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### **FURRING STRIPS VS. SLICKER®**

Historically the installation of furring strips under cladding was the best available building practice to handle moisture and ventilation problems in the wall assembly.

Over the past ten years a new, innovative solution has been introduced to address moisture issues. Benjamin Obdyke introduced the first rolled rainscreen designed to provide an easy to install continuous ventilation and drainage space.

Some key benefits of the Slicker® products compared to furring strips are,

- Furring strips require more time and labor to install
- Drainage is improved due to the design of the Slicker® matrix allowing air and water to move over the entire wall section
  - Verified by 3<sup>rd</sup> party lab testing that Slicker has better drainage performance than furring strips
- Furring strips have wood to wood contact over 15% of the wall allowing moisture to become trapped in between strips
- Furring strips can allow ballooning between each board, which can cause water resistive barriers to pull away from fasteners (especially staples)

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