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## Practical Considerations of Installing In-Slab Thermal Breaks

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#### Heat Loss through Slab Edges



- Typically uninsulated
- High Heat Loss
- Colder interior
  temperatures



# Schöck Isokorb<sup>®</sup> Installation of Isokorb<sup>®</sup> concrete thermal breaks









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Installation





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• Thermal Modeling



















### Thermal Performance of Flanking Elements



Section	U <sub>sı</sub> (W/m² K)	R <sub>sı</sub> (m² K/W)	U (Btu/ hr ft <sup>2</sup> °F)	R (hr ft² °F/Btu)
Spandrel Wall	0.8	1.25	0.140	7.1
Sliding Door	2.7	0.37	0.476	2.1
Overall Flanking Elements	2.08	0.48	0.366	2.7



#### Thermal Performance of Slab Conditions

Section	U <sub>SI</sub> (W/m² K)	R <sub>sı</sub> (m² K/W)	U (Btu/ hr ft² °F)	R (hr ft² °F/Btu)	
Overall Flanking Elements	2.08	0.48	0.366	2.7	

Section	U <sub>si</sub> (W/m² K)	R <sub>si</sub> (m² K/W)	U (Btu/ hr ft² °F)	R (hr ft <sup>2</sup> °F/l tu)	% Reduct ion in Heat Flow
Continuous slab (Conventional solution)	4.88	0.20	0.859	1.2	N/A
Slab /w intermittent concrete (site solution)	3.86	0.26	0.680	1.	21%
Slab with Isokorb (Schöck solution)	1.21	0.83	0.213	4.7	75%





#### Condensation Risks - Toronto

Slab Scenario	Temperature Index	Concrete Temperature at Design Temperatures (-18°C Exterior and 21°C Interior)	Dewpoint of Interior Air at 35% RH and 21°C	Meets Design Criteria With Regard to Condensation Resistance
Continuous slab (Conventional solution)	0.45	-0.5	5	No
Slab /w intermittent concrete (site solution)	0.5	1.5	5	No
Slab with Isokorb (Schöck solution)	0.64	7.0	5	Yes



#### Condensation Risks - Toronto



**Conventional Slab** 







#### Condensation Risks - Vancouver

Slab Scenario	Temperature Index	Concrete Temperature at Design Temperatures (-7°C Exterior and 21°C Interior)	Dewpoint of Interior Air at 35% RH and 21°C	Meets Design Criteria With Regard to Condensation Resistance
Continuous slab (Conventional solution)	0.45	5.6	5	Yes, Marginal
Slab /w intermittent concrete (site solution)	0.5	7.0	5	Yes
Slab with Isokorb (Schöck solution)	0.64	10.9	5	Yes



Whole Building Energy Modeling

- 32 Floors
- 3.5% projected balcony area
- 40% Window to Wall Ratio
- Opaque Wall R-Values, includes slab heat loss
- 8.7 W/m<sup>2</sup> LPD, 4.1 W/m<sup>2</sup> PLD
- 4 Pipe fan coil, ventilation by HRV's





#### Table 4: Summary of Whole Building Energy Simulations

Slab Scenario	Electricity (GJ)	Natural Gas (GJ)	Heat Energy Savings	
Continuous slab (Conventional solution)	5,758	8,588	N/A	
Slab /w intermittent concrete (site solution)	5,759	8,410	2.0%	
Slab with Isokorb (Schöck solution)	5,760	7,958	7.3%	

Overall Envelope R-Values (Combined Glazing and Opaque Wall)

Section	Spandrel (as modeled)	R-12 Opaque Assembly	Triple Glazed Windows	R-12 Walls & Triple Glazed Windows	R-15 Walls & High Performance Triple Glazed Windows
Conventional Slab	3.7	4.2	4.6	5.5	6.9
Slab w/ intermittent concrete	3.8	4.3	4.7	5.6	7.2
Slab with Isokorb	4.0	4.6	5.1	6.2	8.1









# **Thank You**



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