





Prescription



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Case Study 3



Minneapolis, MN1924 with remodels

Pain

























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- Homeowner Goal: Stop water intrusion and ice dams
- House Needs:
 - Consistent thermal and pressure boundaries
- Constraints
 - Limited opportunity for attic ventilation
 - Unknown side attic and knee wall conditions
 - Unknown vault assembly including R-value and venting





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Rear Side Attic (inaccessible)

- 2" ccspf (R13.5) to attic floor
- 3" ccsf (R20.3) at back of knee walls
- Blow 13" fiberglass (R-38) over floor (R-49 total)

Front Side Attic (accessible)

- 2" ccspf (R13.5) to attic floor
- 3" ccsf (R20.3) at back of knee walls
- Blow 13" fiberglass (R-38) over floor (R-49 total)





Rear Side Attic



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Rear Side Attic

Front Side Attic

Blower Door Results

Pre Test: 2417 CFM50, 6.63 ACH50
Post Test: 1765 CFM50, 4.85 ACH50

Difference: -652 CFM50, 1.78 ACH50, 27%

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What Happened?

Remember this knee wall?

This doesn't help either...

Case Study 4

Plymouth, MN1985 with remodels

Pain

Ice damsWater Intrusion

Attic Inspection

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Blower Door Results

MEASUREMENT	PRE TEST	POST TEST	REDUCTION	% REDUCTION
Air Leakage (CFM50)	2924	2336	588	20%
Air Changes (ACH50)	3.62	2.89	0.73	20%

Effect of not air sealing front slant

What effects did not air sealing the front slants have?

Low CFM50

High Performance Home

Building science would not exist if houses were built perfectly. As long as we're designing and building houses like this...

Somebody call the (House) Dr.!

Questions?

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