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**ADVANTAGES TO THE KNIGHT HCI™ SYSTEM RAINSCREEN**

- Horizontal HCI-Girts can be spaced from 12” up to 36” O.C.*
- Support cladding weighing up to 9 PSF*, covering many popular cladding types
- Real labor savings—no notching or cutting of exterior rigid board insulation like with Z girts, brackets or clips
- Thermally isolated fasteners with specially designed ThermaStop™ washers come preassembled
- Highly corrosive-resistant Zn-Al-Mg ZM40 (ASTM A1046) coated steel provides a long service life vs. typical G90 Galvanized steel
- Black PVDF finish or stainless steel options available, competitively priced
- Easily installed over any type of substrate—steel studs, wood studs, CMU, concrete, even brick
- Engineering calculations provide design load compliance for each specific project
- Attach nearly any type of cladding—supplied by any manufacturer—with easy and efficient detailing and installation
- Use any manufacturers insulation meeting minimum compressive strength and other code requirements
- Cladding can be attached directly to the horizontal HCI-Girt or used with optional vertical rails (such as PanelRails or RevealRails)
- Excellent ventilation with a ¾-inch minimum continuous rainscreen cavity
- Pre-engineered and 3rd party tested for proven performance and durability
- Competitive, budget conscious assembly that meets ASHRAE 90.1 standard
- Complete, drop-in rainscreen attachment system—girts, thermally isolated fasteners, rails and engineering—one source liability for the whole system
- Limited labor and material warranty

*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. Knight will specify the exact anchor type, embedment depth and spacing for anchors in project specific engineering packages. ThermaStop thermal isolation washers must be used on all types of wall anchors with the HCI or CI System, no matter the substrate. Contact KWS for more information.