

# 5 Better Building TIPS

from Matt Risinger



Designing and constructing a high-performance modern building takes some commitment and planning by builders, but the results have the potential to pay long-term dividends. The enhanced comfort and energy savings are welcome benefits for all your clients. A well-built home also comes with the confidence of longevity; knowing it's been built to stand up to the toughest conditions. This is how builders become recognized for quality.



**Matt Risinger** is recognized across the continent for his quality building practices. His drive to consistently deliver beyond-code quality has made him a leader in the industry.

**Here are 5 tips from Matt to help you build the best home possible for your client.**

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#### **Build it to be air tight**

Ensuring the home you're building is air tight has significant efficiency benefits. Matt strives to build each home as tight as possible, but generally shoots for a 1.5 ach50 or less on the Blower Door test.

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#### **Consider your HVAC system early**

Building high-quality, high-performing homes requires additional considerations for the heating and cooling system – particularly the fresh-air delivery. A good mechanical designer can help you find the right-sized HVAC system for the home. Build tight and ventilate right.

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#### **Manage the water**

Few things create unsatisfied clients like water accumulating inside the home. Ensuring the right steps have been taken for adequate drainage and leak-proofing will ensure your client's comfort and the longevity of the home.

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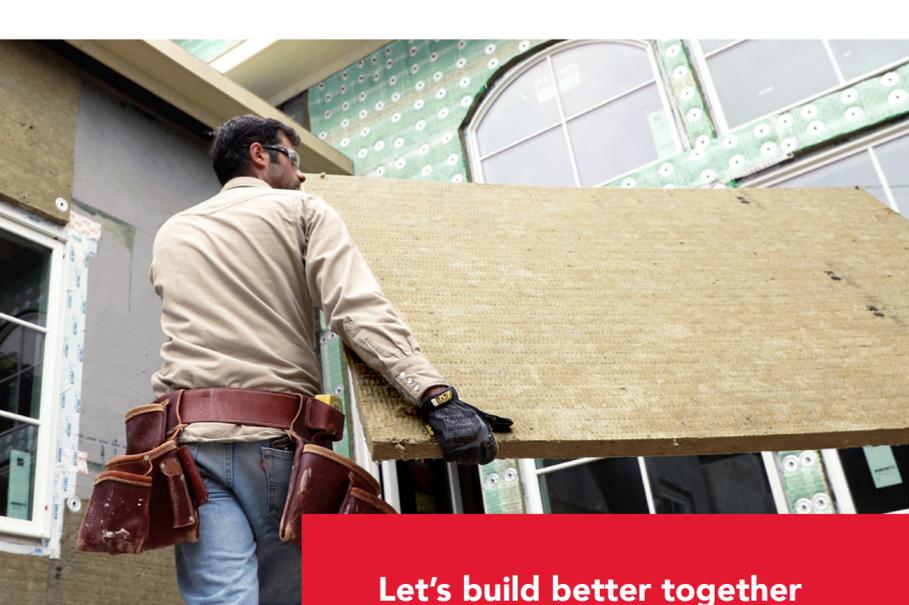
#### **Insulate better**

Go beyond traditional cavity-filled insulation on the interior and achieve a higher effective R-value by including continuous insulation on the exterior of your next build. This will greatly bolster the home's performance and comfort.

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#### **Go with quality windows and doors with lower U-Factors and better air sealing.**

The performance of your well-insulated home could be negated by standard-code windows and doors. These are thermal holes. Especially with windows, selecting higher quality will ensure efficiency and comfort.



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