



## **Fall Education Seminar**

October 17, 2024

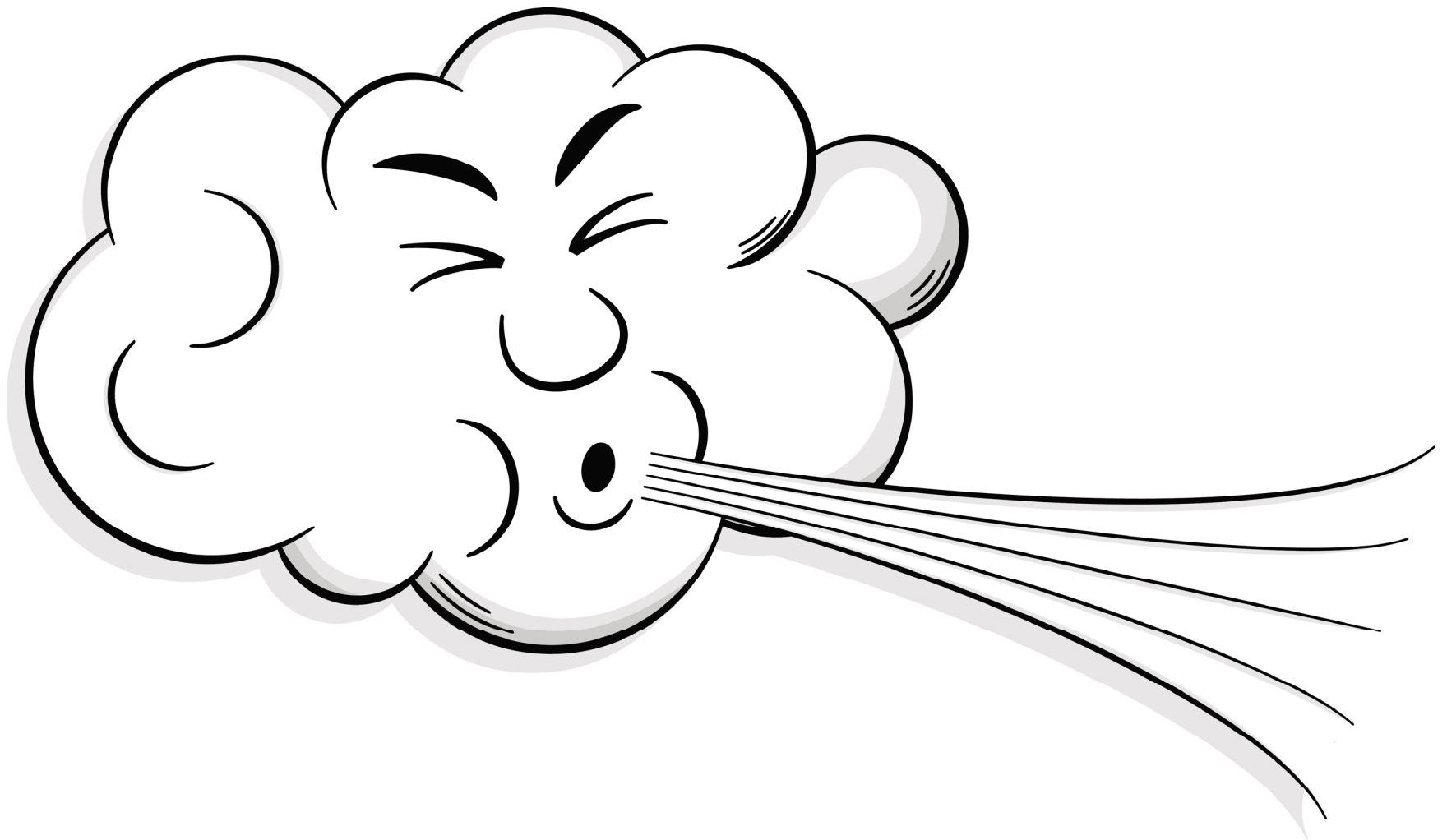
### **Technical issue update**

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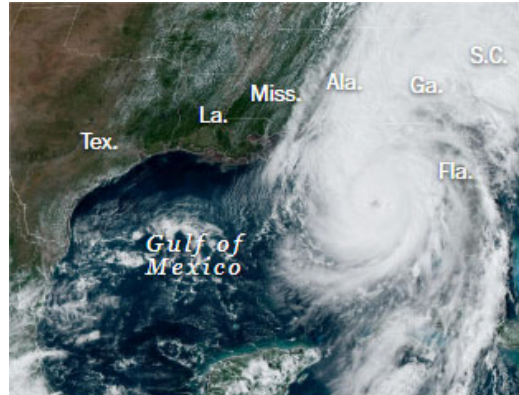




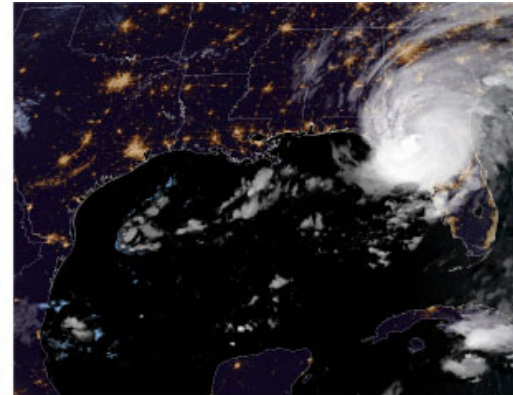
# Beaufort wind scale

Force	Wind Speed (mph)	Description	Characteristics
0	0-1	Calm	Smoke rises vertically
1	1-3	Light air	Direction of smoke drift
2	4-7	Light breeze	Wind felt of face; leaves rustle
3	8-12	Gentle breeze	Wind extends a light flag
4	13-18	Moderate breeze	Small branches are moved
5	19-24	Fresh breeze	Small trees in leaf begin to sway
6	25-31	Strong breeze	Large branches in motion
7	32-38	Near gale	Whole trees in motion
8	39-46	Gale	Breaks twigs off trees
9	47-54	Severe gale	Slight structural damage occurs
10	55-63	Storm	Trees uprooted; structural damage
11	64-72	Violent storm	Wide-spread damage
12	73-83	Hurricane	See Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale

# Hurricanes



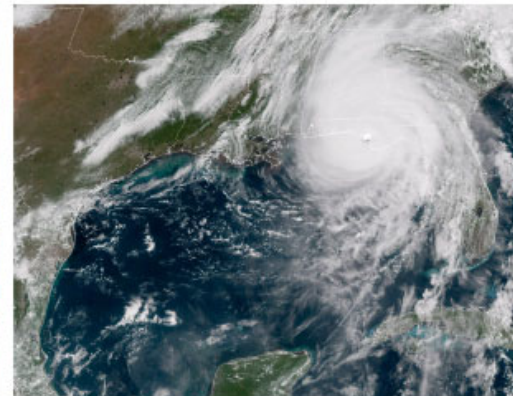
**HELENE** (Sept. 26)  
420 miles wide



**IDALIA** (2023)  
219 miles



**IDA** (2021)  
247 miles



**MICHAEL** (2018)  
272 miles



## Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale

Category	Wind Speed (mph)	Characteristics
1	74-95	Very dangerous winds produce some damage
2	96-110	Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage
3	111-129	Devastating damage will occur
4	130-156	Catastrophic damage will occur
5	157 and higher	Catastrophic damage will occur

# Tornados

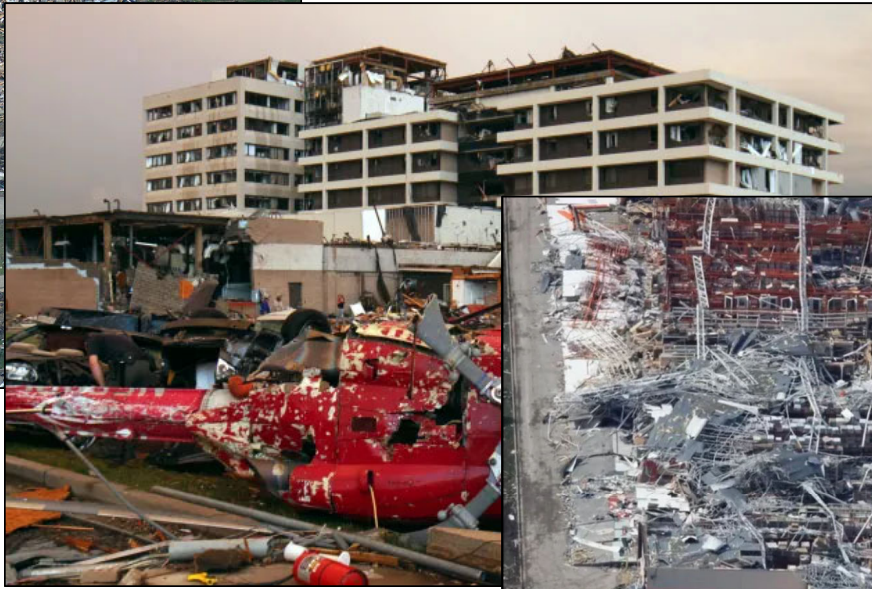


## Enhanced Fujita Scale (EF scale)

Category	Wind Speed (mph)
0	65-85
1	86-110
2	111-135
3	136-165
4	166-200
5	Over 200

# Joplin, MO

May 22, 2011





The NIST investigation into the Joplin, Mo., tornado was the most comprehensive scientific investigation of a tornado in history.

**\$2.8 billion**  
Total damages; costliest  
tornado event in U.S. history

**84%**  
Of deaths resulted from  
building and structural failures.

**25%**  
Of Joplin destroyed.

**322+**  
Kilometers per hour wind speed.  
This earned the tornado the  
most powerful ranking on the  
Enhanced Fujita scale.

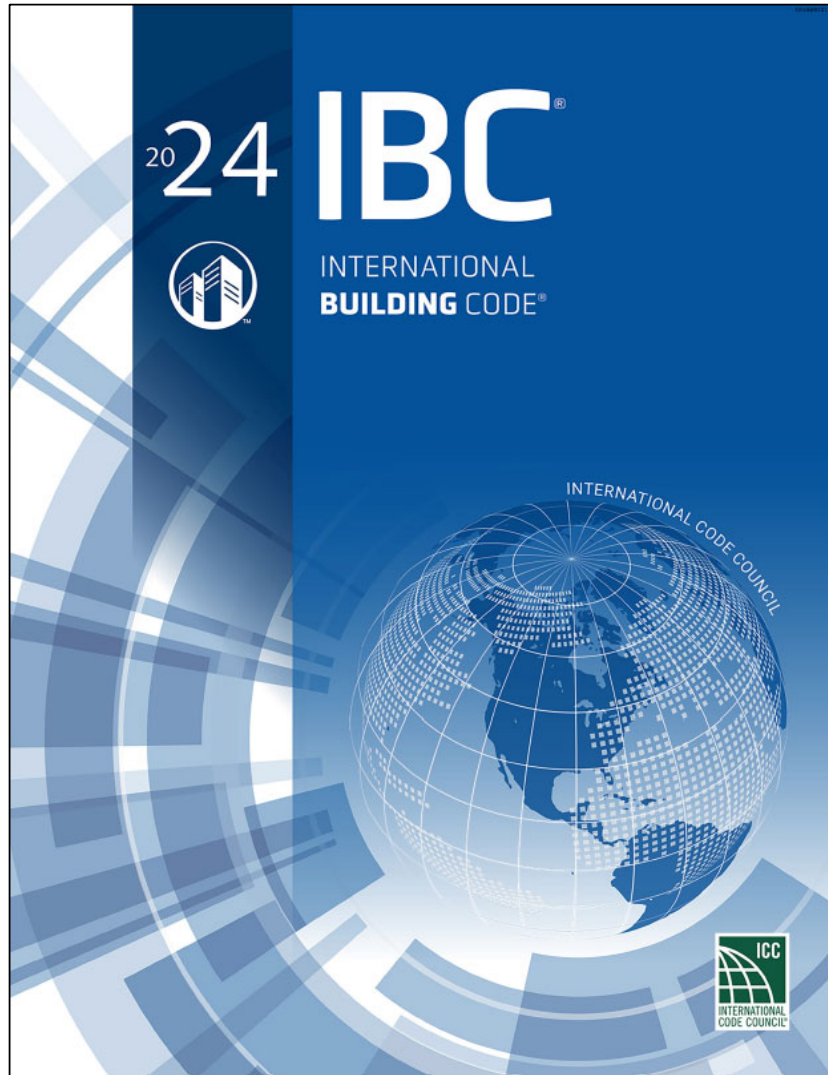
**161**  
People were killed; this was  
the single deadliest tornado in  
the U.S. since official record  
keeping began in 1950.

**8,000**  
Structures were damaged.

**75%**  
Of Joplin suffered damage.

**16**  
Recommendations were made by NIST,  
focusing on saving lives and property  
and making communities more resilient.

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STRUCTURAL DESIGN

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1608.2.1 Ground snow conversion. Where required, the ground snow loads,  $p_g$ , of Figures 1608.2(1) through 1608.2(4) and Table 1608.2 shall be converted to allowable stress design ground snow loads,  $p_{g(sud)}$ , using Equation 16-17.

Equation 16-17  $p_{g(sud)} = 0.7p_g$

where:

$p_{g(sud)}$  = Allowable stress design ground snow load.

SECTION 1609—WIND LOADS



1609.1 Applications. Buildings, structures and parts thereof shall be designed to withstand the minimum wind loads prescribed herein. Decreases in wind loads shall not be made for the effect of shielding by other structures.

1609.1.1 Determination of wind loads. Wind loads on every building or structure shall be determined in accordance with Chapters 26 to 30 of ASCE 7. The type of opening protection required, the basic wind speed,  $V$ , and the exposure category for a site is permitted to be determined in accordance with Section 1609 or ASCE 7. Wind shall be assumed to come from any horizontal direction and wind pressures shall be assumed to act normal to the surface considered.

Exceptions:

1. Subject to the limitations of Section 1609.1.1.1, residential structures using the provisions of applicable Group R-2 and Group R-3.
2. Subject to the limitations of Section 1609.1.1.1, residential structures using the provisions of AWC WFCM.
3. Subject to the limitations of Section 1609.1.1.1, residential structures using the provisions of AISI S230.
4. Designs using NAAMM FP 1001.
5. Designs using TIA-222 for antenna-supporting structures and antennas, provided that the horizontal extent of Topographic Category 2 escarpments in Section 2.6.6.2 of TIA-222 shall be 16 times the height of the escarpment.
6. Wind tunnel tests in accordance with ASCE 49 and Sections 31.4 and 31.7 of ASCE 7.
7. Temporary structures complying with Section 3103.6.1.2.

IBC 2024 Ch. 35-References Standards identifies ASCE 7-22's edition as being applicable

The wind speeds in Figures 1609.3(1) through 1609.3(4) are basic wind speeds,  $V$ , and shall be converted in accordance with Section 1609.3.1 to allowable stress design wind speeds,  $V_{asd}$ , when the provisions of the standards referenced in Exceptions 4 and 5 are used.

attachment hardware provided and anchors permanently installed on the building. Attachment in accordance with Table 1609.2 with corrosion-resistant attachment hardware provided and anchors permanently installed on the building is permitted for buildings with a mean roof height of 45 feet (13 716 mm) or less where  $V_{asd}$  determined in accordance with Section 1609.3.1 does not exceed 140 mph (63 m/s).

2. Glazing in Risk Category I buildings, including greenhouses that are occupied for growing plants on a production or research basis, without public access shall be permitted to be unprotected.



**FIGURE 1609.3(2)—BASIC WIND SPEEDS, V, FOR RISK CATEGORY II BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES**

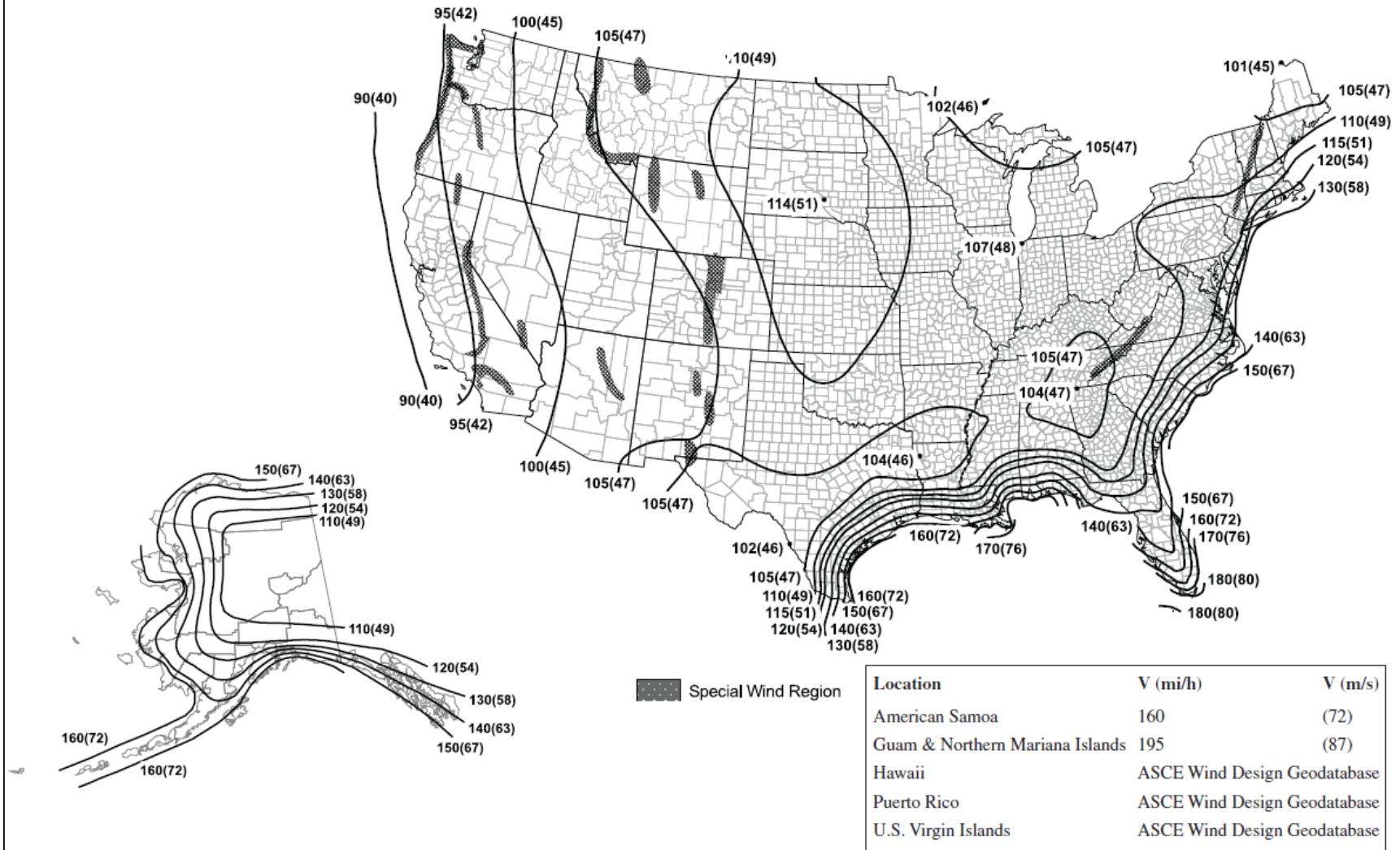




TABLE 1604.5—RISK CATEGORY OF BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES	
RISK CATEGORY	NATURE OF OCCUPANCY
I	Buildings and other structures that represent a low hazard to human life in the event of failure, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agricultural facilities.</li> <li>• Certain temporary facilities.</li> <li>• Minor storage facilities.</li> </ul>
II	Buildings and other structures except those listed in Risk Categories I, III and IV.
III	Buildings and other structures that represent a substantial hazard to human life in the event of failure, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buildings and other structures whose primary occupancy is public assembly with an occupant load greater than 300.</li> <li>• Buildings and other structures containing one or more public assembly spaces, each having an occupant load greater than 300 and a cumulative occupant load of these public assembly spaces of greater than 2,500.</li> <li>• Buildings and other structures containing Group E or Group I-4 occupancies or combination thereof, with an occupant load greater than 250.</li> <li>• Buildings and other structures containing educational occupancies for students above the 12th grade with an occupant load greater than 500.</li> <li>• Group I-3, Condition 1 occupancies.</li> <li>• Any other occupancy with an occupant load greater than 5,000.<sup>a</sup></li> <li>• Power-generating stations with individual power units rated 75 MW<sub>ac</sub> (megawatts, alternating current) or greater, water treatment facilities for potable water, wastewater treatment facilities and other public utility facilities not included in Risk Category IV.</li> <li>• Buildings and other structures not included in Risk Category IV containing quantities of toxic or explosive materials that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceed maximum allowable quantities per control area as given in Table 307.1(1) or 307.1(2) or per outdoor control area in accordance with the <i>International Fire Code</i>; and</li> <li>• Are sufficient to pose a threat to the public if released.<sup>b</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
IV	Buildings and other structures designated as essential facilities and buildings where loss of function represents a substantial hazard to occupants or users, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group I-2, Condition 2 occupancies.</li> <li>• Ambulatory care facilities having emergency surgery or emergency treatment facilities.</li> <li>• Group I-3 occupancies other than Condition 1.</li> <li>• Fire, rescue, ambulance and police stations and emergency vehicle garages</li> <li>• Designated earthquake, hurricane or other emergency shelters.</li> <li>• Designated emergency preparedness, communications and operations centers and other facilities required for emergency response.</li> <li>• Public utility facilities providing power generation, potable water treatment, or wastewater treatment.</li> <li>• Power-generating stations and other public utility facilities required as emergency backup facilities for <i>Risk Category IV</i> structures.</li> <li>• Buildings and other structures containing quantities of highly toxic materials that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceed maximum allowable quantities per control area as given in Table 307.1(2) or per outdoor control area in accordance with the <i>International Fire Code</i>; and</li> <li>• Are sufficient to pose a threat to the public if released.<sup>b</sup></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Aviation control towers, air traffic control centers and emergency aircraft hangars.</li> <li>• Buildings and other structures having critical national defense functions.</li> <li>• Water storage facilities and pump structures required to maintain water pressure for fire suppression.</li> </ul>
<p>a. For purposes of occupant load calculation, occupancies required by Table 1004.5 to use <i>gross floor area</i> calculations shall be permitted to use <i>net floor areas</i> to determine the total occupant load. The floor area for vehicular drive aisles shall be permitted to be excluded in the determination of net floor area in parking garages.</p> <p>b. Where approved by the building official, the classification of buildings and other structures as Risk Category III or IV based on their quantities of toxic, highly toxic or explosive materials is permitted to be reduced to Risk Category II, provided that it can be demonstrated by a hazard assessment in accordance with Section 1.5.3 of ASCE 7 that a release of the toxic, highly toxic or explosive materials is not sufficient to pose a threat to the public.</p>	

# ASCE Hazard Tool

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1 Enter Structure Information

Enter Location  Snap to Address

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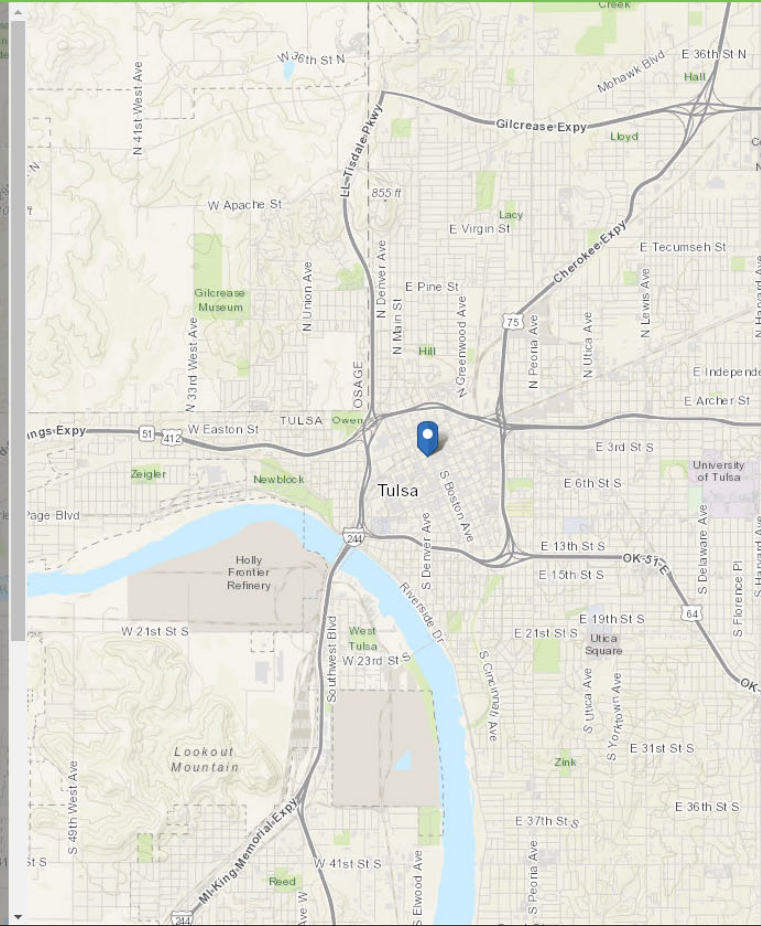
2 Requested Data

Standard Version  ASCE/SEI 7-22

Risk Category  Site Soil Class

Measurements  Customary  SI

Load Types  Wind  Ice  Rain  Tsunami  Seismic  Snow  Flood  Tornado



### Wind Details

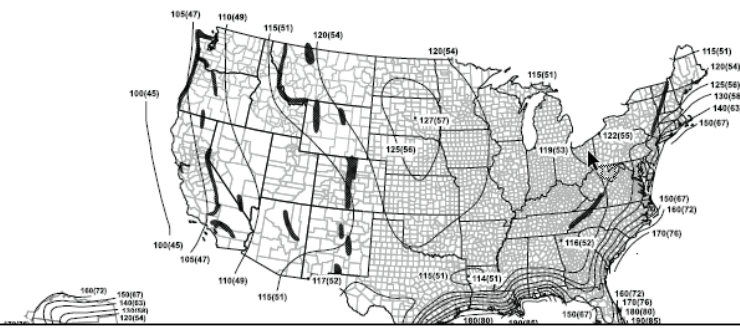
Wind Speed	108 Vmph
10-year MRI	75 Vmph
25-year MRI	82 Vmph
50-year MRI	87 Vmph
100-year MRI	93 Vmph
<b>300-year MRI</b>	<b>101 Vmph</b>
700-year MRI	108 Vmph
1,700-year MRI	115 Vmph
3,000-year MRI	120 Vmph
10,000-year MRI	130 Vmph
100,000-year MRI	149 Vmph
1,000,000-year MRI	168 Vmph

Value provided is 3-second gust wind speeds at 33 ft above ground for Exposure C Category, based on linear interpolation between contours. Wind speeds are interpolated in accordance with the 7-22 Standard. Wind speeds correspond to approximately a 7% probability of exceedance in 50 years (annual exceedance probability = 0.00143, MRI = 700 years). Values for 10-year MRI, 25-year MRI, 50-year MRI and 100-year MRI are Service Level wind speeds, all other wind speeds are Ultimate wind speeds.

Site is not in a hurricane-prone region as defined in ASCE/SEI 7-22 Section 26.2.

Data Source  
ASCE/SEI 7-22, Fig. 26.5-1B and Figs. CC.2-1-CC.2-4, and Section 26.5.2

FIGURE 1609.3(4)—BASIC WIND SPEEDS,  $V$ , FOR RISK CATEGORY IV BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES



**1609.3.1 Wind speed conversion.** Where required, the basic wind speeds of Figures 1609.3(1) through 1609.3(4) shall be converted to *allowable stress design* wind speeds,  $V_{asd}$ , using Table 1609.3.1 or Equation 16-18.

**Equation 16-18**  $V_{asd} = V\sqrt{0.6}$  i.e.,  $V_{ASD} = V \times 0.78$

where:

$V_{asd}$  = Allowable stress design wind speed applicable to methods specified in Exceptions 4 and 5 of Section 1609.1.1.

$V$  = Basic wind speeds determined from Figures 1609.3(1) through 1609.3(4).

**TABLE 1609.3.1—WIND SPEED CONVERSIONS<sup>a, b, c</sup>**

$V$	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200
$V_{asd}$	78	85	93	101	108	116	124	132	139	147	155

For SI: 1 mile per hour = 0.44 m/s.

- a. Linear interpolation is permitted.
- b.  $V_{asd}$  = allowable stress design wind speed applicable to methods specified in Exceptions 1 through 5 of Section 1609.1.1.
- c.  $V$  = basic wind speeds determined from Figures 1609.3(1) through 1609.3(4).

**1609.4 Exposure category.** For each wind direction considered, an exposure category that adequately reflects the characteristics of ground surface irregularities shall be determined for the *site* at which the *building* or *structure* is to be constructed. Account shall be taken of variations in ground surface roughness that arise from natural topography and vegetation as well as from constructed features.

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## **ASCE 7-22**

- All loads on buildings and structures
- 482 pages + commentary (1046 pages total)
- 32 chapters
- 7 appendixes
- Referenced in IBC 2024 Ch. 16-Wind Design as the basis for wind design

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## **ASCE 7-22 on wind design**

- Ch. 26: Wind loads: General requirements
- Ch. 30: Wind loads: Components and cladding
- Ch. 31: Wind tunnel procedure
- Ch. 32: Tornado loads

*99 pages*



CHAPTER 26  
WIND LOADS: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

## 26.1 PROCEDURES

**26.1.1 Scope** Buildings and other structures, including the main wind force resisting system (MWFRS) and all components and cladding (C&C) thereof, shall be designed and constructed to resist the wind loads determined in accordance with Chapters 26 through 31.

Risk Category III and IV buildings and other structures, including the MWFRS and all C&C thereof, shall also be designed and constructed to resist tornado loads determined in accordance with Chapter 32, as applicable.

The provisions of this chapter define basic wind parameters for use with other provisions contained in this standard.

references, is provided in Figure 26.1-1.

Additional outlines and User Notes are provided at the beginning of Chapters 27 through 31 for more detailed step-by-step procedures for determining the wind loads.

**26.1.2.1 Main Wind Force Resisting System** Wind loads for the MWFRS shall be determined using one of the following procedures:

1. Directional Procedure for buildings of all heights as specified in Chapter 27 for buildings meeting the requirements specified therein;
2. Envelope Procedure for low-rise buildings as specified in Chapter 28 for buildings meeting the requirements specified therein;
3. Directional Procedure for building appurtenances (rooftop structures and rooftop equipment) and other structures (such as solid freestanding walls and solid freestanding signs, chimneys, tanks, open signs, single-plane open frames, and trussed towers) as specified in Chapter 29; or
4. Wind Tunnel Procedure for all buildings and all other structures as specified in Chapter 31.

**26.1.2.2 Components and Cladding** Wind loads on C&C on all buildings and other structures shall be designed using one of the following procedures:

1. Analytical Procedures provided in Parts 1 through 5, as appropriate, of Chapter 30; or
2. Wind Tunnel Procedure as specified in Chapter 31.

**26.1.3 Performance-Based Procedures** Wind design of buildings and other structures using performance-based procedures shall be permitted subject to the approval of the Authority Having Jurisdiction. The performance-based wind design procedures used shall, at a minimum, conform to Section 1.3.1.3.

## 26.2 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to the provisions of Chapters 26 through 31.

**APPROVED:** Acceptable to the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

**ASCE WIND DESIGN GEODATABASE:** The ASCE database (version 2022-1.0) of geocoded wind speed design data.

**User Note:** The ASCE Wind Design Geodatabase of geocoded wind speed design data is available at <https://asce7hazardtool.online/>.

**ATTACHED CANOPY:** A horizontal (maximum slope of 2%) patio cover attached to the building wall at any height; it is different from an overhang, which is an extension of the roof surface.

**BASIC WIND SPEED,  $V$ :** Three-second gust speed at 33 ft (10 m) above the ground in Exposure C (see Section 26.7.3) as determined in accordance with Section 26.5.1.

**BUILDING, ELEVATED:** A building supported on structural elements where wind can pass beneath the building.

**BUILDING, ENCLOSED:** A building that has the total area of openings in each wall that receives positive external pressure less than or equal to 4 ft<sup>2</sup> (0.37 m<sup>2</sup>) or 1% of the area of that wall, whichever is smaller. This condition is expressed for each wall by the following equation:

$$A_o < 0.01A_g \text{ or } 4 \text{ ft}^2 (0.37 \text{ m}^2), \text{ whichever is smaller,}$$

where  $A_o$  and  $A_g$  are as defined for Open Buildings.

**BUILDING, LOW-RISE:** An enclosed, partially enclosed, or partially open building that complies with the following conditions:

## 30.1 SCOPE

**30.1.1 Building Types** This chapter applies to the determination of wind pressures on components and cladding (C&C) on buildings.

1. **Part 1** is applicable to an enclosed, partially enclosed, or partially open
  - Low-rise building (see definition in Section 26.2); or
  - Building with  $h \leq 60$  ft (18.3 m).

The building has a flat roof, gable roof, multispans gable roof, hip roof, monoslope roof, stepped roof, or sawtooth roof, and the wind pressures are calculated from a wind pressure equation.

2. **Part 2** is applicable to an enclosed, partially enclosed, or partially open
  - Building with  $h > 60$  ft (18.3 m).

The building has a flat roof, pitched roof, gable roof, hip roof, mansard roof, arched roof, or domed roof, and the wind pressures are calculated from a wind pressure equation.

3. **Part 3** is applicable to an open building of all heights that has a pitched free roof, monoslope free roof, or troughed free roof.
4. **Part 4** is applicable to building appurtenances such as roof overhangs, parapets, and rooftop equipment.
5. **Part 5** is applicable to non-building structures – circular bins, silos, and tanks; rooftop solar panels and roof pavers.
  - Circular bins, silos, and tanks with  $h \leq 120$  ft (38.6 m);
  - Rooftop solar panels: Buildings of all heights with flat roofs or gable or hip roofs with roof slopes less than or equal to 7 degrees; and
  - Roof pavers: Buildings of all heights with roof slopes less than or equal to 7 degrees.

## CHAPTER 30 COMPONENTS AND CLADDING

resonance with along-wind vibrations of flexible buildings. The loads on buildings that do not meet the requirements of Section 30.1.2 or that have unusual shapes or response characteristics shall be determined using recognized literature documenting such wind load effects or shall use the wind tunnel procedure specified in Chapter 31.

**30.1.4 Shielding** There shall be no reductions in velocity pressure caused by apparent shielding afforded by buildings and other structures or terrain features.

**30.1.5 Air-Permeable Cladding** Design wind loads determined from Chapter 30 shall be used for air-permeable claddings, including modular vegetative roof assemblies, unless approved test data or recognized literature demonstrates lower loads for the type of air-permeable cladding being considered.

## 30.2 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

**30.2.1 Wind Load Parameters Specified in Chapter 26** The following wind load parameters are specified in Chapter 26:

- Basic wind speed,  $V$  (Section 26.5),
- Wind directionality factor,  $K_d$  (Section 26.6),
- Exposure category (Section 26.7),
- Topographic factor,  $K_{zt}$  (Section 26.8),
- Ground elevation factor,  $K_e$  (Section 26.9),
- Velocity pressure exposure coefficient,  $K_z$  or  $K_h$  (Section 26.10.1); Velocity pressure,  $q_z$  (Section 26.10.2),
- Gust-effect factor (Section 26.11),
- Enclosure classification (Section 26.12), and
- Internal pressure coefficient,  $(GC_{pi})$  (Section 26.13).

**30.2.2 Minimum Design Wind Pressures** The design wind pressure for C&C of buildings shall not be less than a net pressure of 16 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (0.77 kN/m<sup>2</sup>) acting in either direction normal to the surface.

**30.2.3 Tributary Areas Greater than 700 ft<sup>2</sup> (65 m<sup>2</sup>)** C&C elements with tributary areas greater than 700 ft<sup>2</sup> (65 m<sup>2</sup>) shall be permitted to be designed using the provisions for main wind force resisting systems.

**30.2.4 External Pressure Coefficients** Combined gust-effect factor and external pressure coefficients for C&C,  $(GC_{pe})$ , are given in the figures associated with this chapter. The pressure coefficient values and gust-effect factor shall not be separated.

## CHAPTER 32 TORNADO LOADS

### 32.1 PROCEDURES

**32.1.1 Scope** Buildings and other structures classified as Risk Category III or IV and located in the tornado-prone region as shown in Figure 32.1-1, including the main wind force resisting system (MWFRS) and all components and cladding (C&C) thereof, shall be designed and constructed to resist the greater of the tornado loads determined in accordance with the provisions of this chapter or the wind loads determined in accordance with Chapters 26 through 31, using the load combinations provided in Chapter 2.

26). The tornado speed at any given geographic location will range from approximately Enhanced Fujita Scale EF0 – EF2 intensity, depending on the risk category and effective plan area of the building or other structure (see Section C32.5.1). Options for protection of life and property from more intense tornadoes include construction of a storm shelter and/or design for longer-return-period tornado speeds as provided in Appendix G, including performance-based design. A building or other structure designed for tornado loads determined exclusively in accordance with Chapter 32 cannot be designated as a storm shelter without meeting additional critical requirements provided in the applicable building code and ICC 500, the ICC/NSSA *Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters*. See Commentary Section C32.1.1 for an in-depth discussion on storm shelters.

**32.1.2 Permitted Procedures** The design tornado loads for buildings and other structures, including the MWFRS and C&C elements thereof, shall be determined using one of the procedures as specified in this section and subject to the applicable limitations of Chapters 26 through 32, excluding Chapter 28.

An outline of the overall process for the determination of the tornado loads, including section references, is provided in Figure 32.1-3.

**32.1.2.1 Tornado Loads on the Main Wind Force Resisting System** Tornado loads for the MWFRS shall be determined using one or more of the following procedures, as modified by Chapter 32:

1. Directional Procedure for buildings of all heights as specified in Chapter 27 for buildings meeting the requirements specified therein;
2. Directional Procedure for Building Appendages (such as rooftop structures and rooftop equipment) and Other Structures (such as solid freestanding walls and solid freestanding signs, chimneys, tanks, open signs, single-plane open frames, and trussed towers) as specified in Chapter 29 for buildings meeting the requirements specified therein; or
3. Wind Tunnel Procedure for all buildings and all other structures as specified in Chapter 31 for buildings meeting the requirements specified therein.

**32.1.2.2 Tornado Loads on Components and Cladding** Tornado loads on the C&C of all buildings and other structures shall be determined using one or more of the following procedures, as modified by Chapter 32:

1. Analytical Procedures as specified in Parts 1 through 5, as appropriate, of Chapter 30, for buildings or other structures meeting the requirements specified therein; or
2. Wind Tunnel Procedure for all buildings and other structures as specified in Chapter 31, for buildings meeting the requirements specified therein.

**32.1.3 Performance-Based Procedures** Tornado design of buildings and other structures using performance-based procedures shall be permitted subject to the approval of the Authority Having Jurisdiction. The performance-based tornado design procedures used shall, at a minimum, conform to Section 1.3.1.3 and be documented and submitted to the Authority Having Jurisdiction in accordance with Section 1.3.1.3.

### 32.2 DEFINITIONS

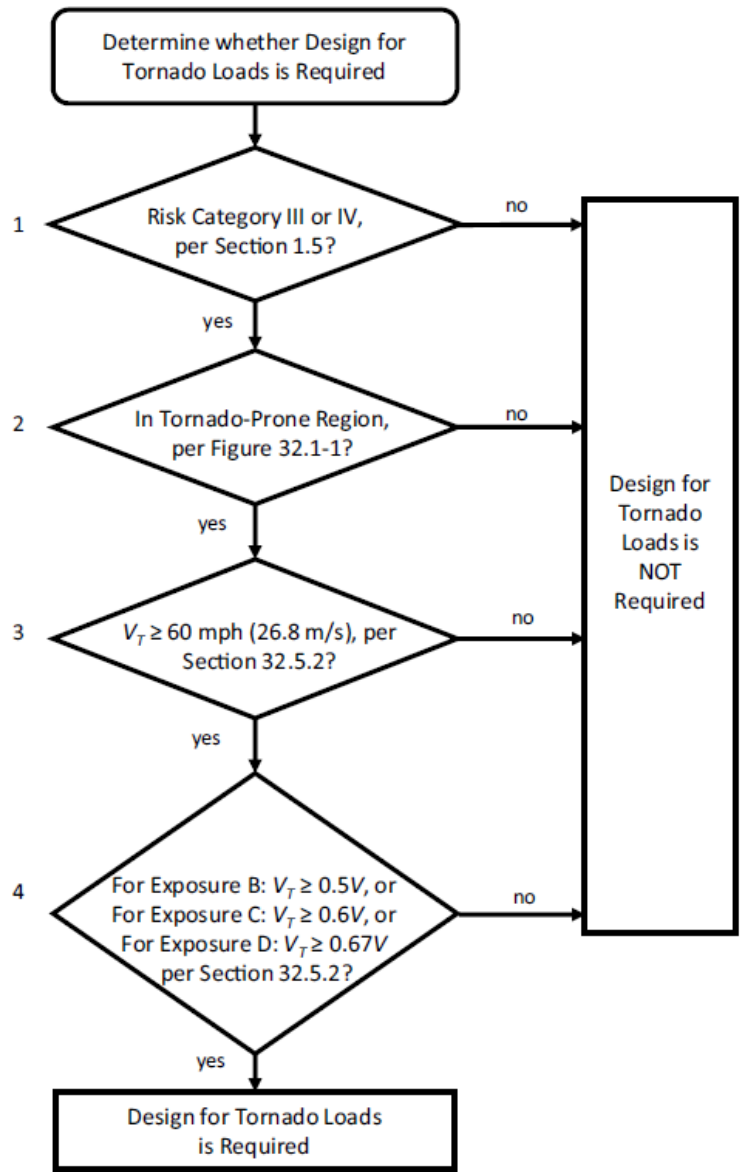
The following definitions apply to the provisions of Chapter 32. Terms not defined in this chapter shall be defined in accordance with Chapters 26 through 31, as appropriate, excluding Chapter 28.

**ASCE TORNADO DESIGN GEODATABASE:** The ASCE database (version 2022-1.0) of geocoded tornado speed design data.

**OTHER STRUCTURES, SEALED:** A structure that is completely sealed or has controlled ventilation such that tornado-induced atmospheric pressure changes will not be transmitted to the inside of the structure, including but not limited to certain tanks and vessels.

**TORNADO-PRONE REGION:** The area of the conterminous United States most vulnerable to tornadoes, as shown in Figure 32.1-1.





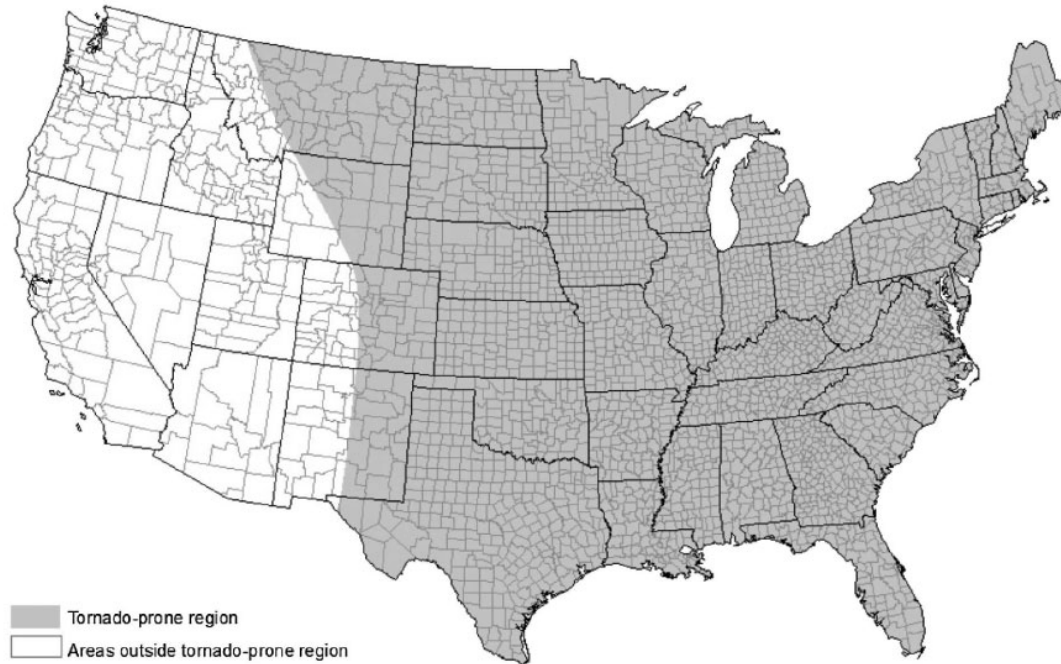


Figure 32.1-1. Tornado-prone region.

the effects of atmospheric pressure change and gust-effect factor, to be used in determination of tornado loads for buildings and some other structures, as determined in Section 32.13

$K_{dt}$  = Tornado directionality factor as defined in Section 32.6

$K_{h,tot}$  = Tornado velocity pressure exposure coefficient evaluated at height  $z = h$ , as determined in Section 32.10

$K_{zt}$  = Tornado pressure coefficient adjustment factor for vertical winds as defined in Section 32.14

$K_{z,tot}$  = Tornado velocity pressure exposure coefficient evaluated at height  $z$ , as determined in Section 32.10

$p_{pt}$  = Combined net tornado design pressure on a parapet from Equation (32.15-3),  $\text{lb/ft}^2$  ( $\text{N/m}^2$ )

$p_r$  = Design tornado pressure to be used in determination of tornado loads for buildings and for certain other structures,  $\text{lb/ft}^2$  ( $\text{N/m}^2$ )

coefficient term by  $(C_{pt}/C_{pe})$ , shall follow the same sign convention as provided in Section 26.4, where positive pressure acts toward the surface and negative pressure acts away from the surface.

**32.4.2 Critical Load Condition** Values of external pressures shall be combined algebraically with the combined effects of internal pressures and atmospheric pressure change to determine the most critical load.

### 32.5 TORNADO HAZARD MAPS

**32.5.1 Tornado Speed** The tornado speed,  $V_T$ , used in the determination of tornado loads on buildings and other structures shall be determined from Figures 32.5-1 and 32.5-2 as follows:

1. For Risk Category III buildings and structures, use Figures 32.5-1A through 32.5-1H.

## Design Guide for New Tornado Load Requirements in ASCE 7-22

# “Effective area” for tornado design purposes

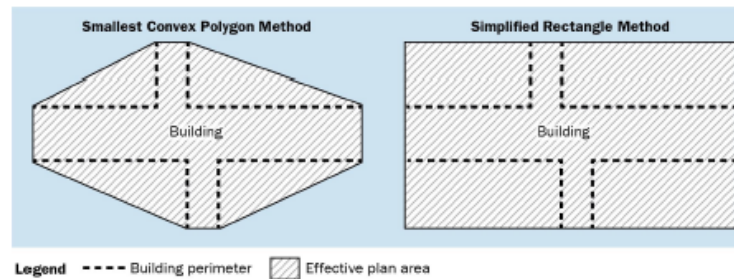


Figure 5: Effective plan areas for buildings that are not essential facilities (Adapted from ASCE 7, Figure C32.5-1; used with permission from ASCE)

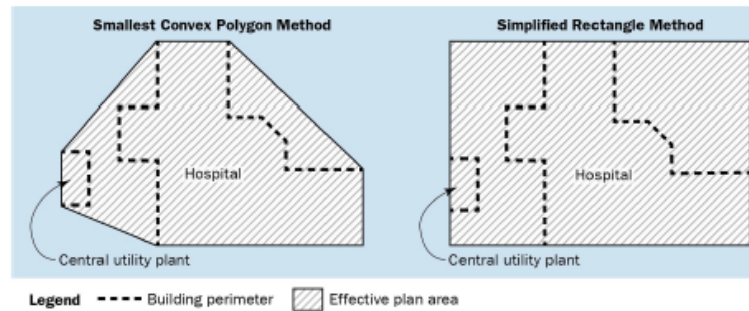
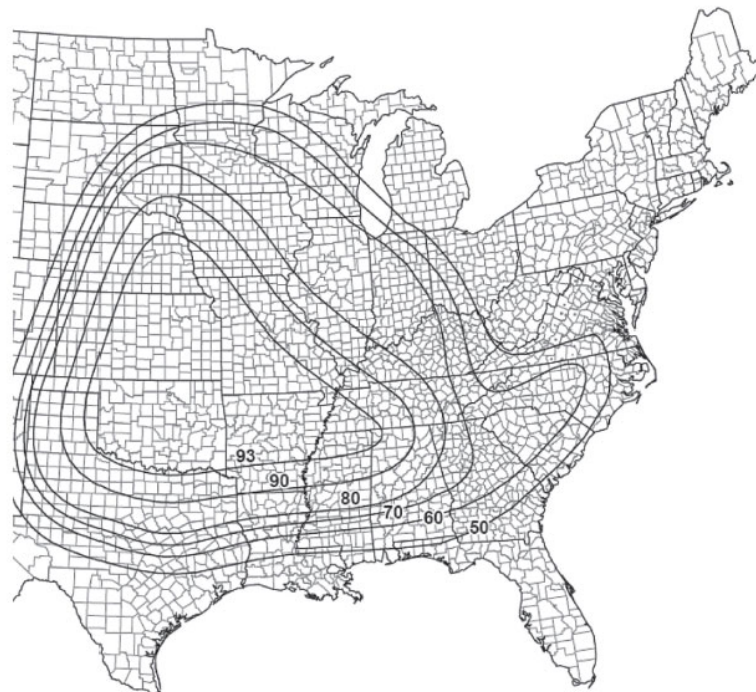


Figure 6: Effective plan area for essential facilities (Adapted from ASCE 7, Figure C32.5-2; used with permission from ASCE)



4. Islands, coastal areas, and land boundaries outside the last contour shall use the last tornado speed contour.
5. Tornado speeds correspond to approximately a 3% probability of exceedance in 50 years (annual exceedance probability = 0.00058, MRI = 1,700 years).
6. Location-specific tornado speed is permitted to be determined using the ASCE Tornado Design Geodatabase, available at the ASCE 7 Hazard Tool (<http://asce7hazardtoolonline>) or approved equivalent.

**Figure 32.5-1E (Continued). Tornado speeds for Risk Category III buildings and other structures, for effective plan area of 100,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (9,290 m<sup>2</sup>).**

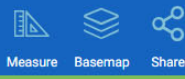
**Separate tornado speed maps based on Risk Category III and IV, and effective plan areas of 1; 2,000; 10,000; 40,000; 100,000; 250,000; 1,000,000 and 4,000,000 sq. ft.**



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## ASCE HAZARD TOOL



**Location**  
Tulsa, Oklahoma, ,

**Elevation**  
707 ft with respect to North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88)

**Lat:** 36.155327

**Long:** -95.992083

**Standard:** ASCE/SEI 7-22

**Risk Category:** III

**Soil Class:** Default

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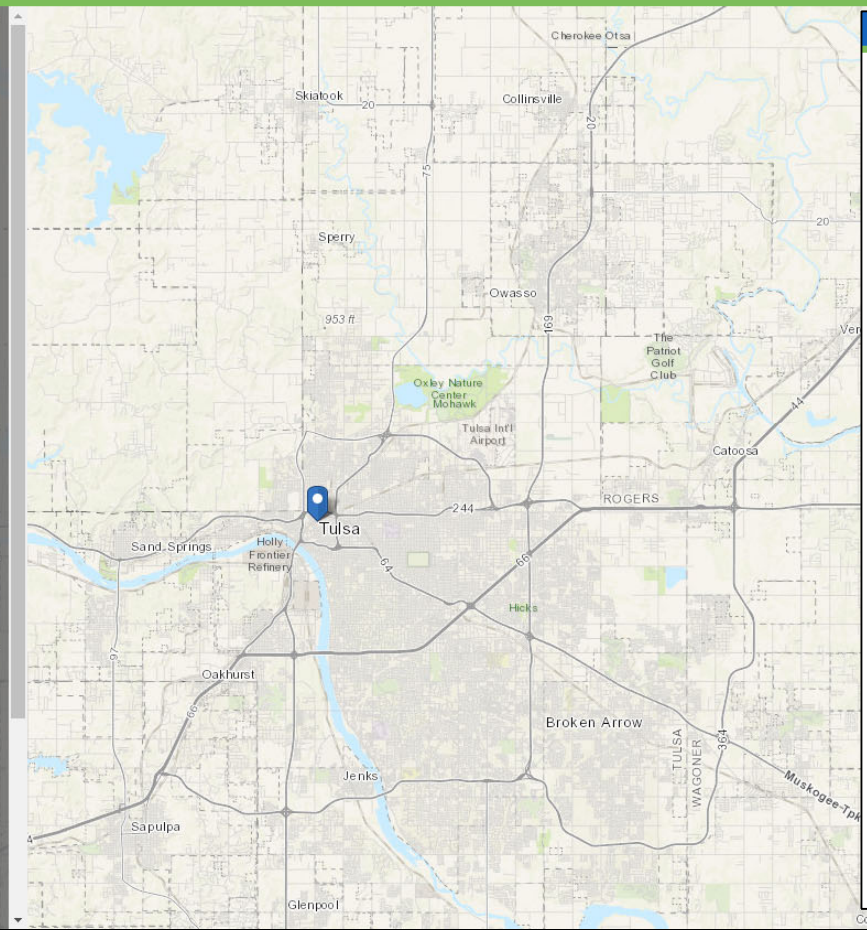
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115 Vmph [DETAILS](#)

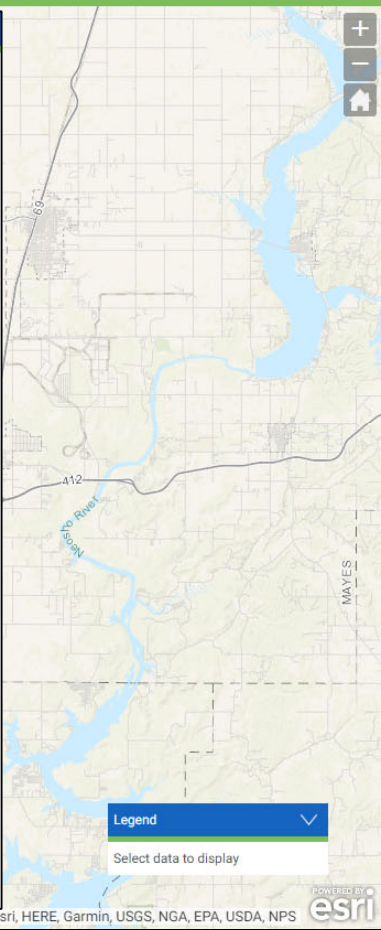
**Tornado**

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Tornado Details						
RC = III (MRI = 1,700 years)						
		MRI = 10,000 years	MRI = 100,000 years	MRI = 1,000,000 years	MRI = 10,000,000 years	
Effective Plan Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Tornado Speed (mph)	Tornado Speed (mph)	Tornado Speed (mph)	Tornado Speed (mph)	Tornado Speed (mph)	
A <sub>e</sub> = 1	V <sub>1</sub> = 78	V <sub>1</sub> = 123	V <sub>1</sub> = 174	V <sub>1</sub> = 220	V <sub>1</sub> = 256	
A <sub>e</sub> = 2,000	V <sub>1</sub> = 80	V <sub>1</sub> = 125	V <sub>1</sub> = 175	V <sub>1</sub> = 222	V <sub>1</sub> = 259	
A <sub>e</sub> = 10,000	V <sub>1</sub> = 84	V <sub>1</sub> = 128	V <sub>1</sub> = 177	V <sub>1</sub> = 223	V <sub>1</sub> = 261	
A <sub>e</sub> = 40,000	V <sub>1</sub> = 89	V <sub>1</sub> = 132	V <sub>1</sub> = 183	V <sub>1</sub> = 226	V <sub>1</sub> = 265	
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A <sub>e</sub> = 250,000	V <sub>1</sub> = 99	V <sub>1</sub> = 142	V <sub>1</sub> = 191	V <sub>1</sub> = 234	V <sub>1</sub> = 270	
A <sub>e</sub> = 1,000,000	V <sub>1</sub> = 111	V <sub>1</sub> = 153	V <sub>1</sub> = 200	V <sub>1</sub> = 241	V <sub>1</sub> = 277	
A <sub>e</sub> = 4,000,000	V <sub>1</sub> = 124	V <sub>1</sub> = 164	V <sub>1</sub> = 211	V <sub>1</sub> = 251	V <sub>1</sub> = 286	



All data are per the requirements of published ASCE standards; local requirements may vary

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panel systems shall be equal to the effective plan area of the largest structurally independent photovoltaic support structure that does not share structural components with other adjacent structures.

### 32.6 TORNADO DIRECTIONALITY FACTOR

The tornado directionality factor,  $K_{df}$ , shall be determined from Table 32.6-1 and shall be used to determine the tornado loads in accordance with Sections 32.15 through 32.17.

### 32.7 TORNADO EXPOSURE

Tornado velocity pressure exposure coefficients  $K_{zTor}$  and  $K_{hTor}$  are determined in Section 32.10.1. Exposure requirements in Section 26.7 shall not apply to the determination of  $K_{zTor}$  and  $K_{hTor}$ .

## 32.10 TORNADO VELOCITY PRESSURE

**32.10.1 Tornado Velocity Pressure Exposure Coefficient** A tornado velocity pressure exposure coefficient,  $K_{zTor}$  or  $K_{hTor}$ , as applicable, shall be determined from Table 32.10-1.

**32.10.2 Tornado Velocity Pressure** Tornado velocity pressure,  $q_{zT}$ , evaluated at height  $z$  above ground, shall be determined in accordance with the following equation:

$$q_{zT} = 0.00256 K_{zTor} K_e V_T^2 \text{ (lb/ft}^2\text{); } V_T \text{ in mi/h} \quad (32.10-1)$$

$$q_{zT} = 0.613 K_{zTor} K_e V_T^2 \text{ (N/m}^2\text{); } V_T \text{ in m/s} \quad (32.10-1.SI)$$

where

$K_{zTor}$  = Tornado velocity pressure exposure coefficient, see Section 32.10.1;

$K_e$  = Ground elevation factor, see Section 32.9;

$V_T$  = Tornado speed, see Section 32.5; and

$q_{zT}$  = Tornado velocity pressure at height  $z$ .

The velocity pressure at mean roof height shall be computed as  $q_{hT} = q_{zT}$  evaluated from Equation (32.10-1) using  $K_{zTor}$  at mean roof height  $h$ .

## 32.12 TORNADO ENCLOSURE CLASSIFICATION

**32.12.1 General** For the purpose of determining internal pressure coefficients for tornadoes, buildings and other structures for which tornado internal pressure coefficients, ( $GC_{piT}$ ), apply shall have an enclosure classification assigned in accordance with this section. If a building or other structure satisfies both the "open" and "partially enclosed" tornado enclosure classification definitions, it shall be classified as a "partially open" building or other structure.

**32.12.2 Openings** To assign the tornado enclosure classification, the amount of openings in the building envelope shall be determined by taking each wall of the building or other structure, assuming it functions as the windward wall, and summing the total area of openings present with respect to the area of the remaining building envelope. Buildings shall be classified as enclosed, partially enclosed, partially open, or open as defined in Section 26.2. Other structures shall be classified as sealed, as defined in Section 32.2, or enclosed, partially enclosed, partially open, or open as defined in Section 26.2.

Where not required by Section 32.12.3 to protect glazed openings, enclosed buildings and other structures shall either (1) be reevaluated for classification as partially enclosed, with all unprotected glazed openings on each assumed windward wall considered as openings; or (2) be protected in accordance with Section 32.12.3.1.

**32.12.3 Protection of Glazed Openings** Glazed openings shall be protected as specified in this section for Essential Facilities and for buildings and other structures required to maintain the functionality of Essential Facilities.

**32.12.3.1 Protection Requirements for Glazed Openings** Glazing in buildings requiring protection shall be protected with an impact-protective system or shall be impact-resistant glazing. Impact-protective systems shall be either (a) permanently affixed non-operable systems or (b) permanently affixed operable systems capable of being fully deployed from inside the building within five minutes and used in buildings that are staffed 24 hours per day.

Impact-protective systems and impact-resistant glazing shall be subjected to missile tests in accordance with ASTM E1996 using missile level D or E as described in Table 2 of ASTM E1996. Testing to demonstrate compliance with ASTM E1996 shall be in accordance with ASTM E1886. Impact-resistant glazing and impact-protective systems shall comply with the pass/fail criteria of Section 7 of ASTM E1996. Glazing in sectional doors, rolling doors, and flexible doors shall be subjected to missile tests in accordance with ANSI/DASMA 115 as applicable. Glazing and impact-protective systems shall comply with the "Enhanced Protection" requirements of Table 3 of ASTM E1996, with tornado speed used in place of basic wind speed for determination of wind zone.

**EXCEPTION:** Other testing methods and/or performance criteria are permitted to be used where approved.

## 32.13 TORNADO INTERNAL PRESSURE COEFFICIENTS

Tornado internal pressure coefficients, ( $GC_{piT}$ ), shall be determined from Table 32.13-1 based on building and other structure enclosure classifications determined in accordance with Section 32.12.1.



$$F_{vT} = q_{hT} K_{dT} K_{vT} (GC_r) A_r \quad (\text{lb}) \quad (32.16-4)$$

$$F_{vT} = q_{hT} K_{dT} K_{vT} (GC_r) A_r \quad (\text{N}) \quad (32.16-4.SI)$$

where

$q_{hT}$  = Tornado velocity pressure from Section 32.10.2 evaluated at mean roof height  $h$ ,  $\text{lb}/\text{ft}^2$  ( $\text{N}/\text{m}^2$ ),

$K_{dT}$  = Tornado directionality factor from Section 32.6,

$K_{vT}$  = Tornado pressure coefficient adjustment factor from Section 32.14,

$(GC_r)$  = Product of external pressure coefficient and gust-effect factor from Section 29.4.1, and

$A_r$  = Horizontal projected area of rooftop structure or equipment,  $\text{ft}^2$  ( $\text{m}^2$ ).

**32.16.3.3 Roofs of Isolated Circular Bins, Silos, and Tanks** Section 29.4.2.2 shall apply for determination of MWFRS loads on the roofs of isolated circular bins, silos, and tanks, as modified in this section. The net design tornado pressures shall be determined in accordance with the following equation, which replaces Equation (29.4-4):

$$p_r = q_{hT} [G_T K_{dT} K_{vT} C_p - (GC_{piT})] \quad (\text{lb}/\text{ft}^2) \quad (32.16-5)$$

$$p_r = q_{hT} [G_T K_{dT} K_{vT} C_p - (GC_{piT})] \quad (\text{N}/\text{m}^2) \quad (32.16-5.SI)$$

where

$q_{hT}$  = Tornado velocity pressure from Section 32.10.2 evaluated at mean roof height  $h$ ,  $\text{lb}/\text{ft}^2$  ( $\text{N}/\text{m}^2$ ),

$G_T$  = Tornado gust-effect factor from Section 32.11,

$K_{dT}$  = Tornado directionality factor from Section 32.6,

$K_{vT}$  = Tornado pressure coefficient adjustment factor from Section 32.14,

$C_p$  = External pressure coefficient from Section 29.4.2.2, and

$(GC_{piT})$  = Tornado internal pressure coefficient from Section 32.13.

**32.16.3.4 Rooftop Solar Panels for Buildings of All Heights with Flat Roofs or Gable or Hip Roofs with Slopes Less Than 7 Degrees** Section 29.4.3 shall apply for determination of MWFRS loads on rooftop photovoltaic panels for buildings of all heights with flat roofs or gable or hip roofs with slopes less than 7 degrees, as modified in this section. The design tornado pressure,  $p_r$ , for rooftop photovoltaic panels shall be determined by the following equation, which replaces Equation (29.4-5):

$$p_r = q_{hT} K_{dT} (GC_m) \quad (\text{lb}/\text{ft}^2) \quad (32.16-6)$$

$$p_r = q_{hT} K_{dT} (GC_m) \quad (\text{N}/\text{m}^2) \quad (32.16-6.SI)$$

where

$q_{hT}$  = Tornado velocity pressure from Section 32.10.2 evaluated at mean roof height  $h$ ,  $\text{lb}/\text{ft}^2$  ( $\text{N}/\text{m}^2$ ),

$K_{dT}$  = Tornado directionality factor from Section 32.6, and

$(GC_m)$  = Net pressure coefficient from Section 29.4.3.

**32.16.3.5 Rooftop Solar Panels Parallel to the Roof Surface on Buildings of All Heights and Roof Slopes** Section 29.4.4 shall apply for determination of MWFRS loads on rooftop photovoltaic panels parallel to the roof surface on buildings of all heights and roof slopes as modified in this section. The design tornado pressure,  $p_r$ , for rooftop photovoltaic panels shall be

Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Build

**32.17.1 Low-Rise Buildings** Section 30.3 shall apply for determination of component and cladding tornado loads on low-rise buildings, as modified in this section. The design tornado pressures,  $p_T$ , on C&C elements in low-rise buildings and buildings with  $h \leq 60$  ft ( $h \leq 18.3$  m) shall be determined in accordance with the following equation, which replaces Equation (30.3-1):

$$p_T = q_{hT} [K_{dT} K_{vT} (GC_p) - (GC_{piT})] \quad (\text{lb}/\text{ft}^2) \quad (32.17-1)$$

$$p_T = q_{hT} [K_{dT} K_{vT} (GC_p) - (GC_{piT})] \quad (\text{N}/\text{m}^2) \quad (32.17-1.SI)$$

where

$q_{hT}$  = Tornado velocity pressure from Section 32.10.2 evaluated at mean roof height  $h$ ,  $\text{lb}/\text{ft}^2$  ( $\text{N}/\text{m}^2$ );

$K_{dT}$  = Tornado directionality factor from Section 32.6;

$K_{vT}$  = Tornado pressure coefficient adjustment factor from Section 32.14;

$(GC_p)$  = External pressure coefficient from Section 30.3; and  
 $(GC_{piT})$  = Tornado internal pressure coefficient from Section 32.13.

**32.17.1.1 Bottom Horizontal Surfaces of Elevated Buildings**

Section 30.3.2.1 shall apply for determination of C&C loads on bottom horizontal surfaces of elevated buildings, as modified in this section. The design tornado pressure,  $p_T$ , for the effects of tornado pressure on C&C shall be determined in accordance with Equation (32.17-1), where  $K_{vT} = 1.0$ .

**32.17.2 Buildings with  $h > 60$  ft ( $h > 18.3$  m)** Section 30.4 shall apply for the determination of component and cladding tornado loads on buildings with  $h > 60$  ft ( $h > 18.3$  m), as modified in this section. The design tornado pressures,  $p_T$ , on C&C elements for all buildings with  $h > 60$  ft ( $h > 18.3$  m) shall be determined in accordance with the following equation, which replaces Equation (30.4-1):

$$p_T = q K_{dT} K_{vT} (GC_p) - q_i (GC_{piT}) \quad (\text{lb}/\text{ft}^2) \quad (32.17-2)$$

$$p_T = q K_{dT} K_{vT} (GC_p) - q_i (GC_{piT}) \quad (\text{N}/\text{m}^2) \quad (32.17-2.SI)$$

where

$q = q_{zT}$  For external pressure on all walls evaluated at height  $z$  above the ground,  $\text{lb}/\text{ft}^2$  ( $\text{N}/\text{m}^2$ );

***If the tornado loads are greater than the conventional wind loads,  
use the tornado loads as the basis for wind design***



## A wind and tornado design example...

**Hypothetical situation:** A hospital (Risk Category IV) building with a 70 ft. mean roof height 343 square low-slope roof area is located in an urban (Exposure B) Tulsa, OK

## Solution:

### Wind design:

	Wind Speed	Z <sub>1</sub> (Field)	Z <sub>2</sub> (Perimeter)	Z <sub>3</sub> (Corner)
Ult. method	120 mph	53 psf	77 psf	101 psf
ASD method	93 mph	FM Class 75		

### Tornado design:

A<sub>e</sub>=40,000 sq. ft.

	Wind Speed	Z <sub>1</sub> (Field)	Z <sub>2</sub> (Perimeter)	Z <sub>3</sub> (Corner)
Ult. method	107 mph	61 psf	81 psf	107 psf
ASD method	--	FM Class 75		

## Impact of effective area ( $A_e$ )

$A_e=40,000$  sq. ft.

	Wind Speed	$Z_1$ (Field)	$Z_2$ (Perimeter)	$Z_3$ (Corner)
<b>Ult. method</b>	103 mph	61 psf	81 psf	107 psf
<b>ASD method</b>	--	<b>FM Class 75</b>		

$A_e=100,000$  sq. ft.

	Wind Speed	$Z_1$ (Field)	$Z_2$ (Perimeter)	$Z_3$ (Corner)
<b>Ult. method</b>	107 mph	65 psf	87 psf	115 psf
<b>ASD method</b>	--	<b>FM Class 90</b>		

$A_e=250,000$  sq. ft.

	Wind Speed	$Z_1$ (Field)	$Z_2$ (Perimeter)	$Z_3$ (Corner)
<b>Ult. method</b>	113 mph	73 psf	97 psf	128 psf
<b>ASD method</b>	--	<b>FM Class 90</b>		

## Impact of effective area ( $A_e$ ) - continued

$A_e=1,000,000$  sq. ft.

	Wind Speed	$Z_1$ (Field)	$Z_2$ (Perimeter)	$Z_3$ (Corner)
<b>Ult. method</b>	125 mph	89 psf	119 psf	156 psf
<b>ASD method</b>	--	<b>FM Class 120</b>		

$A_e=4,000,000$  sq. ft.

	Wind Speed	$Z_1$ (Field)	$Z_2$ (Perimeter)	$Z_3$ (Corner)
<b>Ult. method</b>	138 mph	109 psf	145 psf	191 psf
<b>ASD method</b>	--	<b>FM Class 135</b>		

*While ASCE 7-22's wind load provisions are relatively manageable, the tornado provisions, where applicable, can get rather complex.*

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ASCE 7-05, ASCE 7-10, ASCE 7-16 AND ASCE 7-22



***Tornado design is being added to Roof Wind Designer***

Roof Wind Designer is intended to provide users with an easy-to-use means for determining roof systems' design wind loads for many commonly encountered building types that are subject to building code compliance.

Design-wind loads are derived using the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Standard ASCE 7, "Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures." This standard is a widely recognized consensus standard and is referenced in and serves as the technical basis for wind load determination in the International Building Code and NFPA 5000: Building Construction and Safety Code. Roof Wind Designer allows users to choose between ASCE 7's 2005, 2010, 2016, and 2022 editions. Roof Wind Designer uses ASCE 7-05's Method 1—Simplified Method, ASCE 7-10's Envelope Procedure, Part 2: Low-rise Buildings (Simplified) of Chapter 30, ASCE 7-16's Envelope Procedure, Part 2: Low-rise Buildings (Simplified) of Chapter 30, and Part 4: Buildings with  $60\text{ft} < h \leq 160\text{ft}$  (Simplified), and ASCE 7-22's Part 1: Low-rise Buildings, Part 2: Buildings with  $h > 60\text{ft}$  [ $h > 18.3\text{m}$ ], and Part 4: Building appurtenances, rooftop structures and equipment. [A more detailed explanation of ASCE 7's four editions.](#)

***What about FM Global-insured buildings?***

WIND DESIGN

INSUREDS OF FM GLOBAL SHOULD CONTACT THEIR LOCAL FM GLOBAL OFFICE BEFORE BEGINNING ANY ROOFING WORK.

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## FM 1-28, “Wind design”

- Intended to apply to FM Global-insured buildings
- ASD basic wind speed maps and design method
- Some ultimate design concepts (e.g., zones)
- Importance Factor = 1.15
- Tornado provisions added



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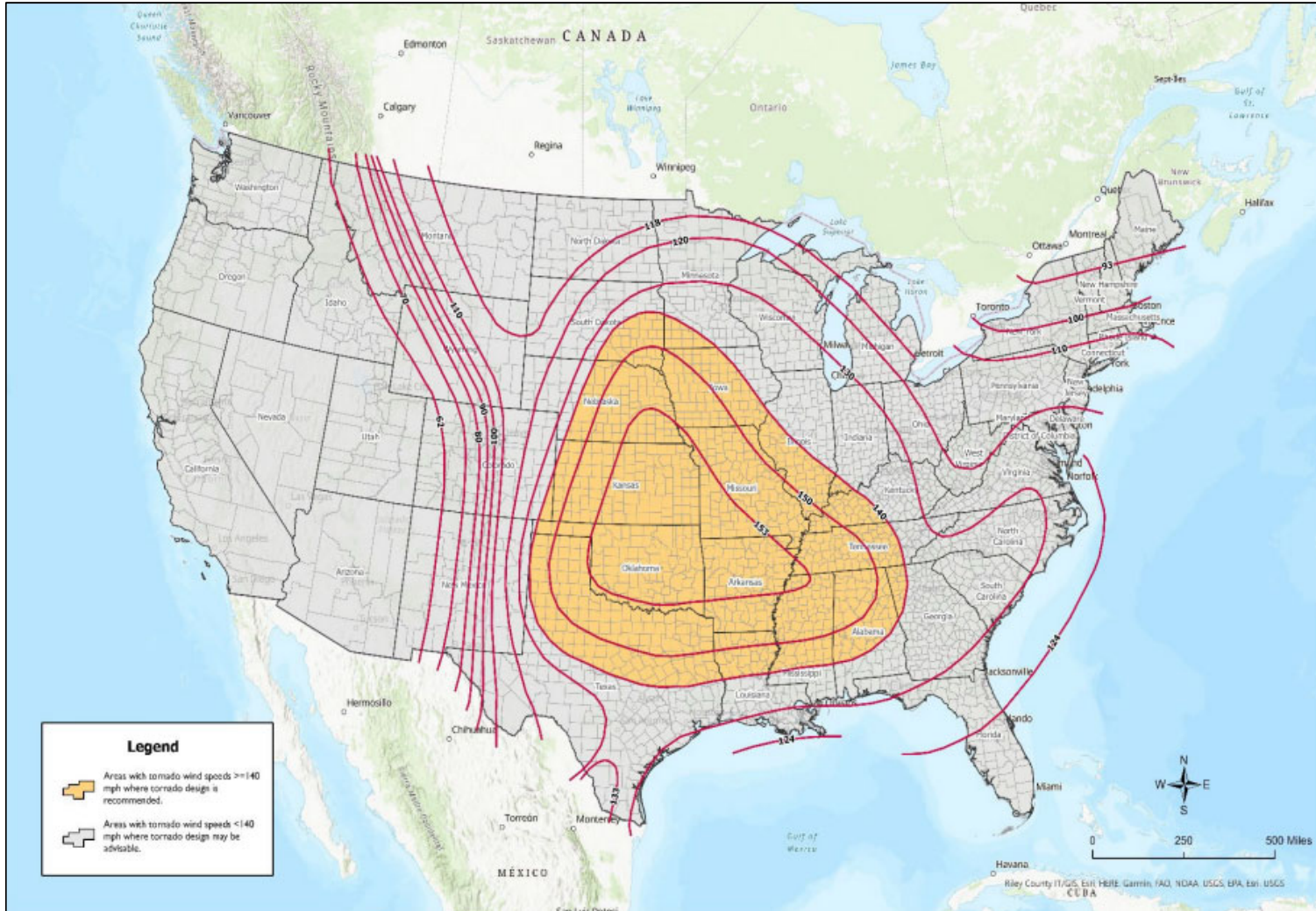
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**1.1 Changes**

**January 2024.** Interim revision. The following changes were made:

A. The tornado guidance formerly in Appendix D has been transferred to new Sections 2.11 and 3.12, and to existing Section 4.2. All tables, figures and equations have been re-numbered to the new sections. Appendix D has been deleted in its entirety.

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# Tornado design recommendations

FM 1-28, Sec. 2.11-Tornados

- Assume “partially enclosed” and Exposure C
- Avoid the use of windows
  - When windows are provided, use FM 4350 Level D or E impact-resistant glazing
- Limit other exterior wall openings (e.g., doors)
  - Doors should open outward and have positive latching
- Do not use aggregate on roofs
- Consider full-time QAO during exterior wall and roof application

### 3.12.4.5 Design Wind Speeds and Wind Pressures

The guidance in this document is primarily for locations on the map in Figure 2.11.1 with wind speeds of 140 mph (62 m/s) and greater. If desired by the client or account team, design guidance can be given for locations on the map with wind speeds less than 140 mph (62 m/s).

**Note:** The cost increase to change from a 90 mph (40 m/s) design wind speed (as is the case with the majority of the central United States) to a higher tornado wind design will vary, depending on geography, the specific design criteria, percentage of windows, etc. Increased construction costs for components and cladding are expected in areas not normally designed for increased wind speeds. This cost increase could be as high as 50%.

Similar to what occurs with hurricanes, most tornado damage is much greater to the building envelope than to the building frame. Using an importance factor of 1.15 (based on ASCE 7-05), some larger structures designed for more typical code-required wind speeds ( $\geq 90$  mph [40 m/s]), have experienced considerable damage to the building envelope, yet limited damage to the structural frame. One cost-effective approach would be to provide a limited increase in design strength for the building frame, but a considerable increase in resistance for the building envelope.

$GC_p$  = External pressure coefficient (see Section 3.2.2, Table 3.12.4.6-2 and reference tables and figures)

$GC_{pIT}$  = Tornado Internal pressure coefficient (use +/- 0.55 for partially enclosed)

Since the value of  $p_f$  is based off of an ultimate 10,000-year MRI wind speed, convert to an allowable/design pressure by multiplying by 0.6. For plan review/new construction, a safety factor of 2.0 should be applied.

***FM Global's tornado design provisions are more stringent  
than IBC 2024's and ASCE 7-22's***

# **Some useful references**

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## Design Guide for New Tornado Load Requirements in ASCE 7-22

This instructional guidance is for design professionals and building officials to help them determine when a building or other structure is required to be designed to minimum tornado loads and how to calculate design tornado forces. This guide is in accordance with the updated requirements of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) / Structural Engineering Institute (SEI) standard ASCE 7-22, *Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Buildings and Other Structures*.<sup>1</sup>

This Design Guide is intended for users with a basic understanding of ASCE 7 and who know how to determine wind loads using ASCE 7 methodology, as presented in Chapters 26 through 31.

### Introduction and Background

Tornadoes have historically killed more people in the United States than hurricanes and earthquakes combined (NWS, 2020; USGS, 2015). According to the Insurance Information Institute, Inc. (2020), the average annual insured catastrophe losses for events involving tornadoes exceeded those for both hurricanes and tropical storms combined, for the period of 1997–2016. The 2011 Joplin tornado disaster was the deadliest and costliest tornado in the U.S. since 1950 and was one of the primary drivers for the addition of tornado load provisions in ASCE 7 (NIST, 2022). With the publication of ASCE 7-22 (ASCE, 2021), tornado load requirements are now considered as a minimum design load in conventional building design when buildings are located in tornado-prone areas. The new ASCE 7 tornado load provisions do not apply to storm shelters or safe rooms. The ASCE 7 tornado load requirements will be included in the 2024 International Building Code (IBC), the 2024 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 5000 Building Construction and Safety Code, and the 2023 Florida Building Code. The adoption of the ASCE 7 tornado load provisions by the State of Florida is an example of local Authorities Having Jurisdiction incorporating the most current design guidance prior to their inclusion in the model building codes.

Storm shelters and safe rooms are specifically designed for life safety protection during the most extreme wind events and require more extreme design hazard intensities than conventional buildings. Buildings and other structures designed per Chapter 32 of ASCE 7 do not meet the requirements for storm shelters or safe rooms.

<sup>1</sup> The references to ASCE 7 within the design guide represent references to ASCE 7-22.

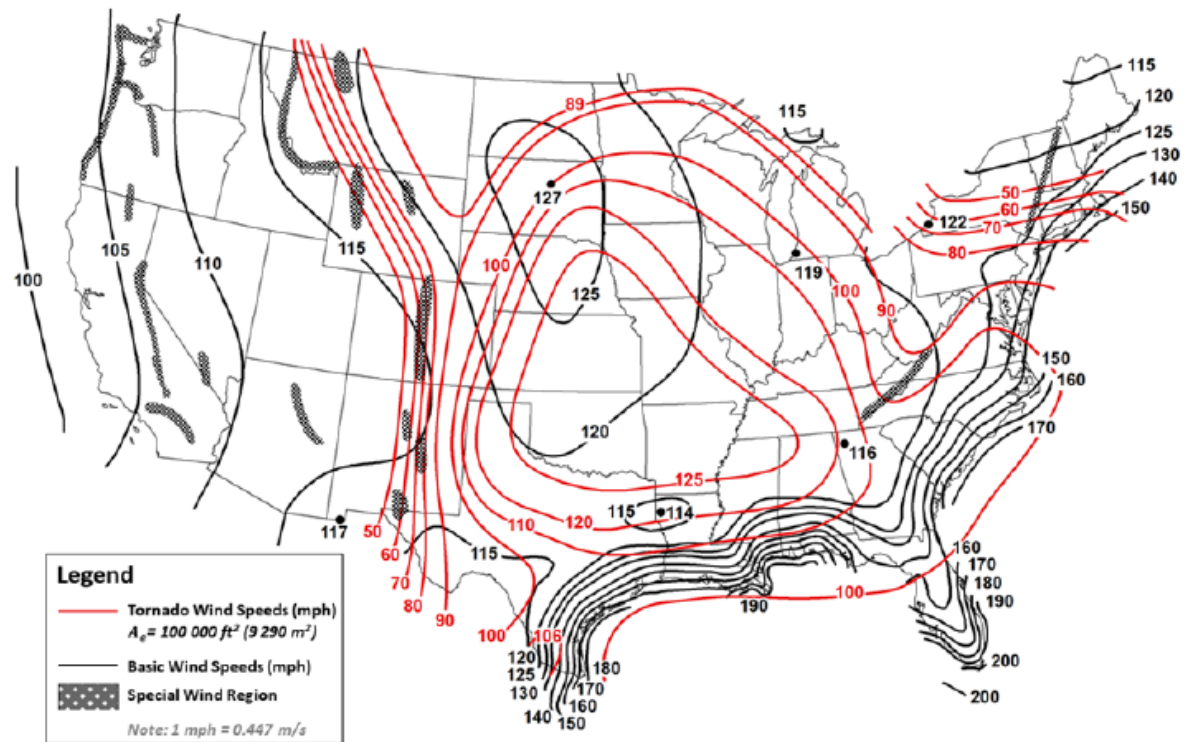


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## Economic Analysis of ASCE 7-22 Tornado Load Requirements



Basic wind speeds shown are based on Risk Category IV

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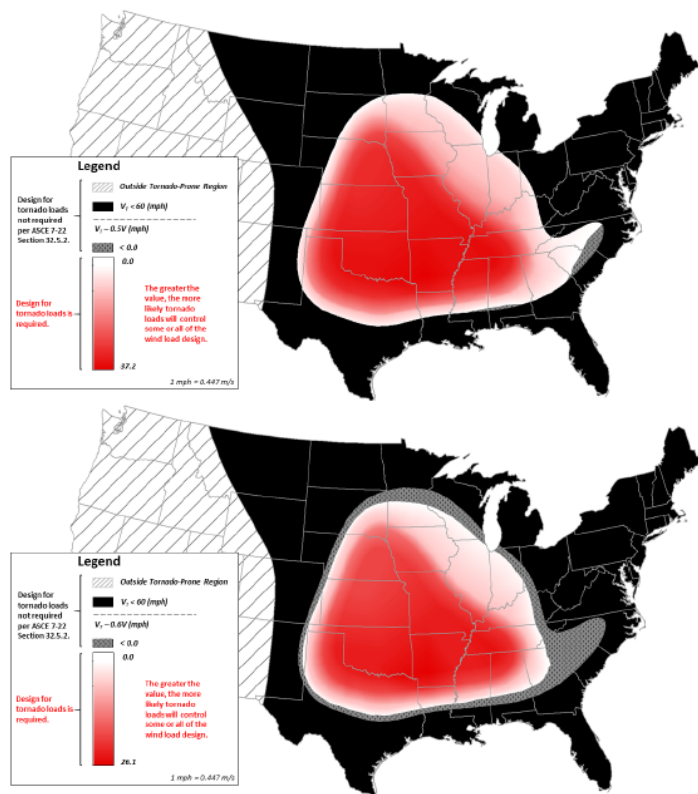


Fig. 8. Map of likelihood that design for tornado loads is required for a Risk Category III  $A_e = 100\,000\text{ ft}^2$  (9290  $\text{m}^2$ ) building or other structure in Exposure B (top) and Exposure C (bottom)

***Other topics and questions...***



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