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Structural Sheathing

Installation Guide

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Easy to Install

The light weight design allows for individual installation.

Water Barrier

Code-approved water resistive barrier.

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Best in class air barrier performance.

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Attention:

For complete specifications and installation instructions, refer to DrJ Technical Evaluation Report.

This installation guide is intended to provide general information for the end user. The following guidelines will help you properly install ThermoPLY[®]. We encourage you to read these guidelines in order to minimize any risk of safety hazards and to prevent voiding any applicable warranties. This manual is a general installation guide and does not cover every installation situation. Customer is responsible for complying with all applicable laws, regulations, and building codes (collectively, "Laws") of the location where any products (individually, "Product" and collectively, "Products") manufactured by Ox Engineered Products, LLC ("Ox") are actually used, specially including, but not limited to, Laws regarding use and disposal of the Products by Customer. Ox expressly disclaims all liability for the Products other than as expressly provided in the applicable warranty for the Product (the "Product Warranty") which is available from Ox at the address below. OX EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY OTHER WARRANTY EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. None of the information contained in this brochure shall act as a waiver of any patent, trademark, copyright or other intellectual property right of Ox, nor shall any such information expand any rights or remedies set forth in the applicable Product Warranty. Ox shall not be liable for compliance of the Products with any test results obtained by third parties that may be included in this brochure. Actual results may vary. Not all Products are

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Storage:

Maintain packaging protection until using the product. If stored exposed without protective packaging, cover with a waterproof tarpaulin. Do not store directly on the ground unprotected or in standing water. Normal care should be taken to avoid excessive moisture exposure (soaking) to unpackaged product.

Safety Guidelines:

- Follow all OSHA regulations and any other safety guidelines and safety practices.
- Use approved safety belts and/or harnesses or other fall protection equipment

03 | Installation Overview

Overview

The ThermoPLY system shall be defined to be ThermoPLY Red, Green or Blue, ThermoPLY AMG (Advanced Moisture Guard), Ox Seam Tape, Arctic Flash Synthetic Flashing Tape or Titan Butyl Flashing Tape. In addition to being subject to the other limitations contained in this warranty, the water and air barrier warranties are expressly contingent upon the use of only ThermoPLY component products. The use of any other sheathing other than ThermoPLY or any seam and flashing tapes other than Ox Seam Tape, Arctic Flash flashing tapes or Titan Butyl Flashing Tape shall render the air and water barrier warranties entirely inapplicable and/or null and void.

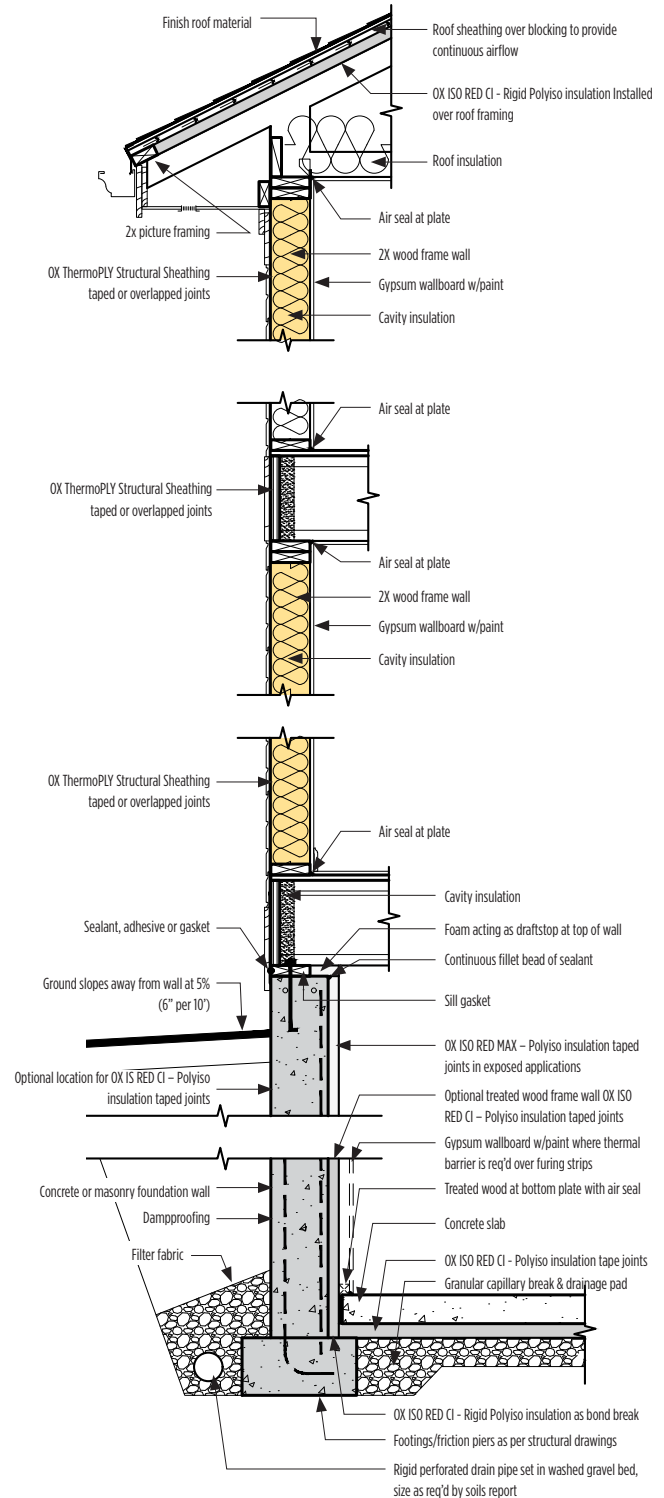
Structural Prep

Install any necessary mechanical strapping directly to framing.

- It is recommended that any metal straps, ties or other connectors designed to resist uplift, shear or diaphragm loading must be installed prior to ThermoPLY Structural Sheathing.
- The requirement for mechanical uplift connections shall be determined by the responsible parties.
- Detail A should not be considered typical and only applies when mechanical uplift connections are required.

TIP: Straps, ties and connectors installed on the exterior face of the stud will not be visible after the ThermoPLY Structural Sheathing panels are installed. Schedule necessary inspections accordingly.

Detail A

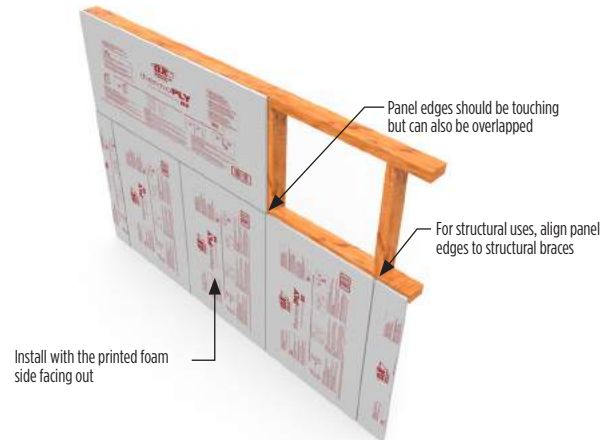


04 | Panel Orientation

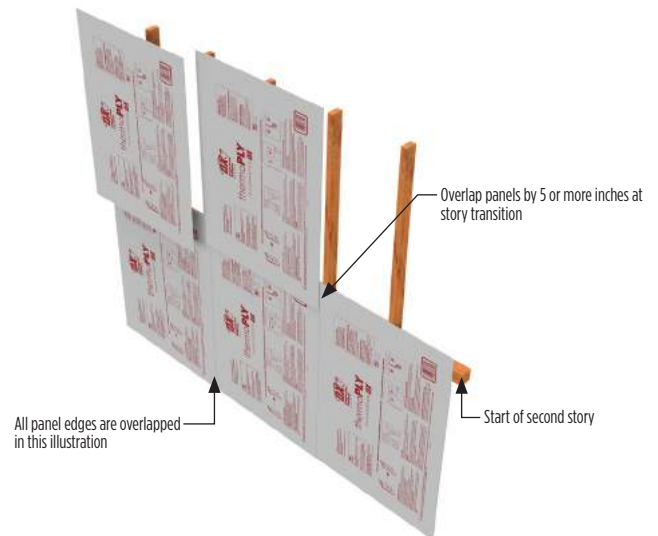
Orient Panels

- Install ThermoPLY Structural Sheathing panels with the printed side facing out
- The panels may be installed with the long side of the panels oriented either horizontally or vertically to the framing members
- All panel edges/seams must be fastened and backed by framing
- Panels can be installed with edges touching or overlapping by 3/4-inch (see page 05)
- Cut panels with standard circular saw
- On two stories, in areas with less than 5-inches of overlap of the first floor, a 9-inch 6-mil poly or non-adhesive straight flashing must be installed under top sheets. Overlaps of 5-inches or greater do not need flashing as shown in Detail C.
- When attaching, do NOT fasten at corners first. Start at number 1 and move across panel as shown in Detail D.

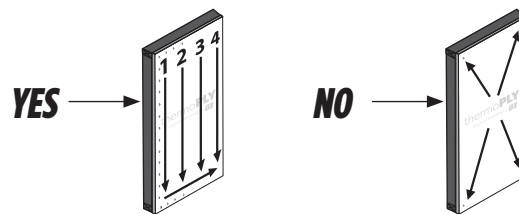
Detail B



Detail C



Detail D



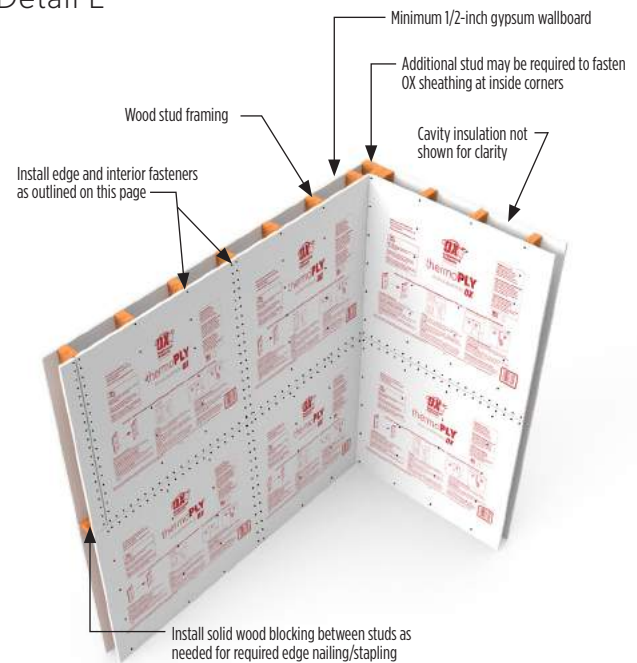
05 | Panel Fastening

Fasten Panels

- **Wood studs:** Around perimeter and in the field of the board, fasten ThermoPLY every 3-inches. Minimum embedment of 1-inch into framing:
 - minimum 15/16" crown, 16 gauge staple
 - 0.113-inch (min) diameter nail, 11 gauge 1-1/4-inch length nail
 - Staple crown should be flush. Do not countersink.
 - Staples may run parallel with wood grain of framing studs at sheathing seams
- **Metal studs:** No. 8-18 × 1-1/4 Phillips modified truss head self-drilling screws

NOTE: OX offers three grades of ThermoPLY. This guide shows just the red or Standard Structural Grade in the detail illustrations. Installation instructions, as shown in this guide, are the same for all grades.

Detail E

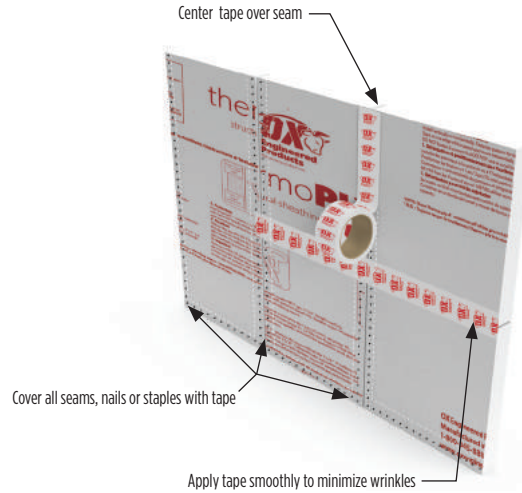


06 | Water Resistive Barrier Options

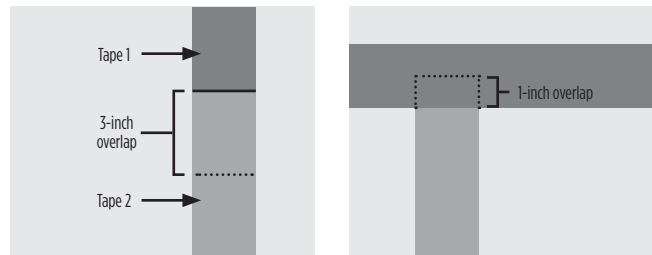
Taping

- Install tape per manufacturer’s instructions on a clean/dry surface
- Center the tape over the joints/seams
- Apply pressure to the tape to ensure a secure bond. Smooth out any wrinkles to insure proper adhesion.
- When taping joints, use shingle fashion technique as shown in Detail G
- At T-joints, the tape pieces should overlap by at least 1-inch as shown in Detail G
- The warranty requires that all interior and exterior corners be taped using Arctic Flash flashing tape or Titan Butyl Flashing Tape to fully cover the joints/seams as shown in Detail H and Detail I.
- Building wrap is not required to meet WRB requirements if all joints are taped
- **Use only OX approved tapes:**
 - **Seam tape:** OX Seam Tape
2 1/2-inch nominal width
 - **Arctic Flash Synthetic Flashing Tape or Titan Butyl Flashing Tape:**
 - 6-inches at all penetrations
 - 4-inches at interior and exterior corners

Detail F

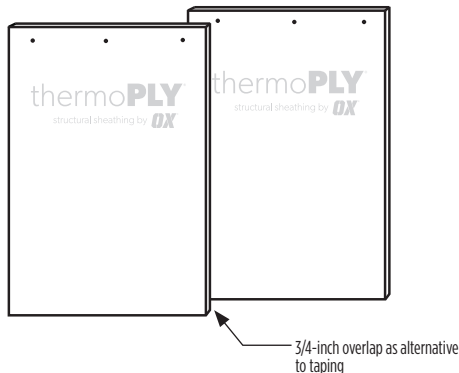


Detail G - Shingle fashion technique



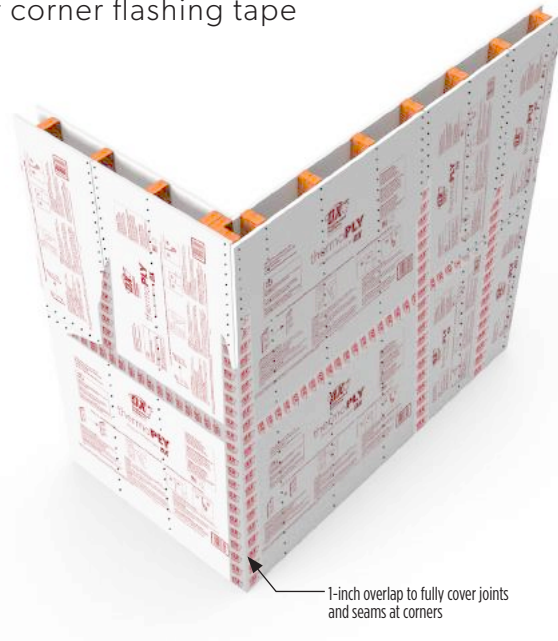
Lapped Panels

- Overlapping of panels by a minimum of 3/4-inch will provide approved water resistive protection when installed as shown below
- Fasten lapped panels with single row fasteners

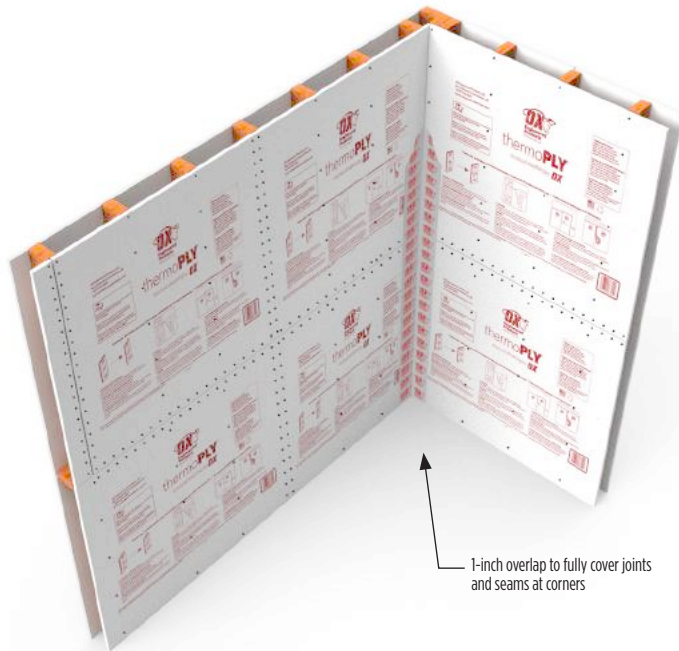


07 | Corner Taping

Detail H - Exterior corner flashing tape



Detail I - Interior corner flashing tape

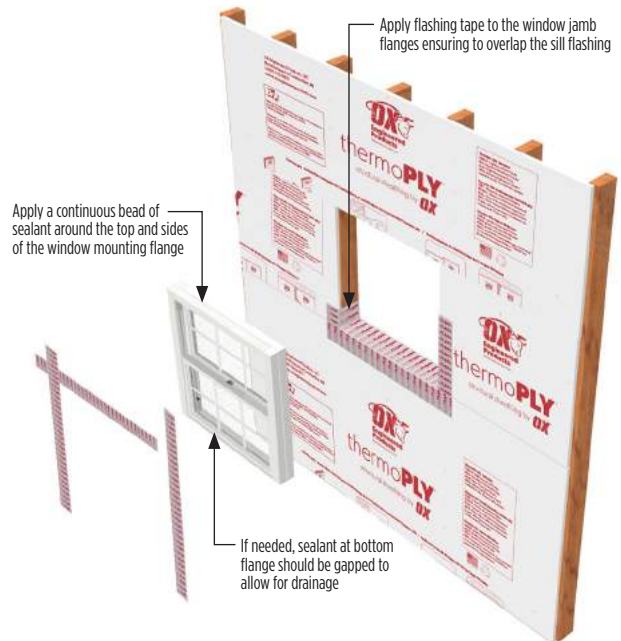


08 | Window Installation

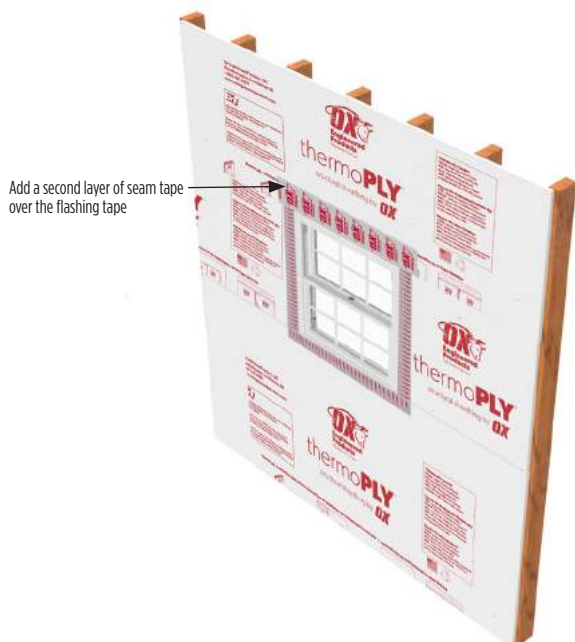
Window Installation

- Install approved OX sill/pan flashing as shown in Detail I on a clean/dry surface
- Apply sealant around inside face of window mounting flange. If needed, gap sealant at the bottom flange to permit drainage. Install and level window per manufacturer's instructions.
- Cut two pieces of approved OX flashing tape and apply each to the window jamb flanges. Be sure the jamb flashings overlap the sill flashing.
- Cut a length of approved OX flashing tape and apply to the head flange on the window. Be sure the head flashing overlaps the jamb flashing.
- Apply pressure to the tape to ensure a secure bond and smooth out any wrinkles to insure proper adhesion
- From the interior of the rough opening, apply low-pressure polyurethane foam for windows between the rough opening and the window frame.
- **DO NOT TAPE BOTTOM WINDOW FLANGE**

Detail J-



Detail K- Completed installation

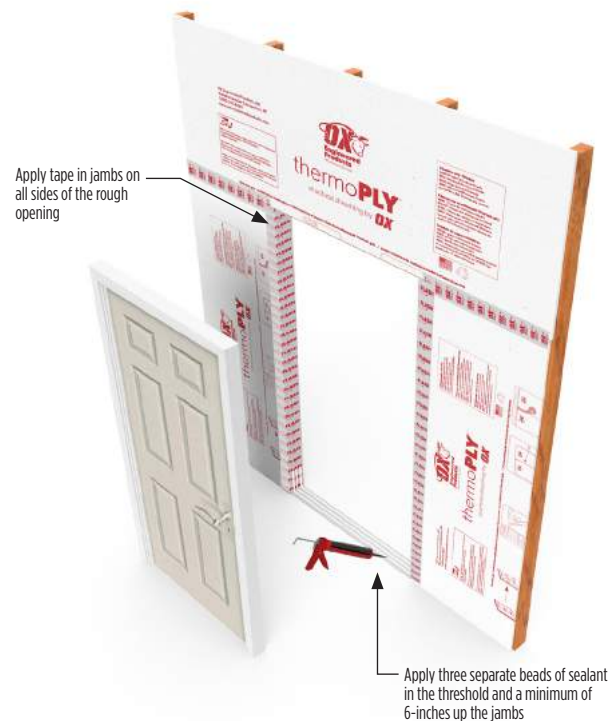


09 | Door Installation

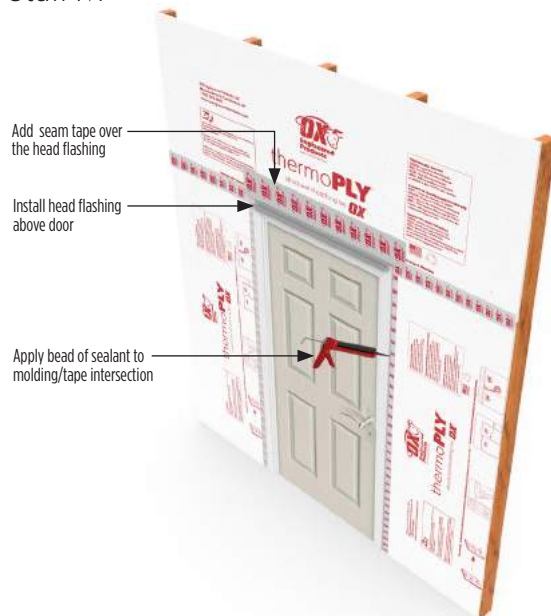
Brick Mould Door Installation

- Install approved OX Arctic Flash flashing tape or Titan Butyl Flashing Tape in jambs of the rough opening as shown in Detail L on a clean/dry surface
- Apply three separate beads of sealant in the threshold and a minimum of 6-inches up the jambs
- Once the door has been installed into the rough opening in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions, apply a bead of sealant at the molding/tape intersection
- Install head flashing above door and then tape top of head flashing with OX approved tape

Detail L



Detail M

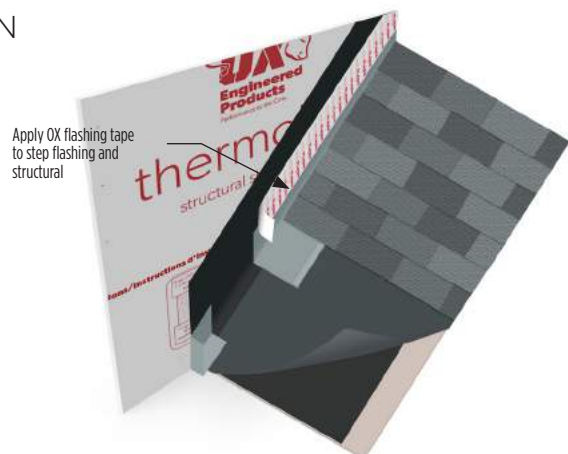


Roof Installation

Rake Roof-to-Wall Intersection

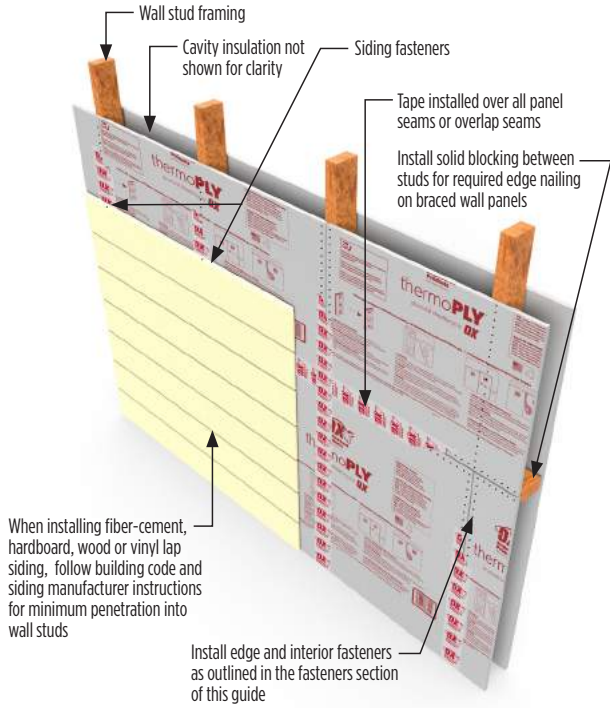
- Wrap adjacent wall with underlayment at rake roof-to-wall intersections
- Install pan flashing with a rolled hem at rake roof-to-wall intersections on top of a layer of protective underlayment. The underlayment should extend 12-inches over the intersection and 24-inches across the roof.
- Apply approved OX Arctic Flash flashing tape or Titan Butyl Flashing Tape to step flashing and underlayment to complete seal

Detail N

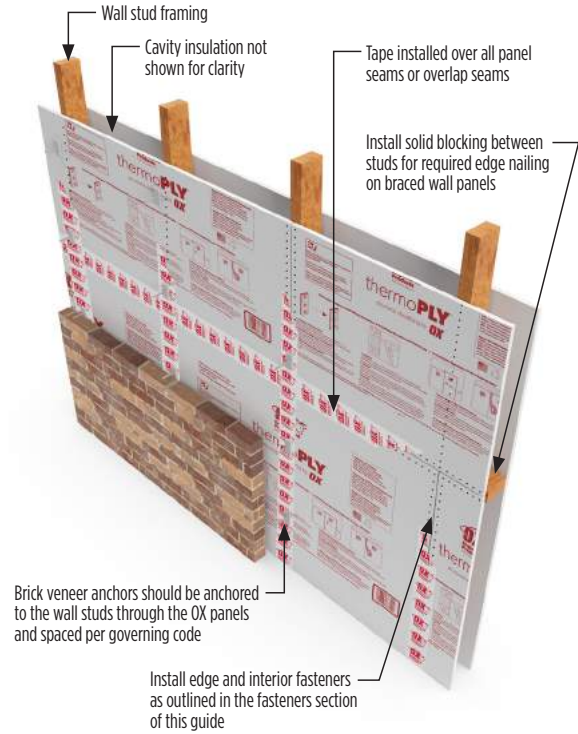


10 | Exterior Cladding Installation

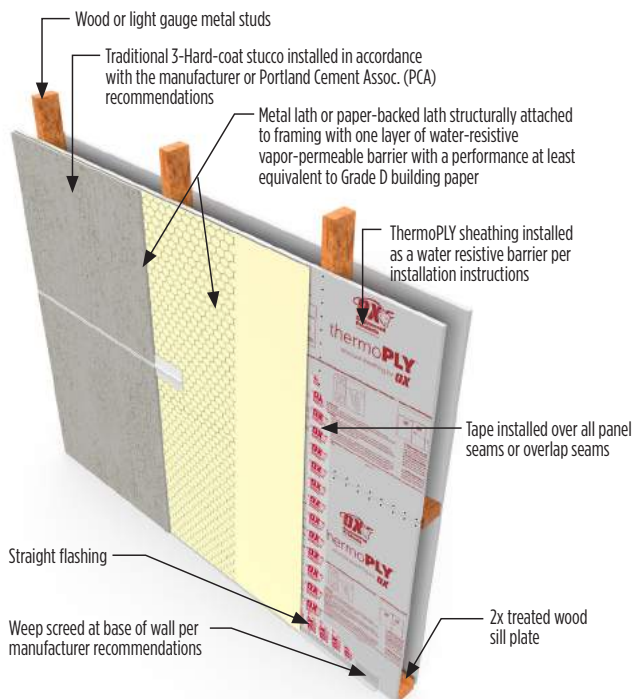
Lap Siding



Anchored Masonry Brick Veneer



Stucco



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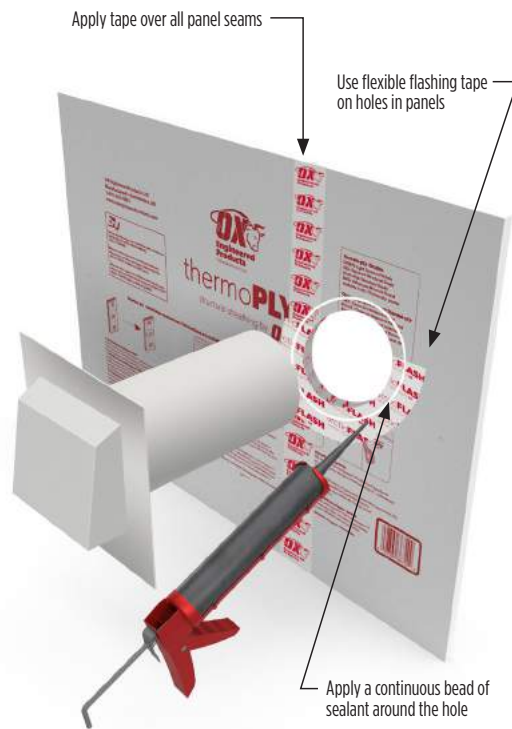
The diagrams in this guide represent a general overview for the proper exterior cladding installation. Please defer to the installation instructions of your cladding manufacturer and local code requirements to ensure best results.

11 | Vents and Openings Installation

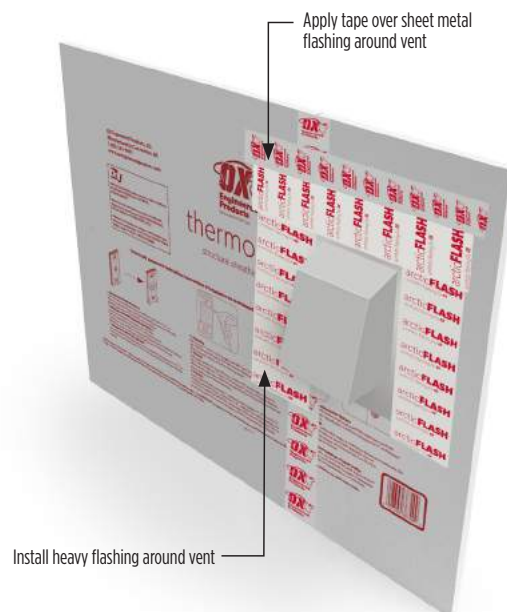
Typical Vent Installation

- Install approved OX Arctic Flash flashing tape or Titan Butyl Flashing Tape in holes in ThermoPLY panels as shown in Detail O on a clean/dry surface
- Use Arctic Flash flashing tape or Titan Butyl Flashing Tape on lower side of holes covering the foam panel interior
- Apply a continuous bead of sealant on top of flexible flashing tape
- Install heavy flashing on top and sides of vent and then tape top of heavy flashing with OX approved tape
- All vents and penetrations should be properly blocked per manufacturer recommendations

Detail O



Detail P - Completed installation





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GREEN, RED, BLUE, & AMG

Damage Repair Guidelines

Damage to Panel Description	Repair Guideline
Facer Delaminations	Small Areas: Sheathing Tape (3M 8087 or equal) Large Areas: Liquid House Wrap (StoGuard or equal)
Tears or holes in Thermo-Ply less than 1" in length or diameter (non-structural)	4" Self-Adhering Flashing Tape meeting AMMA 711-07 (FortiFlash Butyl or equal)
Tears or holes up to 3" in length or diameter.	Back with 2x6 blocking (min), fasten to blocking, and apply Self-Adhering Flashing Tape meeting AMAA 711-07 (FortiFlash Butyl or equal)
Tears or holes greater than 3" in length or diameter	Replace Panel

**These guidelines should be used with good judgement to ensure sheathing maintains intended structural, moisture, and air barrier requirements.*