

INSULATION 101

BLOWN-IN FIBERGLASS | CELLULOSE

BATT FIBERGLASS | ROCKWOOL

SPRAY FOAM OPEN CELL | CLOSED CELL

*ONLY CLOSED CELL SPRAY FOAM

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WHAT IS R-VALUE?

WHAT IS AN AIR SEAL?

WHAT IS A VAPOR BARRIER?

WHAT ABOUT GAPS?

R-VALUE, OR RESISTANCE VALUE, MEASURES HOW WELL A MATERIAL RESISTS HEAT TRANSFER.

R-VALUE IS NOT THE BEST GAUGE OF INSULATION PERFORMANCE, BECAUSE IT ONLY CONSIDERS A SINGLE COMPONENT OF HEAT TRANSFER.

R-VALUE IS A FACTOR TO CONSIDER, BUT THERE ARE BETTER MEANS OF GAUGING OVERALL INSULATION PERFORMANCE.

AN <u>AIRTIGHT SEAL</u> STOPS AIR FROM INFILTRATING THROUGH CRACKS, GAPS, AND CREVICES IN A HOME.

WITHOUT AN AIR SEAL, HOMES HAVE HIGHER ENERGY BILLS. WHEN AIR LEAKS, AIR EXCHANGES.

THE AIR YOU END UP WITH IN THIS EXCHANGE IS NOT THE SAME QUALITY OF AIR THAT YOU PAY TO CONDITION. THE AIR YOU PAY FOR IS WASTED.

A <u>VAPOR BARRIER</u> IS MATERIAL'S ABILITY TO PREVENT MOISTURE IN THE AIR FROM PASSING THROUGH A WALL, ROOF, OR CEILING ASSEMBLY.

WHEN VAPOR ENTERS
THE BUILDING
ENVELOPE, IT CAN
CONDENSE AND CAUSE
MOLD DAMAGE.

VAPOR BARRIERS ARE IMPORTANT IN BELOW-GRADE APPLICATIONS LIKE BASEMENTS AND CRAWL SPACES.

A GAP IS LIKE AN OPEN WINDOW THAT LETS AIR AND HEAT PASS THROUGH.

GAPS IN YOUR
INSULATION CAN CAUSE
SERIOUS ENERGY
INEFFICIENCY.

INSULATION GAPS OCCUR IN TWO DIFFERENT WAYS: INSTALLATION ERRORS AND CHANGE OVER TIME.

EVEN THE BEST INSTALLED BATT INSULATION WILL EVENTUALLY SAG.