### **IIII Nonolith** Polyurethane Insulated Concrete Forms





## Build better. Build Monolith.

We're not just another insulated concrete form (ICF) provider we're a committed partner that delivers a simple and efficient solution to address the real-world challenges of builders, developers, and long-term real estate owners.

Our mission is to help you **build better.** We are committed to helping you build better through **innovation**, **trust**, **and excellence**.





Kirk Tyler saw an opportunity for innovation in ICF. With decades of construction experience, he developed a stronger, safer, more efficient ICF using polyurethane. In 2023, Kirk decided to build a company around his polyurethane ICF designs, and co-founded Monolith.



Ben Snuffer is our passionate jack-of-all-trades, he contributes on various fronts from sales to manufacturing. He is a contractor with many years of experience in the construction industry.



Jeff Savage is our growth specialist. He has a PhD in entrepreneurship and strategy and is a professor at the University of South Carolina with deep experience in and around startups.



Jason Myers is our finance and operations go-to. He has an MBA and an institutional investment background. He has been involved in over \$1B of real estate development projects.

### **Our Team.**



Neil Ward is our technical expert. He has significant experience with polyurethane and various modes of design and design thinking.

### What is ICF?

Insulated Concrete Form (ICF) construction is a modern building technique that combines the strength and durability of concrete with the exceptional insulating properties of rigid foam.

Hollow ICF blocks are stacked and reinforced with rebar before being filled with concrete in a **monolithic** pour. Unlike traditional concrete wall construction, where heavy, hard-to-move forms are removed after the concrete has cured, ICF's are lightweight and stay in place permanently as part of the structure. ICF systems are utilized in place of traditional or modern framing systems, CMU blocks, or poured-in-place concrete walls.



### ICF Benefits: Professionals

As a permanent and functional part of the building structure, ICF blocks seamlessly combine numerous steps from traditional building methods into **one streamlined process**.

Framing, sheathing, insulation, soundproofing, and vapor barriers are integrated into a single product — leading to less onsite complexity and often shorter construction times. ICF projects are able to be delivered in almost any weather which also contributes to lower project risk.



Faster Construction
 Streamlined Workflow
 Fewer Sub-contractors
 All-weather Construction
 Reduced Skilled Labor
 Design Flexibility
 Lower Project Risk

### ICF Benefits: Owners

ICF buildings deliver excellent **energy efficiency**, **disaster resistance**, and better **interior comfort** over a much longer useful life cycle. They are durable efficient and long lasting.

For the homeowner or commercial property owner, ICF buildings **reduce** energy expenditures, insurance premiums, maintenance costs, and even lower replacement costs of HVAC equipment (smaller HVAC equipment is required for the same size space).



Disaster Resistance
Energy Efficiency

🔗 Noise Reduction

✓ Increased Comfort

🛇 Insurance Savings

/ Lower Maintenance Costs

🔀 Better Resale Value

#### **ICF BENEFITS**

# Surviving Explosion in East Harlem

### In 2014, a four-story ICF building in New York withstood a massive natural gas explosion.

The blast leveled adjacent buildings, but the ICF structure emerged with no structural damage, protecting its occupants and vital infrastructure within. This incident underscores the blast-resistant capabilities of ICF, making it a preferred choice for both residential and commercial buildings in disaster-prone areas.



## Sand Palace Stands

When Hurricane Michael devastated the Florida Panhandle in 2018, one home stood resilient amidst the destruction.

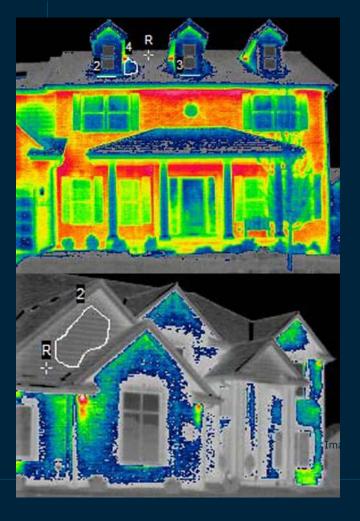
Built with ICF, this home withstood the hurricane's powerful winds and storm surges, sustaining only minor damage. **The Sand Palace** became a hub for relief efforts, demonstrating the strength of ICF construction in extreme conditions and is a compelling example of the peace of mind ICF can offer.



## Warm Memories

Research results commissioned by the ICF Manufacturers Association show up to a 58% energy savings over timber framed homes.

The images on the right show thermal imaging of two homes, one built using timber framing and the other with polystyrene (styrofoam) ICFs. The ICF home image shows only two hot spots and these are the bulbs of outdoor lights. **Monolith blocks are 45%+ more efficient** than the ICF used for this home!



### The Problem with **Traditional ICF**

Styrofoam is great packing material, but not always the best construction material.

Traditional ICF uses styrofoam which is an open-cell membrane, meaning it can be penetrated and has the potential to break apart. Cracks during construction can cause concrete blowouts, while breakdown after construction can allow moisture to enter and weaken the structure, or invite various pests to create a home. And critically, styrofoam is highly flammable.



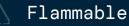




Moisture Penetration



Pests & Nests



## Our Solution: Polyurethane

Using closed-cell polyurethane instead of open-cell polystyrene, **Monolith ICF** is stronger, safer, and more efficient, allowing you to **build better**.

## Monolith<sup>®</sup>

THE BETTER ICF

- Superior Strength &
   Durability
- Increased Thermal &
  Structural Efficiency
- Fire Resistance
- Superior Moisture & Pest Resistance

### **An Extreme Material**

We looked to the most challenging environments to solve our problems with traditional ICF, and found Polyurethane.

Polyurethane plays a crucial role in rocket construction, forming a seamless, self-adhering layer that provides thermal protection and structural support.

This helps maintain the integrity of the fuel tanks and other critical components under extreme conditions, such as the thermal loads during re-entry and the mechanical stresses during launch.



# Monolith ICF is nearly 2x stronger than traditional ICF, offering far superior strength & durability.

#### 1.8x Compressive Strength

Withstands greater weight during the concrete pour

#### **1.2x Flexural Strength**

Resists flexing and prevents blowouts, ensuring stability during and after construction

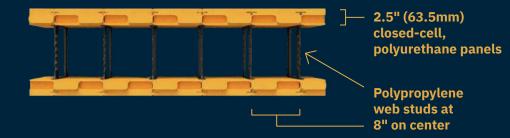
#### No Additional Bracing Required

Upgraded strength reduces need for complex bracing systems

#### Unique 7-in-1 System

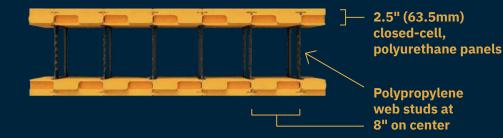
More streamlined construction for all climates and geographies

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#### PLUS

✓ R-Value of 33
✓ STC Rating of 55+
✓ FRR 3+ Hours

Download the full specification sheet and installation manual to see how **Monolith ICF** can benefit your next project.

#### **SPEC SHEET & INSTALLATION MANUAL**

# Strength, Speed, and Simplicity

#### **Stronger Block**

Polyurethane is significantly stronger than styrofoam, which leads to less risk of concrete blowouts and the ability to use less bracing and complete higher concrete lifts/pours. In addition, lower amounts of less skilled labor are required. All of this allows you to complete projects faster and at lower risk.

#### **True Closed-Cell Foam**

Built on polyurethane foam, the Monolith ICF 7-in-1 system removes the need for vapor/moisture/fire barriers, resulting in a simple, more efficient build.



### THE MONOLITH DIFFERENCE Efficiency, Comfort, and Safety

#### **High-Performance Materials**

Lined with the same polyurethane used in airplanes, boats, rockets, and satellites, Monolith ICF blocks provide excellent thermal and sound insulation, and are impermeable to air, water, and moisture, ensuring a comfortable interior environment.

#### **Peace of Mind**

The closed-cell, fire-resistant polyurethane results in your home as an investment that will provide lasting legacy value for your home or building.



### **Relative Performance Comparisons**

**Professionals** 

			GOLD STANDARD
FACTORS	Traditional Construction	Styrofoam ICF	Monolith ICF
Speed/Ease of Construction	Baseline	Better	Best
Efficiency (R-Value)	2.2 - 3.8 (per inch)	3.8 - 5.0 (per inch)	6.5 - 8.0 (per inch)
Fire Resistance	Poor	Better*	Excellent
Moisture/Pest Resistance	Baseline	Better	Best
Sustainability	Fair	Higher	Very High
Design/Build Flexibility	Baseline	Superior	Best

Monolith ICF is designed to solve the real world problems and challenges facing the building industry as a whole, both during the build process and after construction. Each dimension may have multiple contributing factors — speak to a representative to better understand the Monolith difference.



### Better systems. Better materials. Better outcomes.

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