

Co-author's Note for Pre-publication Draft 2008-04-14

After four years, we offer this pre-publication draft to those readers who have patiently waited for a written compendium of the protocols practiced by cutting edge builder and building biologist, George Swanson of Austin, Texas. It has been a privilege to put his teachings to paper. This has truly been a collaborative effort, and I want to thank my colleagues, Wayne and George, for expanding my knowledge of the field of healthy building envelopes. We present this draft of our manuscript to you, our readers, for your use and, hopefully, your review and feedback.

Please let us know your thoughts, both positive and critical. We are especially interested in the experiences of builders from around the country. Publication-quality photos would also be helpful, including examples of mold, water intrusion, the effects of common building materials, and any other topics presented that don't yet have photos to accompany them. We would acknowledge you as the provider of the photo(s).

Naturally this is a work in progress and some of the material is outdated before it even gets to the printer. We do, however, welcome the opportunity to present an alternative to the current practice of building, which for many has been a source of ill health. We will continue to update the manual in future versions.

We applaud the efforts of all those courageous builders who are "going green." You will ensure the health of our planet. This work augments that new direction by focusing on the health effects of the built environment on its occupants and ensures that as we preserve the planetary environment, we also preserve the health of ourselves and our families.

Please contact us with your feedback.

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