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#### **1. General Requirements**

#### 1.1 Scope

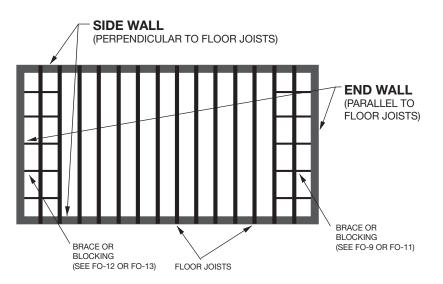
The basic design and construction requirements for the Thermapan Permanent Wood Structural Insulated Panel (PW SIP) foundation systems are set forth in this specification. Criteria for materials, preservative treatment, soil characteristics, environmental control, design loads, and structural design are included. Where requirements are based on internationally recognized standards and specifications, these standards and specifications are referenced without elaboration.

Installers shall reference engineering design package for fastening arrangements.

#### 2. Terms

**End Walls** are the exterior walls parallel to the floor joists. They do not support the floor joists.

Side Walls are the exterior walls that are perpendicular to the floor joists.





#### 3. Materials

#### PW SIP Foundation Wall (See Figure FO-1)

- **3.1** The Thermapan PW SIP is composed of an expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam core laminated between two layers of preservative treated plywood with a structural adhesive.
- **3.2** Top Plate (See Detail FO-1). The top plate shall be untreated DOC PS 20 or NLGA No.2 or better.
- **3.3** Cap Plate **(See Detail FO-1)**. The cap plate shall be untreated DOC PS 20 or NLGA No.2 or better. If the cap plate is to be used as a brick ledge, it shall be treated to AWPA U4B and CSA O080-08 U4B.
- **3.4** Framing Lumber shall be pressure treated DOC PS 20 or NLGA No.2 or better and shall be treated to AWPA U4B and CSA O080-08 U4B. Cut ends shall be treated with preservatives. (See Detail FO-1)
- **3.5** Fasteners and Connectors. Fasteners used shall be of Type 304, Type 316 stainless steel or ASTM A153 Hot Dip Galvanized. Connectors shall conform to ASTM A653.
- **3.6** Caulking Compounds shall conform to CAN/CGSB 19.13 or ASTM C 920.
- 3.7 Manufactured Drainage Layer shall conform to ICC-ES AC114.
- **3.8** Granular Drainage Layer shall consist of clean crushed stone or clean gravel which will pass through a 40 mm (1.5 in) sieve and contain not more then 10% of fine material that will pass a 4mm (0.15 in) sieve.
- **3.9** Low expansion foam seal shall conform to AAMA 812-04.



4. Site Preparation	4.1	Excavation requirements shall conform to those of the appropriate building code.			
	4.2	All top soil and vegetation matter that would be under the building must be removed.			
	4.3	The bottom of the excavation must be free of all organic matter and standing water.			
	4.4	A continuous granular drainage layer shall be installed under floors of PW-SIP-F's and not be less then 125mm (5").			
	4.5	The excavation and granular drainage layer shall drain to a sump, which shall be provided with positive drainage, by gravity or pump, to a final disposal point outside the building.			
	4.6	Perimeter drainage tile or pipe shall <b>NOT BE USED</b> with PW-SIP foundations.			
5. Footings – Concrete	5.1	Concrete footings supporting PW SIP foundation walls shall be constructed in conformance with appropriate building code.			
	5.2	Concrete footings shall be placed on undisturbed soil or on 125mm (5") granular drainage layer. See Detail FO-2 and FO-4.			
	5.3	When concrete footings are placed on undisturbed soil, drainage shall be provided by casting 51mm (2") inner diameter water passages (pipes) at 1200mm (4') on centre in the footing. See Detail FO-2 and FO-4.			
	5.4	Concrete footings shall be designed for point loads. See Details FO-8 and FO-9.			
	5.5	The use of any drainage tile or pipe will void the Thermapan warranty.			
6. Foundation Columns	Columns supporting floor beams and/or point loads above shall be constructed in conformance with appropriate building code. <b>See Details FO-8 and FO-9</b>				
7. Exterior Walls	Framing and fastening around wall openings shall conform to <b>Detail FO-10</b>				

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8. Concrete Slab Floors	Concrete slab floors shall not be less than 75mm (3") thick exclusive of concrete topping. Ensure the edge of the concrete slab is finished to a smooth, uniform surface to provide full lateral support at the base of the PWF wall. The slab edge must be continuous and level to prevent uneven surface and to enhance structural stability.						
	See De	See Detail FO-2, FO-3 and FO-4.					
9. Crawl Spaces	Crawl spaces (with no concrete slab) shall be backfilled and compacted to a minimum of 2/5 of the exterior backfill height for lateral support and lined with a poly ground cover. <b>See Detail FO-5.</b>						
10. First Floors	10.1	The first floor system is an integral part of the entire foundation.					
	10.2	Floor at the top of the foundations shall be constructed to prevent inward movement of the exterior walls due to lateral pressure.					
	10.3	A PW-SIP foundation shall never be backfilled before the entire first floor system (joists, subfloor, etc.) and basement floor are completely installed.					
	10.4	Support for side walls see Detail FO-11.					
	10.5	Support for end walls see Detail FO-12.					
	10.6	When the backfill heights are at different heights around the building, additional nailing requirements must be incorporated for the foundation wall sheathing.					
11. Stairwell Openings	11.1	When openings are greater than 1200mm (4') from a side wall and 1800mm (6') from an endwall, stairwell opening construction shall conform to the minimum requirements for wood frame construction in the appropriate building code.					
	11.2	When openings are closer to their adjacent walls then specified previously, they shall conform to the following <b>Details FO-13</b> and FO-14.					



- 12. Support of Masonry Veneer
- See Detail FO-11 or FW-1.

#### **13. Exterior Moisture Barrier** See Detail FO-2, FO-3 and FO-4.

- **13.1** The below grade portion of the exterior face of the wall sheathing on a PW-SIP foundation enclosing living space shall be protected by a moisture barrier and manufactured drainage layer.
- **13.2** A manufactured drainage layer shall be applied over the exterior wall sheathing and at the soil grade. The manufactured drainage layer is to be installed as per the manufacturer's instructions.
- **13.3** The manufactured drainage layer shall cover the entire surface below grade and extend to the bottom edge of the concrete footing. It shall not obstruct the required drainage passages
- **13.4** The adherence of any water-proofing membrane to any Thermapan SIP PWF plywood surface will void the Thermapan warranty.

14. PWF Wall to Existing Foundation	See D	See Detail FO-16.				
15. Electrical Wiring	15.1	All wire chases to be vertically cut into the PW-SIP at a minimum depth of 2". See Detail FO-17.				
	15.2	All electrical boxes shall be plastic.				
	15.2	All factoriars shall be of Type 304. Type 316 staiplass steel a				

**15.3** All fasteners shall be of Type 304, Type 316 stainless steel or ASTM A153 Hot Dip Galvanized.



16. Interior Finish	the com relative the case	The interior of the PW-SIP foundation can be finished with any of the common materials. The interior plywood of the SIP makes this a relatively simple operation without consuming floor area as would be the case with other types of foundations that require interior wood frame walls to be built before finishing.				
17. Frost Walls	See De	etails FW-1, FW-2, FW-3, FW-4 and/or FW-5.				
18. Backfilling	18.1	PWF SIP foundations shall not be backfilled until the basement floor slab and the floor on top of the foundation are completely installed.				
	18.2	Heavy equipment and loads shall be kept a safe distance from foundations.				
	18.3	Backfill shall be placed in uniform lifts not exceeding 600mm (2') around the foundation.				
	18.4	The site shall be graded sloping away from the foundation or to appropriate building code.				
	18.5	For additional backfilling and site drainage details beyond this manual refer to your local building code and the following building standards: 1) Canada – CAN/CSA-S406-92 Construction of Preserved Wood Foundations and 2) USA - ANSI / AWC PWF-2015 - Permanent Wood Foundation Design				

Specification.



## MATERIALS ESTIMATING Foundations/Frost Walls Estimation Only

## **Lumber Requirements:**

- Single bottom plate:14ft (4268mm) or 16ft (4678mm) lengths are best
- Single top plates plus a cap plate can be SPF unless siding is brick and backfill height is less than 12" (300mm) from top of the panel use PWF
- Every panel requires 2 studs
- Every corner requires 2 studs
- Calculate number of outside corners every 4 requires a sheet of PWF Plywood

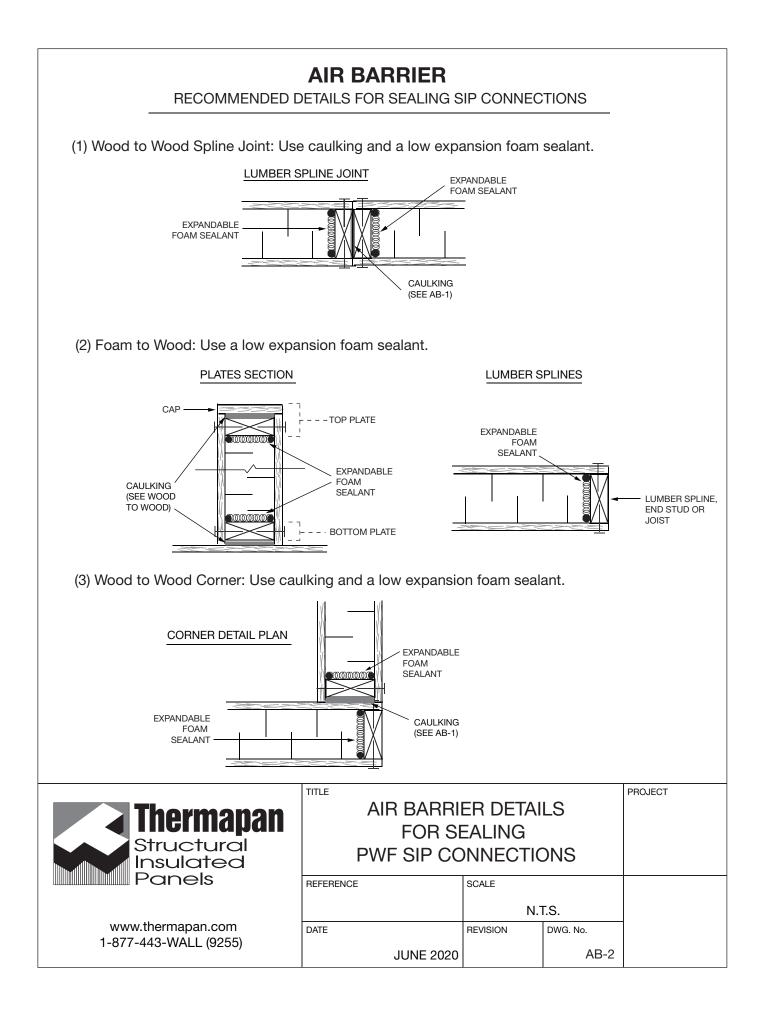
## **Caulking and Sealant Requirements:**

- Every 1200 sqft (111 m<sup>2</sup>) of SIP equals 1 case of Expandable Foam
- Every 2000 sqft (185 m<sup>2</sup>) of SIP requires 1 case of Sealant

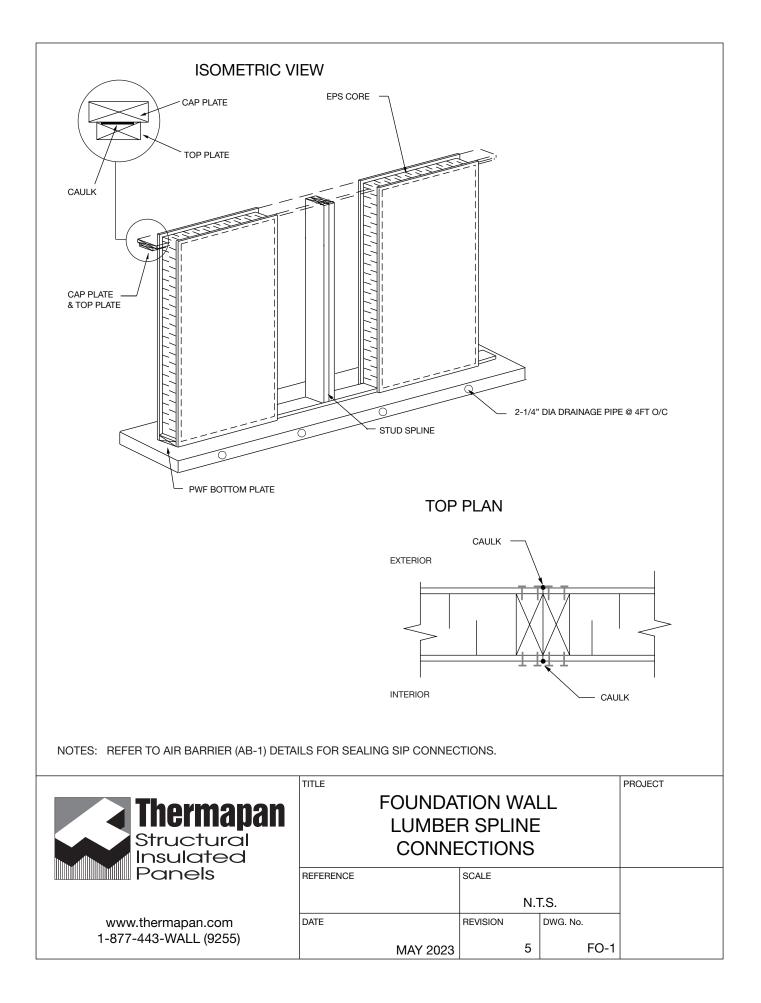
### **Fasteners:**

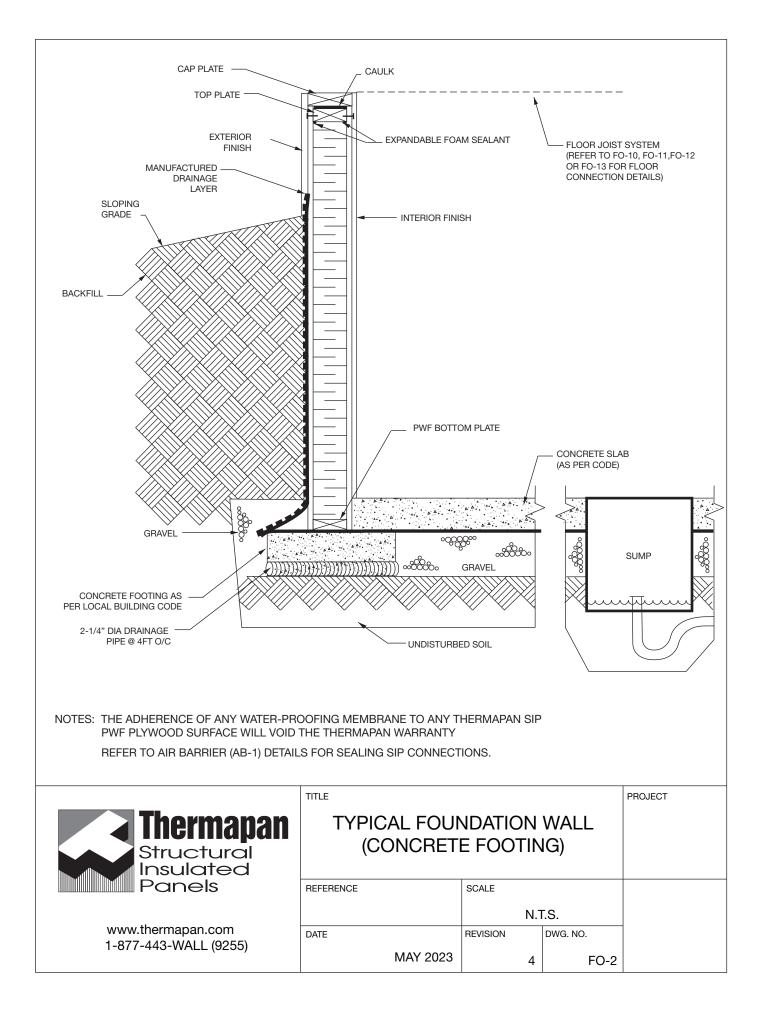
- Recommend 2" (50mm) nails/screws
- 3.0 times sqft of panel equals number of fasteners
- All floor joists require framing straps [e.g. USP PWFS24]

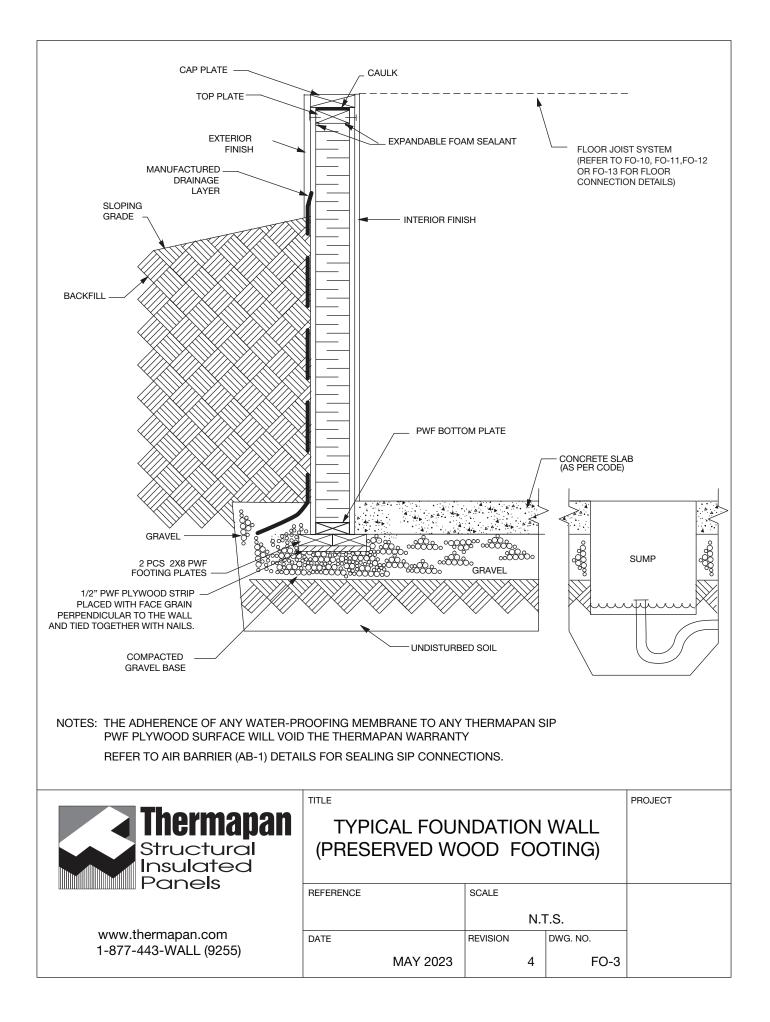
## **AIR BARRIER** RECOMMENDED DETAILS FOR AIR BARRIER SEALANTS All sealants, FOAM (A) or CAULKING (B), should be applied onto the SIP in a continuous rectangular pattern along the outer most edge of the area to be sealed. (A) A low expansion EXPANDABLE FOAM SEALANT should conform to the AAMA 812-04 standard. Apply a 1/2 inch or a 12.5 mm diameter of a continuous bead of expandable foam sealant onto the SIP: 000000 Expandable Foam Sealant non mmm Bead mmm EPS (B) A CAULKING SEALANT should conform to ASTM C920-02 and/or CAN/CGSB 19.13-M. Apply a 3/8 inch or a 10 mm diameter continuous bead of caulking onto the lumber spline: CAULKING (CONTINUOUS , BEAD) Caulking Bead LUMBER STUD OR SPLINE TITLE PROJECT hermapan **AIR BARRIER DETAILS** FOR AIR BARRIER SEALANTS Structural Insulated Panels REFERENCE SCALE N.T.S. www.thermapan.com DATE REVISION DWG. No. 1-877-443-WALL (9255) NOVEMBER 2010 1 AB-1

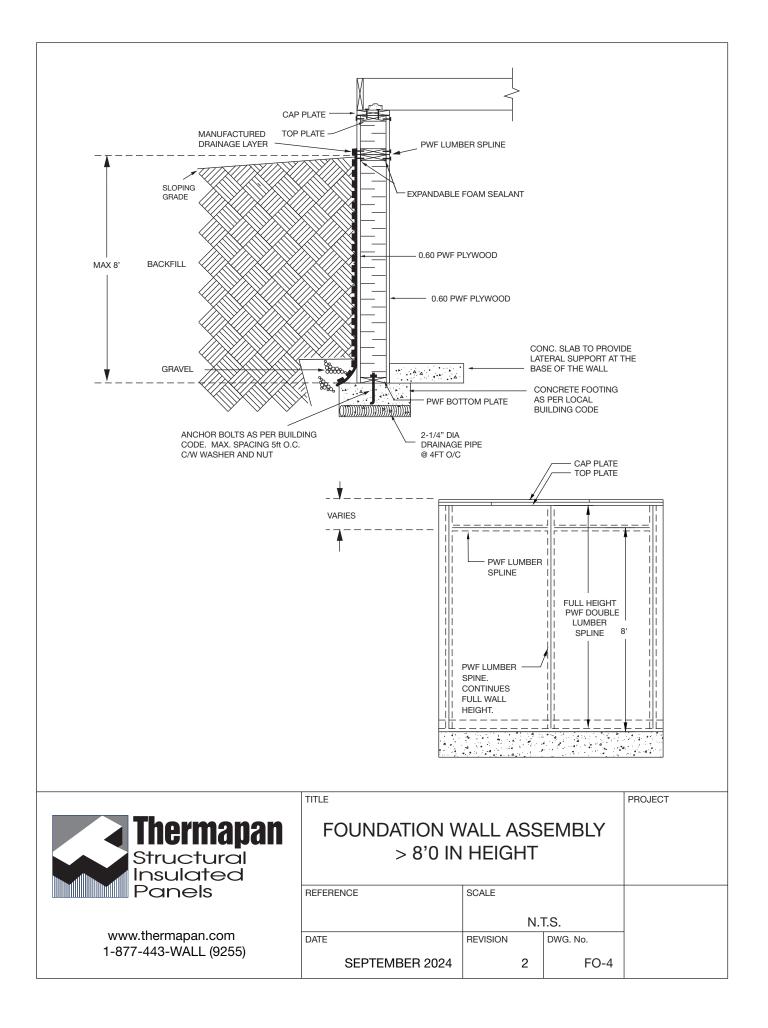


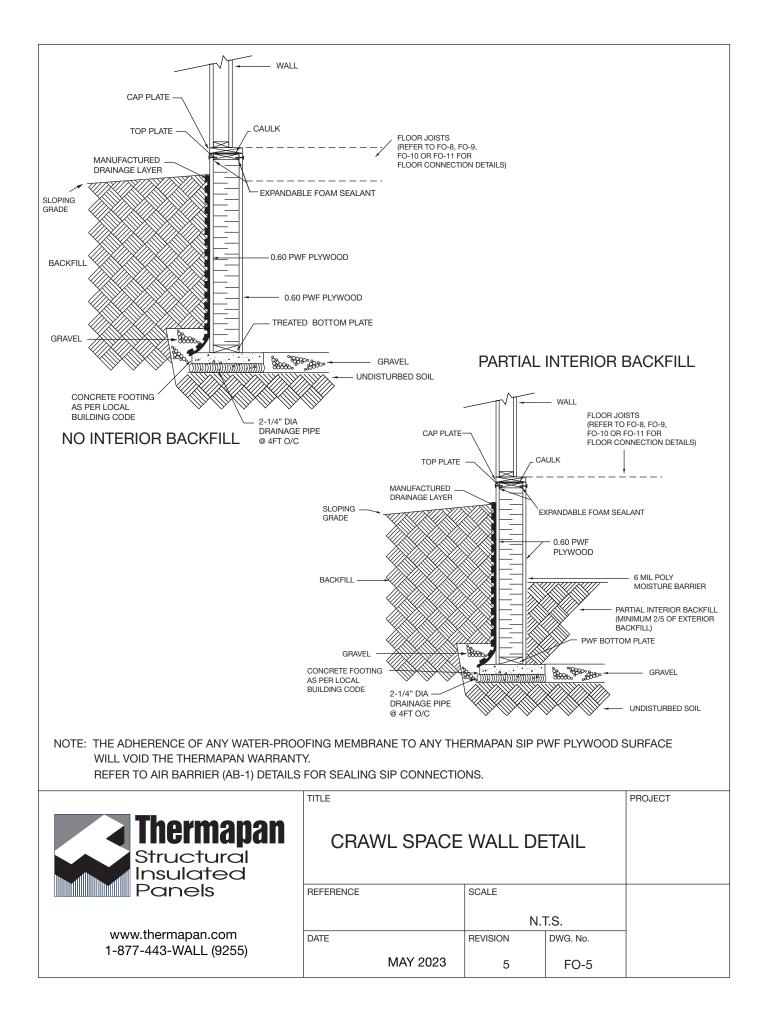
#### **VAPOUR BARRIER** RECOMMENDED DETAILS FOR VAPOUR SEALING SIP CONNECTIONS The function of a vapour barrier is to control the entry of water vapour into the building assembly. Vapour barriers should not be confused with an air barrier. All SIP seams and connections must be VAPOUR SEALED from the INTERIOR. These are recommended vapour barrier methods: CAULKING CAULKING (SEE AB-1) (SEE AB-1) EXTERIOR INTERIOR SEE AIR BARRIER SEE AIR BARRIER 6 MIL POLY STRIP INTERIOR FINISH FASTENED DETAIL (AB-2) CONTINUOUS 6 MIL POLY DETAIL (AB-2) CAULKED TO PANEL DIRECTLY TO SIP OVER ENTIRE SIP ASSEMBLY CONTINUOUS 6 MIL POLY 6 MIL POLY STRIPS & CAULKING RECOMMENDED CAULKING CAULKING (SEE AB-1) (SEE AB-1) EXTERIOR INTERIOR CAULKING SEE AIR BARRIER SEE AIR BARRIER DETAIL (AB-2) DETAIL (AB-2) SIP TAPE SIP TAPE CAULKING TITLE PROJECT VAPOUR BARRIER DETAILS hermapan FOR VAPOUR SEALING Structural **PWF SIP CONNECTIONS** Insulated Panels REFERENCE SCALE N.T.S. www.thermapan.com DATE REVISION DWG. No. 1-877-443-WALL (9255) **JUNE 2020** VB-1

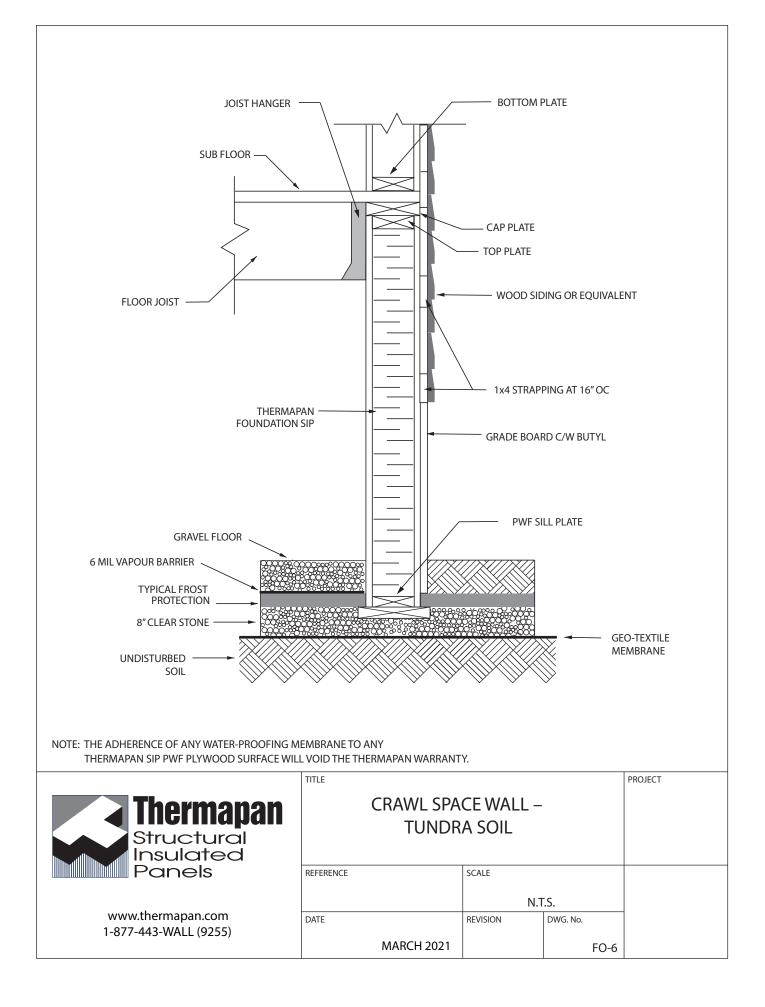


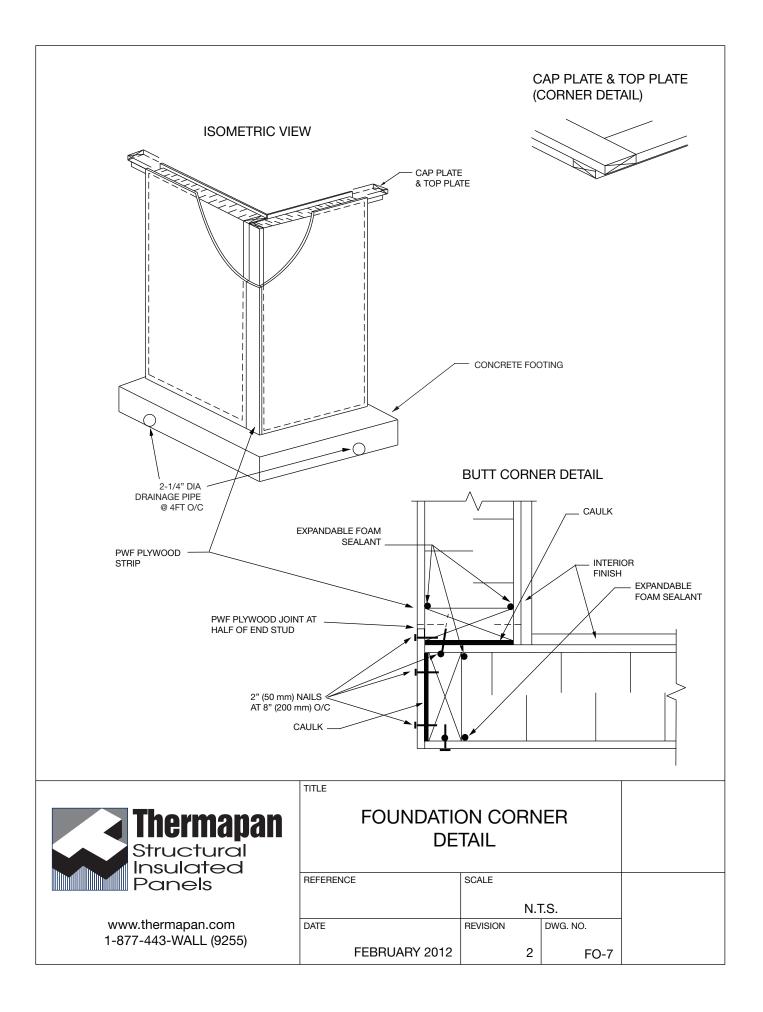


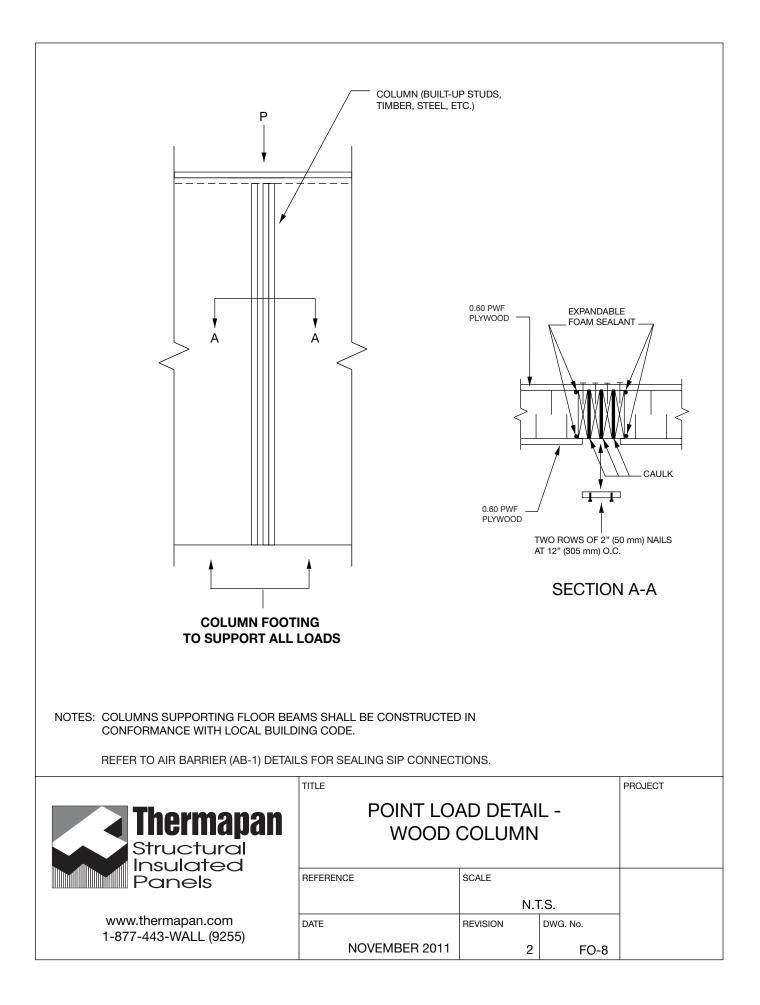


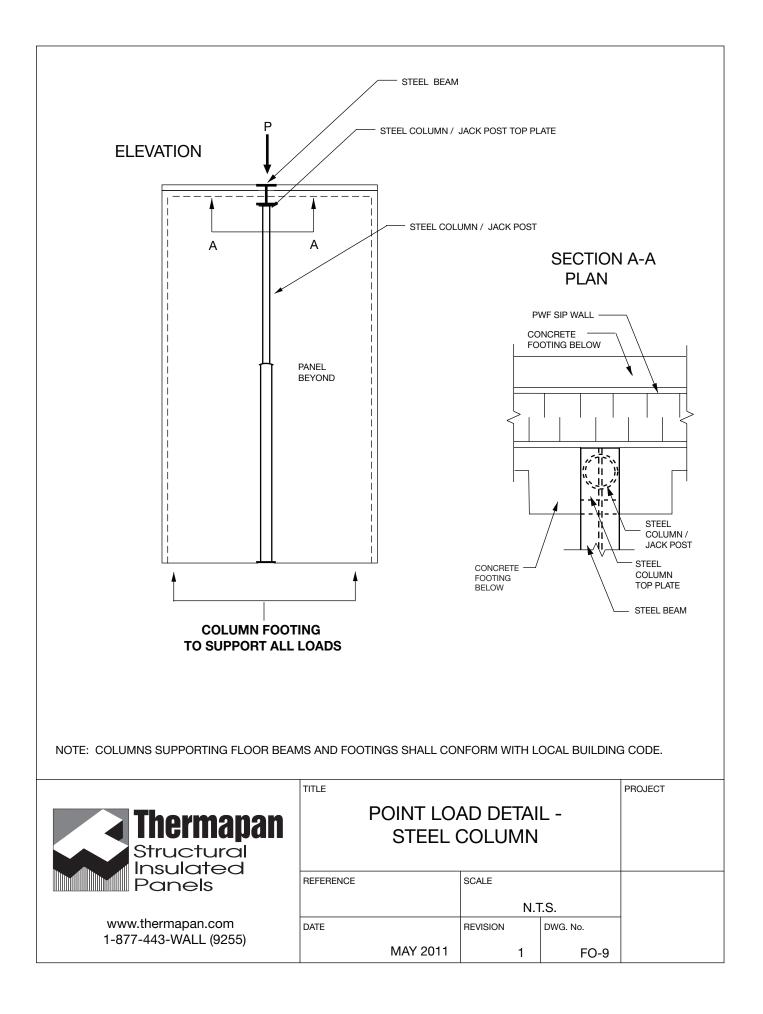


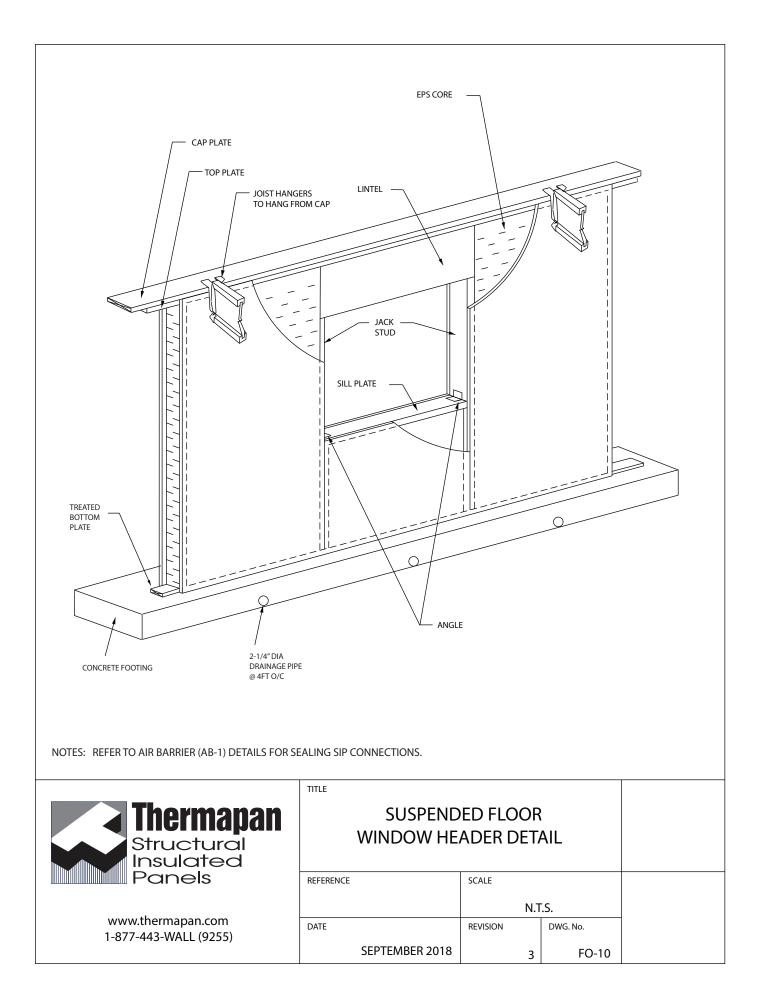


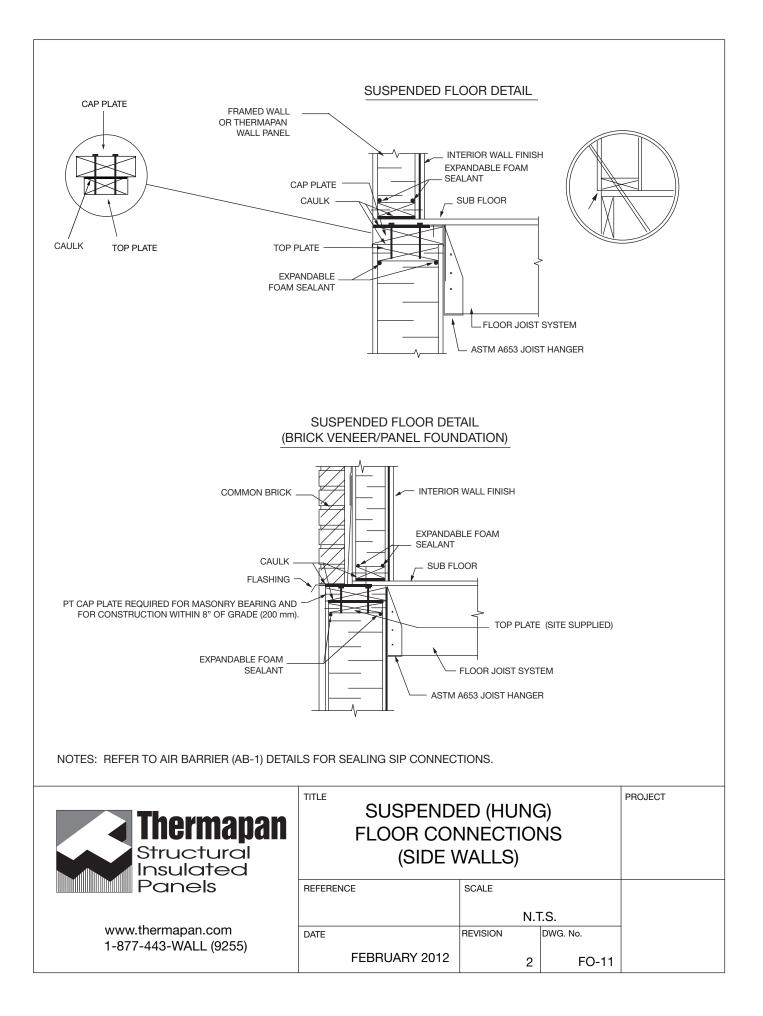


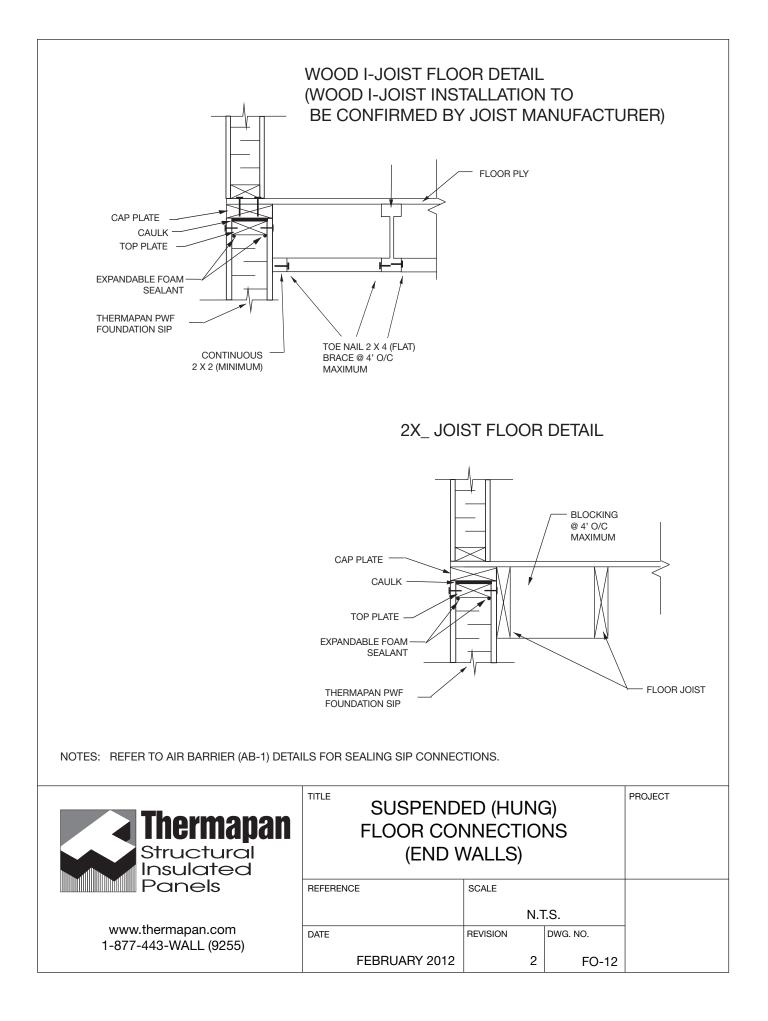


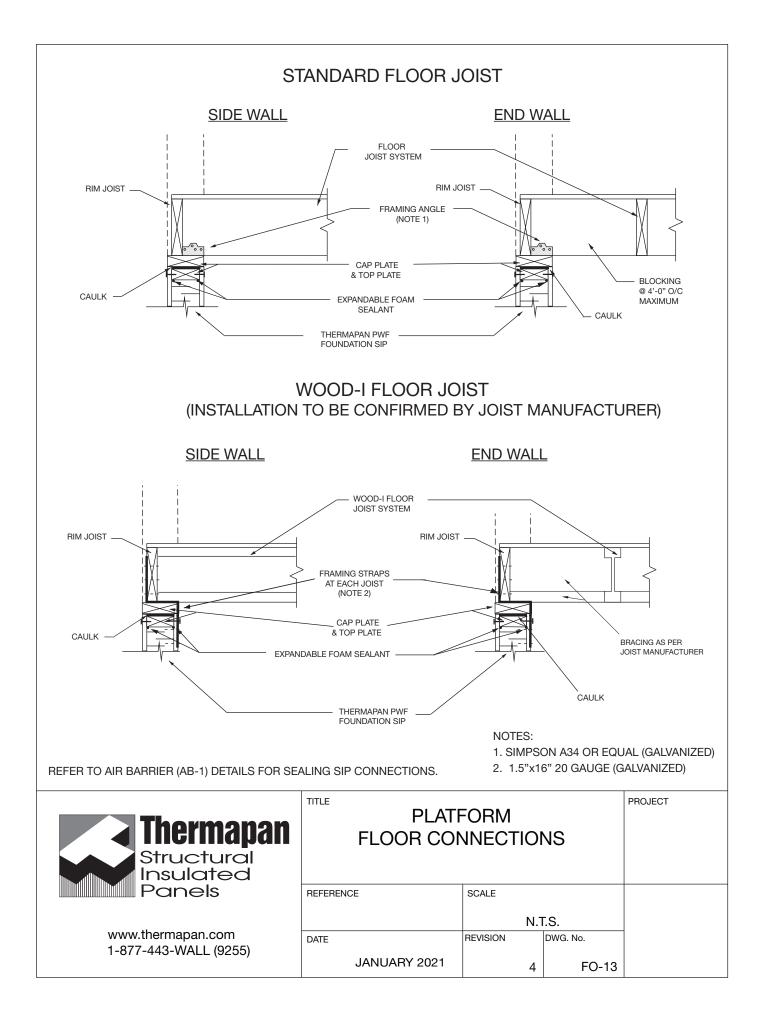


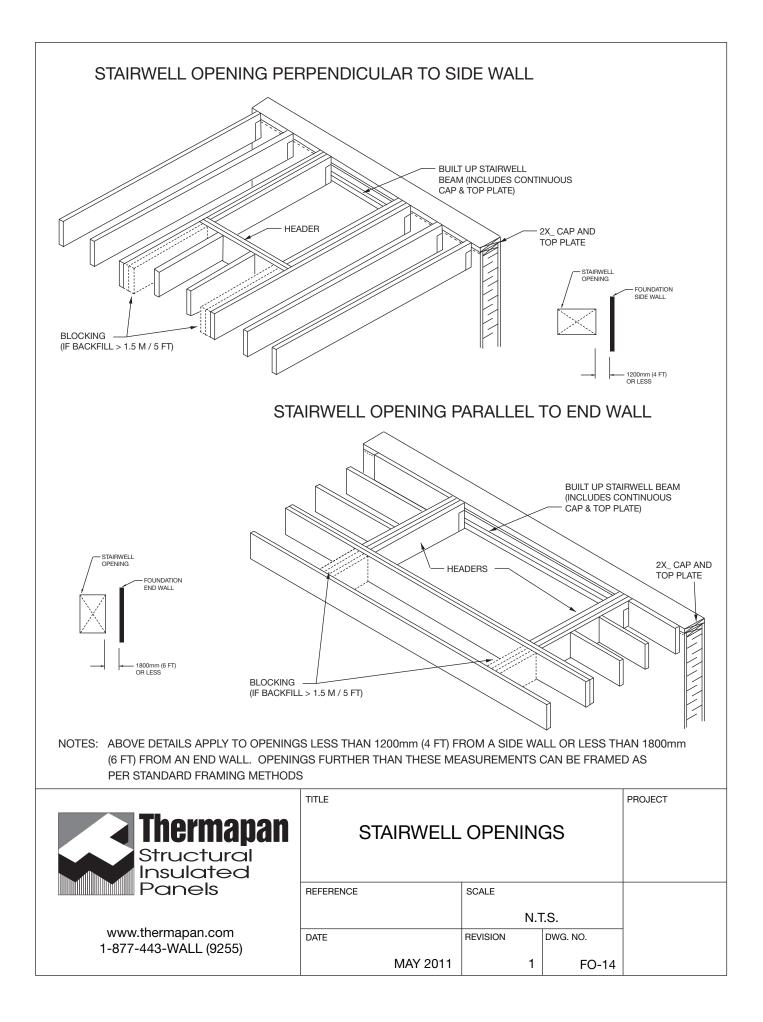


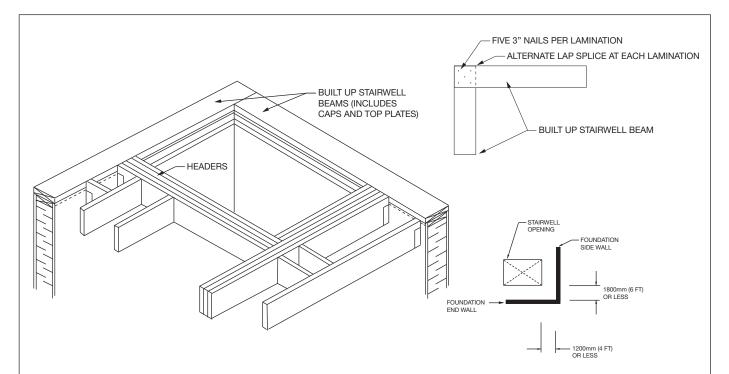












## FRAMING FOR FLOOR OPENINGS GREATER THAN 1200mm (4 ft) IN OPENING WIDTH (WOOD SLEEPER OR CONCRETE SLAB FLOOR TYPES)

Stairwell Opening Width*	Backfill Height (Max)	Number of Stairwell Beam Laminations 2x6 2x8 2x10			Minimum No. of Joist Headers	Maximum spacing for subfloor joist header and trimmer joist nailing, 76 mm (3") nails	
≤ 3200 mm	1500 mm (6'0")	3	2	-	2	2 rows, 150 mm (6") centres	
10'6"	2300 mm (7'6")	9	6	4	3	2 rows, 50 mm (2") centres	
	2900 mm (9'6")	-	10	7	3	2 rows, 50 mm (2') centres	
≤ 3600 mm	1500 mm (6'0")	3	3	2	2	2 rows, 150 mm (6") centres	
12'0"	2300 mm (7'6")	11	8	5	3	2 rows, 50 mm (2") centres	
	2900 mm (9'6")	-	12	8	3	2 rows, 50 mm (2') centres	
≤ 4300 mm	1500 mm (6'0")	5	3	2	2	2 rows, 150 mm (6") centres	
14'0"	2300 mm (7'6")	-	11	8	3	2 rows, 50 mm (2") centres	
	2900 mm (9'6")	-	-	12	3	2 rows, 50 mm (2') centres	

NOTES: ABOVE DETAILS AND TABLE APPLY TO OPENINGS LESS THAN 1200mm (4 FT) FROM A SIDE WALL OR LESS THAN 1800mm (6 FT) FROM AN END WALL. OPENINGS FURTHER THAN THESE MEASUREMENTS CAN BE FRAMED AS PER STANDARD FRAMING METHODS.

\* THE WIDTH IS MEASURED PARALLEL TO THE FOUNDATION WALL. THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TABLE SHALL APPLY AS APPROPRIATE TO A STAIRWELL BEAM LYING IN THE DIRCTION OF MEASUREMENT. IN THE CASE OF A STAIRWELL CORNER OPENING, THE TABULATED WIDTH AND FRAMING REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE APPLIED SEPARATELY AND INDEPENDENTLY IN BOTH MAJOR DIRECTIONS.

\*\* JOIST HEADERS WHICH EXCEED 3200 mm (10'6") IN UNSUPPORTED LENGTH SHALL ALSO BE SIZED BY CALCULATION OR MAY BE DETERMINED FROM TABLES FOR BUILTUP FLOOR BEAMS.

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