

# **INSTALLATION GUIDE**

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# 1. PRECAUTIONS FOR HANDLING, STORAGE & INSTALLATION

Precautionary measures taken in packaging, storage, transportation and installation of Perma "R" Products can help minimize the potential for damage to the products.

#### 1.1 - JOBSITE STORAGE AND HANDLING

PolyPro should be protected from reflective sunlight or prolonged solar exposure.

When storing outside, always keep stored PolyPro tarped or covered to protect from weather. Do not use a clear plastic covering film. If possible, store indoors.

#### 1.2 - INSTALLATION

Until cladding is installed over PolyPro the following recommendations will help ensure installed PolyPro is restored to its original dimensions in the event of thermal expansion, and minimize damage due to reflective sunlight or prolonged solar exposure.

- Remove or cover the surface that is casting a reflection on installed PolyPro, or shield the affected PolyPro boards.
- Cover PolyPro if left exposed for more than 30 days. Faded printing on PolyPro laminate is normal and will not degrade the PolyPro properties.
- Ensure all butt joints are tightly fitted. "5.6 SEALING JOINTS AND FASTENER PENETRATIONS" on page 12.
- Immediately tape seal or temporarily cover all joints of inside corners until tape sealant is applied. Edges of Subterra products installed on subgrades and adjacent to PolyPro should also be immediately covered until proper sealant method is applied along the perimeter between PolyPro and Subterra.

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# 2. USEFUL TOOLS & MATERIALS

Recommended for sealing joints, penetrations, perimeter edges and flashing details

- Perma R Sheathing Tape
- Vapor barrier blue or red "Tuck" Tape
- 3M peel and stick membrane
- Blueskin flashing tape
- Expandable foam.

#### Recommended for fastening or gluing

- Weather resistive construction glue, such as PL 300
- Plastic cap nails
- Roofing nails with at least 1/2" diameter washers
- Cap staples
- Wood screws with metal roof washers.

When fastening to metal studs use self-drilling screws with at least 1" diameter metal washers.

#### Additional tools:

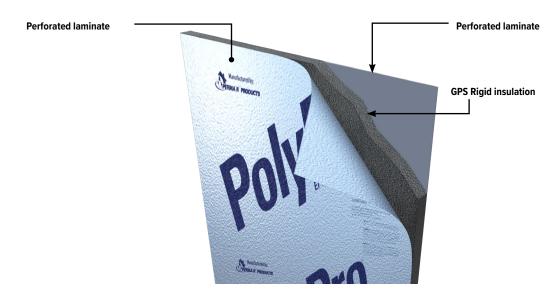
- · Hammer and cordless drill
- · Utility knife and straight edge



### 3. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

#### 3.1 - FEATURES

PolyPro is a rigid foam sheathing insulation faced with a polypropylene laminate that is perforated to allow the sheathing to breath. The Insulation is made from Expanded Polystyrene (EPS foam).



#### 3.2 - BENEFITS

When installed as exterior insulation PolyPro offers the following functional benefits.

- Provides continuous insulation, which reduces thermal breaks.
- Increases the R-value of wall assemblies that cannot be achieved with cavity insulation alone.
- Acts as a water-resistive barrier eliminates the need for house wrap when the joints are sealed and taped. This reduces air leakage and ensures moisture transmission through the cladding will drain to the outside.
  - A house wrap is not required with PolyPro for thicknesses 9/16" or greater.
- Contains perforations, which allow PolyPro to breathe. Because PolyPro is breathable, a vapor barrier may be required for the wall assembly. PolyPro remains breathable up to 2-1/8".
- Reduces heat gains in warm climates when an air gap is provided between PolyPro and the cladding (applicable only where PolyPro is available with a reflective laminate).

#### 3.3 - AVAILABLE SIZES

Available in 4ft x 8ft sheets, 1/2", 9/16", 5/8", 1", 1.5" and 2" thickness. Custom sizes and thicknesses are available. Contact your local Perma "R" Products representative for availability at 800.647.6130 or visit our website at www.PermaRProducts.com and click "Contact Us".



### 4. APPLICATION

Suitable for use for new construction and existing buildings, Perma "R" Products' PolyPro is designed to completely insulate exterior above-grade walls in residential, multi-residential, commercial, and industrial buildings while providing a breathable water-resistive barrier.

## 5. INSTALLATION

The following illustrations are typical for the installation of Perma "R" Products' PolyPro as interior insulation.

Installation may vary depending on project specific requirements. Before starting, make sure all installation complies with local building code requirements.

PolyPro consists of a perforated laminate allowing the sheathing to breath. Therefore, an additional vapor barrier may be required for the wall assembly.

NOTE: Where PolyPro is available with a reflective or white laminate on one side of the insulation it is recommended that PolyPro is installed with these laminates facing the exterior.

#### 5.1 - FASTEN POLYPRO TO THE WALL SUBSTRATE

PolyPro is fastened directly to the wall substrate or framing members, such as wood sheathing, wood or steel stud framing, concrete or masonry walls.

Attach PolyPro at corners, as a minimum, to the substrate or framing members. A minimal number of fasteners is required to tack PolyPro sheets in place – the attachment of cladding, or strapping will fully secure PolyPro sheets.

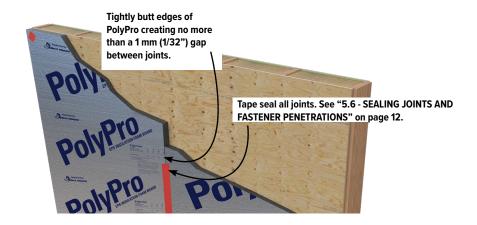
Place PolyPro against the wall substrate either vertically or horizontally. For tall walls installing vertically is preferable.

For information on fastener information see "6.0 – FASTENING PolyPro" on page 18.



#### 5.2 - FRAMED WALLS WITH WOOD SHEATHING

Fasten PolyPro directly over the wood sheathing. For existing framed wall buildings remove the cladding material and house wrap



to expose the wood sheathing.

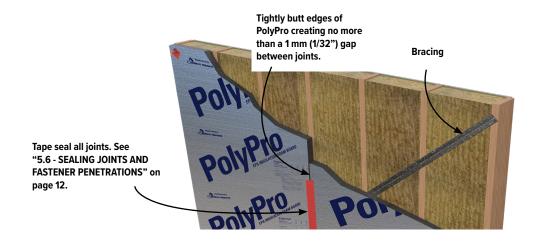
For information on fastening PolyPro over wood sheathing see "6.0 – FASTENING" on page 18.

#### 5.3 - FRAMED WALLS WITHOUT WOOD SHEATHING

PolyPro can be installed directly over wall studs. Since PolyPro is not structural sheathing the walls will require bracing, per local building codes.

#### **5.3.1 - DIAGONAL BRACING**

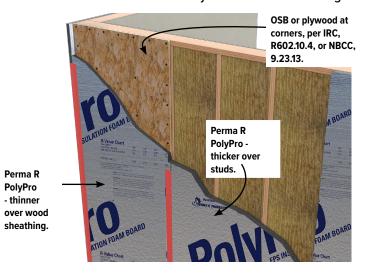
Some examples of typical bracing include metal T-straps, or 1x4 wood let-in. Typical corner bracing includes wood sheathing at the corners, such as OSB or plywood.

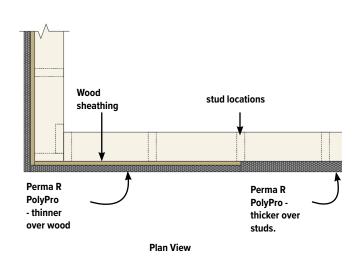




#### **5.3.2 - WOOD SHEATHING BRACING**

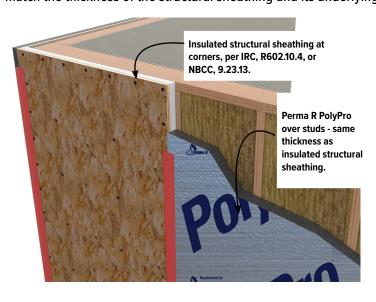
PolyPro is installed over the entire home after the structural sheathing are installed as corner bracing. The panels add thickness to the framed wall at the corner regions so PolyPro will be thinner over the sheathing than areas without sheathing. This ensures the exterior face of PolyPro remains flush along the walls.

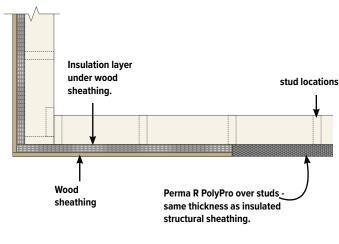




#### 5.3.3 - INSULATED WOOD SHEATHING BRACING

Insulated wood structural panels, such as Zip System R-Sheathing, used as corner bracing offers continuous insulation built into the structural sheathing. In this case, PolyPro is not required over the structural panel but should be thick enough to match the thickness of the structural sheathing and its underlying insulation layer throughout the entire wall.



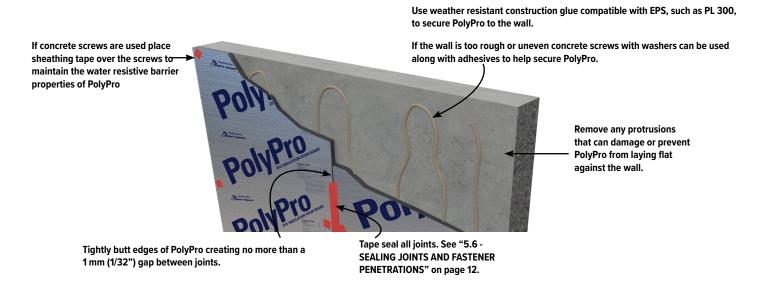


Plan View



For more information on fastening PolyPro direct to wall studs and corner bracing see "6.0 – FASTENING PolyPro" and online Technical Bulletin No.12, respectively.

#### 5.4 - CONCRETE OR MASONRY WALLS

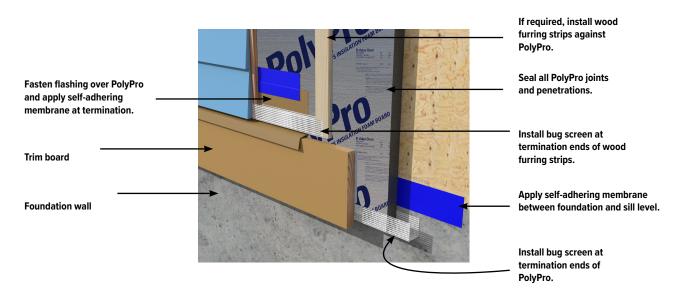


#### **5.5 - TRANSITIONS**

There are different methods to ensuring PolyPro performs as a water-resistive barrier, and properly drains moisture to the exterior.

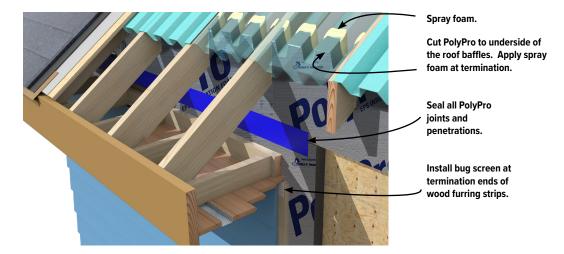
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#### **5.5.1 - FOUNDATION TRANSITION**



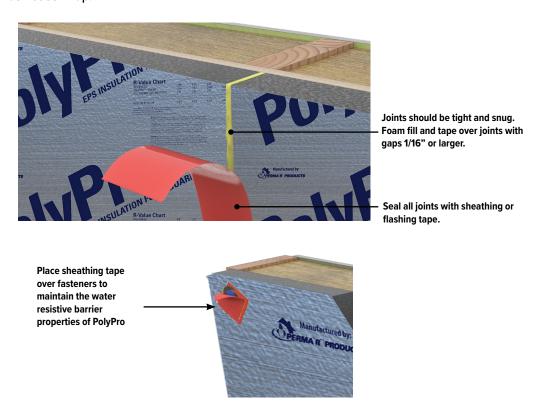


#### 5.5.2 - ROOF TRANSITION



#### **5.6 - SEALING JOINTS AND FASTENER PENETRATIONS**

Joints between PolyPro boards, and fastener penetrations, should be sealed. This will maintain the water-resistive barrier properties of PolyPro, especially when PolyPro is intended to be used as the water-resistive barrier, in lieu of a separate membrane such as house wrap.





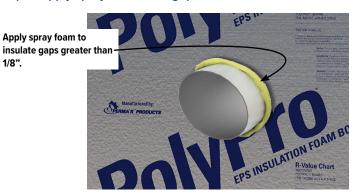
#### **5.6.1 - PENETRATIONS**

Measure and cut PolyPro to suit the rough opening for penetrations. PolyPro boards can be cut using a utility knife. The following illustrations provide a typical example of addressing proper drainage and insulation around a penetration.

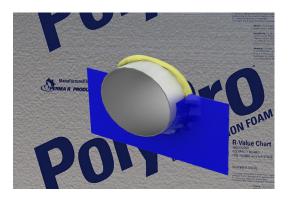
Step 1: Cut a rough opening.



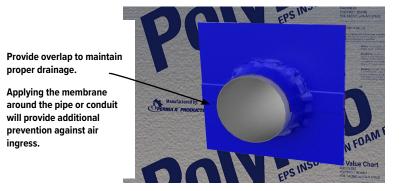
Step 2: Apply spray foam to fill gaps.



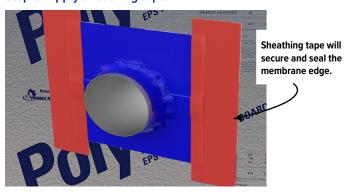
Step 3: Apply self-adhesive membrane at bottom half.



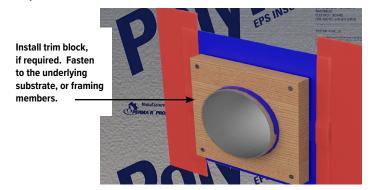
Step 4: Apply self-adhesive membrane at top half.



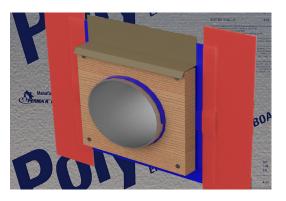
Step 5: Apply sheathing tape.



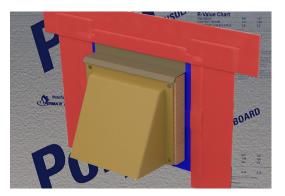
Step 6: Install trim block.



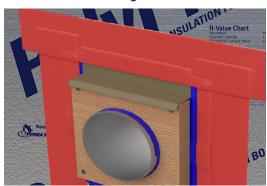
#### Step 7: Install flashing.



Step 9: Fasten cover to trim block.



Step 8: Apply sheathing tape to seal edge of membrane and flashing.

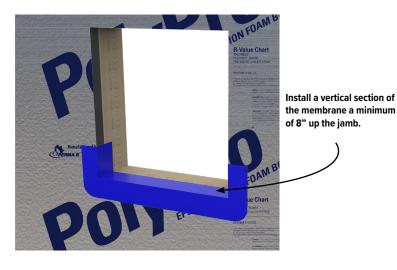


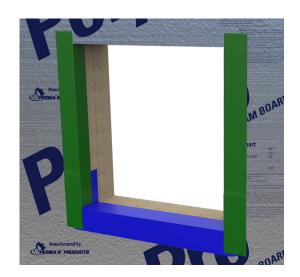
#### **5.6.2 - OPENINGS**

The following illustrations provide a typical example of addressing proper drainage and insulation around a flanged window. For additional window opening details refer to "10.0 - EXAMPLE CAD DETAILS" on page 38.

Step 1: After cutting a section of PolyPro to match the rough opening, install a self-adhering flashing membrane at the sill.

Step 2: Install a self-adhering membrane along the length of the jam.





Step 3: Install the flanged window and fasten to the substrate.



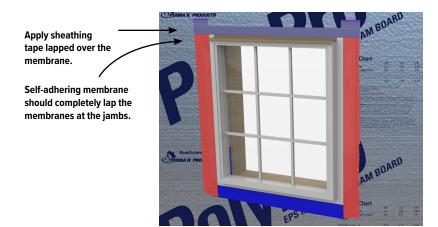
Step 4: Install a self-adhering membrane along the length of the jam over the flanges.



#### Step 5: Install the head flashing.



Step 6: Install a self-adhering membrane over the flashing.



Step 7: if required, install furring strips around the opening.



Step 8: Install trim boards and fasten to the furring strips or substrate.



Step 9: Install cladding, as required.



Apply a compatible sealant between cladding and trim boards.

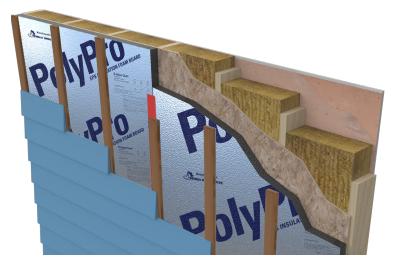
Apply spray foam — between rough opening and window.





#### 5.7 - CLADDING

Cladding and wood strapping can be installed directly over PolyPro with the use of fasteners.



Fasten cladding to the substrate, or if required to the wood furring strips. See "8.0 - CLADDING OVER PolyPro" on page 33.

#### **5.8 - CAVITY WALLS**

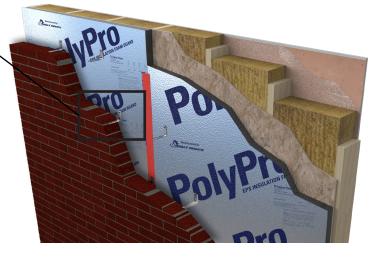
Fasten PolyPro directly to the wall substrate using appropriate fasteners.

There are a number of available brick ties designed to be compatible for foam sheathing. Below is a list of compatible brick ties.

· Slotted Stud Tie, Fero Corp., ferocorp.com

Fasteners for brick ties must penetrate the PolyPro layer and at least 3/4" into the wall substrate.





- Pos-i-Tie, Heckmann Building Products, heckmannbuildingprods.com
- X-Seal Anchor, Hohmann & Barnard, H-b.com
- Dur-O-Wal Veneer Anchors, Dayton Superior, daytonsuperior.com.



### 6. FASTENING POLYPRO

This section is a guide to fastening:

- · PolyPro to wall substrate
- Cladding or wood strapping over PolyPro.

PolyPro is not structural so a minimal number of fasteners is required to tack PolyPro sheets in place – the attachment of cladding, strapping, and housewrap will fully secure PolyPro boards.

#### **6.1 - TYPICAL FASTENER TYPES**

Fasteners with washer types are recommended to secure PolyPro boards with the top of the fasteners flush to the surface of PolyPro boards.

Typical fastener types include, but are not limited to:

- Plastic cap nails
- roofing nails with at least ½" diameter washers
- · Cap staples
- · Wood screws with metal roof washer

When fastening to metal studs use screws with at least 1" diameter metal washers.

#### 6.2 - TYPICAL NAILING PATTERNS OVER WOOD SHEATHING & OPEN STUD ASSEMBLY

The following provides suggested nailing patterns when installing PolyPro over wood sheathing or direct to wood studs. Guidelines printed on the PolyPro boards can be used to locate studs and fastening points.

To maintain the water resistive barrier and continuous insulation properties all fasteners and joints should be covered with sheathing tape. In addition, large gaps should be foam filled prior to covering with sheathing tape. For more information refer to "5.6 - SEALING JOINTS AND FASTENER PENETRATIONS" on page 12.

For information on recommended fastener lengths refer to "6.4 - RECOMMENDED FASTENER LENGTHS" on page 30.



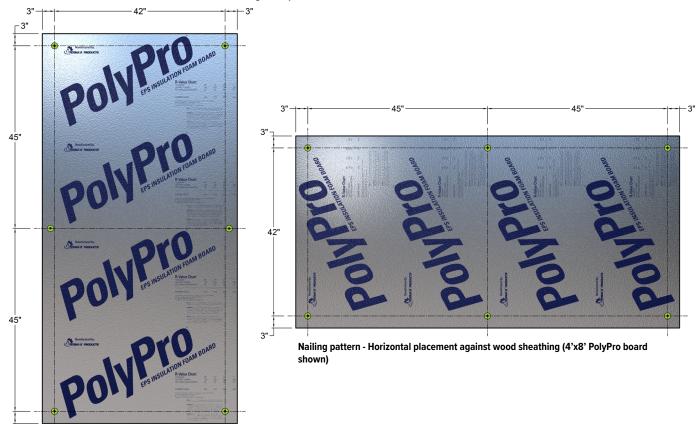
#### **6.2.1 - OVER WOOD SHEATHING**

Fastening into wood studs is not required when installing PolyPro over wood sheathing - the wood sheathing will provide sufficient backing for fasteners.

PolyPro can be placed either horizontally or vertically without the need to stagger vertical joints in a running bond pattern. However, offsetting the joints in PolyPro to that of the wood sheathing is recommended to minimize air gaps and improve air tightness.



Offset horizontal and vertical joints between PolyPro and wood sheathing when possible.



Nailing pattern - Vertical placement against wood sheathing (4'x8' PolyPro board shown)

#### TYPICAL NAILING PATTERNS OVER WOOD SHEATHING

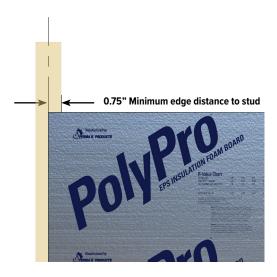


#### **6.2.2 - OVER OPEN STUD ASSEMBLY**

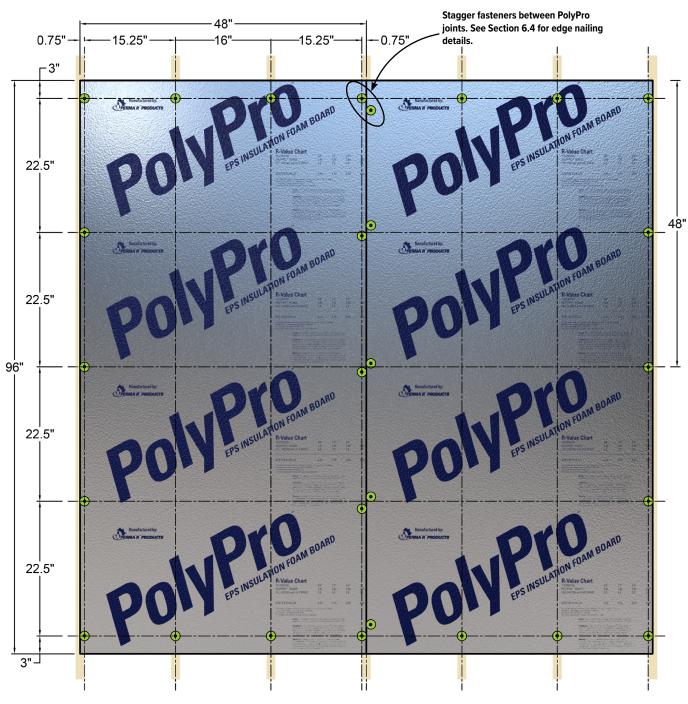
PolyPro boards are fastened direct to the wood studs in an open stud wall assembly.

Since PolyPro boards are non-structural, the stud wall assembly must be properly braced, as required by building codes or structural specifications.

PolyPro can be placed either horizontal or vertically. The vertical joints of PolyPro boards should rest fully or halfway on a stud to ensure proper fastening to the stud. [show image]



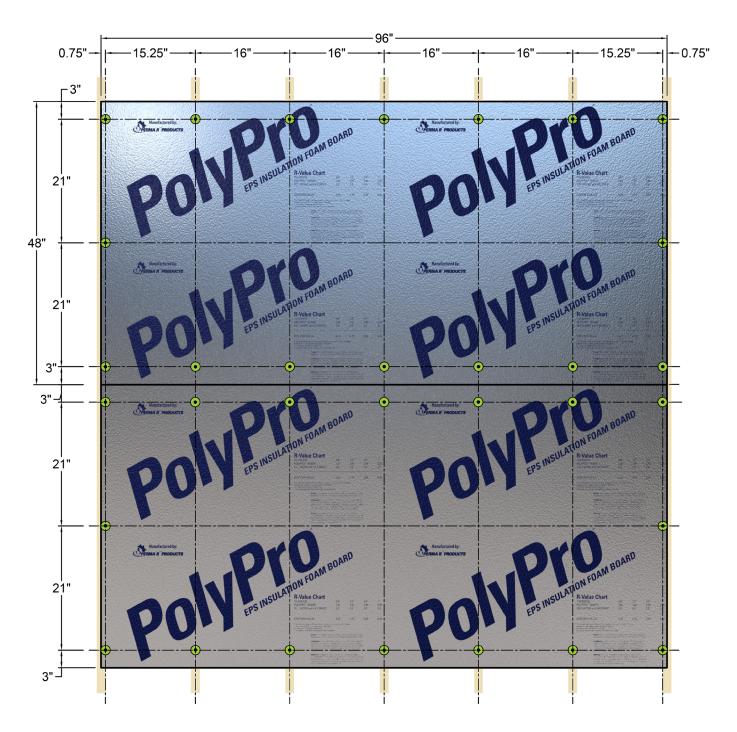




Nailing pattern - Vertical placement against 16" wood stud spacing (4'x8' PolyPro boards shown). Use printed guidelines on PolyPro boards to approximate vertical spacing of fasteners.

# TYPICAL NAILING PATTERN OVER OPEN STUD ASSEMBLY VERTICAL INSTALLATION OVER 16" STUD SPACING

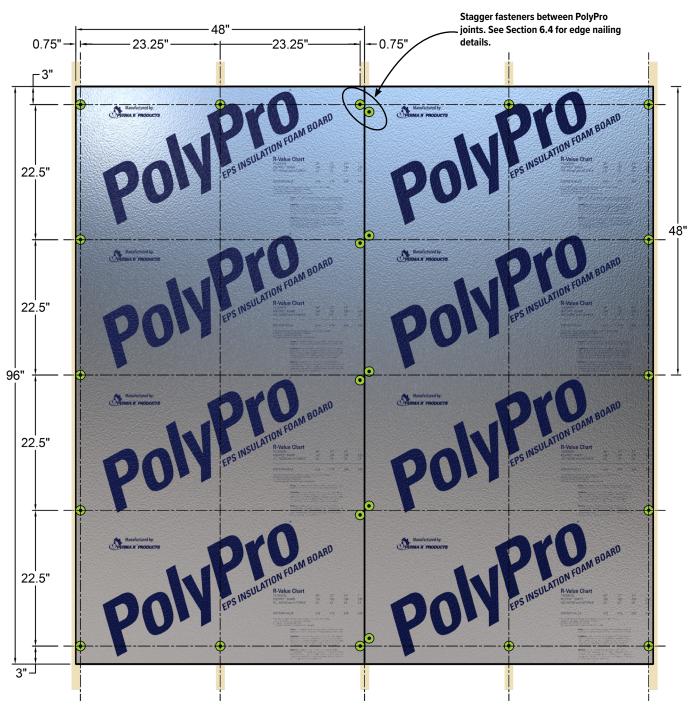




Nailing pattern - Horizontal placement against 16" wood stud spacing (4'x8' PolyPro boards shown). Printed guidelines on PolyPro boards can be used to locate studs.

# TYPICAL NAILING PATTERN OVER OPEN STUD ASSEMBLY HORIZONTAL INSTALLATION OVER 16" STUD SPACING

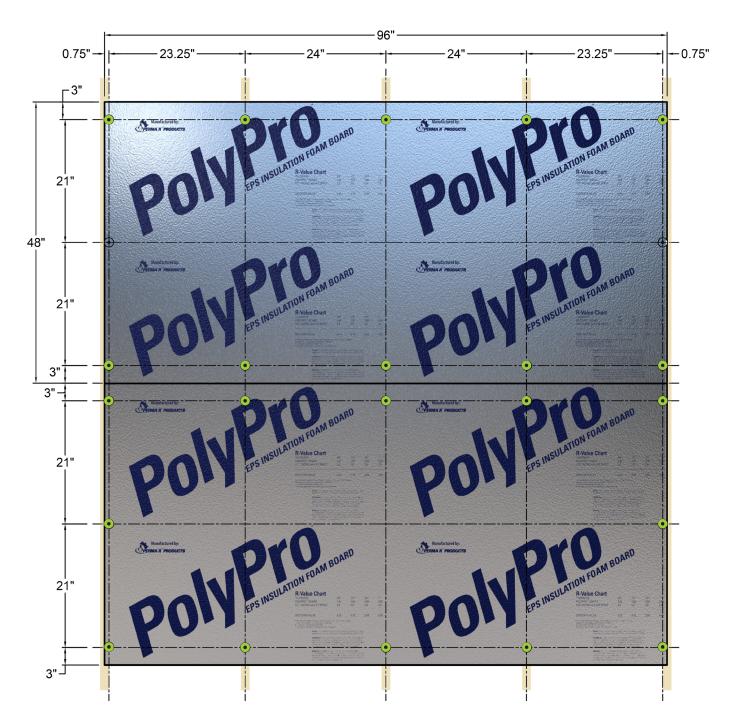




Nailing pattern - Vertical placement against 24" wood stud spacing (4'x8' PolyPro boards shown). Use printed guidelines on PolyPro boards to approximate vertical spacing of fasteners.

# TYPICAL NAILING PATTERNS OVER OPEN STUD ASSEMBLY VERTICAL INSTALLATION OVER 24" STUD SPACING





Nailing pattern - Horizontal placement against 24" wood stud spacing (4'x8' PolyPro boards shown). Printed guidelines on PolyPro boards can be used to locate studs.

# TYPICAL NAILING PATTERNS OVER OPEN STUD ASSEMBLY HORIZONTAL INSTALLATION OVER 24" STUD SPACING



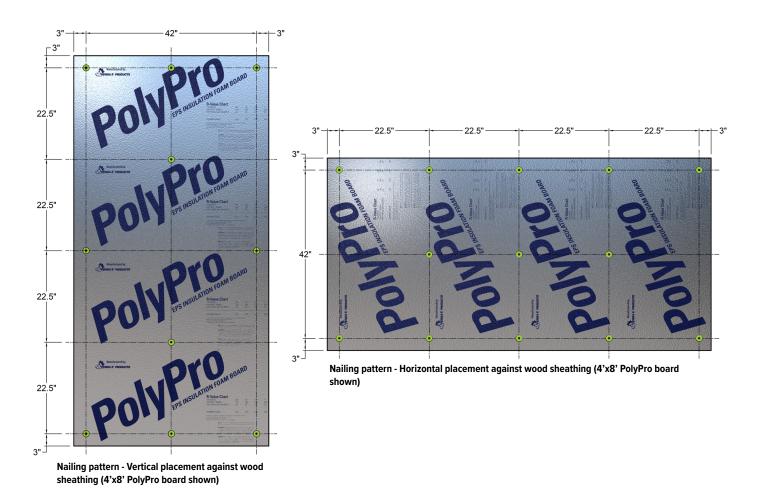
#### 6.3 - NAILING PATTERNS FOR PREFABRICATED WALL ASSEMBLIES

When PolyPro is installed in a factory-built wall system additional fasteners are required to secure PolyPro boards due to handling and transportation of the prefabricated wall assembly.

Since PolyPro boards are non-structural, the wall assembly must be properly braced, as required by building codes or structural specifications.

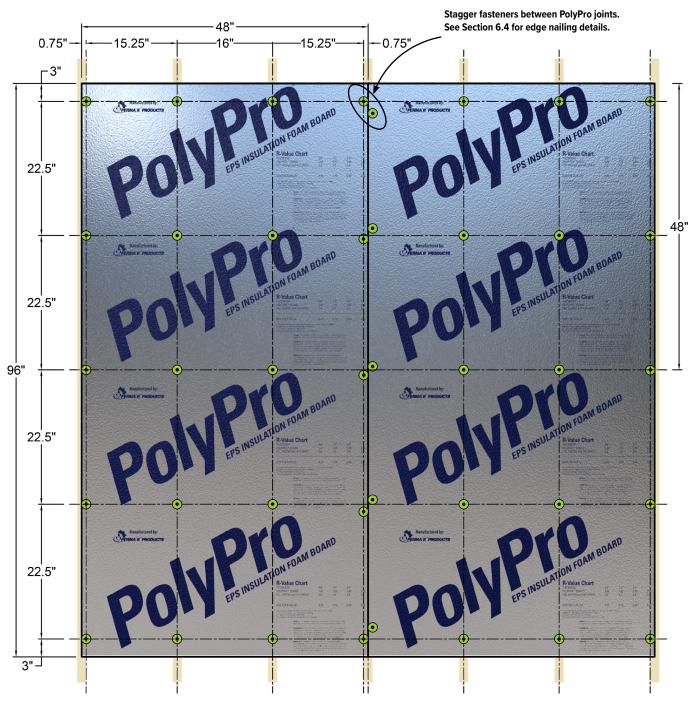
Before cladding is installed over PolyPro inspect the PolyPro boards for any visible signs of damage, and to ensure all taped joints and penetrations are properly adhered to PolyPro.

For information on inspecting and repairing installed PolyPro boards, refer to "7.0 - INSPECTION & REPAIRS" on page 32.



TYPICAL NAILING PATTERNS OVER WOOD SHEATHING PREFABRICATED WALL ASSEMBLIES

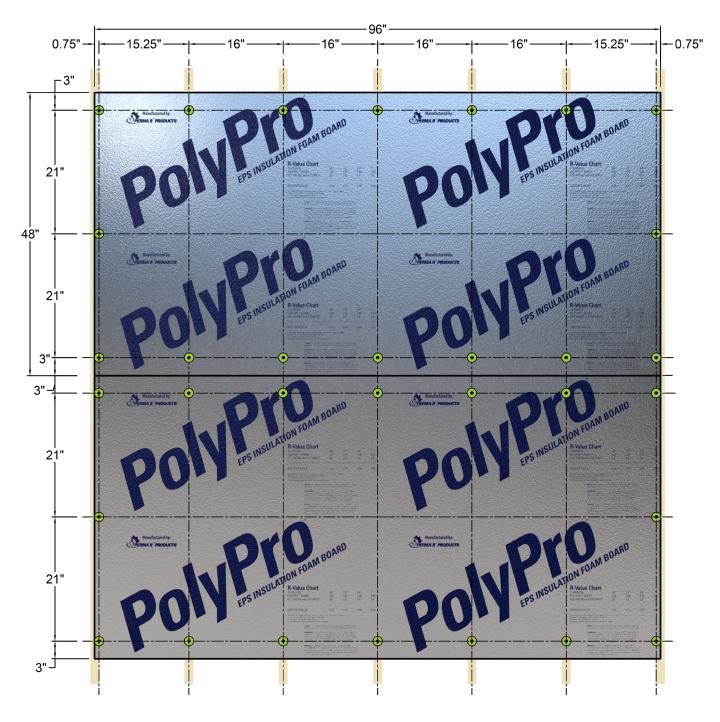




Nailing pattern - Vertical placement against 16" wood stud spacing (4'x8' PolyPro boards shown). Use printed guidelines on PolyPro boards to approximate vertical spacing of fasteners.

# PREFABRICATED WALL ASSEMBLIES TYPICAL NAILING PATTERN OVER OPEN STUD ASSEMBLY VERTICAL INSTALLATION OVER 16" STUD SPACING

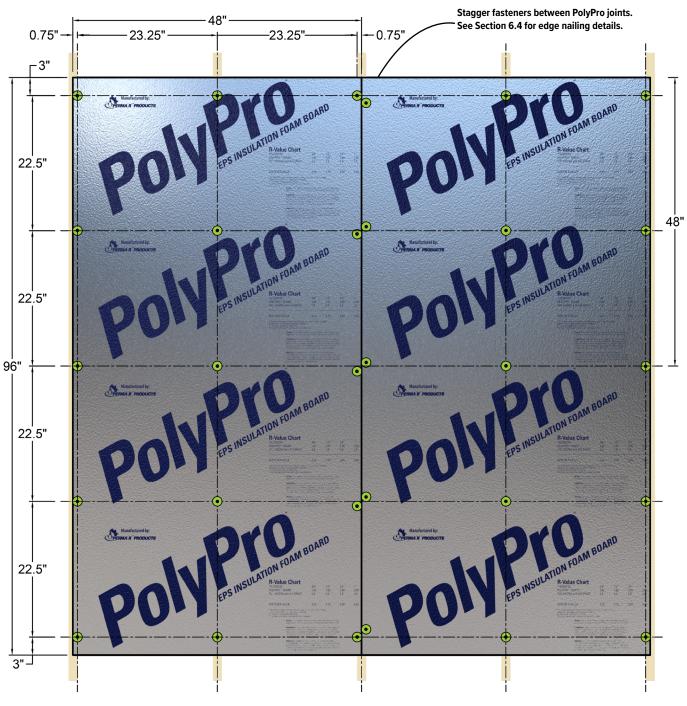




Nailing pattern - Horizontal placement against 16" wood stud spacing (4'x8' PolyPro boards shown). Printed guidelines on PolyPro boards can be used to locate studs.

# PREFABRICATED WALL ASSEMBLIES TYPICAL NAILING PATTERN OVER OPEN STUD ASSEMBLY HORIZONTAL INSTALLATION OVER 16" STUD SPACING

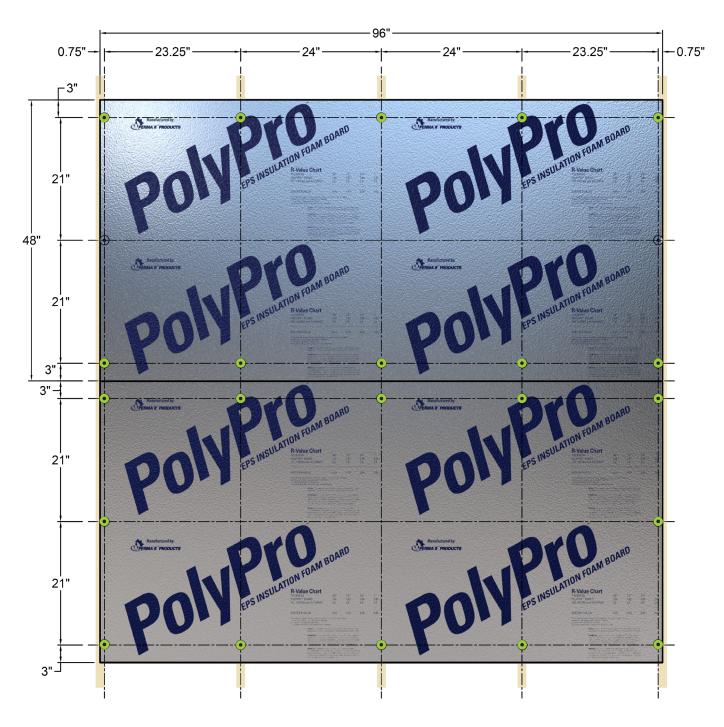




Nailing pattern - Vertical placement against 24" wood stud spacing (4'x8' PolyPro boards shown). Use printed guidelines on PolyPro boards to approximate vertical spacing of fasteners.

# PREFABRICATED WALL ASSEMBLIES TYPICAL NAILING PATTERN OVER OPEN STUD ASSEMBLY VERTICAL INSTALLATION OVER 24" STUD SPACING





Nailing pattern - Horizontal placement against 24" wood stud spacing (4'x8' PolyPro boards shown). Printed guidelines on PolyPro boards can be used to locate studs.

# PREFABRICATED WALL ASSEMBLIES TYPICAL NAILING PATTERN OVER OPEN STUD ASSEMBLY HORIZONTAL INSTALLATION OVER 24" STUD SPACING



#### **6.4 - RECOMMENDED FASTENER LENGTHS**

#### **6.4.1 - OVER WOOD SHEATHING**

Fasteners should be long enough to penetrate PolyPro and completely through the wood sheathing substrate.

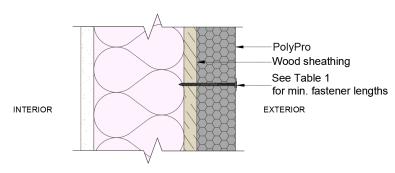


Table 1: PolyPro Fastened to Wood Sheathing

	Minimum Fastener Lengths		
PolyPro Thickness	1/2" Wood Sheathing	5/8" Wood Sheathing	3/4" Wood Sheathing
9/16" or 5/8"	1 1/8"	1 1/4"	1 3/8"
1″	1 1/2"	1 5/8"	1 3/4"
1 1/2"	2"	2 1/8"	2 1/4"
2"	2 1/2"	2 5/8"	2 3/4"

#### 6.4.2 - OVER WOOD STUD ASSEMBLY

Fasteners should be long enough to penetrate PolyPro and at least 3/4" into the framing studs or blocking between studs.

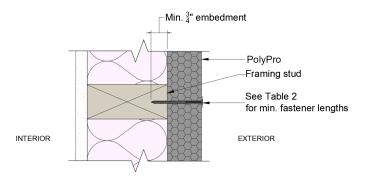
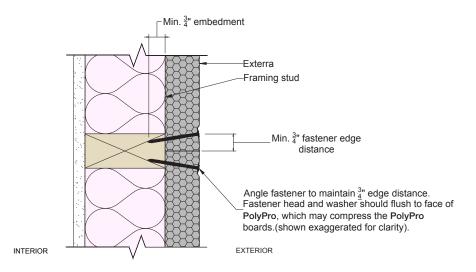


Table 2: PolyPro Fastened Direct to Framing Studs

PolyPro Thickness	Minimum Fastener Lengths
9/16" or 5/8"	1 3/8"
1″	1 3/4"
1 1/2"	2 1/4"
2"	2 3/4"

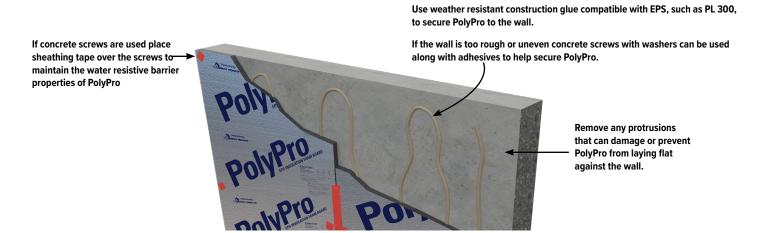
To maintain minimum 3/4" edge distance at vertical joints angle the fasteners.





#### 6.5 - OVER CONCRETE OR MASONRY WALLS

Use weather resistant construction glue compatible with expanded polystyrene, such as PL 300, to secure PolyPro sheets to the wall. If the wall is too rough or uneven concrete screws with washers can be used along with adhesives to help secure the sheets.



#### **6.4 - CAVITY WALLS**

For cavity walls, PolyPro will either be placed over wood, concrete or masonry substrates. Refer to Sections 5.8, 6.2 to 6.5 for appropriate fastening requirements.



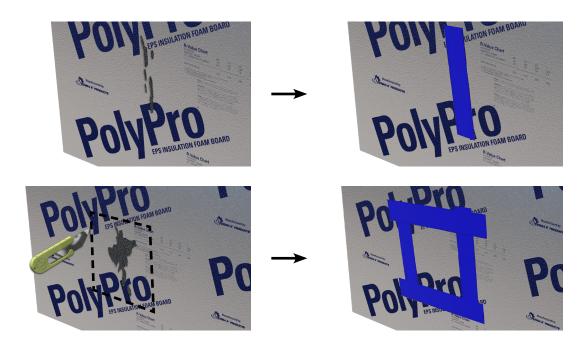
## 7. INSPECTION & REPAIRS

PolyPro is designed to be durable and flexible. However, inspecting the condition of installed PolyPro boards prior to the attachment of cladding or strapping will ensure PolyPro performs as designed.

Inspect installed PolyPro boards sufficiently in advance of cladding or strapping placement to ensure

- taped seams are not broken
- · joints, penetrations and perimeter are properly sealed
- · damaged areas are marked and properly repaired.

In most cases repairing damaged PolyPro boards simply requires tape sealing over the damaged area. If the foam and laminate are damaged then removing the damaged section and replacing with a new section will be required.





### 8. CLADDING OVER POLYPRO

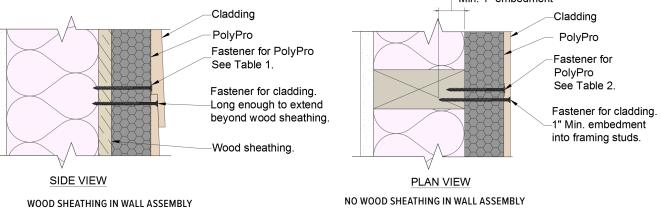
This section is a guide to fastening cladding or wood strapping over Perma "R" PolyPro.

NOTE: Where PolyPro is available with a reflective or white laminate on one side of the insulation it is recommended that PolyPro is installed with these laminates facing the exterior.

#### 8.1 - CLADDING OVER POLYPRO WITHOUT WOOD STRAPPING

When cladding is attached without wood strapping, nails or screws used to attach cladding directly over PolyPro should penetrate PolyPro and completely through the wood sheathing. The thickness of the wood sheathing should be structurally adequate to resist the lateral and pull-out loads the cladding may be subjected to. Check with your local cladding supplier to confirm.

In cases where wood sheathing is not present, or will not provide adequate strength, the fasteners should be fastened into the framing members. The nails or screws should penetrate PolyPro and at least 1" into the framing studs, or blocking between framing studs.



#### 8.2 - CLADDING OVER POLYPRO WITH WOOD STRAPPING

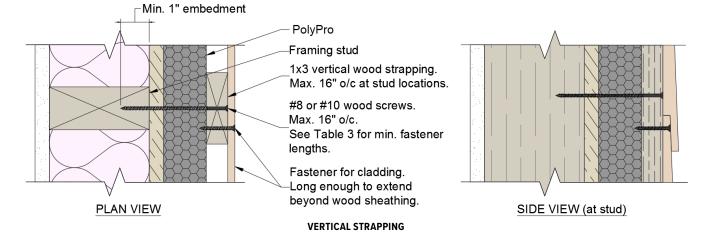
When using wood strapping over PolyPro, the cladding will be fastened to the strapping.

- 1. Wood Strapping Size:
  - Minimum <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" thick. 1 x 3 strapping is recommended.
- 2. Wood Strapping Location:

Place vertically or horizontally, as required, and should be spaced a maximum of 16" on center. If placing vertically, align the strapping to the framing studs.

- 3. Fastener Types:
  - Use #8 or #10 non-corrosive wood screws spaced maximum 16" on center.
- 4. Fastener Length:
  - Screws should be long enough to penetrate wood strapping, PolyPro, and at least 1" into the framing studs.
- Attach cladding to wood strapping. Ensure the nails or screws fully penetrate the strapping.





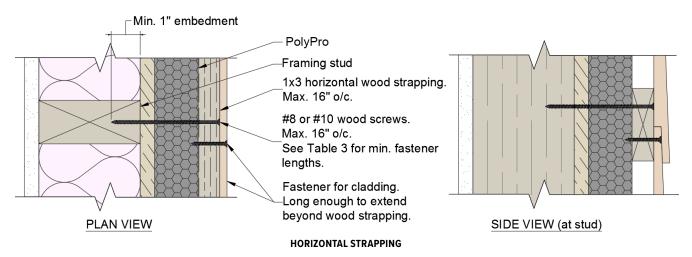


Table 3: 1x3 Wood Strapping Over PolyPro

	Minimum Fastener Lengths		
PolyPro Thickness	1/2" Wood Sheathing	5/8" Wood Sheathing	3/4" Wood Sheathing
9/16" or 5/8"	2 7/8"	3″	3 1/8"
1″	3 1/4"	3 3/8"	3 1/2"
1 1/2"	3 3/4"	3 7/8"	4"
2"	4 1/4"	4 3/8"	4 1/2"

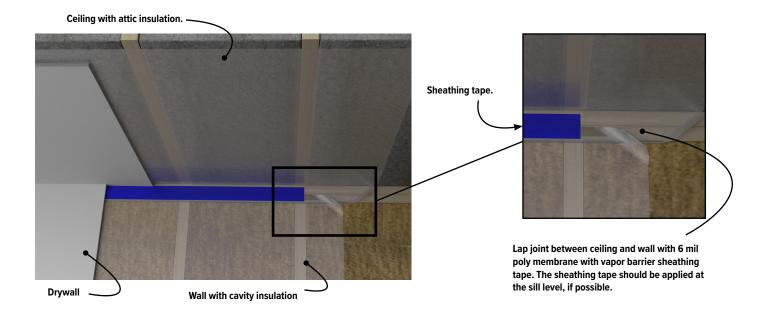
## 9. AIR BARRIER

PolyPro wall assemblies require a separate air barrier system. The air barrier system can be from the exterior, interior, or anywhere in between as long as the continuity of the air barrier system is maintained.

Since 6 mil polyethylene membranes are typically required as the controlling vapor barrier for exterior wall assemblies, it can also provide the controlling air barrier. The following illustrations are examples of a polyethylene air barrier approach for PolyPro wall assemblies. Careful attention should be paid to transitions and penetrations.

#### 9.1 - ROOF/CEILING TRANSITION

Lap the 6 mil poly membranes in the ceiling and walls with vapor barrier sheathing tape.



#### 9.2 - WALL PERIMETER AND RIM BOARDS

Seal the 6 mil poly membrane to the framing members. Install rigid insulation against the rim board between floor joists. The insulation should be sealed to maintain the air barrier, and thick enough to act as a vapor/air barrier.



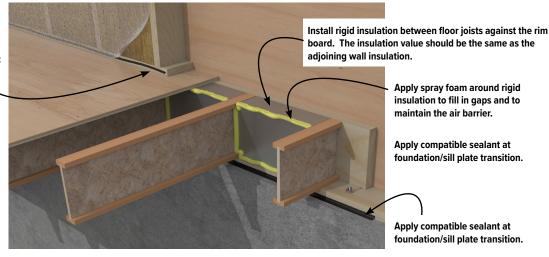
#### 9.3 - FOUNDATION

Install rigid insulation against the rim board between floor joists. The insulation should be sealed to maintain the air barrier. A sealant should also be applied between the sill and top of foundation wall.



Acoustic sealant.

Secure the vapor against the acoustic sealant. Use staples only where the acoustic sealant is applied.





#### 9.4 - PENETRATIONS

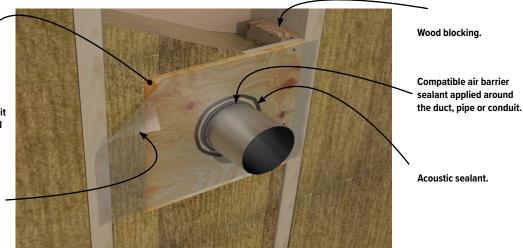
Providing a section of plywood sheathing around the penetration provides the required solid backing for 6 mil poly members.

Attached a section of wood sheathing. Fasten to blocking and keep flush to face of studs.

This will provide a solid backing for the 6 mil poly around the opening and secures the duct, pipe or conduit in place when connecting additional sections.

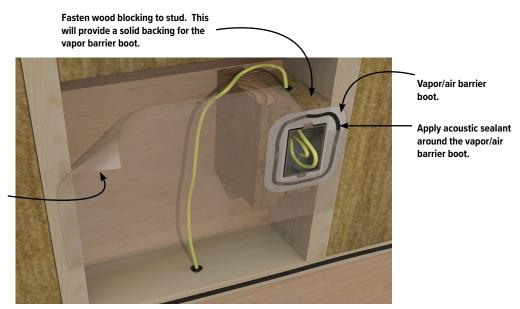
6 mil poly membrane (partially shown).

Place over the acoustic sealant and staple in place. Staples should be applied over the acoustic sealant.



#### 9.5 - INTERIOR ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLES

Vapor/air barrier polyethylene boots should be used to maintain the air barrier around electrical receptacles.



6 mil poly membrane (partially shown).

Place over the acoustic sealant and staple in place. Staples should be applied over the acoustic sealant.

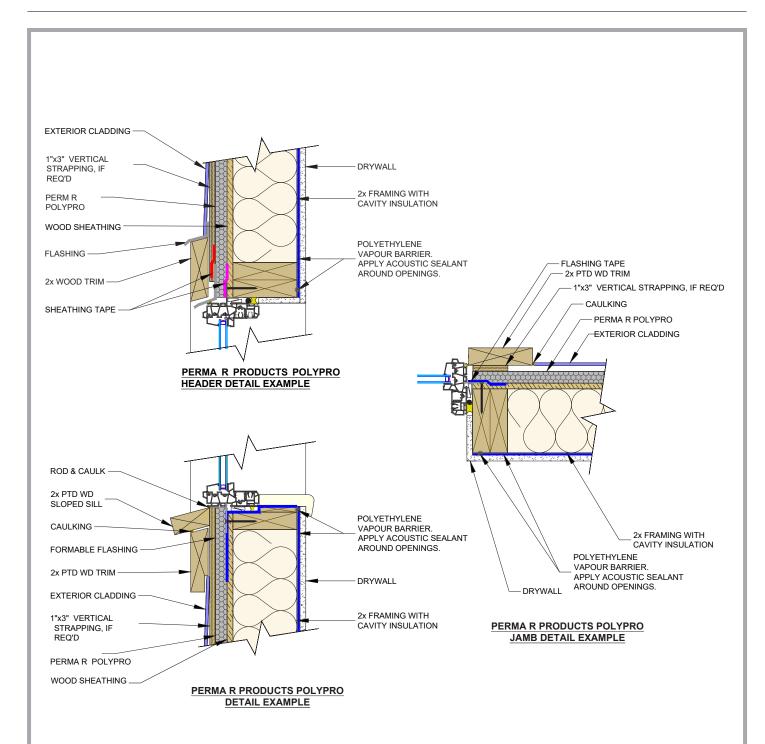


# 10. EXAMPLE CAD DETAILS

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#### 10.1 - FLANGED WINDOW INSTALLED AGAINST WOOD SHEATHING





#### 10.2 - FLANGED WINDOW INSTALLED AGAINST POLYPRO

