

Permeability vs. Relative Humidity

- Typical relationship between dry- and wet-cup methods and spot permeability for many hygroscopic building materials such as asphalt impregnated felt building papers, plywood, OSB and kraft facings on insulation batts
- $\mu_w \cong 2$ to 5 times greater than μ_p
- Wet cup testing occurs with 50% RH on one side of test specimen and 100% RH on other side
- Dry cup testing occurs with 0% RH on one side of test specimen and 50% RH on other side

Diffusion vs. Air Leakage

• In most cold climates over an entire heating season, 1/3 of a quart of water can be collected by diffusion through gypsum board without a vapor retarder; 30 guarts of water can be collected through air leakage