



**Solar Heating**

ARCH 331/431 Spring 2008  
Lecture 14

Seattle 2-hour temperatures

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
12 midnight	37	40	42	45	50	56	60	60	56	49	42	38
2	37	39	40	43	49	54	58	58	54	48	42	37
4	36	38	39	42	47	53	56	57	53	47	41	36
6	35	37	39	41	46	52	55	56	52	46	40	36
8	36	39	40	43	48	54	57	58	54	47	41	37
10	41	44	47	51	57	62	67	67	62	54	46	41
12 noon	44	48	51	55	61	67	72	72	67	58	49	44
2	45	50	53	57	64	70	75	75	69	60	51	45
4	44	48	52	56	62	68	74	74	68	59	50	44
6	42	46	48	52	59	64	69	69	64	55	47	42
8	40	43	45	48	54	60	64	64	60	52	45	40
10	38	41	43	46	52	57	61	62	57	50	43	39

← CLOSED/Heating: 66.0%  
 ← OPEN/"Sailing": 32.6%  
 ← CLOSED/Cooling: 1.4%

Balance Point = 55° F  
 Change-over Temperature = 75° F



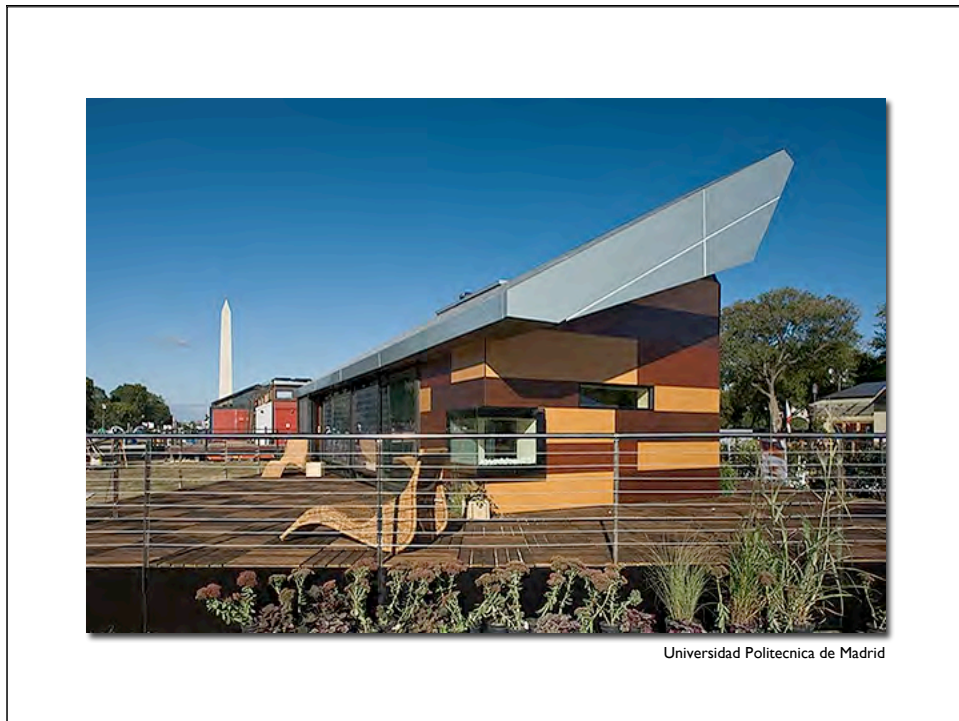




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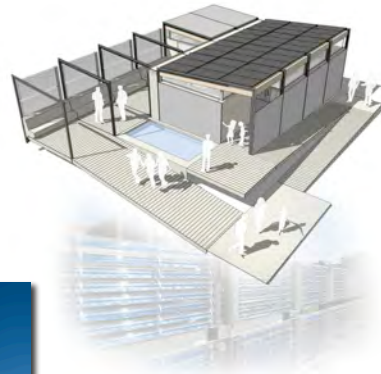
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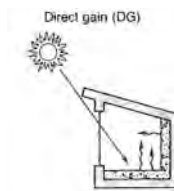




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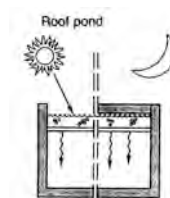
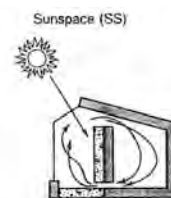
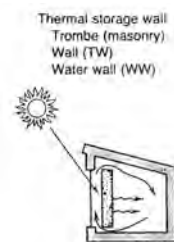
### Passive Solar Systems

#### DIRECT GAIN

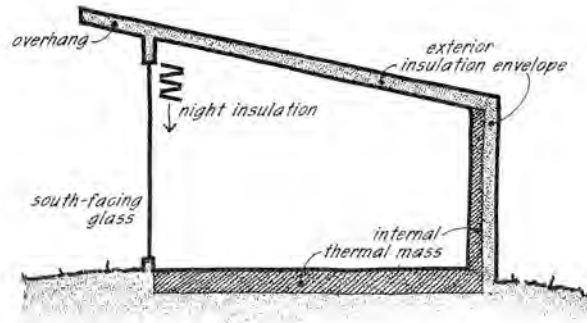


#### INDIRECT GAIN

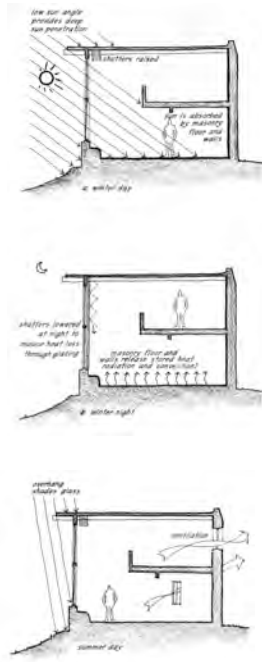
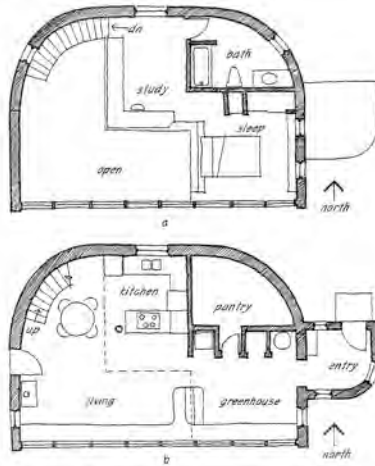
- Trombe Wall
- Sunspace
- Roof Pond



Direct Gain



**David Wright House**  
 Santa Fe, New Mexico



**Karen Terry House**  
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## Quiz 5

## Slide 1 answers

1. Name the three fundamental criteria for **Passive Solar Design**.**1. Insulation**

- Keep the Heat In and Cold Out

**2. Glass**

- Window Area and Solar Access

**3. Mass**

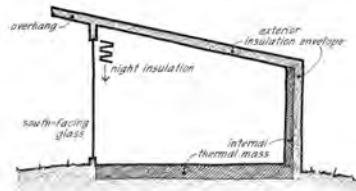
- Heat Capacity and Quantity of Materials
- Location and Distribution of Materials

## Slide 2 answers

Material	Specific Heat BTU/lb °F	Density lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	VHC BTU/ft <sup>3</sup> °F
Water	1.0	62.0	62.0
Concrete	0.20	120.0	24.0
Steel	0.12	489.0	58.7
Wood	0.50	27.0	13.5

4.  T  F For a given temperature change, a **cubic foot** of water will store (or liberate) more energy than a **pound** of concrete.  
 TM of 1 ft<sup>3</sup> water = **62** BTU/°F; TM of 1 ft<sup>3</sup> concrete = **24** BTU/°F
5.  T  F For a 10°F temperature increase (or loss), a **pound** of steel will store (or liberate) more energy than a **pound** of concrete.  
 TM of 1 lb steel = **1.2** BTU; TM of 1 lb concrete = **2.0** BTU
6.  T  F 1 **cubic foot** of water contains more thermal mass (TM = BTU/°F) than 100 **pounds** of concrete.  
 TM of 1 ft<sup>3</sup> water = 62 BTU/°F; TM of 100 lbs concrete = 20 BTU/°F

Slide 3 answers



7. What is the Thermal Mass inside small "test" room having the following materials?

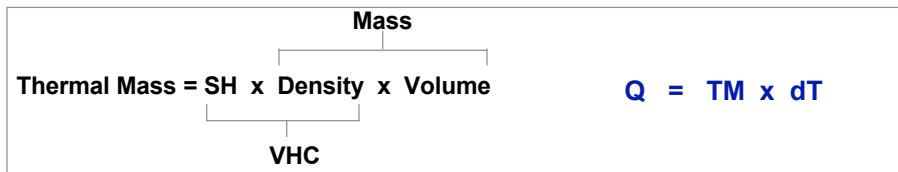
Floor: 6" concrete (40 ft<sup>3</sup>)

Walls: 4" concrete (60 ft<sup>3</sup>)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thermal Mass (TM)} &= 24 \text{ BTU/ft}^3 \text{ } ^\circ\text{F} \times 100 \text{ ft}^3 \\ &= \mathbf{2,400 \text{ BTU/}^\circ\text{F}} \end{aligned}$$

8. How much energy is stored in this room when the temperature of the entire room rises by 10°F?

$$Q = 2,400 \text{ BTU/}^\circ\text{F} \times 10^\circ\text{F} = \mathbf{24,000 \text{ BTU}}$$

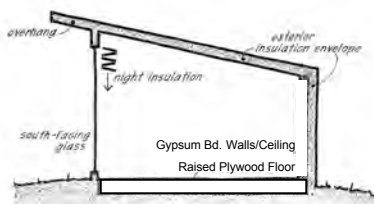


Material	Specific Heat BTU/lb °F	Density lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	VHC BTU/ft <sup>3</sup> °F
Concrete	0.20	120.0	24.0
Air	0.24	.075	.018

Direct Gain

Example 1.1

How hot does it get inside a small "test" room (9' deep x 16' wide x 8' high) located in Seattle on a typical day in July:



**Thermal Mass contained inside this building:**

Floor: 3/4" plywood 80 BTU/°F

Walls/Ceiling: 1/2" gyp. bd. 150 BTU/°F

Air: (1152 ft<sup>3</sup>) x (.018 BTU/ft<sup>3</sup> °F) 21 BTU/°F

$$\text{Thermal Mass (TM)} = \mathbf{251 \text{ BTU/}^\circ\text{F}}$$

**Incoming solar energy through a south window in July:**

Q<sub>sun</sub> (July - Table C.15, "VS") 1299 BTU/ft<sup>2</sup>

Shading Coefficient x .86

Window Area (8' x 16') x 128 ft<sup>2</sup>

$$Q_{in} \text{ (energy entering room)} = \mathbf{142,993 \text{ BTU}}$$

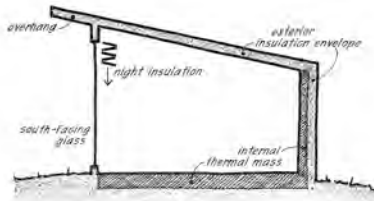
$$Q = TM \times dT$$

$$dT = Q / TM$$

$$dT = \mathbf{142,993 \text{ BTU} / 251 \text{ BTU/}^\circ\text{F} = 570 \text{ }^\circ\text{F}}$$

## Direct Gain

Example 1.2



$$Q = TM \times dT$$

$$dT = Q / TM$$

**Replace raised plywood floor with a slab-on-grade, and replace the back wall with concrete:**

**Thermal Mass contained inside this building:**

Concrete floor and walls	2,400 BTU/°F
Walls/Ceiling: 1/2" gyp. bd.	120 BTU/°F
Air: (1152 ft <sup>3</sup> ) x (.018 BTU/ft <sup>3</sup> °F)	21 BTU/°F

$$\text{Thermal Mass (TM)} = 2,541 \text{ BTU/°F}$$

**Incoming solar energy through a south window in July:**

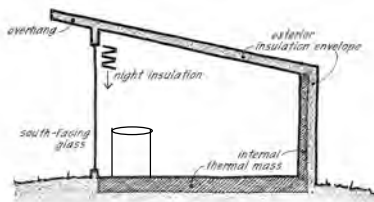
Q <sub>sun</sub> (July - Table C.15, "VS")	1299 BTU/ft <sup>2</sup>
Shading Coefficient	x .86
Window Area (8' x 16')	x 128 ft <sup>2</sup>

$$Q_{in} \text{ (energy entering room)} = 142,993 \text{ BTU}$$

$$dT = 142,993 \text{ BTU} / 2,541 \text{ BTU/°F} = 56 \text{ °F}$$

## Direct Gain

Example 1.3



**Add 6 - 50 gallon barrels of water:**

**Thermal Mass contained inside this building:**

6 x 50 gal. x 8 lb/gal x 1 BTU/lb °F	2,400 BTU/°F
Concrete floor and walls	2,400 BTU/°F
Walls/Ceiling: 1/2" gyp. bd.	120 BTU/°F
Air: (1152 ft <sup>3</sup> ) x (.018 BTU/ft <sup>3</sup> °F)	21 BTU/°F

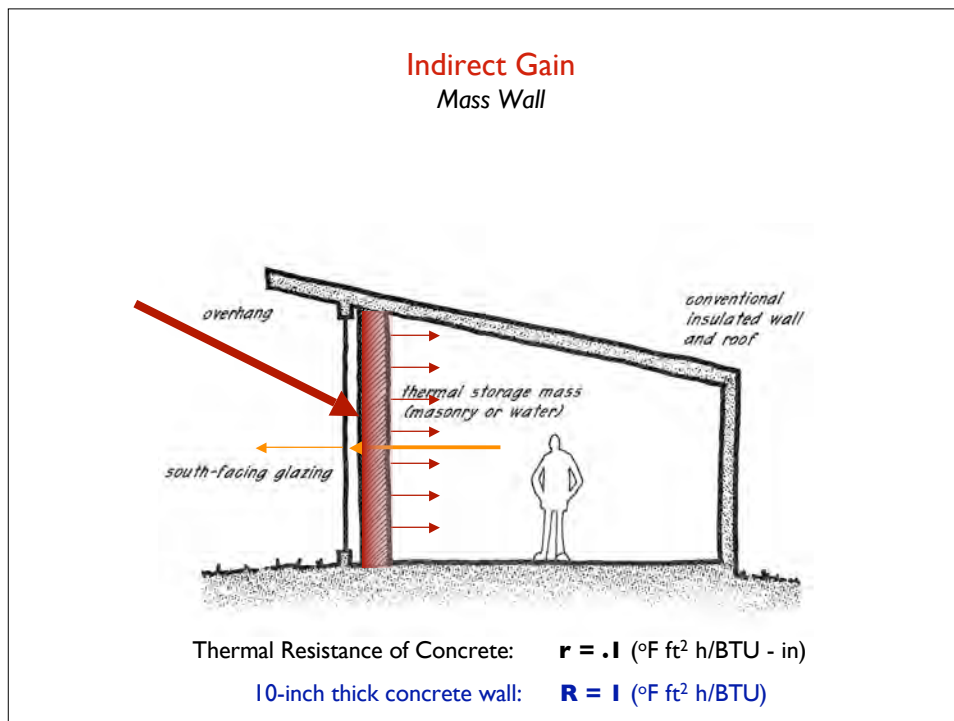
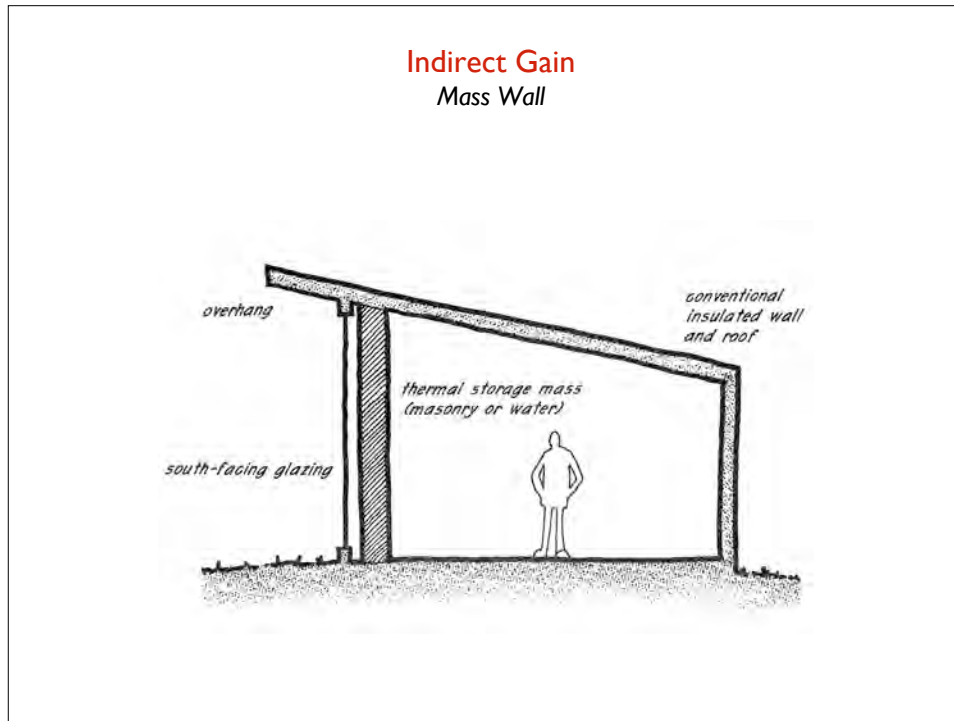
$$\text{Thermal Mass (TM)} = 4,941 \text{ BTU/°F}$$

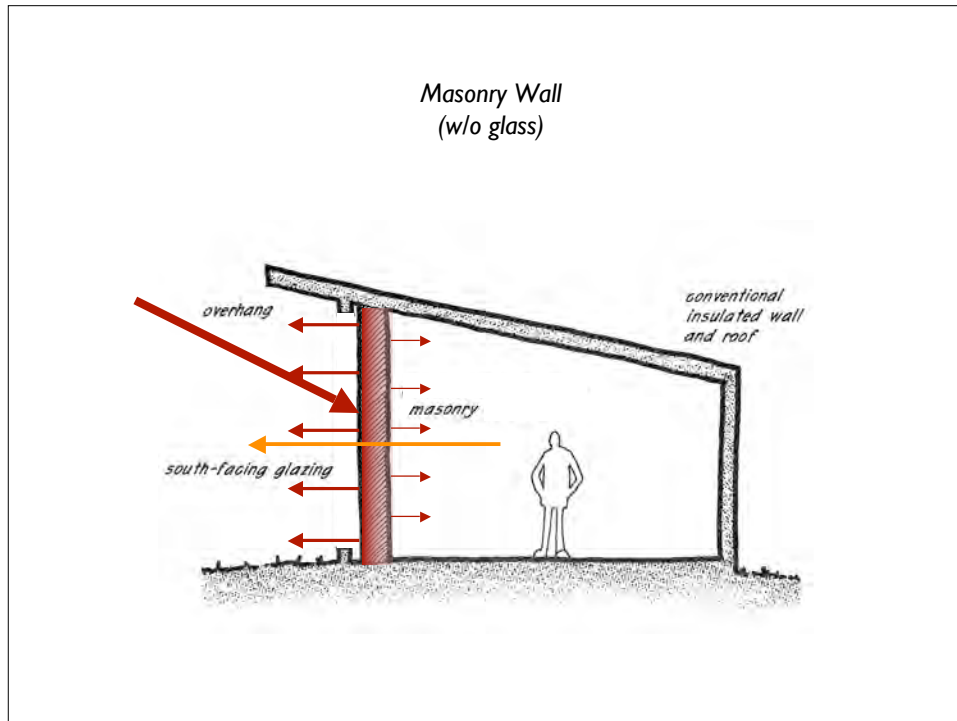
**Incoming solar energy through a south window in July:**

Q <sub>sun</sub> (July - Table C.15, "VS")	1299 BTU/ft <sup>2</sup>
Shading Coefficient	x .86
Window Area (8' x 16')	x 128 ft <sup>2</sup>

$$Q_{in} \text{ (energy entering room)} = 142,993 \text{ BTU}$$

$$dT = 142,993 \text{ BTU} / 4,941 \text{ BTU/°F} = 30 \text{ °F}$$

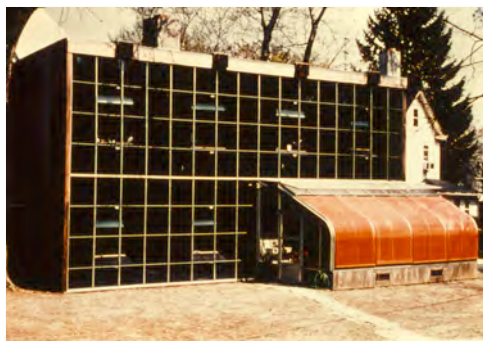




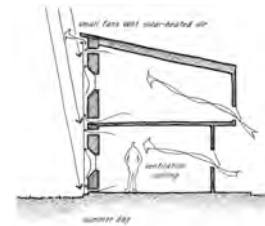
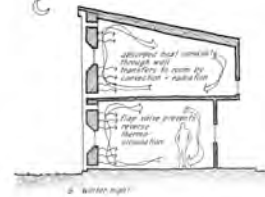
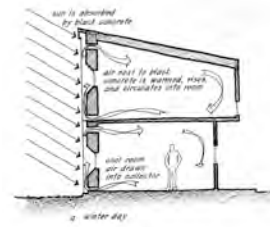
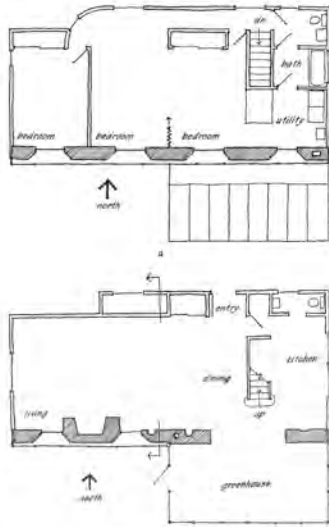




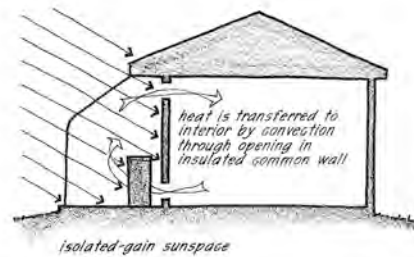
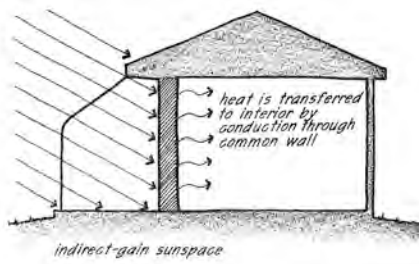
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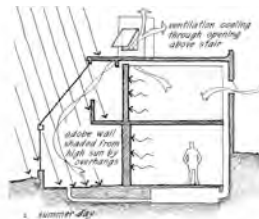
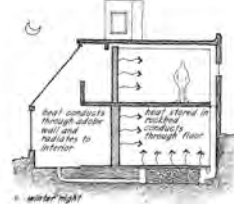
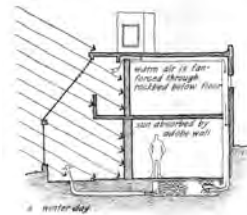
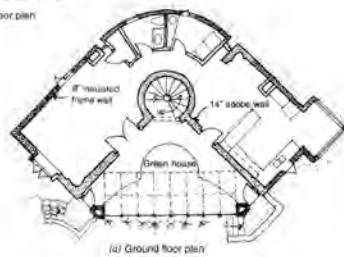
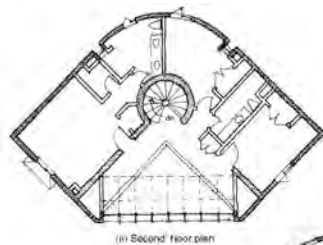
**Indirect Gain**  
Sunspace



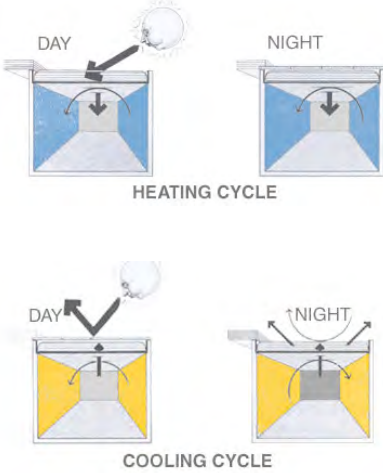
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**Indirect Gain**  
*Roof Pond*



The diagrams illustrate the heating and cooling cycles of a roof pond. The top row, labeled 'HEATING CYCLE', shows 'DAY' with solar radiation hitting the water surface, and 'NIGHT' with the water surface covered by a transparent insulating layer. The bottom row, labeled 'COOLING CYCLE', shows 'DAY' with the insulating layer tilted away from the water surface, and 'NIGHT' with the insulating layer tilted away from the sky, allowing heat to escape.



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