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Product Sheet 1

## EZY-FIT

### SOLID WALL INTERNAL WALL INSULATION SYSTEM

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet<sup>(1)</sup> relates to the Solid Wall Internal Wall Insulation System, an insulated dry lining system comprising XPS/OSB studs (Ravatherm Polyfoam<sup>(2)</sup> XPS/OSB)<sup>(3)</sup> and glass mineral wool (Knauf Earthwool<sup>(2)</sup> EcoBatt) insulation slabs<sup>(4)</sup> for use on existing masonry cavity walls in both existing and new solid external walls of dwellings and buildings of similar occupancy, type and conditions.

- (1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.
- (2) Ravatherm Polyfoam and Earthwool are registered trademarks.
- (3) Hereinafter referred to as Ezy-Fit Studs.
- (4) Hereinafter referred to as Ezy-Fit Batt.

#### CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.

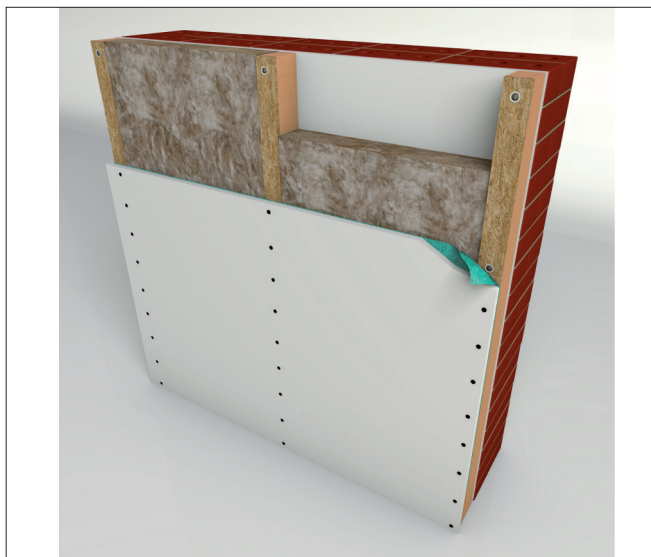
#### KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

**Thermal performance** — the system can contribute to limiting heat loss through walls. The declared thermal conductivity value of the Ezy-Fit Batt is  $0.032 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$  for a thickness of 95 mm and  $0.035 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$  for a thickness of 65 mm. The declared thermal conductivity of the Ravatherm polystyrene component of the Ezy-Fit Stud is  $0.033 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$  (see section 6).

**Condensation** — the system can limit the risk of surface condensation (see section 7).

**Behaviour in relation to fire** — the Ezy-Fit Batt component has a reaction to fire classification of Class A1 and the Ravatherm Polyfoam XPS component of the Ezy-Fit Stud has a reaction to fire classification of Euroclass F in accordance with BS EN 13501-1 : 2007 (see section 9).

**Durability** — the system is rot-proof, dimensionally stable and durable and will have a service life equal to that of the building in which it is installed (see section 13).



The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the system described herein. This system has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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Chief Executive Officer

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# Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, the Solid Wall Internal Wall Insulation System, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions of the UK depicted):



## The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

<b>Requirement:</b> B2(1)	<b>Internal fire spread (linings)</b>
Comment:	The system is unrestricted under this Requirement. See section 9.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> B4(1)	<b>External fire spread</b>
Comment:	The system is restricted by this Requirement. See section 9.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> C2(c)	<b>Resistance to moisture</b>
Comment:	The system can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See sections 7.1 and 7.4 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> L1(a)(i)	<b>Conservation of fuel and power</b>
Comment:	The system can contribute to a building satisfying this Requirement. See section 6 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 7	<b>Materials and workmanship (applicable to Wales only)</b>
<b>Regulation:</b> 7(1)	<b>Materials and workmanship (applicable to England only)</b>
Comment:	The system is acceptable. See section 13 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 7(2)	<b>Materials and workmanship (applicable to England only)</b>
Comment:	The system is restricted by this Regulation. See section 9.2 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 26	<b>CO<sub>2</sub> emission rates for new buildings</b>
<b>Regulation:</b> 26A	<b>Fabric energy efficiency rates for new dwellings (applicable to England only)</b>
<b>Regulation:</b> 26A	<b>Primary energy consumption rates for new buildings (applicable to Wales only)</b>
<b>Regulation:</b> 26B	<b>Fabric performance values for new dwellings (applicable to Wales only)</b>
Comment:	The system can contribute to satisfying these Regulations. See section 6 of this Certificate.



## The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

<b>Regulation:</b> 8(1)(2)	<b>Durability, workmanship and fitness of materials</b>
Comment:	The system is acceptable. See section 13 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 9	<b>Building standards applicable to construction</b>
Standard:	2.5 Internal linings
Comment:	The system is unrestricted under this Standard, with reference to clause 2.5.1 <sup>(1)</sup> . See section 9.1 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.15 Condensation
Comment:	The system can contribute to satisfying this Standard, with reference to clauses 3.15.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 3.15.4 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 3.15.5 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . See sections 7.1 and 7.5 of this Certificate.
Standard:	6.1(b) Carbon dioxide emissions
Standard:	6.2 Building insulation envelope
Comment:	The system can contribute to satisfying clauses or parts of 6.1.6 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.2.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.3 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.2.4 <sup>(2)</sup> , 6.2.5 <sup>(2)</sup> , 6.2.6 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.2.7 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.2.8 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.9 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.10 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.11 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.12 <sup>(2)</sup> and 6.2.13 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> of these Standards. See section 6 of this Certificate.
Standard:	7.1(a)(b) Statement of sustainability
Comment:	The system can contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard. See section 6.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 12	<b>Building standards applicable to conversions</b>
Comment:	All comments given for this system under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and Schedule 6 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . (1) Technical Handbook (Domestic). (2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



## The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)

<b>Regulation:</b> 23	<b>Fitness of materials and workmanship</b>
Comment:	The system is acceptable. See section 13 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 29	<b>Condensation</b>
Comment:	The system can contribute to satisfying this Regulation. See section 7.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 34	<b>Internal fire spread — linings</b>
Comment:	The system is unrestricted under this Regulation. See section 9.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 39(a)(i)	<b>Conservation measures</b>
<b>Regulation:</b> 40(2)	<b>Target carbon dioxide emission rate</b>
Comment:	The system can contribute to a building satisfying these Regulations. See section 6 of this Certificate.

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, Principal Designer/CDM co-ordinator, designer and contractors to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See section: 3 *Delivery and Site Handling* (3.3) of this Certificate.

## Additional Information

### NHBC Standards 2021

In the opinion of the BBA, the Solid Wall Internal Wall Insulation System, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to NHBC Standards, Chapter 6.1 External masonry walls.

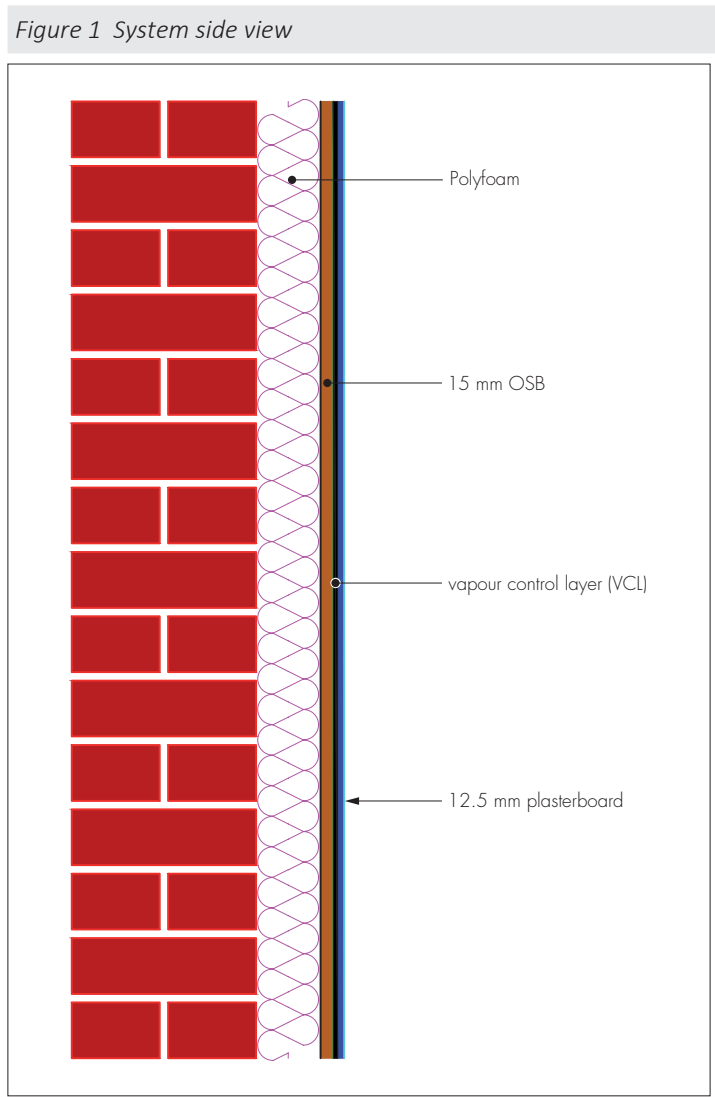
### CE marking

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of CE marking the Ezy-Fit Batt component of the system in accordance with harmonised European Standard BS EN 13162 : 2012, and the XPS component of the Ezy-Fit Stud with BS EN 13164 : 2012. An asterisk (\*) appearing in this Certificate indicates that data shown are given in the manufacturer's Declaration of Performance.

## Technical Specification

### 1 Description

1.1 The Solid Wall Internal Wall Insulation System consists of XPS (extruded polystyrene) bonded to OSB (oriented strand board) to create the Ezy-Fit Stud, and a glass mineral wool slab (Ezy-Fit Batt). Ezy-Fit Studs are mechanically fixed to the internal face of masonry walls and the Ezy-Fit Batt fitted between the Ezy-Fit Studs. The system is lined with a vapour control layer (VCL) with sealed and lapped joints and over boarded with plasterboard.



1.2 The system components are available with the nominal characteristics shown in Table 1.

*Table 1 Nominal characteristics*

Dimensions	Ezy-Fit Stud	Ezy-Fit Batt
Thickness* (mm)	65 and 95	65 and 95
Width (mm)	50	555
Length (mm)	2400	1200

1.3 Ancillary items used with the system, but which are outside the scope of the Certificate are:

- countersunk stainless steel screws with a 12 mm head diameter (for fixing the Ezy-Fit Studs to the masonry wall)
- VCL
- plasterboard.

## 2 Manufacture

2.1 Extruded polystyrene boards are bonded to OSB to form the Ezy-Fit Stud component of the system. The glass mineral wool is manufactured from molten glass in a controlled way. The length and diameter of the fibre are subject to regular quality control checks by the manufacturer.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

## 3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 The system components are wrapped in polythene; Ezy-Fit Studs are additionally boxed or palletised depending on the required quantity. Each pack carries a label bearing the manufacturer's name, product description, essential instructions for installation and the BBA logo incorporating the number of this Certificate.

3.2 Packages must be stored under cover until required for use.

3.3 Ezy-Fit Studs must not be exposed to open flame or other ignition sources. Care must be taken to avoid contact with solvents and liquid bitumen or mastic products.

# Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on the Solid Wall Internal Wall Insulation System.

## Design Considerations

### 4 General

4.1 The Solid Wall Internal Wall Insulation System is for use as an insulated dry lining system to improve the thermal transmittance (U value) of existing masonry cavity walls and existing and new solid walls in dwellings and buildings of similar occupancy, type and conditions. The system uses Ezy-Fit Batts, which are placed between Ezy-Fit Studs and overlaid with a VCL (with sealed and lapped joints) and plasterboard, in accordance with BS 8212 : 1995 and the Certificate holder's instructions.

4.2 The system is fixed to the warm side of external masonry walls including clay and calcium silicate bricks, concrete blocks, and natural and reconstituted stone blocks. It is essential that such walls are constructed having regard to the local wind-driven rain index. Masonry walls of new buildings should be designed and constructed in accordance with:

- BS 8000-3 : 2001
- BS EN 1996-1-1 : 2005, BS EN 1996-1-2 : 2005, BS EN 1996-2 : 2006 and BS EN 1996-3 : 2006 and their respective UK National Annexes.

4.3 Since the system is not intended to offer resistance to rain penetration, walls must be rain resistant and show no signs of rain penetration or damp from ground moisture. Wall surfaces should be sound, clean and free from loose material. If present, mould or fungal growth should be treated prior to the application of the system.

4.4 To prevent air movement behind the system:

- the flatness of surfaces must be checked and made good prior to installation (see section 14.2)

- gaps between the plasterboard and the existing floor and all joints at the perimeter of the plasterboard must be filled with a flexible multi-purpose sealant (see section 15.11).

4.5 The installation of insulating dry lining systems requires careful detailing around doors and windows to achieve a satisfactory surface for finishing. In addition, every attempt should be made to minimise the risk of thermal bridging at reveals and where heavy separating walls are attached to the external wall. New work must be designed to accommodate the thickness of the dry lining, particularly at reveals, heads and sills, and in relation to ceiling height. Where the dimensions of fixtures are critical (eg bathrooms), they should be checked before installation.

4.6 De-rating of any electrical cables in areas where the system restricts the flow of air must be considered.

4.7 It is essential that proper care and attention is given to maintaining the integrity/continuity of VCLs. It is recommended that services which penetrate the dry lining, such as light switches and power outlets, are kept to a minimum to limit damage to vapour checks and VCLs.

## 5 Practicability of installation

The system is designed to be installed by a competent general builder, or a contractor, experienced with this type of system.

## 6 Thermal performance


 6.1 Calculations of thermal transmittance (U value) should be carried out in accordance with BS EN ISO 6946 : 2017 and BRE Report BR 443 : 2006, using the thermal conductivities\* ( $\lambda_D$  value) from Table 2.

Table 2 Thermal conductivities

Thickness (mm)	Ezy-Fit Stud		Ezy-Fit Batt
	XPS thermal conductivity* ( $W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ )	(15 mm) OSB thermal conductivity ( $W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ )	Thermal conductivity* ( $W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ )
65	0.033		0.035
95		0.13	0.032

6.2 Example U values in Table 3 show that the system can enable walls to meet, or improve on, the mean values that are deemed to limit excessive heat loss and contribute to reducing carbon emissions.

Table 3 Ezy-Fit Stud depths for typical design wall U values

Construction U value ( $W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$ ) <sup>(1)</sup>	Ezy-Fit Stud depth (mm)		
	Insulated cavity wall ( $0.42 W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$ )	Uninsulated cavity wall ( $1.44 W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$ )	Uninsulated solid wall ( $2.1 W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$ )
0.35	65	95 <sup>(2)</sup>	95 <sup>(3)</sup>
0.30	65	95	95
0.28	65	95	2 x 65
0.27	65	2 x 65	2 x 65
0.26	65	2 x 65	2 x 65
0.25	65	2 x 65	2 x 65
0.23	95	2 x 65	65 + 95
0.22	95	65 + 95	65 + 95
0.19	95	65 + 95	65 + 95
0.18	105	2 x 95	2 x 95

(1) Assumes Ezy-Fit Studs at 600 mm centres and a top and bottom rail, giving 12.5% Ezy-Fit Stud area and 12.5 mm standard wallboard lining.

(2) 65 mm Ezy-Fit Studs achieve a U value of  $0.39 W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$ .

(3) 65 mm Ezy-Fit Studs achieve a U value of  $0.43 W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$ .

6.3 Care must be taken in the overall design and construction of junctions with other elements and openings to minimise thermal bridges and air infiltration. Detailed guidance can be found in the documents supporting the national Building Regulations.

## 7 Condensation

### Interstitial condensation

 7.1 Walls will limit the risk of interstitial condensation adequately when they are designed and constructed in accordance with BS 5250 : 2011, Annexes D and Appendix G.

7.2 The risk of summer condensation on the VCL must be considered for solid masonry walls orientated from ESE through south to WSW, in accordance with section 3.10 of BRE Report BR 262 : 2002.

7.3 For the purposes of assessing the risk of interstitial condensation, the Ezy-Fit Batt vapour resistivity may be taken as approximately  $5 \text{ MN}\cdot\text{s}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}$ .

### Surface condensation



7.4 Walls incorporating the system will adequately limit the risk of surface condensation when the thermal transmittance (U value) does not exceed  $0.7 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$  at any point and junctions with other elements are designed in accordance with the guidance referred to in section 6.3 of this Certificate.



7.5 Walls will adequately limit the risk of surface condensation when the thermal transmittance (U value) does not exceed  $1.2 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$  at any point. Guidance may be obtained from Annex G of BS 5250 : 2011. Further guidance may be obtained from BRE Report BR 262 : 2002 and section 6.3 of this Certificate.

7.6 Proprietary thermal laminate board is used to line window and door openings to limit the risk of surface condensation (see section 15.3 of this Certificate).

7.7 Dry lining has been used successfully in the rehabilitation of buildings suffering from surface condensation of walls where the dampness has been caused by lack of thermal insulation.

## 8 Wall mounted fittings

The recommendations of the Certificate holder must be followed. Any objects fixed to the wall, other than lightweight items, are outside the scope of this Certificate.

## 9 Behaviour in relation to fire



9.1 Ezy-Fit Batt has a reaction to fire classification\* of Class A1 and the XPS content of Ezy-Fit Stud has a reaction to fire classification\* of Euroclass F in accordance with BS EN 13501 -1 : 2007.



9.2 The system should not be used in buildings in England that have storey at least 18 m above the ground level and contain one or more dwellings, an institution, a room for residential purposes (excluding any room in a hostel, hotel or boarding house), student accommodation, care homes, sheltered housing, hospitals or dormitories in boarding schools.

9.3 Designers should refer to the relevant national Building Regulations and guidance for alternative approaches and detailed conditions of use, particularly in respect of requirements for cavity closers and barriers, fire stopping of service penetrations and combustibility limitations for other materials and components used in the overall wall construction.

## 10 Proximity of flues and appliances

When the system is installed in close proximity to certain flue pipes and/or heat-producing appliances, the relevant provisions of the national Building Regulations should be met:

**England and Wales** — Approved Document J

**Scotland** — Mandatory Standard 3.19, clauses 3.19.1<sup>(1)</sup> to 3.19.4<sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Technical Handbook (Domestic).

**Northern Ireland** — Technical Booklet L.

## 11 Materials in contact — wiring installations

11.1 As with any form of insulation, de-rating of electrical cables should be considered where the insulation restricts the air cooling of cables.

11.2 Electrical cables that are likely to come into contact with the insulation component of the thermal liner are required to be protected by a suitable conduit or PVC-U trunking. The installation of electrical services must be carried out in accordance with BS 7671 : 2008.

## 12 Maintenance

As the components of the system are confined behind the wall lining board and have suitable durability (see section 13), maintenance is not required.

## 13 Durability



The durability of the materials is satisfactory. Provided the system is fixed to satisfactory, stable and durable backgrounds, the system will have a life equal to the building in which it is installed.

# Installation

## 14 General

14.1 Installation should be in accordance with BS 8212 : 1995, good dry lining practice and the relevant parts of the Certificate holder's literature.

14.2 All installations of insulated dry lining require careful planning and setting out. Surfaces should be sound, clean and free from loose material. The flatness of surfaces must be checked; this may be achieved by using a straight edge spanning the storey height. Any excessive irregularities, ie greater than 10 mm in one metre, must be made good prior to installation to prevent air circulation behind the Ezy-Fit Batts and to ensure a flat surface for the Ezy-Fit Studs.

14.3 Before fixing the system, sufficient time must be allowed for damp-proofing treatments, where applied, to dry out (see also BS 6576 : 2005, for dry lining in conjunction with a chemical dpc application).

14.4 Ezy-Fit Batt can be cut using a sharp knife and the Ezy-Fit Studs using a fine-toothed saw, to fit around windows, doors and air bricks.

14.5 To avoid thermal bridging, proprietary thermal laminate board should be used to line window reveals and suitable provisions will also need to be adopted at junctions and other details such as separating floors. Further guidance can be obtained from BRE Report BR 262 : 2002 and the Certificate holder's installation instructions.

## 15 Procedure

15.1 Where required, pre-treated timber Ezy-Fit Studs are mechanically fixed to the wall substrate to support heavy items. Ezy-Fit Studs are then fixed horizontally to the head and foot of the wall and vertically at 600 mm centres and around openings to coincide with the plasterboard joints, with proprietary countersunk stainless steel screws with a 12 mm head diameter and masonry-appropriate wall plugs (see Figure 3). A minimum fixing penetration of 40 mm is required into the masonry wall (excluding thickness of any plaster). Fixings are positioned at 600 mm maximum centres and 75 mm from the end of each Ezy-Fit Stud as shown in Figure 2. Short Ezy-Fit Stud lengths must have at least 2 fixings at not more than 600 mm centres. When required, a second layer of Ezy-Fit Stud is fixed over the first layer, ensuring a minimum 38 mm fixing penetration into the first layer.

Figure 2 Fixing centres

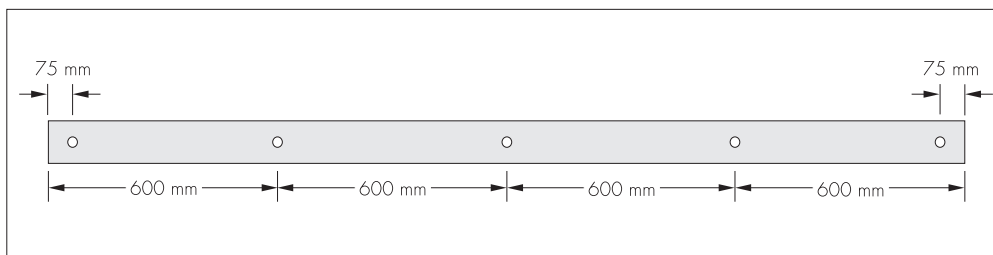
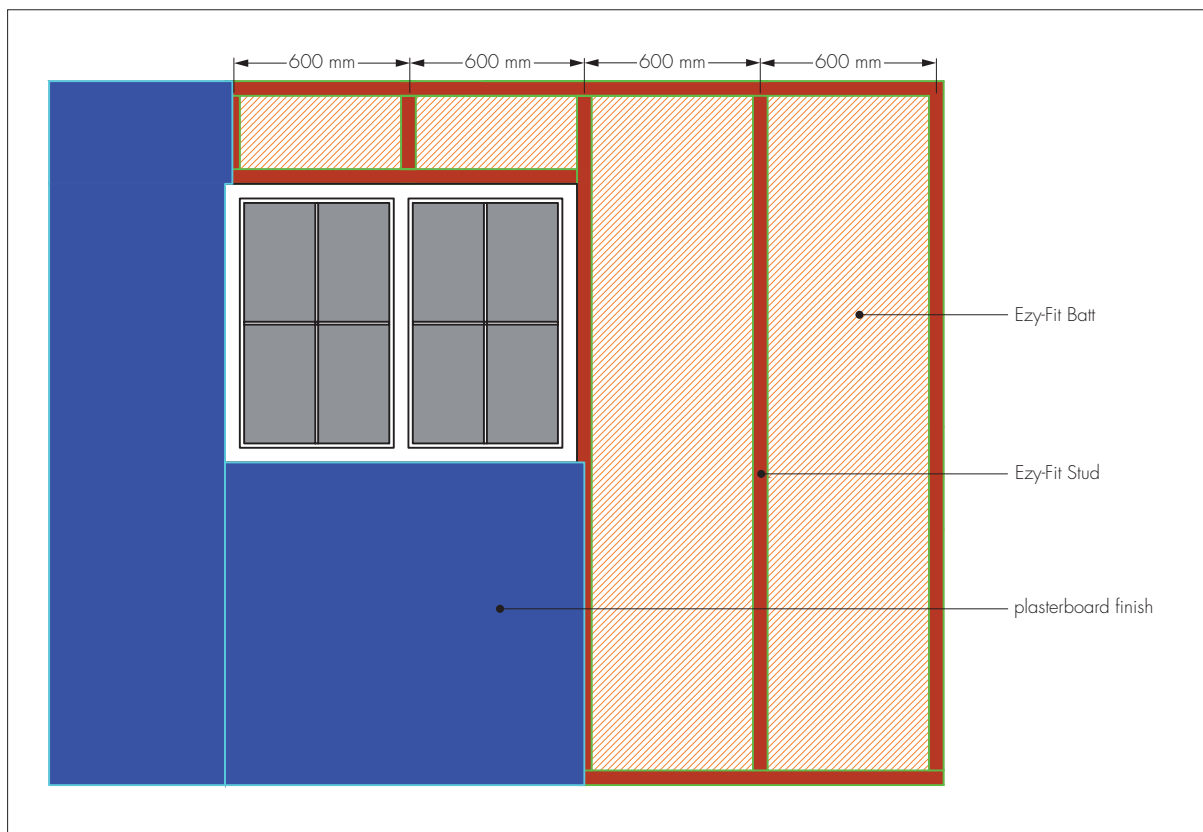


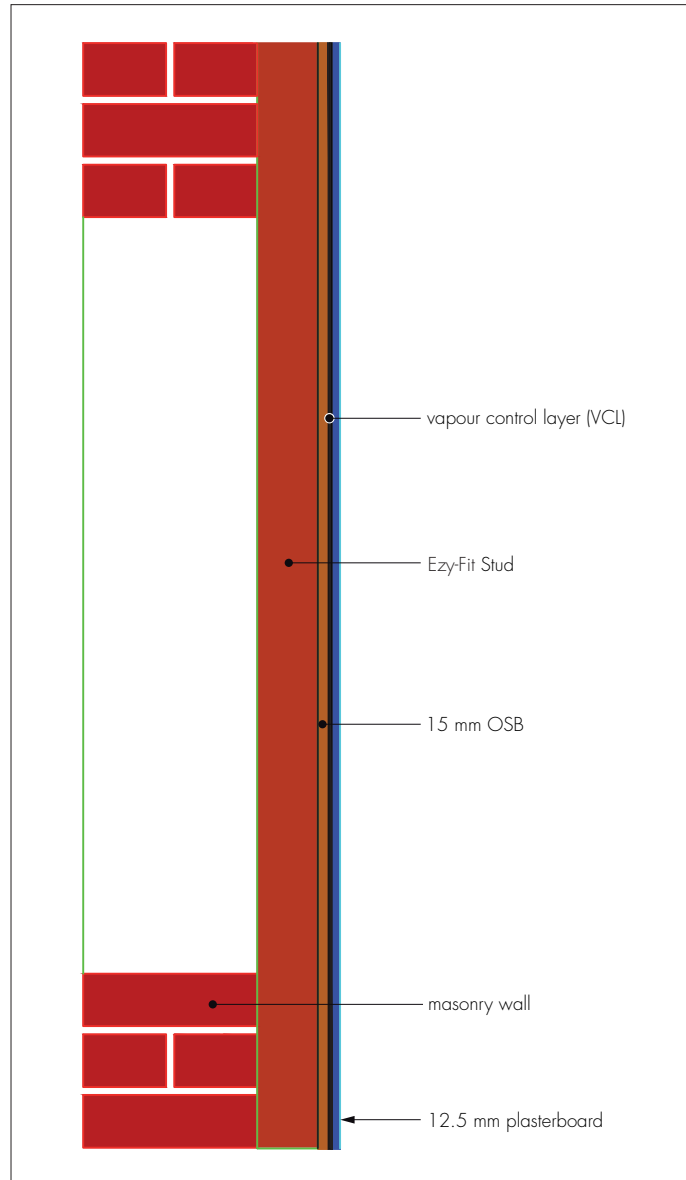
Figure 3 System detailing



### Wall openings

15.2 Around openings (windows and doors), Ezy-Fit Studs are screw-fixed to the wall at the edge of jambs, sills and heads as determined by on-site requirements (see Figure 4).

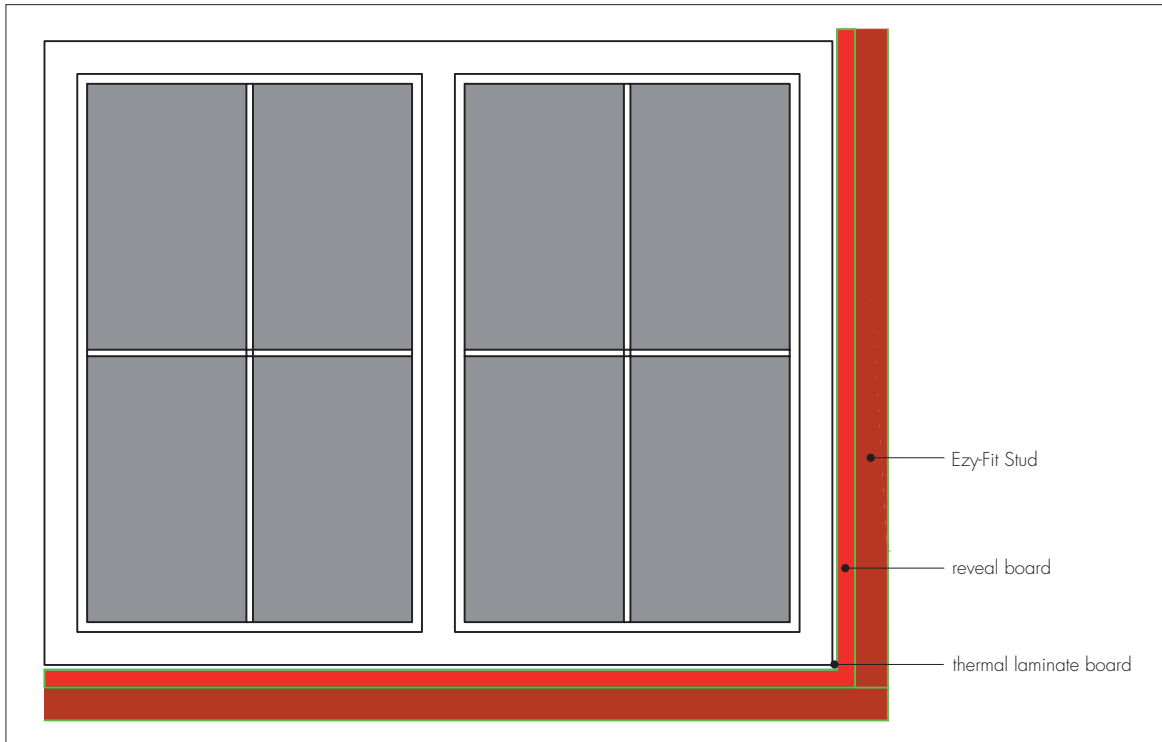
Figure 4 Opening detailing



15.3 Openings are lined with a proprietary thermal laminate board (the Certificate holder can advise on suitable materials) and fixed using adhesive or plaster dabs, and additionally secured with localised mechanical fixings. The edge of the thermal laminate board should finish flush with the face of the Ezy-Fit Studs (see Figure 5).

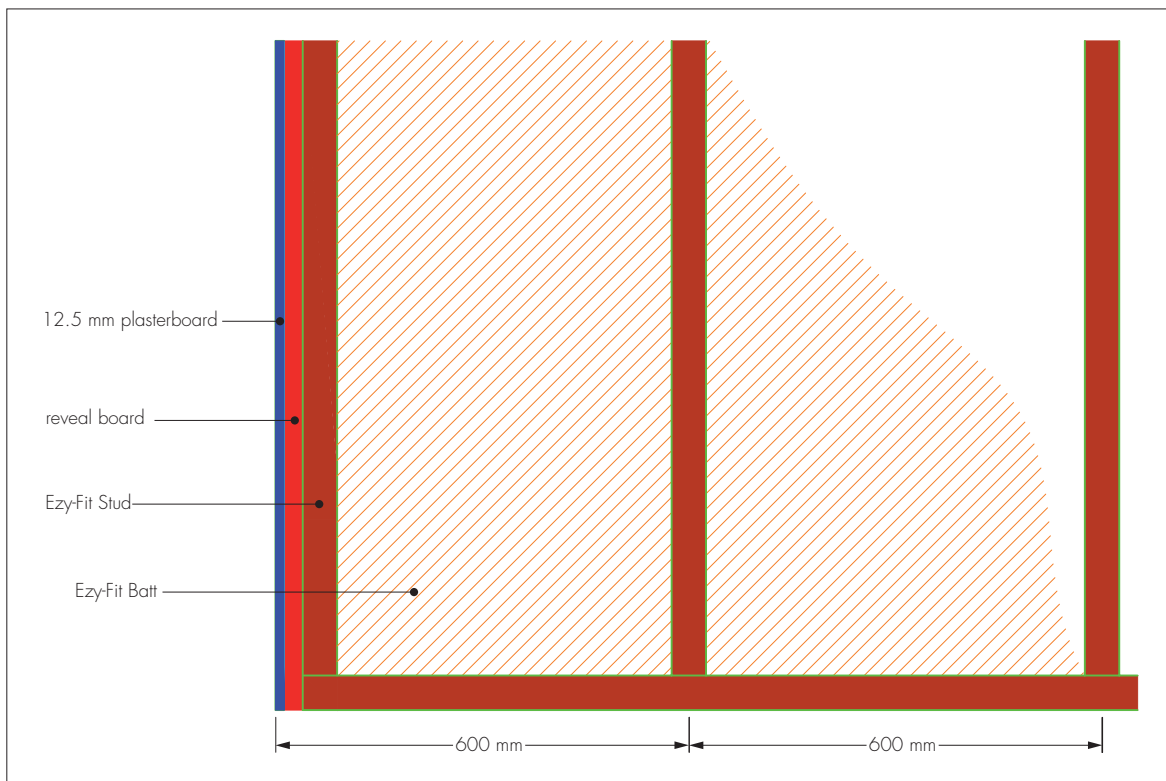


Figure 5 Thermal laminate board



15.4 When setting out Ezy-Fit Studs adjacent to openings in relation to plasterboard dimensions, allowance must be made for the fact that the plasterboard needs to extend beyond the centre line of the jamb Ezy-Fit Stud to cover the thermal laminate board. For example, the dimension between the centre lines of the jamb Ezy-Fit Stud and the next Ezy-Fit Stud needs to be 600 mm, less the thermal laminate thickness (including adhesive dabs), less 25 mm (half the Ezy-Fit Stud width) (see Figure 6).

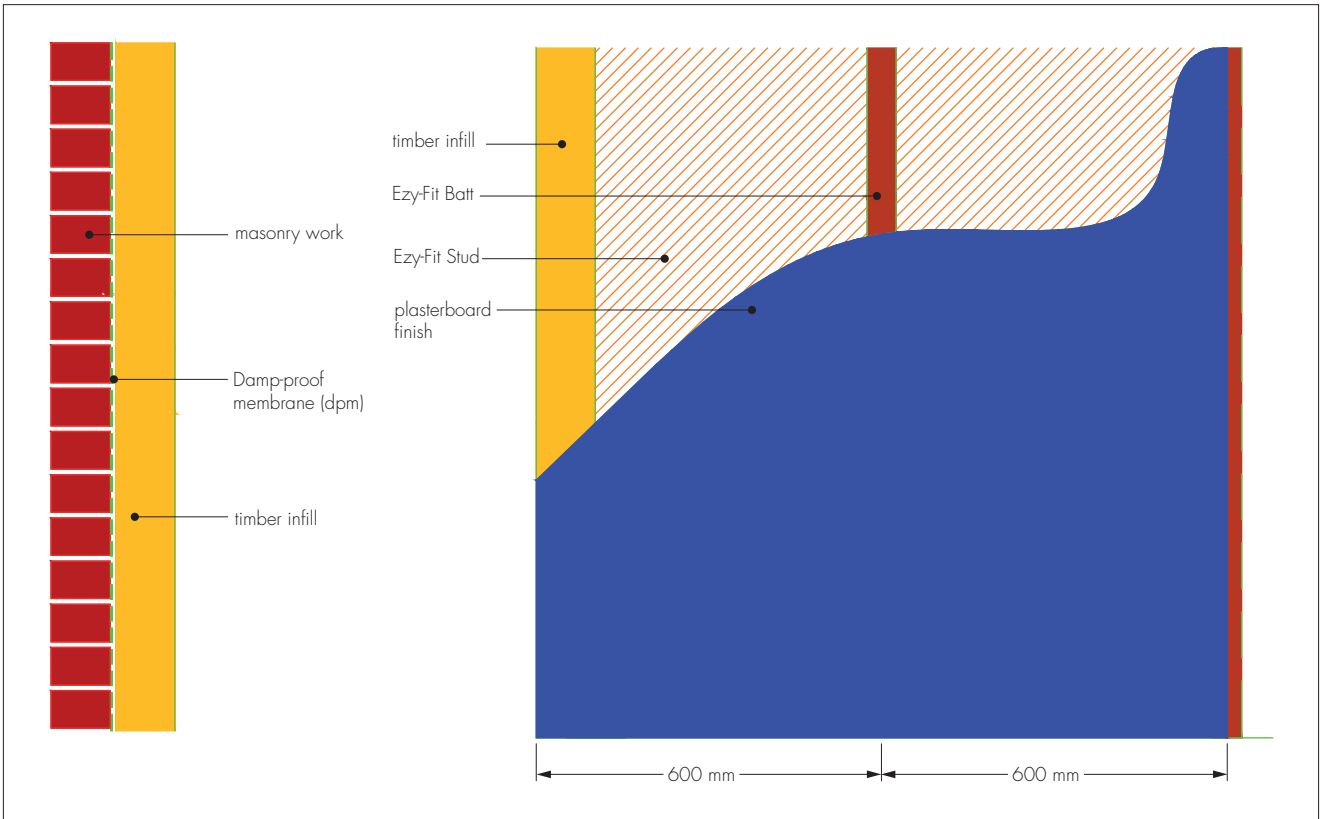
Figure 6 Ezy-Fit Stud detailing at opening



### Stepped or check reveals

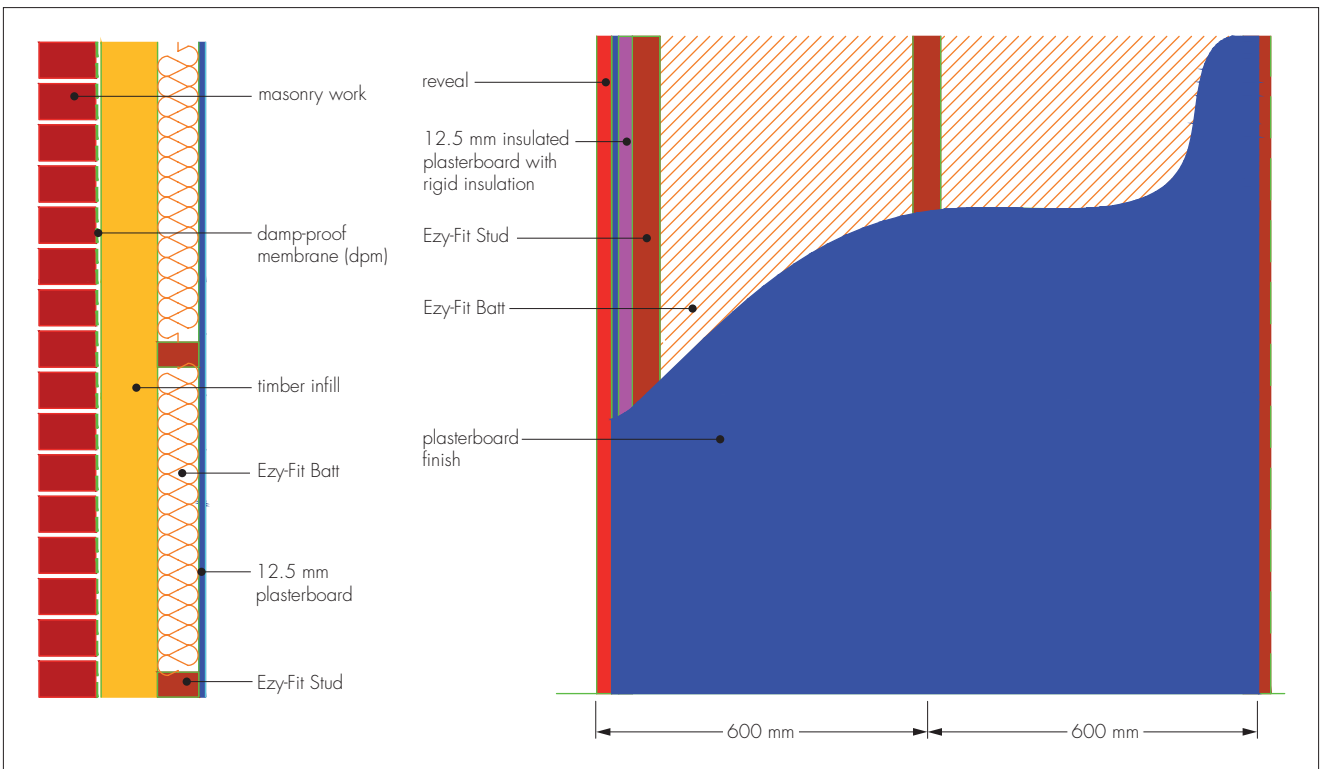
15.5 A new window frame is installed towards the outside of the wall. The head and jamb reveals must be built-out with a suitably-sized timber infill piece to accommodate the recommended thickness of thermal laminate board, and a strip of damp-proof membrane (dpm) fixed to the back of the timber using galvanized nails or stainless steel staples (ie between the timber and the external wall) — see Figure 7.

Figure 7 Opening timber infill



15.6 Ezy-Fit Studs are fixed to the face of the jambs and lined flush with the timber infill piece to form a continuous insulated lining around the opening. Plasterboard is cut back accordingly (see Figure 8).

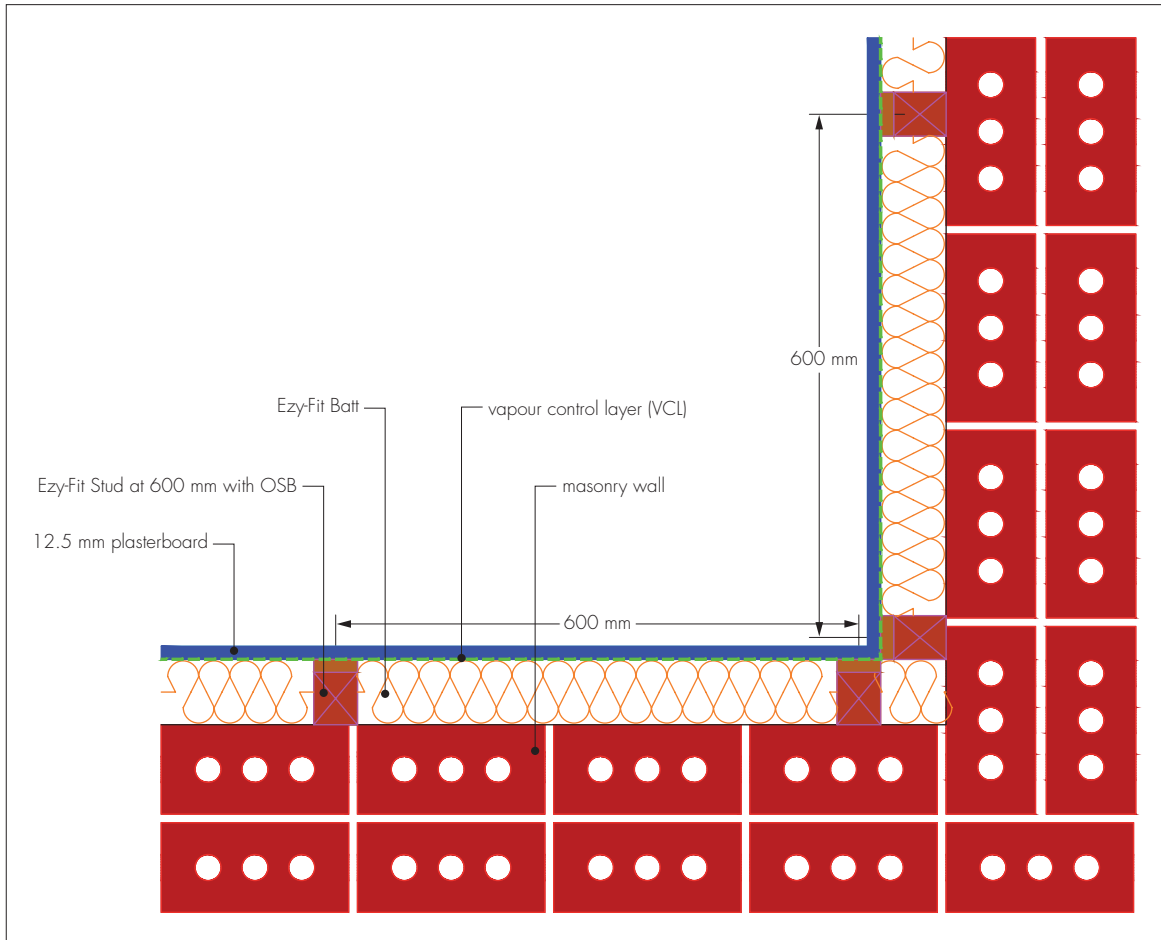
Figure 8 Stepped/checked reveal detailing



**Internal corner**

15.7 Internal corner voids are fully filled with Ezy-Fit Batt, with the centre of the Ezy-Fit Studs adjacent to the corner Ezy-Fit Studs adjusted to accommodate the corner detail (see Figure 9).

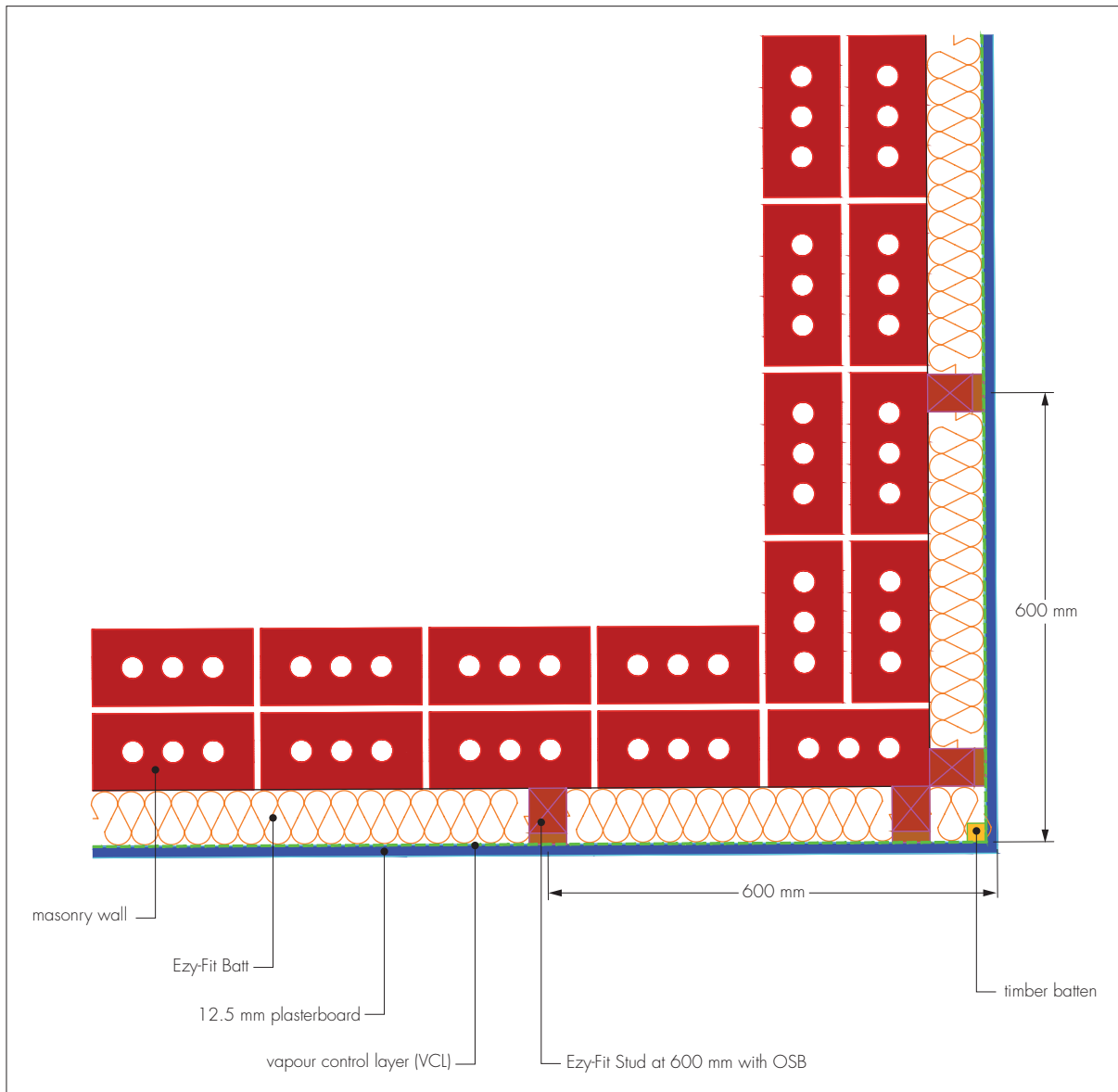
Figure 9 Internal corner detailing



### External corner

15.8 At external corners, additional rigidity at the junction of the plasterboard linings is provided by screw fixing a timber batten (minimum 25 mm by 25 mm) in position and fully filling the corner void with Ezy-Fit Batt. The centre of the Ezy-Fit Studs adjacent to the corner Ezy-Fit Studs should be adjusted to accommodate the corner detail (see Figure 10).

Figure 10 External corner detailing



### Ezy-Fit Batts

15.9 Ezy-Fit Batts are friction-fitted between the Ezy-Fit Studs to completely fill the space in all directions (see Figures 3, 9 and 10); the Ezy-Fit Batts should be cut 5 mm wider than the space they are intended to fill.

### Internal lining

15.10 A VCL (with sealed and lapped joints) and plasterboard are installed over the face of the Ezy-Fit Studs before applying the internal finish.

15.11 Plasterboard is fixed using 38 mm drywall screws at nominal 300 mm horizontal and vertical centres, reducing to 200 mm centres at corners. A 3 mm to 5 mm gap is left between the plasterboard and the existing floor, which is then filled with a flexible multi-purpose sealant, as well as all joints at the perimeter of the plasterboard to prevent air movement behind the system.

15.12 Jointing and finishing of the plasterboard lining is carried out in the appropriate manner applying plasterer's scrim to all joints and a thin coat of plaster; or the system can be finished using standard dry-lining techniques.

### Tiling

15.13 Ezy-Fit Studs must be faced with suitable moisture-resistant plasterboard when installing in humid or wet areas such as kitchens and bathrooms. The weight of tiling (including adhesive) fixed direct to plasterboard (without plaster skim) should not exceed  $32 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$ . Guidance and recommendations from tiling manufacturers, BS 5385-1 : 2009 and BS 5385-4 : 2015 should be followed.

## 16 Tests

Results of tests carried out on the Solid Wall Internal Wall Insulation System were assessed to determine:

### Ezy-Fit Stud

- Pull-out strength of fixings from the OSB
- interlaminar bond-strength.

### XPS

- thermal conductivity
- dimensional stability
- compressive strength.

### Ezy-Fit Batt

- thermal conductivity
- dimensional stability
- dimensional accuracy.

## 17 Investigations

17.1 The manufacturing process was examined, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

17.2 The company's design and installation instructions were examined.

17.3 An assessment of the risk of interstitial and surface condensation was made.

17.4 U values were calculated for typical wall constructions.

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