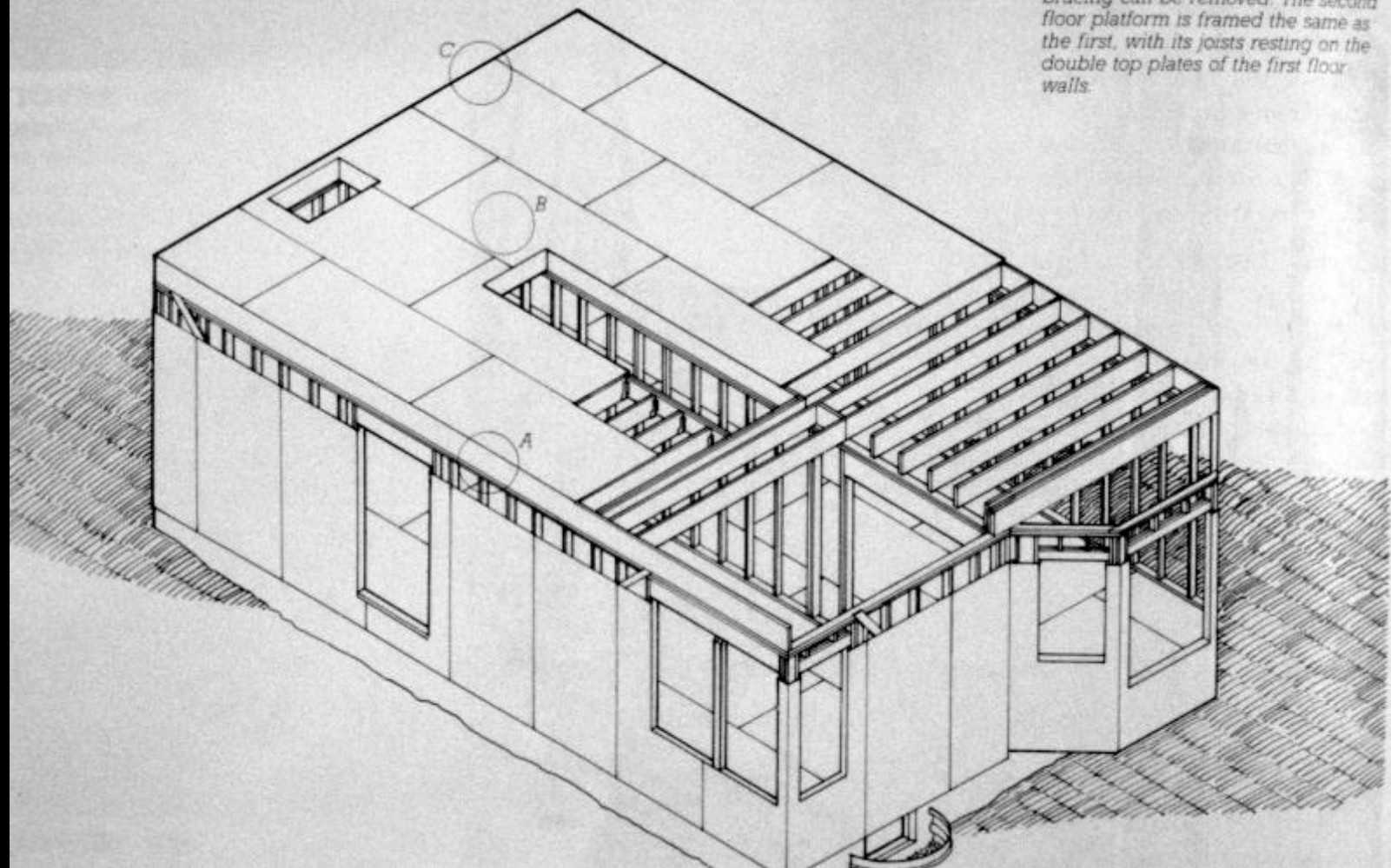
*Joist bridging is required by some building codes*

The subfloor makes a convenient platform on which to assemble the first floor wall frames. The assembled frames are tilted up into place, nailed to the floor and to one another, and supported by temporary braces.

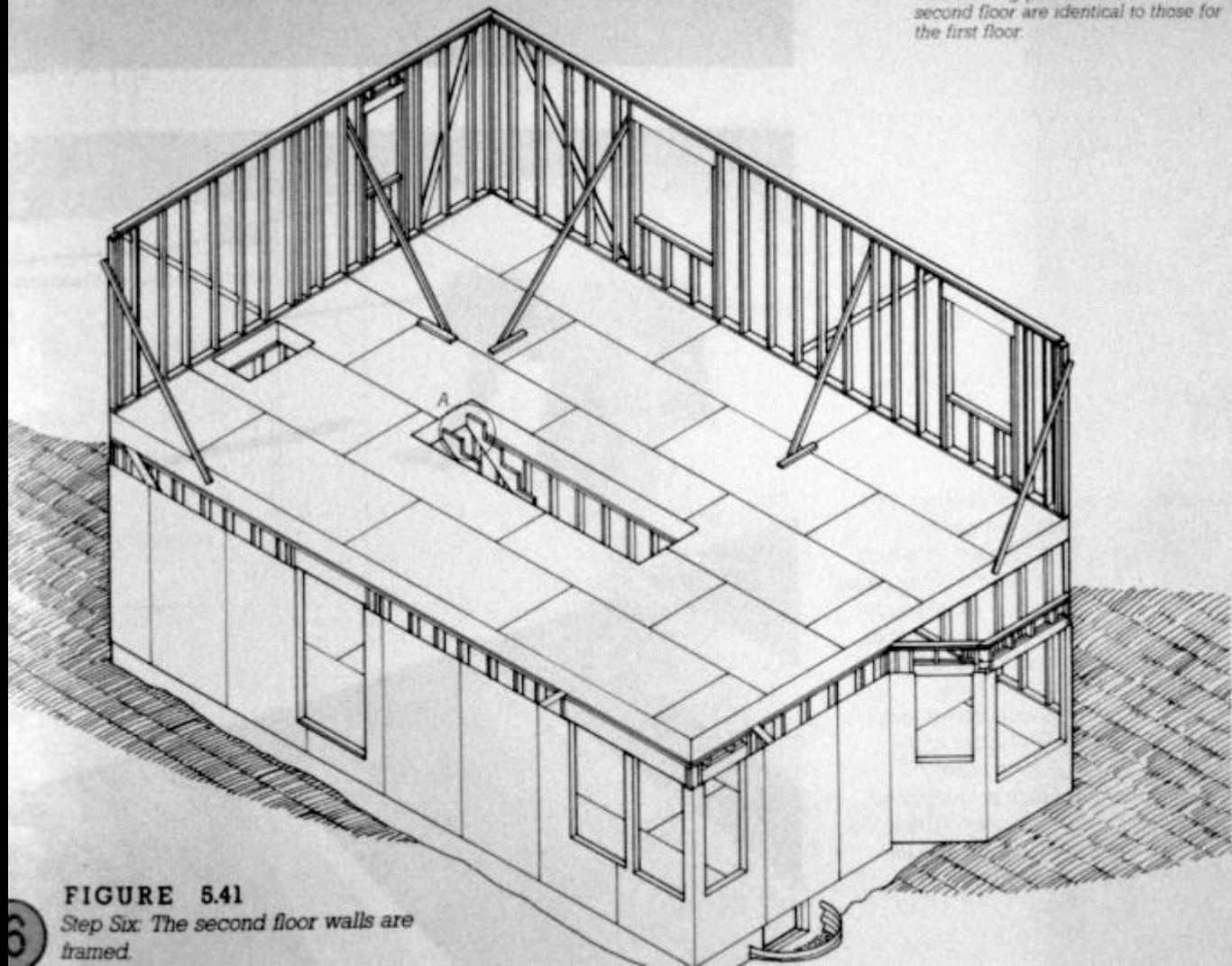
The upper top plate overlaps the lower top plate at corners to join the walls



*When the first floor walls are complete and sheathed, much of the temporary bracing can be removed. The second floor platform is framed the same as the first, with its joists resting on the double top plates of the first floor walls.*

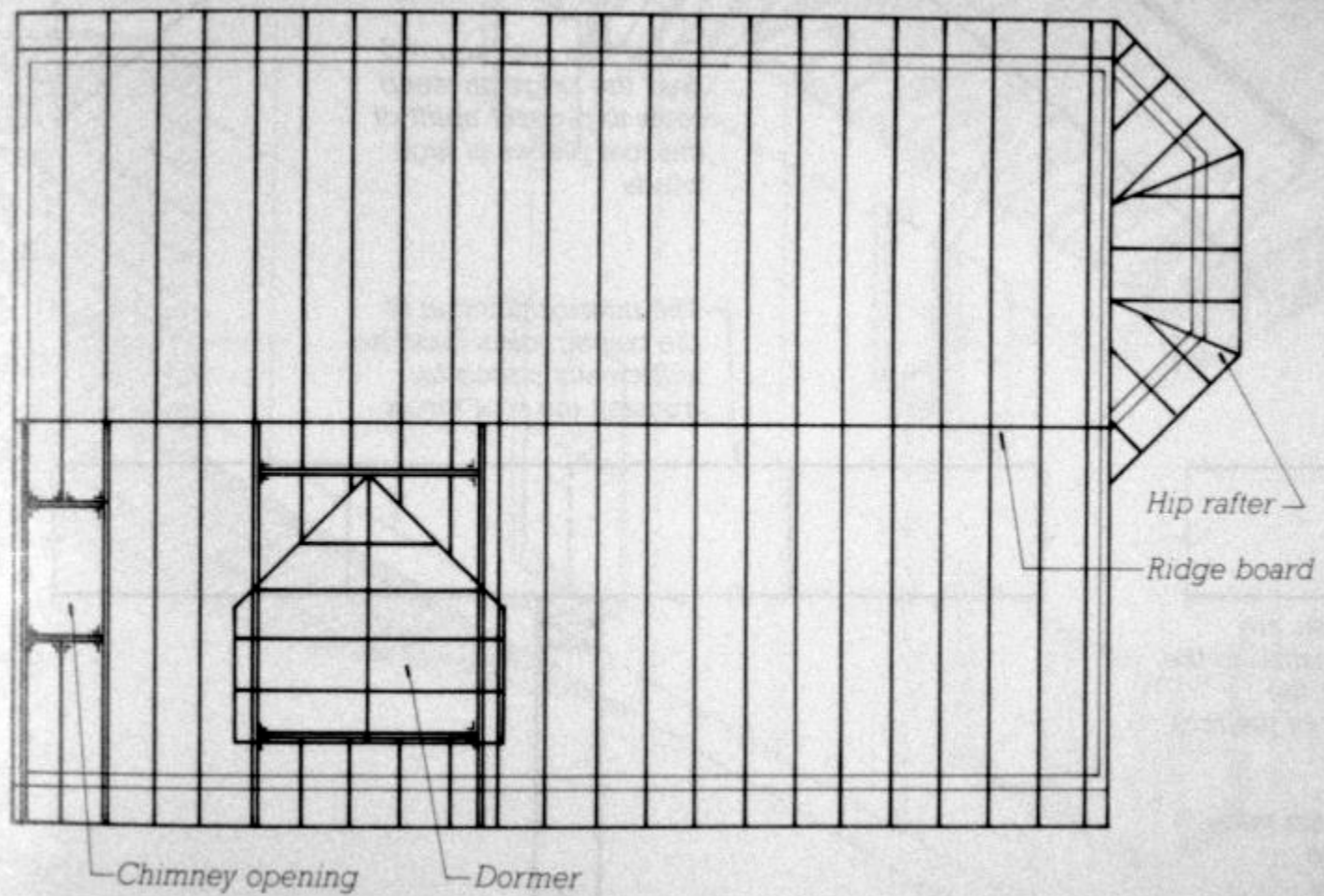


Wall framing procedures for the second floor are identical to those for the first floor.



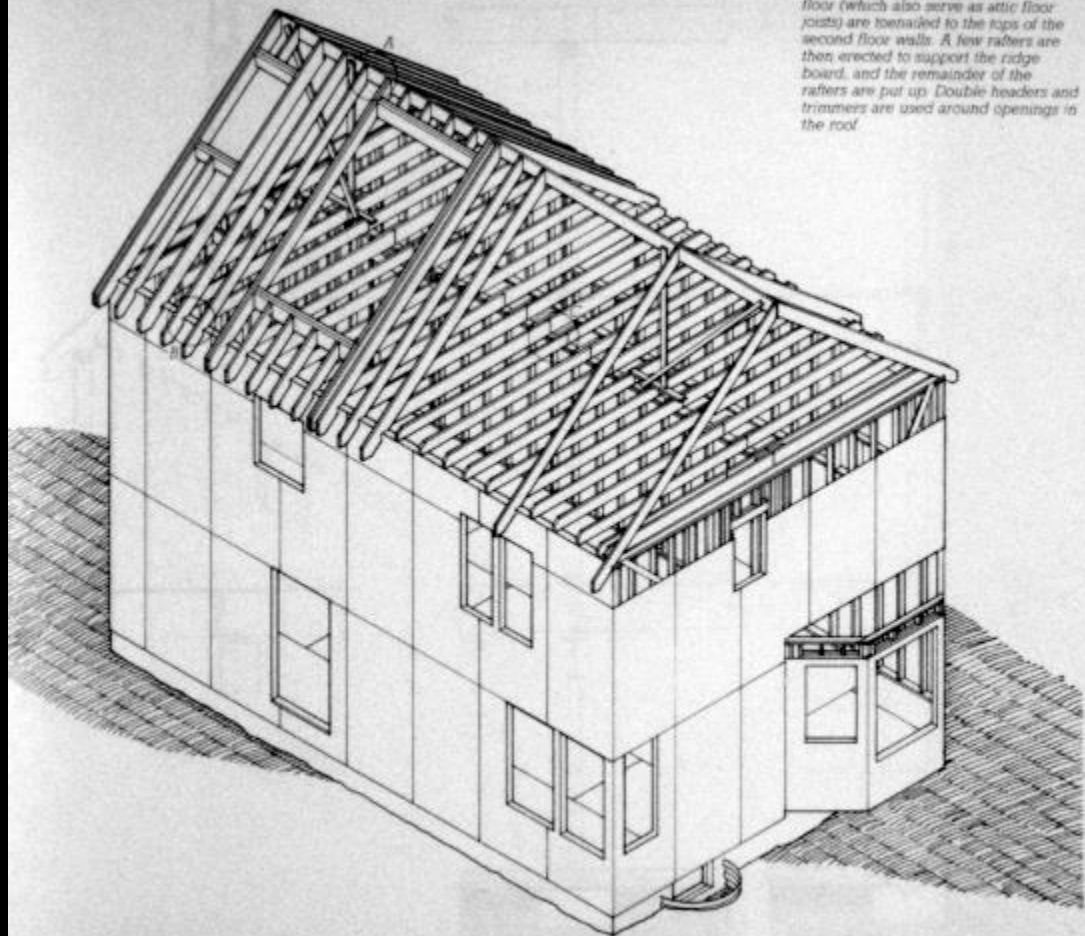
**FIGURE 5.41**

Step Six: The second floor walls are framed.



ROOF FRAMING PLAN

The ceiling joists above the second floor (which also serve as attic floor joists) are toenailed to the tops of the second floor walls. A few rafters are then erected to support the ridge board, and the remainder of the rafters are put up. Double headers and trimmers are used around openings in the roof.



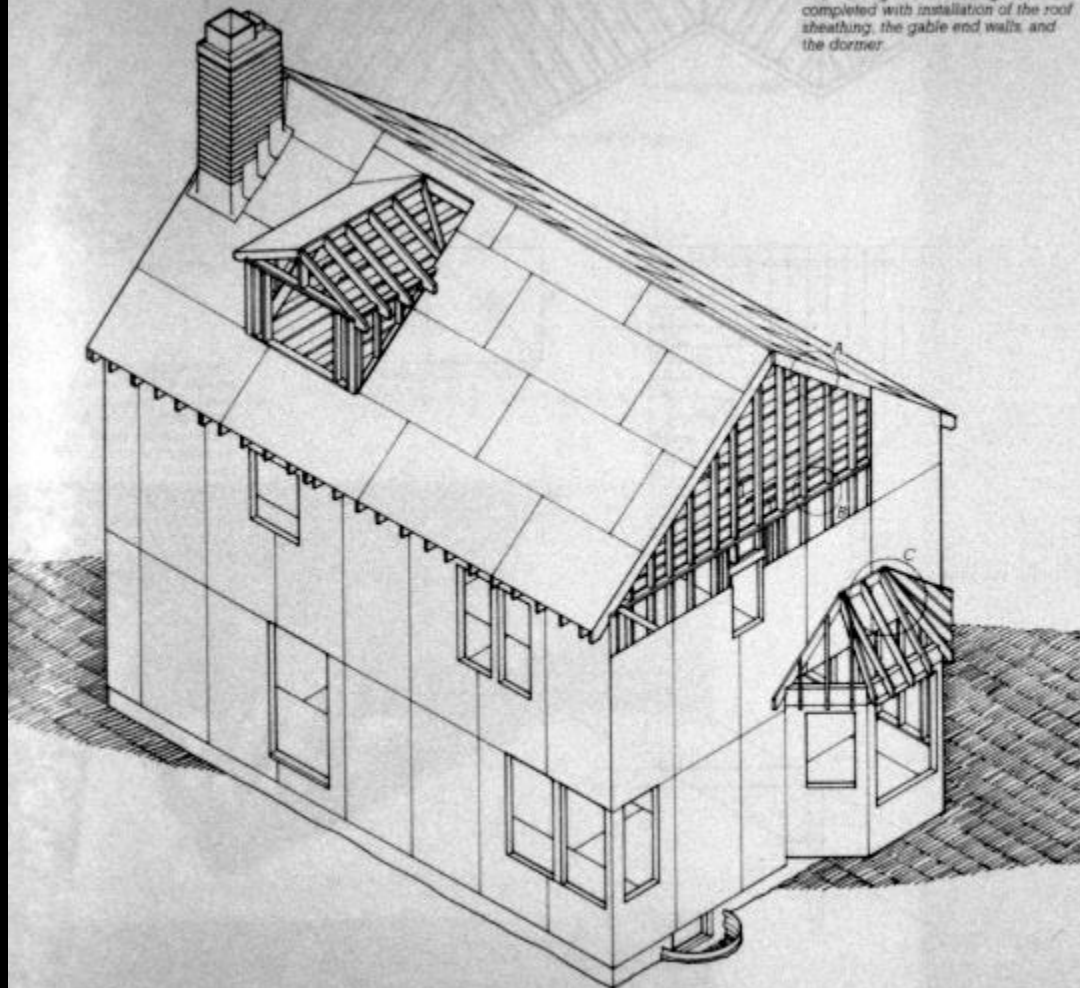
**FIGURE 5.48**

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*Step Seven: Framing the attic floor and roof*



The framing of the building is completed with installation of the roof sheathing, the gable end walls and the dormer.



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**FIGURE 5.50**

*Step Eight: The frame is completed.*

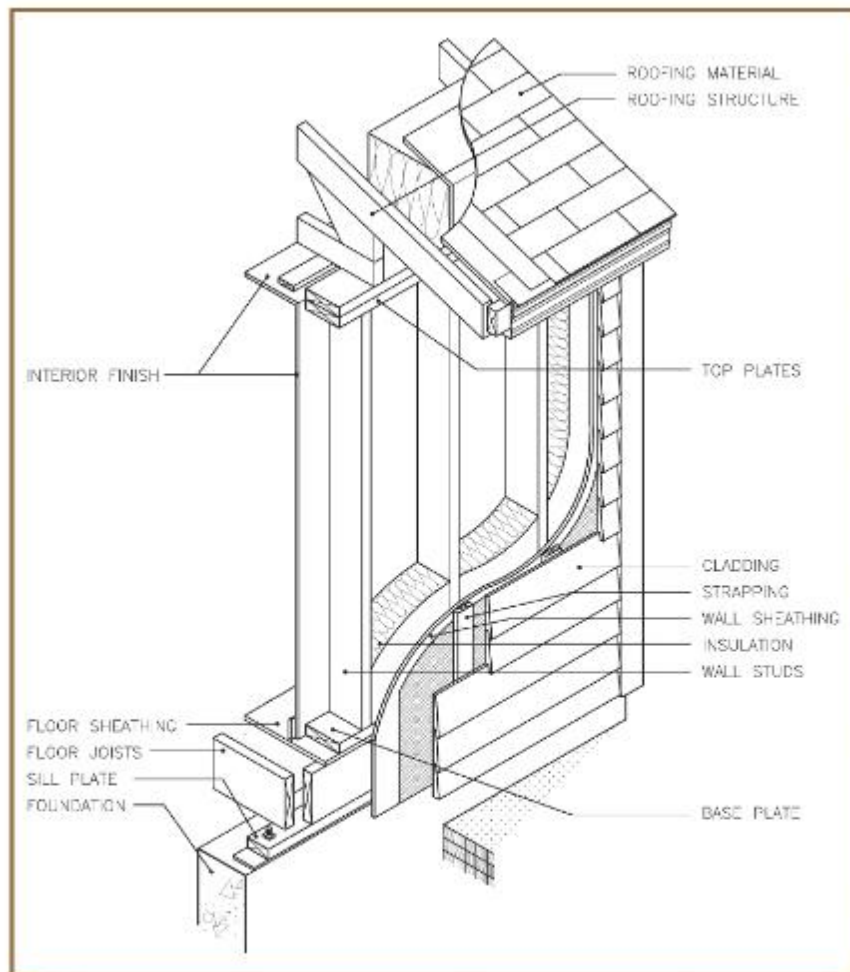
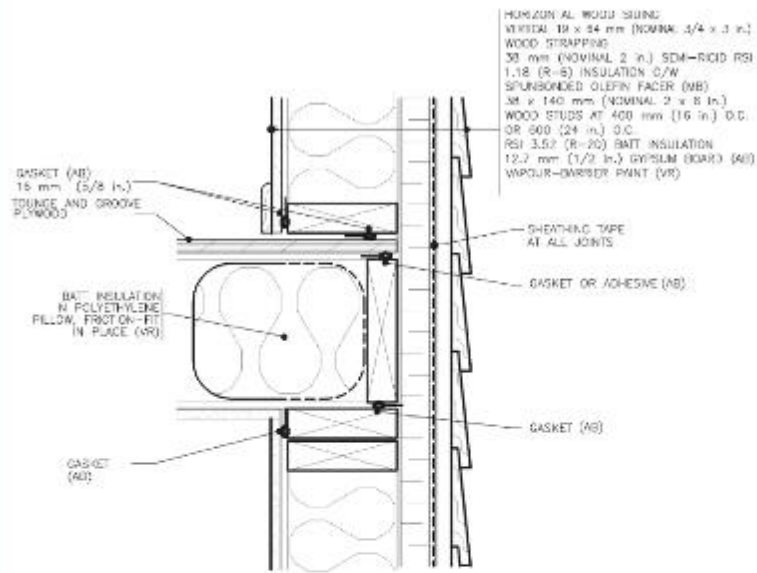


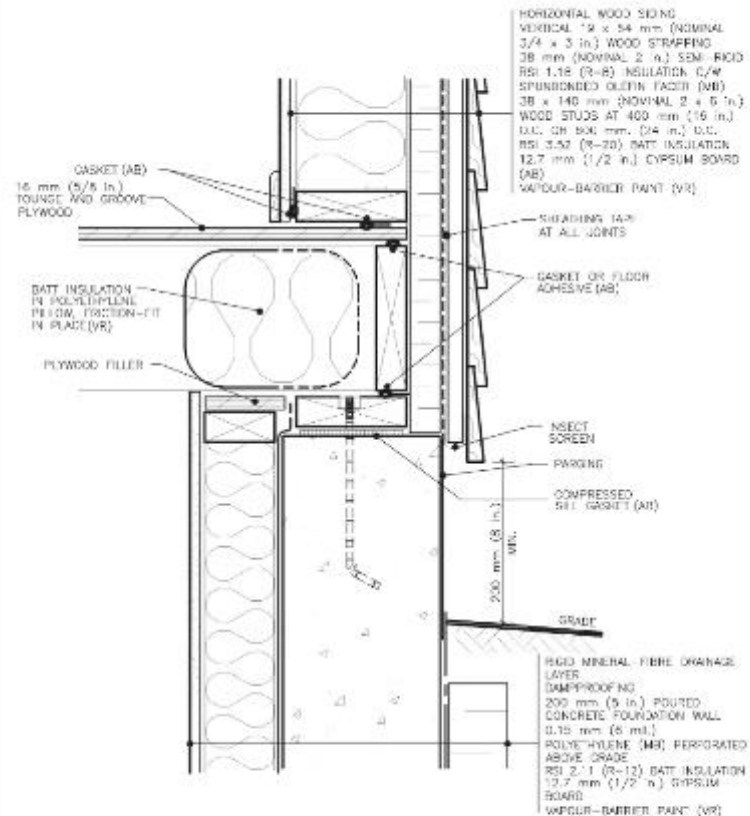
Figure 2.6: Components of a wood frame structure



### WOOD SIDING WALL AT FLOOR

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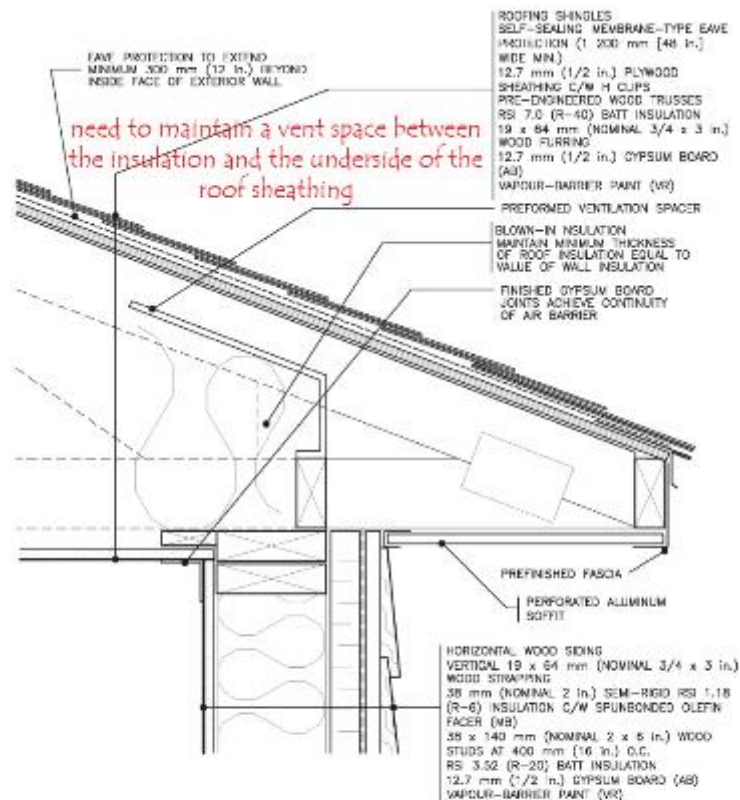
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### WOOD SIDING WALL AT FOUNDATION DETAILS

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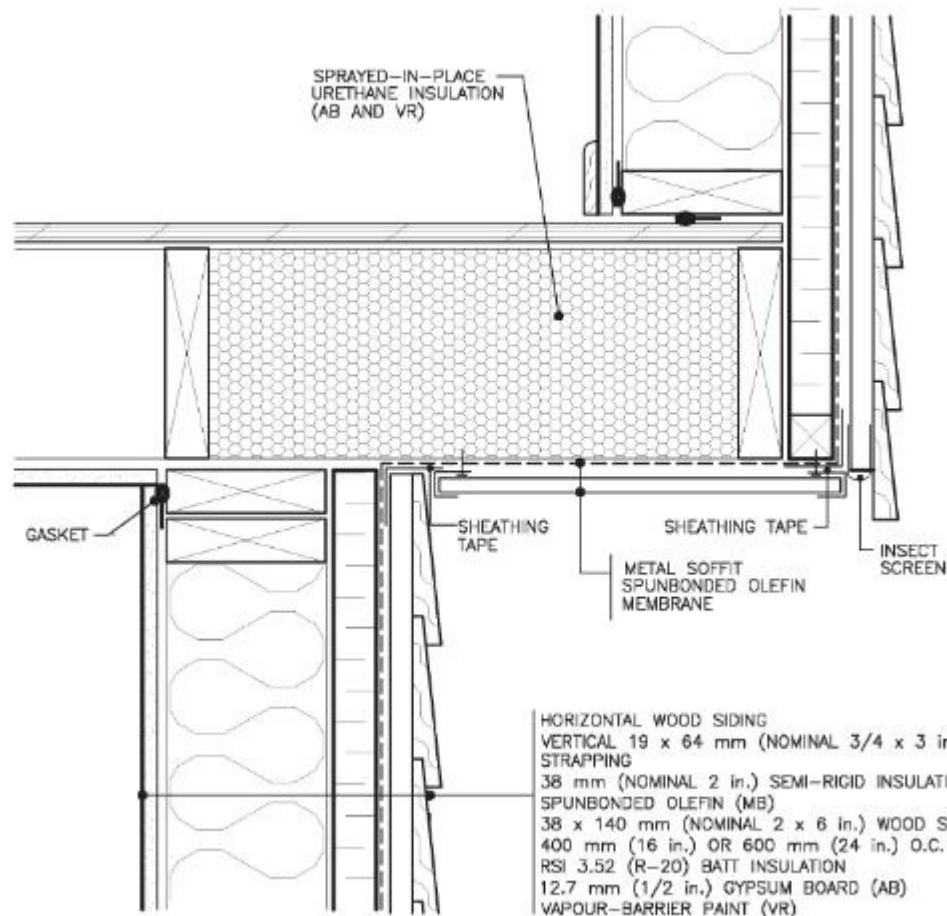


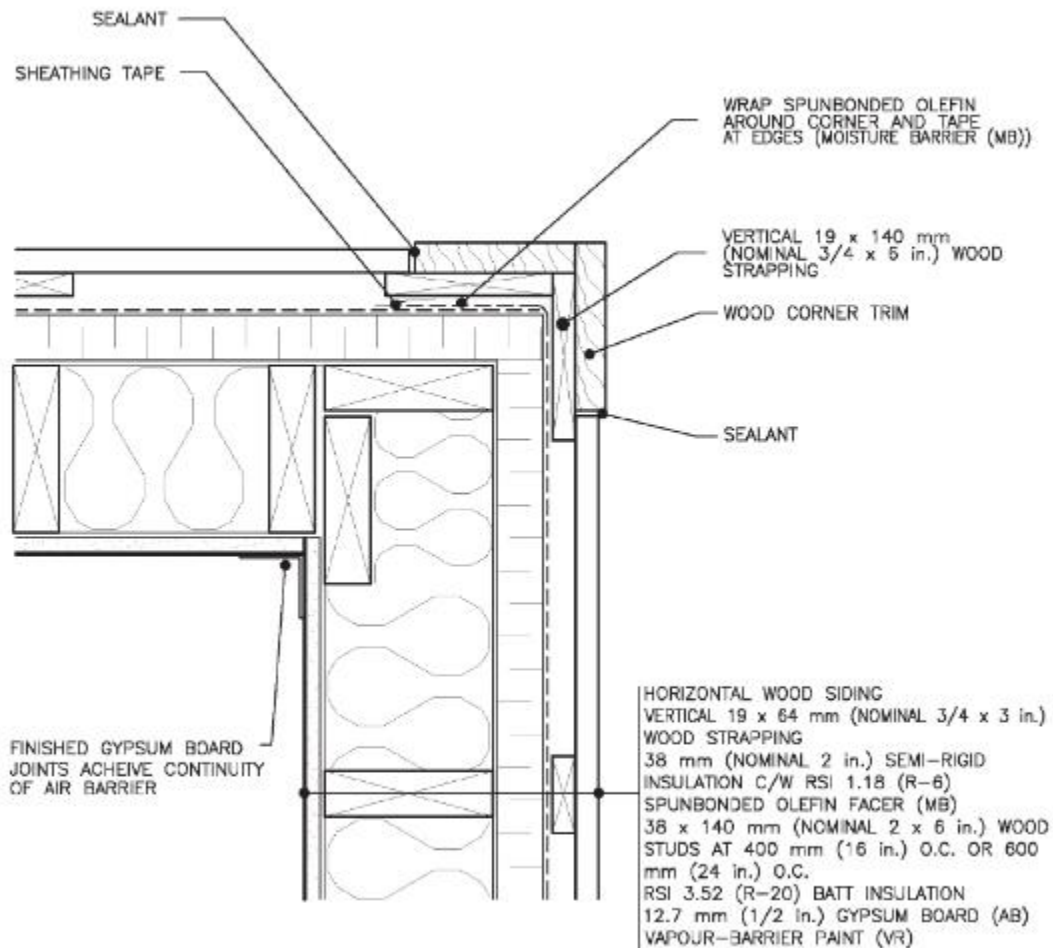
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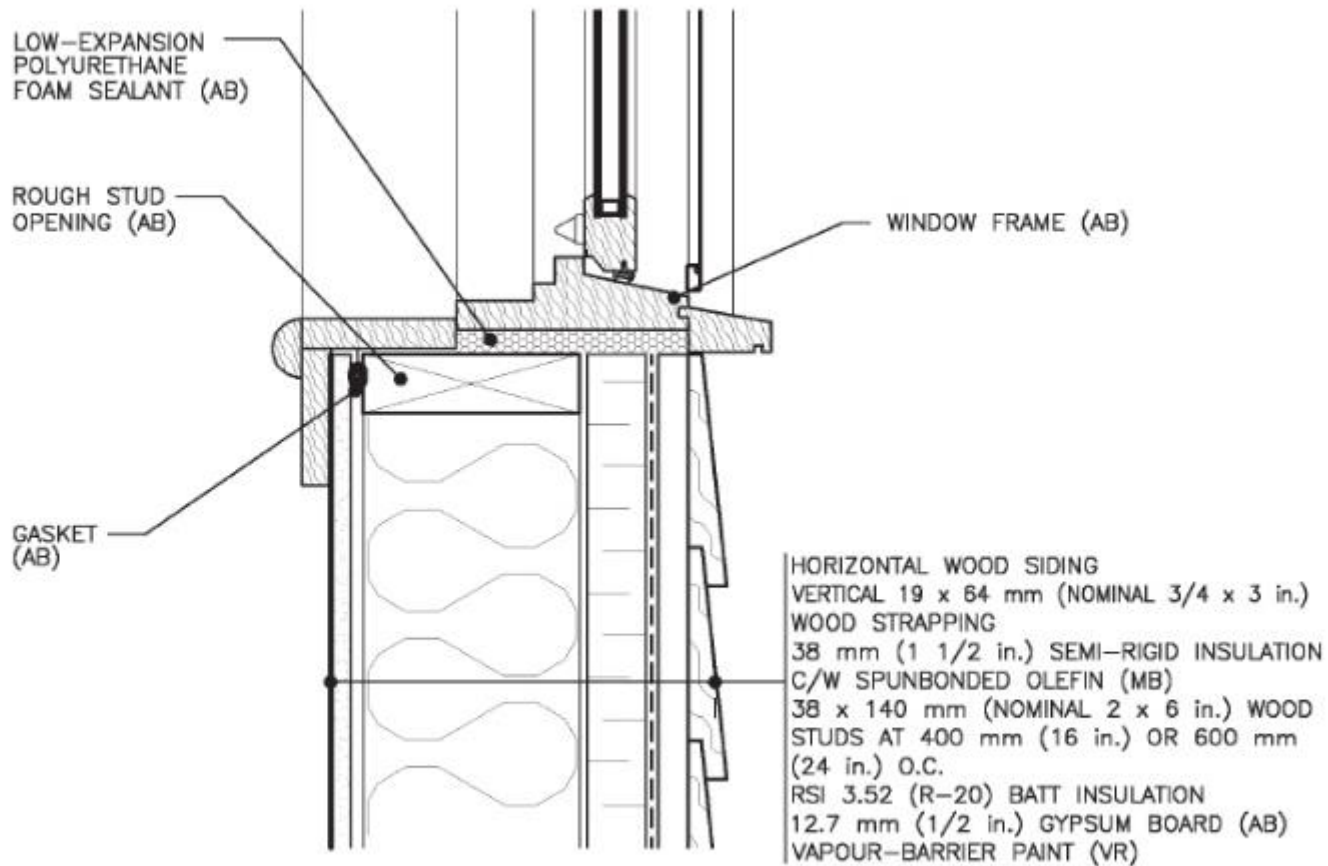
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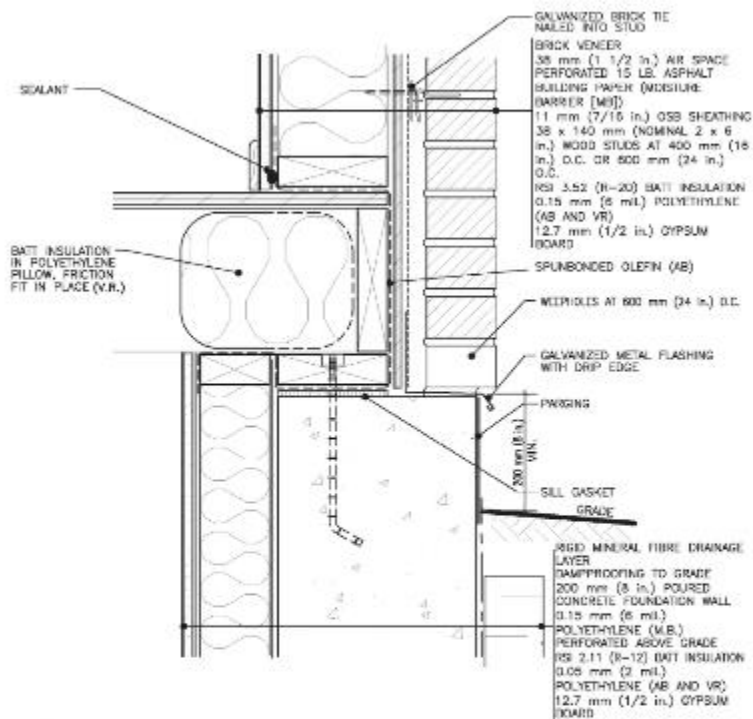
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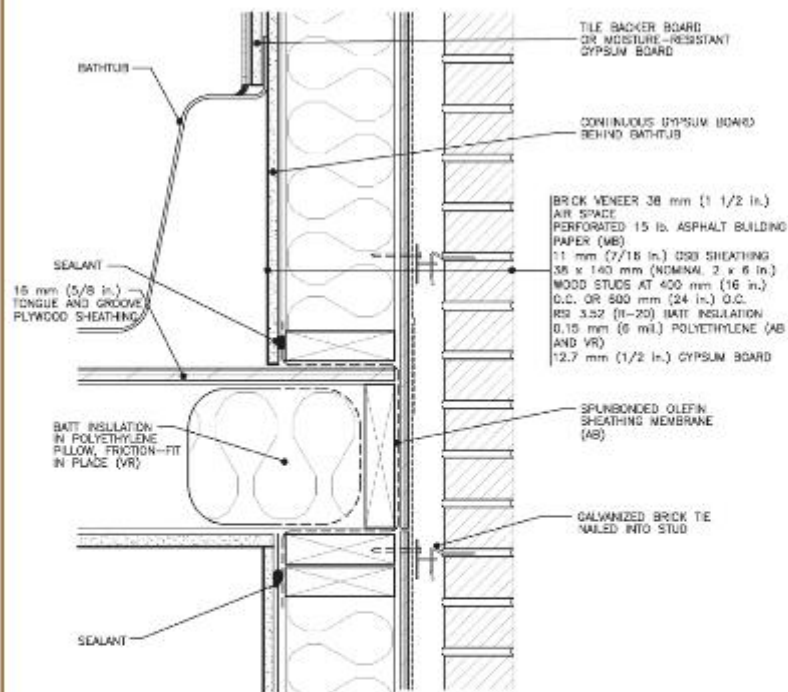




**BRICK VENEER WALL AT FOUNDATION**  
SCALE: 1:5 BASIC POLYETHYLENE STUD WALL (WALL ASSEMBLY A)

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issue with this wall is lack of cavity insulation  
adding requires alteration to foundation wall  
width in order to also support the brick veneer



**BRICK VENEER WALL AT HEADER**  
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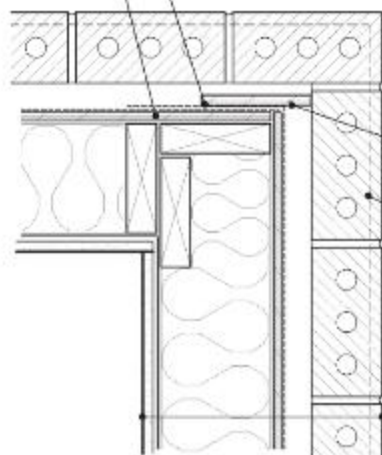
issue with this wall is lack of cavity insulation



need to add extra stud to allow for nailing of drywall on the interior as well as plywood in the cavity to prevent wind from whipping around the corner

OVERLAP 15 lb. PERFORATED ASPHALT BUILDING PAPER 150 mm (6 in.) AT CORNER

AVOID JOINTS IN SHEATHING AT CORNERS



PRESSURE-TREATED PLYWOOD 12.7 x 140 mm (1/2 x 6 in.) BLOCKING TRANSFER CAVITY COMPARTMENT SEAL

FOUNDATION BELOW (BRICKS TO OVERLAP MAX. 1/3 OF WIDTH OR 12.7 mm (1/2 in.))

BRICK VENEER 38 mm (1 1/2 in.) AIR SPACE PERFORATED 15 lb. ASPHALT BUILDING PAPER (WB) 11 mm (7/16 in.) OSB SHEATHING 38 x 140 mm (NOMINAL 2 x 6 in.) WOOD STUDS AT 400 mm (15 in.) O.C. OR 600 mm (24 in.) O.C. RSI 3.52 (R-20) BATT INSULATION 0.15 mm (6 mil.) POLYETHYLENE (AB AND WR) 12.7 mm (1/2 in.) GYPSUM BOARD

ideally for a higher R-value you would add insulation in the cavity - usually 38 to 50mm

#### CORNER, HORIZONTAL SECTION

SCALE: 1:5

BASIC POLYETHYLENE STUD WALL (WALL ASSEMBLY A)

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EAVE PROTECTION TO EXTEND MIN. 300 mm (12 in.) BEYOND INSIDE FACE OF EXTERIOR WALL

ROOFING SHINGLES SELF-SEALING-MEMBRANE-TYPE EAVE PROTECTION (1 200 mm (48 in.) HIGH MIN.)

12.7 mm (1/2 in.) PLYWOOD SHEATHING

C/W NAILS

PRE-ENGINEERED WOOD TRUSSES

RSI 7.0 (R-40) BATT INSULATION

0.15 mm (6 mil.) POLYETHYLENE (AB AND WR)

19 x 64 mm (NOMINAL 3/4 x 3 in.) WOOD FLOORING

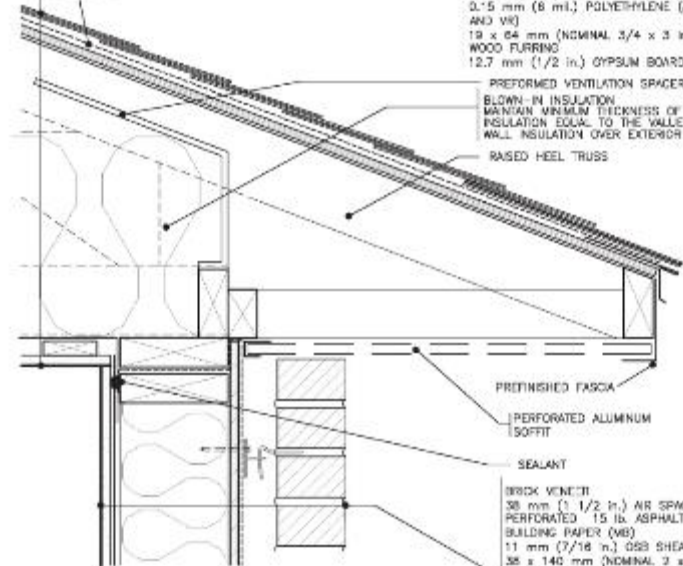
12.7 mm (1/2 in.) GYPSUM BOARD

PERFORMED VENTILATION SPACER

BLOW-IN INSULATION

MAINTAIN MINIMUM THICKNESS OF ROOF INSULATION EQUAL TO THE VALUE OF WALL INSULATION OVER EXTERIOR WALL

RAISED HEEL TRUSS



PREFINISHED FASCIA

PERFORATED ALUMINUM SOFFIT

SEALANT

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PERFORATED 15 lb. ASPHALT BUILDING PAPER (WB)

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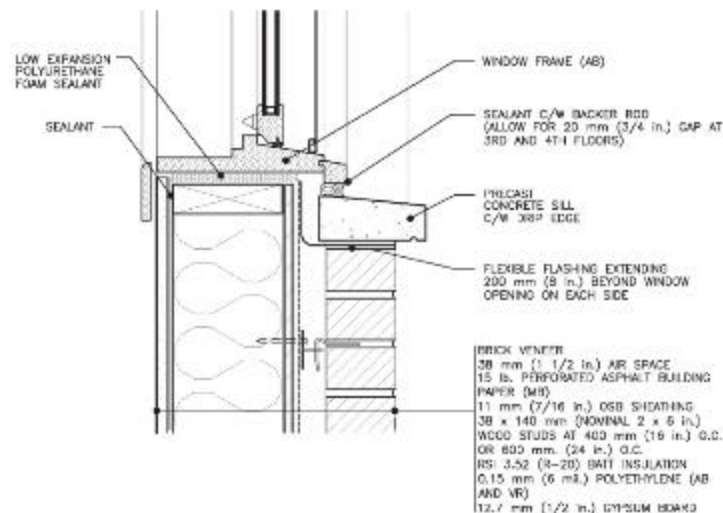
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#### BRICK VENEER WALL AT ROOF

SCALE: 1:5

BASIC POLYETHYLENE STUD WALL (WALL ASSEMBLY A)

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the rough framed opening is always larger than the window  
in order to allow the placement of shims that allow the carpenters  
to ensure that the windows are plumb and square

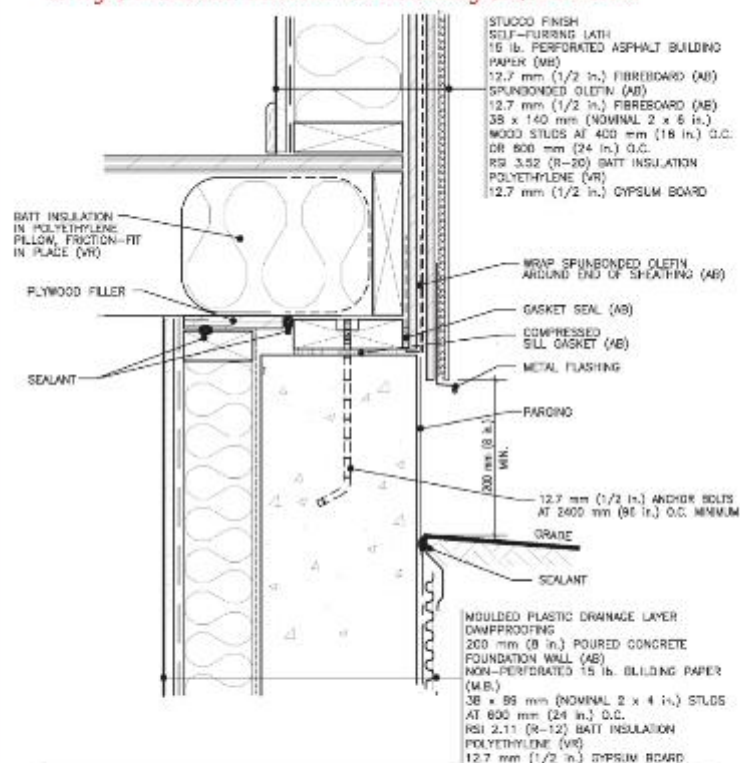
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(WALL ASSEMBLY A)

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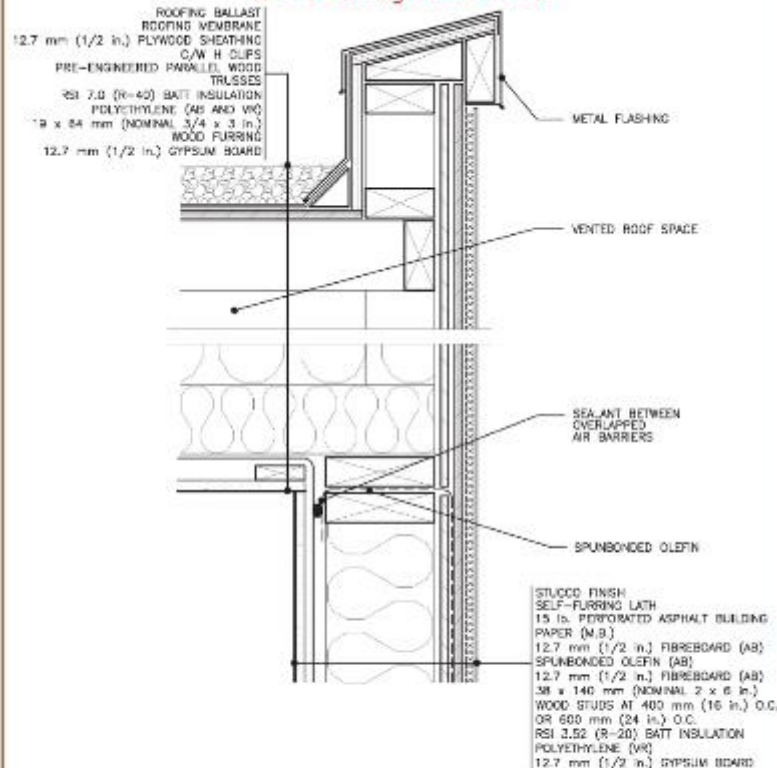
this detail would be better if you added 38-50mm of rigid insulation between the sheathing and the stucco



STUCCO CLAD WALL AT FOUNDATION  
SCALE: 1:5 EASE SYSTEM (WALL ASSEMBLY C)

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the parapet flashing always drains into the roof to avoid staining on the facade



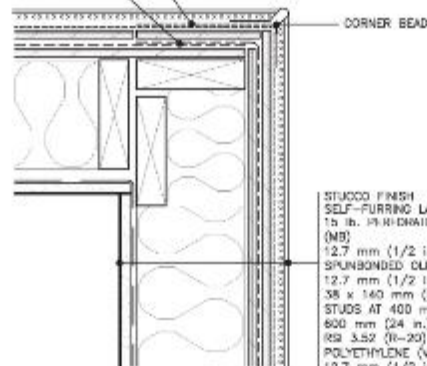
STUCCO CLAD WALL AT ROOF  
SCALE: 1:5 EASE SYSTEM (WALL ASSEMBLY C)

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stucco is fairly vulnerable to damage so they use a metal head up the corner to provide better protection, though damage can still happen

OVERLAP (15 lb.)  
PERFORATED ASPHALT  
BUILDING PAPER AT CORNER

OVERLAP AND TAPE  
SPUNBONDED GLEFN  
MEMBRANE (AB)



STUCCO FINISH  
SELF-FURRING LATH  
15 lb. PERFORATED ASPHALT BUILDING PAPER  
(MB)  
12.7 mm (1/2 in.) FIBREBOARD (AB)  
SPUNBONDED GLEFN (AB)  
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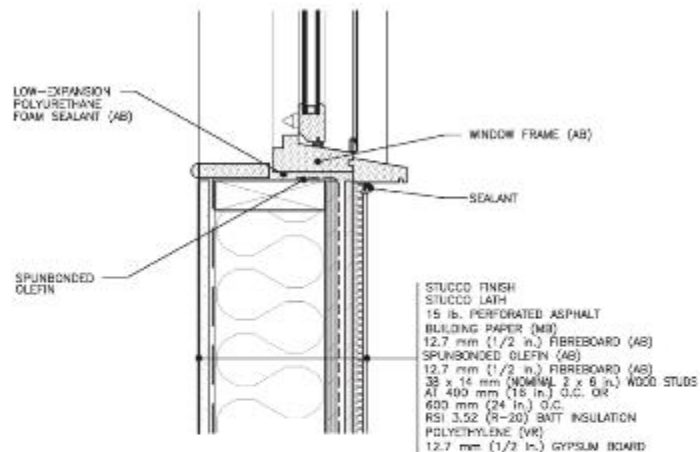
### CORNER, HORIZONTAL SECTION

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EASE SYSTEM (WALL ASSEMBLY C)

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the window placement in a stucco wall is similar to a wood clad wall



STUCCO FINISH  
STUCCO LATH  
15 lb. PERFORATED ASPHALT  
BUILDING PAPER (MB)  
12.7 mm (1/2 in.) FIBREBOARD (AB)  
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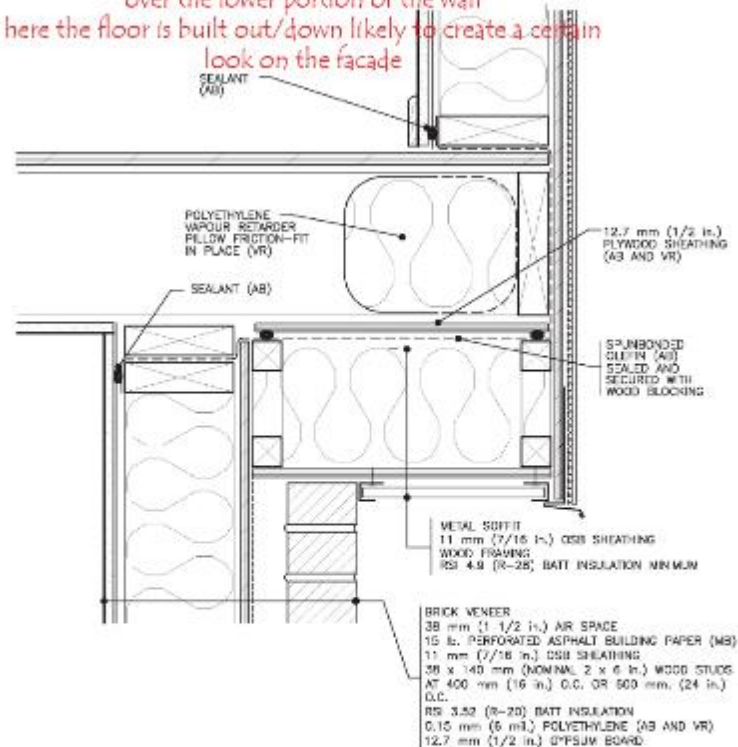
### WINDOW OPENING

SCALE: 1:5

(WALL ASSEMBLY C)

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for floor extensions the joists are cantilevered out  
 over the lower portion of the wall  
 here the floor is built out/down likely to create a certain  
 look on the facade



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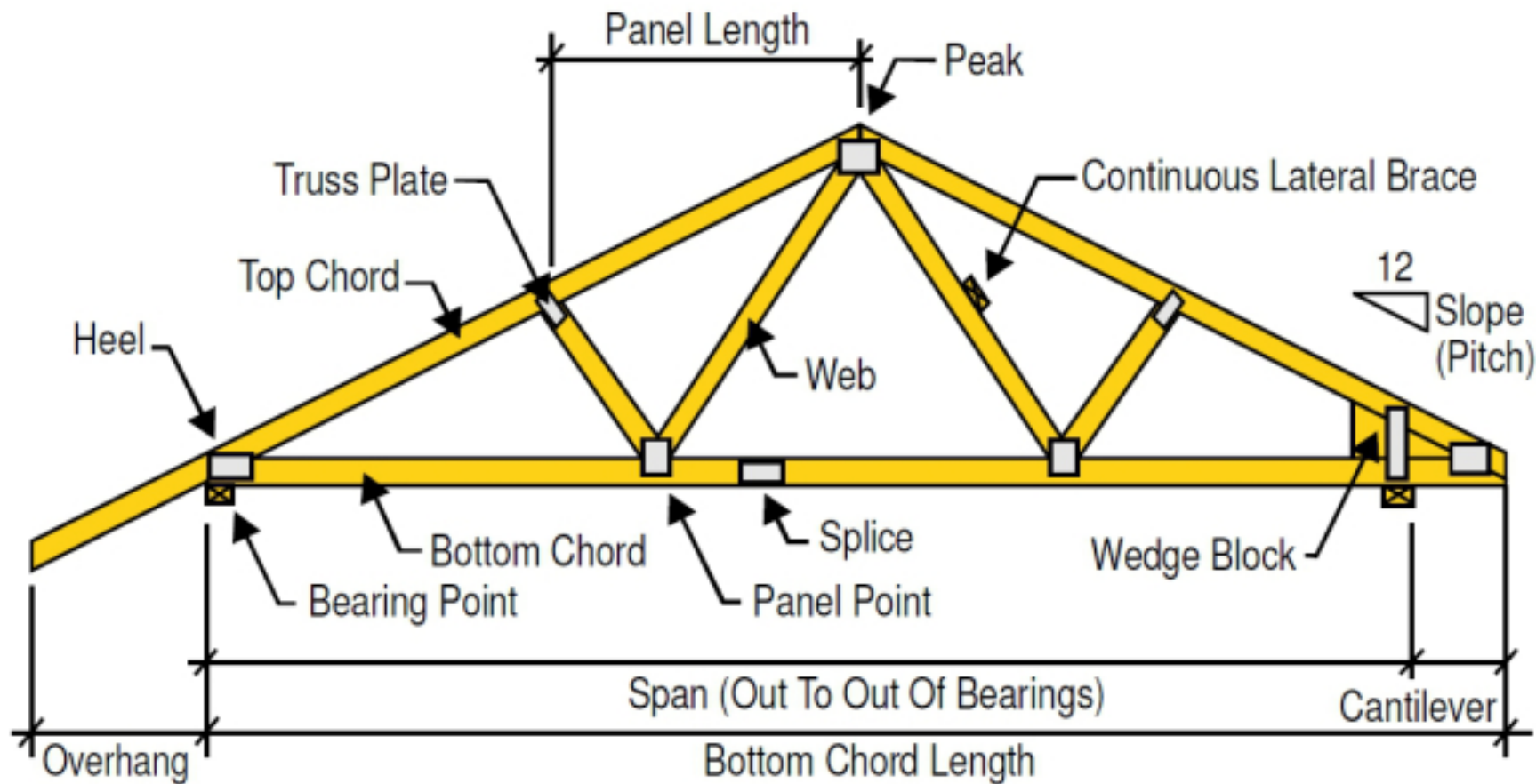
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(WALL ASSEMBLY A)

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Two ways of framing a residential roof:

1. Traditional uses rafters and collar ties for stability
  - Can inhabit the space below the roof
1. Contemporary uses prefab trusses for speed of construction
  - Cannot inhabit the space below the roof



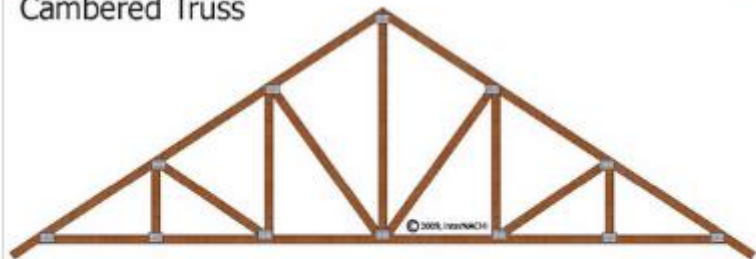
# Truss Types



Cambered Truss



Studio Truss



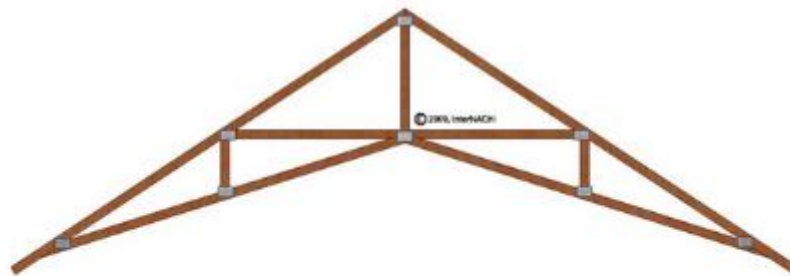
Double Howe Truss



Flat Truss



Jack Truss



Scissor Truss













# Framing Sizes

**Table 16**  
Maximum spans for floor joists – general cases<sup>1,2</sup>

Commercial Designation		Grade	Joist Size (mm)	Maximum Span, ft.-in. (m)								
				Joist Spacing 16" (406)								
				With Stopping			With Bridging			With Stopping and Bridging		
			12 (305)	16 (406)	24 (609)	12 (305)	16 (406)	24 (609)	12 (305)	16 (406)	24 (609)	
Douglas fir – arch (includes Douglas fir and western larch)	No. 1	2x6	10-2	9-7	8-7	10-10	9-10	8-7	10-10	9-10	8-7	
		(38x142)	(3.09)	(2.91)	(2.62)	(3.29)	(2.99)	(2.62)	(3.29)	(2.99)	(2.62)	
	No. 2	2x6	11-2	11-7	11-0	13-1	12-4	11-3	13-9	13-10	11-3	
Douglas fir and western larch	No. 1	2x10	14-4	13-8	13-0	15-3	14-4	13-6	15-10	14-10	13-4	
		(38x235)	(4.38)	(4.16)	(3.96)	(4.66)	(4.38)	(4.11)	(4.84)	(4.51)	(4.20)	
	No. 2	2x12	16-5	15-7	14-10	17-2	16-2	15-3	17-10	16-7	15-4	
Hem – fir (includes western hemlock and Douglas fir)	No. 1	2x6	10-2	9-7	8-7	10-10	9-10	8-7	10-10	9-10	8-7	
		(38x142)	(3.09)	(2.91)	(2.62)	(3.29)	(2.99)	(2.62)	(3.29)	(2.99)	(2.62)	
	No. 2	2x6	11-2	11-7	11-0	13-1	12-4	11-3	13-9	13-10	11-3	
Spruce – pine – fir (includes western hemlock and Douglas fir)	No. 1	2x6	10-2	9-7	8-7	10-10	9-10	8-7	10-10	9-10	8-7	
		(38x142)	(3.09)	(2.91)	(2.62)	(3.29)	(2.99)	(2.62)	(3.29)	(2.99)	(2.62)	
	No. 2	2x6	11-2	11-7	11-0	13-1	12-4	11-3	13-9	13-10	11-3	
Spruce – pine – fir (includes western hemlock and Douglas fir)	No. 1	2x10	14-4	13-8	13-0	15-3	14-4	13-6	15-10	14-10	13-4	
		(38x235)	(4.38)	(4.16)	(3.96)	(4.66)	(4.38)	(4.11)	(4.84)	(4.51)	(4.20)	
	No. 2	2x12	16-5	15-7	14-10	17-2	16-2	15-3	17-10	16-7	15-4	
Spruce – pine – fir (includes western hemlock and Douglas fir)	No. 1	2x6	9-7	8-11	8-3	10-4	9-4	8-2	10-4	9-4	8-2	
		(38x142)	(2.92)	(2.71)	(2.49)	(3.14)	(2.85)	(2.49)	(3.14)	(2.85)	(2.49)	
	No. 2	2x8	11-7	11-0	10-6	12-5	11-9	10-9	13-1	12-2	10-9	
[all species except spruce, pine, fir and Douglas fir]	No. 1	2x10	13-8	13-0	12-4	14-6	13-8	12-10	15-1	14-1	13-2	
		(38x235)	(4.12)	(3.96)	(3.72)	(4.44)	(4.12)	(3.92)	(4.62)	(4.29)	(4.00)	
	No. 2	2x12	15-7	14-10	14-1	16-4	15-5	14-6	17-0	15-10	14-9	
Northern species (includes any Canadian species covered by the NLGA Standard Grading Rules)	No. 1	2x6	8-3	7-8	7-1	9-3	8-5	7-5	9-4	8-5	7-5	
		(38x142)	(2.51)	(2.33)	(2.16)	(2.81)	(2.51)	(2.25)	(2.81)	(2.52)	(2.26)	
	No. 2	2x8	10-6	10-0	9-4	11-3	10-7	9-8	11-10	11-0	9-8	
Canadian species (includes any species covered by the NLGA Standard Grading Rules)	No. 1	2x10	13-4	11-9	11-2	13-1	12-4	11-7	13-8	13-9	11-9	
		(38x235)	(3.76)	(3.58)	(3.41)	(4.01)	(3.72)	(3.54)	(4.16)	(3.89)	(3.62)	
	No. 2	2x12	14-1	13-5	12-9	14-5	13-11	13-1	15-4	14-4	13-4	
Standard Grading Rules	No. 1	2x10	13-4	11-9	11-2	13-1	12-4	11-7	13-8	13-9	11-9	
		(38x235)	(3.76)	(3.58)	(3.41)	(4.01)	(3.72)	(3.54)	(4.16)	(3.89)	(3.62)	
	No. 2	2x12	14-1	13-5	12-9	14-5	13-11	13-1	15-4	14-4	13-4	
Standard Grading Rules	No. 1	2x10	13-4	11-9	11-2	13-1	12-4	11-7	13-8	13-9	11-9	
		(38x235)	(3.76)	(3.58)	(3.41)	(4.01)	(3.72)	(3.54)	(4.16)	(3.89)	(3.62)	
	No. 2	2x12	14-1	13-5	12-9	14-5	13-11	13-1	15-4	14-4	13-4	

**Note to Table 16**

1. Spans apply only where the floor is over masonry walls.
2. All floor joists comply with minimum requirements for rating 18 and 15.

These tables can be found in the CMHC Handbook you can download on the course page

Table 22

Maximum spans for spruce – pine – fir lintels – No. 1 or No. 2 grade – non-structural sheathing<sup>7</sup>

Lintel Supporting	Lintel Size in. (mm) <sup>4</sup> 2-by	Maximum Span, $E_{min}$ (m) <sup>2,3</sup>					Trussor Walls	
		Exposure Walls						
		Specified Snow Load, $p_f$ (kN/m) <sup>5</sup>						
		20.9	31.3	41.8	52.2	62.7		
		1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0		
Lintel end ceiling and ceiling	2-2 x 4						4-2	
	2-38 x 85						1.27	
	2-2 x 6						6-4	
	2-38 x 140						1.93	
	2-2 x 8		This area limited by lintel block					7-9
	2-38 x 184						2.15	
	2-2 x 10						9-5	
	2-38 x 235						2.88	
	2-2 x 12						11-0	
2-38 x 286						3.34		
Lintel Supporting Roof and ceiling only (tributary width 2 ft; 1.0 m) <sup>6</sup>	2-2x4	8-4	7-4	6-8	6-3	5-10	6-2	
	2-38x85	2.55	2.21	2.02	1.88	1.77	1.68	
	2-2x6	11-2	11-6	10-5	9-8	9-2	9-8	
	2-38x140	3-01	3-50	3-18	2-96	2-78	2-96	
	2-2x8	17-4	15-4	13-9	12-9	12-0	12-9	
	2-38x184	5-27	4-61	4-18	3-88	3-65	3-88	
	2-2x10	20-11	18-11	17-5	16-3	15-4	16-2	
	2-38x235	6-37	5-76	5-34	4-96	4-67	4-96	
	2-2x12	24-2	21-41	20-4	19-3	18-5	19-2	
2-38x286	7-38	6-67	6-21	5-87	5-61	5-87		
Lintel Supporting Roof and ceiling only tributary width 16 ft. 0 in. (4.9 m) <sup>1</sup>	2-2x4	4-2	3-8	3-4	3-1	2-10	3-1	
	2-38x85	1.27	1.11	1.01	0.93	0.87	0.93	
	2-2x6	6-4	5-5	4-10	4-5	4-1	4-5	
	2-38x140	1.93	1.66	1.48	1.35	1.25	1.35	
	2-2x8	7-9	6-8	5-11	5-5	5-0	5-5	
	2-38x184	2.15	2.01	1.80	1.64	1.51	1.64	
	2-2x10	9-5	8-1	7-3	6-7	6-1	6-7	
	2-38x235	3.00	2.47	2.20	2.01	1.84	2.01	
	2-2x12	11-0	9-5	8-5	7-8	6-10	7-8	
2-38x286	3.34	2.87	2.56	2.33	2.09	2.33		
Lintel Supporting Roof ceiling and 1 story <sup>1, 2, 5</sup>	2-2x4	3-5	3-2	2-11	2-9	2-7	2-5	
	2-38x85	1.05	0.96	0.89	0.81	0.79	0.74	
	2-2x6	4-11	4-5	4-2	3-11	3-8	3-4	
	2-38x140	1.49	1.37	1.27	1.19	1.13	1.02	
	2-2x8	6-0	5-6	5-1	4-9	4-4	3-11	
	2-38x184	1.82	1.67	1.55	1.44	1.33	1.20	
	2-2x10	7-3	6-8	6-2	5-8	5-3	4-5	
	2-38x235	2.22	2.04	1.89	1.73	1.59	1-5	
	2-2x12	8-5	7-9	7-1	6-5	5-11	5-5	
2-38x286	2.58	2.36	2.15	1.96	1.81	1.66		

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**Table 26**  
**Maximum spans for roof joists – specified roof snow loads 52.2 and 62.7 psf (2.5 and 3.0 kPa)**

Commercial Designation		Grade	Joist Size, in. (mm)	Maximum Span, ft-in. (m)					
				Specified Snow Load, psf (kPa) <sup>1</sup>					
				52.2 (2.5)			62.7 (3.0)		
			Joist Spacing, in. (mm)			Joist Spacing, in. (mm)			
			12 (300)	16 (400)	24 (600)	12 (300)	16 (400)	24 (600)	
Douglas fir-larch (includes No. 1 and No. 2)	No. 1	2x4 (38x89)	6-3 (1.91)	5-8 (1.74)	5-0 (1.52)	5-11 (1.80)	5-4 (1.63)	4-8 (1.43)	
		2x6 (38x140)	9-10 (3.01)	9-0 (2.73)	7-10 (2.39)	9-3 (2.83)	8-5 (2.57)	7-4 (2.25)	
		2x8 (38x184)	13-0 (3.95)	11-9 (3.59)	10-3 (3.11)	12-2 (3.72)	11-1 (3.38)	9-6 (2.90)	
	western larch (No. 1 and No. 2)	2x4 (38x89)	6-3 (1.91)	5-8 (1.74)	5-0 (1.52)	5-11 (1.80)	5-4 (1.63)	4-8 (1.43)	
		2x6 (38x140)	9-10 (3.01)	9-0 (2.73)	7-10 (2.39)	9-3 (2.83)	8-5 (2.57)	7-4 (2.25)	
		2x8 (38x184)	13-0 (3.95)	11-9 (3.59)	10-3 (3.11)	12-2 (3.72)	11-1 (3.38)	9-6 (2.90)	
Hem - fir (includes western hemlock and amblyops fir)	No. 1	2x4 (38x89)	6-3 (1.91)	5-8 (1.74)	5-0 (1.52)	5-11 (1.80)	5-4 (1.63)	4-8 (1.43)	
		2x6 (38x140)	9-10 (3.01)	9-0 (2.73)	7-10 (2.39)	9-3 (2.83)	8-5 (2.57)	7-4 (2.25)	
		2x8 (38x184)	13-0 (3.95)	11-9 (3.59)	10-3 (3.11)	12-2 (3.72)	11-1 (3.38)	9-6 (2.90)	
	No. 2	2x4 (38x89)	6-3 (1.91)	5-8 (1.74)	5-0 (1.52)	5-11 (1.80)	5-4 (1.63)	4-8 (1.43)	
		2x6 (38x140)	9-10 (3.01)	9-0 (2.73)	7-10 (2.39)	9-3 (2.83)	8-5 (2.57)	7-4 (2.25)	
		2x8 (38x184)	13-0 (3.95)	11-9 (3.59)	10-3 (3.11)	12-2 (3.72)	11-1 (3.38)	9-6 (2.90)	
Spruce - fir (includes spruce [all species except coast redwood spruce], park spruce, lodgepole pine, balsam fir and alpine fir)	No. 1	2x4 (38x89)	6-0 (1.82)	5-5 (1.65)	4-9 (1.41)	5-7 (1.71)	5-1 (1.56)	4-6 (1.36)	
		2x6 (38x140)	9-5 (2.86)	9-4 (2.80)	7-5 (2.27)	9-10 (2.69)	9-0 (2.45)	7-4 (2.14)	
		2x8 (38x184)	12-1 (3.76)	11-3 (3.42)	9-10 (2.95)	11-7 (3.54)	10-7 (3.20)	9-3 (2.81)	
	No. 2	2x4 (38x89)	6-0 (1.82)	5-5 (1.65)	4-9 (1.41)	5-7 (1.71)	5-1 (1.56)	4-6 (1.36)	
		2x6 (38x140)	9-5 (2.86)	9-4 (2.80)	7-5 (2.27)	9-10 (2.69)	9-0 (2.45)	7-4 (2.14)	
		2x8 (38x184)	12-1 (3.76)	11-3 (3.42)	9-10 (2.95)	11-7 (3.54)	10-7 (3.20)	9-3 (2.81)	
Northern species (includes aspen)	No. 1	2x4 (38x89)	5-5 (1.65)	4-11 (1.49)	4-3 (1.31)	5-1 (1.55)	4-7 (1.41)	4-0 (1.23)	
		2x6 (38x140)	8-6 (2.59)	7-9 (2.35)	6-9 (2.05)	8-0 (2.43)	7-3 (2.21)	6-4 (1.93)	
		2x8 (38x184)	11-2 (3.40)	10-2 (3.09)	8-10 (2.70)	10-6 (3.20)	9-6 (2.91)	8-1 (2.53)	
	No. 2	2x4 (38x89)	5-5 (1.65)	4-11 (1.49)	4-3 (1.31)	5-1 (1.55)	4-7 (1.41)	4-0 (1.23)	
		2x6 (38x140)	8-6 (2.59)	7-9 (2.35)	6-9 (2.05)	8-0 (2.43)	7-3 (2.21)	6-4 (1.93)	
		2x8 (38x184)	11-2 (3.40)	10-2 (3.09)	8-10 (2.70)	10-6 (3.20)	9-6 (2.91)	8-1 (2.53)	
Grading (Basis)	2x10 (38x255)	14-3 (4.34)	12-11 (3.64)	11-0 (3.35)	13-5 (4.09)	12-2 (3.71)	10-2 (3.10)		
	2x12 (38x286)	17-4 (5.28)	15-7 (4.76)	13-9 (4.38)	16-4 (4.97)	14-5 (4.40)	11-9 (3.59)		

Note to Table 26:

1. To determine the specified snow load in your local or contact your municipal building department.



Putting it all together









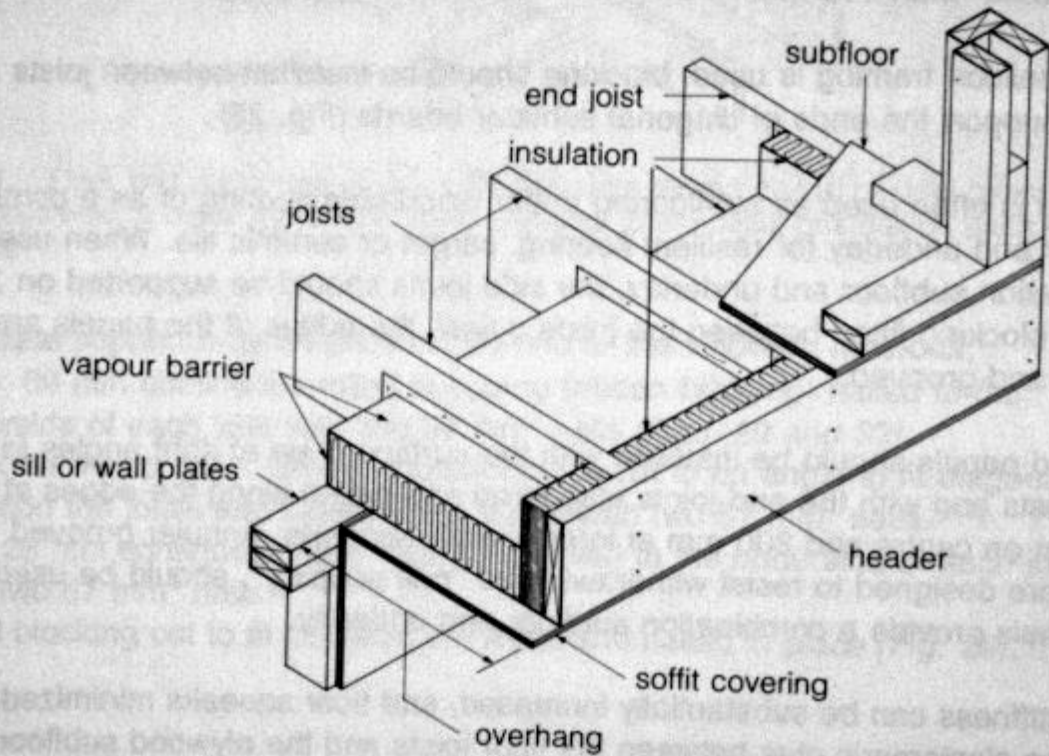


Figure 33. Floor framing at projections.































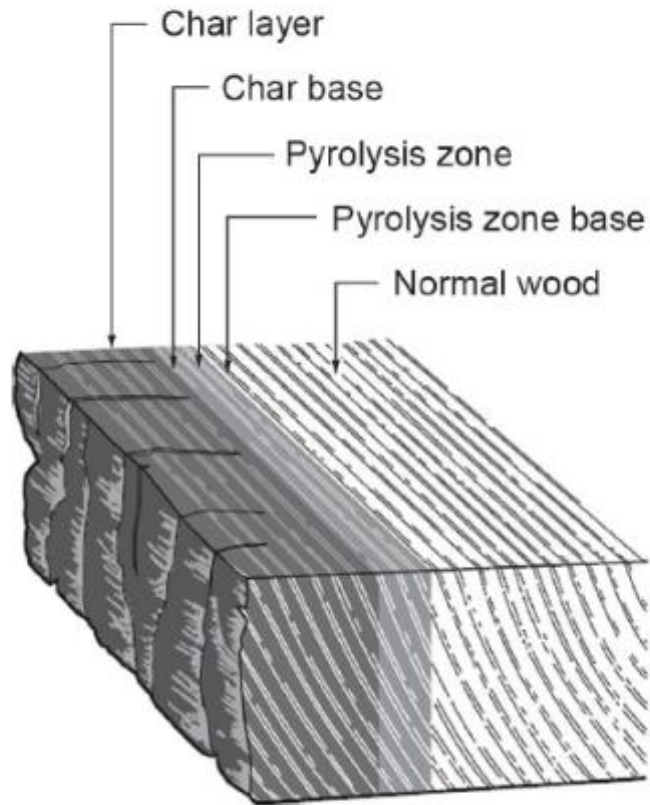






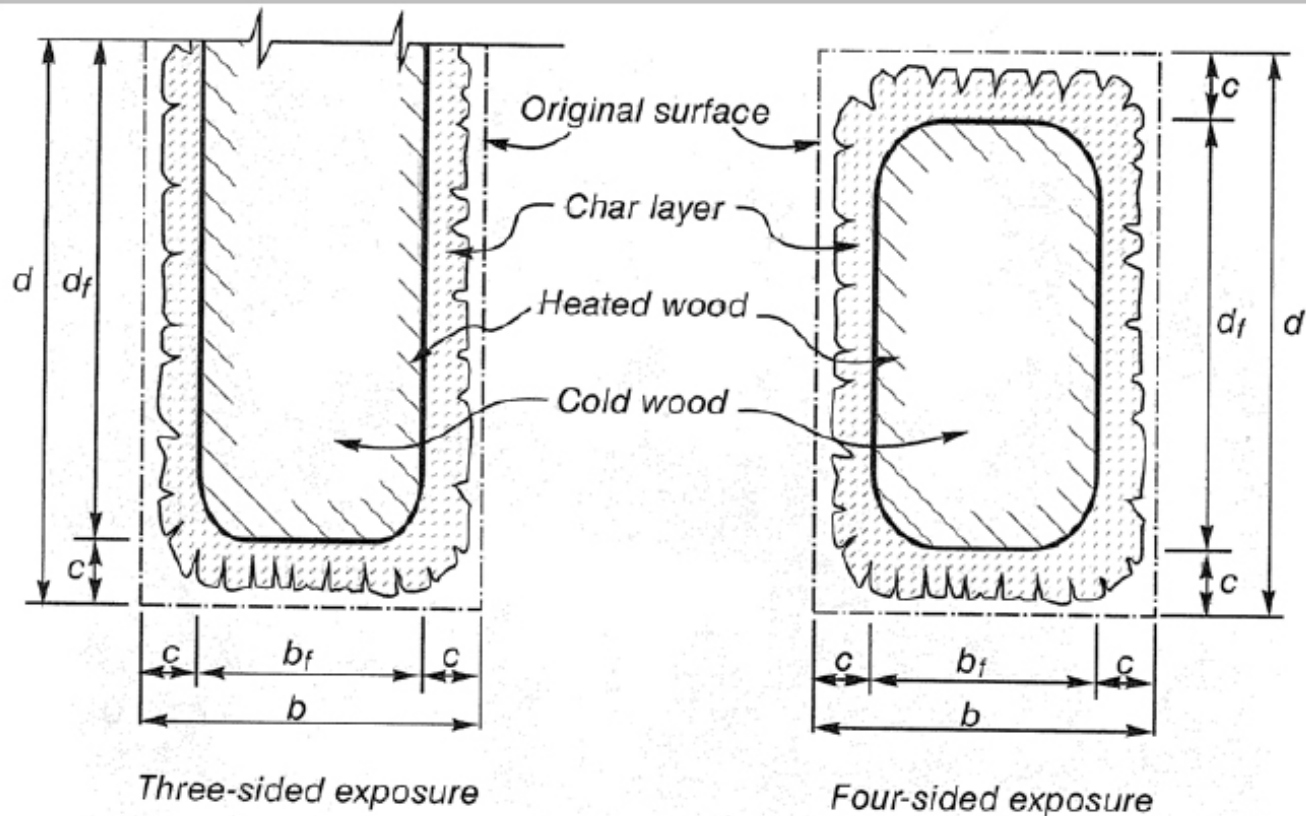


# Heavy Timber Construction



**Figure 3.1. Formation of Char layer and pyrolysis zone in wood (one-dimensional) when exposed to high temperatures (CSA, 2011).**





**Figure 3.5. Illustration of wood beam or column exposed to fire with the char layer, heated wood layer and cool interior section indicated (Buchanan, 2001).**



**Glue-laminated timber (glulam) is fabricated by gluing individual pieces of dimensional lumber together to form columns, beams and headers.**



**Glue-laminated timber panels have the appearance of glulam beams laid flat. These panels provide a strong and economical flooring option with one-way spanning capability.**



**Laminated veneer lumber (LVL) is fabricated by laminating and gluing multiple veneers together in the same orientation. This enables long elements to be produced that have high strength in one direction.**



**Laminated strand lumber (LSL) is fabricated from flaked wood strands glued together in large billets. The length is limited only by standard shipping and trucking dimensions. LSL can be used for floors, walls and vertical members where large floor-to-floor heights are required.**



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A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of a complex wooden roof structure. The image shows a network of thick, light-colored wooden beams and rafters. A large, rectangular skylight is visible at the top center, allowing natural light to illuminate the interior. The wooden surfaces are finished with a light stain, highlighting the grain. Several thin, silver metal cables or rods run across the structure, likely for structural support or lighting. The overall composition is dynamic, with strong diagonal lines and a sense of height and depth.

Hult Center for the Performing Arts  
Eugene, Oregon, USA  
Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates  
1982













Gene H. Kruger Pavilion  
Laval University  
Quebec City, Quebec  
Paul Gauthier + Gallienne Moisan Architects  
2005



































Jackson-Triggs Niagara Estate Winery  
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario  
KPMB Architects  
2001













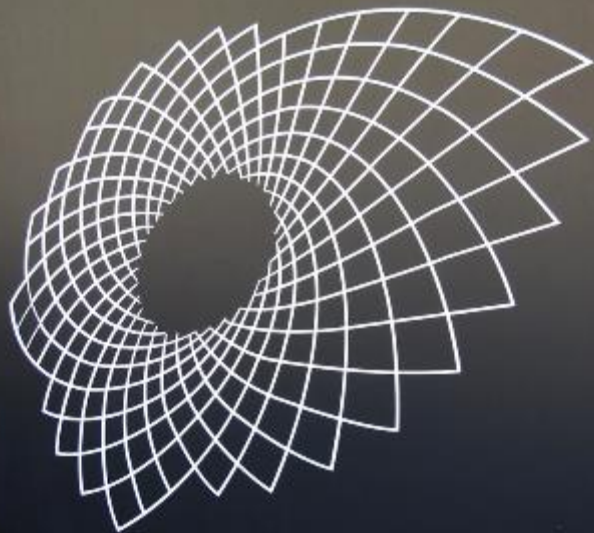








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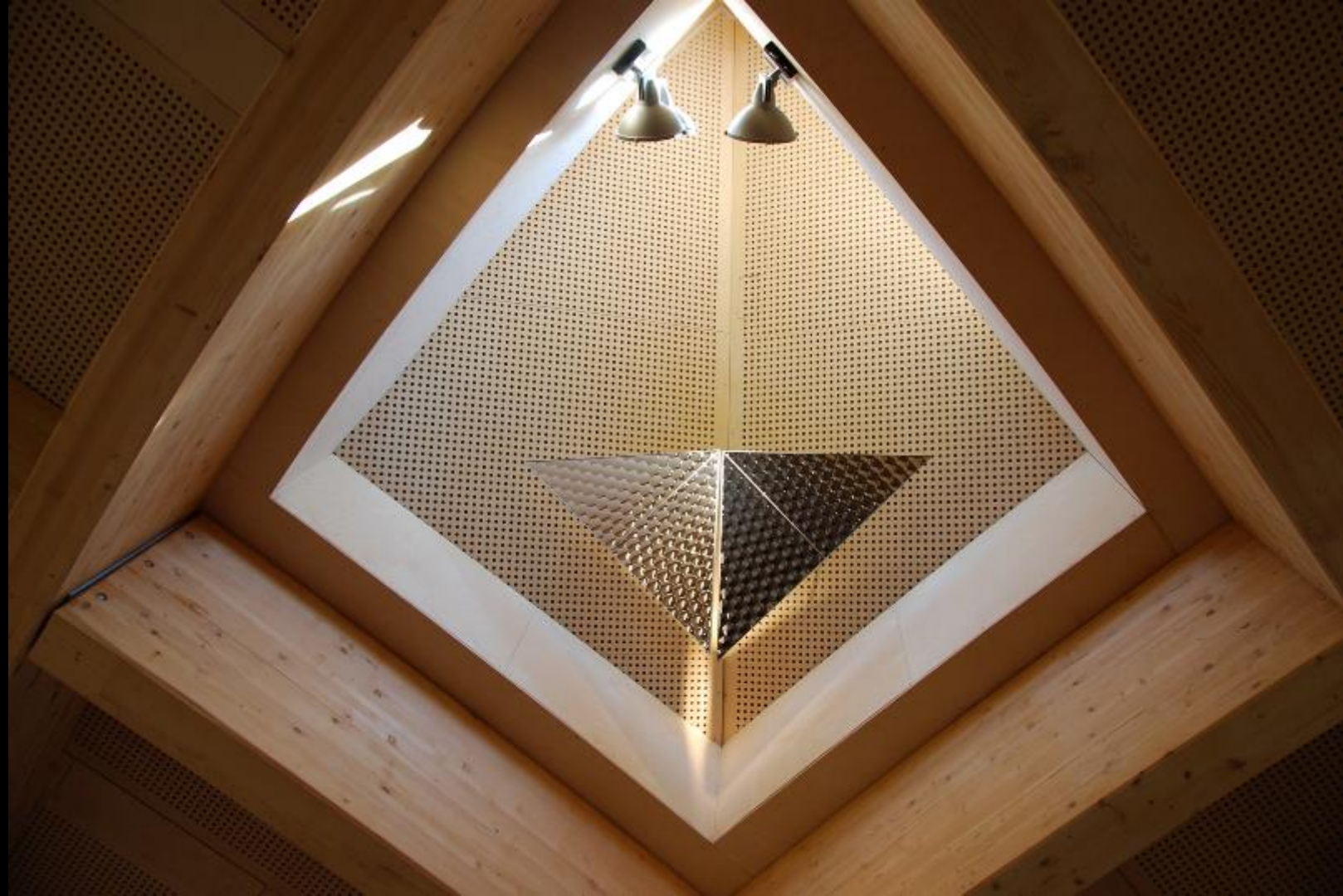














Scarborough Civic Centre Library  
LGA Architectural Partners & Philip H. Carter Architects





























A photograph of the Richmond City Hall building, a modern structure with a prominent glass facade and a flag on top. The building is situated on a street with cars and cyclists. The sky is blue with scattered clouds. In the foreground, there are bare trees and a concrete barrier.

Richmond City Hall  
Richmond, BC  
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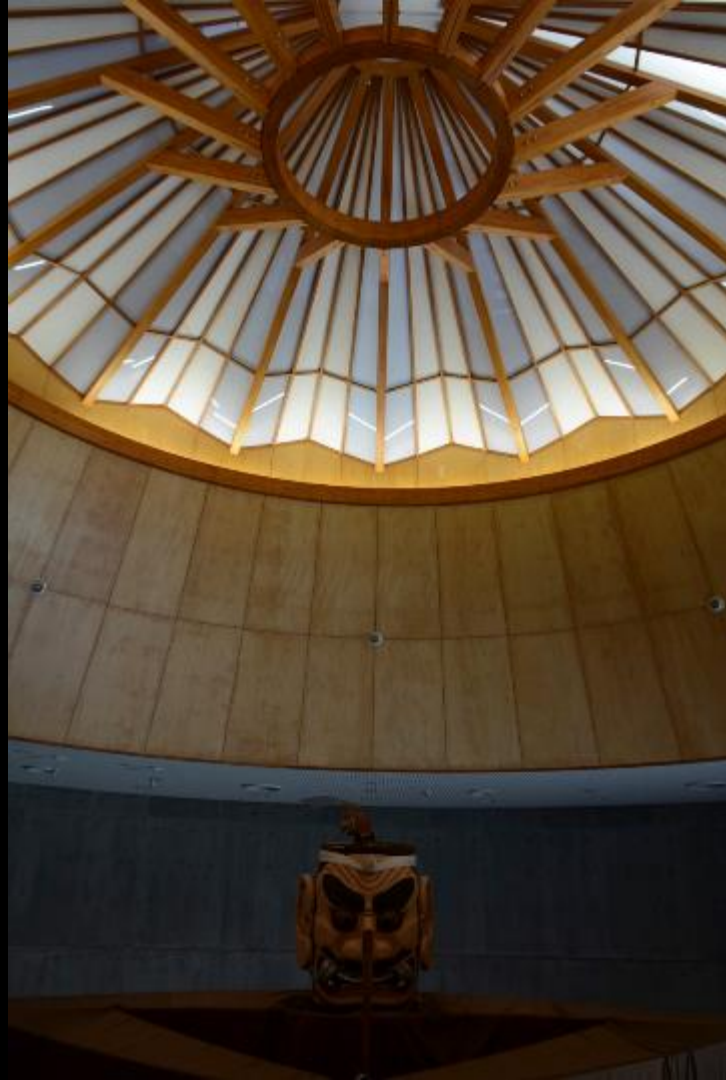








Visitor Centre  
Soo, Japan












The image captures the interior of 'The Nest' at the UBC Campus Centre. The central focus is a large, cylindrical structure with a dark, vertically-slatted upper section and a lighter, curved wooden base. This structure is supported by several thick, grey concrete columns. To the left, a wide, light-colored concrete staircase leads up. A green sign with white text hangs from the ceiling, reading 'Welcome to the Nest!'. The ceiling is a complex, high-visibility structure with exposed steel beams and a grid of skylights. On the right, a mezzanine level with a dark, perforated metal railing is visible. In the foreground, there are some red and black chairs and tables, suggesting a seating area. The overall atmosphere is modern and open, with a strong emphasis on natural materials and light.

The Nest – UBC Campus Centre  
Dialog (HBBH) + BH Architects  
Vancouver, BC



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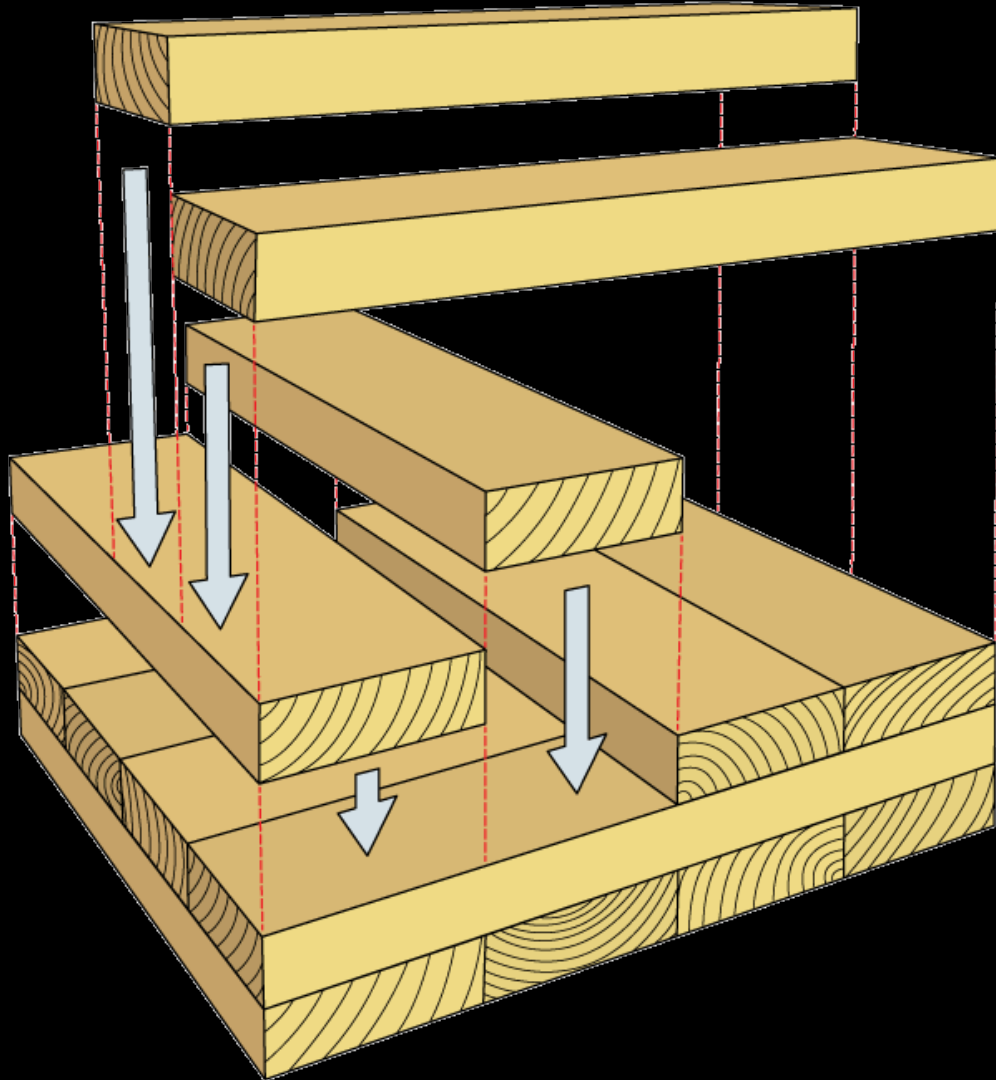
CLT – Cross Laminated Timber  
(often used in conjunction with Glue Laminated Timber)



Comes in 3, 5 and 7 ply thickness

Each layer is about 38mm thick but varies by manufacturer, so check

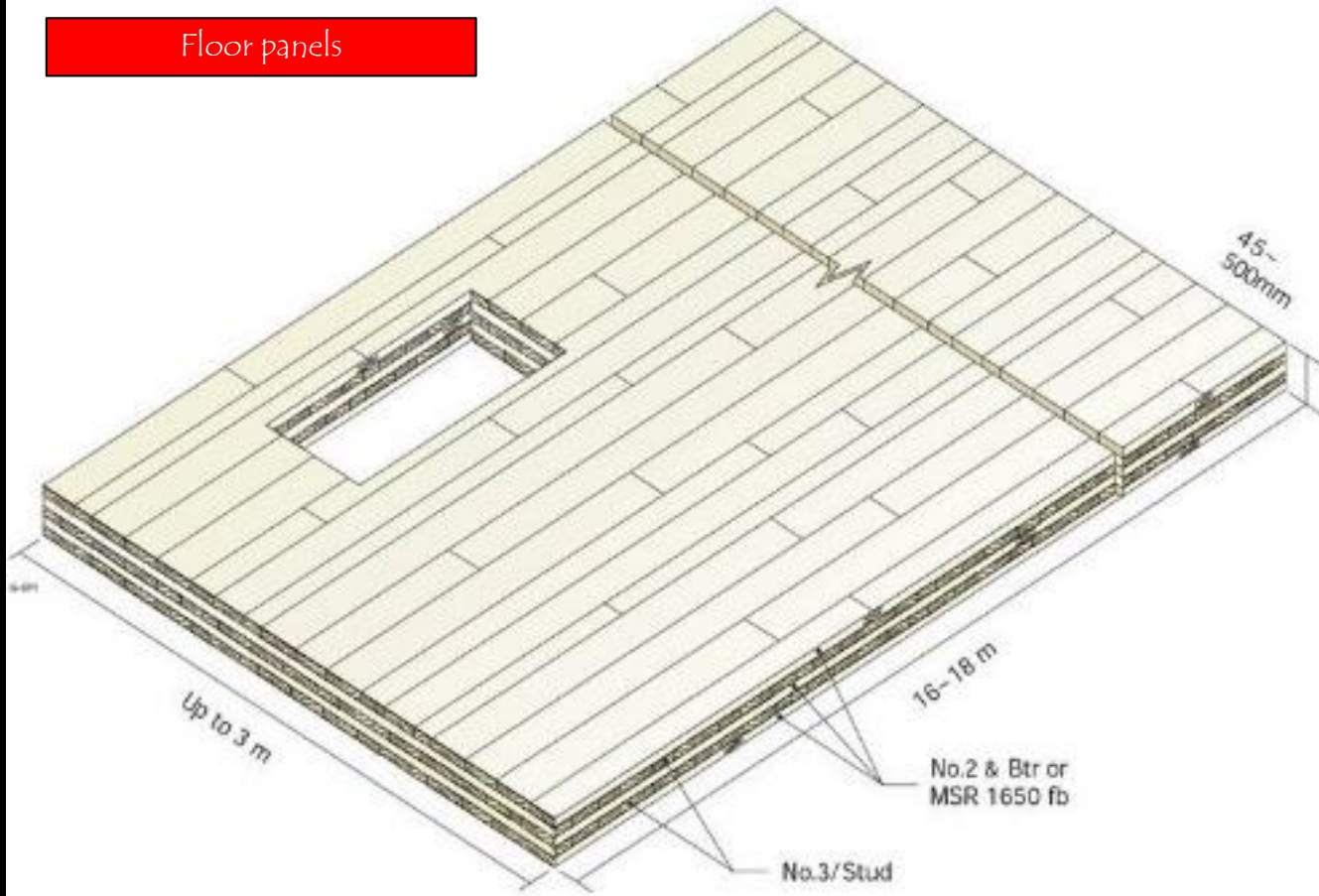


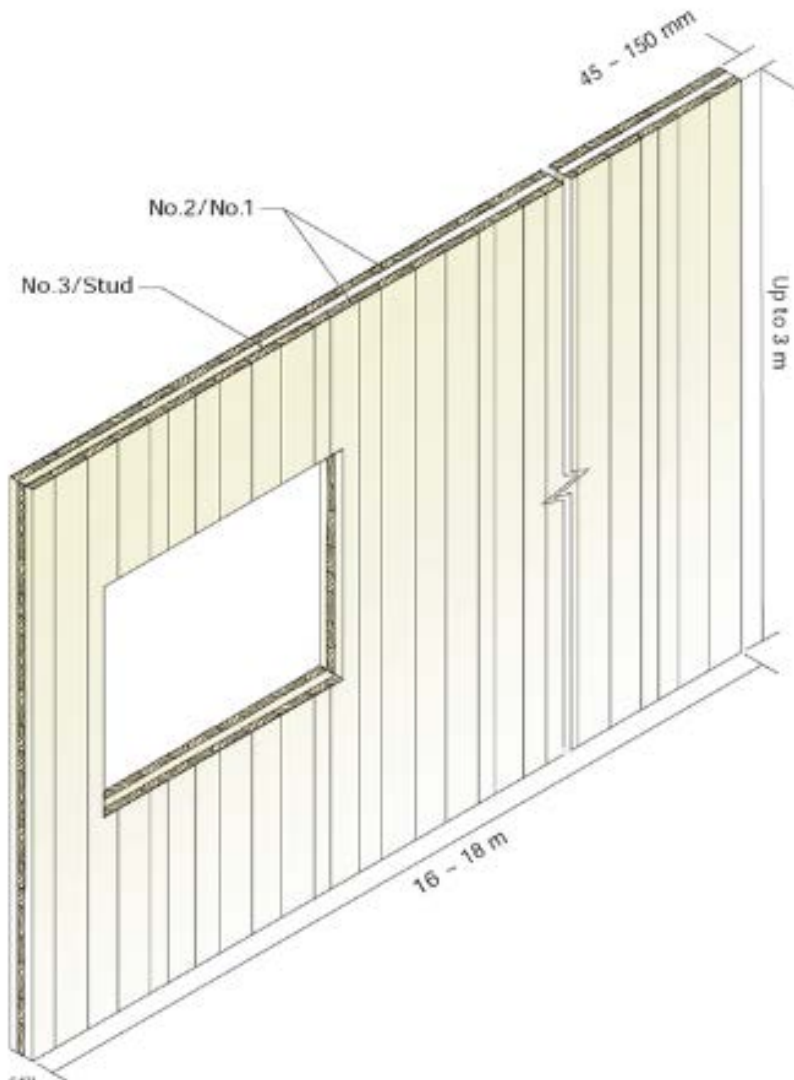


Called cross laminated as each layer is set perpendicular to the previous

Must have an odd number of layers so the outside faces are in the same orientation

# Floor panels





Wall panels







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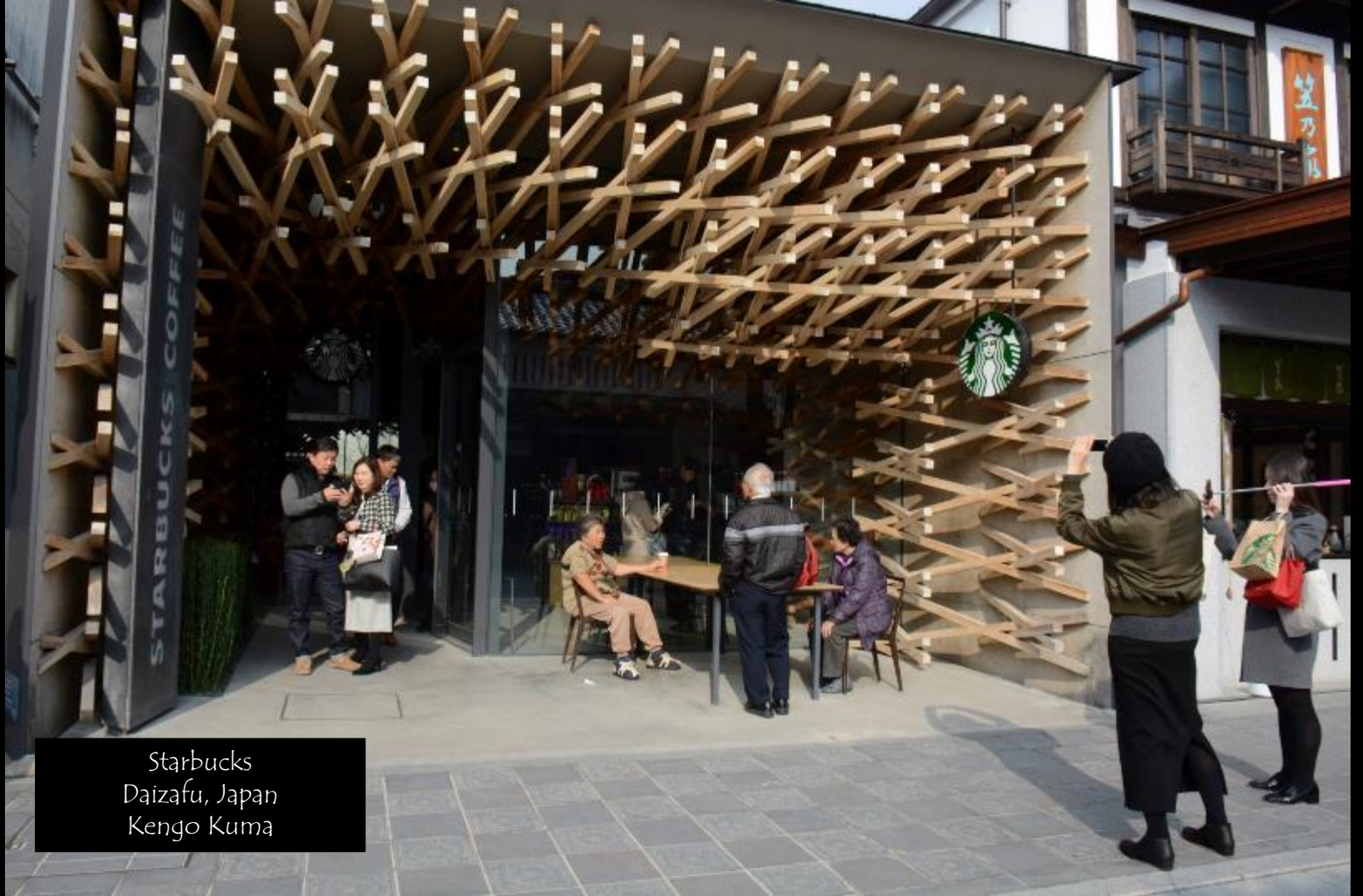












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