

PASSIVE HOUSE Plumbing and Drainage

PITFALLS, TIPS AND TRICKS





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Auxiliary calculation rain water pipes

Nominal width:	100	mm				
Insul. thickness:	20 mm					
Thermal conductivity	0.045 W/(mK)					
Interior pipe diameter:	0.100 m					
Exterior pipe diameter:	0.140 m					
α-Surface	6.80 W/(m²K)					
Ψ-value	0.489					
Reduction factor	0.67					
Ψ-value	0.327	W/(mK)				
To enter as group 15 thermal bridge						





	Thermal bridge inputs										
No.	Thermal bridge - denomination	Group No.	Assigned to group	Quant ity	x (Length [m]	-	Subtraction length [m])=	Length <i>t</i> [m]	User determined psi value [W/(mK)]
1	Slab Perimiter	16	Perimeter thermal bridges	1	x (37.55	-	1) =	37.55	0.150
2	Steel Column	15	Thermal bridges Ambient	1	x (2.76) =	2.76	0.045
3	Wall External Corner	15	Thermal bridges Ambient	4	x (5.39	-	-0.04) =	21.68	-0.036
4	Midfloor Junction	15	Thermal bridges Ambient	1	x (37.60	-) =	37.60	0.040
5	Soil Stack	15	Thermal bridges Ambient	1	x (5.45	-) =	5.45	0.327
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	User determined psi value [W/(mK)]				
	0.150				
	0.045				
	-0.036				
	0.040				
	0.327				
1		Change -			



NZ & AUS PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE Compliance Options

Acceptable Solutions and

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Verification Methods

G13/AS1

For New Zealand Building Code Clause G13 Foul Water

G 13



AS/NZS 3500 Part 2



DEFINITIONS





G13/AS1 CHALLENGES Perimeter Thermal Bridges

4.5 Fixture discharge pipes serving waste water fixtures

4.5.1 *Waste water fixture discharge pipes* shall discharge either to:

- a) A *gully trap*, in accordance with Figure 5 of G13/AS1 and Figure 3 of G13/AS2, or
- b) A *discharge stack* as in Paragraph 4.7 and Figures 7 and 8.





G13/AS1 CHALLENGES Open Air Stack Vents

Stack vent: All stacks discharging to another stack or to a *drain* require a open vent, sized in accordance with Table 6. Venting with an *air admittance valve* is permitted only on second and subsequent stacks as at least one open vent (the stack vent, if acting as main *drain* vent) is required to ventilate the *drain*.





AIR ADMITANCE VALVE - AAV





AS/NZS 3500 ALTERNATIVES Perimeter Insulation Thermal Bridge

3.10 UNVENTED BRANCH DRAINS

3.10.1 General

The requirements of this Clause (3.10) shall apply to-

(a) ground-floor connections to a vented drain installed on grade, located below or above the ground (see Clause 10.11); or



AS/NZS 3500 ALTERNATIVES Perimeter Insulation Thermal Bridge





AS/NZS 3500 ALTERNATIVES Stack Vents

6.10.1 Air admittance valves

Air admittance valves conforming with AS/NZS 4936 may be used in sanitary plumbing systems for trap vents, group vents and stack vents and to ventilate branch drains. They shall not be used for the upstream venting of a main drain.



AS/NZS 3500 ALTERNATIVES Stack Vents







STREET DRAIN INVERT LEVEL

• Can we achieve the falls necessary????



NO GULLY TRAPS

- Vented main drain
- Overflow Relief Gully

3.9 VENTING OF DRAINS

3.9.1 General

Vents in drains shall be provided—

- (a) at both ends of any drain that incorporates a boundary trap;
- (b) at the upstream end on any drain not incorporating a boundary trap;
- (c) at the upstream end of any branch drain to which a fixture trap or floor waste gully is connected, if the distance from the weir of the trap to the vented drain exceeds 10 m;



AAV VENTED STACK

- Branch drain <= 10m long
- Drain vent (terminal vent) at upstream end of drain
- <10 storeys

3.10.3 Maximum length

The total length of an unvented branch drain, including the length of the fixture discharge pipe, shall be not greater than the following:

- (a) 10 m from the vented drain to the weir of the trap, provided the length of the discharge pipe does not include a vertical drop, between the crown of the trap and the invert of the branch drain, exceeds—
 - (i) 2 m for water closet pans with DN 80 discharge pipes;
 - (ii) 1.5 m for basins and bidets fitted with 'S' traps; and
 - (iii) 2.5 m for all other fixtures.
- (b) 10 m from the weir of a disconnector gully.







DHW STORAGE LOSSES

Storage heat losses

Selection of storage tank

Storage necessary for HP Solar DHW connection

Heat loss rate Storage volume Standby fraction





PIPE INSULATION IN PHPP

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Similarly 1.7kWh/day -> 1700Wh/24h=1700/24W=70.8W

But divided by the smaller temperature difference to obtain 70.8/45W/'C=1.57W/K

What other losses should be included in storage losses

PHPP Version 9.3 Manual recommends adding additional 0.5 to 3.0 W/K of storage losses

My personal opinion/guide is the following:

- Excellent would have ALL exposed pipework and fittings insulated continuously under the clamps with insulation thickness twice the diameter of the pipework. Insulation on fittings carefully glued and fitted. Additional 0.5 W/K storage losses.
- Medium would have all exposed pipework and fittings insulated continuously under the clamps (or non-metallic clamps over-insulated) with 13mm insulation. Insulation on fittings carefully glued and fitted or fitted and taped with designed for this application. Additional 1.5 W/K storage losses.
- Normal would have all exposed pipework and fittings insulated reasonably with very few gaps with 13mm insulation. Additional 3.0 W/K storage losses.
- Not acceptable: Completely exposed metal piping or fittings within 1.5 meters of tank on hot water lines/vent
 and cold water line completely uninsulated.

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IMPLEMENTATION





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Have you designed in enough space for sufficient insulation?!?!



DOCUMENTATION

AIRTIGHT BUILDING PROJECT

This is an airtight building project. Penetrations to the exterior envelope and airtightness layer, other than those shown in this documentation, are not permitted.

Any damage incurred to either the envelope, airtightness layer or any products that compromise either must be referred to the Designer and Consulting Engineer for resolution. All products specified must be stored, handled and installed only in accordance with the manufacturer's / supplier's instructions and as shown within this documentation.

No substitute products or alternative construction methods are acceptable unless approved in writing by the Designer.



DOCUMENTATION

PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE

This is a Certified Passive House. The design of the plumbing and drainage system is critical to the thermal performance of the completed building and its ability to be certified as a Passive House.

Ensure that the plumbing, waste and drainage system is installed exactly as detailed.

No substitute or alternative methods, systems or means of compliance with the NZBC are acceptable unless approved in writing by the Designer.



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RESPONSIBILITY





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Certified Passive House

Declaration of Construction Supervisor

The Passive House Project

123 Some Street Suburbia Christchurch

The finished building corresponds to the materials in this certification folder with no exceptions.

The signatories below are responsible for the correctness of the information provided.

 Date:
 9 February 2019

 Company:
 Main Contractor Limited

 Role(s):
 Construction Supervisor

 Name:
 Good Builder





Signature:



PASSIVE HOUSE PLUMBING A DESIGN problem and a TEAM solution

Everyone has to be on board

Get the team together before you start on-site

- Designer
- Passive House Consultant
- Main Contractor
- Plumber
- Electrician
- \circ Client

EVERYONE must understand their performance and workmanship requirements for a Passive House!



RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Design the problem out
- 2. Assume a soil stack thermal bridge in your initial PHPP model
- 3. Document clearly; make it OK for contractors on-site to ask questions
- 4. Ensure the entire construction team understands!





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