Green Wall System

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A wide variety of materials make good air barriers, including poured concrete, glass, drywall, rigid foam insulation, plywood, OSB, and peel-and-stick rubber membrane.

To make a good air barrier, a material not only needs to stop air flow; it also needs to be relatively rigid and durable. If you want to determine whether a material is an air barrier, hold a piece of the material up to your mouth and blow. If you can blow air through it, it’s not an air barrier.
Air barriers and sealants
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Firewalls can be used to subdivide a building into separate fire areas and are located in accordance with the locally applicable building code. Firewalls are a portion of a building's passive fire protection systems.

Firewalls can be used to separate high value transformers at an electrical substation in the event of a mineral oil tank rupture and ignition. The firewall serves as a fire containment wall between one oil-filled transformer and other neighboring transformers, building structures, and site equipment.
Case study buildings

Project Name: CaixaForum Madrid
Construction year: 2007
Architect(s): Herzog & de Meuron
Project Category: Public
Address: Paseo del Prado 36, Madrid

there is a green wall designed by French botanist Patrick Blanc.
Case study buildings

- CaixaForum Madrid is a museum and cultural center.
- It's the most visited museum in Madrid.
- The façade of the building brings out the museum which bring more visitors.
Rain penetration and moisture control

Keep all untreated wood materials away from earth contact. Install well-designed guttering and downspouts connected to a drainage system that diverts rainwater completely away from the house.

Slope the earth away from all sides of the house for at least 5 feet at a minimum 5% grade (3 inches in 5 feet). Establish drainage swales to direct rainwater around and away from the house. Add a gasket under the sill plate to provide air sealing.

Install a protective membrane, such as rubberized roofing or ice-dam protection materials, between the foundation and the sill plate to serve as a capillary break and reduce wicking of water up from the masonry foundation wall. This membrane can also serve as a termite shield on top of foam board insulation.

Damp-proof all below-grade portions of the foundation wall and footing to prevent the wall from absorbing ground moisture by capillary action.

Place a continuous drainage plane over the damp-proofing or exterior insulation to channel water to the foundation drain and relieve hydrostatic pressure. Drainage plane materials include special drainage mats, high-density fiberglass insulation products, and washed gravel. All drainage planes should be protected with a filter fabric to prevent dirt from clogging the intentional gaps in the drainage material.

Install a foundation drain directly below the drainage plane and beside (not on top of) the footing. This prevents water from flowing against the seam between the footing and the foundation wall. Surround a perforated 4-inch plastic drainpipe with gravel and wrap both with filter fabric.

Underneath the basement or on-grade slab floor, install a capillary break and vapor diffusion retarder, consisting of a layer of 6- to 10-mil polyethylene over at least 4 inches of gravel.
System joints and connections

Pro Wall System

Basic Wall System

Versa Wall System
Thermal insulation and R value
Thermal insulation and R value

- Improves thermal insulation capacity through external temperature regulation. The extent of the savings depends on various factors such as climate, distance from sides of buildings, building envelope type, and density of plant coverage. This can impact both the cooling and heating
3rd C. BCE to 17th C. AD: Throughout the Mediterranean, Romans train grape vines (Vitis species) on garden trellises and on villa walls. Manors and castles with climbing roses are symbols of secret gardens.

1920s: The British and North American garden city movement promote the integration of house and garden through features such as pergolas, trellis structures and self-clinging climbing plants.


Hanging Gardens of Babylon

Source: Hand colored engraving, Maarten van Heemskerck, Dutch

Green Roofs for Healthy Cities: Introduction to Green Walls – www.greenroofs.org

Early 1990s: Cable and wire-type net systems and modular trellis panel systems enter the North American marketplace.

1993: First major application of a trellis panel system at Universal CityWalk in California.

1994: Indoor living wall with biofiltration system installed in Canada Life Building in Toronto, Canada.

2002: The MFO Park, a multi-tiered 300’ long and 30’ high park structure opened in Zurich, Switzerland. The project featured over 1,300 climbing plants.

2005: The Japanese federal government sponsored a massive Bio Lung exhibit, the centerpiece of Expo 2005 in Aichi, Japan. The wall is comprised of 20 different modular green wall systems available in Japan.

2007: Seattle implements the Green Factor, which includes green walls.

2007: GRHC launches full day Green Wall Design 101 course; the first on the subject in North America.

2008: GRHC launches Green Wall Award of Excellence and Green Wall Research Fund.
Historical systems - comparison
Construction time and cost

- Project size.
- Design team costs.
- System type.
- Support structure requirements.
- Building location.
- Complexity of design, use of standard or custom components.
- Site conditions and access.
- Cost of installation labor.
- Local availability of materials.
- Project timeline.
- Type of plants used.
- Short and long term maintenance.

171 Broadway Restaurant (Modular Living Wall)
Location: NYC
New construction or retrofit: Retro
Date of implementation: Oct 2007
Size: 300 sq.ft.
Cost: $110 per sq.ft.
Green wall system:
Plants used:
- Pothos
- Climbing jade
- Philodendren
- Aglonema
Green Living™ Wall system, Standard 2’x 2’x 3” depth
Structural support system:
Custom GLT mounting Brackets
Pennsylvania, Longwood interior expansion of their East Conservatory

Landscape architect, Kim Wilke, and installed by Ambius’ Special Projects team led by Denise Eichmann

The 4,072 sq ft green wall at Longwood Gardens surpassed the previous longest green wall in North America by 1,210 sq ft.
Environmental implications/sustainability

Benefits include (but are not limited to):

- Air quality improvement
- Heat Island effect reduction
- Internal building temperature control
- Acoustic insulation
- Heat retention
- Water retention, filtration and management
- Increases the biodiversity of the city
- Stress reduction (health improvement)
- aesthetic

Sky Farm in downtown Toronto, Canada

58 story building requires 1.32 hectares of land
will have 8 million square foot of agricultural space
crops could yield up to $23 million in yearly revenue
External architectural finishes and durability

- Buildings are exposed to the weathering elements and over time some of the organic construction materials may begin to break down, as a result of contraction and expansion shifts due to freeze-thaw cycles and UV exposure.

- Protects exterior finishes from UV radiation, the elements, and temperature fluctuations that wear down materials.

- May benefit the seal or air tightness of doors, windows, and cladding by decreasing the effect of wind pressure.

Green roofs typically last longer than conventional ones. A conventional roof might last 20 years, while a green roof will survive 40 to 50 years. That’s because the plants and soil protect the waterproofing from ultraviolet rays and temperature fluctuations that cause cracks.
Construction details
System movement - seismic resistance

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**Active building design with photovoltaics**

Thermal insulation and R value
Photovoltaic façade paneling systems
Air barriers and sealants

With a variety of alternative electrical generation systems available, none is becoming more prevalent than those which convert solar energy to electricity. These systems are known as photovoltaic systems, or simply PV. A photovoltaic system consists of photovoltaic solar panels and other electrical components used to capture solar energy and convert it to electrical power. Mostly this systems are roof mounted but they can serve as facades as well. PV systems are an economical and environmentally clean way to generate electricity and are here to stay.
Photovoltaic systems are different, but not more dangerous, than traditional electrical installations. It is agreed that the best fire protection is the adherence to the existing regulations through qualified skilled workers.

The experts are to determine whether the existing, well-proven standards and safety concepts should be supplemented. The most important characteristic of photovoltaic systems is that they produce direct current. One cannot simply switch the power off, since the system continues to generate electricity as long as sunlight is incident on the modules.
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Rain penetration and moisture control

- Solar radiance
- Building integrated transpired photo voltaic panel
- Solar absorption panel with waterproofing coating
- BITPV mounting stud and cover
- Horizontal unistrut bracket
- Vertical unistrut support bracket
- Polystyrene insulation prevents thermal bridge through concrete
  - 3" air space
  - Steel stud filled with batt insulation
  - Gypsum
  - Vapor retarder
  - Radiant heat tubing
  - Unistrut concrete anchor
  - Post tensioned concrete with concrete topping
System joints and connections
System joints and connections
Systems comparison
Systems comparison

Post section with pv system

Post section without pv system

Pv element
Thermal insulation and R value
r is the yield of the solar panel given by the ratio: 
power (in kWp) of one solar panel divided by the area 
of one panel
Example: the solar panel yield of a PV modules of 250 
Wp with an area of 1.6 m² is 15.6%
Be aware that this nominal ratio is given for standard 
test conditions (STC): radiation=1000 W/m², cell 
temperature=25 °C, Wind speed=1 m/s, AM=1.5 The 
unit of the nominal power of the photovoltaic panel in 
these conditions is called "Watt-peak" (Wp or 
kWp=1000 Wp or MWp=1000000 Wp).
Photovoltaic Façade Paneling Systems
LOCATED: The 20 River Terrace is located in Battery Park City in New York City. It's known as the Multi-unit residential building. It is a 27 story building.

MATERIAL: The building is made of glass-and-brick.
Case study buildings

**ENERGY: Green Strategies**

- Day lighting for Energy Efficiency
- Use large exterior windows and high ceilings to increase day lighting

**Photovoltaic**

- Use building-integrated photovoltaic (PV) to generate electricity on-site
• About 3,400 square feet of photovoltaic panels generate about 5% of the base building.

• The photovoltaic cells are placed on the west portion of the building’s façade. It takes advantage of the intensity and position of the sun in the summer months.
PHOTOVOLTAIC FACADE PANELING SYSTEM

• Photovoltaic is a system that convert sun ray or light into energy
• The sun is the only resource needed to power a solar photovoltaic system.
• Photovoltaic system can be used in renovating building, commercial, residential, office and industrial buildings.
Construction Time and Cost

- It is easy to install
- It can be delivered
- It is already or pre-design solar facade solution, ready to be connected to the grid
- The price has reduced because of the high demand of the product/system and the advance in technology in manufacturing scale.
- Easier to produce at low cost
- If you want a specific detail of a facade at a corner of a building you can have it
Environmental Implications and Sustainability

• It is economically sustainable and new way of renewable energy
• reduce cost and carbon emission in the building
• Most estimates of life-cycle emissions for photovoltaic systems are between 0.07 and 0.18 pounds
• The carbon footprint of photovoltaic is up to 65 times lower than that of fossil fuel-based electricity and is continuously decreasing
• Photovoltaic modules can be recycled and the materials can be reused.
• Photovoltaic is fuel free
• This system is beneficial to the environment and it also contributes to reducing the production cost
External Architectural Finishes and Durability

• Façade – PV can be incorporated into the sides of buildings, replacing traditional glass windows with crystalline solar panels.

• It function as a outer layer of structure and generate electricity on site

• lightweight, flexible and translucent, produced in different colors and patterned
Ten Key Advantages Of The Ventilated Photovoltaic Façade

- Electricity production
- Energy saving due to insulation properties (up to 40%)
- Greater insulation performance
- Elimination of thermal bridges
- Thermal inner comfort
- Reduction of acoustic pollution
- Wall and roof protection
- Greater energy yield under low irradiation conditions
- Greater energy yield under high temperature conditions
- Attractive and innovative design

http://www.onyxsolar.com/photovoltaic-ventilated-facade.html
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Internal options finishes and connections to partition walls

• Installation is quick and easy
System flexibility forms, sizes, effective spacing

- Cost: it is available in standard size and also can choose shape, size, thickness, transparent and color effective.
- Transparency: between 10%, 20% or 30%.
- Can combine with any construction material.

Step of ordering a standard photovoltaic glass:
- Choose standard size that you need for your building.
- Choose transparent degree: color, transparent, or semitransparent.
- Choose any color.
- Choose size of the glass (no standard size).
- Choose the thickness (no standard thickness).