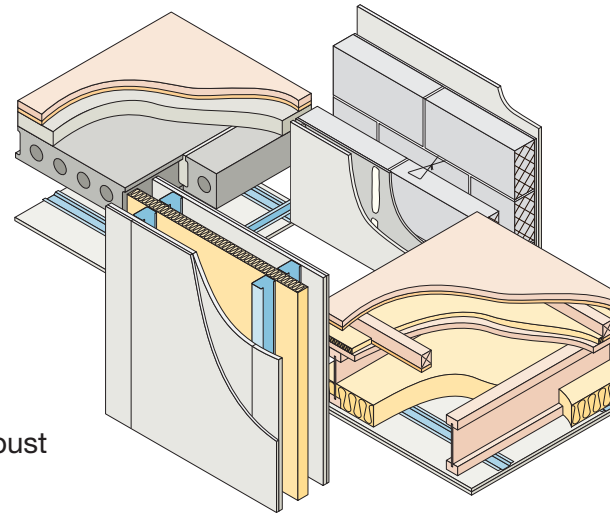


September 2015 Update Pack



Dear Colleague,

Thank you for subscribing to receive updates to the Part E Robust Details Handbook.

The most significant amendment is to the Besblock wall, E-WM-26, which can now accept blown mineral fibres as the cavity insulation. This wall, constructed using the proprietary Besblock 'Star Performer' dense aggregate cellular blocks, is the only **robust**details® separating wall to allow generic blown insulation (max 25 kg/m³) without the need for an internal render (parge coat). The wall was previously specified with only built-in mineral wool. The Code credits have also changed, so please refer to the table on our website.

Knauf's E-WM-28 wall only uses blown mineral fibres; and also has no parge coat. The difference is that although a specific insulation (Knauf Supafil® Party Wall) must be installed, the blocks used in the wall are generic. In this update, the wording used in the E-WM-28 Robust Detail has been amended to emphasise the use of blown fill.

Please update your July 2015, 4th Edition Handbook as follows:

1. Remove and replace all pages of the masonry separating wall E-WM-26.
2. Remove and replace all pages of the masonry separating wall E-WM-28.
3. Remove and replace just the second leaf (pages 3 & 4) of the timber separating floor E-FT-3.
4. Remove and replace all pages of the steel separating floor E-FS-2.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Tebbit'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

John Tebbit

Managing Director,
Robust Details Limited



Changes to the fourth edition following September 2015 update

Section Page Amendment

Separating Wall - Masonry

E-WM-26

Isometric	1	Blown mineral fibre option added to the insulation description.
DO box	1	Note added giving requirements for insulation injection holes.
Checklist	6	Check point added for requirements relating to insulation injection holes.

E-WM-28

All	1-6	Insulation name and description amended to highlight blown material.
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Separating Floor – Timber

E-FT-3

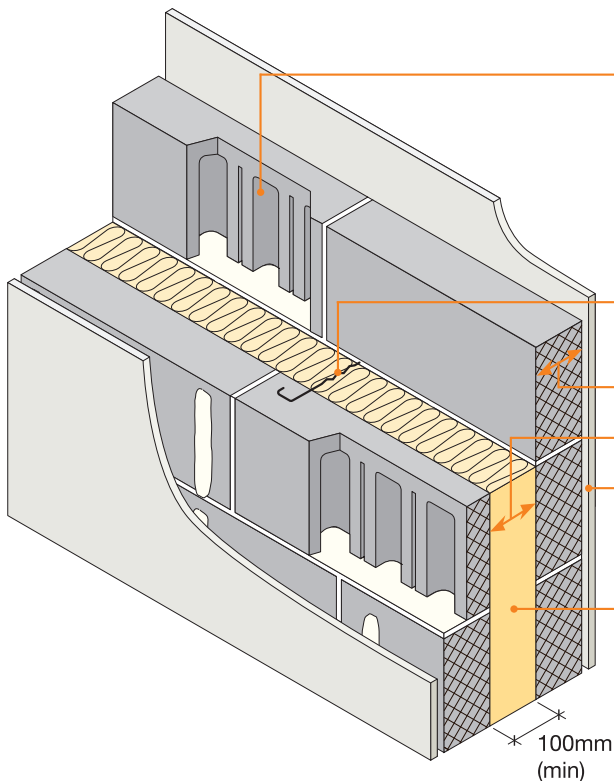
Diagrams 5 and 6	4	References to fixing non-loadbearing partitions to joists have been removed.
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Separating Floor – Steel

E-FS-2

Diagram 3	3	Joist zone insulation range corrected from 10-33 kg/m ³ to 10-36 kg/m ³ .
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- Besblock “Star Performer” dense aggregate cellular blocks
- Gypsum-based board on dabs

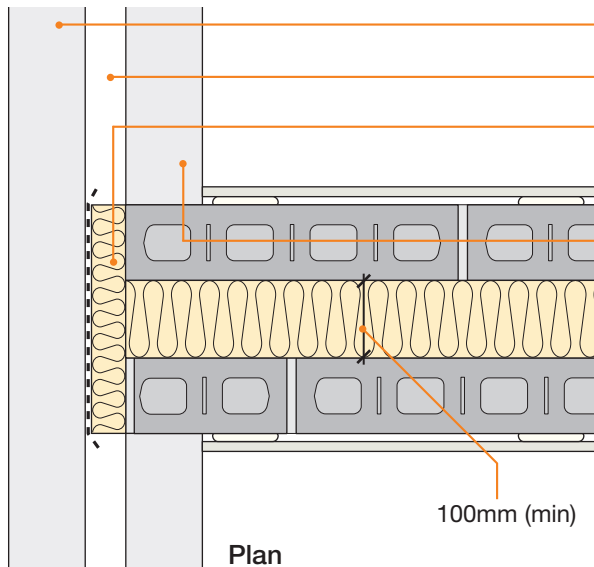


Block	Only Besblock “Star Performer” 5-bridge cellular block (4-core, concrete density 1995 kg/m ³ , block density 1528 kg/m ³ , unit weight 14.5 kg)
Wall ties	Approved Document E ‘Tie type A’ (see Appendix A)
Block thickness	100mm (min), each leaf
Cavity width	100mm (min)
Wall finish	Gypsum based-board (nominal 10 kg/m ²) mounted on dabs
Insulation	100mm mineral wool roll, quilt or batt with a density of 12-25 kg/m ³ or blown mineral fibres with an installed density of max 25 kg/m ³
External (flanking) wall	Masonry (both leaves) with 50mm (min) cavity – clear, fully filled or partially filled with insulation

DO

- Place blocks with cellular holes open to lower mortar bed
- Keep cavity insulation and wall ties free from mortar droppings and debris
- Fully fill all blockwork joints with mortar
- Make sure there is no connection between the two leaves except for wall ties and foundation (and insulation)
- Ensure all insulation sections are tightly butted together and half cuts are made with a clean sharp knife, and are installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- If using blown fibres, ensure all injection holes are drilled through mortar joints, and made good by fully filling with mortar
- Keep any chases for services to a minimum and fill well with mortar. Stagger chases on each side of the wall to avoid them being back to back
- Refer to Appendix A

1. External (flanking) wall junction



Masonry outer leaf

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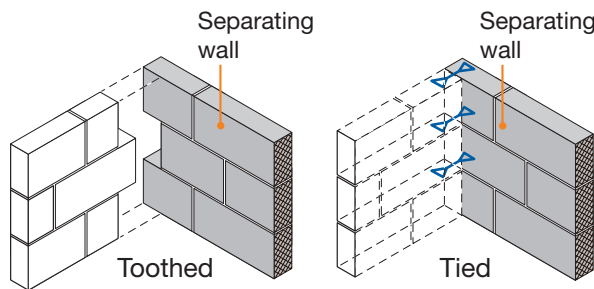
Inner leaf where there is no separating floor e.g. for houses

- 100mm (min) concrete block (1350 kg/m³ to 1600 kg/m³) or aircrete block (450 kg/m³ to 800 kg/m³) or Besblock “Star Performer” block
- internal finish – 13mm plaster or nominal 8 kg/m² gypsum-based board

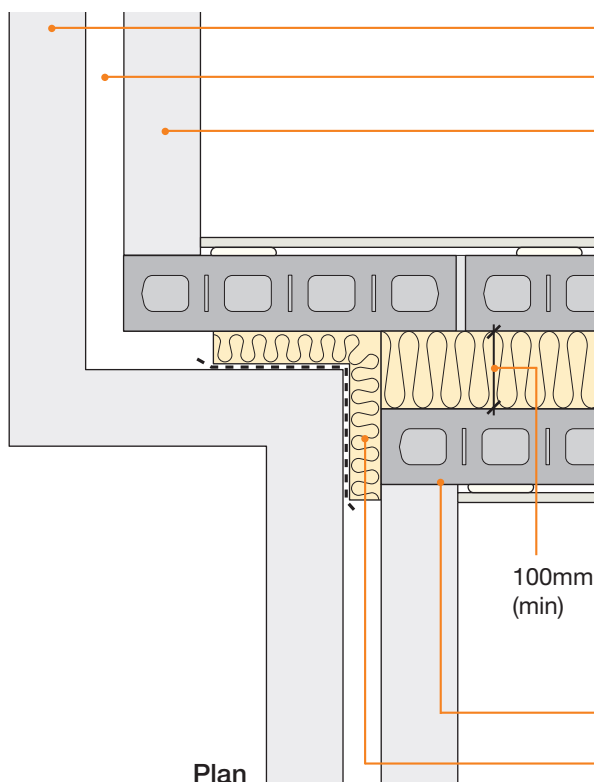
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- if using floor requiring pre-completion testing, seek specialist advice

Tooth or tie walls together



2. Staggered external (flanking) wall junction



Masonry outer leaf

External wall cavity (min 50mm)

Inner leaf where there is no separating floor e.g. for houses

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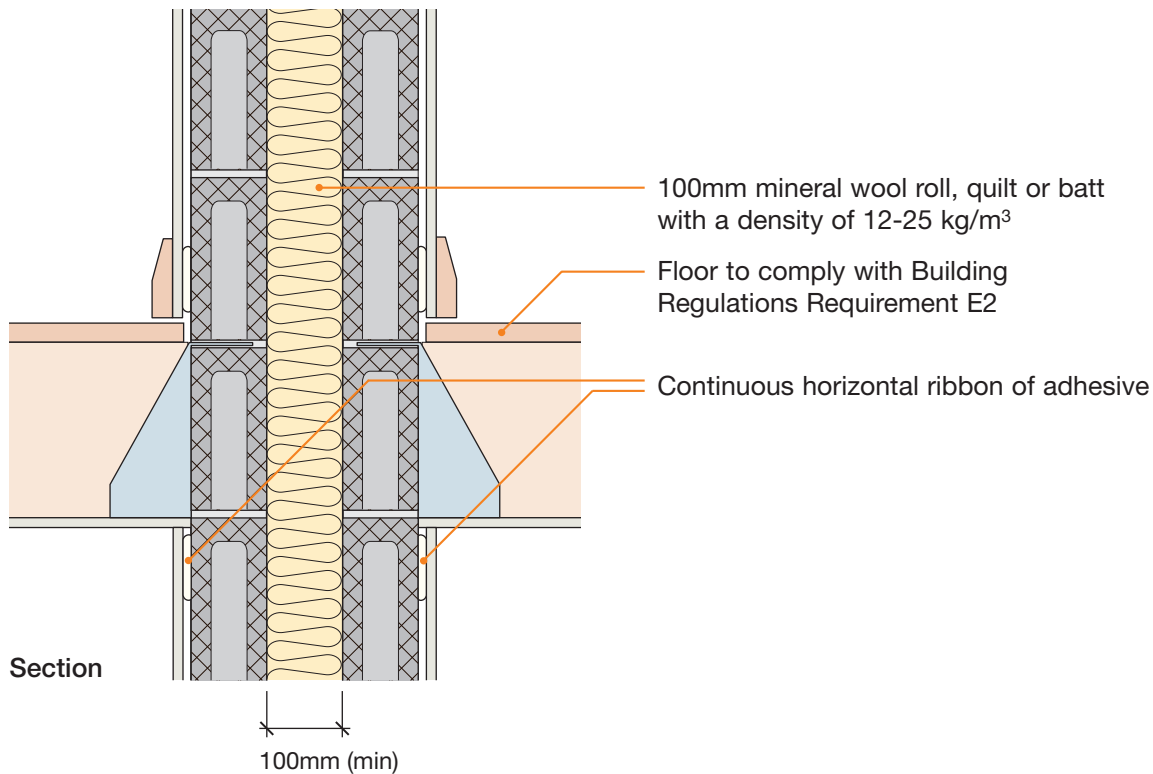
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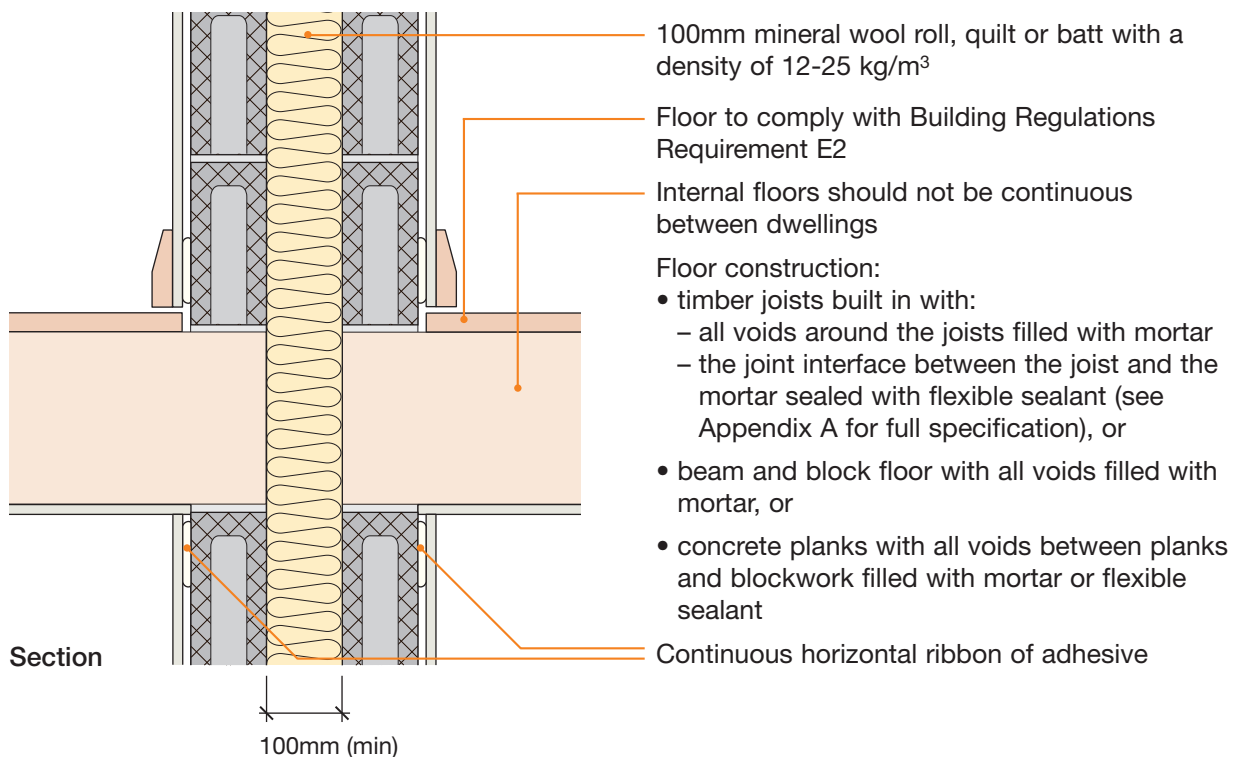
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3. Internal floor junction: timber floor supported on joist hangers

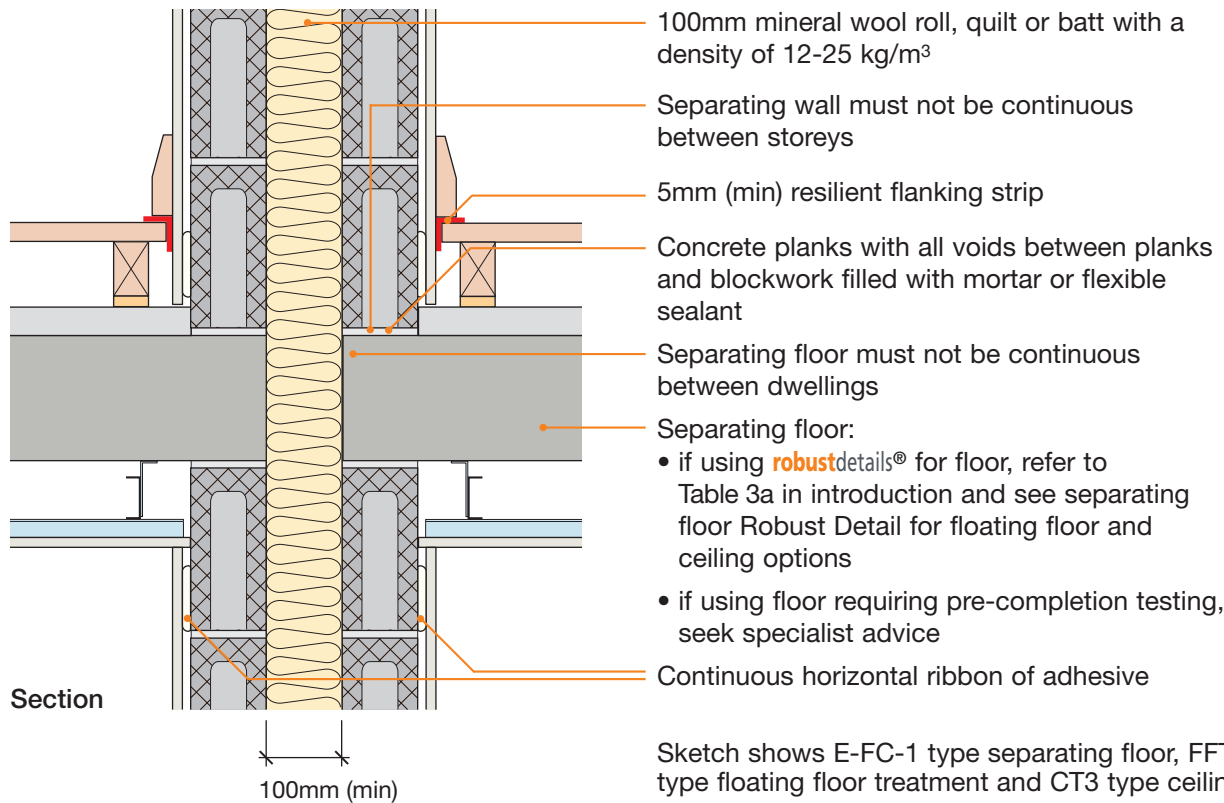


4. Internal floor junction: timber floor joists built in, beam and block or precast concrete

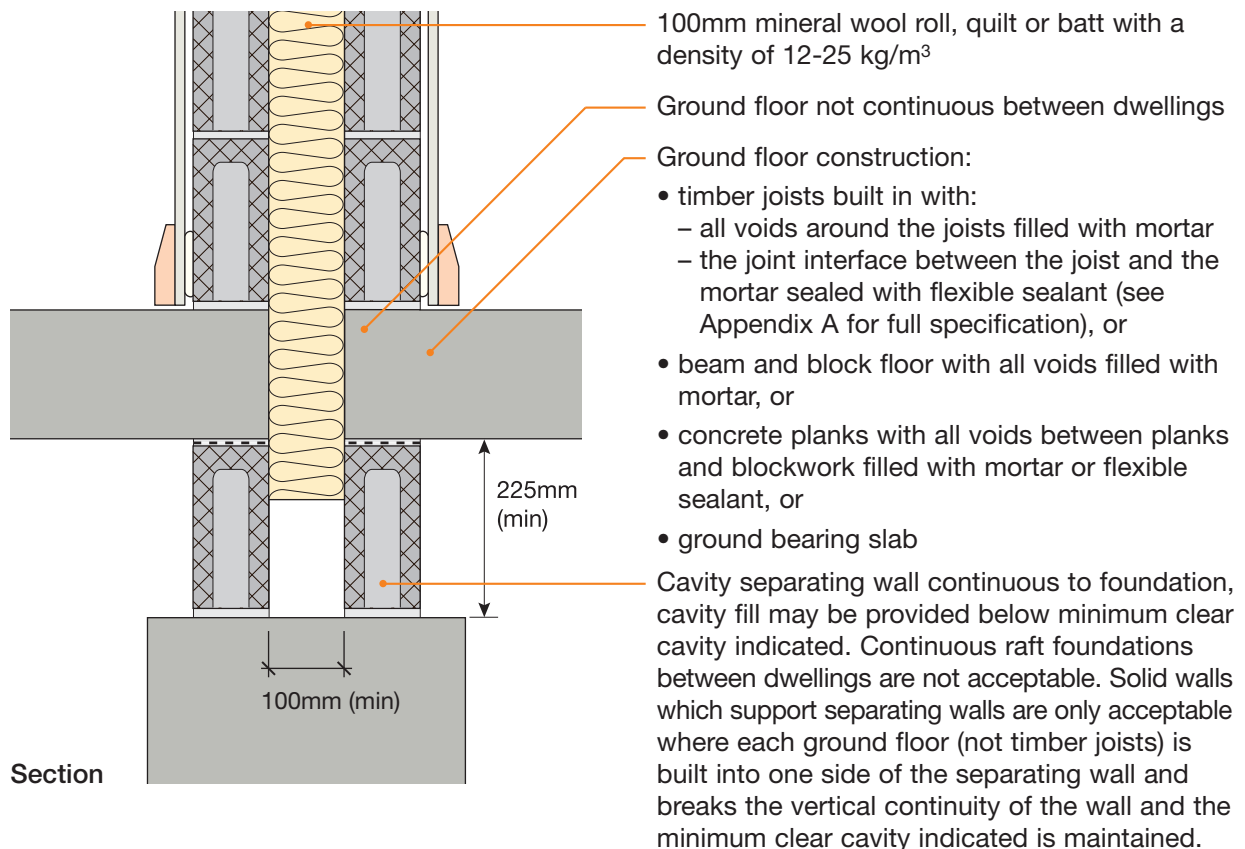


Sketch shows timber joists built in

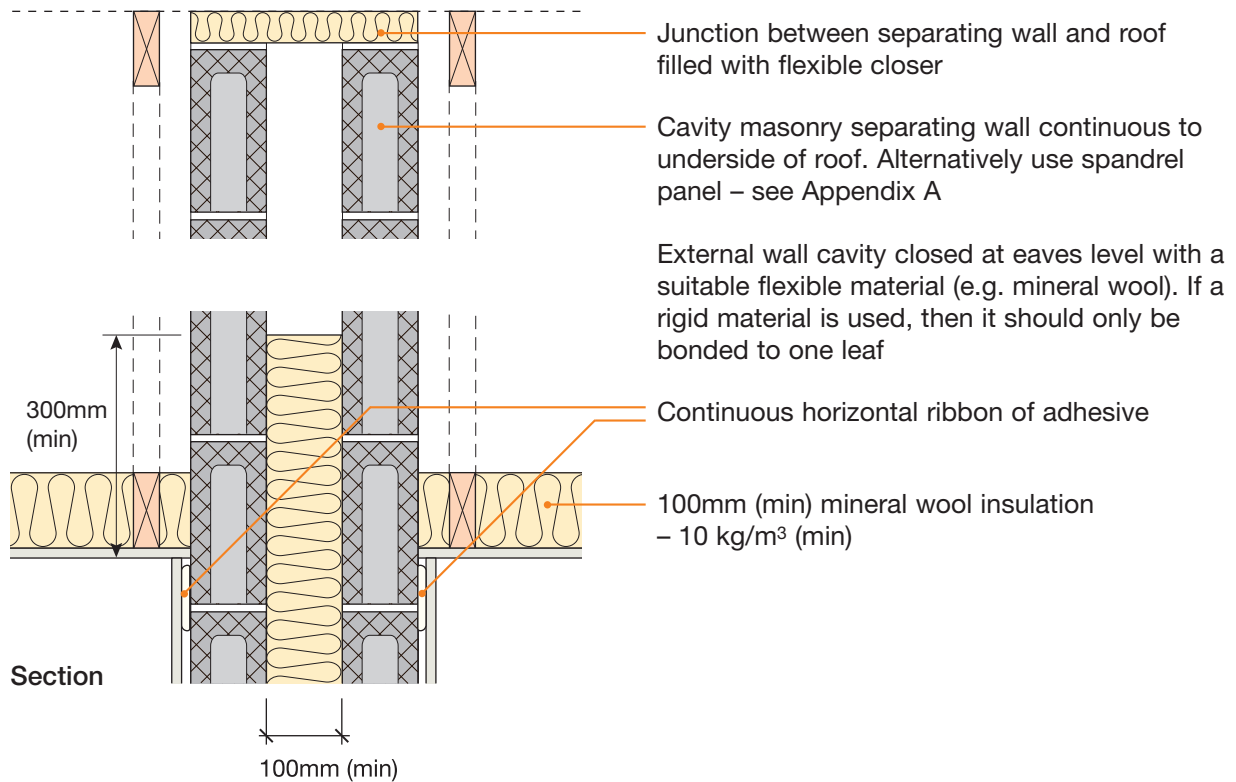
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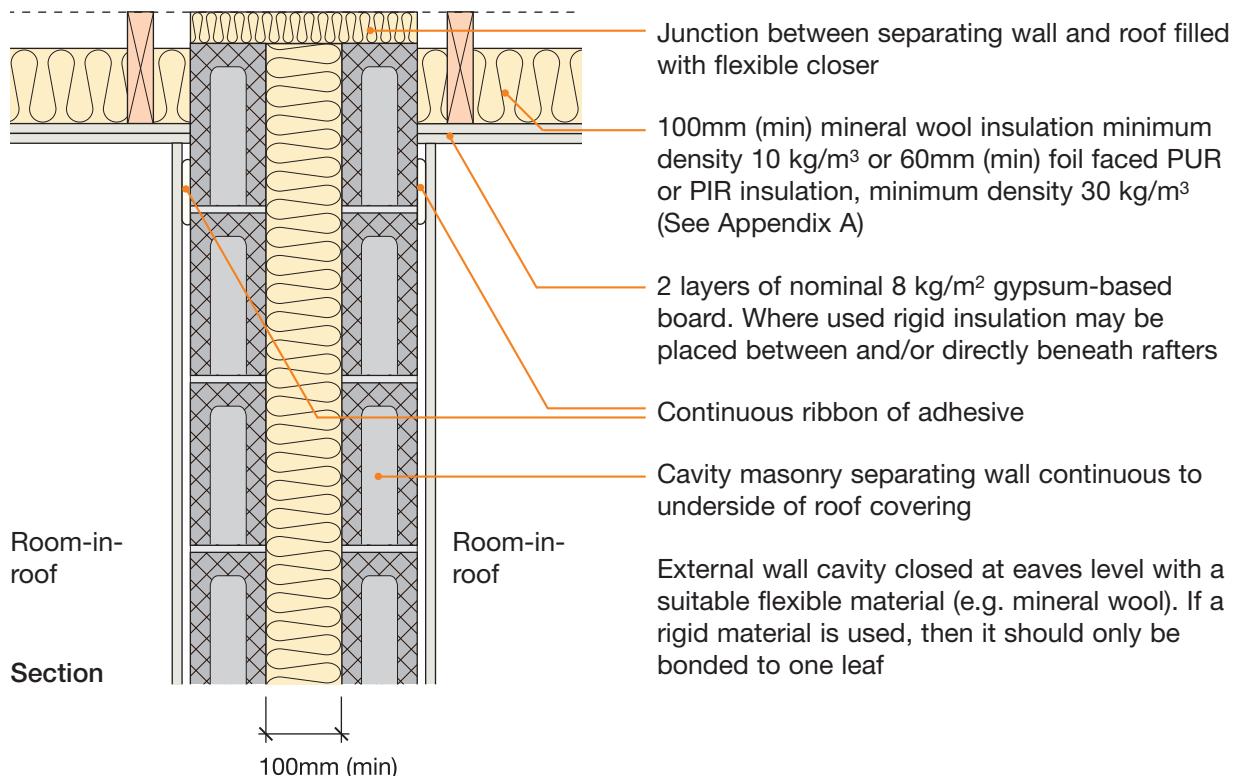
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7. Roof junction – pitched roof without room-in-roof



8. Roof junction – pitched roof with room-in-roof



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2. Is external (flanking) wall cavity at least 50mm?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
3. Are separating wall blocks Besblock Star Performer 5-bridge cellular blocks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
4. Are the blocks laid with the cells open to the lower bed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
5. Is cavity free from droppings and debris?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
6. Are separating wall ties Approved Document E “Tie type A” (see appendix A)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
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9. Are voids around floor joists, chases, etc. fully filled/sealed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
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11. Are all injection holes drilled through the mortar joints, and made good by fully filling with mortar?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
12. Where there is a separating floor (e.g. flats/apartments) has the resilient flanking strip been installed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
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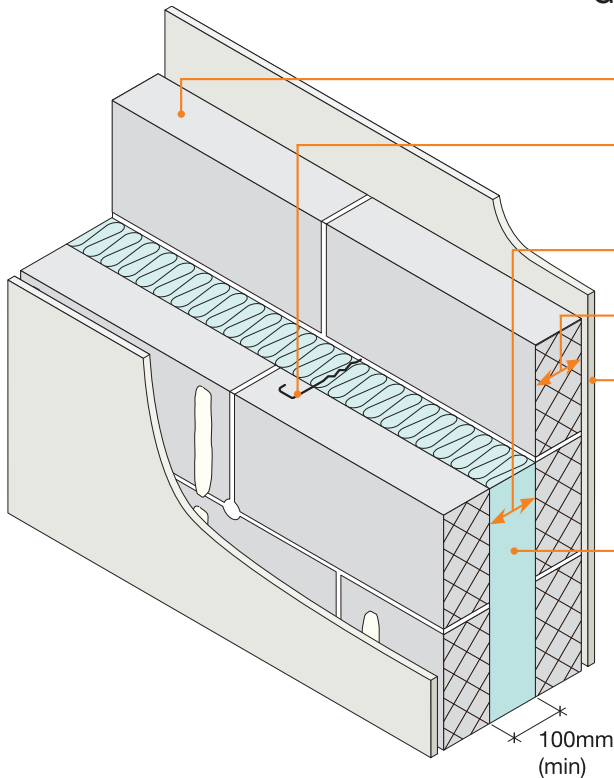
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- Lightweight aggregate blocks
- Knauf Insulation Supafil® Party Wall blown glass mineral wool insulation
- Gypsum-based board (nominal 8 kg/m²) on dabs

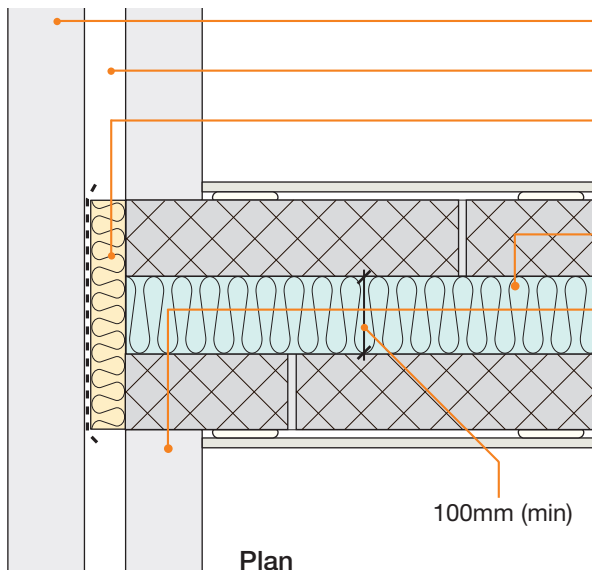


Block density	1350 to 1600 kg/m ³
Wall ties	Approved Document E 'Tie type A' (see Appendix A)
Cavity width	100mm (min)
Block thickness	100mm (min), each leaf
Wall finish	Gypsum-based board (nominal 8 kg/m ²) mounted on dabs
Insulation	Knauf Supafil® Party Wall blown glass mineral wool insulation
External (flanking) wall	Masonry (both leaves) with 50mm (min) cavity – clear, fully filled or partially filled with insulation

DO

- Keep cavity and wall ties free from mortar droppings and debris
- Fully fill all blockwork joints with mortar
- Make sure there is no connection between the two leaves except for wall ties, insulation and foundation
- Ensure that only solid blocks (i.e. not hollow or cellular) are used in the construction of separating and flanking walls
- Supafil® Party Wall is only to be installed by contractors approved by Knauf Insulation; and must not exceed 25 kg/m³ density once installed
- Ensure all injection holes are drilled through mortar joints, and made good by fully filling with mortar
- Keep any chases for services to a minimum and fill well with mortar. Stagger chases on each side of the wall to avoid them being back to back
- Refer to Appendix A

1. External (flanking) wall junction



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Supafil® Party Wall

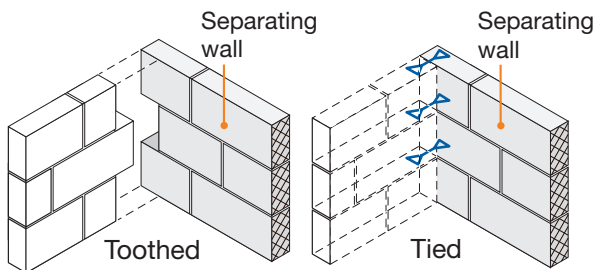
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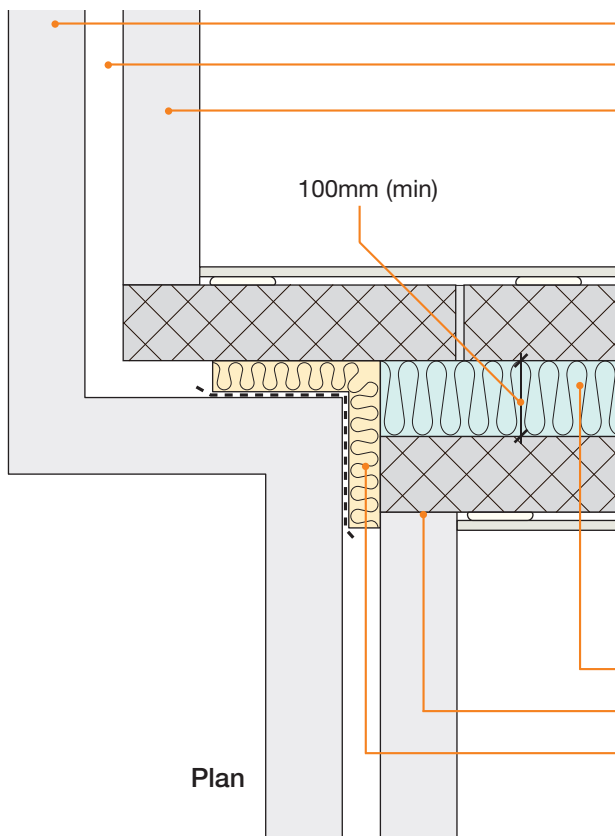
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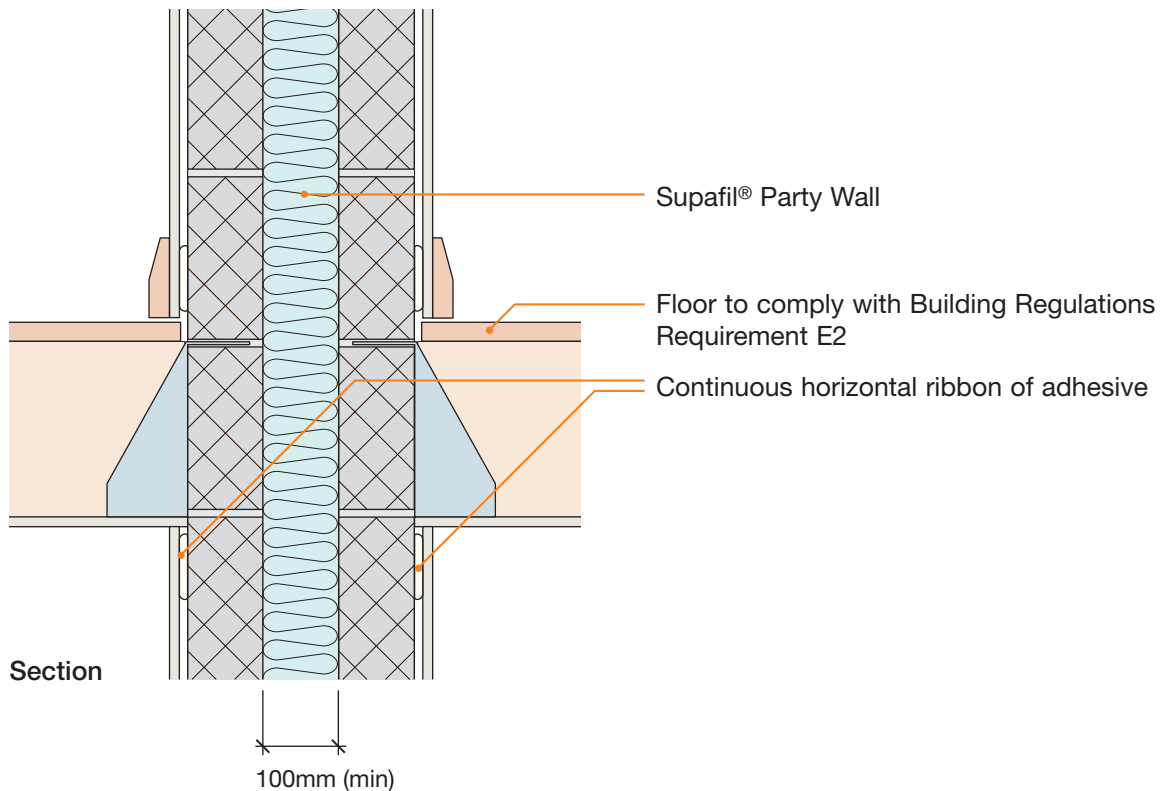
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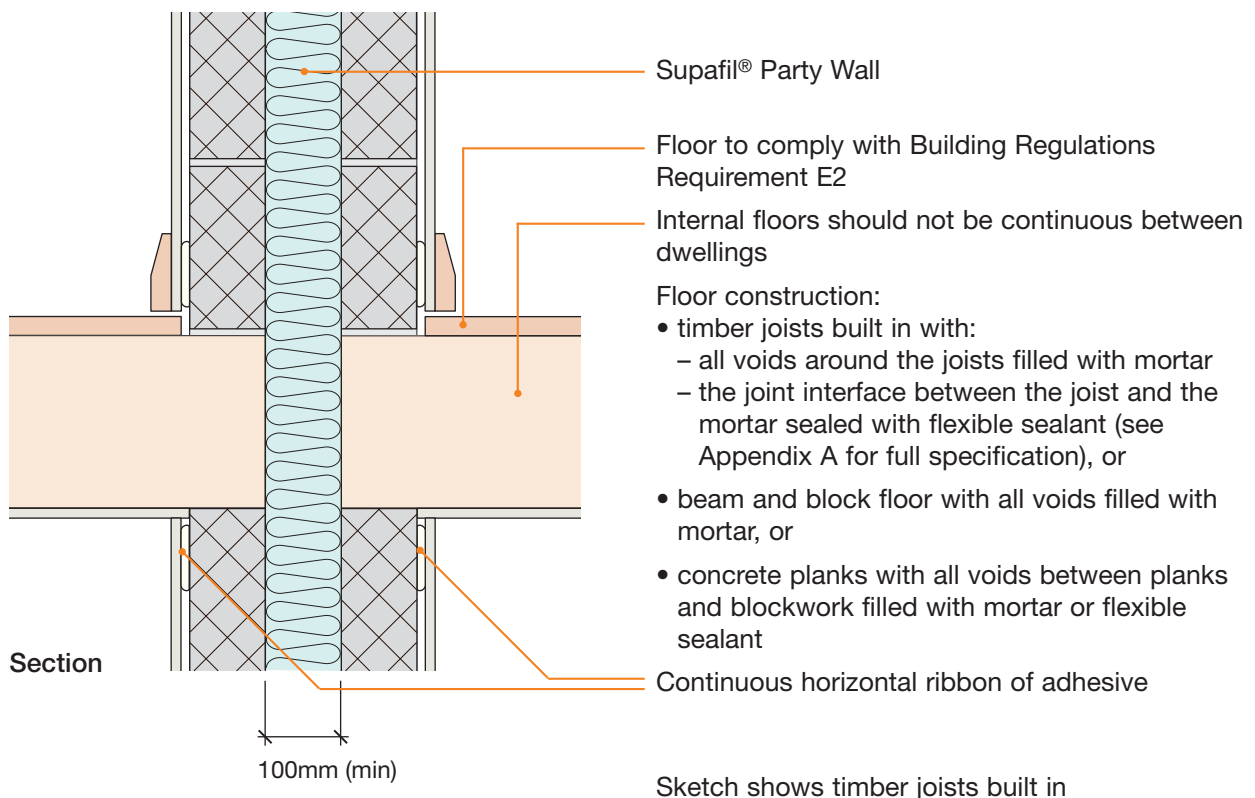
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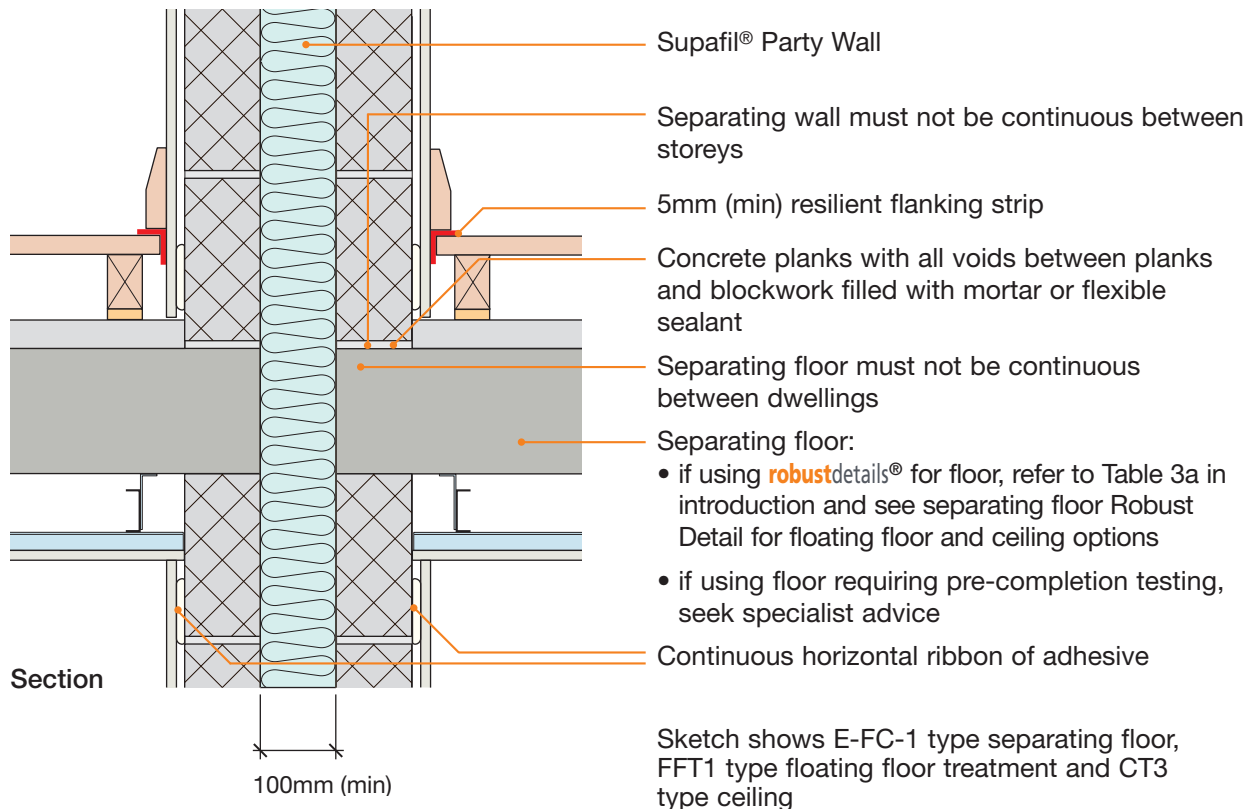
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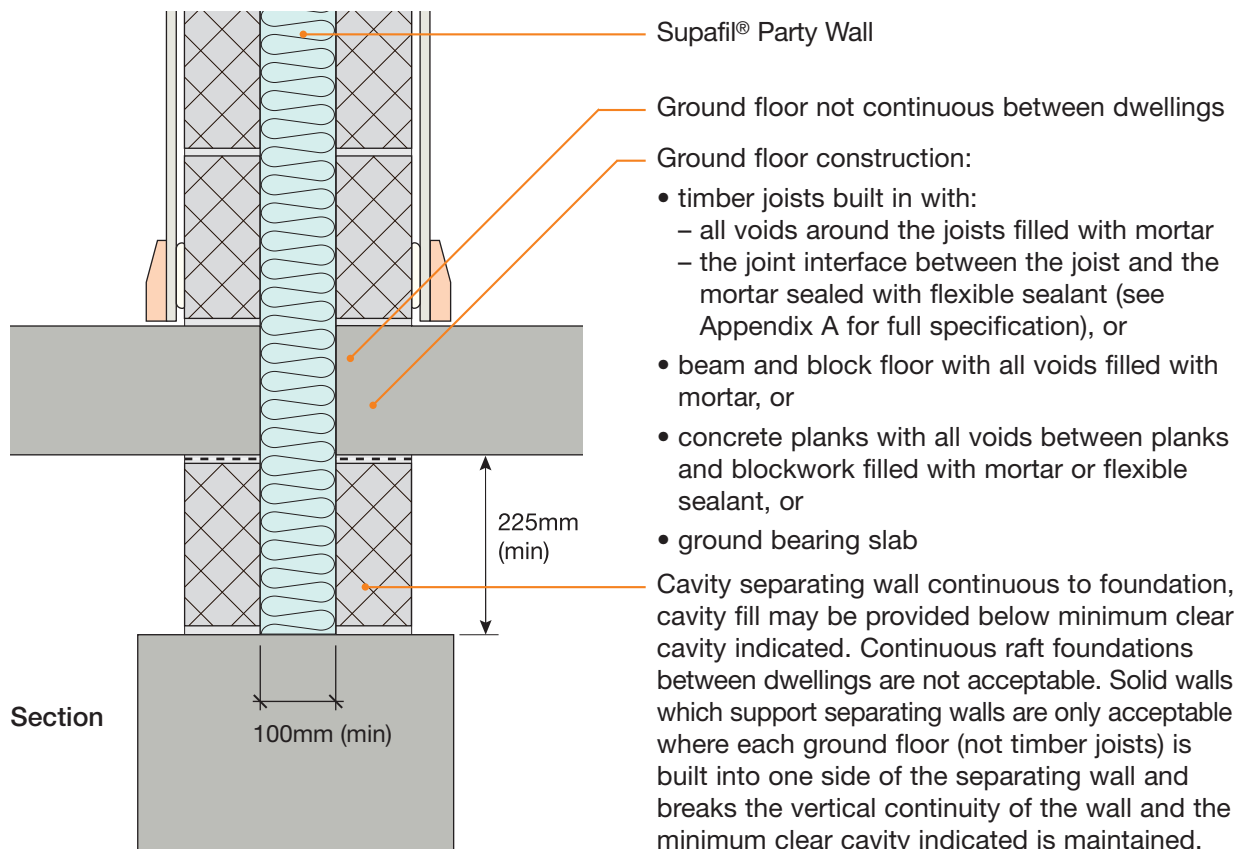
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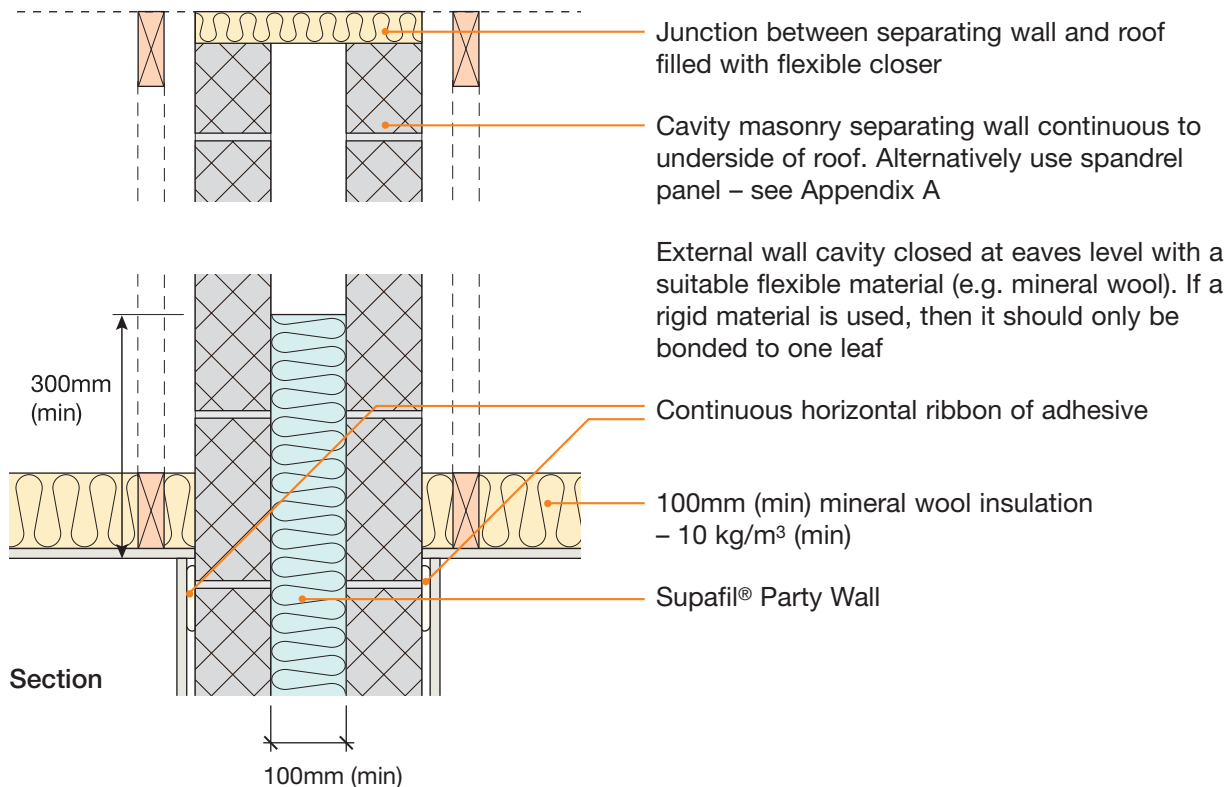
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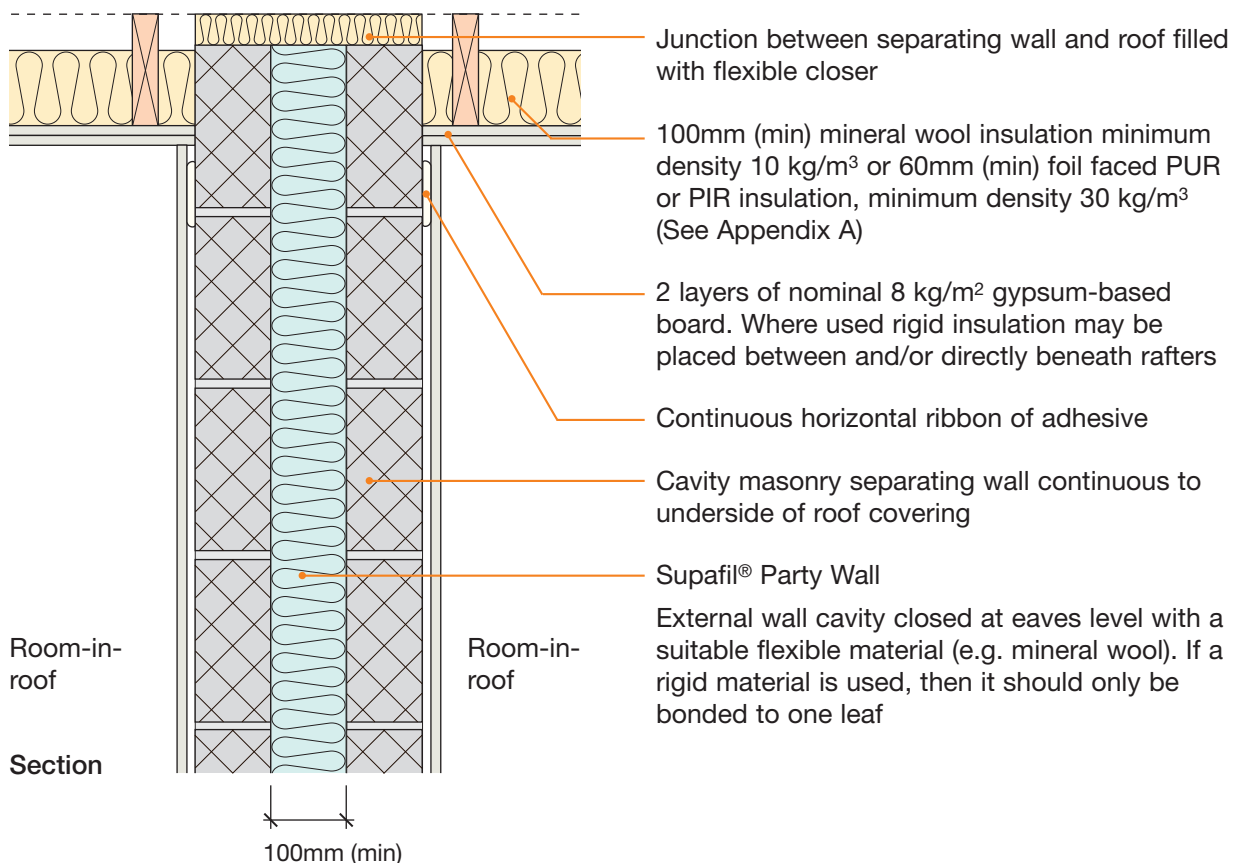
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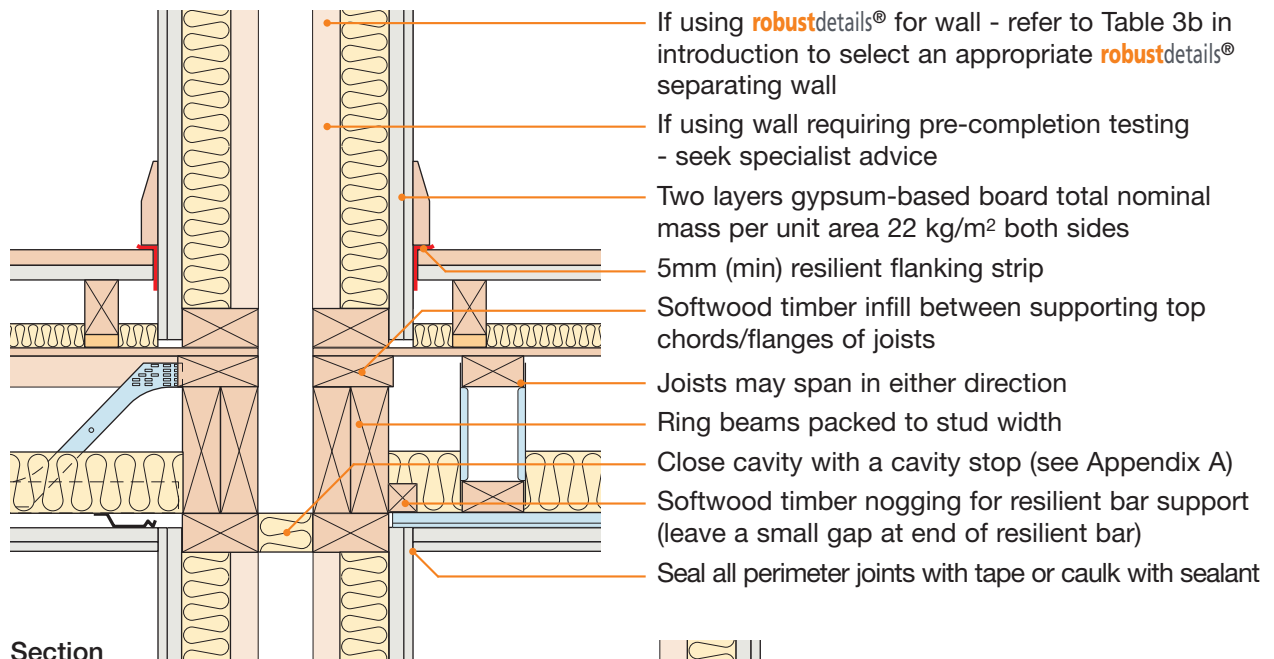
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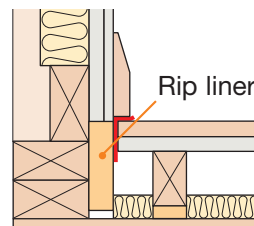
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3. Separating wall junction (top chord supported)

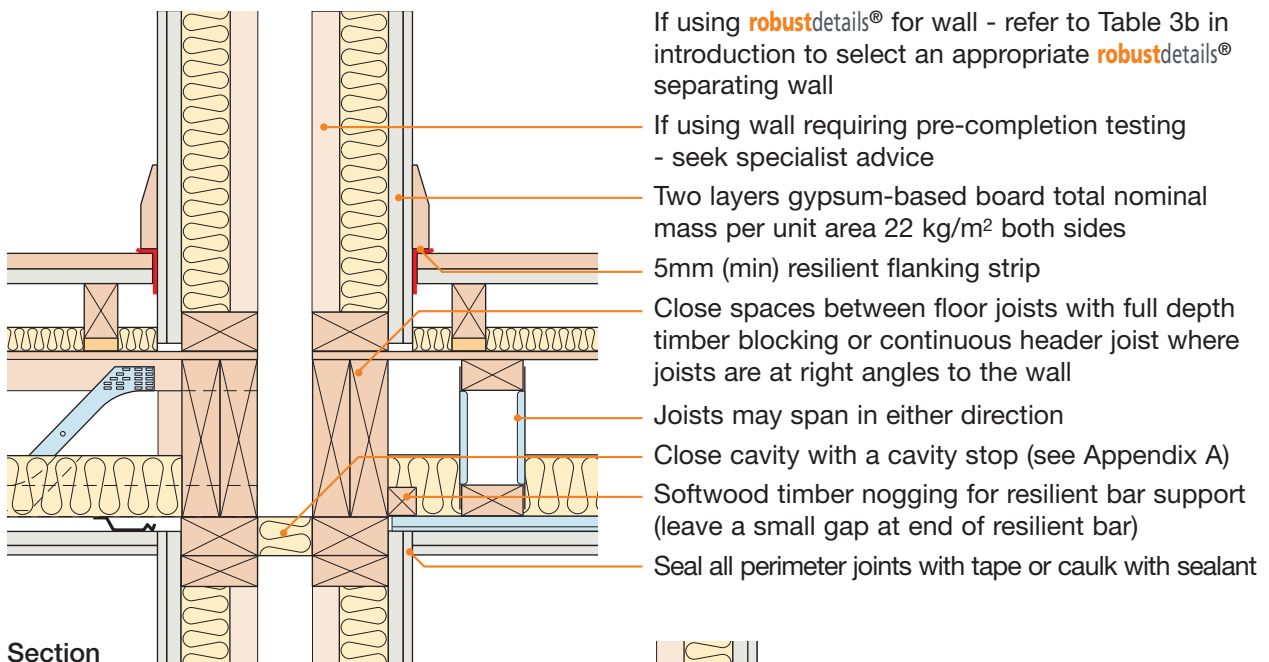


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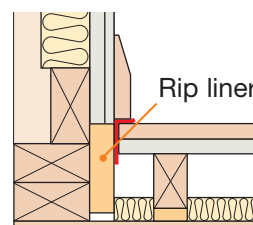


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4. Separating wall junction (fully built-in)

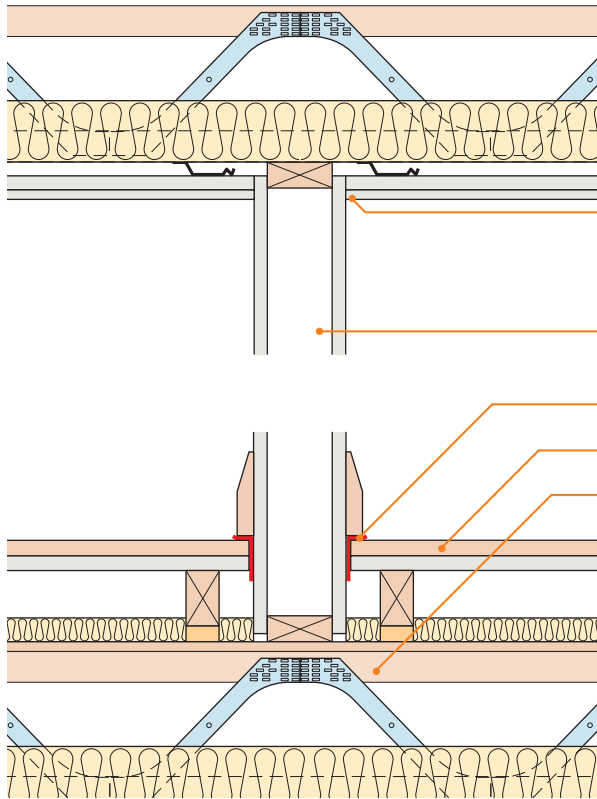


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5. Non loadbearing internal wall perpendicular to joists



Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant

Where required internal wall to comply with Building Regulations Requirement E2

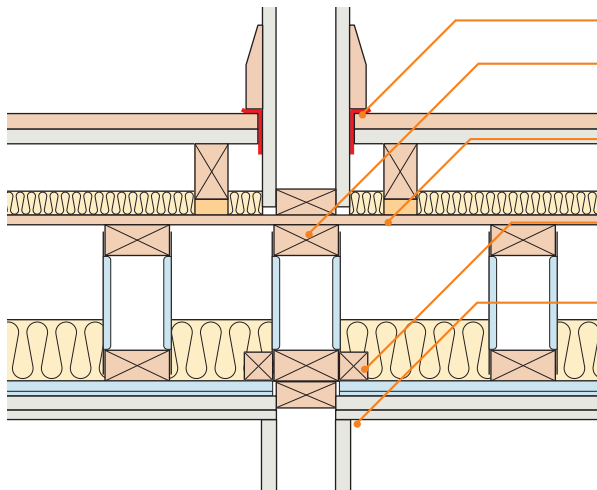
5mm (min) resilient flanking strip

Floating floor

Metal web joist (see joist type, page 1)

*Note - non loadbearing partitions may also be taken directly off the floating floor treatment, check with manufacturer's instructions for installation (see Appendix A)

6. Non loadbearing internal wall parallel to joists



5mm (min) resilient flanking strip

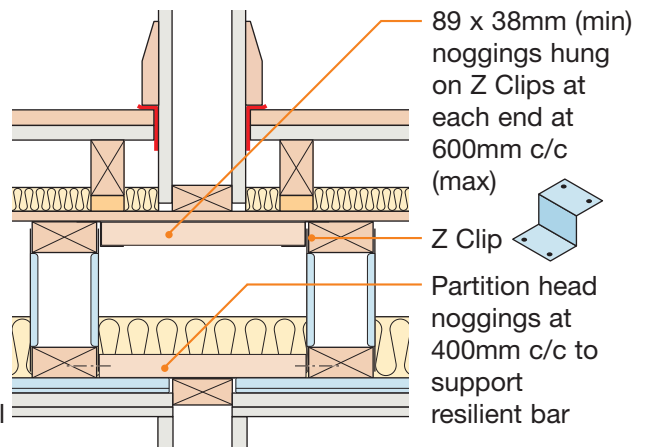
Extra metal web joist (see joist type, page 1) under internal wall

Floor decking

Softwood timber noggings for resilient bar support (leave a small gap at end of resilient bar)

Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant

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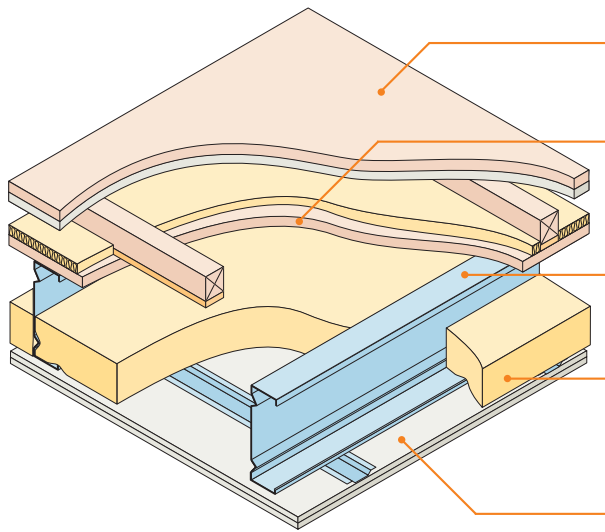
89 x 38mm (min) noggings hung on Z Clips at each end at 600mm c/c (max)

Z Clip

Partition head noggings at 400mm c/c to support resilient bar

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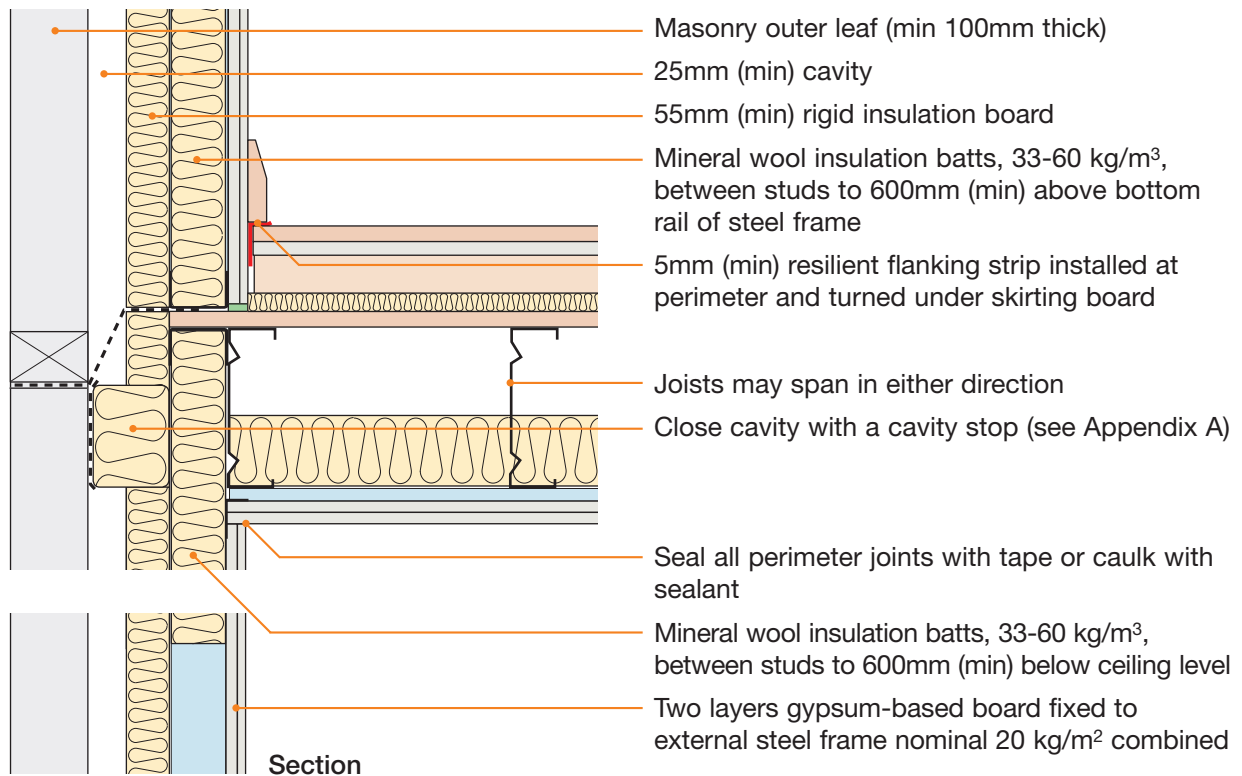
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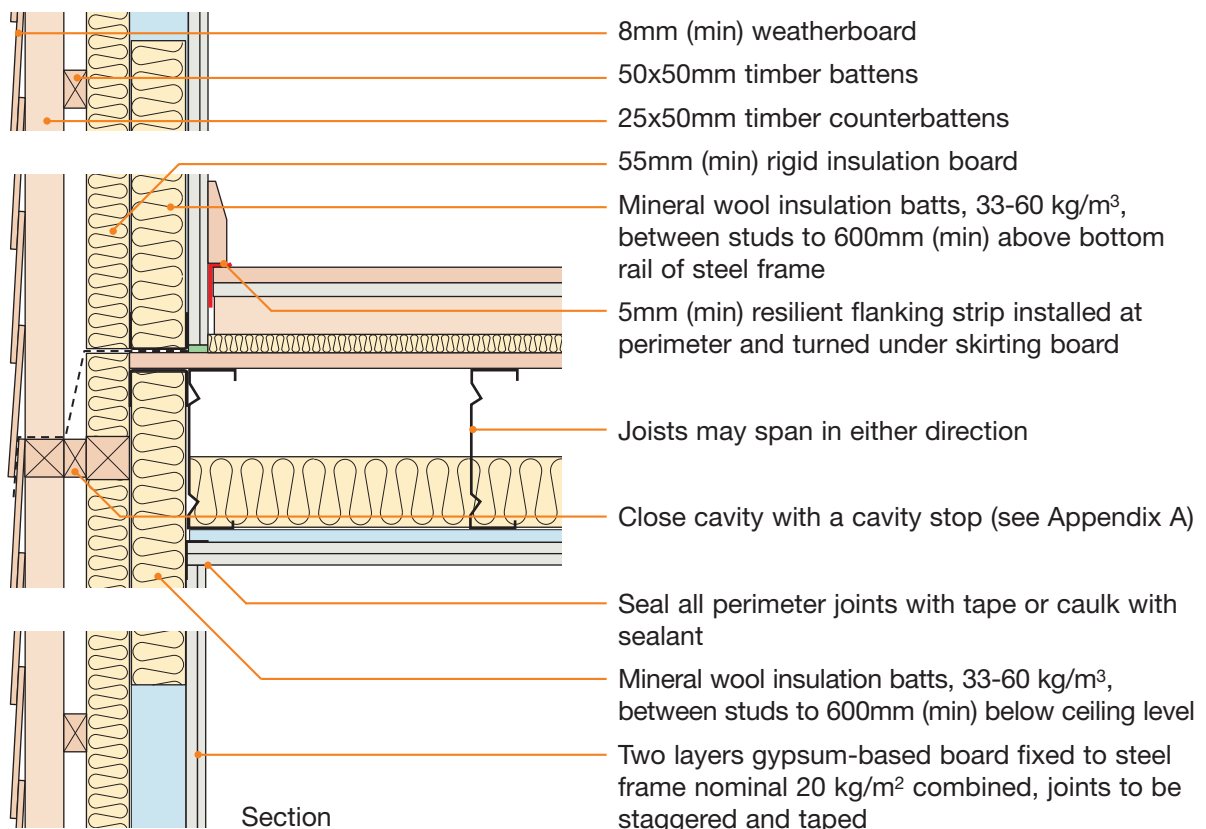
Floating floor	See section 6 for suitable floating floor treatment
Floor decking	22mm thick (min) wood based board, density 600 kg/m ³ (min)
Joists	225mm (min) deep UltraBEAM metal joists
Absorbent material	100mm (min) mineral wool quilt insulation (10–36 kg/m ³) between joists
Ceiling	See section 5 for suitable ceiling treatment

- DO**
- Lay quilt (min 100mm thick) between all joists, including doubled up joists, ensuring no gaps remain
 - Ensure floating floor treatment is suitable and is installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions
 - Ensure quilt is laid between and not under flooring battens
 - Install flanking strips around the perimeter of the flooring board to isolate floor from walls and skirtings
 - Ensure resilient ceiling bars are fixed at right angles to the joists
 - Ensure ceiling treatment is fixed correctly (see page 4)
 - Stagger joints in ceiling layers
 - Refer to Appendix A

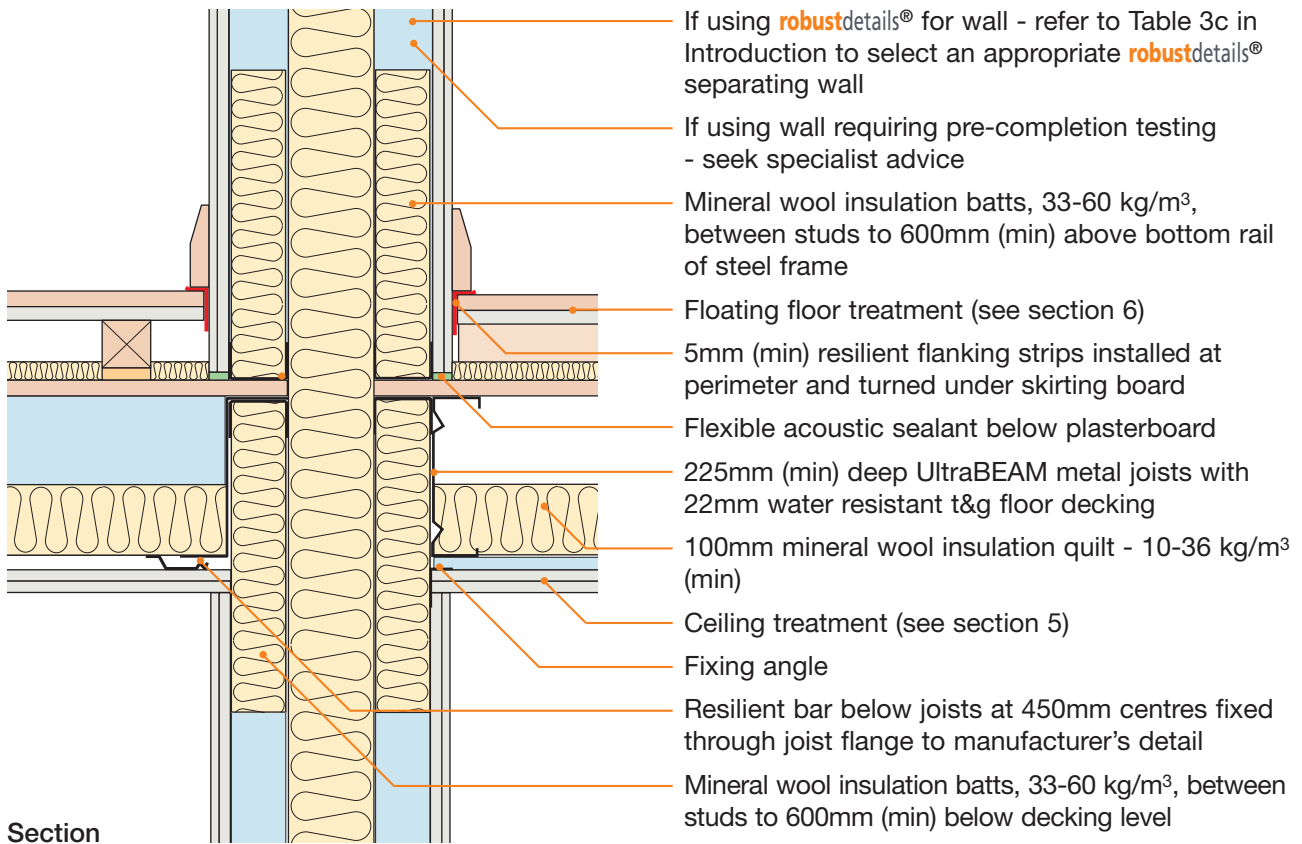
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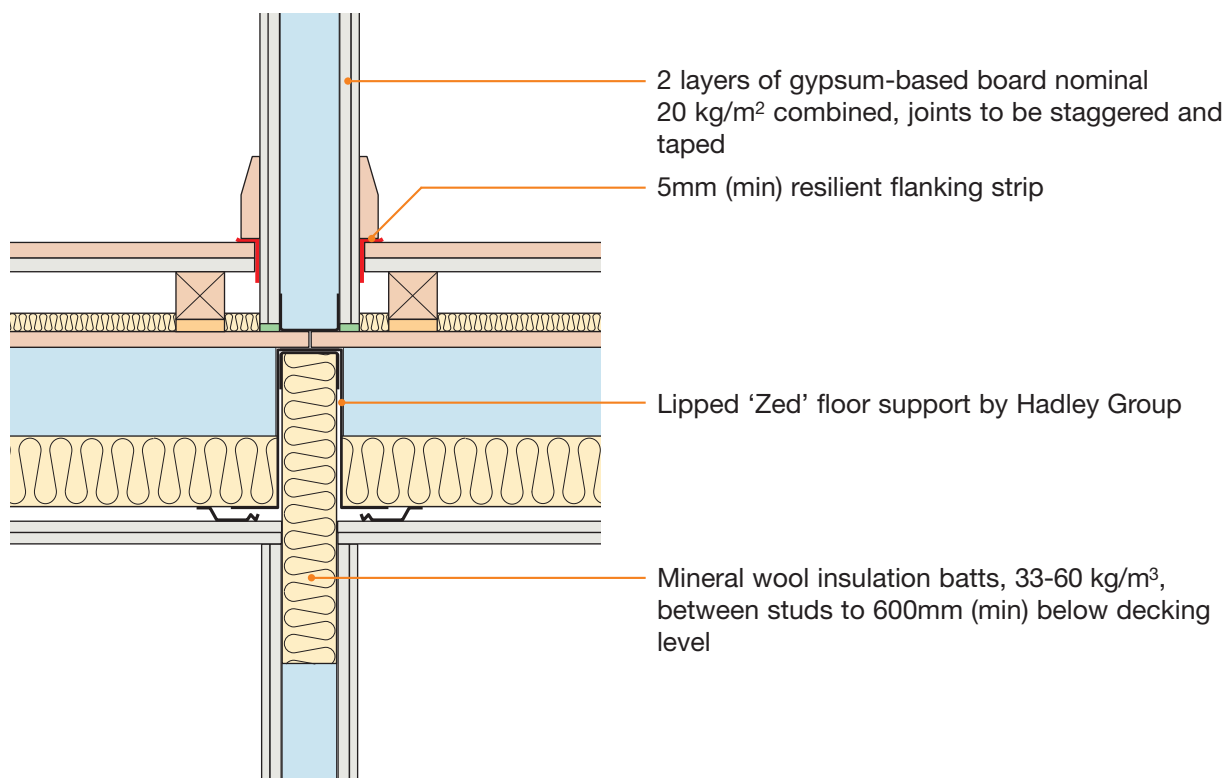
2. External (flanking) wall junction – timber cladding outer leaf



3. Separating wall junction



4. Internal wall junction



5. Ceiling treatment for E-FS-2

Metal floor ceiling treatment must be as shown below. All joints to outer layers of ceiling must be sealed with tape or caulked with sealant.

The maximum load on resilient bars should not exceed that specified in the manufacturer's instructions.

Ensure ceiling layers have staggered joints.

Services must not puncture ceiling linings (except cables, which should be sealed around with flexible sealant)

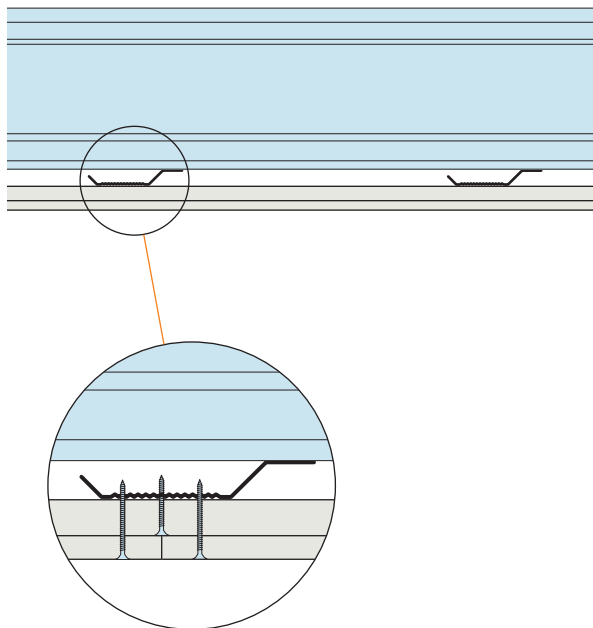
Downlighters and recessed lighting

Downlighters or recessed lighting may be installed in the ceiling:

- in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- at no more than one light per 2m² of ceiling area in each room unless the use of a greater density of light fittings is supported by testing undertaken in accordance with Appendix F
- at centres not less than 0.75m
- into openings not exceeding 100mm diameter or 100x100mm

Particular attention should also be paid to Building Regulations Part B - Fire Safety

Note: Only downlighters which have been satisfactorily assessed in accordance with the procedure described in Appendix F "Determination of the acoustic performance of downlighters and recessed lighting in lightweight separating floors" are acceptable.



CEILING BOARD FIXINGS MUST NOT PENETRATE OR TOUCH JOISTS

16mm (min) resilient bars with CT1 and CT2

16mm (min) metal resilient ceiling bars mounted at right angles to the joists at 450mm centres (bars must achieve a minimum laboratory performance of $rd\Delta R_w + C_{tr} = 17\text{dB}$ and $rd\Delta L_w = 16\text{dB}$) – see Appendix E

Ceiling treatment CT1

Two layers of gypsum-based board, composed of 19mm (nominal 13.5 kg/m²) fixed with 32mm screws, and 12.5mm (nominal 10 kg/m²) fixed with 42 mm screws

Ceiling treatment CT2

Two layers of gypsum-based boards composed of 15mm (nominal 12.5 kg/m²) fixed with 25mm screws and second layer of 15mm gypsum-based board (nominal 12.5 kg/m²) fixed with 42mm screws

25mm (min) resilient bars with CT3

25mm (min) metal resilient ceiling bars mounted at right angles to the joists at 450mm centres (bars must achieve a minimum laboratory performance of $rd\Delta R_w + C_{tr} = 17\text{dB}$ and $rd\Delta L_w = 16\text{dB}$) - see Appendix E

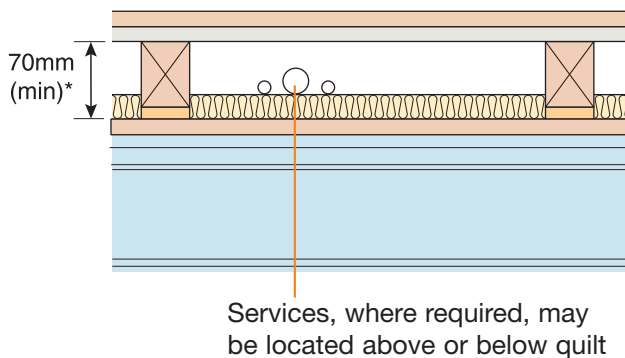
Ceiling treatment CT3

Two layers of gypsum-based board, composed of 10mm (nominal 12kg/m²) fixed with 30mm screws and second layer of 10mm (nominal 12kg/m²) fixed with 30mm screws

6. Floating floor treatment for E-FS-2

Floating floor treatment:

- Must achieve a minimum laboratory performance of $rd\Delta R_w + C_{tr} = 13\text{dB}$ and $rd\Delta L_w = 15\text{dB}$ - see Appendix C.
- Must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Require 5mm (min) resilient flanking strips around the perimeter of the flooring board to isolate floor from walls and skirting.



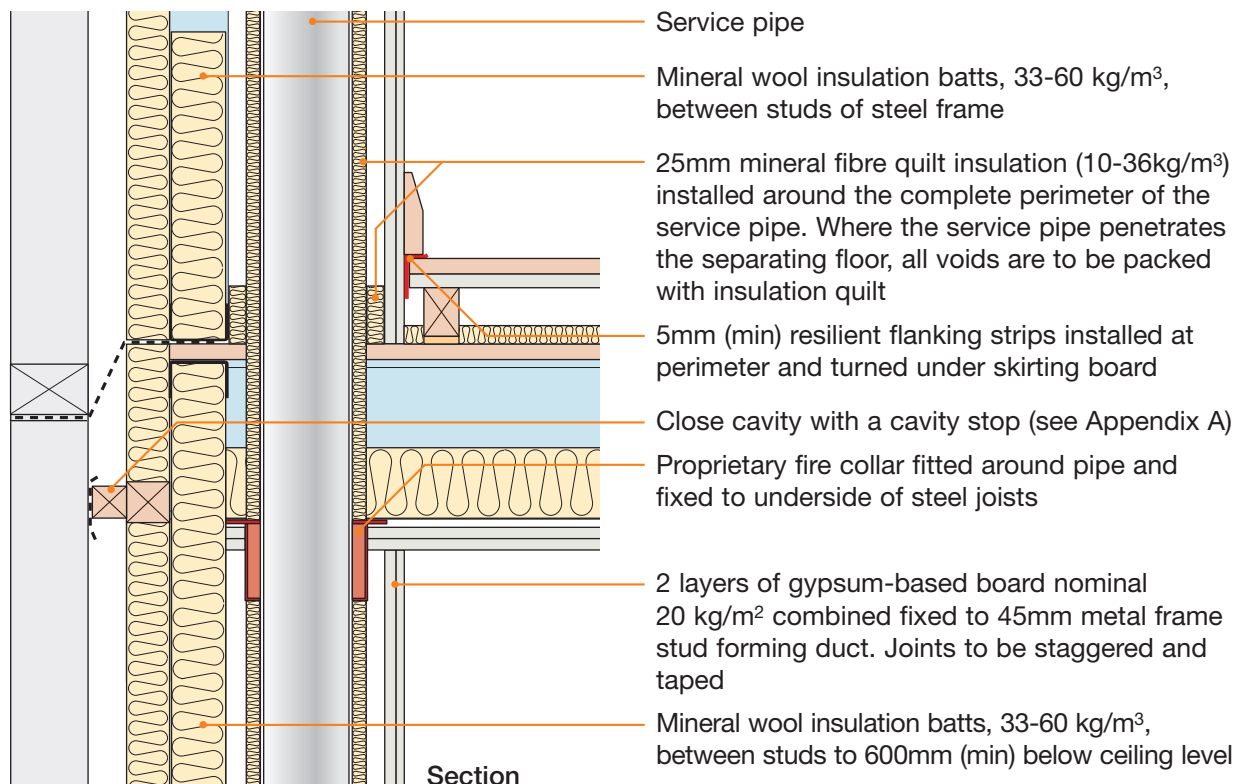
- For further guidance on floating floor treatments and flanking strips, please refer to Appendix A.

* Note - void dimension indicated is when floor is loaded to 25 kg/m².

FFT1 – Resilient composite deep batten system

- 22 mm (min) t&g flooring board
- gypsum-based board nominal 13.5 kg/m²
- FFT1 resilient composite deep battens
- resilient layer must be continuous and pre-bonded to batten
- battens may have the resilient layer at the top or the bottom
- mineral wool quilt laid between battens
 - 13mm (min) 33-36 kg/m³, or
 - 25mm (min) 10-36 kg/m³
- ensure any services do not bridge the resilient layer

7. Services – pipes through separating floor



CHECKLIST (to be completed by site manager/supervisor)

Company: _____

Site: _____

Plot: _____ Site manager/supervisor: _____

Ref.	Item	Yes (✓)	No (✓)	Inspected (initials & date)
1.	Are UltraBEAM metal joists at least 225mm deep?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
2.	Has quilt (min 100mm thick) been fitted between the joists?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
3.	Are resilient ceiling bars fitted at right angles to the joists?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
4.	Has ceiling system been fitted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
5.	Has floating floor treatment been fitted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
6.	Has quilt been fitted between the floor battens?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
7.	Is ceiling treatment fixed to the resilient bars with correct screws?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
8.	Are all joints sealed with tape or caulked with sealant?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
9.	Are vertical service pipes wrapped in quilt and boxed in with two layers of gypsum-based board combined nominal mass per unit area of 20 kg/m ² ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
10.	Have all resilient flanking strips been fitted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
11.	Is separating floor satisfactorily complete?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>

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Notes (include details of any corrective action)

Site manager/supervisor signature

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