Sustainable Energy Outreach Network



How (Older) Houses Work Session II

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Overview

- Burning questions
- Interview questions draft
- Tools of the Trade
- Couple or so my puzzles/projects
- Your puzzles/projects

Full disclosure...



Father James doubted that Pinocchio had made a full and truthful confession.

Overview

- Tools of the Trade High Performance
- High Performance Building Materials
- Building Science Puzzles
- Resources

High Performance Building -Tools of the Trade



New Tools: What do we need to measure? Moisture In air - hygrometer In materials - pin type moisture meter Heat Digital IR Thermometer IR Cameras – 3 types Air Digital pressure gauge

Blower door

Hygrometer - % RH

- Types
 - Horse hair
 - Bi-metal
 - Electronic
 - Sling

Pete's Rec: Omega 4-in-1



GBA Building Science Blog: Measuring (and Understanding) Humidity

Data Loggers – ONSET HOBOs





Data Loggers – OmniSense





What about Dew Point?

- Dew point is one measurement; RH is actually two (temp)
- It's liquid water that we actually worry about; hence: dew point temperature over % relative humidity



GBA Blog: Measuring (and Understanding) Humidity

Moisture meter - % by weight

- Types
 - Pin
 - Surface
- Materials
 - Wood
 - GWB
 - Concrete

Pete's Rec: Delmhorst



Digital Pressure Gauge -Pascals?

- Pressure created by:
 - Wind
 - Stack effect
 - Mechanical equipment
- Pete's rec:
 The Energy
 Conservatory (TEC)



Blower Door

- Quantitative & qualitative info on air leakage
- Components:
 - Calibrated fan & frame
 - Digital pressure gauge (manometer)
- Pete's rec: N/A



\$2000 - \$3500 new

Infra-red cameras

Emissivity-based Can show heat loss, air leakage, moisture info 3 types of IR tools available



Digital IR Thermometer



Industrial IR camera

Smart phone IR attach



Combining IR & Blower Door





"Sticky Business" Liquid sealants & PSA tapes

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Tension and pressure, tears and creeps. The Wingnut Test Facility (WTF) gets dope-slapped in our latest round of experiments.

Basements: Negative Side Waterproofing



Roof Venting



Foamed-in-place Insulation: Seven Tips to Getting it Right



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Tip #1: Understand the 2 systems



Injection foam - Henri Fennell

Spray foam – Peter Yost

Tip #2: Get the Ratio Right



CJ Spray, Inc.

Tip #3: Spray foam: watch your lift thickness

JM CORBOND MCS

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Tip #4: Get the substrate right



Tip #5: Honor wait time (hard to do...)



Tip #6: Match product to application



Open-cell in basement

Closed-cell 1st-floor exterior

Tip #7: Assure quality in the field



Henri Fennell



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