



DesignPH – U-Values & Surface Parameters

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Agenda [1 hour]



- DesignPH Review
- U-Values and Heat Loss
- Creating Surface U-Values
- Assemblies in DesignPH 2.0
- Surface Parameter Assignment in DesignPH 2.0
- DesignPH 2.0 Visualization Methods

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DesignPH Review

Requirements



What you'll need:

- A copy of the **DesignPH 2.0** plugin
- **Sketchup 3-D** modeling software
- A copy of the **PHPP v.8 or 9** (and Excel)

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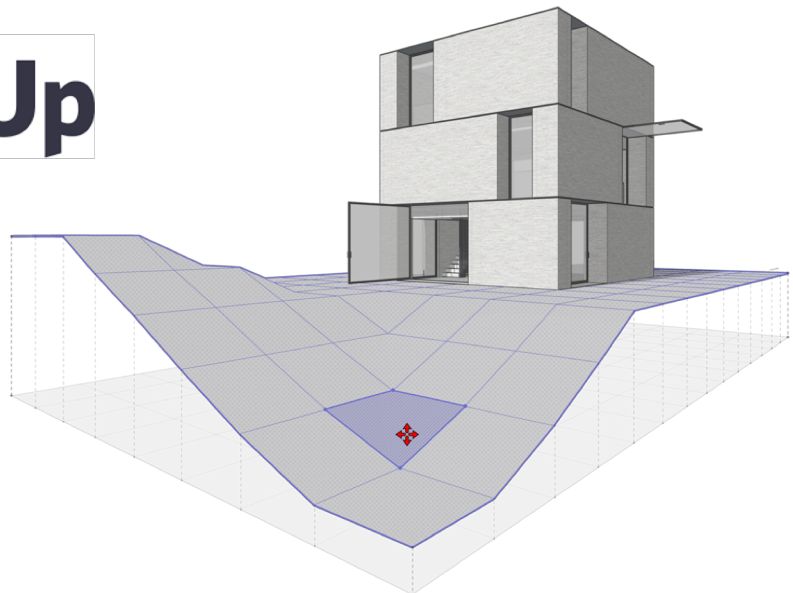
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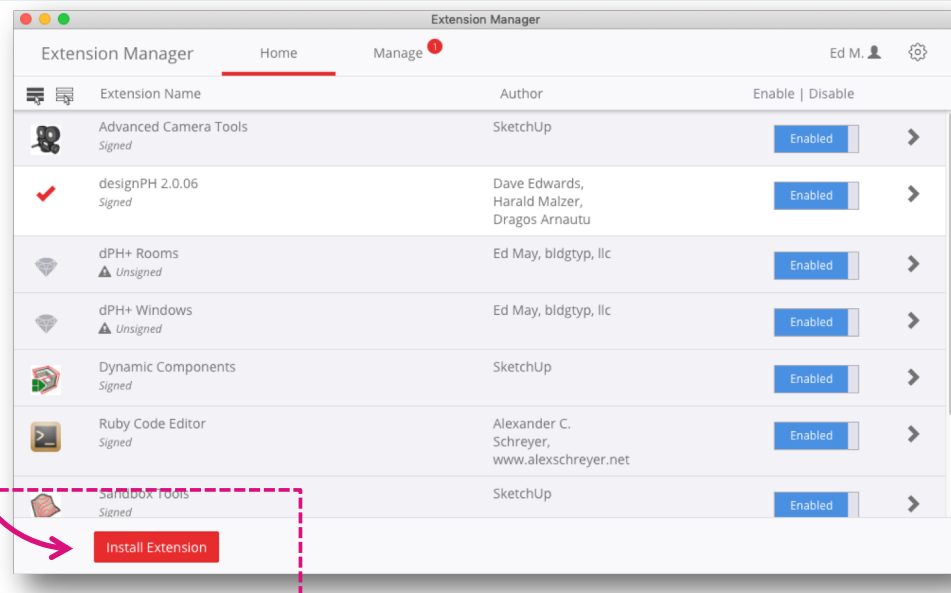
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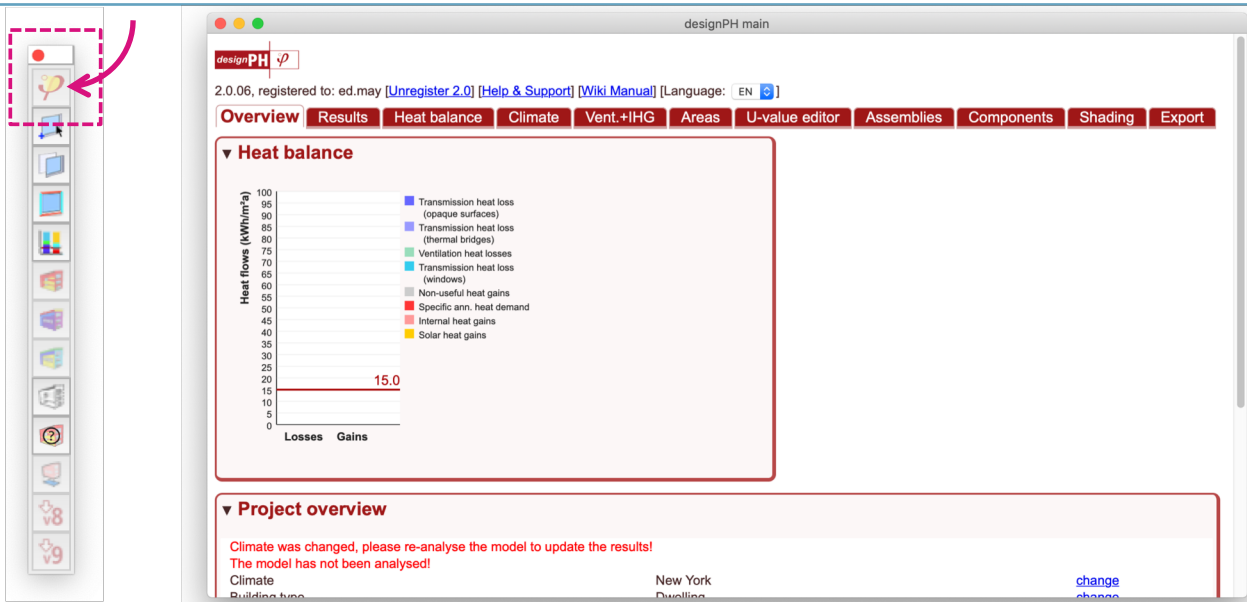
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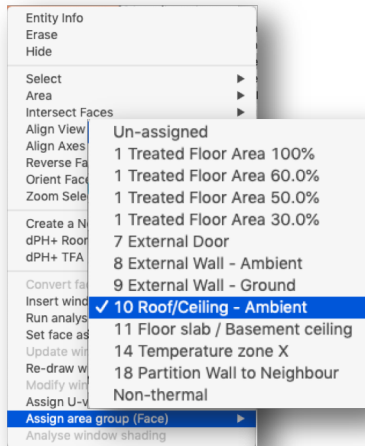
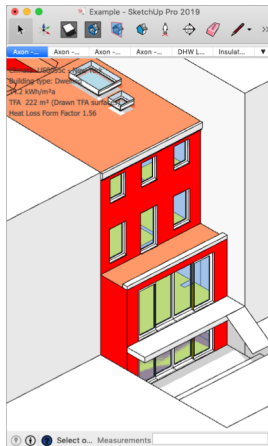


1) Model Geometry

2) Tag Model Geometry w/ Data

3) Analyze

4) Export



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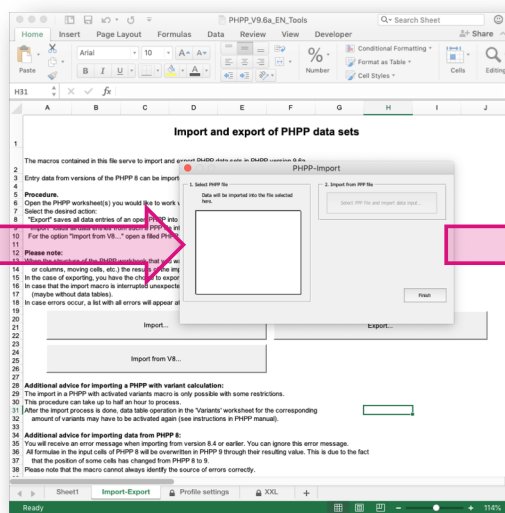
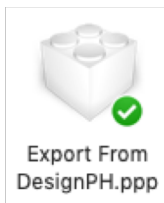
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5) Import

6) Complete the PHPP



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U-Values and Heat Loss

How do you calculate the heat loss of a surface?

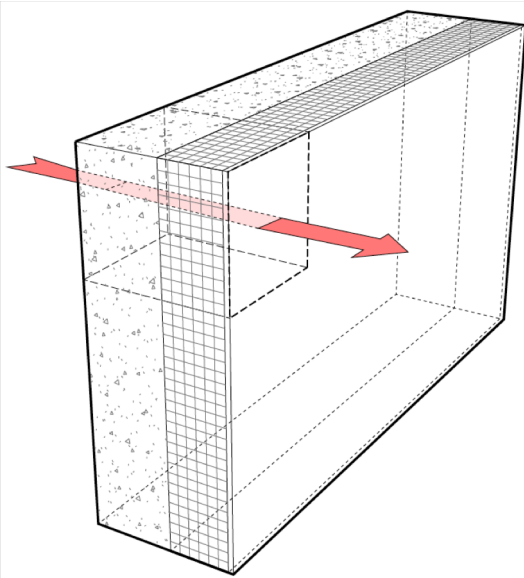
$$\text{Heat Loss}_{\text{surface}} = \text{Area}_{\text{surface}} \times \text{U-Value}_{\text{surface}} \times \Delta T$$

(But / hr)
(ft²)
(But / ft²-hr-F)
(F)

In order to calculate the transmission heat loss for each surface of a building, we need to:

1. Determine the surface area (ft²)
2. Determine the surface's U-Value
3. Determine the difference in temperature between inside and outside

U-Values ?



U-Values are a measurement of

Btu/hr-ft²-F

How many Btus flow....

.... Through one square foot of surface

.... Over one hour

.... For each degree (F) of difference

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U-Values vs. R-Values



U-Values are a measure of heat flow through an assembly

(Btu / hr-ft²-F)

R-Values are a measure of an assembly's resistance to heat flow

(hr-ft²-F / Btu)

$$\text{U-Value} = 1 / \text{R-Value}$$

$$\text{R-Value} = 1 / \text{U-Value}$$

$$\text{For instance: R-40:: } 1/40 = \text{U-Value of } 0.025$$

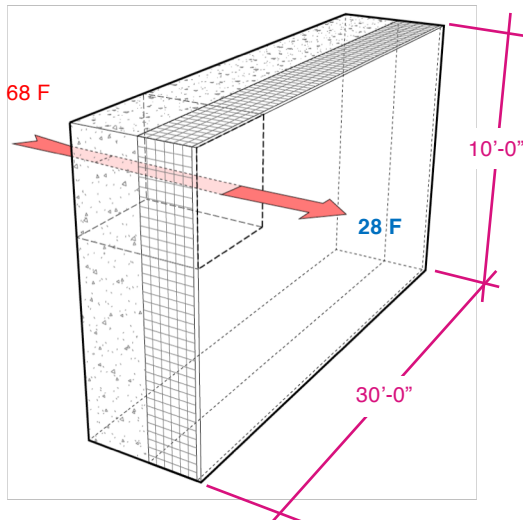
$$\text{U-0.025:: } 1/0.025 = \text{R-Value of } 40$$

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Example 1: 4" of XPS Insulation (R-20)



$$Q_{T\text{-surface}} = \text{Area}_{\text{surface}} \times \text{U-Value}_{\text{surface}} \times \Delta T$$

$$\text{Area}_{\text{surface}} = 10' \times 30' = 300 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$\text{U-Value}_{\text{surface}} = 0.050 \text{ Btu/hr-ft}^2\text{-F}$$

$$\Delta T = 68 \text{ F} - 28 \text{ F} = 40 \text{ F}$$

$$Q_{T\text{-surface}} = 300 \text{ ft}^2 \times 0.050 \text{ Btu/hr-ft}^2\text{-F} \times 40 \text{ F}$$

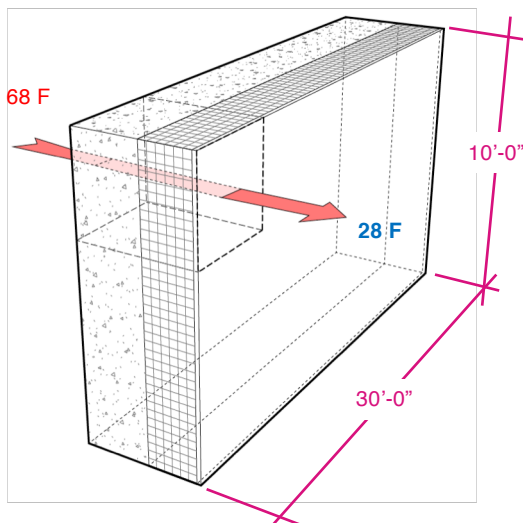
$$Q_{T\text{-surface}} = 600 \text{ Btu/hr}$$

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Example 2: 8" of XPS Insulation (R-40)



$$Q_{T\text{-surface}} = \text{Area}_{\text{surface}} \times \text{U-Value}_{\text{surface}} \times \Delta T$$

$$\text{Area}_{\text{surface}} = 10' \times 30' = 300 \text{ ft}^2$$

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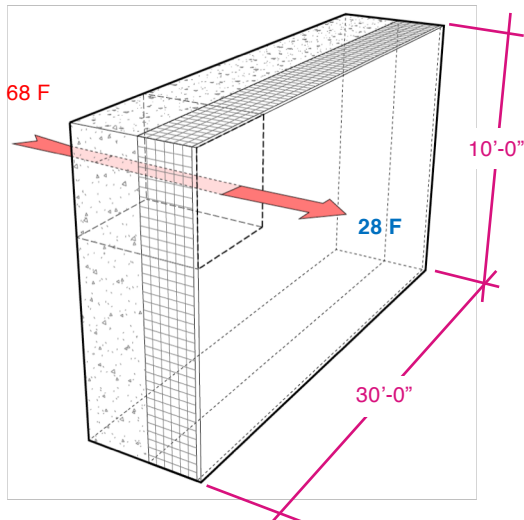
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Example 3: 16" of XPS Insulation (R-80)

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$$\text{Area}_{\text{surface}} = 10' \times 30' = 300 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$\text{U-Value}_{\text{surface}} = 0.0125 \text{ Btu/hr-ft}^2\text{-F}$$

$$\Delta T = 68 \text{ F} - 28 \text{ F} = 40 \text{ F}$$

$$Q_{T\text{-surface}} = 300 \text{ ft}^2 \times 0.0125 \text{ Btu/hr-ft}^2\text{-F} \times 40 \text{ F}$$

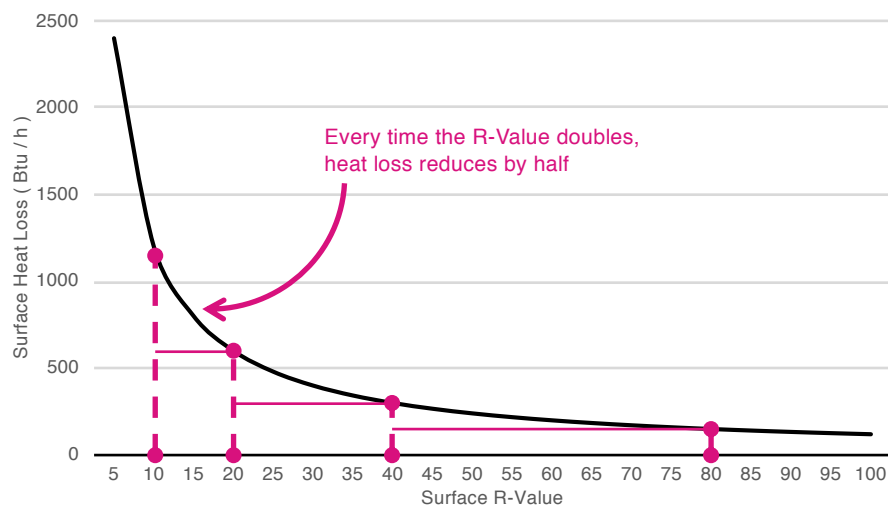
$$Q_{T\text{-surface}} = 150 \text{ Btu/hr}$$

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300 ft² Wall Heat Loss at 40 F ΔT



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NY State 2020 ECC: U-Value Requirements



[NY] TABLE C402.1.4
OPAQUE THERMAL ENVELOPE ASSEMBLY MAXIMUM REQUIREMENTS, U-FACTOR METHOD^{a, b}

CLIMATE ZONE	4 EXCEPT MARINE		5 AND MARINE 4		6	
	All other	Group R	All other	Group R	All other	Group R
Roofs						
Insulation entirely above roof deck	U-0.032	U-0.032	U-0.032	U-0.032	U-0.032	U-0.032
Metal buildings	U-0.035	U-0.035	U-0.035	U-0.035	U-0.031	U-0.031
Attic and other	U-0.027	U-0.027	U-0.027	U-0.021	U-0.021	U-0.021
Walls, above grade						
Mass ^d	U-0.104	U-0.090	U-0.090	U-0.080	U-0.080	U-0.071
Metal building	U-0.052	U-0.052	U-0.052	U-0.052	U-0.052	U-0.052
Metal framed	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.064
Wood framed and other ^c	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.051	U-0.051
Walls, below grade						
Below-grade wall ^e	C-0.119	C-0.119	C-0.119	C-0.119	C-0.119	C-0.119
Floors						
Mass ^d	U-0.076	U-0.074	U-0.074	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.064
Joist/framing	U-0.033	U-0.033	U-0.033	U-0.033	U-0.033	U-0.033
Slab-on-grade floors						
Unheated slabs	F-0.54	F-0.54	F-0.54	F-0.54	F-0.54	F-0.52
Heated slabs ^f	F-0.86 0.64	F-0.86 0.64	F-0.79 0.64	F-0.79 0.64	F-0.79 0.55	F-0.69 0.55
Opaque doors						
Swinging door	U-0.61	U-0.61	U-0.37	U-0.37	U-0.37	U-0.37
Garage door <14% glazing	U-0.31	U-0.31	U-0.31	U-0.31	U-0.31	U-0.31

Different climate zones and different assembly types have maximum U-Values that all projects must meet.

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a.
“Where assembly U-factors, C-factors, and F-factors are established in **ASHRAE 90.1 Appendix A**, such opaque assemblies shall be a compliance alternative where those values meet the criteria of this table...”

We'll come back to this in a few minutes.

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NY City 2020 ECC: U-Value Requirements



For NYC, most max. U-Values
are a bit lower (harder to
meet) than the State's ECC

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Attic and other	U-0.020	U-0.020	U-0.027	U-0.021	U-0.021	U-0.021
Walls, above grade						
Mass ^f	U-0.099	U-0.086	U-0.090	U-0.080	U-0.080	U-0.071
Metal building	U-0.048	U-0.048	U-0.052	U-0.052	U-0.052	U-0.052
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Below-grade wall ^c	C-0.119	C-0.092	C-0.119	C-0.119	C-0.119	C-0.119
Floors						
Mass ^d	U-0.057	U-0.051	U-0.074	U-0.064	U-0.064	U-0.064
Joist/framing	U-0.033	U-0.033	U-0.033	U-0.033	U-0.033	U-0.033
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Opaque doors						
Swinging door	U-0.50	U-0.50	U-0.37	U-0.37	U-0.37	U-0.37
Garage door <14% glazing	U-0.31	U-0.31	U-0.31	U-0.31	U-0.31	U-0.31

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Creating U-Values

Where do U-Values come from?



1. Building Codes
2. Engineering Reference Documents
3. Numerical Models
4. 2 or 3-D Heat Flow Simulations

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NY State 2020 Energy Conservation Code



Throughout the code, we can find tables of U-Values (or R-Values) for various types of assemblies

TABLE C402.1.4.1
EFFECTIVE R-VALUES FOR STEEL STUD WALL ASSEMBLIES

NOMINAL STUD DEPTH (inches)	SPACING OF FRAMING (inches)	CAVITY R-VALUE (insulation)	CORRECTION FACTOR (F_c)	EFFECTIVE R-VALUE(ER) (Cavity R-Value $\times F_c$)
3½	16	13	0.46	5.98
		15	0.43	6.45
3½	24	13	0.55	7.15
		15	0.52	7.80
6	16	19	0.37	7.03
		21	0.35	7.35
6	24	19	0.45	8.55
		21	0.43	9.03
8	16	25	0.31	7.75
	24	25	0.38	9.50

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ASHRAE 90.1 Appendix A



Appendix A includes more detailed tables of values which can be used for various assembly types

Normative Appendix A

Table A3.1-1 Assembly U-Factors for Above-Grade Concrete Walls and Masonry Walls (Continued)

Framing Type and Depth	Rated R-Value of Insulation Alone	Assembly U-Factors for 8 in. Normal Weight 145 lb/ft ³ Solid Concrete Walls	Assembly U-Factors for 8 in. Medium Weight 115 lb/ft ³ Concrete Block Walls: Solid Grouted	Assembly U-Factors for 8 in. Medium Weight 115 lb/ft ³ Concrete Block Walls: Partially Grouted (Cores Uninsulated Except Where Specified)
	R-0	U-0.740	U-0.580	U-0.480
No Framing	UngROUTED Cores Filled with Loose-Fill Insulation	NA	NA	U-0.350
1 in. Metal Clips at 24 in. on Center Horizontally and 16 in. Vertically				
1.0 in.	R-3.8	U-0.210	U-0.195	U-0.182
	R-5.0	U-0.184	U-0.172	U-0.162
	R-5.6	U-0.174	U-0.163	U-0.154
1.5 in.	R-5.7	U-0.160	U-0.151	U-0.143

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Numerical Calculation (Sometimes)



Sometimes 90.1 Appendix A allows us to use a simplified numerical calculation to figure out our own U-Values

A9.2 Required Procedures

Two- or three-dimensional finite difference and finite volume computer models shall be an acceptable alternative method to calculating the thermal performance values for all assemblies and constructions listed below. The following procedures shall also be permitted to determine all alternative *U*-factors, *F*-factors, and *C*-factors:

a. Roofs

1. *Roofs with insulation entirely above deck*: Testing or series calculation method.
2. *Metal building roofs*: Testing, or for single-layer and double-layer systems, calculation method in Section A9.4.6.
3. *Attic roofs, wood joists*: Testing or parallel path calculation method.
4. *Attic roofs, steel joists*: Testing or parallel path calculation method using the insulation/framing layer adjustment factors in Table A9.2-1 or modified zone calculation method.
5. *Attic roofs, concrete joists*: Testing or parallel path calculation method if concrete is solid and uniform, or isothermal planes calculation method if concrete has hollow sections.
6. *Other attic roofs and other roofs*: Testing or two-dimensional calculation

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ASHRAE HOF Chapter 25 and 27



Parallel-Path Method:

Element	R (Insulated Cavity), $\text{h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}/\text{Btu}$	R (Studs, Plates, and Headers), $\text{h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}/\text{Btu}$
1. Outdoor air film, 15 mph wind	0.17	0.17
2. Vinyl siding (hollow-backed)	0.62	0.62
3. Rigid foam insulating sheathing	4.0	4.0
4. Mineral fiber batt insulation, 3.5 in.	13.0	—
5. Wood stud, nominal 2 x 4	—	4.38
6. Gypsum wallboard, 0.5 in.	0.45	0.45
7. Indoor air film, still air	0.68	0.68
	$R_1 = 18.92$	$R_2 = 10.3$

Individual U-factors are reciprocals of the R-value, so $U_1 = 0.053$ and $U_2 = 0.097 \text{ Btu/h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}$. If the wood framing is accounted for using the parallel-path flow method, the wall's U-factor is determined using Equation (15) from Chapter 25. The fractional area of insulated cavity is 0.75 and the fractional area of framing members is 0.25.

$$U_{\text{Assembly}} = (0.75 \times 0.053) + (0.25 \times 0.097) = 0.064 \text{ Btu/h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}$$

$$R_{\text{Assembly}} = 1/U_{\text{Assembly}} = 15.63 \text{ h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}/\text{Btu}$$

With the isothermal-planes method, the fractional areas are applied only to the building layer that contains the studs and cavity-fill insulation. The average R-value for this layer (R_{av}) is added to the R-values of the other components for a total R for the assembly.

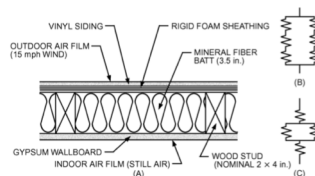


Fig. 3 (A) Wall Assembly for Example 3, with Equivalent Electrical Circuits; (B) Parallel Path and (C) Isothermal Planes

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ASHRAE 1D Assembly U-Factor



HOF Chapter 27: 1.1

Layer	R/inch	Thickness	Layer Resistance
R_{se}			0.17
Vinyl Siding	1.24	× 1/2"	= 0.62
Bldg Paper	1.00	× 1/16"	= 0.06
OSB	1.24	× 1/2"	= 0.62
XPS foam	5.00	× 6"	= 30
Gyp Board	0.90	× 1/2"	= 0.45
R_{si}			0.74
R-Value			= 32.60
U-Value			= 0.031

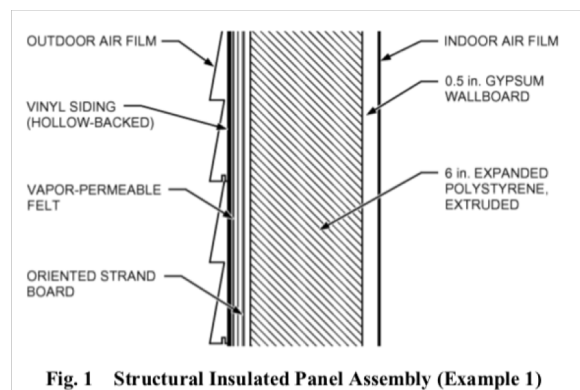


Fig. 1 Structural Insulated Panel Assembly (Example 1)

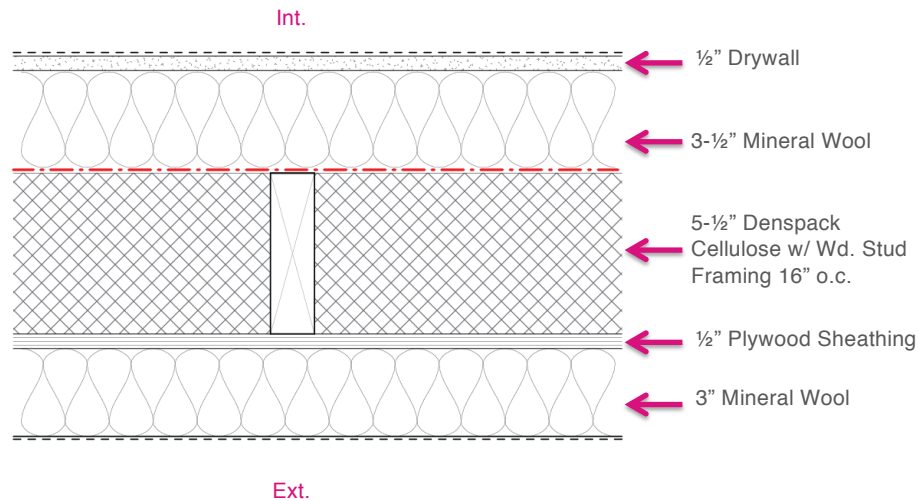
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ASHRAE 2D Assembly U-Factor Methods



R-Values

Wood Studs: R-1.1/inch

Plywood Sheathing: R-1.3/inch

Denspack Cellulose: R-3.2/inch

Mineral Wool: R-4/inch

Drywall: R-0.2/inch

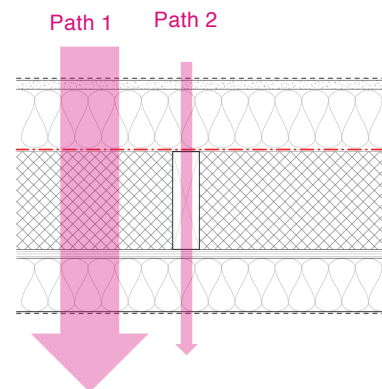
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ASHRAE 2D Assembly U-Factor – Parallel Path



Parallel Path Method

R-per-Inch					Total Resistance	
					(hr-ft ² ·°F/Btu)	
					PATH 1	PATH 2
R _{si} (Int. Wall)					0.74	0.74
Drywall	0.2	×	0.5	=	0.1	0.1
Mineral Wool	4.0	×	3.5	=	14	14
Cellulose	3.2	×	5.5	=	17.6	-
Wood Stud	1.1	×	5.5	=	-	6.05
Ext. Sheathing	1.3	×	0.5	=	0.65	0.65
Mineral Wool	4.0	×	3	=	12	12
R _{se} (Ext. Wall)				=	0.23	0.23
				R _{PATH} =	45.2	33.7
				U _{PATH} =	0.0221	0.0296
				Area % =	90.6%	9.4%
				U _{weighted}	0.02	+ 0.0028
				U _{total}	0.0228 (Btu/hr-ft ² ·°F)	
				R _{total}	43.9(hr-ft ² ·°F/Btu)	

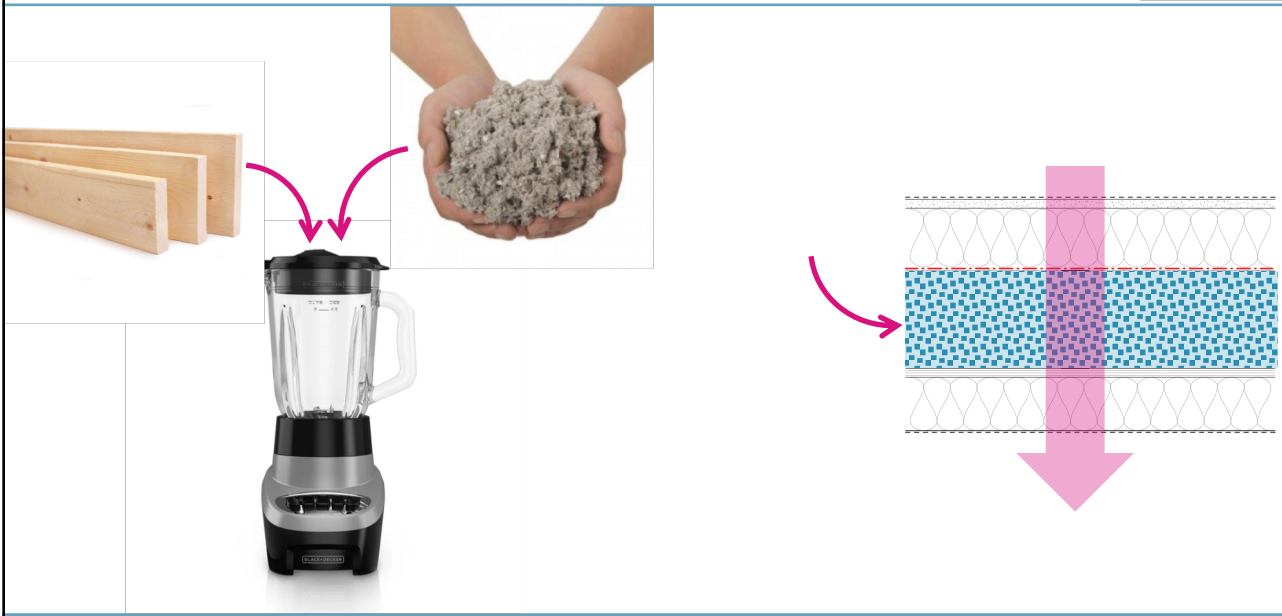


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Isothermal Plane Method

	R-per-Inch		Thickness			R-Value	U-Value	Area%	U _{weighted}	U _{total}	R-Value
	(hr·ft ² ·°F/Btu)		(inches)								
R _{si} (Int. Wall)						0.74					0.74
Drywall	0.2	×	0.5	=		0.1					0.1
Mineral Wool	4.0	×	3.5	=		14					14
Cellulose	3.2	×	5.5	=		17.6	0.057 ×	90.6% =	0.0515	0.0670	14.92
Wood Stud	1.1	×	5.5	=		6.05	0.165 ×	9.4% =	0.0155		
Ext. Sheathing	1.3	×	0.5	=		0.65					0.65
Mineral Wool	4.0	×	3	=		12					12
R _{se} (Ext. Wall)						0.23					0.23
										R-Value	42.5
										U-Value	0.0235

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So...

Parallel Plane Method gives us a U-Value of **0.0228 Btu/hr-ft²-F**

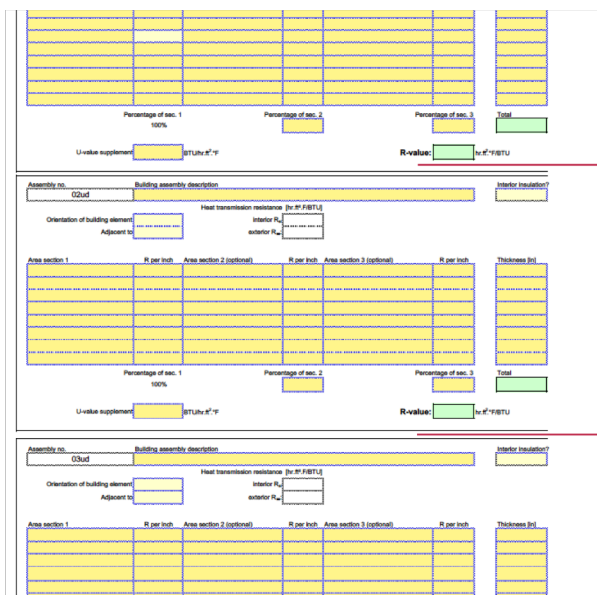
Isothermal Plane Method gives us a U-Value of **0.0235 Btu/hr-ft²-F**

Which is right?

Neither. So we take the average of the two methods. This is exactly what the PHPP is doing in the background

$$0.0228 + 0.0235 / 2 = 0.02315 \text{ Btu/hr-ft}^2\text{-F}$$

PHPP / DesignPH Includes Numerical Calculators



The screenshot displays three identical calculator forms for determining the R-value of a building assembly. Each form includes the following sections:

- Assembly no.:** A field for identifying the assembly.
- Building assembly description:** A text area for describing the assembly.
- Orientation of building element:** A dropdown menu for selecting the orientation.
- Heat transmission resistance:** Fields for interior R_{si} and exterior R_{se} resistances.
- Area sections:** A table with columns for 'Area section 1', 'Area section 2 (optional)', 'Area section 3 (optional)', and 'Total'. Each column has sub-columns for 'R per inch', 'R per foot', and 'Thickness [in]'. The table is currently empty.
- Percentage of sec. 1:** A field for specifying the percentage of the first section.
- U-value supplement:** A field for providing a U-value supplement in Btu/hr-ft²-F.
- R-value:** A field for the final calculated R-value in ft²-h/BTU.

Each calculator is used to create an R-Value 'type'. By default, the PHPP / DesignPH includes room for up to 82 unique 'types' in a single project file's catalog.

PHPP Numerical Calculator



Assembly no.	Building assembly description		Interior insulation?
01ud			
Heat transmission resistance [hr.ft².F/BTU]			
Orientation of building element		interior R _{si}	
Adjacent to		exterior R _{se}	
Area section 1	R per inch	Area section 2 (optional)	R per inch
Percentage of sec. 1		Percentage of sec. 2	
100%			
U-value supplement		Btu/hr.ft².°F	
R-value:			hr.ft².°F/BTU

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DesignPH Numerical Calculator



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▼ **U-value editor**

Assembly ID: 01ud Assembly name Internal insulation? ☐

Heat transfer resistance, inner surface, r_{si} (m^2K/W): 0.0 Additional U-value (W/m^2K): 0.0

Heat transfer resistance, outer surface, r_{so} (m^2K/W): 0.0

Layer	Partial surface 1	Lambda value (W/mK)	Partial surface 2 (optional)	Lambda value (W/mK)	Partial surface 3 (optional)	Lambda value (W/mK)	Thickness (mm)
1		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
2		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
3		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
4		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
5		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
6		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
7		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
8		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0

Surface percentage 1: 100.0 Surface percentage 2: 0.0 Surface percentage 3: 0.0

Thickness (cm): 0.0 **U-value** (W/m^2K): -.- Error %: NaN

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TYPE	IP UNITS	CONVERSION	METRIC UNITS
Conductivity (k)	Btu / hr-ft-F	x 1.731 =	W/mk
U-Value	Btu / hr-ft ² -F	x 5.678 =	W/m ² -K
Resistivity (R/inch)	hr-ft ² -F / Btu-in	x 6.933 =	mk/W
R-Value	hr-ft ² -F / Btu	x 0.176 =	m ² -k / W

The metric system is the tool of the devil! My car gets forty rods to the hogshead and that's the way I likes it.
- Abraham 'Grandpa' Simpson

Note: 1 hogshead = 79 US gallons

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Assembly ID: 01ud		Assembly name My Example Floor		Internal insulation? ☐			
		Heat transfer resistance, inner surface, r_{si} (m^2K/W): 0.0		Additional U-value (W/m^2K) 0.0			
		Heat transfer resistance, outer surface, r_{so} (m^2K/W): 0.0					
Layer	Partial surface 1	Lambda value (W/mK)	Partial surface 2 (optional)	Lambda value (W/mK)	Partial surface 3 (optional)	Lambda value (W/mK)	Thickness (mm)
1	Concrete Slab	2.06		0.0		0.0	101.6
2	XPS Insulation	0.029		0.0		0.0	152.4
3		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
4		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
5		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
6		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
7		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
8		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
Surface percentage 1: 100.0		Surface percentage 2: 0.0					
Thickness (cm): 25.4	U-value (W/m^2K): 0.189	$5.678 \div 0.189 = R-30.04$ $hr\text{-}ft^2\text{-}F/Btu$		Error			

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Assembly no.	Building assembly description		Interior insulation?
01ud	My Steel Stud Wall		
		Heat transmission resistance [hr.ft².F/BTU]	
Orientation of building element: 2-Wall		interior R _w : 0.74	
Adjacent to: 1-Outdoor air		exterior R _{s,e} : 0.23	

Area section 1	R per inch	Area section 2 (optional)	R per inch	Area section 3 (optional)	R per inch	Thickness [in.]
Wood Sjeathing	1.00	Steel Stud	0.0004			0.50
Insulation	3.40					5.50
Gypsum Board	0.80					0.50

Percentage of sec. 1	Percentage of sec. 2	Percentage of sec. 3	Total
98%	2.0%		6.50 in

U-value supplement BTU/hr.ft².°F **R-value:** 2.2 hr.ft².°F/BTU

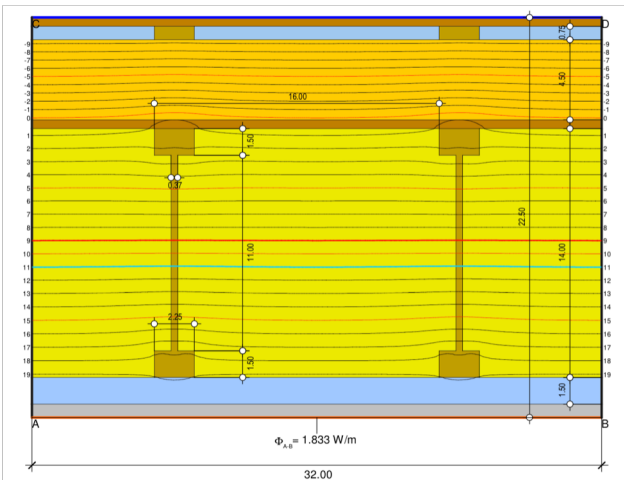
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2 or 3-D Simulation



For many assembly types (steel stud walls, complex assemblies) we will not be allowed to use a numerical calculation. We can then turn to 2D simulations in order to establish our clear field assembly U-Value.

$$U_{eq\ A-B} = \frac{1.833}{30.000 \cdot 0.813} = 0.0752\ W/(m^2 \cdot K) = 0.0132\ Btu/(h \cdot ft^2 \cdot F)$$

Boundary Condition	$q[W/m^2]$	$\theta[C]$	$R[(m^2 \cdot K)/W]$	ϵ
Exterior, normal	-10.000	0.040	0.100	
Interior, heat flux, upwards	20.000	0.040	0.100	
Symmetry/Model section	0.000	0.000	0.000	

Material	$\lambda[W/(m \cdot K)]$	ϵ
Air layer, unventilated, horizontal, thickness: 40 mm	0.222	
Air layer, unventilated, upwards, thickness: 40 mm	0.250	
Cellulose (Denspac) [R-3.7/in]	0.040	0.900
GWB (typ) [R-0.85/in]	0.179	0.900
Plywood (Typ) [R-1.2/in]	0.119	0.900
Polyiso v Metal Fasteners [R-5.7/in]	0.025	0.900
Wood, Coniferous (Softwood) [R-1.03/in]	0.140	0.900

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Material Information Sources



1. ISO 6946 / ISO 10211
2. BR 443
3. Material Datasheets
4. ASHRAE HOF (Chapter 33)
5. ASHRAE 90.1 Appendix A

Table A9.4.4-1 R-Values for Building Materials

Normative Appendix A

Material	Actual Size, in.	R-Value
Carpet and Rubber Pad		1.23
Concrete at R-0.0625/in.	2	0.13
	4	0.25
	6	0.38
	8	0.5
	10	0.63
	12	0.75
Gypsum board	0.5	0.45
	0.625	0.56
Metal Deck		0
Roofing, built-up	0.375	0.33
Soil at R-0.104/in.	12	1.25
Steel, Mild	1	0.0031907
Stucco	0.75	0.08
Wood panels, 7/16 in.	0.438	0.62
Wood subfloor	0.75	0.94
Wood, 2 x 4 at R-1.25/in.	3.5	4.38

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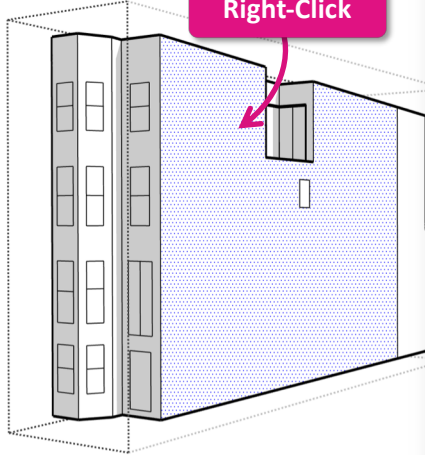
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Assigning Surfaces in DesignPH 2.0

Surface Assembly Type

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Set face as ground plane
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Re-draw windows
Modify window reveal depth
Assign U-value (Multiple faces)
Assign area group (Multiple faces)
Analyse window shading

Un-assigned
01ud [U=0.25] Wall Type A
02ud [U=0.26] Wall Type B
03ud [U=0.17] Wall Type C
04ud [U=0.35] Wall Type D
05ud [U=0.18] Cellar Floor (XPS)
06ud [U=0.11] Roof
07ud [U=0.22] Cellar Floor (EPS)
83ud [U=0.15] PH External wall
84ud [U=0.15] PH Roof
85ud [U=0.25] PH Floor
86ud [U=0.25] PH Basement wall
87ud [U=0.25] Partition wall to neighbour
88ud [U=0.15] Wall to zone X
89ud [U=0.50] PH External Door
93ud [U=1.44] Extg-Honeycomb (perforated) brick 24cm
94ud [U=1.64] Extg-Solid Brick 38cm
95ud [U=1.80] Extg-Half timbered 18cm
96ud [U=1.23] Extg-Honeycomb (perforated) brick 30cm
97ud [U=1.30] Extg-Precast concrete
98ud [U=0.99] Extg-Wooden joist ceiling
99ud [U=1.23] Extg-Basement ceiling
1160cs02 [U=0.09] Izodom 2000 Polska z. o. o. - Izodom Co
1070cs02 [U=0.08] pro Passivhausfenster GmbH - smartsh
0782cs03 [U=0.12] ABC - ABC-TM-pGBS-1
0373cs03 [U=0.11] a-hus - A-Hus PASSIVE HOUSE SYSTEM
0703cs03 [U=0.12] Alpha-Beton - PAMaflex Passivhaus-Det
0384cs03 [U=0.12] Beattie - Beattie Passiv Holzbausystem
0923cs03 [U=0.15] Build Smart NA - Build Smart
0903cs03 [U=0.14] Coillte - MEDITE SMARTPLY PROPASSIV

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- ✓ Un-assigned
- 01ud [U=0.25] Wall Type A
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- 03ud [U=0.17] Wall Type C
- 04ud [U=0.35] Wall Type D
- 05ud [U=0.18] Cellar Floor (XPS)
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▼ U-value editor

Assembly ID: 01ud Assembly name: My New Wall Assembly Internal insulation? ☐

Heat transfer resistance, inner surface, r_{si} (m^2K/W): 0.13 Additional U-value (W/m^2K): 0.0

Heat transfer resistance, outer surface, r_{se} (m^2K/W): 0.04

Layer	Partial surface 1	Lambda value (W/mK)	Partial surface 2 (optional)	Lambda value (W/mK)	Partial surface 3 (optional)	Lambda value (W/mK)	Thickness (mm)
1	Stucco	0.24		0.0		0.0	20.0
2	Insulation	0.04		0.0		0.0	200.0
3	Masonry	2.3		0.0		0.0	200.0
4		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
5		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
6		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
7		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
8		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0

Surface percentage 1: 100.0 Surface percentage 2: 0.0 Surface percentage 3: 0.0

Thickness (cm): 42.0 **U-value (W/m^2K): 0.187** Error %: 0.000

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Just like PHPP, build them one layer at a time.



Layer	Partial surface 1	Lambda value (W/mK)
1	Stucco	0.24
2	Insulation	0.04
3	Masonry	2.3
4		0.0

Thickness (mm)
20.0
200.0
200.0
0.0

Thickness (cm):
42.0

**U-value
(W/m²K):
0.187**

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Or just calculate in 2D Simulation



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Assembly ID: 01ud

Assembly name: Wall Type A

Internal insulation? ☒

Heat transfer resistance, inner surface, r_{si} (m²K/W): 0.0

Additional U-value (W/m²K): 0.0

Heat transfer resistance, outer surface, r_{se} (m²K/W): 0.0

Layer	Partial surface 1	Lambda value (W/mK)	Partial surface 2 (optional)	Lambda value (W/mK)	Partial surface 3 (optional)	Lambda value (W/mK)	Thickness (mm)
1	From Fliso	0.249		0.0		0.0	1000.0
2		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
3		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
4		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
5		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
6		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
7		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
8		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0

Surface percentage 1: 100.0

Surface percentage 2: 0.0

Surface percentage 3: 0.0

Thickness (cm): 100.0

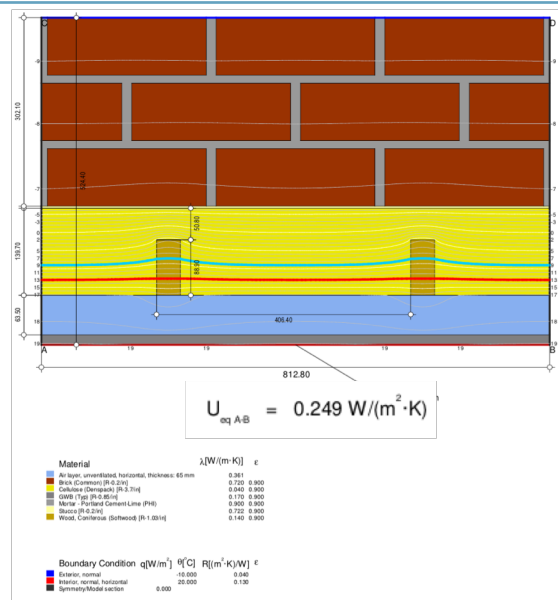
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Error %: 0.000

	(W/mK)	(mm)
1	From Fliso	0.249
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Thickness (cm): 100.0

**U-value
(W/m²K):
0.249**



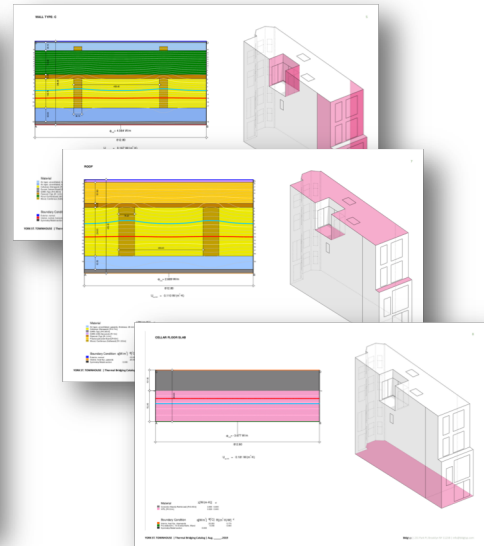
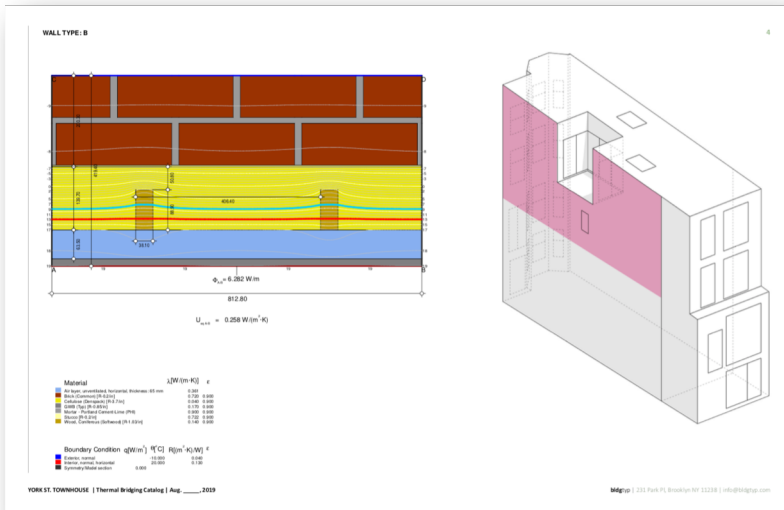
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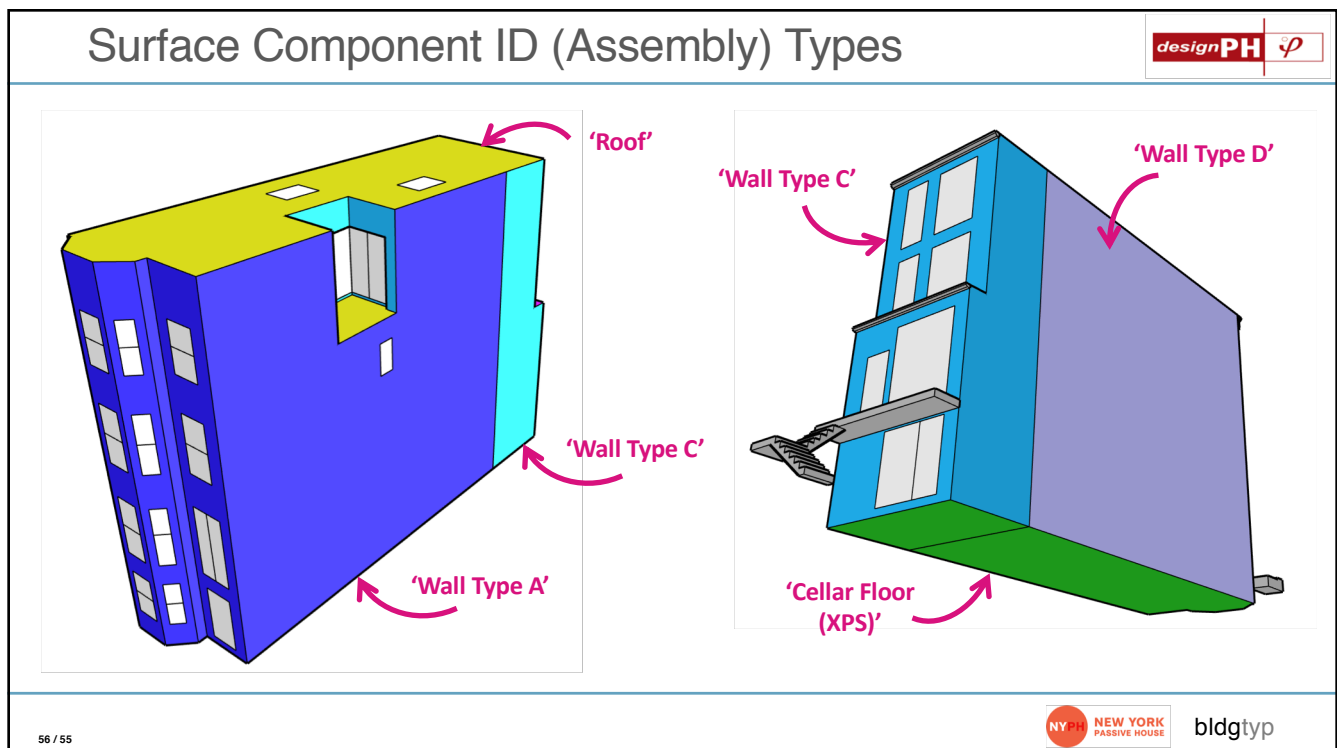
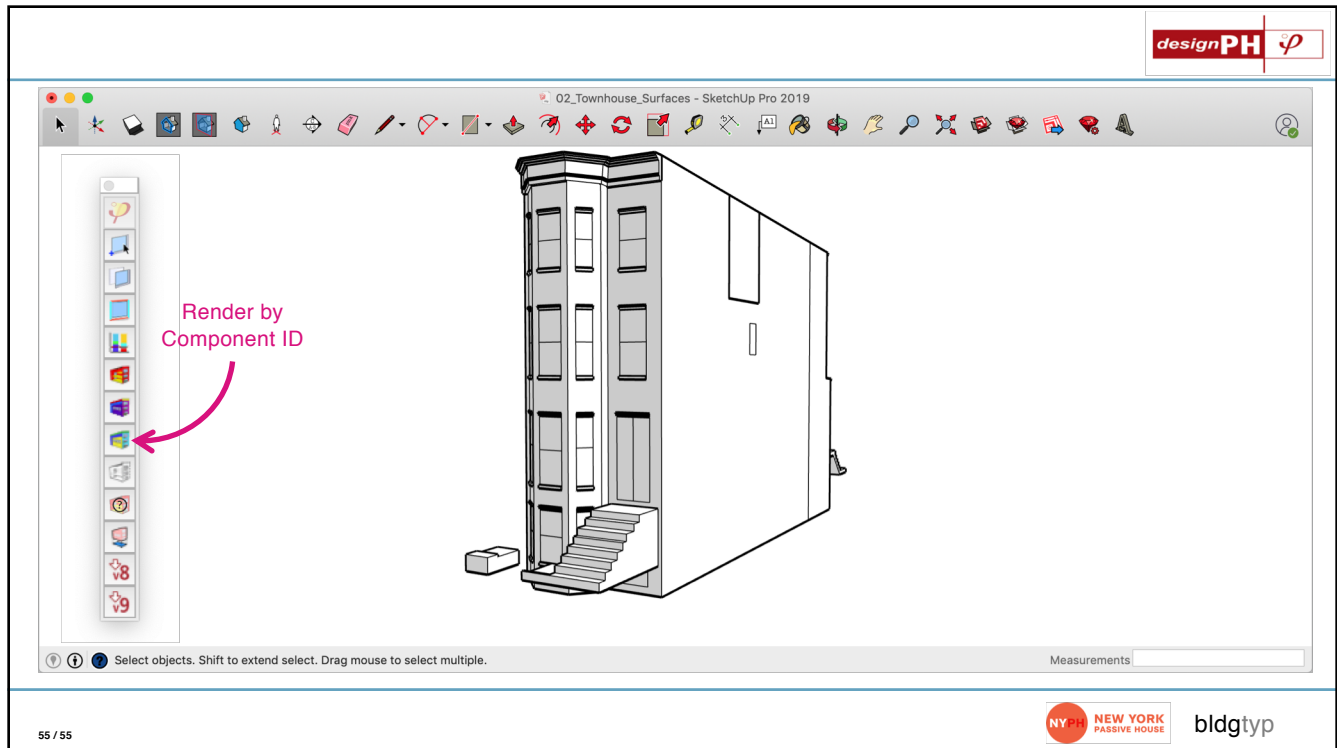
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Assembly ID	Assembly name	Thickness	U-value	Internal insulation?
01ud	Wall Type A	1.00	0.25	☒
02ud	Wall Type B	1.00	0.26	☒
03ud	Wall Type C	1.00	0.17	☐
04ud	Wall Type D	1.00	0.35	☒
05ud	Cellar Floor (XPS)	1.00	0.18	☐
06ud	Roof	1.00	0.11	☐
07ud	Cellar Floor (EPS)	1.00	0.22	☐
08ud	New assembly	0.00		☐
09ud	New assembly	0.00		☐
10ud	New assembly	0.00		☐

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