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## History of roof insulation in North America

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# Some history...

Two distinct time periods:

- Pre-1970s
- · 1970s and after

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### Pre-1970s

- In commercial buildings, roof insulation was an exception instead of the norm
- In residential buildings, minimum poured-in or batt insulation was used in attics

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## Some more recent history

- 1973: Arab states' oil embargo
- 1974: NBS Interim Report 74-452
  - NCSBC request of ASHRAE to develop a standard
- 1975: ASHRAE 90-75
- 1977: CABO Model Energy Code
- 1980: ASHRAE 90A-80
- 1989: ASHRAE 90.1-89 (commercial)

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### Still some more recent history

- 1992: Energy Policy Act
  - Reduce building energy use by 50%
- 1999: ASHRAE 90.1-99
- 2000: International Energy Conservation Code
  - References ASHRAE 90.1-99
- 2003: International Energy Conservation Code
- 2006: International Energy Conservation Code
  - References ASHRAE 90.1-04 (13.9% improvement)

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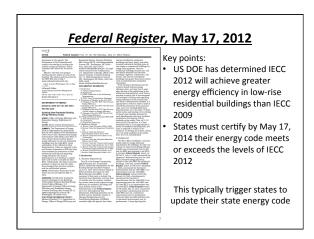


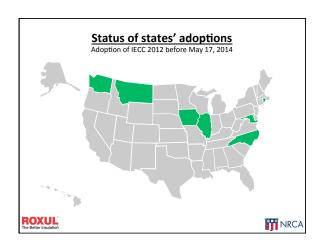
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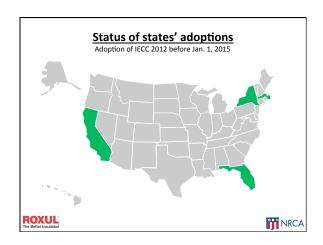
- 2009: International Energy Conservation Code
  - References ASHRAE 90.1-07 (3.9% improvement)
- 2012: International Energy Conservation Code
  - References ASHRAE 90.1-10
  - IECC 2012 is 30% more stringent than IECC 2006
- 2015: International Energy Conservation Code
  - References ASHRAE 90.1-13

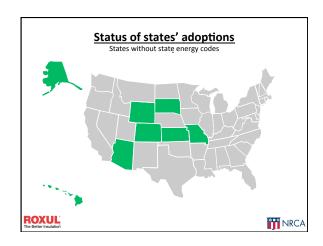
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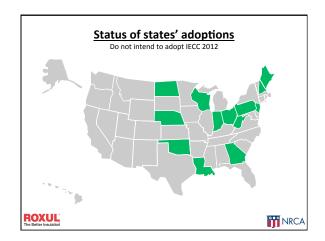


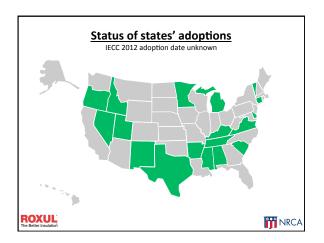


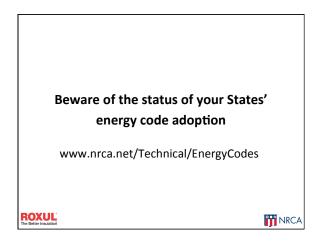


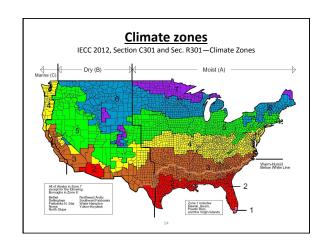


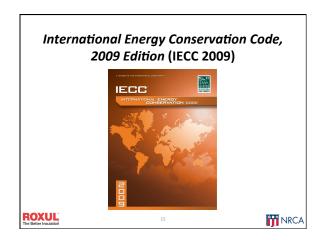


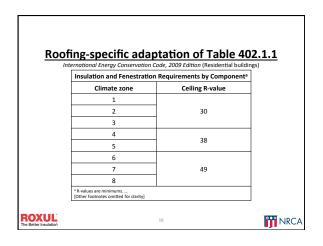


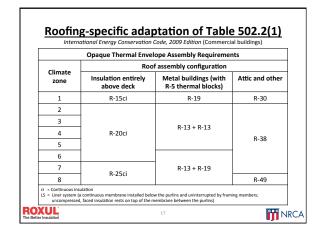


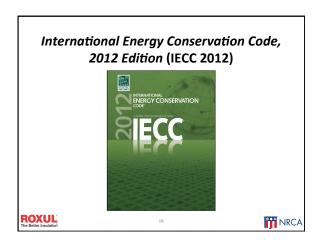


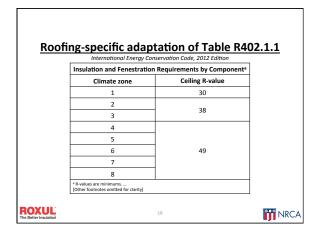


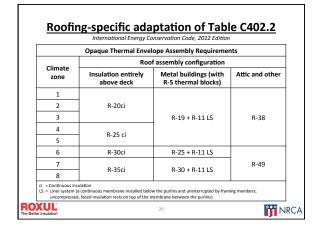












## **R-value determination**

IECC 2012, Section C303.1.4-Insulation Product Rating

C303.14 Insulation product rating. The thermal resistance (R-value) of insulation shall be determined in accordance with the U.S. Federal Trade commission R-value rule (CFR Title 16, Part 460) in units of h x ft² x \*F/Btu at a mean temperature of 75 °F (24 °C).

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# **Insulation products**

- · Cellular glass
- · Expanded polystyrene (EPS)
- Extruded polystyrene (XPS)
- Faced gypsum
- Fiber-reinforced gypsum
- Perlite
- Polyisocyanurate
- Stone wool
- Wood fiberboard

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#### **Insulation Market** EPS 5% 8% XPS 1% <1% Cellular glass 8% 11% Gypsum (faced and reinforced) 1% 1% Stone wool 1% 1% Perlite 3% 3% Polyisocyanurate 75% 69% 6% 7% Wood fiberboard Composite boards Data based upon installed costs ROXUL **M**NRCA

## The challenges...

- The industry sells "R-value"
- · Most building owners are first cost resistant
- R-value/performance needs to be redefined:
  - Real long-term R-value/thermal performance
  - Board joints (8% loss)
  - Thermal shorts (fasteners) (4-9%)
- · Roxul has a very good story to tell

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