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| ASHRAE Technical FAQ |
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| Question  | Where does ASHRAE recommend that a vapor barrier be installed in the wall? |
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| Answer  | The [2021 ASHRAE Handbook - Fundamentals](https://www.techstreet.com/ashrae/standards/2021-ashrae-handbook-fundamentals-i-p?product_id=2224991) provides engineering information related to water vapor retarders in buildings in Chapter [F25](https://www.techstreet.com/ashrae/standards/f25-heat-air-and-moisture-control-in-building-assemblies-fundamentals-i-p?product_id=2225711). The proper placement of vapor barriers depends on climate and building envelope construction. Because these recommendations are not simple, a careful reading of this material is required for thorough understanding.The handbook and the other ASHRAE publications may be purchased and/or individual chapters of the handbook may be purchased and downloaded on-line at our website, [www.ashrae.org](http://www.ashrae.org) or by calling 1-800-527-4723 in the USA and Canada or 1-404-636-8400 worldwide. |
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| ASHRAE Pubs  | [2021 ASHRAE Handbook - Fundamentals](https://www.techstreet.com/ashrae/standards/2021-ashrae-handbook-fundamentals-i-p?product_id=2224991), Chapter [F25](https://www.techstreet.com/ashrae/standards/f25-heat-air-and-moisture-control-in-building-assemblies-fundamentals-i-p?product_id=2225711) |
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| Topic References  | moisture, humidity, vapor, vapor barrier, vapor retarder, insulation, wall, condensation |
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|  | Cognizant ASHRAE Committees | Refer to Organization |
| 1 | [TC 4.4](http://tc0404.ashraetcs.org/) |  |
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