# HOW TO REDUCE BUILDING LEAKAGE BY IN JUST 4 HOURS

## BACKGROUND

Reducing envelope air leakage could significantly reduce energy consumption, and improve indoor air quality.

## **EXISTING METHODS**

Existing methods of sealing are labor and time intensive, and are not always effective.

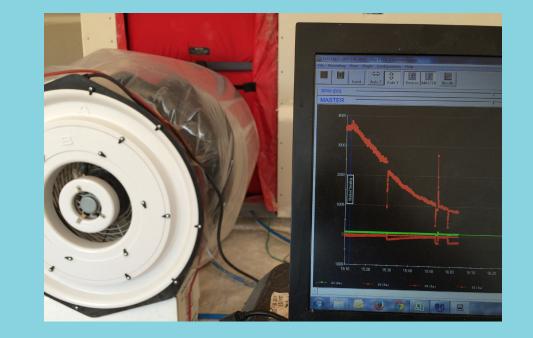
## 40% HEATING ENERGY SAVINGS

Modeled heating savings of 40% in commercial building, Fairfield CA

73% TIGHTER THAN BASELINE HOMES

## **HOW IT WORKS**

### **STEP 1: PREPARATION**



#### **STEP 2: INJECTION**



#### **STEP 3: MONITOR & EXHAUST**



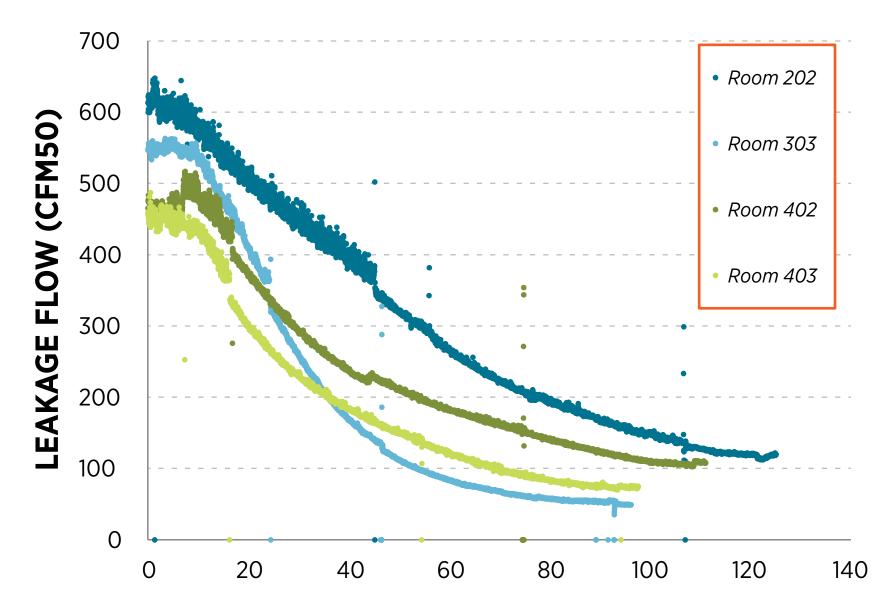
Assemble and install a "Blower Door" to maintain positive pressure in the space.



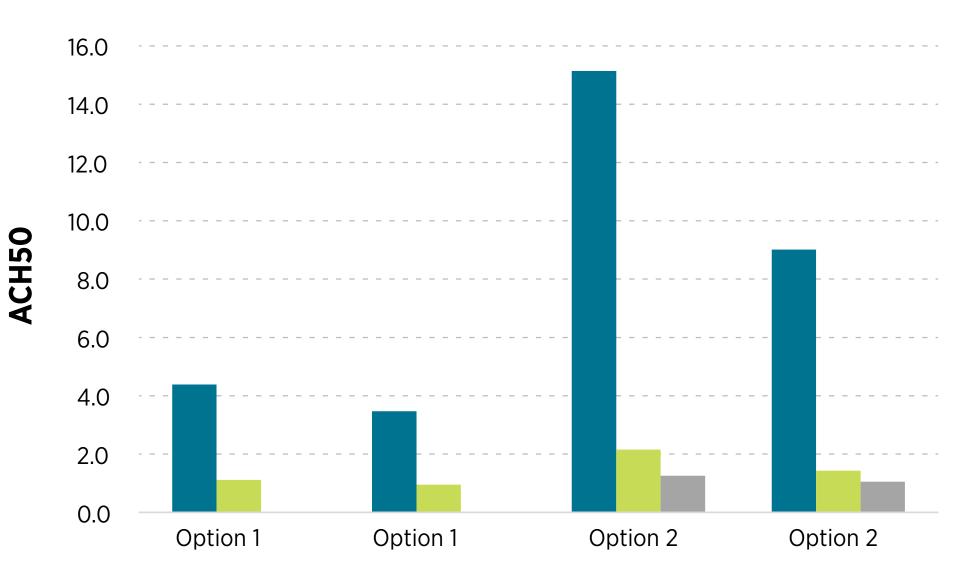
The sealing is performed by fogging a space with aerosolized sealant particles. The particles are carried to the leaks by the escaping air flow. The process finds and seals leaks missed or inaccessible by manual trial-and-error methods. Results are tracked and displayed in real-time.

RESULTS

#### Leakage sealed in 4 different, 500 ft<sup>2</sup> apartments in New York



# Leakage before sealing, after sealing and after sealing plus cell-foam application in a 2,000 ft<sup>2</sup> home in Lodi, CA

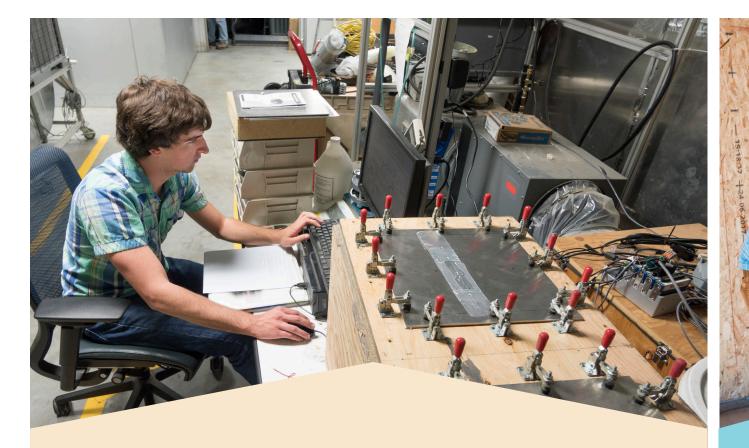


#### **ELAPSED MINUTES**

Pre-Seal Post-Seal

Option2 After Foam

*Option 1: AeroBarrier applied after foam Option 2: AeroBarrier applied before foam* 



#### **DURABILITY**

Accelerated durability tests revealed insignificant change in leakage after 1000 cycles at 800 pascal



**ESTIMATED COST** \$0.50/ft<sup>2</sup> - \$1.50/ft<sup>2</sup> AEROBARRIER Breakthrough Envelope Sealing Technology

## AEROBARRIER

The technology is now available commercially, and has been used in 100s of demonstrations

## PATH FORWARD

Future work includes studying the overall cost effectiveness, feasibility of retrofits, and installation in commercial buildings

