



# CI® System Cladding Support

True Continuous Insulation for Simple Code Compliance

FORMED TO PROTECT WHAT MATTERS MOST®



KNIGHT WALL SYSTEMS® CI® system provides outstanding thermal performance by way of true ci (continuous insulation), while accommodating nearly any façade or cladding system – providing maximum versatility and durability, with ease of design and installation.

The CI system uses unique ¾” deep vertical box girts – called CI-GIRT® – designed to properly disburse the façade loads over exterior rigid board insulation - with only unique thermally isolated fasteners penetrating the thermal barrier thus minimizing thermal bridging. For basic, cost-effective horizontal claddings, only a single layer of CI-GIRT may be needed. For more complex cladding designs or types, choose from a wide variety of KWS® secondary rails for those panels requiring specific attachment points.

CI system’s components are produced in standard and custom lengths, in either 16 or 18 gauge Zn-Al-Mg coated steel (standard silver or black PVDF coated) and also available in stainless steel.

This easy to design and even easier to install, engineered drop-in system solution will provide any project with design versatility while still meeting or exceeding North American energy code requirements.

CI system completes the rainscreen envelope design, whether choosing metal panels, lap siding, Aluminum Composite Material (ACM) panels, terra cotta, GFRC, or many more. And choose any brand of insulation meeting minimum compressive strength and code requirements, simplifying design specifications, including high-density mineral wool (110 series).

THERMAL PERFORMANCE EFFICIENCY*:	
<b>CI® SYSTEM:</b>	<b>98% - 95%</b>
FIBERGLASS BRACKETS:	85% - 75%
ALUMINUM BRACKETS:	75% - 59%
HORIZONTAL Z-GIRTS:	65% - 50%
VERTICAL Z-GIRTS:	55% - 40%

\*Percentage of efficiency is for illustrative purposes only; will vary based upon exact wall assembly.

EXAMPLE U-VALUES		
EXTERIOR INSULATION	ASSEMBLY U-VALUE	EFFECTIVE R-VALUE
2” (R-13)	0.064	15.7
3” (R-19)	0.047	21.1

Based on a typical steel stud wall.

Please see KNIGHT WALL SYSTEMS 3D thermal modeling report for more information and assembly specific U-factors.

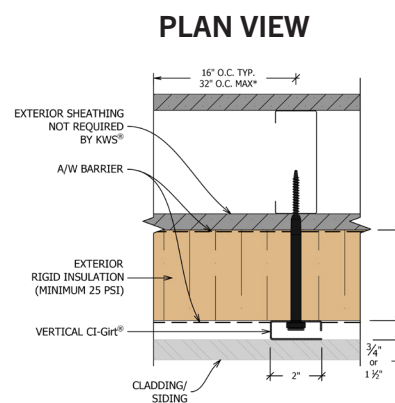
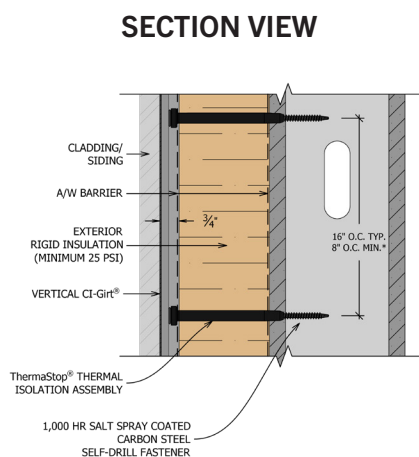


# Advantages to CI® System Cladding Support

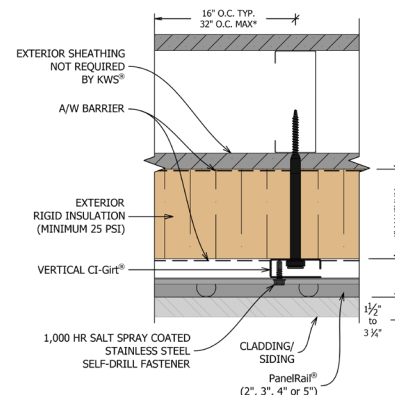
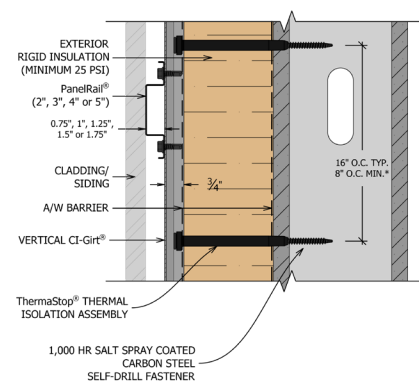
- Non-Combustible Girt and Rails
- Vertical CI-GIRT® can be spaced 16", 24" or 32" O.C.\*
- Support cladding weighing up to 20 PSF\*
- Real labor savings – no notching or cutting of exterior rigid insulation required like with Z girts, brackets or clips
- Thermally isolated fasteners with specially designed THERMASTOP® come preassembled
- Highly corrosion resistant Zn-Al-Mg ZM40 (ASTM A1046) coated steel provides 10x the protection vs typical G90 Galvanized steel
- Black PVDF finish or stainless steel options available
- Easily installed over any type of substrate – steel studs, wood studs, CMU, concrete
- Engineering calculations provide design load compliance for each specific project
- 10-year limited labor & material warranty
- Attach nearly any type of cladding – supplied by any manufacturer – with easy and efficient detailing and installation
- Use any manufacturer's insulation meeting minimum strength and other code requirements, including high-density mineral wool (110 series).
- Attach cladding directly to the vertical CI-GIRT® or add optional KWS® horizontal rails (such as PANELRAIL®)
- Excellent ventilation with a ¾-inch minimum continuous rainscreen cavity
- Pre-engineered and 3rd party tested for proven performance, reliability and durability
- Complete, drop-in rainscreen attachment system – girts, thermally isolated fasteners, rails and engineering – one source liability for the whole system

\*Maximum allowable spacing and dead load (weight of cladding) is based on the total load (dead + live) acting on the assembly and connections. Wall anchors must be specified and supplied by KWS® for a written limited warranty. KWS will specify the exact anchor type, embedment depth and spacing for anchors in project specific engineering packages. ANKIT® fasteners with THERMASTOP® thermal isolation tubes must be used with the HCl or Cl® system, no matter the substrate. Contact KWS for more information.

## Vertical CI-GIRT® Only



## Vertical CI-GIRT® + Horizontal PANELRAIL®



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