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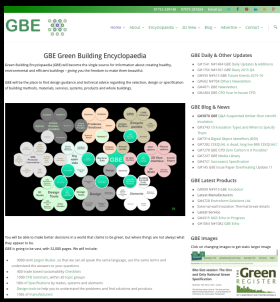
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# Construction Resources

# Showroom Tour Green Materials & Construction



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- Task Page:
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# Classification: CI/SfB:

- Table 1 (1-) to (2-) Elements of Buildings
- (16) Retaining walls, Foundations
- (21) External Walls
- (22) Partitions
- (23) Floors/Galleries
- (24) Stairs/Ramps
- (27.1) Flat roofs
- (27.2) Pitched Roofs
- (28) Frames
- Table 1 (9-) Elements of Civil Engineering
- Table 3 Construction products
- Table 3 Materials
- Table 4 Properties and Characteristics

# Classification: CAWS

- Assemblies of many work sections
- Outer cladding (work section)
- Core Construction (work section)
- Inner lining (work section)

# Classification: GBE 3D Studio:

- BEACoN Building Element Assembly Code Number
- E.g. (21) H21/F10/K14 1
- (Wall) Timber weatherboarding/  
masonry/clay board lining 1<sup>st</sup> instant

# Classification: Uniclass 1 1997

- G Elements of Buildings
- H Elements of Civil Engineering
- L Construction products
- N Properties and Characteristics
- P Materials

# Construction Resources

- Construction Resources (CR) still exists but as a smaller operation
- A considerable amount of knowledge was dispersed to various new organisations including constructors, water and energy consultants, architects, training providers, etc.
- The Showroom is gone, some of the mock-ups moved to CAT where they were destroyed by the weather
- But the memories remain
- This give a glimpse at some of the methods of construction promoted by CR



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# New Wall Finishes

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# Clay Boards Reed & Clay Clay finishes

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# Clay Finishes



- Clay Boards: Reed & Clay,
- Insitu clay on reed
- Clay finish
- Dry and harden but do not set
- No time limits
- Easy repairs
- Less skill required

# Clay Finishes



- Can sustain high humidity where gypsum/paper will harbour mould
  - Hygroscopic
  - Moisture Mass
  - Condensation avoidance
  - Mould avoidance
- Thermal mass
  - High density
  - Large surface area
- Electromagnetic radiation absorption
- Absorbs smells

# Clay finishes

- Mineral based dyes
- Non-fade
- Bond to background
- No flaking
- Long life
- Durable
- Properties of clay plaster
- Vapour permeable





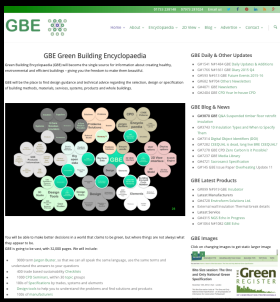
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# Paints & Stains



**Natural  
ingredient  
Paints  
Stains  
Oils  
Waxes  
Polishes  
Sealers**

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# Natural Paints

- **No synthetics**
  - VOCs if any are natural
- **No poisons**
- **No chemical concoctions**
  - No unexplored impacts or reactions
- **No pollutants**
  - Healthy career possible
- **No Hazardous waste**
  - Many compostable



# Natural Dyes

- Natural dyes
- Mineral based
- Plant based
- Animal based
- Fade resistant
- Long life
- Add to base
- Mix your own colours



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Tapi Tapi Maxi Set  
Carpet care set  
Includes Tapigrid  
& Tapi Clear  
£48.41 (€30.95 + VAT)  
*Sorry out of stock*

Tapi Tapi Clear  
Broad spectrum  
carpet stain  
remover  
0.25 litre £15.86 (€10.50 + VAT)

Tapi Tapi Sept  
Carpet odour  
remover  
0.5 litre £20.92 (€17.90 + VAT)

Tapi Tapi Contramott  
Moth spray for  
carpets  
0.5 litre £18.33 (€15.90 + VAT)



Paint Stripper  
Abbeizer  
0.5 kg £4.76 (€4.05 + VAT)  
2 kg £8.66 (€7.30 + VAT)  
5 kg £28.04 (€23.36 + VAT)  
14 kg £48.22 (€40.18 + VAT)

Wallpaper Paste  
Tapetenkleister  
100 g £2.73 (€2.30 + VAT)  
500 g £12.30 (€10.40 + VAT)



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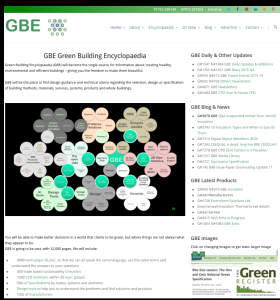
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# Display panels





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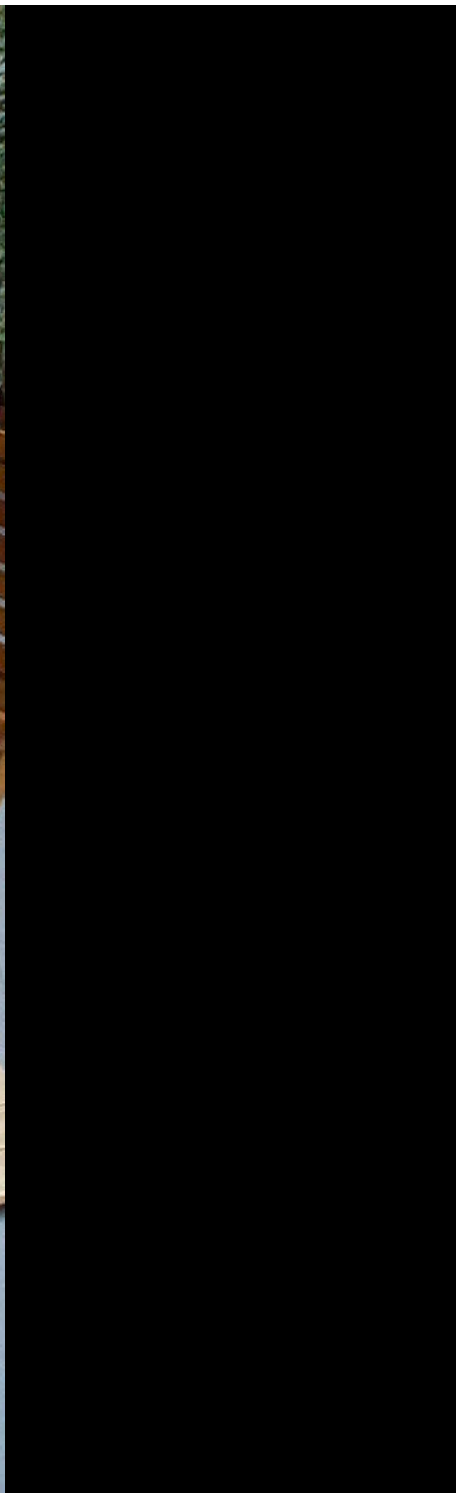


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# Furniture







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# Thermal Insulation

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# Thermal Insulation



Newspaper  
Flax  
Hemp  
Sheep's wool  
Cellulose



# Thermal Insulation Cellulose fibre Recycled Newspaper and Magazines



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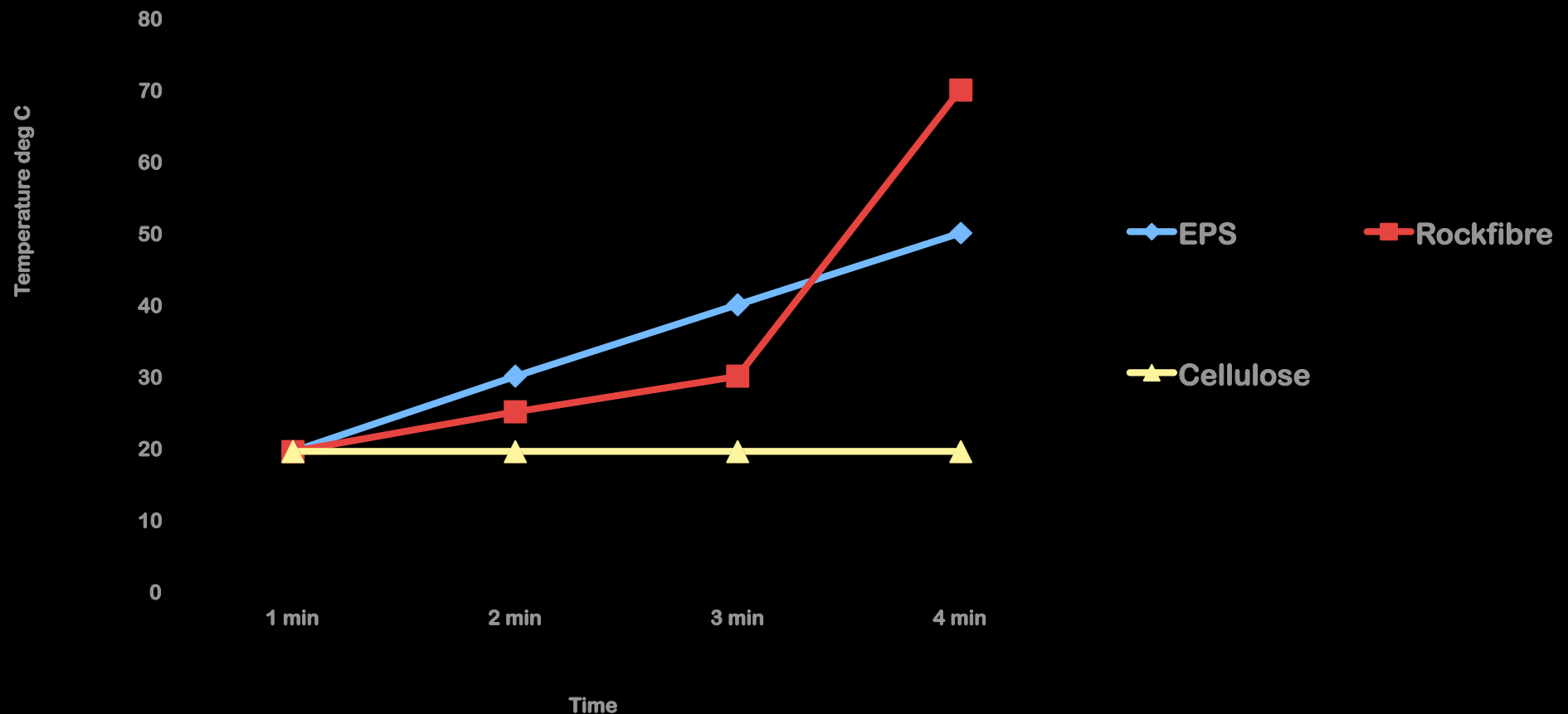
# Decrement Delay Thermal Lag

## P10 Insulation

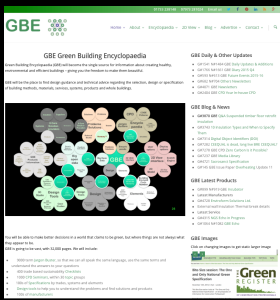


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# Radiant heat through 50 mm. of thermal insulation types over time



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# Acoustic Insulation

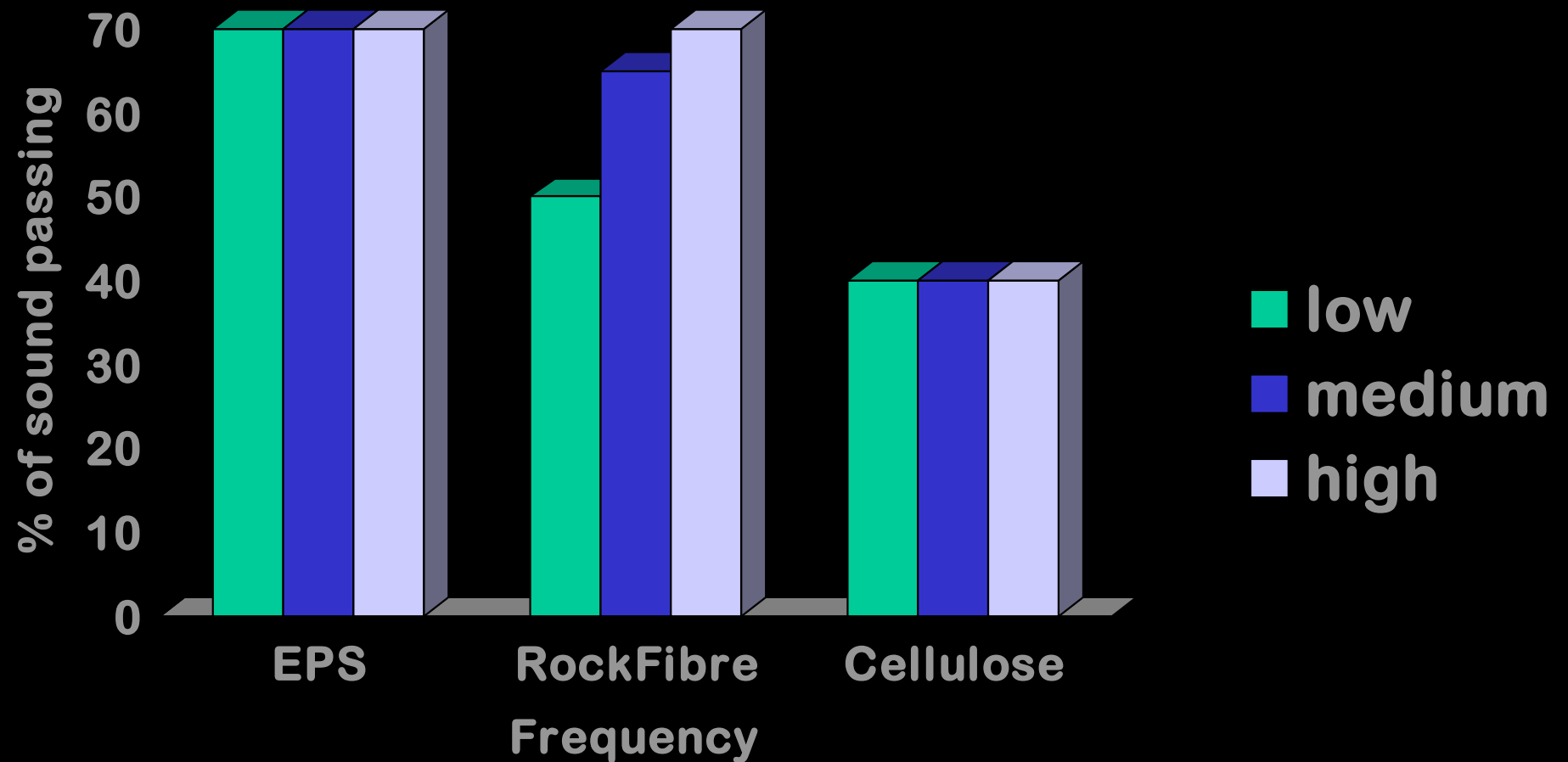
# Dense wood Fibre

- High acoustic density
- Dense wood fibre insulation boards in:
  - Walls
  - roofs
- Improved performance compared to:
  - glass/rock mineral fibre
  - expanded polystyrene plastics insulation

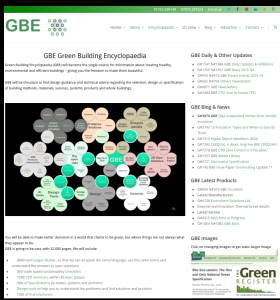


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# % of sound passing through insulation



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# Victorian Building Eco Energy Upgrade

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# Solid Wall Construction



9 in brick wall  
Plastered  
internally  
Cork insulation  
In two layers  
cross battens  
To reduce  
thermal  
Bridge through  
battens  
Drylined  
Skirting



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# Pitched roof Construction



Existing rafter zone insulated leaving 50 mm. ventilation zone  
Cross battens applied below rafters, batten zone insulated  
Plasterboard ceilings added



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# Suspended Ground Floor



Battens to sides  
of floor joists  
Board on  
battens  
Insulation onto  
boards  
Existing floor  
joist zone  
insulated



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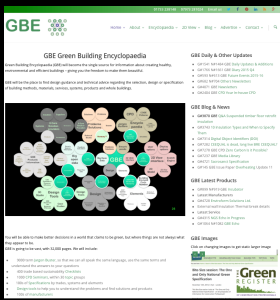
# Suspended Upper Floor



Ceiling joists  
upgraded to  
floor joist  
Joist zone  
insulated  
Floor boards  
added  
Ceiling linings



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# 20<sup>th</sup> C Building Eco Energy Upgrade

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# Cavity Wall Construction



Existing masonry  
cavity wall,  
Brick outer leaf,  
block inner leaf,  
Steel lintel  
thermal bridge  
plastered  
internally;  
Insulate cavity  
Internal insulation  
Wrap lintel  
Plasterboard dry  
lining



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# Pitched Roof Attic



Existing ceiling joists zone insulated  
Insulation laid over ceiling joists at right angles



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# Ground floor

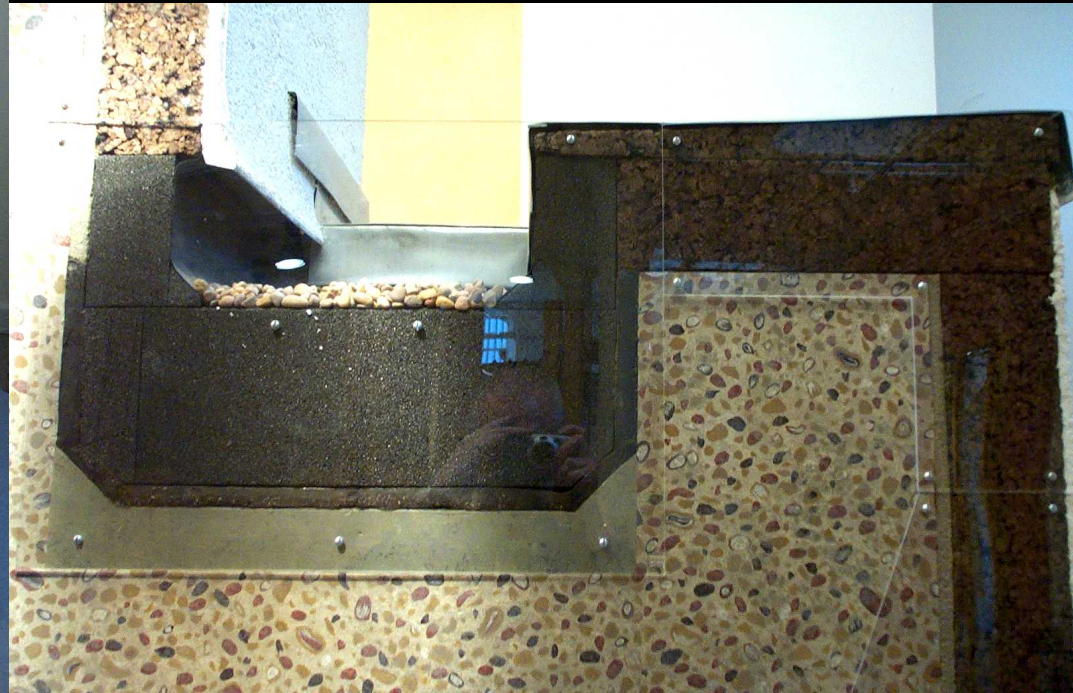


Take up existing floor  
Lay new DPM  
Loadbearing  
Insulation on DPM  
Insulation upstand  
around perimeter  
New eco-concrete  
floor,  
Eco-concrete  
screed  
High density  
insulation board  
Floor finish



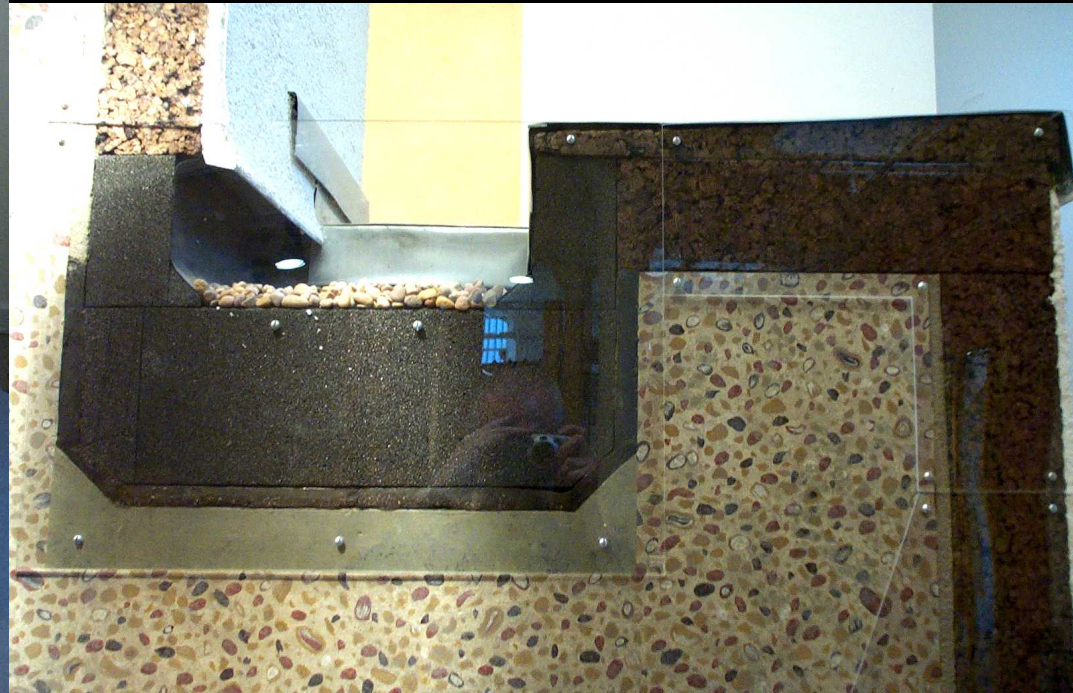
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# 1960's insitu concrete tower refurbishment External walls



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# 1960's insitu concrete tower refurbishment Flat roof gutter



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# Services



# Proximity Taps

- Activated by hand presence
- Water saving
- No bacteria transfer
- No soap scum to clean

# Low Flush Toilets

2.5 LITRES  
The Trol E low flush WC uses  
4 litres for a full flush  
or 2.5 litres for a half flush

9 LITRES  
The majority of WCs currently  
in use in the UK  
use 9 litres of water per flush

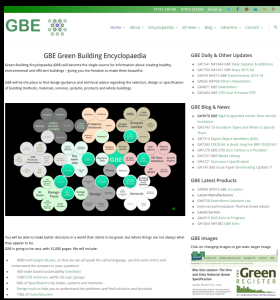
Low capacity  
Water saving  
Quick refill



Faster turn round



Rainwater  
Harvesting  
Kit:  
Filtration  
Submersible  
pumps  
Detectors  
Main top-up



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# New Walls: Timber

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# EVT Enhanced Vapour Transfer



Hygroscopic insulation  
maintain their performance  
even when wet

Vapour and water released  
when conditions permit

No need for VB Vapour Barrier  
Use vapour permeable  
construction

5:1 ratio vr inside:outside

ATL air tightness layer

# Thick walls, roofs and floors



We have a preoccupation with thin walls 300 mm. or less  
Which drives the demand for energy intensive man-made petrochemical fossil derived CFC HCFC HFC HFA foamed plastic  
O<sub>3</sub> Ozone Depletion  
Greenhouse Gas Potential  
300-600 mm. optimum insulation thickness

# Cellulose Fibre



**Optimum:  
300-600 mm. deep compound  
rafters with loose Cellulose  
fibre insulation  
High density and  
high thermal mass  
High thermal lag  
wood fibre insulation  
boards in walls and floors**

# Thermal Mass



**Thermal mass:**  
**High thermal mass dense**  
**wood fibre insulation boards**  
**in walls and floors**  
**Acoustic unfired clay bricks**  
**in floor construction**  
**adds thermal and moisture**  
**mass**  
**Stacked dowelled wood floor**



# Timber Structure

- Compound rafters
  - Cellulose insulation
  - Acoustic brick floor
  - Timber floor planks
  - Wood fibre insulation
  - Timber frame walls
  - Timber batten clad
- 
- Vapour balanced construction

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# EVT Enhanced Vapour Transfer



**Open joint batten cladding:**  
**Durable FSC hardwood**  
**Sloping top, drip bottom**  
**Battens: Durable FSC hardwood**  
**Galvanized steel guttering**  
**Fired clay roofing tiles**  
**Durable FSC softwood battens**  
**Breathing wind tight layer**  
**underlay**

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# Thermal Mass



**Thermal mass:**  
**High thermal mass dense wood fibre insulation boards in walls and floors**  
**Acoustic unfired clay bricks in floor construction or fired honeycomb blocks in walls and floors adds thermal mass**





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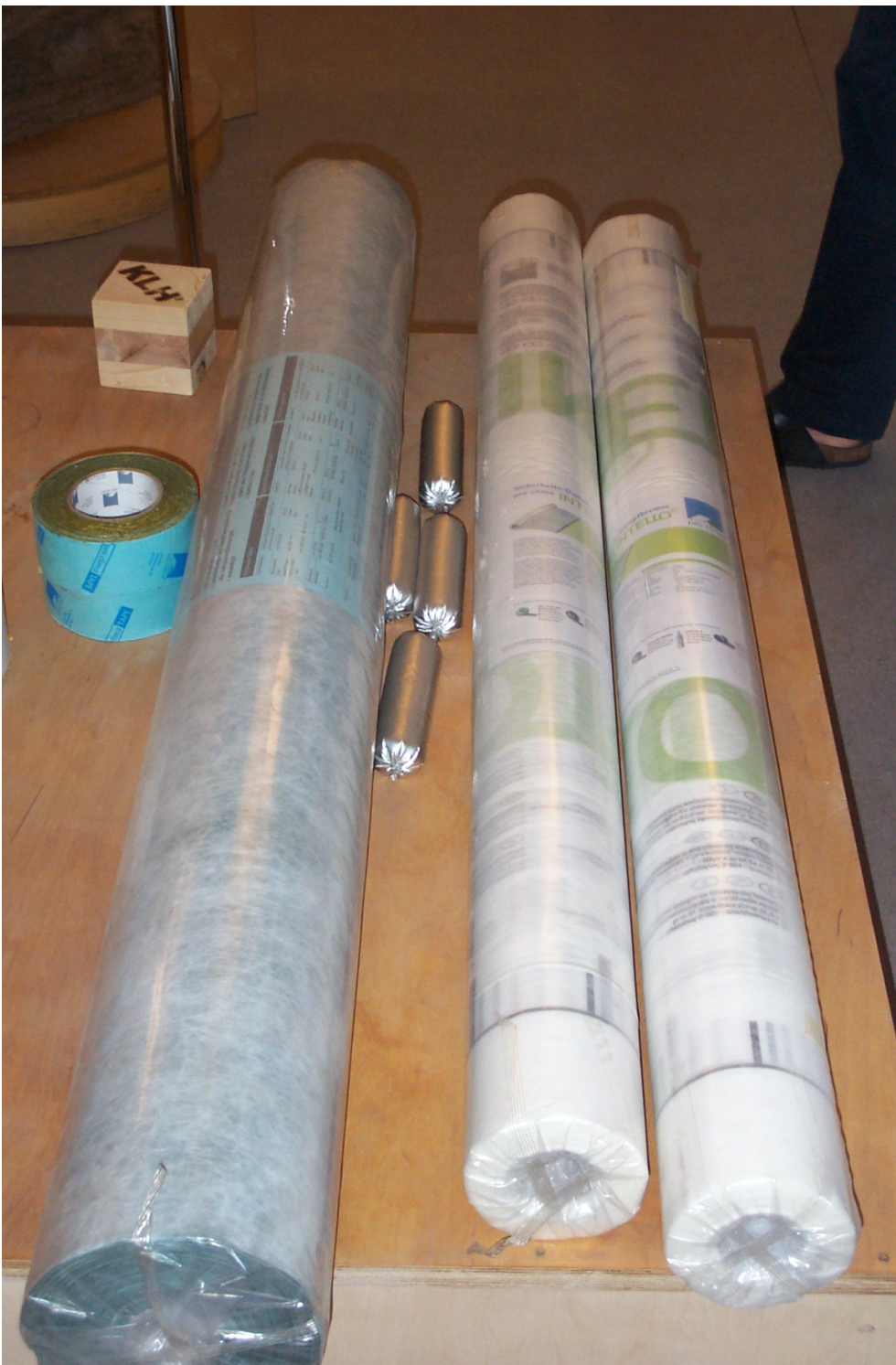
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## Airtightness

- Membranes
  - Paper + Cellulose
    - ProClima DB+
  - Polyolefin
    - ProClima IntelloPlus
- Tapes
- Sealants
- Adhesives
- Grommets





# STEKO

## Load-bearing timber blockwork

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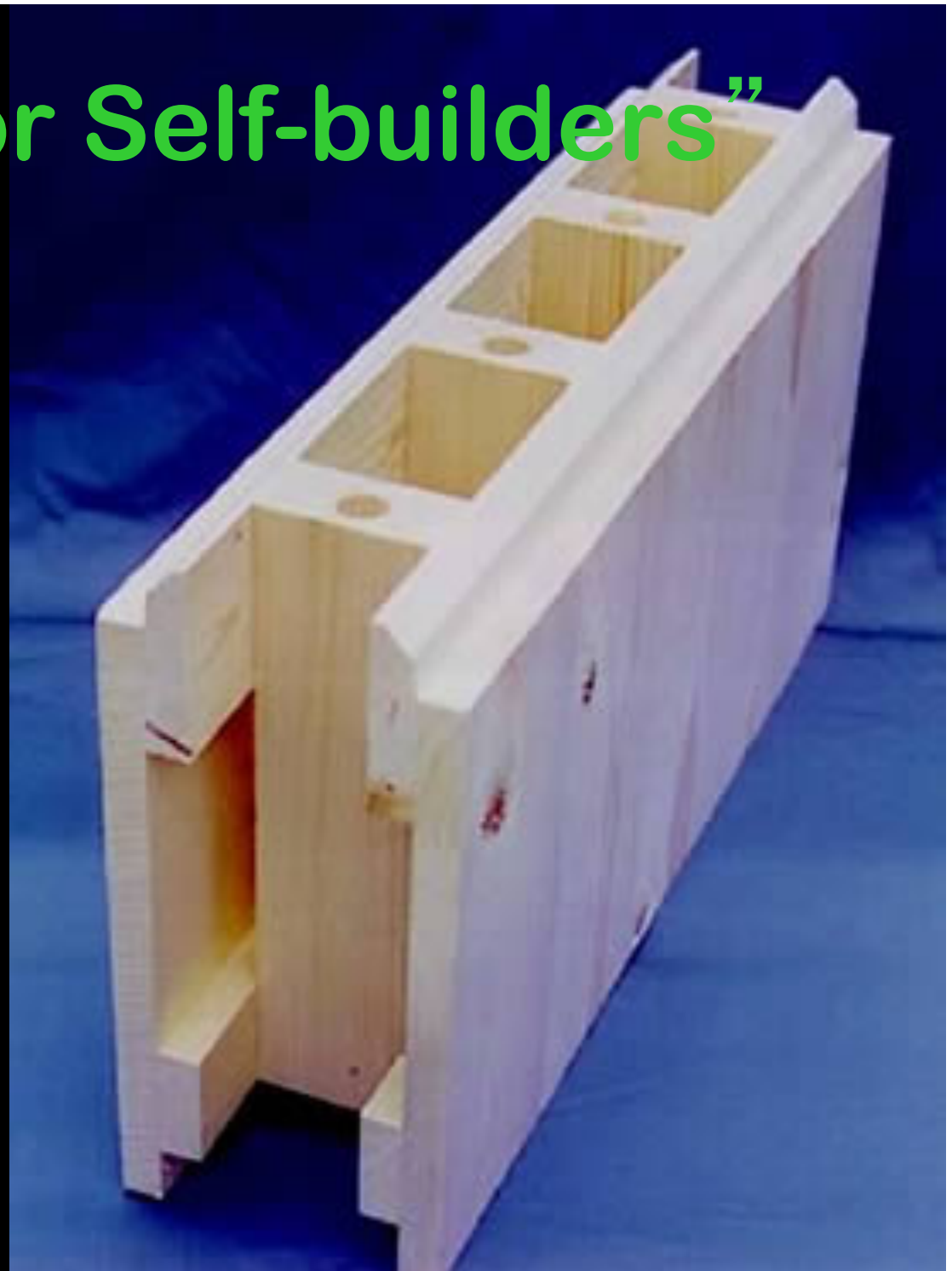
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**Load-bearing timber blockwork**

# Steko “Lego for Self-builders”

- Waste from plantation thinning
- Carbon negative
  - Carbon sequestration
- Dry Construction
- Self-build unskilled construction
- Fast construction (3 day house)
- No waste on site (designed)
- Accommodates services
- Accommodates thermal or acoustic insulation
- Lightweight 6kg (children too)
- Load-bearing (designed to 7 stories)
- Internal and external walls
- 160 mm. modules





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Construction Resources fact sheet 34

# Steko blocks

## Timber block wall construction system

Steko is a rapid construction system that uses large hollow timber blocks that simply slot together. No glue or other fixings are needed to complete a load-bearing wall construction. The system enabled two people to build an attractive house in just three days, complete with internal and external walls, two floors, cellar, attic and roof.

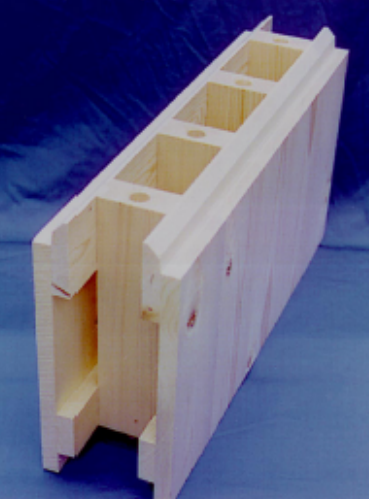
- Very fast construction
- High quality building every time
- Buildings can be rapidly designed
- Faster to construct than bespoke timber-frame buildings
- Walls are loadbearing and space forming
- No glue or other fixings are needed
- No drying-out time is required
- Beautiful internal surface finish
- Requires a breathing type of external cladding
- Uses off-cuts of timber from rapidly renewable sources

Electrical services can be run within the vertical voids of the finished wall. The voids are then filled with isofloc cellulose insulation which is dry injected into the cavity.

**Internal finish** The all-dry construction method means that internal trades can start work as soon as a roof is in place. The planed timber finish for the internal walls can be left exposed but there are many other options, for example, clay boards can be fixed and plastered with Terrafino to give a beautiful textured wall.

**External finish** Steko block walls filled with cellulose insulation exceed current Building Regulation requirements. However, if desired, a better thermal performance can be achieved by the addition of external insulation, such as wood-fibre insulation boards (see Gutex Thermawall and Gutex Multiplex Top - fact sheet number 25 ). These can be clad with timber boarding or lime render to provide the required natural "breathing" external cladding.

**Design** The horizontal grid of 160mm and vertical grid of 80mm gives maximum flexibility and allows buildings to be easily designed. The blocks are not glued together which means that, once constructed, buildings can be easily adapted and extended to suit occupants' changing needs. Steko walls easily combine with standard timber floor and roof constructions, and with any windows and doors.



**Precision made** The timber blocks are made from precisely machined off-cuts of timber from rapidly renewable sources. Such fine tolerances have only become possible with the introduction of computer-controlled machine tools.

This ingenious building system has turned timber, the most traditional of materials, into a high tech and very rapid method of building construction that has enormous potential.

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# Steko blocks

## Product Data

Height	240 / 320mm
Length	160 / 320 / 480 / 640mm
Thickness	160mm
Weight of standard block	6.5 kg (160 x 320 x 640 mm)

including isofloc cellulose thermal insulation filling:

Weight of wall	45 kg/m <sup>2</sup> of wall area
Density of wall	280 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
U value with isofloc filling	0.42 W/m <sup>2</sup> K
Thermal conductivity with isofloc filling	0.073 W/mK



(top right) A building under construction showing 3 storey load bearing Steko walls.



(above) The blocks are easily cut and adapted to most design details.

(right) This wall being constructed at an exhibition was very rapidly built using the Steko system.



(below) This completed room gives away few clues as to how it was built - and the blocks provide an attractive finish that needs little further treatment.



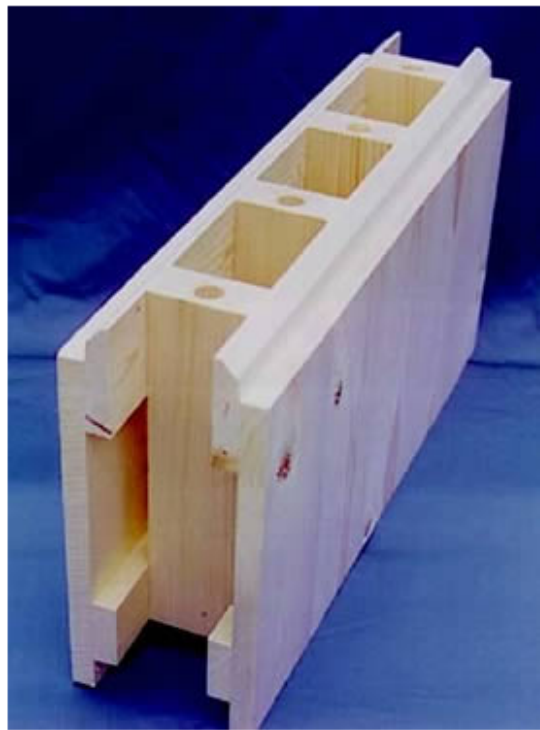
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masonry, blocks, wood, interlocking, load-bearing

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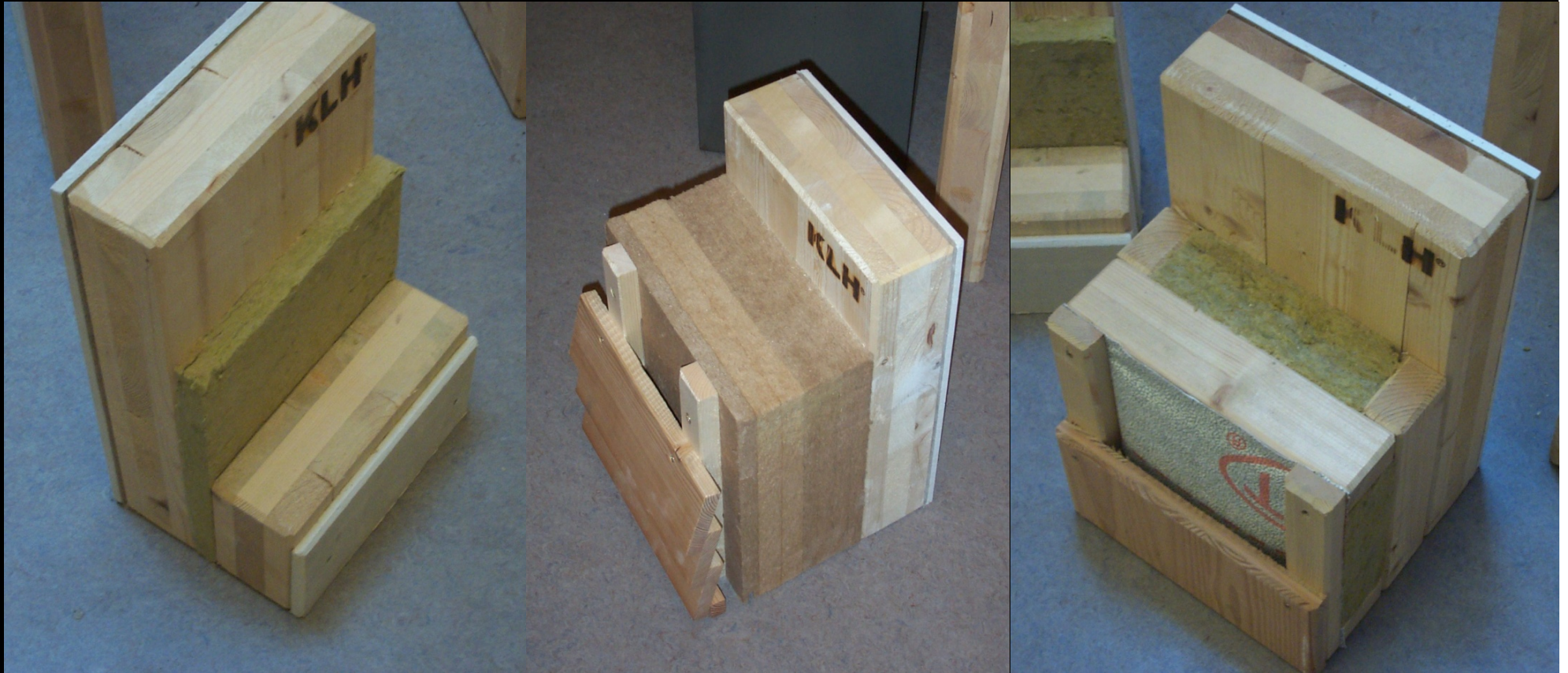
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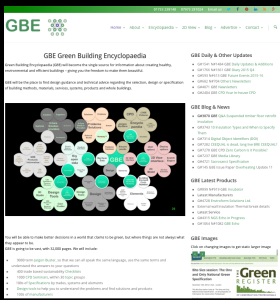


# Cross Laminated timber walls



# Cross Laminated timber shear walls





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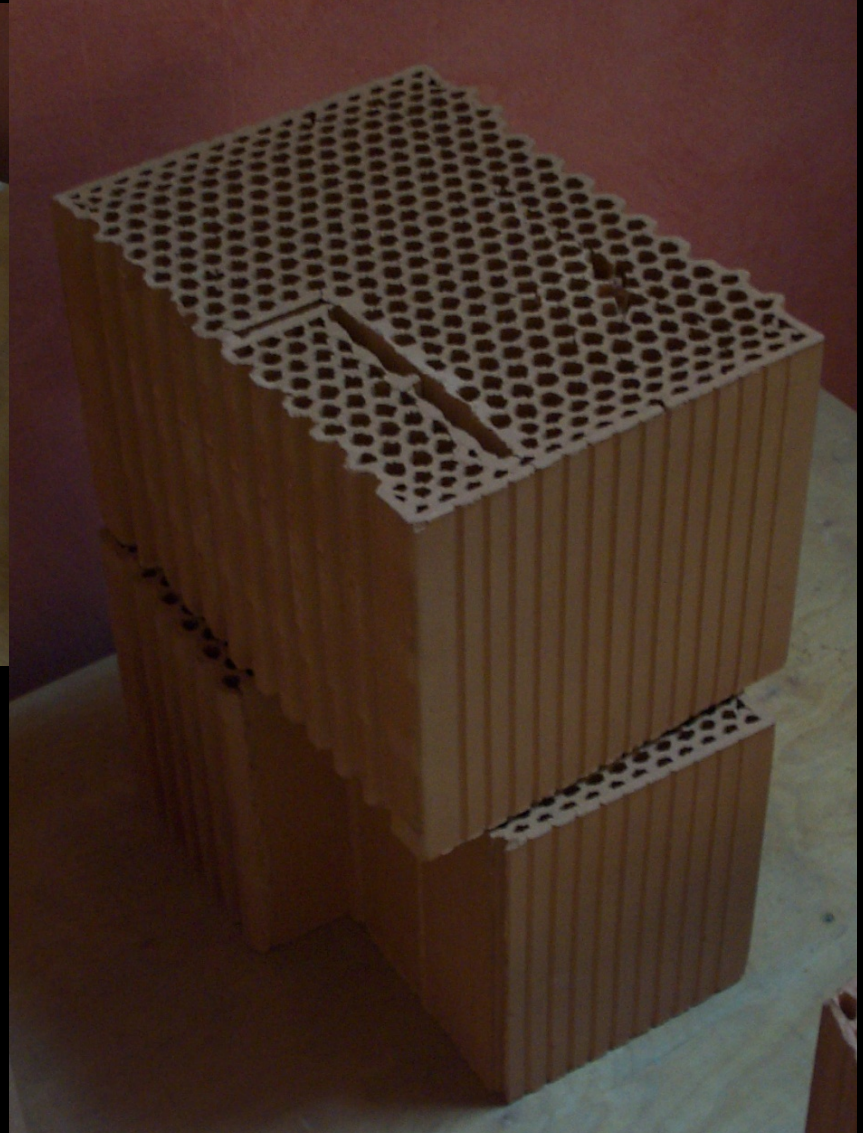
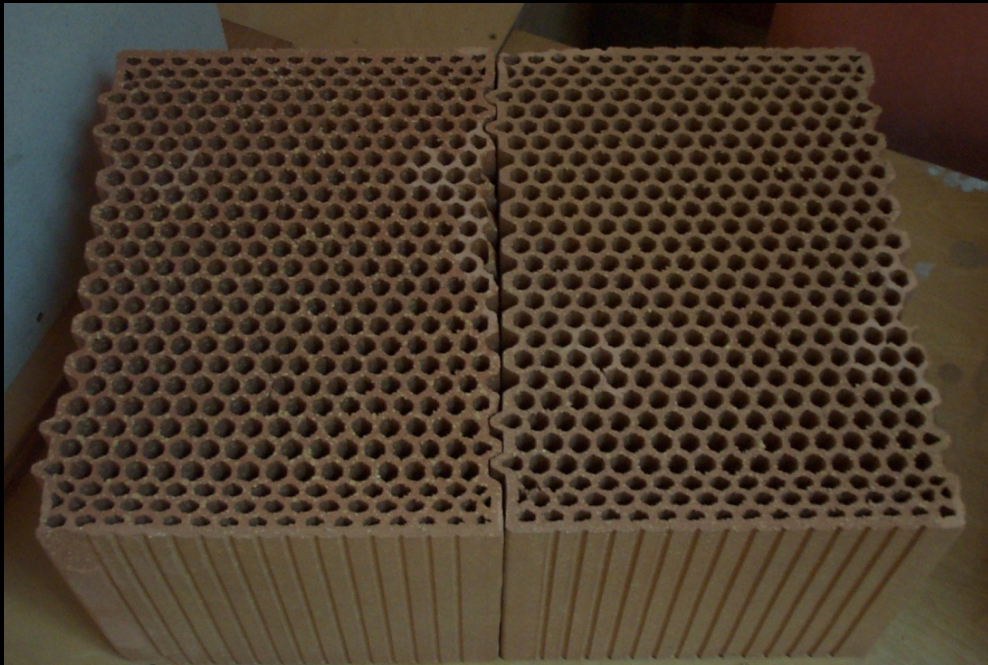
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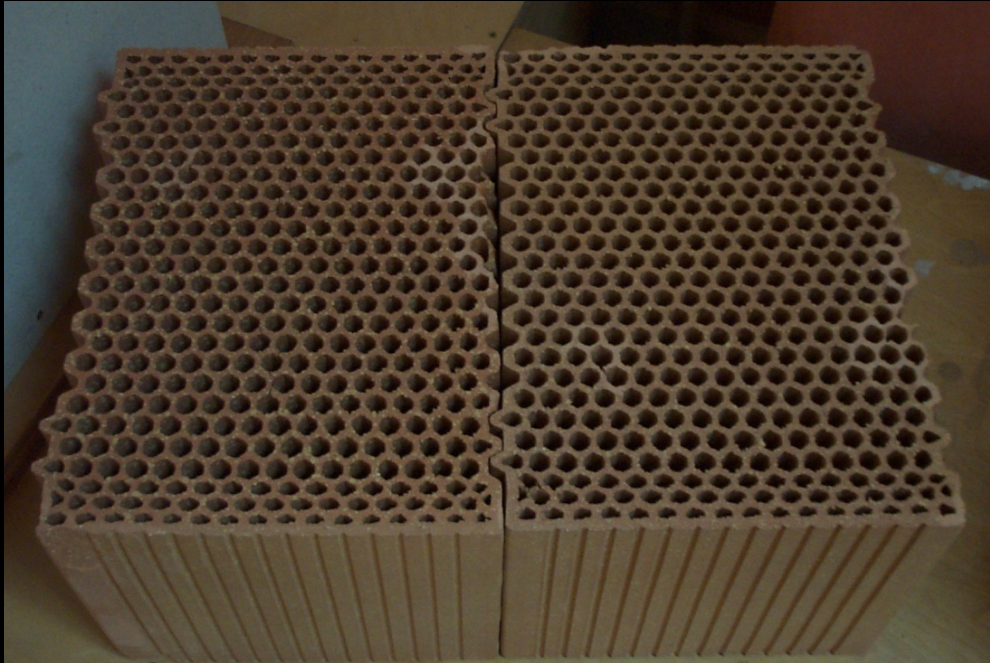
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# Cellular fired clay blocks



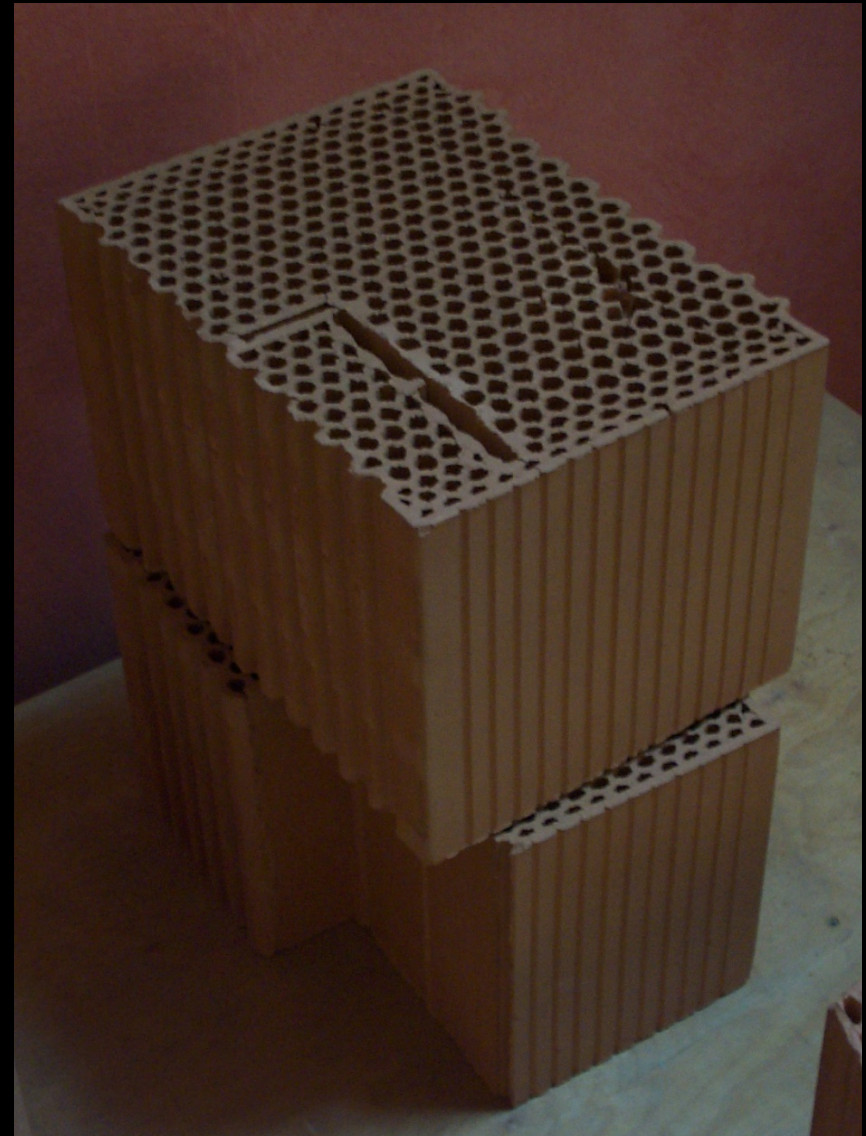
# Cellular fired clay blocks



- Abundant Mineral: clay
- Fired clay
- Cellular insulation
- Long conduction path
- Interlocking dry  
purpend
- Mortared bed joint
- Thermal mass
- Acoustic mass
- Decrement delay
- Moisture Permeable

# Cellular fired clay blocks

- Knock out pieces
- Allow conduit runs
- Form corners and interlocking



# Thermal Mass

Thermal mass:  
Fired honeycomb  
blocks in walls and  
floors adds long term  
thermal and acoustic  
mass

Clay board adds short  
term thermal mass

Not a high load  
capacity



# Unfired clay and straw



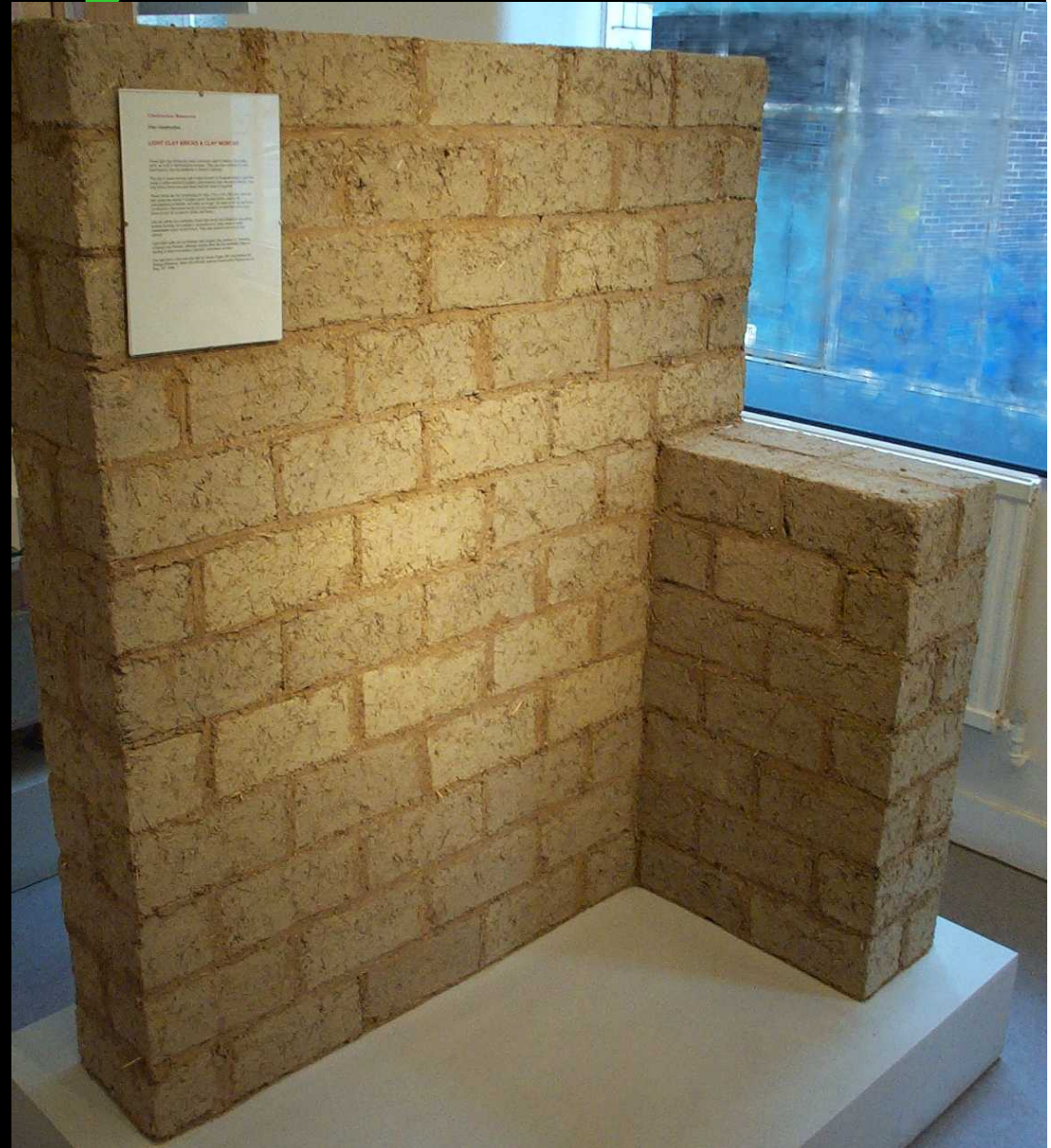
# Unfired clay

- **Hollow extruded clay**
  - Lighter weight
- **Interlocking profile**
  - Acoustic and airtight
- **Dry or slip clay joint**
- **Hygroscopic**
  - Moisture mass
- **Thermal mass and lag**

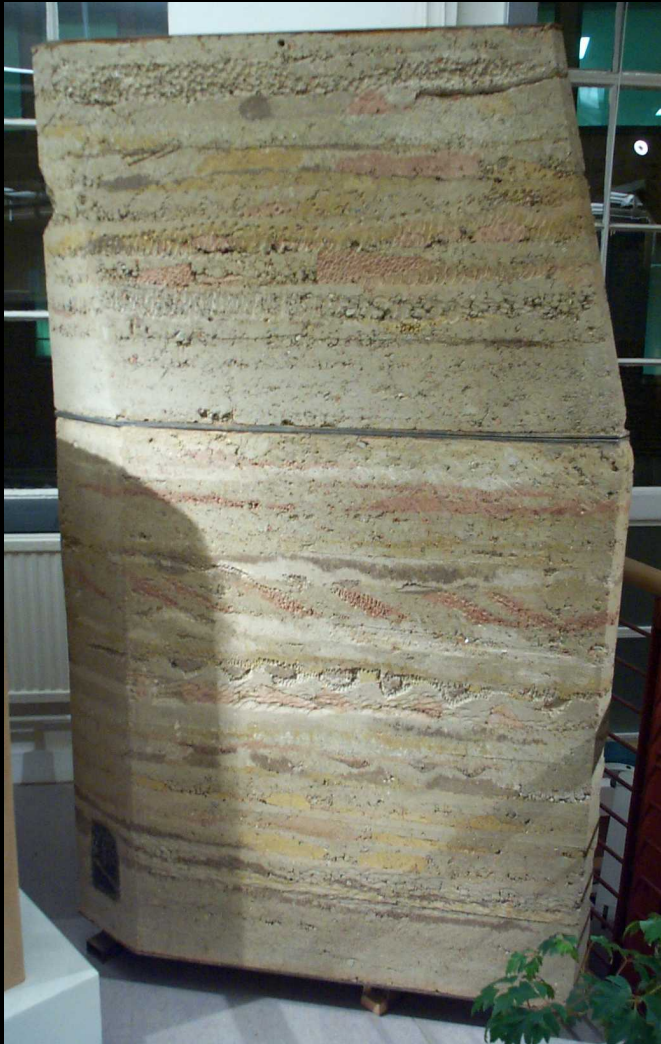


# Unfired clay and straw

- Simple solid block
- Straw for reinforcement and hygroscopicity
- Clay mortar purpend and bed joints



# Rammed Earth Walls



any shape  
many ingredients  
colours & textures  
thermal mass

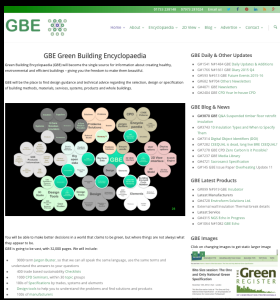


Load-bearing  
but dynamic

# Rammed Earth Walls

- Abundant and Natural
- Recipe can be determined on site
- Thermal, Acoustic & Moisture mass
- Fire resistant
- Load-bearing
- Absorbs radiation, smells and moisture
- Hygroscopic
- any shape
- many ingredients, colours & textures
- Sculptural & Artistic opportunities
- Waste disposal back to earth
- Recyclable & Reusable
- Needs temporary formwork





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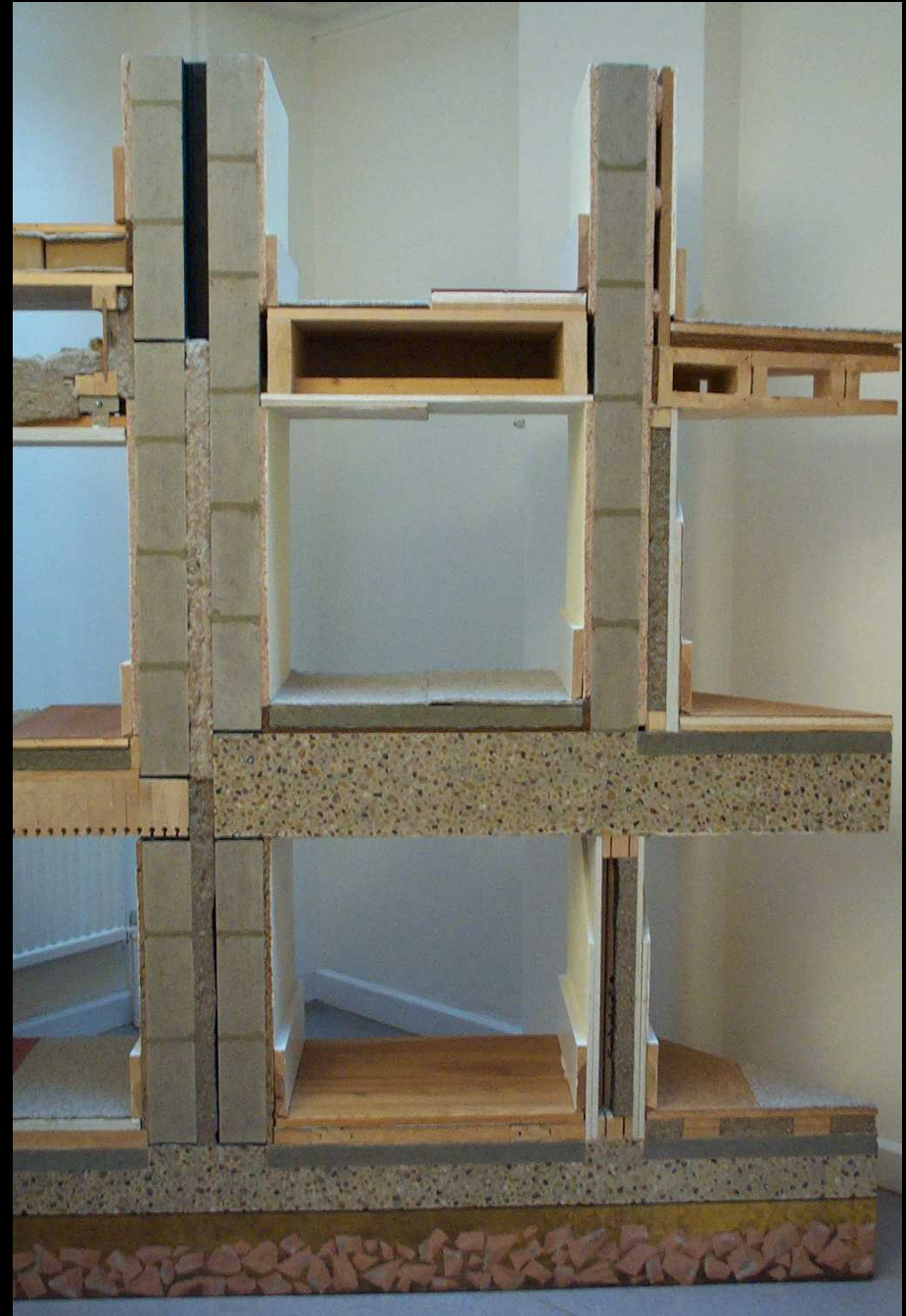


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# Acoustic Construction

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**Different  
Acoustic  
solutions to  
walls and  
floors  
Cavity and  
solid walls  
and  
lightweight  
partitions**



# Acoustic Separating Floor



- Floor board/Sheet
- Isolation felt
- Acoustic massive unfired clay bricks laid loose
- Perimeter coconut fibre upstand
- Isolation felt
- Floor deck/sheet
- I-Joist stiff floor structure
- Acoustic insulation in void
- Acoustic insulation at floor edge
- Isolation suspension fixing
- Dense Cellulose fibre reinforced gypsum board ceiling

# Acoustic Party Wall



- Blockwork cavity wall
- Isolation rubber strip in place of mortar positioned mid floor depth to minimise flanking sound
- Airtight plaster on both faces of room walls
- Acoustic insulation in party wall cavity, extends into floor zone

# Acoustic Intermediate Floor



- Carpet
- Cork/rubber crumb or wood fibre sheet acoustic underlayment
- Or Rubber sheet
- Floor board/Sheet
- Softwood joists
- Close to party wall but spaced off with wedges
- Noggins to support ceiling joints
- 2 layers dense cellulose fibre reinforced gypsum board ceiling

# Intermediate Floor



- Veneered timber panel floor boarding
- wood fibre sheet acoustic underlay
- wood fibre board acoustic/thermal insulation
- wood fibre sheet acoustic underlayment and upstand
- Stacked wood floor with acoustic absorbent slotted soffit
- Isolation rubber strip in place of mortar positioned below and above solid timber floor to minimise vibrations transfer from floor to wall and minimise flanking sound

# Intermediate Wall



- Blockwork cavity wall
- Isolation rubber strip in place of mortar positioned below and above solid timber and insitu concrete floors to minimise vibrations transfer from floor to wall and minimise flanking sound
- Insulation in cavity to minimise flanking sound

# Intermediate Floor



- Carpet
- Screed could contain recycled aggregates and GGBS cement
- Damp and vapour proof membrane
- coconut fibre sheet acoustic underlayment and upstand
- Insitu concrete floor with fairfaced soffit
- Isolation rubber strip in place of mortar positioned below and above insitu concrete floor to minimise vibrations transfer from floor to wall and minimise flanking sound

# Acoustic Intermediate Floor



- Ceramic floor tiles
- 2 layers of underlayment
- Floor board/Sheet
- Softwood joists
- Close to party wall but spaced off with wedges
- Noggins to support ceiling board joints
- 2 layers dense cellulose fibre reinforced gypsum board ceiling

# Acoustic Internal partition



- Single leaf blockwork
- Plastered & Skirting
- Parge coated for airtightness
- Dense wood fibre board drylined on dabs
- Plaster skim & Skirting
- Battens acoustic insulation between
- Dense cellulose fibre reinforced gypsum board

# Acoustic Intermediate Floor



- Carpet
- Underlayment
- Floating Floor board/  
Sheet
- Acoustic insulation
- interlocking Hollow  
timber beam floor
- Acoustic insulation at  
wall abutment
- Exposed soffit

# Acoustic Suspended Floor



- Carpet
- Screed could contain recycled aggregates and GGBS cement
- Damp and vapour proof membrane
- coconut fibre sheet acoustic underlayment and upstand
- In situ concrete floor with fairfaced soffit

# Acoustic Partition (below)

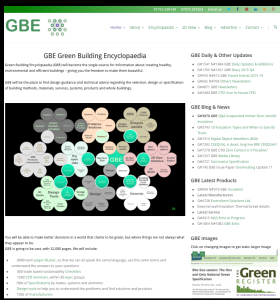


- Multi layered timber framing acoustic isolation
- dense cellulose fibre acoustic insulation between battens
- dense cellulose fibre reinforced gypsum board

# Acoustic Suspended Floor



- Carpet
- 2 layers of underlayment  
dense cellulose fibre  
reinforced gypsum board
- Monolithic topping could  
contain recycled  
aggregates and GGBS  
cement
- Insitu concrete floor  
with fairfaced soffit
- Acoustic bridge through  
partition



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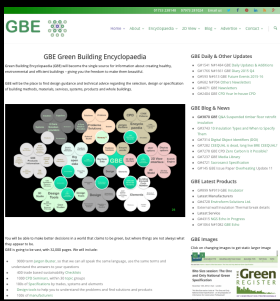


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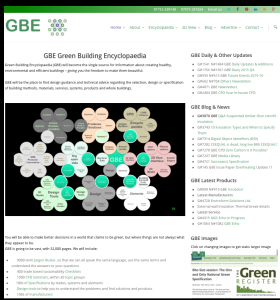


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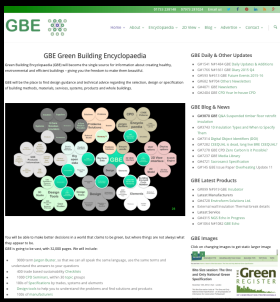


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