



National 
Gypsum

Thermal Mass in Light Weight Construction

IV Thermal Mass Workshop

December 5, 2010

Topics

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Introduction to National Gypsum

- 2nd largest U.S. producer of gypsum drywall
- 23% market share
- 21 wallboard plants strategically located
- Marketed under Gold Bond® brand
- Privately held





Gypsum wallboard – one of the 85 greatest innovations

Primary Use



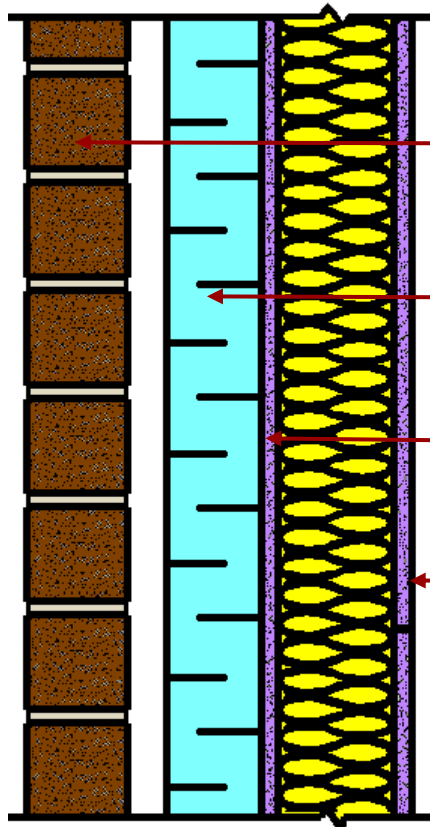
- Light weight
- Easy to install
- Fire *resistance*

Changing Wall Components

Commercial Application

Residential Application

Potential Impact Areas



Exterior Cladding

Insulation

Sheathing

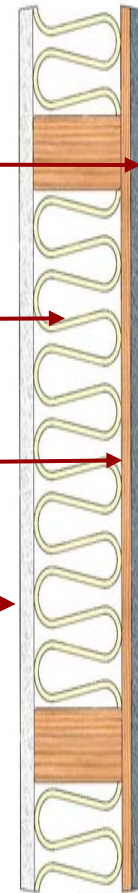
Interior Drywall

Indoor Air Quality

Mold Resistance

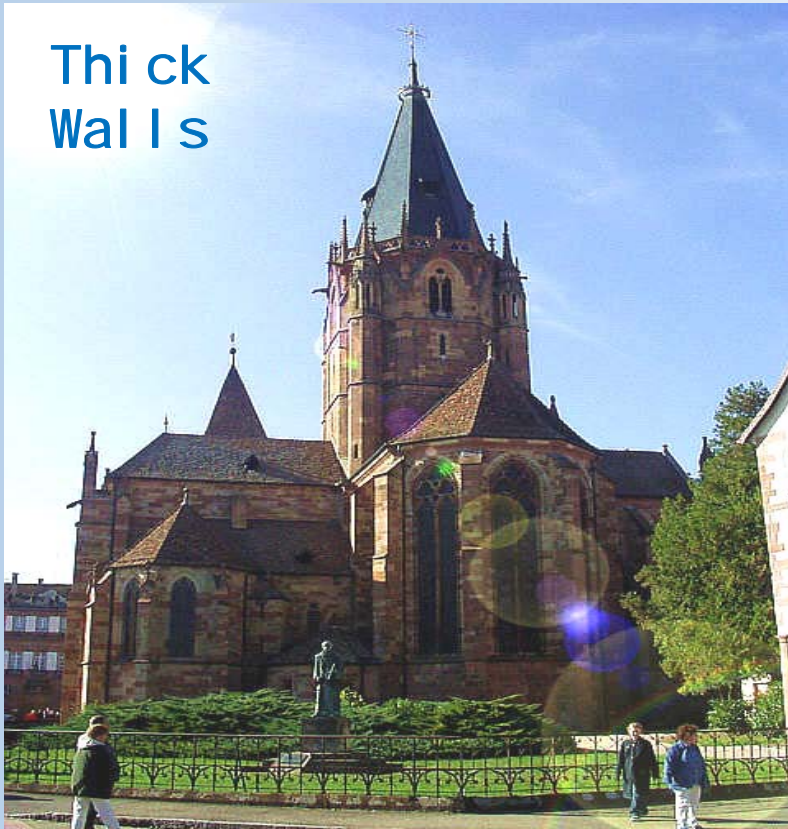
Acoustics

Durability

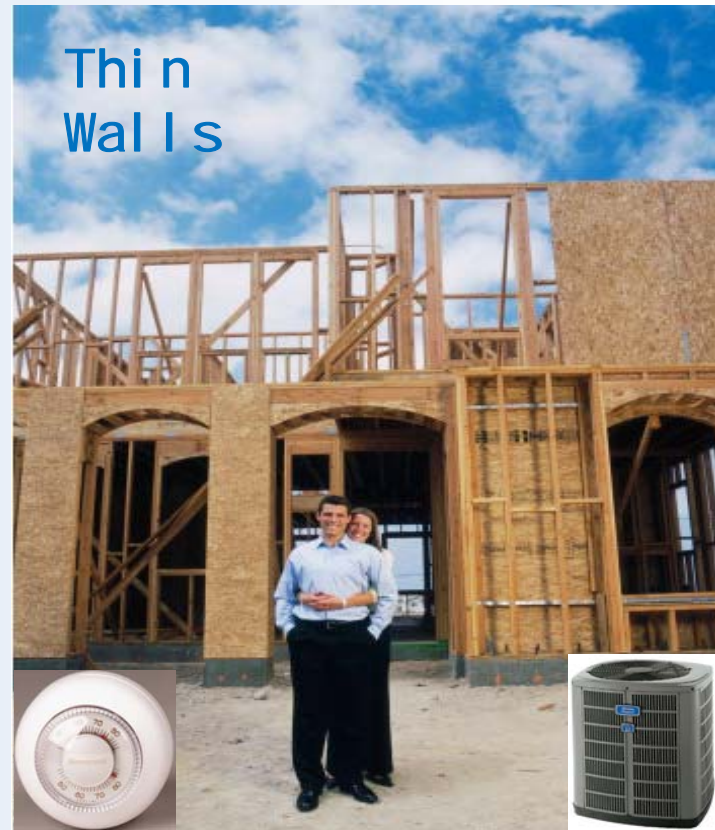


What if Thin Walls Acted Like Thick Walls?

Thick
Walls



Thin
Walls

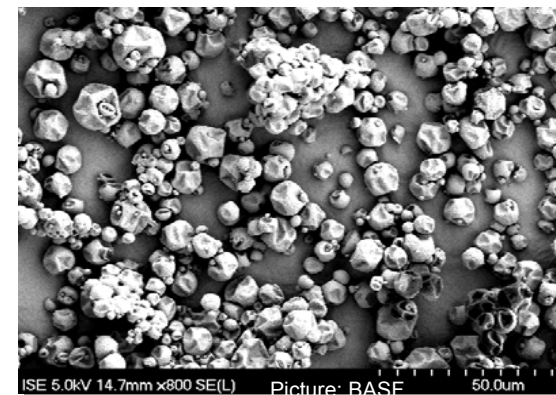
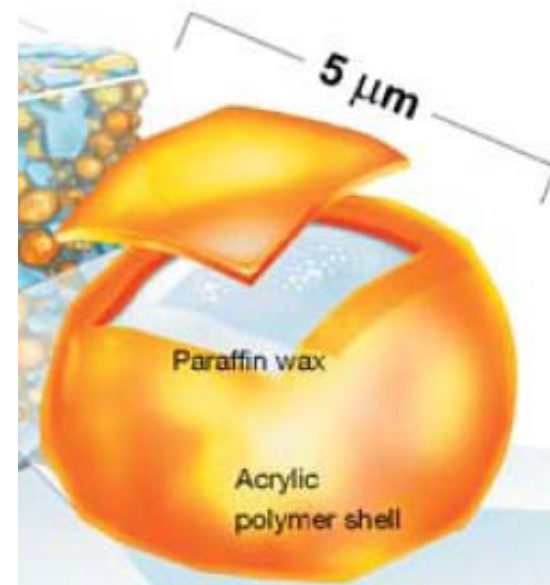


ThermalCORE™ Panel

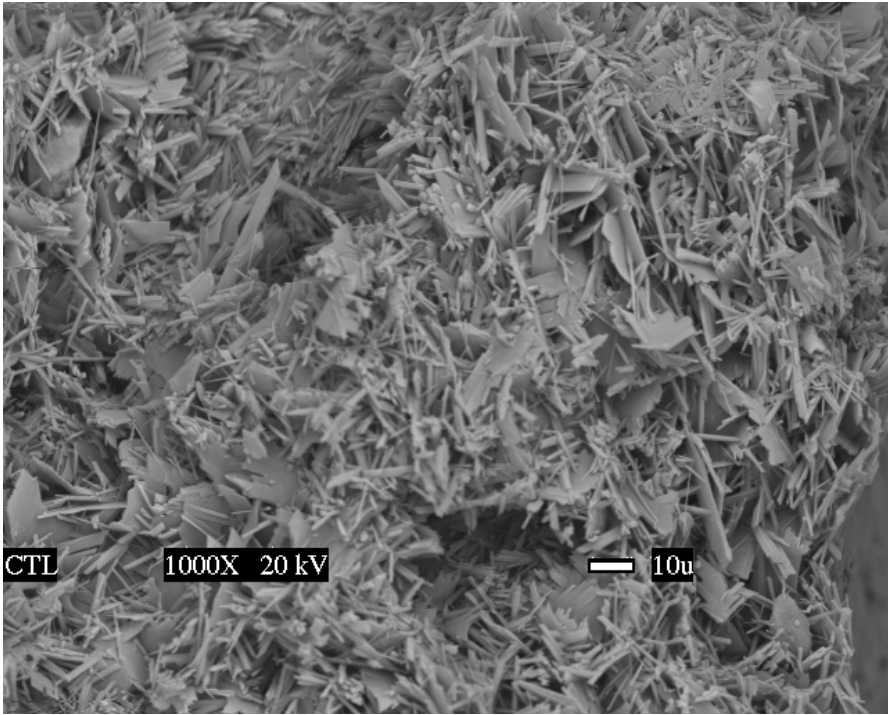


Micronal[®]

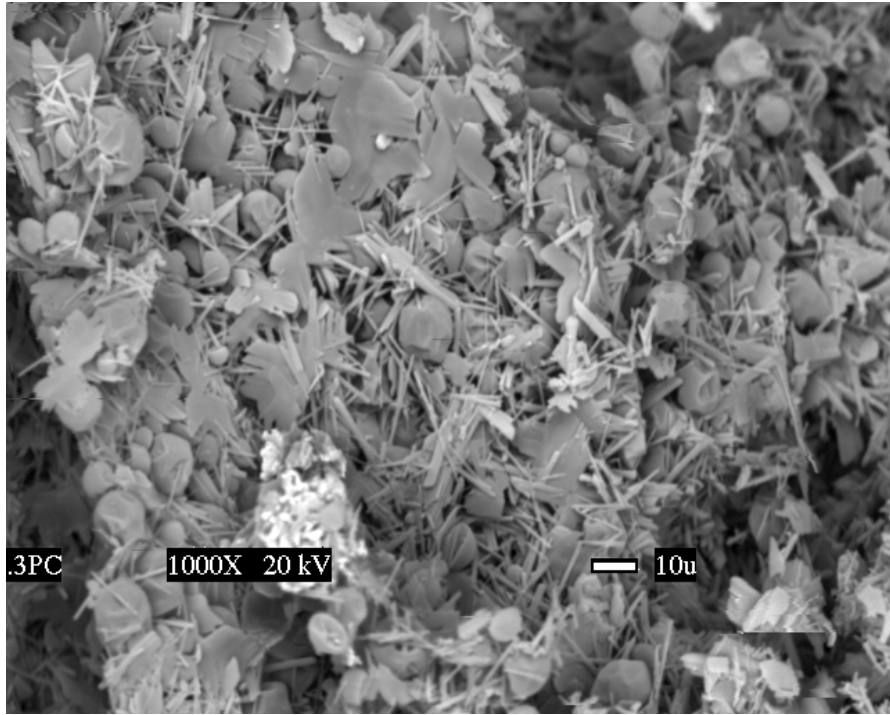
- Manufactured by BASF
- Paraffin micro-encapsulated in acrylic shell
- Durable; no leaking of PCM; no damaged capsules
- Tested 10,000 cycles freeze/thaw cycles; DSC unchanged (stable melting point)
- Available in 70° F, 73° F and 79° F melting points
- Favorable toxicity profile



Micrographs of ThermalCORE Core



Without Micronal



With Micronal

ThermalCORE Properties

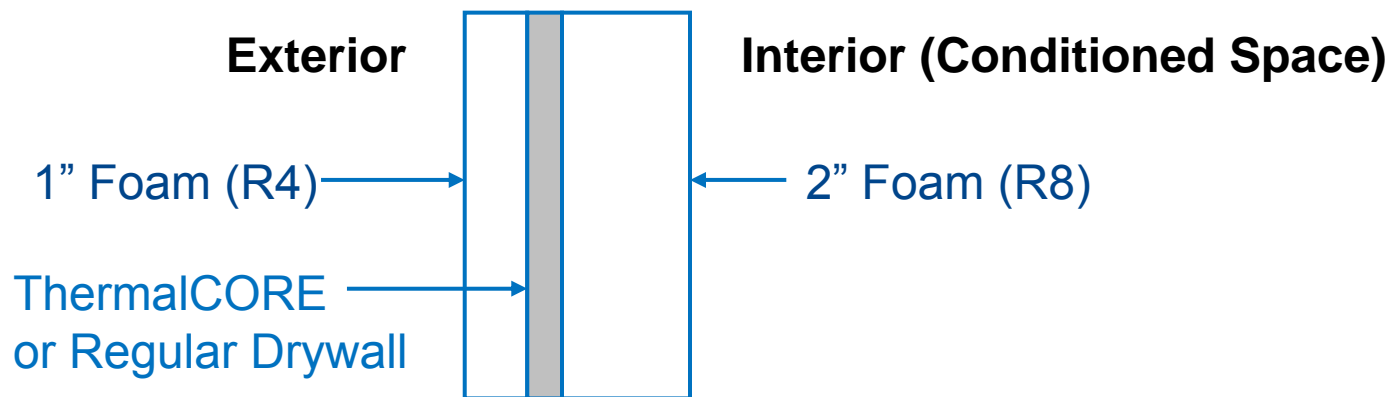
- Meets ASTM C1396 Standard Specification for Gypsum Board
- ~2.1 lb/ft² for 1/2”
- Optional - Moisture resistant core, mold resistant
- Hangs and finishes like regular drywall; no special tools or handling required
- Latent Heat of 22 BTU/ft²

Combustion/Fire Properties

- Combustible per ASTM E136
- ASTM E84 Flame spread/smoke developed:
 - Class B per IBC
- Room corner burn (UL 1715):
 - Performed better than birch veneer paneling
- Dust has combustion properties comparable to or better than wood saw dust.

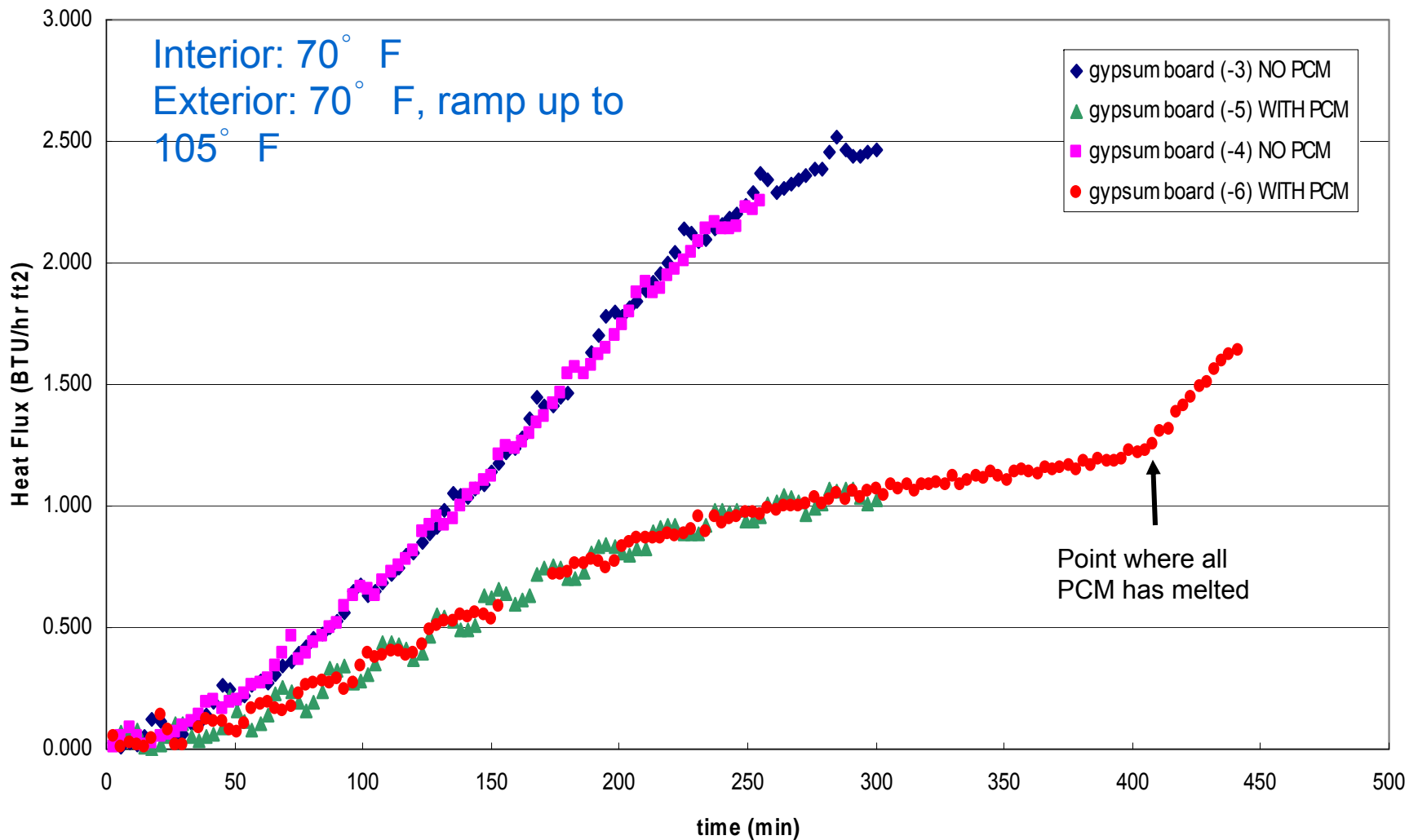
Preliminary PCM Performance Evaluation*

- Measured heat flux, comparing ½” drywall to ThermalCORE (79° F melting point) using dynamic ASTM C518 test
- Summer and winter cycles (300 minute temperature ramp; 300 minutes isothermal)
- Used layered assembly:

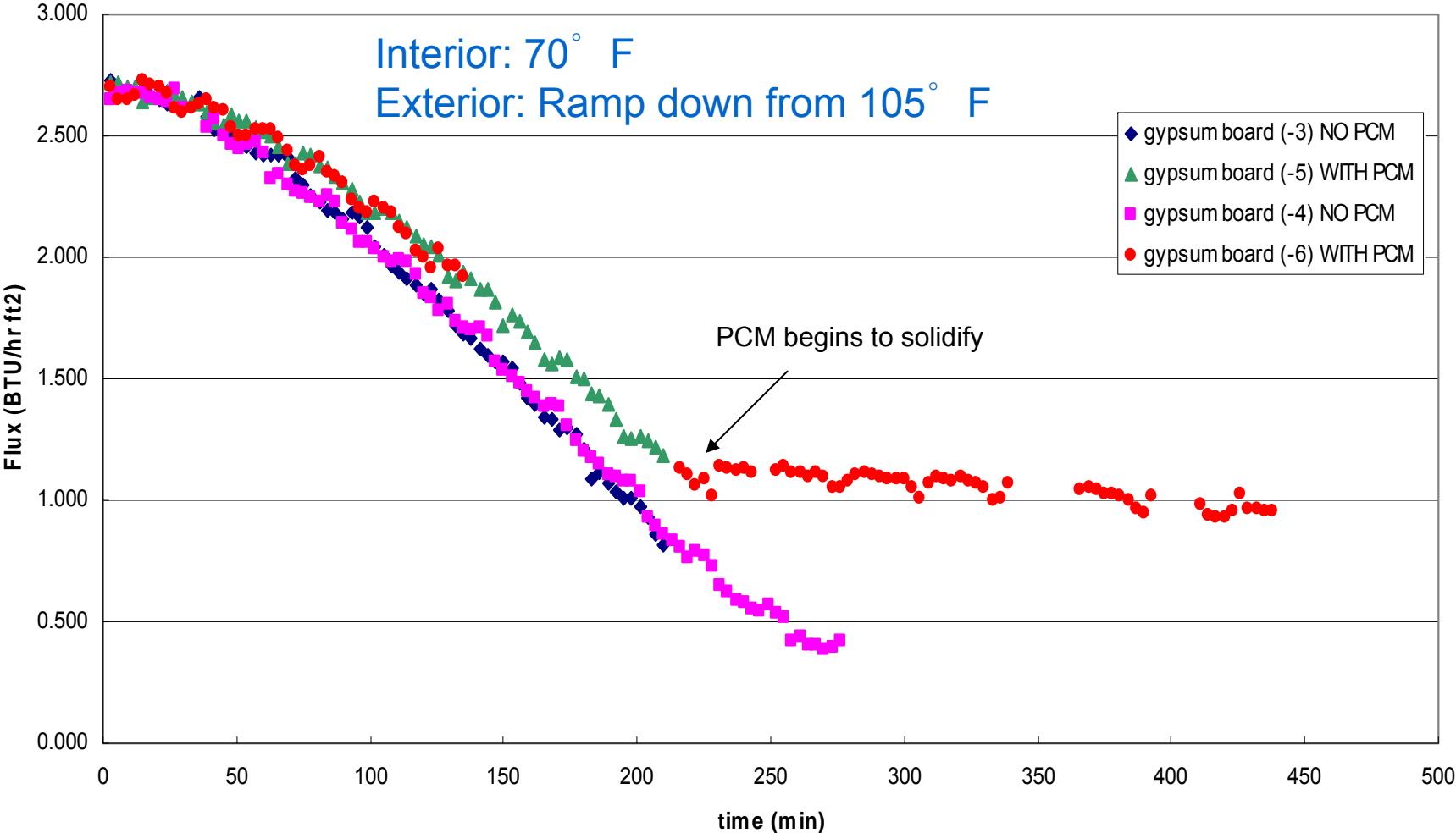


* Conducted by R&D Services, Inc

Heat Flux – Summer Warm up (Charge)



Heat Flux – Summer Cool Down (Discharge)



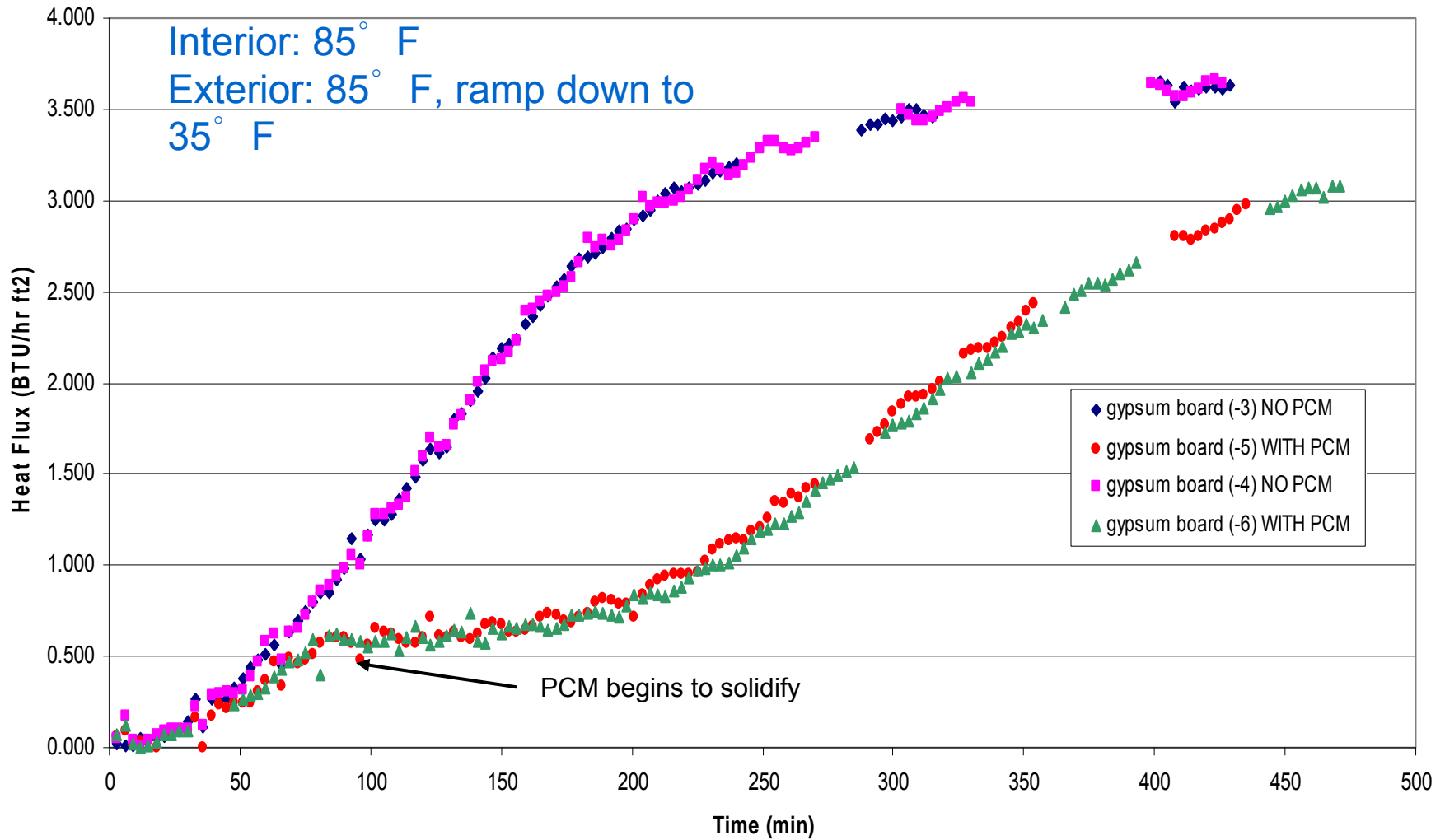
Reduction in Heat Gain from Conditioned Space - Summer

		<u>Warm Up</u>	<u>Cool Down **</u>	<u>Total</u>
Heat Flow Integral*	Reg. Gyp Board	363.3	457.2	820.5
	ThermalCORE	<u>169.0</u>	<u>540.6</u>	<u>709.6</u>
Net Reduction (Btu.min/ft2.hr)		194.3	-83.4	110.9
Cycle Total (Btu/ft ²)				1.85
% Reduction				13.5 %

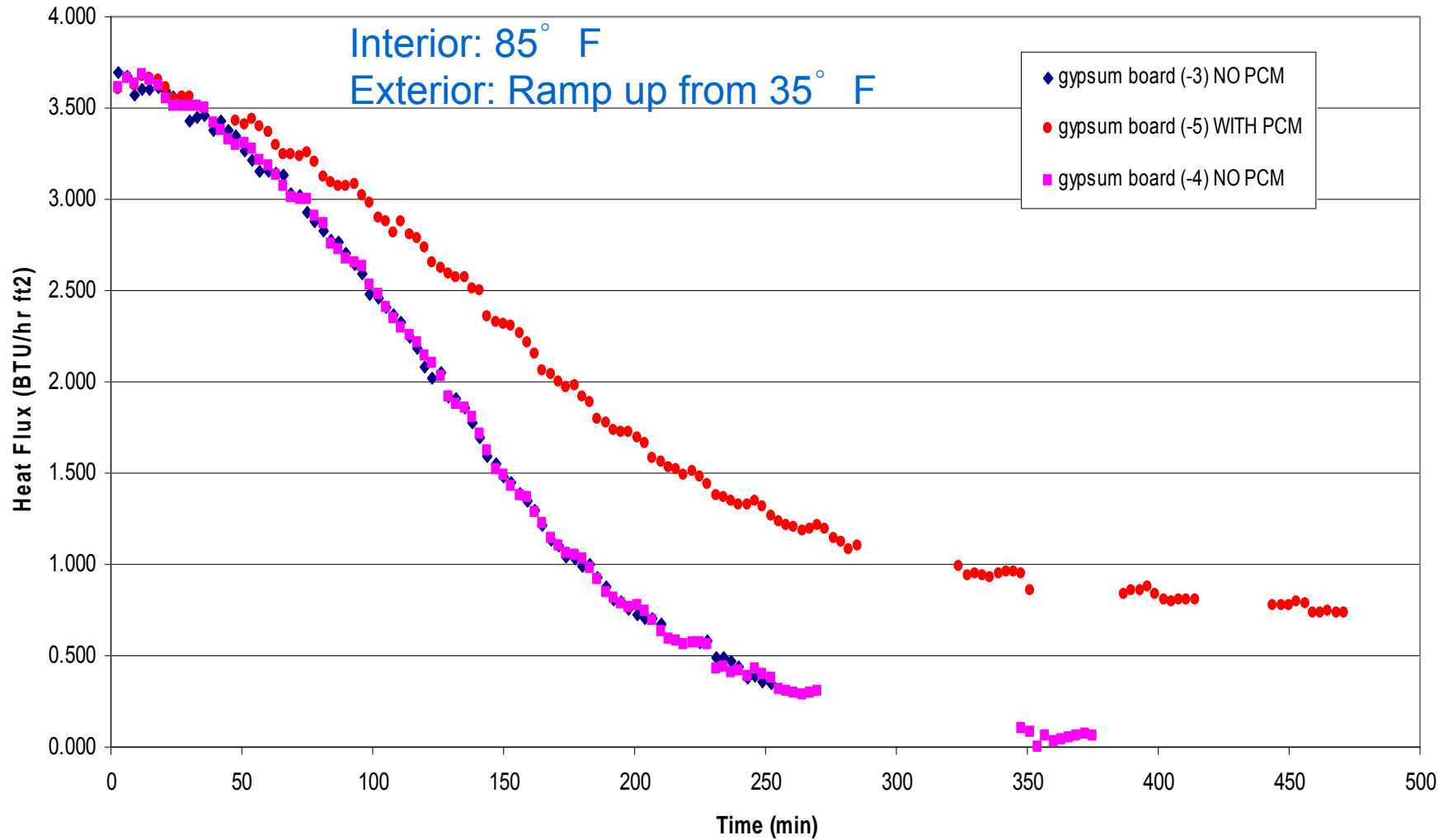
* Heat flow x Time

** Negative result represents increase

Heat Flux - Winter Cool Down (Discharge)



Heat Flux – Winter Warm up (Charge)



Reduction in Heat Loss from Conditioned Space - Winter

		<u>Cool Down</u>	<u>Warm Up **</u>	<u>Total</u>
Heat Flow Integral*	Reg. Gyp Board	575.3	520.8	1096.1
	ThermalCORE	<u>222.1</u>	<u>701.5</u>	<u>923.6</u>
Net Reduction (Btu.min/ft ² .hr)		353.2	-180.7	172.5
Cycle Total (Btu/ft ²)				2.87
% Reduction				15.7 %

* Heat flow x Time

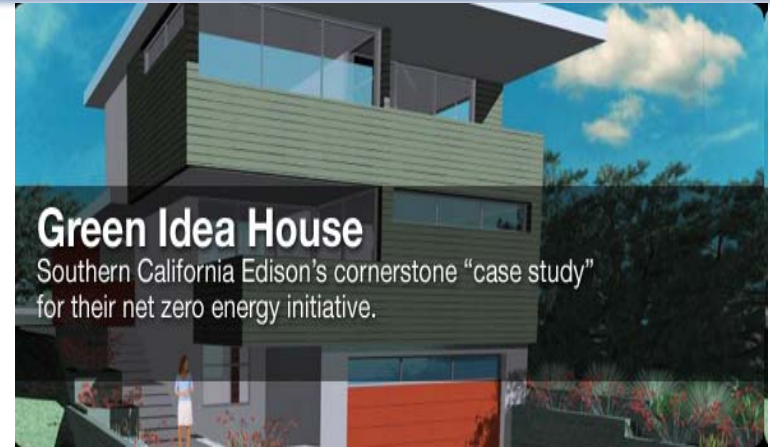
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ThermalCORE™: Projects



Popular Science

Greenwich, NY



Hermosa Beach, CA



Prototypes and Design Options

Prototypes:

- 1/2" interior product, 73° F melting pt
- 5/8" sheathing with moisture resistant core, 79° F melting pt
- ~22 BTU/ft² latent heat

Design Options:

- Placement: interior/exterior, wall and/or ceiling
- Melting point: 73° F, 79° F
- PCM loading / latent heat
- Thickness: 1/2", 5/8"

Information @ www.thermalcore.info

National Gypsum® ThermalCORE™ Panel



ThermalCORE™
PCM Panel by National Gypsum

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National Gypsum® ThermalCORE™ Panel

Wall panel with latent heat storage capacity

Description

National Gypsum's 1/2" ThermalCORE Panel contains Micronal™ phase change material (PCM) produced by BASF. Micronal is a microencapsulated, high-purity paraffin wax. This material changes phase from solid to liquid when it reaches 73°F, absorbing thermal energy to help moderate a room's temperature. When temperatures fall, the wax solidifies and releases heat. This alternating process of melting and solidifying allows ThermalCORE to absorb daytime temperature peaks, ideally providing a more consistent room temperature.

ThermalCORE is faced with a fiberglass mat and is manufactured with an enhanced mold resistant gypsum core.

For ease of installation, ThermalCORE comes standard with GridMax® guide marks printed on the surface. These guide marks align with standard building dimensions and help to quickly identify fastener lines for stud and joint framing. The panels require a skim coat and will accept decoration similar to standard gypsum board.

* Micronal™ is a registered trademark of BASF.



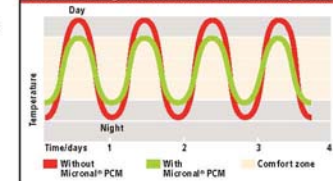
Features/Benefits

- Provides added thermal mass not typically found in traditional lightweight construction.
- Moderates indoor climate and provides a more consistent temperature.
- Potential for greater energy efficiency through latent heat storage.
- Phase change material is contained within virtually indestructible microscopic acrylic capsules which will not leak.
- BASF has subjected Micronal to 10,000 cycles to verify durability.
- Fiberglass facer and treated core provides extra protection against mold growth per ASTM D 3273, achieving a score of 10, the best possible score.
- Handles and installs like regular gypsum board.

Technical Data

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES	
Nominal Thickness	1/2"
Standard Width	4'
Standard Length	8'
Nominal weight (lbs./ft ²)	2.1
Edges	Tapered
Surface Burning Characteristics	Class B
Combustibility (per ASTM C 136)	Combustible
Mold Resistance (per ASTM D 3273)	10
Latent Heat (BTU/ft ²)	22 (Approx.)

How Phase Change Materials Moderate Room Temperatures



ThermalCORE™

PCM Panel by National Gypsum

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