

# MFI<sup>®</sup> System Rainscreen Attachment

Adjustable, Versatile and Efficient... Supporting cladding without sacrifice. FORMED TO PROTECT WHAT MATTERS MOST™

Knight Wall Systems<sup>™</sup> MFI<sup>®</sup> system dramatically reduces the thermal bridging within rainscreen systems using mineral fiber insulation, while providing limitless design options for building facades; combining energy efficiency, façade versatility, and long term sustainability.

MFI system uses unique thermally isolated intermittent steel clips – called *ThermaBracket*<sup>®</sup> – that can be spaced all the way up to 48" O.C. They use a unique thermal isolation assembly, called *ThermaStop*<sup>™</sup>, creating one of the most thermally efficient mineral fiber cladding attachment systems on the market today – typically outperforming standard metal clips and rails and even FRP brackets and rails.



The continuous rails attaching to the brackets may be oriented vertically or

horizontally for maximum design versatility and quick installation. Quickly plumb facades during install with an adjustable rail/bracket connection or use KWS<sup>™</sup> unique, self-aligning, structural shims. The MFI system can be used with or without secondary rails for fiber cement, metal panels, terra cotta, HPL panels or Aluminum Composite Material (ACM) and many more.

# THERMAL PERFORMANCE EFFICIENCY\*:

MFI® SYSTEM:	95% - 80%
FIBERGLASS BRACKETS:	85% - 72%
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-8.6)	0.092	10.9
3" (R-12.9)	0.070	14.2
4" (R-17.2)	0.057	17.4
5" (R-21.5)	0.049	20.3

Based on a standard steel stud wall with 24" bracket spacing.

Please see Knight Wall Systems 3D thermal modeling report for more information and assembly specific U-factors.



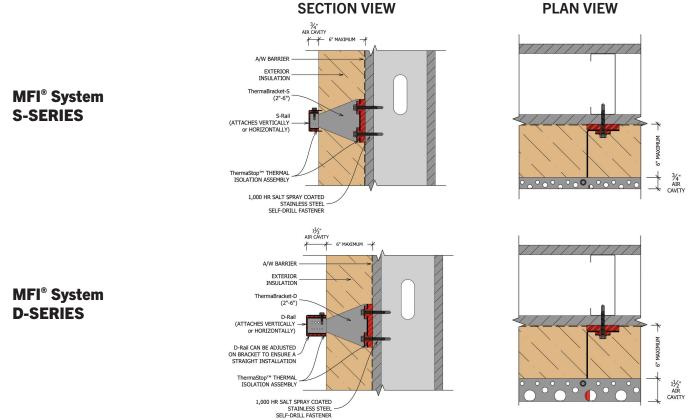
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## Advantages to MFI<sup>®</sup> System Rainscreen Attachment

- Non-combustible clip & rails for a reliable structural connection
- ThermaBracket<sup>®</sup> can be spaced all the way up to 48" O.C. vertically, and 16", 24" or 32" O.C.\*
- Support cladding weighing up to 20 PSF\*
- Quickly plumb facades during install with an adjustable rail/ bracket connection or use unique, self-aligning, structural shims
- Real labor savings no trimming of exterior mineral fiber insulation required for a tight fit unlike other clips or brackets
- Highly corrosion resistant Zn-Al-Mg ZM40 (ASTM A1046) coated steel provides 10x the protection vs typical G90 Galvanized steel
- Black PVDF finish and stainless steel options are available
- Easily installed over any type of substrate steel studs, wood studs, CMU, concrete

- 10-year limited labor and material warranty
- · Engineering calculations provide design load compliance for each specific project
- Attach nearly any cladding supplied by any manufacturer with easy and efficient detailing and installation
- Use any manufacturer's mineral fiber insulation that meets code requirements
- Attach cladding directly to MFI<sup>®</sup> system rail or add optional secondary rails (such as PanelRail®)
- Perforated rails provide a continuously ventilated rainscreen cavity
- Pre-engineered and 3rd party tested for proven performance and durability
- Complete, drop-in rainscreen attachment system thermally isolated steel clips, 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 when project specific engineering packages are supplied. Contact KWS for more information.



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