#### INTRODUCTION

The details in this section have been developed for a range of partial and fully filled cavity wall constructions. The Introduction document "Limiting Thermal Bridging and Air Infiltration Acceptable Construction Details" provides practical information with regards to implementation of these details onsite. This guide should be read in conjunction with these details. Details are given for the junctions with a range of roof, ground floor and internal floor types, as well as at external wall opes.

The details are indicative. They focus on the issues of thermal performance and air tightness. Other issues are not considered fully. Insulation thicknesses for the main building elements have not been provided, as these depend on the thermal properties of the materials chosen, as well as on the desired U-value.

Masonry materials shown on the drawings are blocks and bricks. Other masonry materials, including precast and insitu concrete, may be substituted without loss of thermal performance or increased technical risk. The use of thermally resistant materials, beyond that depicted, will naturally increase the thermal performance of the building fabric.

All materials and workmanship are to be installed to Technical Guidance Document D "Materials and workmanship."

The suitability of full fill cavity construction depends on the site exposure and the nature of the outer leaf. For further information, see BR 262 "Thermal Insulation: Avoiding Risks", Homebond Housebuilding Manual and relevant Irish Agrément Board certificates.

These diagrams illustrate good practice for design and construction of interfaces only in respect to ensuring thermal performance and air barrier continuity. The guidance must be implemented with due regard to all other requirements imposed by the Building Regulations.

Where cavity insulation is used with internal insulation the combination of both sets of details should be used which will provide the best limitation of thermal bridging and ensure air tightness.

### **ACCEPTABLE CONSTRUCTION DETAILS - SECTION (I)**

- I-01a Ground Floor Insulation above slab
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- I-19 Flat Roof Eaves
- I-20 Flat Roof Parapet
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- I-22 Ope Perforated steel lintel
- I-23 Ope Prestressed concrete lintels
- I-24 Ope Jamb with closer block
- I-25 Ope Jamb with proprietary cavity closer

# I-26 Ope - Concrete Forward Sill The details in this section should also be read with Section G:

#### **General Details**

- G-01 Masonry Separating Wall Head Section
- G-02 Masonry Partition Head Section
- G-03 Timber Stud Partition Head Section
- G-04 Metal Stud Partition Head Section

To limit the air permeability to a reasonable level as defined in Part L of the Building Regulations a high degree of attention to detail, good workmanship and appropriate site procedures are required. For further information see introductory document.

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being used consideration should be given to avoid cracking in plaster due

**Ground Floor - Insulation above slab** 

Airtightness membrane and tapes

#### THERMAL PERFORMANCE **AIR BARRIER - CONTINUITY CHECKLIST CHECKLIST** (TICK ALL) (TICK ALL) Ensure partial fill insulation is secured firmly against inner leaf of cavity wall Floor insulation to tightly abut Seal between wall and floor air blockwork wall barrier with a flexible sealant OR seal gap between skirting board and floor Ensure wall insulation is installed at with a flexible sealant least 225 mm below top of floor insulation Ensure block with a maximum Seal all penetrations through air Thermal Conductivity of .20 W/mK in barrier using a flexible sealant the direction of heat flow is used and . P. b that block is suitable for use in foundations in all conditions. Block is to be installed so to avoid any effect of moisture on Thermal Conductivity

#### **GENERAL NOTES**

The wall insulation installed below the wall DPC must be fit for purpose with regards to water absorption

Keep cavities clean of mortar snots and other debris during construction

Detail applicable:- Ground-bearing floor; raft foundation; in-situ suspended ground floor slab; pre-cast suspended ground floor. Insulation above slab, with timber floor finish

Where blocks with a maximum Thermal Conductivity of .20 W/mK are being used consideration should be given to avoid cracking in plaster due to drying of mortar

OPTION (TICK ONE)

### **AIR BARRIER - OPTIONS**

Masonry inner leaf with wet-finish plaster, or

Masonry inner leaf with scratch coat, and finished with plasterboard, or

Complying with checklist will help achieve design air permeability

Inner leaf with plasterboard on dabs, with continuous ribbon of adhesive tape around all openings, along top and bottom of wall, and at internal and external corners, or

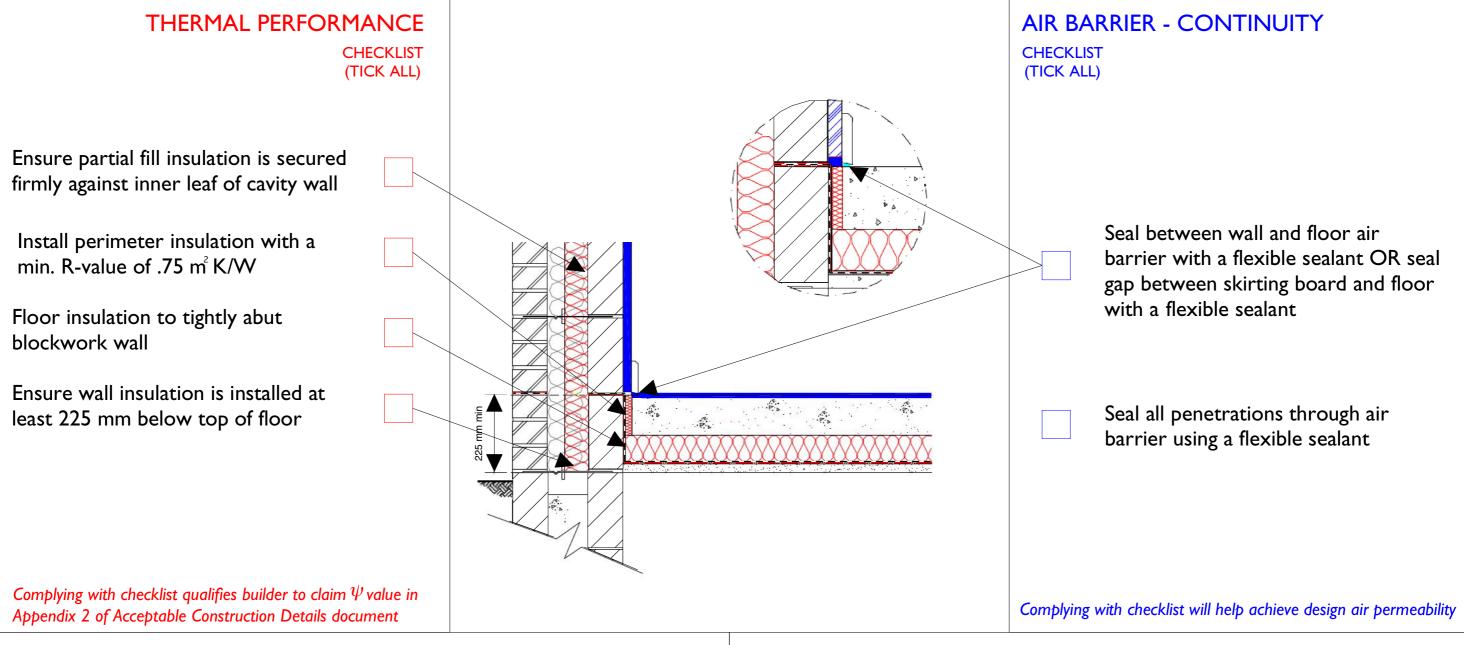
Airtightness membrane and tapes

ACCEPTABLE CONSTRUCTION DETAIL

Complying with checklist qualifies builder to claim  $\psi$  value in

Table 3 of IP 1/06 and Table K1 of DEAP 2006

**Ground Floor - Insulation above slab** 



#### **GENERAL NOTES**

The wall insulation installed below the wall DPC must be fit for purpose with regards to water absorption

Keep cavities clean of mortar snots and other debris during construction

Detail applicable:- Ground-bearing floor; raft foundation; in-situ suspended ground floor slab; pre-cast suspended ground floor; concrete and screed. Insulation below slab

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Masonry inner leaf with wet-finish plaster, or

Masonry inner leaf with scratch coat, and finished with plasterboard, or

Inner leaf with plasterboard on dabs, with continuous ribbon of adhesive tape around all openings, along top and bottom of wall, and at internal and external corners, or

Airtightness membrane and tapes

ACCEPTABLE CONSTRUCTION DETAIL

Ground Floor - Insulation below slab

#### THERMAL PERFORMANCE **AIR BARRIER - CONTINUITY CHECKLIST CHECKLIST** (TICK ALL) (TICK ALL) Ensure partial fill insulation is secured firmly against inner leaf of cavity wall Install perimeter insulation with a min. R-value of .75 m<sup>2</sup> K/W Seal between wall and floor air barrier with a flexible sealant OR seal Floor insulation to tightly abut gap between skirting board and floor blockwork wall with a flexible sealant Ensure wall insulation is installed at least 225 mm below top of floor Ensure block with a maximum Seal all penetrations through air Thermal Conductivity of .20 W/mK in barrier using a flexible sealant the direction of heat flow is used and that block is suitable for use in foundations in all conditions. Block is to be installed so to avoid any effect of moisture on thermal conductivity. Complying with checklist will help achieve design air permeability Complying with checklist qualifies builder to claim $\psi$ value in Table 3 of IP 1/06 and Table K1 of DEAP 2006

#### **GENERAL NOTES**

The wall insulation installed below the wall DPC must be fit for purpose with regards to water absorption

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	Inner leaf with plasterboard on dabs, with continuous ribbon of adhesive tape around all openings, along top and bottom of wall, and at internal and external corners, or

**AIR BARRIER - OPTIONS** 

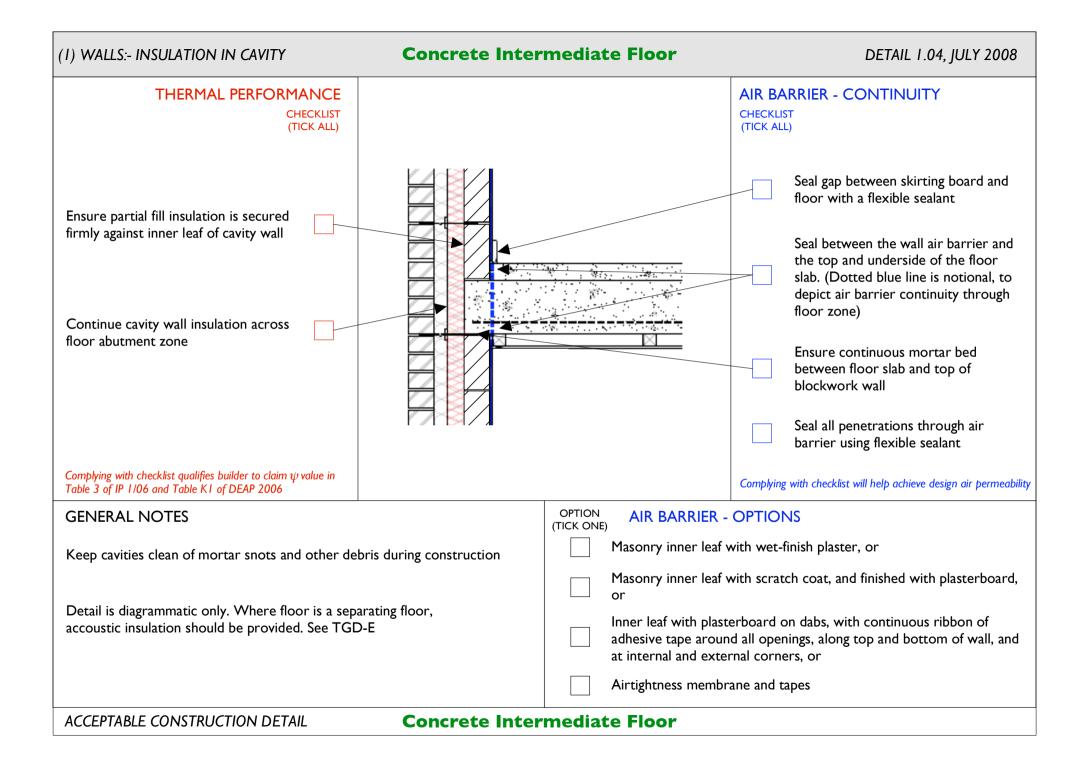
Airtightness membrane and tapes

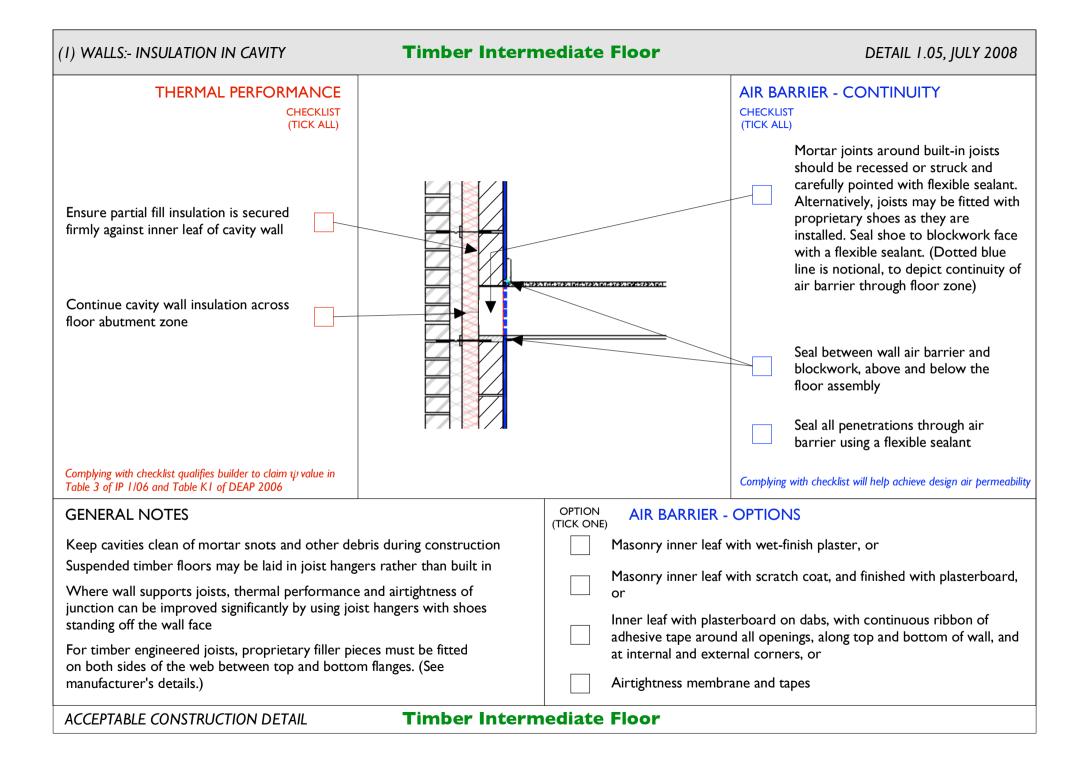
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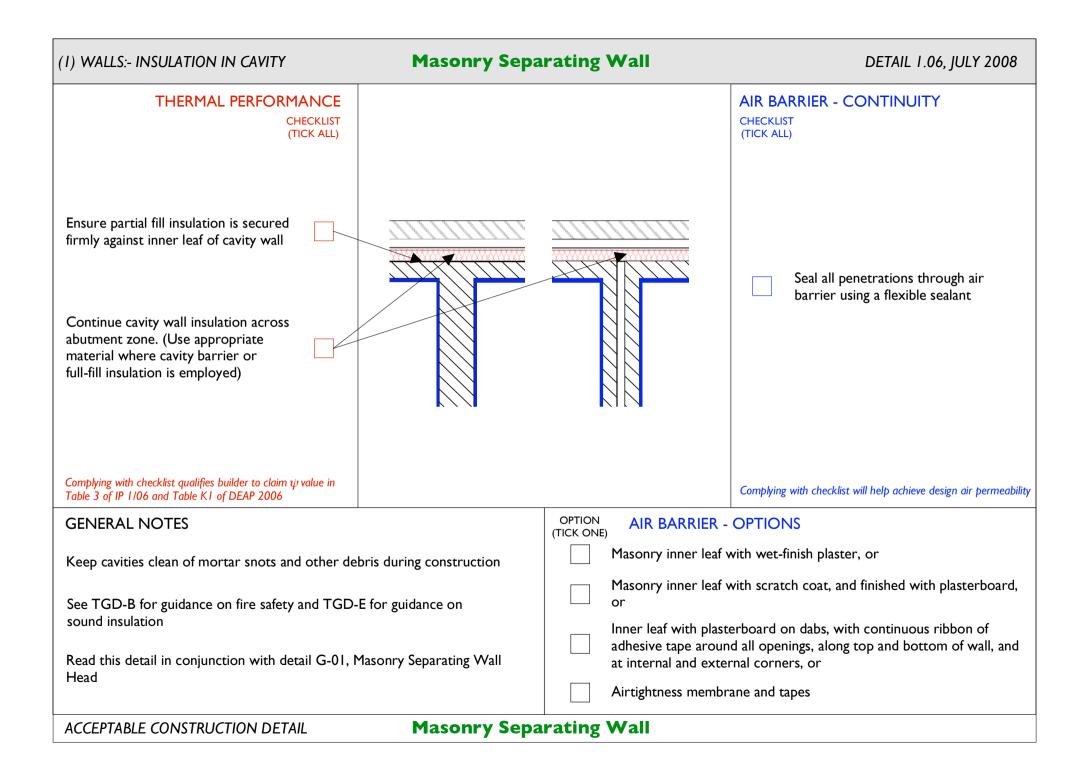
**Ground Floor - Insulation below slab** 

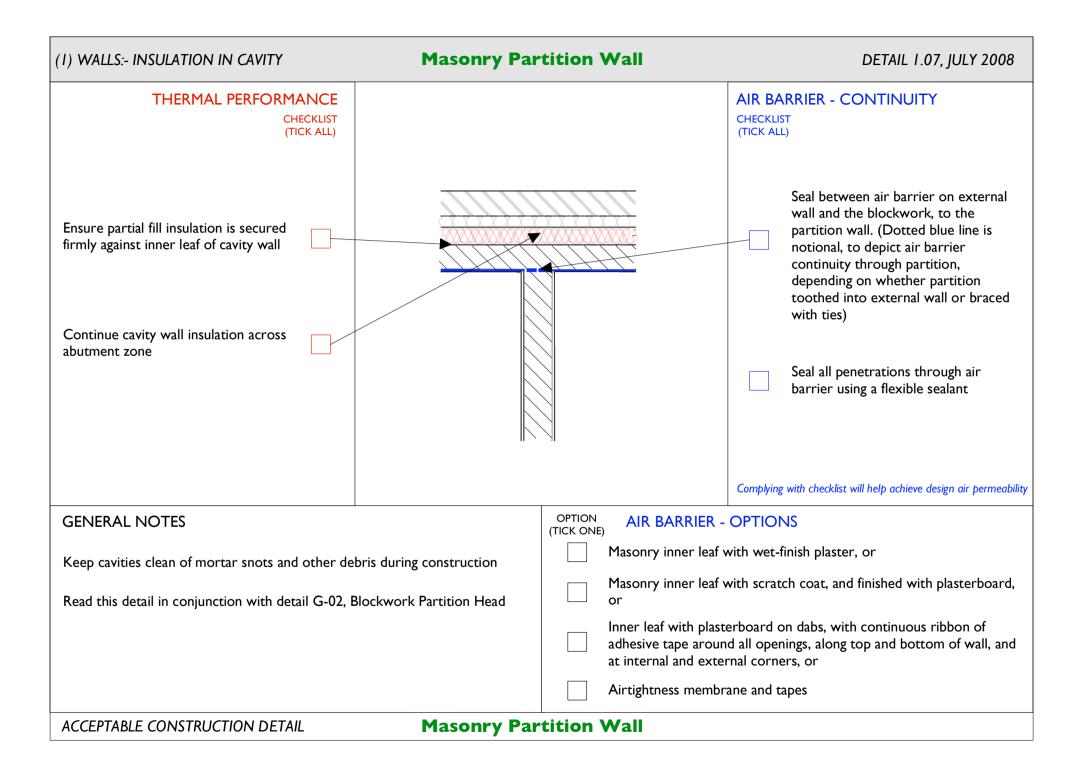
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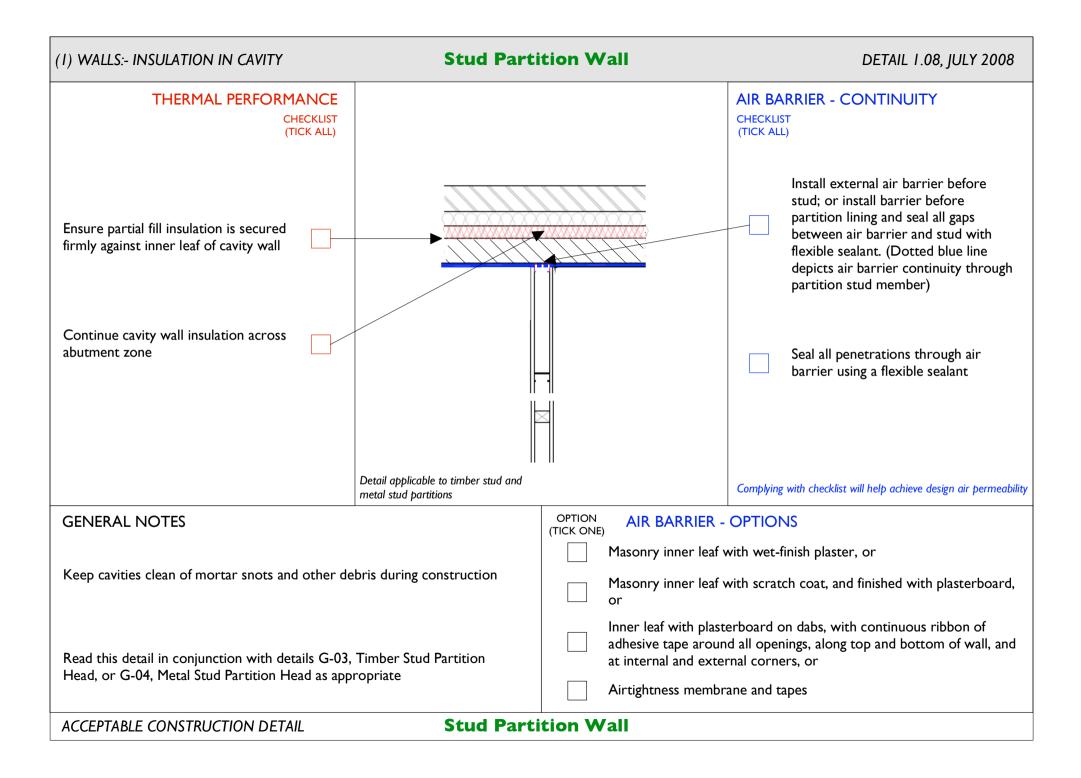
**Timber Suspended Ground Floor** 











#### THERMAL PERFORMANCE **AIR BARRIER - CONTINUITY CHECKLIST CHECKLIST** (TICK ALL) (TICK ALL) Ensure continuity of insulation throughout junction Ensure full depth of insulation Bed wall plate on continuous mortar between and over joists abuts eaves bed insulation Ensure gap between wall plate and Fix ceiling first, and seal all gaps proprietary eaves vent is completely between ceiling and masonry wall filled with insulation having a min. with either plaster, adhesive or R-value across the insulation flexible sealant thickness of 1.2 m<sup>2</sup> K/W Ensure partial fill insulation is secured Seal all penetrations through air firmly against inner leaf of cavity wall. barrier using a flexible sealant If using partial fill insulation, tuck compressible insulation down into the head of the cavity Complying with checklist will help achieve design air permeability Complying with checklist qualifies builder to claim $\psi$ value in Table 3 of IP 1/06 and Table K1 of DEAP 2006 **OPTION AIR BARRIER - OPTIONS** GENERAL NOTES (TICK ONE) Thermal performance of junction can be improved by incorporating an eaves wind barrier (plywood, OSB, softboard or other suitable material) around Masonry inner leaf with wet-finish plaster, or

insulation to be sealed to connect with the ventilator strip thereby mitigating wind chill from the vent inlet in the eaves

Keep cavities clean of mortar snots and other debris during construction Use of over joist insulation is considered best practice, as it eliminates the cold bridge caused by the joist

Use a proprietary eaves ventilator to ensure ventilation in accordance with BS5250. Installation of the eaves ventilator must not prevent free water drainage below the tiling battens

Ensure cavity is closed with firestopping insulant or proprietary cavity barrier Read this detail in conjunction with detail I-15, Roof at Attic Floor Level

# Masonry inner leaf with scratch coat, and finished with plasterboard, Inner leaf with plasterboard on dabs, with continuous ribbon of

adhesive tape around all openings, along top and bottom of wall, and at internal and external corners, or

Airtightness membrane and tapes

ACCEPTABLE CONSTRUCTION DETAIL

**Eaves - Ventilated Attic** 

Masonry inner leaf with scratch coat, and finished with plasterboard,

adhesive tape around all openings, along top and bottom of wall, and

Inner leaf with plasterboard on dabs, with continuous ribbon of

at internal and external corners, or

Airtightness membrane and tapes

#### THERMAL PERFORMANCE **AIR BARRIER - CONTINUITY CHECKLIST CHECKLIST** (TICK ALL) (TICK ALL) Ensure continuity of insulation Bed wall plate on continuous mortar throughout junction Ensure insulation is installed tightly between rafters and is in contact with Install double, full depth timber under-rafter insulation nogging between floor joists, and seal Ensure full depth of insulation between nogging, ceiling and upper between and over joists abuts eaves stud wall with a flexible sealant. insulation (Dotted blue line is notional, to Ensure gap between wall plate and depict air barrier continuity through proprietary eaves vent is completely noggings.) filled with insulation having a min. R-value across the insulation Fix ceiling first, and seal all gaps thickness of 1.2 m<sup>2</sup>K/W between ceiling and masonry wall with either plaster, adhesive or Ensure partial fill insulation is secured flexible sealant firmly against inner leaf of cavity wall. If using partial fill insulation, tuck Seal all penetrations through air compressible insulation down into barrier using a flexible sealant head of cavity Complying with checklist will help achieve design air permeability Complying with checklist qualifies builder to claim $\psi$ value in Table 3 of IP 1/06 and Table K1 of DEAP 2006 **OPTION GENERAL NOTES AIR BARRIER - OPTIONS** (TICK ONE) Masonry inner leaf with wet-finish plaster, or

Thermal performance of junction can be improved by incorporating an eaves wind barrier (plywood, OSB, softboard or other suitable material) around insulation to be sealed to connect with the ventilator strip thereby mitigating

wind chill from the vent inlet in the eaves
Keep cavities clean of mortar snots and other debris during construction
Use a proprietary eaves ventilator to ensure ventilation in accordance with
BS5250. Installation of the eaves ventilator must not prevent free water drainage below the tiling battens

If required by BS5250, use vapour control plasterboard or separate vapour control layer behind plasterboard

Use of over joist and under rafter insulation is considered best practice, as it eliminates the cold bridge caused by the joist/rafter

Ensure cavity is closed with firestopping insulant or proprietary cavity barrier Read this detail in conjunction with detail 1-16, Gable - Ventilated Rafter Void

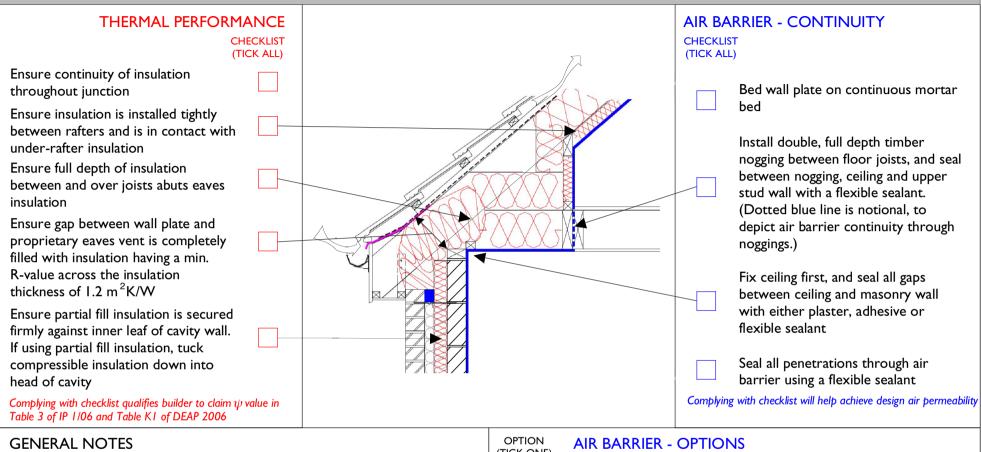
**Eaves - Insulation between and under rafters Ventilated Rafter Void - Dormer** 

or

(1) WALLS:- INSULATION IN CAVITY

## Eaves - Insulation between and under rafters - Unventilated Rafter Void - Dormer

**DETAIL 1.12, JULY 2008** 



Keep cavities clean of mortar snots and other debris during construction Vapour permeable roof underlay to be used in strict accordance with approved third party certification

Installation of the eaves insulation must not prevent free water drainage below the tiling battens

If required by BS5250, use vapour control plasterboard or separate vapour control layer behind plasterboard

Use of over joist and under rafter insulation is considered best practice, as it eliminates the cold bridge caused by the joist/rafter

Ensure cavity is closed with firestopping insulant or proprietary cavity barrier Read this detail in conjunction with detail I-17, Gable - Unventilated Rafter Void

OPTION FICK ONE	AIR BARRIER - OPTIONS
	Masonry inner leaf with wet-finish plaster, or
	Masonry inner leaf with scratch coat, and finished with plasterboard, or
	Inner leaf with plasterboard on dabs, with continuous ribbon of adhesive tape around all openings, along top and bottom of wall, and at internal and external corners, or
	Airtightness membrane and tapes

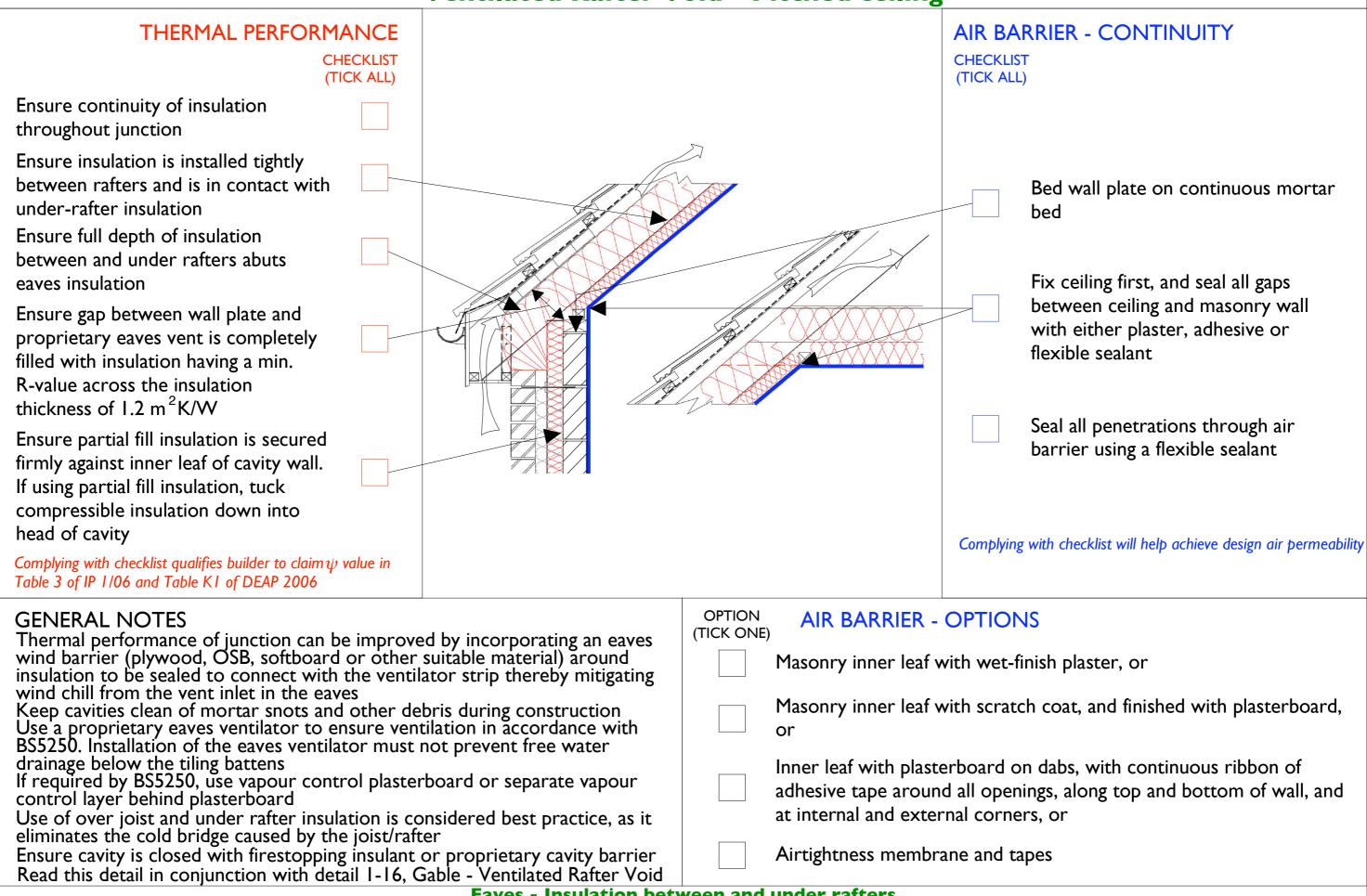
ACCEPTABLE CONSTRUCTION DETAIL

Eaves - Insulation between and under rafters
Unventilated Rafter Void - Dormer

(I) WALLS:- INSULATION IN CAVITY

# **Eaves - Insulation between and under rafters - Ventilated Rafter Void - Pitched ceiling**

**DETAIL 1.13, JULY 2008** 

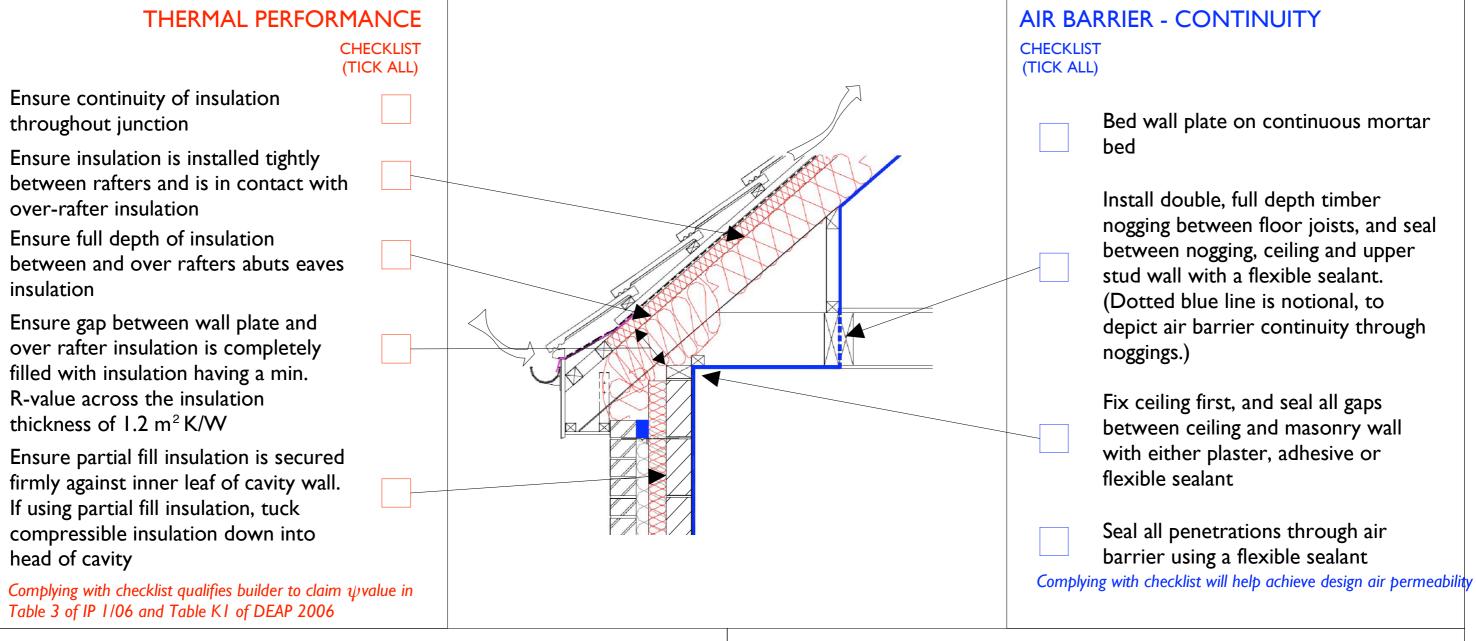


ACCEPTABLE CONSTRUCTION DETAIL

Eaves - Insulation between and under rafters Ventilated Rafter Void - Pitched ceiling (1) WALLS:- INSULATION IN CAVITY

# Eaves - Insulation between and over rafters - Unventilated Rafter Void - Dormer

**DETAIL 1.14, JULY 2008** 



#### **GENERAL NOTES**

Keep cavities clean of mortar snots and other debris during construction Vapour permeable roof underlay to be used in strict accordance with approved third party certification

If required by BS5250, use vapour control plasterboard or separate vapour control layer behind plasterboard.

Use of over rafter insulation is considered best practice, as it eliminates the cold bridge caused by the joist/rafter

Ensure cavity is closed with firestopping insulant or proprietary cavity barrier Read this detail in conjunction with detail I-18, Gable - Insulation between and over rafters - Unventilated Rafter Void

## OPTION (TICK ONE) AIR BARRIER - OPTIONS

Masonry inner leaf with wet-finish plaster, or

Masonry inner leaf with scratch coat, and finished with plasterboard, or

Inner leaf with plasterboard on dabs, with continuous ribbon of adhesive tape around all openings, along top and bottom of wall, and at internal and external corners, or

Airtightness membrane and tapes

Eaves - Insulation between and over rafters Unventilated Rafter Void - Dormer

Where different block materials are being used consideration should be given

to avoid cracking in plaster at the junction between the block materials

Eaves - Unventilated Attic, as appropriate

**Ventilated Roof - Attic Floor Level** 

Airtightness membrane and tapes

#### Gable - Insulation between and under (1) WALLS:- INSULATION IN CAVITY DETAIL 1.16, JULY 2008 rafters - Ventilated Rafter Void THERMAL PERFORMANCE **AIR BARRIER - CONTINUITY CHECKLIST** CHECKLIST (TICK ALL) (TICK ALL) Fit insulation over top of wall within gable ladder. Fully fill void unless underlay requires to be draped, when 25 mm void must be maintained Ensure top of wall is levelled with mortar to correct pitch, and that wall insulation is taken up level with wall top Seal all penetrations through air barrier using a flexible sealant Ensure insulation continuity throughout junction Ensure full depth of insulation between and under rafters extends to wall. Pack Fix ceiling first, and seal all gaps gap between rafter and wall with between ceiling and masonry wall compressible insulation with either plaster, adhesive or flexible sealant Ensure insulation is installed tightly between rafters and is in contact with under rafter insulation Ensure partial fill insulation is secured firmly against inner leaf of cavity wall Complying with checklist will help achieve design air permeability Complying with checklist qualifies builder to claim $\psi$ value in Table 3 of IP 1/06 and Table K1 of DEAP 2006 **OPTION AIR BARRIER - OPTIONS** GENERAL NOTES (TICK ONE) Keep cavities clean of mortar snots and other debris during construction Masonry inner leaf with wet-finish plaster, or Ventilate roof build-up in accordance with BS5250 Masonry inner leaf with scratch coat, and finished with plasterboard, If required by BS 5250, use vapour control plasterboard or separate or vapour control layer behind plasterboard Inner leaf with plasterboard on dabs, with continuous ribbon of Use of under rafter insulation is considered best practice, as it eliminates adhesive tape around all openings, along top and bottom of wall, and the cold bridge caused by the rafter

Gable - Insulation between and under rafters
Ventilated Rafter Void

at internal and external corners, or

Airtightness membrane and tapes

Ensure cavity is closed with firestopping insulant or proprietary cavity barrier Read this detail in conjunction with details I-II: Eaves - Ventilated Rafter

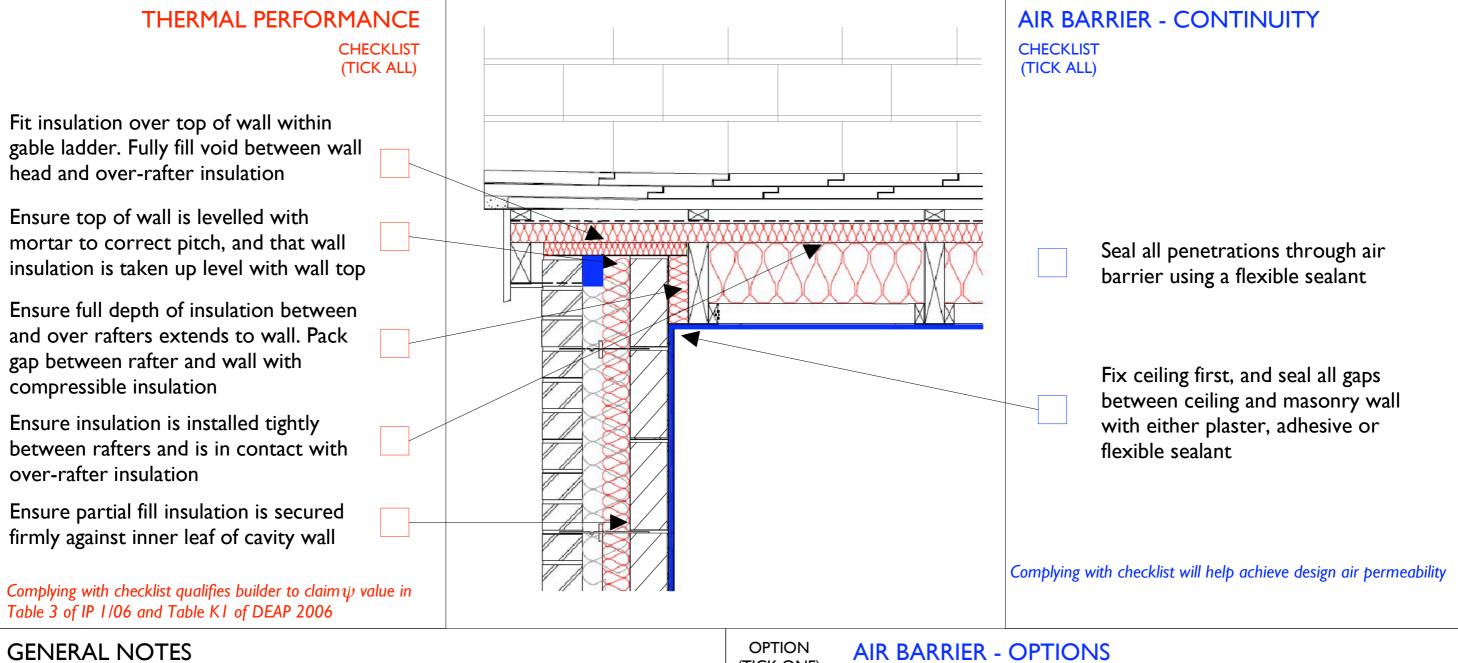
Void, or I-13: Eaves - Ventilated Rafter Void - Pitched ceiling, as appropriate

#### Gable - Insulation between and under (1) WALLS:- INSULATION IN CAVITY **DETAIL 1.17, JULY 2008** rafters - Unventilated Rafter Void THERMAL PERFORMANCE **AIR BARRIER - CONTINUITY CHECKLIST CHECKLIST** (TICK ALL) (TICK ALL) Fit insulation over top of wall within gable ladder. Fill void unless underlay requires to be draped, when 25 mm void must be maintained Ensure top of wall is levelled with mortar to correct pitch, and that wall insulation is taken up level with wall top Seal all penetrations through air barrier using a flexible sealant Ensure insulation continuity throughout junction Ensure full depth of insulation between and under rafters extends to wall. Pack Fix ceiling first, and seal all gaps gap between rafter and wall with between ceiling and masonry wall compressible insulation with either plaster, adhesive or Ensure insulation is installed tightly flexible sealant between rafters and is in contact with under rafter insulation Ensure partial fill insulation is secured firmly against inner leaf of cavity wall Complying with checklist will help achieve design air permeability Complying with checklist qualifies builder to claim $\psi$ value in Table 3 of IP 1/06 and Table K1 of DEAP 2006 **OPTION GENERAL NOTES AIR BARRIER - OPTIONS** (TICK ONE) Masonry inner leaf with wet-finish plaster, or Keep cavities clean of mortar snots and other debris during construction Masonry inner leaf with scratch coat, and finished with plasterboard, Use vapour permeable roof underlay in strict accordance with third or party certification Inner leaf with plasterboard on dabs, with continuous ribbon of Ensure cavity is closed with firestopping insulant or proprietary cavity barrier adhesive tape around all openings, along top and bottom of wall, and Read this detail in conjunction with detail I-12: Eaves - Insulation between at internal and external corners, or and under rafters - Unventilated Rafter Void Airtightness membrane and tapes Gable - Insulation between and under rafters -ACCEPTABLE CONSTRUCTION DETAIL **Unventilated Rafter Void**

### (I) WALLS:- INSULATION IN CAVITY

## Gable - Insulation between and over rafters - Unventilated Rafter Void

**DETAIL 1.18, JULY 2008** 



Keep cavities clean of mortar snots and other debris during construction Vapour permeable roof underlay to be used in strict accordance with approved third party certification

If required by BS 5250, use vapour control plasterboard or separate vapour control layer behind plasterboard

Use of over rafter insulation is considered best practice, as it eliminates the cold bridge caused by the rafter

Ensure cavity is closed with firestopping insulant or proprietary cavity barrier

Read this detail in conjunction with detail I-14: Eaves - Insulation between and over rafters - Unventilated Rafter Void

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Masonry inner leaf with wet-finish plaster, or

Masonry inner leaf with scratch coat, and finished with plasterboard,

Inner leaf with plasterboard on dabs, with continuous ribbon of adhesive tape around all openings, along top and bottom of wall, and at internal and external corners, or

Airtightness membrane and tapes

ACCEPTABLE CONSTRUCTION DETAIL

**Gable - Insulation between and over rafters Unventilated Rafter Void** 

**Flat Roof - Eaves** 

