

EIFS: The “Green” Choice



Energy Codes

The US Department of Energy (DOE) mandated that by October 18, 2013, all states update their commercial building code to meet or exceed ASHRAE Standard 90.1 - 2010.

- EIFS is the original Continuous Insulation (CI) and is a solution to the expanded requirements.

Green and Environmental Benefits of EIFS

- The global warming impact and carbon footprint of EIFS is 3 times smaller than stucco and 5 times smaller than brick.
- Overall lower construction costs which result in energy savings with the use of fewer resources.
- To move 25,000 square feet of material, EIFS requires 16 times less tractor trucks than brick and 6 times less than stucco.
- Low/no volatile organic compounds.
- Recycled content and recyclable packaging.

Energy Efficiency of EIFS

- EIFS is 84% more energy efficient than the next best performing cladding, outpacing brick and stucco among others*.

U.S. Green Building Council

- EIFS can contribute to LEED certification in 5 categories; playing a large role in Energy and Atmosphere.

The EIFS Industry Members Association (EIMA) is a member of the High Performance Building Congressional Caucus Coalition.

*figures according to a proprietary study done by the National Institute of Standards and Technology