



Steel vs. Wood, Cost and Short Term Energy Comparison, Valparaiso Demonstration Homes

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Bibliogov, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.This report is the first of three reports of a multi-year study of cost and energy comparisons of steel and wood houses conducted for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the North American Steel Framing Alliance (NASFA), and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). This study is conducted by the NAHB Research Center, Inc. This report is limited to the findings of the demonstration homes in Valparaiso, Indiana. Despite the availability of cold-formed steel framing, there are still basic barriers that impede its adoption in the residential market. Probably the largest barrier is that the building industry is generally reluctant to adopt alternative building methods and materials unless they exhibit clear cost or quality advantages. A second large barrier is the question of how the higher thermal conductivity of steel affects energy use in homes.



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