

**PART 1: GENERAL****1.01. DESCRIPTION AND SCOPE**

- A. Requirements contained within Division I (General Requirements) are applicable to the work required of this section. Provide labor, materials, equipment, and supervision necessary to complete the exterior wall and finish systems including:
1. Application of liquid applied moisture barrier over the sheathing substrate
  2. Attachment of optional Total Wall PCV Space Lath over the moisture barrier
  3. Installation of window and door head flashing
  4. Application of vertical ribbons of adhesive to form drainage channels
  5. Application of a Total Wall SL Gold soft coat base coat and Total Wall reinforcing mesh over insulation boards
  6. Application of Total Wall acrylic finish coat
  7. Installation of backer rod and caulk sealant
- B. Related work specified elsewhere:
1. Masonry, Division 4
  2. Metals, Division 5
  3. Wood Construction, Division 6
  4. Sheathing, Division 9
  5. Caulking/Sealants, Division 7
  6. Portland Cement Plastering, Division 9
- C. Referenced Documents
1. Standards
 

(1)	ASTM A526	Specification for Sheet Steel, Zinc Coated (Galvanized) by Hot-Dip Process, Commercial quality
(2)	ASTM B69	Specification for Rolled Zinc
(3)	ASTM B117	Test Method for Salt Spray (Fog) Testing
(4)	ASTM C67	Mod. Test Method for Saturated Freeze/Thaw
(5)	ASTM C150	Specification for Portland Cement
(6)	ASTM C297	Test Method for Tensile Strength of Flat Sandwich Constructions in Flatwise Plane
(7)	ASTM C578	Specification for Preformed, Cellular Polystyrene Thermal Insulation
(8)	ASTM C1135	Test Method for Determining Tensile Adhesion Properties of Structural Sealants
(9)	ASTM D968	Test Method for Abrasion Resistance of Organic Coatings by Falling Abrasive
(10)	ASTM 1784	Specification for Rigid PVC
(11)	ASTM D2247	Practice for Testing Water Resistance of Coatings in 100% Relative Humidity

- (12) ASTM E84 Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials
- (13) ASTM E108 Mod. Full Scale Structural Fire Testing of Wall Systems
- (14) ASTM E330 Test Method for Structural Performance by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference
- (15) ASTM E331 Test Method for Water Penetration by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference
- (16) ASTM E695 Method for Measuring Relative Resistance to Impact Loading
- (17) ASTM G23/G53 Accelerated Weathering for Exposure of Nonmetallic Materials
- (18) Fed Mil Spec 810D Test Method for Determining the Resistance to Mold and Fungus Growth
- (19) NFPA Standard Test Method 268 Radiant Heat Fire Test
- (20) UBC 26-9 Intermediate Scale Multi-Story Fire Testing

2. Building Code Standards

- (1) National Building Code, Building Officials and Code Administrators (BOCA), Section 1406.0
- (2) Standard Building Code, Southern Building Code Congress International (SBCCI), Sections 717.4 and 717.5
- (3) Uniform Building Code, International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO), UBC Standard 26-4
- (4) International Building Code, International Code Council (ICC), Applicable IBC Standards
- (5) International Residential Code (IRC).

D. Terms and Definitions

1. **Total SL Gold PM – A Class PM Moisture Drainage System**

A Class of EIFS (Exterior Insulated and Finish System) in which the substrate sheathing is covered by a layer of an approved sheet-applied moisture barrier. Typically, the drainage plane for the water is created by corrugations in a proprietary moisture barrier. The approved proprietary moisture barriers are Tyvek Stucco Wrap, RainDrop HouseWrap, and Weather Trek Wrap. Alternatively, the drainage plane can be constructed by:

- (1) PVC spacer lath
- (2) Grooves or vents cut in the back of the XPS insulation boards

The insulation boards are attached to the substrate with mechanical fasteners. Total Wall reinforcing mesh is embedded into a Total Wall SL Gold soft base coat in a 1/16" (1.6 mm) layer. Typically, one layer of base coat and reinforcing mesh are used; however, an additional layer of base and reinforcing mesh may be added to increase the impact resistance of the system. The Total Wall reinforcing mesh is a woven glass fiber fabric coated with a protective plastic material. A Total Wall synthetic finish coat in a chosen color and texture is applied over the base coat.

2. **Insulation Board**

A preformed rigid insulating foam plastic functions to reduce heat flow through a wall and to provide a surface for the base coat and reinforcing mesh. Typically, a 2' x 4', 2' x 8' or 4' x 8' tongue and groove or shiplap XPS foam board is applied. XPS foam board with an average density of 2 lb. per cubic foot is used in thicknesses varying from 1" to 4" (25.4 mm to 101.6 mm). The XPS board must meet specific performance and safety specifications. The XPS board may have grooves cut in the back of the board to provide the moisture drainage channel.

3. **Mechanical Fasteners**

Devices consisting of a special corrosion resistant screw and a 3/4" polypropylene plastic washer plate are used to attach foam plastic insulation boards to the wall.

**4. Base Coat**

The material is applied to the face of the insulation board and is used to embed the reinforcing mesh plus functions as a weather barrier.

**5. Reinforcing Mesh**

An open weave fiberglass fabric coated with a protective plastic. The mesh is embedded into a layer of Total Wall SL Gold base coat to strengthen the system.

**6. Finish Coat**

A premixed, synthetic plaster material functions to provide a decorative color, texture coat, and additional weather resistance.

**7. Accessories**

Items such as weep bases, corner beads and casing beads may be utilized in the assembly of the system. Flashing for window and door treatments, decks, roof kick-out areas and dormers are utilized.

**8. PCV Spacer Lath**

A plastic lath available in 4' x 8' (1.22 m x 2.44 m) sheets by 1/8" (3.2 mm) thick. This is an optional component for the Total Wrap MD system. If grooved XPS boards are used, or if the drainage plane is created using one of the proprietary self-venting moisture barriers, then PVC spacer lath is not used.

**9. Moisture Barrier**

The moisture barrier is a sheet-applied, water-resistive, and water vapor permeable layer fastened directly over the substrate. Grade D building paper is acceptable. Approved proprietary moisture barriers which create their own drainage plane include:

- (1) Tyvek StuccoWrap
- (2) RainDrop HouseWrap
- (3) Weather Trek Wrap

It is permissible to have more than one layer of sheet-applied moisture barrier.

**10. Sealant**

A permanently flexible self-sticking compound used to seal seams in the system such as the seams occurring between the system and windows and doors.

**1.02. DESIGN LIMITATIONS AND DETAILING**

- A. The maximum allowable system deflection, normal to the plane of the wall is L/240.
- B. Design wind load must not exceed Total Wall, Inc.'s allowable wind load as stated in Total Wall Code Evaluation Reports.
- C. All details must conform to Total Wall, Inc.'s recommendations and must be consistent with the project requirements.
  - 1. General
    - (1) At all locations, the XPS board must be completely encapsulated by the lamina or terminated with an approved PVC accessory.
    - (2) The insulation board must be separated from the interior of the building by 1/2" (12.7 mm) gypsum wallboard or equivalent fire resistive barrier material, which will limit the average temperature rise of the unexposed surface to not more than 250°F (121° C) after 15 minutes of fire exposure, when subjected to the ASTM E-119 time-temperature curve.
    - (3) The minimum thickness of XPS must be 1" (25.4 mm); the maximum thickness must be 4" (101.6 mm), except for architectural enhancements.
    - (4) The length and slope of inclined surfaces must follow the guidelines listed below:
      - (a) Minimum slope: 6" (152.4 mm) of rise in 12" (304.8 mm) of horizontal projection
      - (b) Inclined surfaces must not be used for areas defined as roofs by building codes.
      - (c) Uses not meeting the above criteria must be approved in writing by Total Wall, Inc. prior to installation.

2. Substrate System
  - (1) Must be engineered to withstand all applicable loads. Including live, dead, positive and suction wind; seismic activity; etc. Bond strength, fastener strength, and connection strength must be analyzed and engineered. Appropriate factors of safety must be used.
  - (2) The maximum deflection under positive or suction full designs loads of the substrate system must not exceed L/240.
3. Substrates
  - (1) Application of the system must be to one of the following substrates:
    - (a) Sound brick
    - (b) Sound unit masonry
    - (c) Sound concrete
    - (d) Exterior grade gypsum sheathing
    - (e) DensGlass (or equivalent) gypsum sheathing
    - (f) Sound stucco
    - (g) OSB sheathing
    - (h) WR and MR gypsum board, when acceptable to code authorities
    - (i) Exterior grade plywood
    - (j) Cement board
  - (2) Substrates other than those listed above must be approved in writing by Total Wall, Inc. prior to installation of the system.
  - (3) Sheathing substrates must be oriented with their strong axis perpendicular to the supporting framing.
  - (4) The applicator must verify that the proposed substrate is acceptable to the applicable regulatory authorities prior to the installation of the system.
  - (5) Painted substrates must have any loose debris removed.
  - (6) The substrate must not have any planar irregularities greater than 1/4" (6.35 mm) in 10 lineal feet (3.04 m).
4. System Joints
  - (1) Continuous expansion joints must be installed at the following locations:
    - (a) Where expansion joints occur in the substrate
    - (b) Where building expansion joints occur
    - (c) At floor lines in wood-frame construction
    - (d) Where the system abuts other materials
    - (e) Where the substrate changes
    - (f) To limit system runs to 50 lineal feet
    - (g) Where significant structural movement may occur, e.g.
      1. In walls longer or wider than 80 lineal feet
      2. Changes in building shape and structural system
  - (2) Expansion and contraction of the system and adjacent materials must be considered in the design of expansion joints, with proper consideration given to sealant properties, installation conditions, temperature range, coefficient of expansion of materials, joint width-to-depth ratios, etc.
  - (3) Isolation joints are required around all wall penetrations, including doors and windows.
5. Details
  - (1) Total Wall, Inc.'s latest published information must be followed for standard detail treatments.
  - (2) Non-standard detail treatments must follow the recommendations of Total Wall, Inc.
  - (3) Corners must be reinforced by wrapping reinforcing fabric around the corner from both directions for a minimum of 8" (203.2 mm), or with corner mesh, or approved pvc accessory.

- (4) Openings must be reinforced using a 9" x 12" (27.8 cm x 30.48 cm) wide strip of detail mesh placed at a 45° angle to the opening corner.
- (5) Flashing is detailed at window and door heads, deck ledger boards, roof kick-outs, and roof/wall interfaces. Deck flashing must have end dams. Windowsill pan-type flashing is a recommended option.
- D. All areas requiring higher than standard impact resistance must be detailed in the drawings and described in the contract documents.
- E. The use of dark colors must be considered in relation to estimated wall surface temperatures as a function of local climate conditions.

### 1.03. QUALITY ASSURANCES

- A. Contractor  
The contractor must have a minimum of two years' experience in the wall construction trades, be licensed by Total Wall, Inc. for application of MD systems, demonstrate the ability to install the system based on projects of similar size and complexity, and meet the approval of the architect. The contractor must provide a list of completed projects. The contractor must provide equipment, manpower and supervision necessary to install the system in compliance with the project plans and specifications.
- B. Insulation Board Manufacturer  
The insulation board manufacturer must be recognized by Total Wall, Inc. as capable of producing insulation board to meet the system requirements. The insulation board manufacturer must be listed by an approved agency, and the board and packaging must be labeled as required by Total Wall, Inc., and the applicable building code.

### 1.04. SUBMITTALS

- A. Sample Panel  
The contractor must submit to the architect a sample panel of at least 12" x 12" (30 cm x 30 cm) demonstrating the texture and color of the finish desired. The architect must review the panel and determine the suitability of the finish presented.
- B. The contractor must submit a list of three projects which have been completed within the last five years, exhibiting the contractor's EIFS installation skills. The list must include project name, location, description of work and date completed.
- C. Total Wall, Inc.'s literature, including application instructions, specifications, and details.
- D. The insulation board manufacturer's documentation to show compliance with Total Wall, Inc., and code requirements.

### 1.05. PRODUCT DELIVERY AND STORAGE

- A. Delivery  
Deliver all materials supplied by Total Wall, Inc. in original, unopened containers with legible manufacturer's identification intact.
- B. Storage
  - 1. Store all products off the ground, under cover and protected from dampness and sunlight.
  - 2. Warning: XPS rigid insulation is combustible and may constitute a fire hazard if improperly used or installed. XPS insulation must be adequately protected. Use only as directed by the specific instructions for those products.  
During shipping, storage, installation or use these materials must not be exposed to open flame or ignition sources.  
For proper protection of rigid insulation, consult the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard or the authority having jurisdiction. Store XPS under cover, off the ground with full support, stacked horizontally.

3. All liquid products must be stored at 40° F (4.4° C) or above and protected from freezing. Protect from exposure to direct sunlight during storage.

**1.06. JOB CONDITIONS**

- A. Install all materials in strict accordance with all safety and weather conditions required by the product literature, and in accordance with ASTM C926, paragraph 7, and as modified by the applicable standards of authorities having jurisdiction.
- B. Apply all coatings when the ambient temperature is 40° F (4.4° C) and rising. A minimum temperature of 40° F (4.4° C) must be maintained 24 hours after completion of work. Supplementary heat must be provided if state temperature conditions do not exist. Do not apply coatings to a frozen surface.
- C. Protect surrounding areas and surfaces during application of the wall system.
- D. Protect system from precipitation during application and for at least 24 hours after application.

**1.07. COORDINATION AND SCHEDULING**

- A. Closely coordinate work with related sections and trades.
- B. Protect the tops of walls to prevent water from entering behind the system. Any required cap flashing, overhangs or drip edges must be installed as soon as possible after the finish coat has been applied.
- C. Install all sealants in a timely fashion. Protect open joints from water intrusion with backer rod or other means until the sealant has been installed.
- D. When required by code or job requirements, contract with a certified independent EIFS inspector prior to Total Wall EIFS installation. The inspector must be EDI (Exterior Design Institute) certified or other applicable certifying agency as approved by Total Wall, Inc., and the local code official. The inspector will make a minimum of three on-site inspections, which will include the following examinations:
  1. Material – storage and environmental application conditions
  2. Substrate – material(s) and condition
  3. Moisture barrier – type and installation
  4. Flashings – kick-out diverters, deck, window, and door heads
  5. Drainage channel material and trim accessories (if applicable)
  6. Rigid XPS foam – labeling, dimensions, installation, and rasping
  7. Fasteners – type, labeling, size, and installation
  8. Trims and architectural enhancements – configuration and installation
  9. Base coat – type, labeling, mixing and application
  10. Mesh – type, labeling, back-wrapping, corner reinforcement, general installation
  11. Finish – type, labeling, mixing, application
  12. Sealant and backer rod – type, labeling, joint dimensions, joint preparation, joint placement, sealant applicationThe inspector must provide a minimum of three interim text reports and one final report, which will include photographs. The inspected items must be compared with job documents and Total Wall, Inc. specifications and reported accordingly. Report copies must be issued to Total Wall, Inc.
- E. If a third-party inspector is not specified, a manufacturer's representative must perform a minimum of three on-site documented inspections. Report copies must be issued to Total Wall, Inc. corporate, the architect, the applicator, and the general contractor.

**1.08. SYSTEM WARRANTY**

- A. A Total Wall, Inc. warranty application form must be completed prior to the commencement of the EIFS installation.
- B. Upon completion of the EIFS installation in accordance with specifications, and payment of all monies due to Total Wall Inc., a system warranty will be issued.

**PART 2: PRODUCTS**

**2.01. MANUFACTURERS**

- A. All materials related to EIFS must originate from:  
Total Wall, Inc.  
PO Box 366  
Rio, WI 53960  
(888) 702-9915

**2.02. EXTERIOR INSULATION SYSTEM COMPONENTS**

- A. The air/moisture resistive barrier must be as listed in section 3.03.C.1.
- B. The drainage channel must be created from the use of proprietary moisture barrier (StuccoWrap, RainDrop or Weather Trek); **OR** from a 1/8" (3.18 mm) thick PVC spacer lath, available in 4' x 8' (1.2192 m x 2.4384 m) sheets over Grade D paper or equal; **OR** from grooves cut in the back of the XPS boards, with 33.5 grooves cut per board at 1/4" (6.35 mm) deep and beveled outward from 0.5542" (14.08 mm) to 1.024" (26.01 mm) for each groove. If grooved XPS boards are used, the minimum thickness of the boards is 1.5" (38.1 mm) over Grade D paper or equal.
- C. Rigid insulation board must be 2' x 4' (0.61m by 1.22m) Grade IV XPS, meeting ASTM C578 performance standard, an average density of 2 pound per cubic foot, cured for 6 weeks at 68° F (20° C) or equivalent accelerated conditions, labeled with Total Wall and code markings, and with a minimum thickness of 1" (25.4 mm) and a maximum thickness of 4" (101.6 mm) as specified by drawings.
- D. Fasteners must be Total Wall, Inc. or Wind-Lock of proper size and type to accommodate the substrate and thickness of the system.
- E. Base coat must be Total Wall SL Gold base coat, a dry polymer modified Portland cement-based mixture mixed with water at the job site. The selected mixture is used to embed the Total Wall reinforcing fabric into the face of the polystyrene board.
- F. Reinforcing mesh must be plastic coated fiberglass reinforcing fabric as required and supplied by Total Wall, Inc:
  - 1. 4.3 oz – Standard, 25 – 35 in/lbs. (2.8-4.0 Newton-M) impact
  - 2. 6 oz – Standard Plus, 35 – 40 in/lbs. (4.0-4.5 Newton-M) impact
  - 3. 11 oz – Intermediate, 75 – 90 in/lbs. (8.5-10.1 Newton-M) impact
  - 4. 15 oz – High, 180 – 220 in/lbs. (20-25 Newton M) impact
  - 5. 20 oz – Ultra High, 230 – 240 in/lbs. (26-27 Newton M) impact
  - 6. The High and Ultra High meshes require a second layer of Standard 4.3 oz mesh and base coat. Note: Impact strengths are tested on specimens with nominal base coat thickness with no finish coat and are considered highly conservative values.
- G. Portland cement must be Type I, I-II or II meeting ASTM C150, fresh and free of lumps
- H. Water must be clear, potable, and free of foreign matter.

I. Sealant Systems

1. Must be one of the following:

- (1) Tremco, Inc.
  - (a) Sealant: "Dymeric"
  - (b) Primer: use manufacturer's recommended primer
  - (c) Backer rod: Dow "Ethafoam"
  - (d) Bond breaker: 3M #226, 481, 710
- (2) Pecora Corporation
  - (a) Sealant: "Dynatrol II" or 890 Silicone
  - (b) Primer: use manufacturer's recommended primer
  - (c) Backer rod: Dow "Ethafoam"
  - (d) Bond breakers: 3M #480 or Valley Industrial Products #90
- (3) Pecora Corporation
  - (a) Sealant: Pecora 890
  - (b) Primer: Use manufacturer's recommended primer
  - (c) Backer rod: Dow "Ethafoam"
- (4) Dow Corporation
  - (a) Sealant: Dow 790 series sealants (790, 791, 795)
  - (b) Primer: use manufacturer's recommended primer
  - (c) Backer rod: Dow "Ethafoam"
- (5) Sonneborn Corporation
  - (a) Sealant: Sonneborn 150 or 150 LM sealant
  - (b) Primer: use manufacturer's recommended primer
  - (c) Backer rod: Dow "Ethafoam"
- (6) Sika
  - (a) Sealant: Sika LM 15
  - (b) Primer: use manufacturer's recommended primer
  - (c) Backer rod: Dow "Ethafoam"
- (7) Alternate sealant as approved in writing by Total Wall, Inc.

2. Sealant must be bonded to the base coat layer of the system, not to the finish.
3. System materials must be dried prior to sealant installation.
4. Color must be selected by the architect.

J. Accessories, if required by Total Wall, Inc., and job specifications, must be of proper size and configuration for their function and must be manufactured from rigid PVC, solid zinc alloy or galvanized steel.

K. Fasteners must have the necessary pull-out strength, corrosion resistance, length and design as supplied by Total Wall, Inc., or Wind-Lock Corporation to meet the system design loads.

L. Finish coat must be a 100% acrylic pre-textured and pre-tinted synthetic finish as manufactured by Total Wall, Inc.

**2.03. MIXING AND PREPARATION**

A. Total Wall SL Gold Base Coat

1. Obtain a clean container for mixing. Do not use contaminated or dirty containers.
2. Add 5 quarts (4.7 Liters) of fresh, potable water to the container.
3. Open a new 50 lb. (22.7 Kg) bag of Total Wall SL Gold Base Coat.
4. Using a low speed mechanical mixer, begin stirring while adding the Total Wall SL Gold Base Coat. After all the material is added, continue mixing an additional minute. Being sure to scrape the sides and bottom of the mixing container. Add up to 1 quart (.95 Liters) of additional water to adjust the mixture to a creamy, trowel grade consistency.



B. Total Wall Finish Coat

1. The Total Wall Finish Coat must be thoroughly stirred with a clean mixer until a uniform workable consistence is obtained.
2. A small amount of water may be added to adjust workability. Maximum water addition not to exceed 12 oz (.355 Liter) per 5-gallon (18.93 Liter) pail. The water must be clean and potable.
3. No additives or material of any kind, such as rapid binders, antifreeze, accelerators, fillers, pigments, etc. must be added unless specified by Total Wall, Inc.
4. The Total Wall Finish Coat must be used immediately after mixing. The container must be kept closed when not in use.
5. The mixing tool must be cleaned immediately after use.

**2.04. PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The Total Wall system and its components must meet the following performance requirements:

ASTM E84 Surface Burning	FSI = 10, SDI = 35
ASTM E108 mod. Full Scale Fire Test	Pass (no flame spread)
MIL STD 810D Mildew Resistance (Method 508.3)	28 days - no growth
ASTM E695 Full Scale Impact Loading	No damage
ASTM D968 Sand Abrasion 500 liters, 260 L/ml	No deleterious effects
ATM D2247 Water Resistance	No deleterious effects
ASTM B117 Salt Spray (300 hours)	No deleterious effects
ASTM E96 Water Vapor Transmission	1.79 perms
ASTM C67 Mod. Saturated Freeze/Thaw (50 cycles)	No deleterious effects
ASTM C297 Tensile Adhesion	No failure in adhesive, base, or finish
ASTM E330 Modified by #72-80 Negative and positive wind load	(Pos. 0.079, Neg. 0.079 Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )
ASTM E331 Wind Drive Rain (5 gal/sq. ft./hr. rain fall plus 65 mph wind)	No penetration
ASTM D2797 Impact resistance	2.5 Newton-Meters
ASTM G23 Accelerated Weathering (2000 hours)	No deleterious effects
ASTM C209 Tensile Bond	26 PSI (1.846 Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )
ASTM C203 Flexural Strength	1.41 cm deflection at 33.4 Kg load

Radiant Heat Fire Test, NFPA 268 Pass

ISMA Multi-story Fire Test UBC 26-9 Pass

## **PART 3: EXECUTION**

### **3.01. COMPLIANCE**

- A. The installation must be performed strictly in accordance with Total Wall, Inc.'s current literature and current job specifications.

### **3.02. INSPECTION**

- A. Examination of substrate
  - 1. Prior to installation of the system, the substrate must be examined by the applicator as follows:
    - (1) The substrate must be a type approved for the system (See Section 1.02.C.3.(1)).
    - (2) The substrate must be examined for compliance with contract documents.
    - (3) The substrate must be examined for soundness, such as tightness of connections, crumbling or looseness of surface voids and projections.
    - (4) The substrate must be examined for dimensional correctness
  - 2. The architect and general contractor must be advised of all discrepancies. Work must not proceed until unsatisfactory conditions are addressed.

### **3.03. INSTALLATION**

- A. Mixing

All materials requiring preparation must be labeled; accordingly, the contractor must follow all instructions.
- B. System Terminations

At all system terminations, the system must be back-wrapped with reinforcing mesh and base coat.

  - 1. Reinforcing mesh and base coat must be applied to encapsulate the terminated edge of the insulation board. This back-wrapping must extend a minimum of 2.5" (63.5 mm) on the face and the back of the insulation board.
  - 2. The encapsulated edge of the insulation board may be completed either prior to board attachment or after board attachment by first attaching the reinforcing mesh to the substrate.
  - 3. System details may also be terminated with approved system accessories.
- C. Installation of Moisture Resistive Barrier
  - 1. Tyvek StuccoWrap, RainDrop HouseWrap and Weather Trek Wrap are approved self-venting moisture barriers. Grade D paper or equal may be used only with grooved XPS foam or spacer lath.
    - (1) All window and door openings receive a layer of moisture barrier is wrapped back into the opening. Lap runs of moisture barrier starting at the bottom and working up, so water running down the wall cannot get behind the moisture barrier. Runs of moisture barrier must be lapped 6" (15 cm) on vertical laps and 2" (5 cm) on horizontal laps. If the structure already has an approved house wrap which is wrapped back into the window and door openings, this will satisfy the requirement. The window or door nailing flange must receive a bead of approved sealant between it and the moisture barrier. For attachment to sheathing, staple the moisture barrier approximately every 6" (15 cm). Avoid over-stapling the moisture barrier.

- (2) Install head flashing over windows and doors. Install sill pan flashing at windowsills. Use self-stick weatherproofing tape, which appropriate, to seal the moisture barrier at the terminations.
  - (3) If you are using an optional PVC vented starter strip, attach the vented PVC start strip with drip edge along the bottom edge of the wall (at the lowest point where the system will be installed). The weep base strip must be firmly attached to the wall using corrosion resistant screws. The system must terminate a minimum of 6" (15 cm) above grade and 1" – 2" (2 cm – 5 cm) below the sheathing. If this is not possible, contact Total Wall, Inc. at (888) 702-9915 for assistance.
  - (4) Attach moisture barrier to the entire wall sheathing or substrate. Be sure to lap the building paper so water running down the wall will not get behind the paper. If a starter strip is being used, lap the building paper over the back vertical edge of the start strip. The moisture barrier must start a minimum of 1" (2.5 cm) below the sheathing. At the windowsills, tuck the second layer of moisture barrier under the first layer that was already wrapped into the window opening.
2. Optional PVC Spacer Lath
- (1) Attach the optional Total Wall PVC spacer lath over the moisture barrier using staples. Abut the edges of the PVC spacer lath. Do not cover any horizontal or vertical expansion joints with the PVC spacer lath but allow a gap approximately equal to the width of the expansion joint. The PVC spacer lath is not used if vented or grooved XPS boards are being used.
- D. Installation of Rigid Insulation
1. Grade IV XPS
    - (1) Grade IV XPS must be applied to the substrate surface starting from the bottom.
    - (2) The Grade IV XPS must be applied with the long edge oriented horizontally; with its joints offset with respect to the sheathing joints; using a running bond pattern; and with interlocking insulation boards at inside and outside corners.
    - (3) Grade IV XPS pieces must be precut to fit openings, corners, and projections prior to application of the backwrapping and fasteners.
    - (4) In all cases, an average fastener density of approximately 1 fastener per square foot (1 fastener per 0.0929 square meter) must be maintained. Every piece of foam board must have at least one fastener.
    - (5) If grooved (vented) XPS is used, the vents must run vertically and the minimum XPS thickness is 1.5" (38.1 mm).
  2. Total Wall, Inc., or Wind-Lock Mechanical Fasteners
    - (1) Total Wall, Inc. mechanical fasteners are available in 4 types as follows:
      - (a) Type W for wood
      - (b) Type M for masonry
      - (c) Type S for steel
      - (d) Type LS for light gauge metalThe fastener length is determined by the foam thickness plus minimum penetration into a substrate or stud. Masonry requires a minimum 1" (25.4 mm) penetration, and studs required a minimum 1/2" (12.7 mm) penetration. The plastic heads are a special design for optimum performance and are constructed of polypropylene for corrosion resistance. For masonry, fastener holes must be predrilled with a proper size masonry bit so the fastener must have a firm attachment to the substrate.
    - (2) Attach the Grade IV XPS using Total Wall mechanical fasteners as follows:
      - (a) Select the appropriate length and type of fastener.
      - (b) For masonry, pre-drill fastener holes using a masonry bit 1/32" (0.79 mm) smaller in diameter than the fastener screw.

- (c) Install fasteners at the rate of 1 fastener per square foot (1 fastener per 0.0929 square meter) of XPS board. Fasteners may be installed on the board joints but does not count toward the fastener density.
  - (d) Fastener heads must be countersunk slightly, approximately 1/16" (1.5875 mm).
  - (3) If gaps in the Grade IV XPS boards occur, slivers of Grade IV XPS must be cut and shaped to fit the gaps and inserted without using any adhesive or filler between XPS boards. As an alternative, gaps may be filled with EnerFoam low expanding urethane foam.
  - (4) Once the boards are properly secured, all surfaces of the Grade IV XPS boards must be sanded or rasped until flush. Low areas must not be filled with base coating to produce a level surface.
  - (5) Grooves, which may be required as a design feature, must be routed into the outside surface of the Grade IV XPS, using a high-speed router, Hot-Groover, or hot knife and proper blade. The remaining thickness of the Grade IV XPS at any point in the routed groove or feature must not be less than 3/4" (19 mm).
  - (6) Foam shapes of Grade IV XPS, if used, must be applied directly to the surface of the system's XPS layer, either before or after it is coated with the base coat and mesh.
  - (7) Total Wall, Inc.'s latest published detailed instructions and special instructions for a project must be followed regarding installation of the Grade IV XPS.
- E. Total Wall SL Gold Base Coat
- 1. The surface of the Grade IV XPS must be inspected as follows:
    - (1) For flatness, use a straight edge. High areas and out of plane Grade IV XPS joints must be rasped flat. Low areas must not be built up with base coating to form a flat surface.
    - (2) If any mechanical fasteners are used, fastener heads will be skimmed with the Total Wall, Inc. SL Gold base coat and allowed to dry before proceeding.
  - 2. Damaged areas and foreign materials must be addressed prior to application of the base coat or finish.
  - 3. For deterioration due to weathering or any other cause, refinish the XPS surface by sanding while maintaining the flatness of the surface.
  - 4. Using a stainless steel trowel, apply the Total Wall SL Gold base coat to the surface of the Grade IV XPS to a uniform thickness of approximately 1/16" (1.5875 mm).
  - 5. The reinforcing mesh must be embedded immediately into the wet base coating using the steel trowel. Working from the center to the edges while smoothing out wrinkles, the surface of the base coating must be smoothed with the trowel until the reinforcing mesh is fully embedded. Apply additional Total Wall SL Gold base coat as necessary so the color or pattern of the reinforcing mesh is not readily visible beneath the surface of the base coating.
  - 6. The reinforcing fabric pieces must be lapped a minimum of 2.5" (63.5 mm) on all sides.
  - 7. A period of 18 hours must elapse to allow the Total Wall SL Gold base coat to cure. The base coat must be protected from damage and weather while curing.
  - 8. Details of the installation of the base coat at the ends of walls, windows, insulation board edges, corners, etc., must be in accordance with Total Wall, Inc's latest detailed installation instructions and current job drawings.
- F. High Impact or Ultra High Impact Mesh (Optional – see drawing for areas required)
- 1. Using a steel trowel, the Total Wall SL Gold base coat must be applied to the surface of the Grade IV XPS to a uniform thickness of 3/32" (2.38 mm).
  - 2. The high impact mesh must immediately be embedded into the wet base coating using a stainless steel trowel. The surface of the wet base coating must be smoothed with the trowel until the high impact mesh is fully embedded. The pattern of the high impact mesh must not be visible beneath the surface of the base coating.

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3. Ends of adjacent high impact mesh pieces must be tightly abutted. High impact mesh pieces must not be lapped. High impact mesh sections must be worked into the wet base coating from the center to the edges while smoothing out wrinkles.
4. A period of 18 hours must elapse to allow the first layer of high impact mesh and base coat to form a positive bond and must be protected from damage and weather while curing.
5. The surface of the first layer must be examined after curing for projections, loose strands of mesh, etc., and corrected to produce a flat surface.
6. A second layer consisting of Total Wall SL Gold base coat and standard reinforcing mesh must be applied over the first layer per Section 3.03.E.4-8 above.
7. Details of the installation of the high impact mesh and base coat at the ends of walls, windows, panel edges, corners, etc., must be in accordance with Total Wall, Inc.'s latest published detail installation instructions.

G. Finish

1. The Total Wall Textured Synthetic Finish Coat must be applied continuously and in one operation to the entire wall surface or to a logical breaking point. A wet edge must be maintained. The Total Wall finish coat must not be allowed to set up in a distinct area. Sufficient manpower, scaffolding, and equipment must be employed to ensure a continuous operation and uniform appearance. In some instances, a primer may be used over the base coat ahead of the finish coat. The primer may be Total Prime or other material only as approved by Total Wall, Inc. in writing.
2. Work must proceed toward natural wall stops and corners.
3. A clean stainless steel trowel must be used.
4. Always apply the Total Wall finish to the dry base coat or dry primer maintaining a wet edge. The thickness of the Total Wall finish coat must be in accordance with Total Wall, Inc. specifications and job requirements to achieve the desired result.
5. Immediately texture the finish with the appropriate float, trowel or other tool required to achieve the specified texture and appearance. All mechanics must use the same design tool, equipment, timing, and technique to achieve uniformity.
6. Certain finishes may be spray applied. Total Wall, Inc. must be contacted for specific information for a project if a spray application is indicated
7. The finish must be protected from contamination, weather, and damage for a minimum of 24 hours.
8. Do not wrap the finish into expansion joints or isolation joints. The primer and sealant must be bonded directly to the base coat in the joint.

H. Sealant

Ensure proper backer rod, primer and sealant are installed at all required locations, such as expansion joints and isolation joints, in accordance with Total Wall, Inc. details and the sealant manufacturer's specifications.

**3.04. JOB SITE CLEANUP**

- A. All excess Total Wall system material must be removed from job site by the applicator.
- B. All surrounding areas where Total Wall EIFS has been applied must be left free of debris and foreign substances.

**3.05. INSPECTION**

- A. The Total Wall applicator, a representative of the property owner's team and a Total Wall representative must inspect the EIFS installation and prepare an inspection summary with a copy to Total Wall, Inc.
- B. If an independent EIFS inspector is used, a copy of the final report must be submitted to Total Wall, Inc.

END OF SPECIFICATION