

Protect Every
Building with
StoGuard®



Smart ideas for specifiers of fluid-applied
air and moisture barrier products

sto



Use Beneath Claddings in All Climate Zones

The StoGuard® System benefits every type of building

Today, building codes, owners and tenants require greater energy efficiency and comfort. To satisfy that demand, the building science experts at Sto® have developed the StoGuard® System to offer an advanced air and moisture barrier solution for use under claddings in all climate zones.

The StoGuard System integrates a complete array of compatible products:

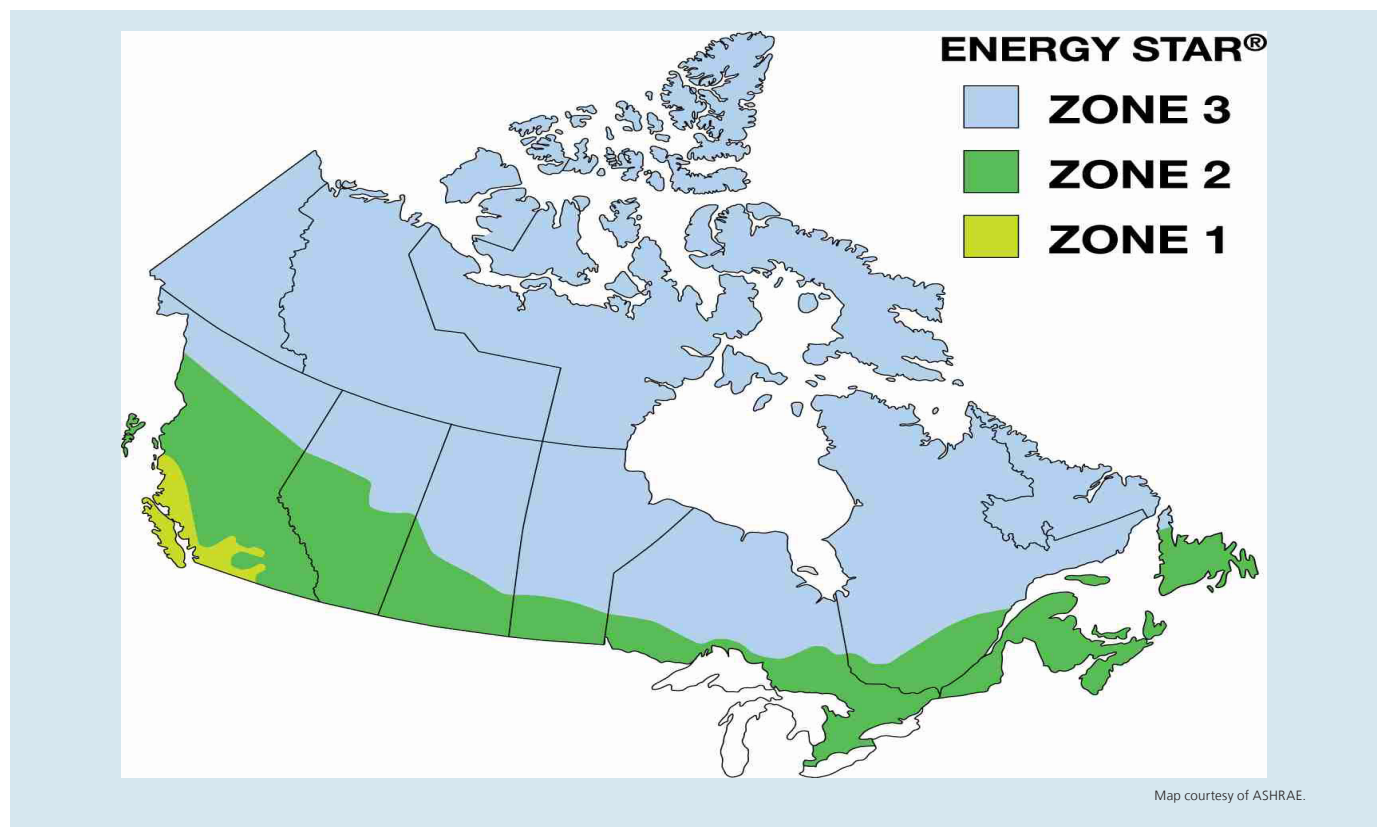
- **Fluid-applied air/moisture and vapour barriers** for use with all types of above-grade claddings and wall substrates.
- **Trowel-applied air/moisture barrier and adhesives** for above- and below-grade walls and for attaching continuous insulation.

- **Joint treatments/rough opening protections/transition materials.**

- **Pre-formed drainage mats** to help remove water and promote drying.

As an integrated, stand-alone system, StoGuard components work together to form a waterproof air barrier for all types of vertical, above-grade wall surfaces. It's a combination of products engineered for fast, easy application—developed from our experience in manufacturing air and moisture barriers since 1985 and introduction of the StoGuard System in 2000. Today, it's all backed by industry-leading Sto warranties for use under most types of exterior cladding.

The StoGuard System employs formulations suitable for every climate, protecting buildings from water infiltration in high rainfall regions, water vapour drive and unwanted air movement in all regions.



Formulated for a Wide Array of Claddings

What the StoGuard® System does for different wall constructions



For absorptive cladding types

Works behind porous cladding materials providing backup protection to resist water penetration into the wall in the event water gets through the cladding.



For steel- OR wood-frame construction

Protects joints and rough openings behind all types of claddings in either steel-frame or wood-frame wall construction.



For continuous insulation

Complies with energy codes for air leakage resistance by providing an air barrier beneath continuous insulation.



For "green" buildings

Meets energy code and durability requirements for all types of walls with a complete system that provides an air and moisture barrier, drainage and drying.



For CMU and concrete construction

Provides vapour permeable or impermeable moisture protection with easy-to-apply sprayed, rolled or troweled material.



Build Success with a Complete System

Seamless protection for the entire wall assembly

Controlling air leakage through the building envelope is critical to achieving high building energy efficiency. In fact, research has proven that air barriers can play a larger role in energy efficiency than increasing insulation thickness.* But unlike building wrap barriers that are penetrated by staples and fasteners for their attachment, the StoGuard® System provides seamless control over air and moisture to improve building performance and occupant comfort. To create seamless protection, each part of a wall construction is covered by a StoGuard product:

Permeable and impermeable fluid-applied air and moisture barriers

Sto Gold Coat®: A fluid-applied, vapour permeable membrane approved for use under continuous insulation to create a continuous air and moisture barrier for gypsum and wood-based sheathings or CMU under a variety of claddings.

Sto EmeraldCoat®: A fluid-applied, vapour-permeable building membrane used under a variety of mechanically attached claddings, including cement board, wood, vinyl, brick, stone and metal panels.

StoGuard VaporSeal®: A fluid-applied vapour barrier used to provide superior protection against moisture intrusion and air leakage (Photo 1).

Sto AirSeal®: A fluid-applied, vapour-permeable membrane designed for CMU and sheathing, as well as metal panels, cement board, vinyl, wood, brick and stone.

Sheathing joint treatments

StoGuard RapidFill™: A one-component waterproof air barrier used to provide sheathing joint treatment and protection (Photo 2).

StoGuard Fabric: A non-woven cloth reinforcement that is used with Sto Gold Coat, Sto EmeraldCoat or StoGuard VaporSeal to treat sheathing joints and rough openings. Available in 4- and 6-inch widths.

Sto Gold Fill®: A flexible, trowel-applied material that is applied over StoGuard Mesh, which is available in 4.25-inch mesh width for sheathing joints and 9.5-inch mesh width for rough openings.

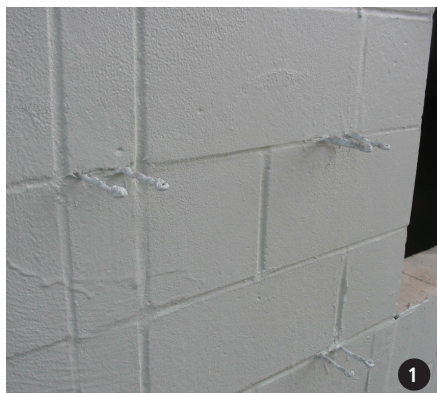
Waterproof transition membranes

StoGuard Transition Membrane: A flexible membrane for detail areas to provide flexible connections and continuity of the air barrier assembly. Also functions as a secondary weather seal at joints in construction.

Rough opening protection

StoGuard RapidSeal™: A one-component waterproof air barrier for rough opening protection. Rapid drying time usually allows same day installation of windows or top coating with other wall assembly components.

StoGuard RediCorner™: A preformed fabric piece that speeds installation for corners of rough openings. Used with either Sto Gold Coat, StoGuard VaporSeal or Sto EmeraldCoat (Photo 3).



* Energy Conservation Benefits of Air Barriers StoGuard: The Effect on Energy Conservation, By Chris Norris, P.E., P.Eng, LEED AP, CEI

Covers Each Element of Wall Construction

StoGuard® products for transitions, joint treatments and rough opening protection

	Gold Fill and Mesh	StoGuard Fabric	RapidFill	RapidSeal	StoGuard Transition Membrane
Sheathing joints or static joints and seams in construction	✓	✓	✓		
Corners	✓	✓	✓		
Rough openings	✓	✓		✓	
Transition to flashing and most service penetrations	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dynamic and static joints and seams in construction, transition to foundation					✓

Get all the benefits of the StoGuard® System

Benefit	Feature
Reduces unwanted air movement and reduces energy costs	StoGuard air barriers minimize airflow through the wall that can cause condensation and add to heating/cooling load. Exceeds ICC and CCMC requirements for air barrier materials.
Minimizes risk of water damage	StoGuard waterproof membrane protects walls and components behind cladding and exceeds ICC and CCMC requirements for LA-WRBs (Liquid Applied Water-Resistive Barriers) and qualifies as a sheathing membrane in conformance with the 2010 NBC.
Fire tested	StoGuard materials are fire tested for use on non-combustible type construction (refer to Sto Specifications and Details for products tested and ICC-ESR 1233 and CCMC ER 12416-R.
Tear proof and weather resistant	StoGuard materials attached to sheathing or CMU exhibit high elongation and exceed ICC ES racking resistance requirements.
Safer, low-VOC composition	StoGuard water-based formulas meet strict SCAQMD and LEED VOC requirements.
Hassle-free installation	StoGuard spray-on application with standard airless pump eliminates the need for special equipment and handling of large sheets or rolls.
Accelerates schedules	StoGuard System is easy to install and has different products formulated to address cold and wet weather conditions.
Mold and mildew resistance	StoGuard resists growth of mold and mildew.

Backed by Building Science Experts

Benefit from our value-added services

Your reputation is your most valuable asset. You deserve to be fully backed to protect it—and your wall-construction project. As the leader in integrated exterior wall systems, Sto® brings together the elements you need to succeed—building science expertise, application know-how, advanced materials, building code and regulation insight—all in a single source. Our smart approach includes:

- Providing complete support—from technical bulletins to application videos—to help the job get done right the first time.
- Offering valuable insights into materials, wall assemblies, application techniques, building codes and energy standards to assist in building code compliance verification.
- Delivering a wide array of compatible products to handle most needs of your building, climate and market.
- Simplifying logistics with more than 200 strategically located distributors in the U.S. and Canada to supply your needs.
- Backing product performance with independent testing and warranties to give you peace of mind.



Tested, Code-Compliant Products

Extensive product testing

StoGuard® products have passed rigorous testing by independent agencies to demonstrate compliance with Canadian Construction Materials Centre (CCMC) and International Code Council Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) acceptance criteria to confirm their durability and effectiveness. The StoGuard System has been validated through independent testing at the University of Waterloo¹, and Oak Ridge National Laboratory by the U.S. Department of Energy².

Fire tested

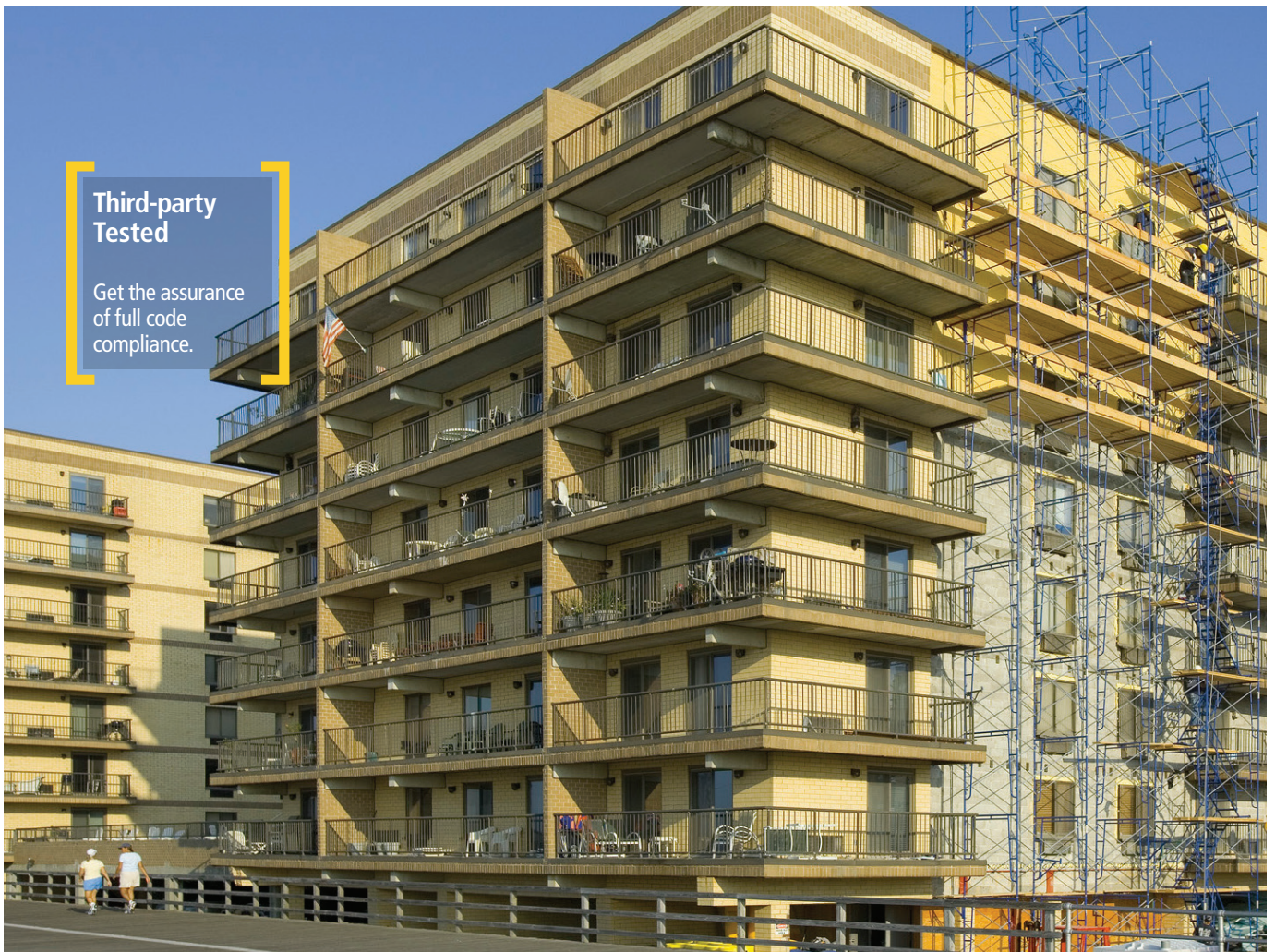
StoGuard products have been fire tested either individually or as the air barrier component in wall assemblies using ASTM E-84, NFPA 285, ASTM E-119 and ULC S134 by accredited labs in the U.S. and Canada. Refer to ICC-ESR-1233 and CCMC ERS 12416-R, 13120-R, and 13612-R.

Safe

StoGuard fluid-applied products are water-based, easy to apply and feature low VOC formulations to reduce solvent and odor exposure.

Third-party Tested

Get the assurance
of full code
compliance.



1. Sto EIFS NEXt System with Drainage, Drainage & Drying Study Final Report, University of Waterloo, Building Engineering Group, Civil Engineering Department, August 2005.

2. StoGuard: Demonstration of Hygrothermal Performance through Computer Modelling at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Sto Technical Report 01-07.2.

Durability and Quality Go the Distance

Will not tear like building wraps

StoGuard® products are built to stand the test of time, with each component designed to last the life of the structure. For example, in head-to-head tests with building wrap, our StoGuard fluid-applied air and water barrier not only withstood twice the water-column pressure, it did not fail.* Most StoGuard products are made in Sto's ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004 certified production facilities to assure product quality.

Decades of experience working with different types of structures proves the StoGuard System can protect yours. In fact, StoGuard stands behind over 80,000,000 square feet of exterior cladding—and counting.



Withstands twice the
water-column pressure
in head-to-head tests
with building wrap.

* StoGuard: Testing for International Building Code Compliance and Comparison to Sheet Water-Resistive Barrier Products

**For your next project, specify StoGuard®
products—or call your Sto® sales representative
to discuss your specific needs.**

Sto Canada

A Division of Sto Corp.

3800 Camp Creek Parkway
Building 1400, Suite 120
Atlanta, GA 30331
Phone 404-346-3666
Toll Free 1-800-221-2397
Fax 404-346-3119
www.stocorp.ca



For most complete and current information, including guide details and specifications, limitations of use, installation, testing and approvals, refer to product bulletins and other information available at www.stocorp.ca

ATTENTION

Sto products are intended for use by qualified professional contractors, not consumers, as a component of a larger construction assembly as specified by a qualified design professional, general contractor or builder. They should be installed in accordance with those specifications and Sto's instructions. Sto Corp. disclaims all, and assumes no, liability for on-site inspections, for its products applied improperly, or by unqualified persons or entities, or as part of an improperly designed or constructed building, for the nonperformance of adjacent building components or assemblies, or for other construction activities beyond Sto's control. Improper use of Sto products or use as part of an improperly designed or constructed larger assembly or building may result in serious damage to this product, and to the structure of the building or its components. **STO CORP. DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES EXPRESS OR IMPLIED EXCEPT FOR EXPLICIT LIMITED WRITTEN WARRANTIES ISSUED TO AND ACCEPTED BY BUILDING OWNERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STO'S WARRANTY PROGRAMS WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE FROM TIME TO TIME.** For the fullest, most current information on proper application, clean-up, mixing and other specifications and warranties, cautions and disclaimers, please refer to the Sto Corp. website, www.stocorp.com.