Opaque and Curtain Wall Systems

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Glazed Aluminum Curtain Wall System
MetroView® FG 501T Window Wall
“Sleek, efficient and versatile. FG 501T Window Wall – the first in the MetroView® Window Wall series – packs the desired aesthetics of a curtain wall into a cost-efficient window wall system. Ideal for mid-rise commercial projects and sophisticated multi-family housing, MetroView® FG 501T Window Wall delivers the refined design features that are so popular in today’s urban and near-urban cityscapes.”
MetroView® FG 501T Window Wall

How does it function structurally? or how does it attach to the building?

This wall system is not structural, it is a Glass curtain wall. It goes on the exterior as a series of panels with aluminum framing. It is 5 inches deep so it would not take up a lot of space.
MetroView® FG 501T Window Wall
This window wall system also provides a way to protect the slab while blending in with the glass by only using 2 materials which are aluminum and glass. This creates a seamless transition.
How does it provide thermal resistance? or how is it insulated? where do we see thermal bridges or thermal breaks?

IsoLock Thermal breakers are used to disrupt the temperature intake in the building. The IsoLock™ thermal break process is used to eliminate expansion and contraction of the polyurethane. This thermal barrier also improves the U-factor and condensation resistance.
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How does it waterproof the building? To fully waterproof a building we must look at the roof, the facade & windows & the foundation – all sides of the building.

A curtain wall is designed to resist air and water infiltration, absorb sway induced by wind and seismic forces acting on the building, withstand wind loads, and support its own dead load weight forces.

“(Our) products not only withstand the wrath of hurricanes and storms but provide increased security throughout the year. Our range of hurricane resistant products have been independently tested and received Florida Product Approvals (FL #s) and Texas Department of Insurance (TDI #s). Products continue to be tested and submitted to for additional product approvals. Our hurricane resistant products meet the testing standards for Wind-Borne Debris as set forth in ASTM E 1886 and 1996, and Florida Building Code (FBC) Protocols TAS 201, TAS 202 and TAS 203. A growing list of states throughout the East Coast and Gulf Coast Areas of the United States from New York to Texas continue to reference these standards in current building codes. These codes mandate the use of hurricane resistant products in Wind-Borne Debris Regions.”
Opaque Wall System
Cembrit Transparent (True) Fiber Reinforced Composite Building Panels
Cembrit Transparent (True) Fiber Reinforced Cement Composite Building Panels

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“Cembrit Transparent (formerly True) facade boards combine the textured nuances and natural characteristics of the base board with a long lasting performance of the transparent top coat. The color added to the fibre cement reveals and highlights the fibres and other raw materials that provide its strength and character. The extremely durable transparent coating then protects the board and ensures a smooth surface with a long service life.”

This type of building panel does not offer any structural support. They hang on the exterior of the building. Using a “Hat” and a “Z” bracket.
The wall panels are screwed 1 inch away from the exterior wall with screws and a “h=Hat” and “Z” bracket. The exterior wall has a building wrap and the panels have AFC Cladding on the back. Connecting
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As the insulating material is on the outside of the structural wall, this way any thermal bridges that occur at each floor slab can be prevented. These thermal bridges are also the cause of surface condensation that may result in fungus growth.

The ventilated rainscreen cladding system has a cooling effect when temperatures outside are high. The sun’s rays are reflected away from the building. Heat passing through the exterior wall panel partially disappears because of the space between the exterior cladding panel and the structural wall.

Architectural wall-cladding panels act as a rainscreen on the outside of the building and keep the structural wall absolutely dry. The air space connected to the outside air evacuates water and humidity that might have penetrated behind the wall-cladding panels through its horizontal or vertical joints.

The insulation material is applied to the outside of the building so changes in temperature are very minor. This works in favor in summer and winter in both hot and cold climates.

Insulation material can be applied to the outside of the structural wall because it is protected effectively by the architectural exterior wall panel.