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Learning objectives

- Become aware of the roofing-related changes in the 2018 I-codes:
 - *International Building Code, 2018 Edition*
 - *International Residential Code, 2018 Edition*
 - *International Energy Conservation Code, 2018 Edition*
 - *International Existing Building Code, 2018 Edition*
 - *International Plumbing Code, 2018 Edition*
 - *International Fire Code, 2018 Edition*

Prerequisites

- Intermediate- to advanced-level
- Some knowledge of code requirements
- General knowledge of 2015 I-codes
- Understand...I am the messenger
 - “...don't shoot the messenger...”

Some background

- The I-codes are “model codes” developed by the International Code Council (ICC)
- Model codes serve as the technical basis for state or local code adoption
- The code provides the minimum legal requirements for building construction...and operation
- The code is enforced by the “authority having jurisdiction” (AHJ)
- The code can also provide a basis for construction claims-related litigation



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THE I-CODES

- ICC Performance Code (ICCPC)
- International Building Code (IBC)
- International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)
- International Existing Building Code (IEBC)
- International Fire Code (IFC)
- International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC)
- International Green Construction Code (IgCC)
- International Mechanical Code (IMC)
- International Plumbing Code (IPC)
- International Private Sewage Disposal Code (IPSDC)
- International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC)
- International Residential Code (IRC)
- International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSA)
- International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUIC)
- International Zoning Code (IZC)


Publication cycle

- 2000 edition
- 2003 edition
- 2006 edition
- 2009 edition
- 2012 edition
- 2015 edition
- 2018 edition

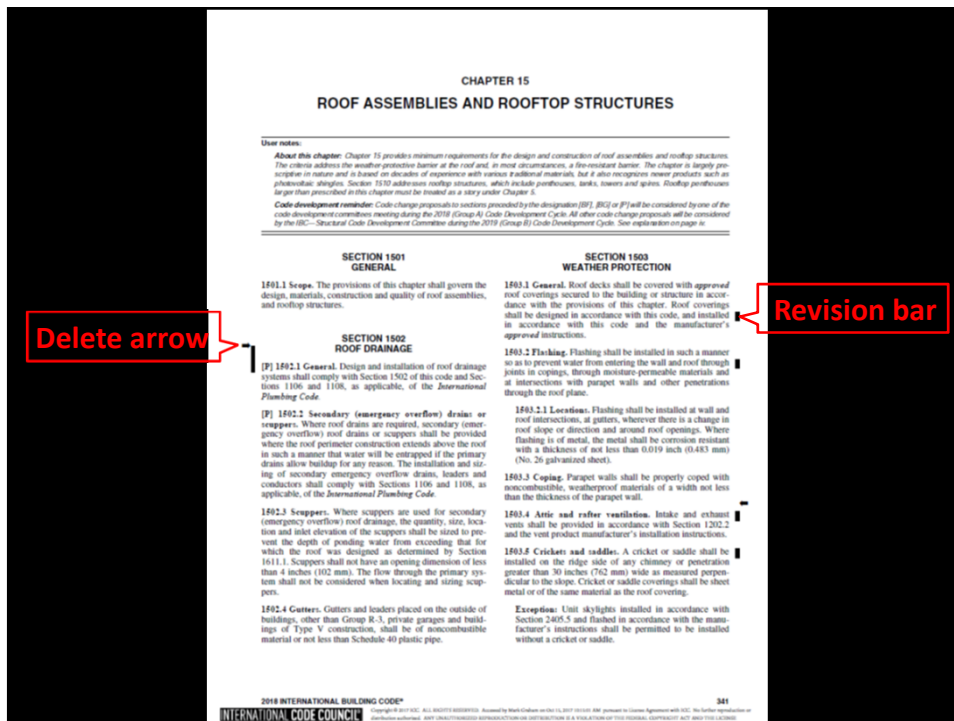
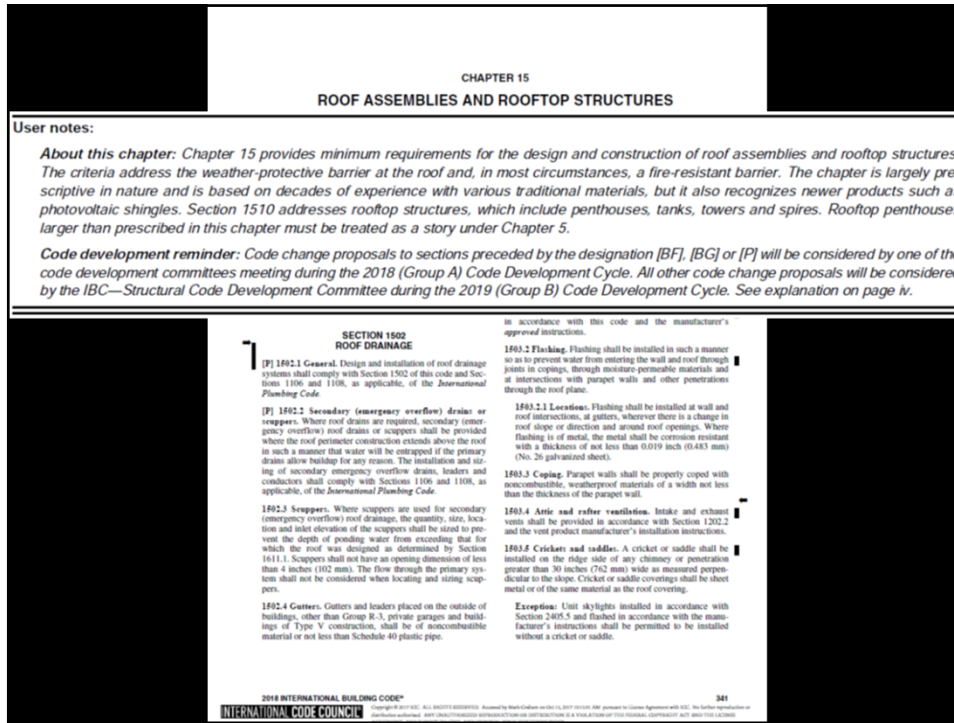
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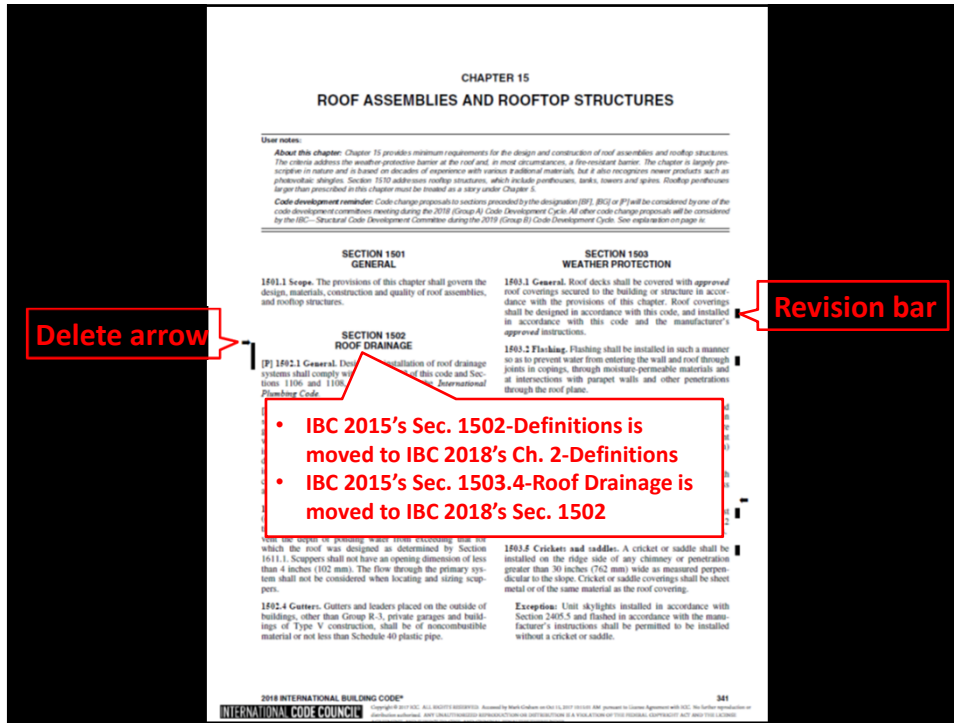
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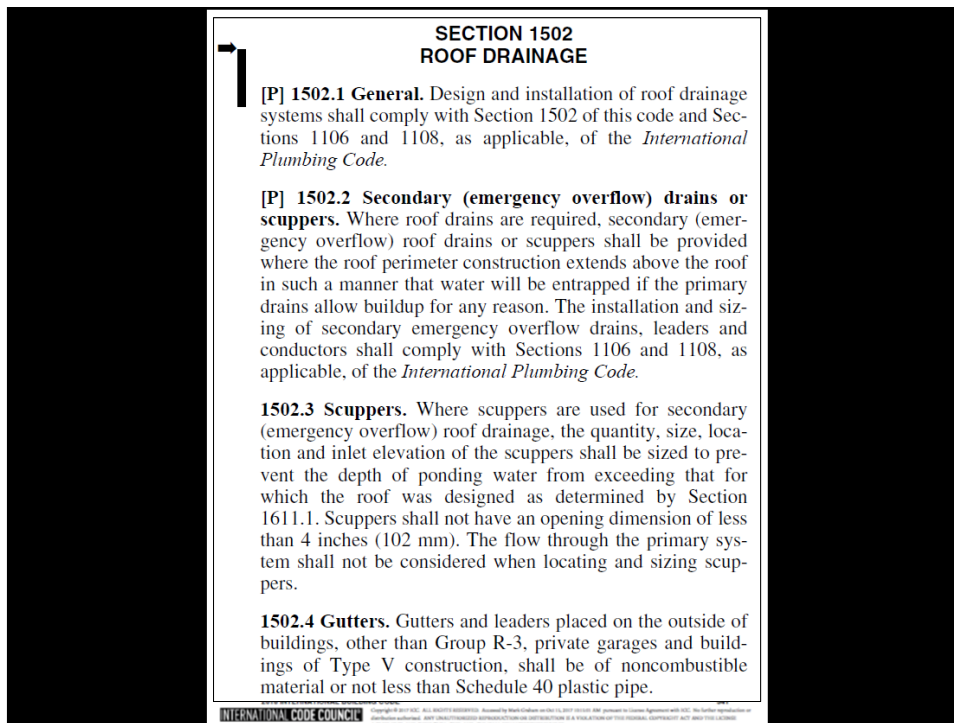


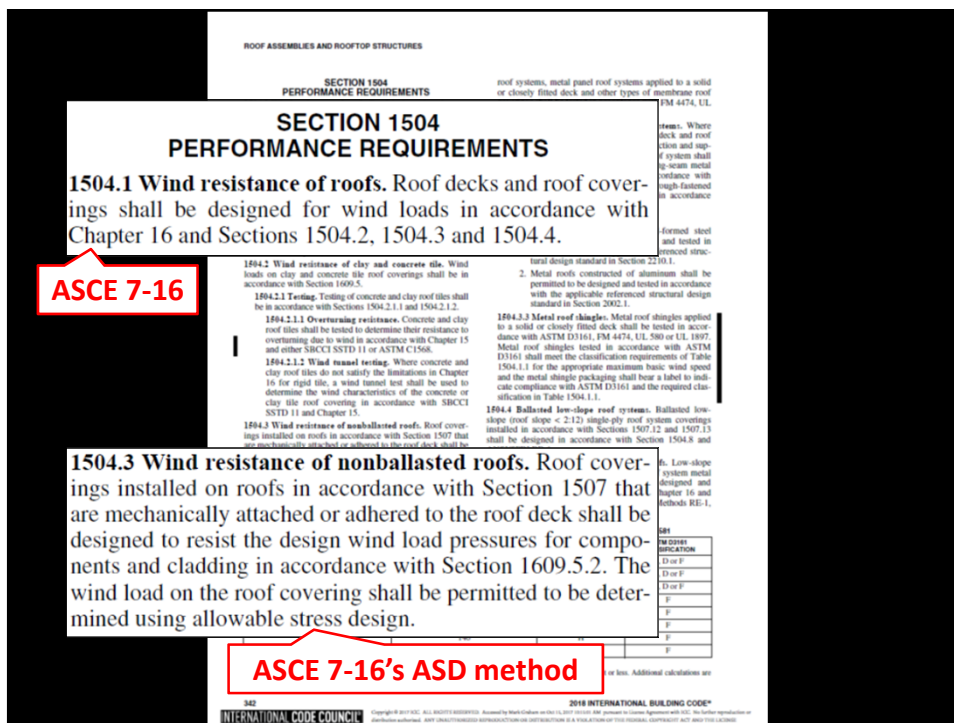
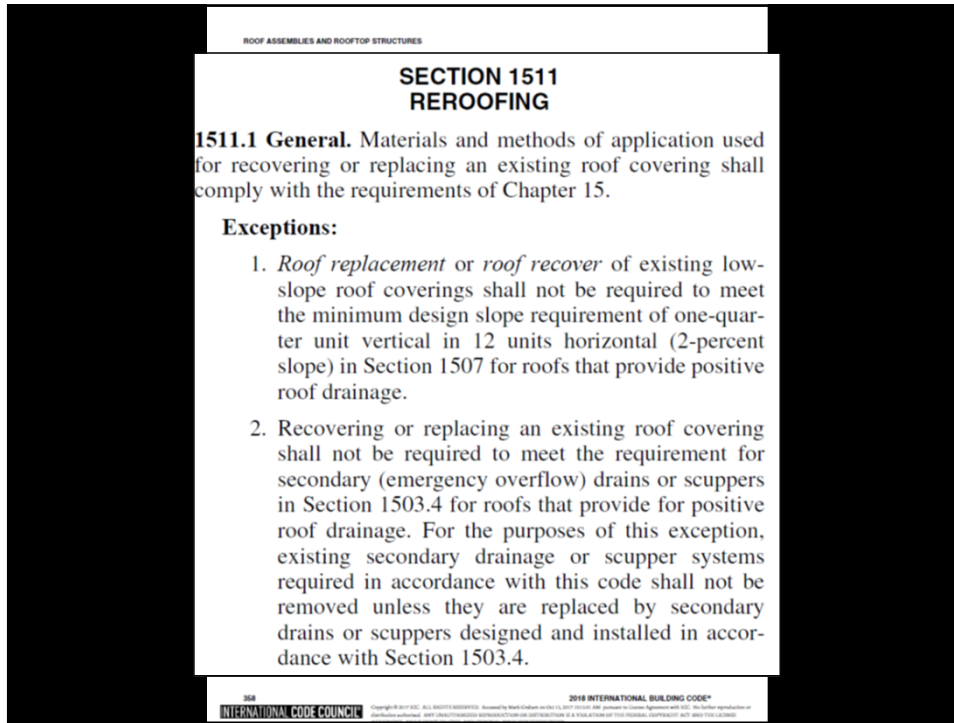


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Revision bar

- IBC 2015's Sec. 1502-Definitions is moved to IBC 2018's Ch. 2-Definitions
- IBC 2015's Sec. 1503.4-Roof Drainage is moved to IBC 2018's Sec. 1502





ROOF ASSEMBLIES AND ROOFTOP STRUCTURES

SECTION 1504 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

1504.1 Wind resistance of roofs. Roof decks and roof coverings shall be designed for wind loads in accordance with Chapter 16 and Sections 1504.2, 1504.3 and 1504.4.

1504.1.1 Wind resistance of asphalt shingles. Asphalt shingles shall be tested in accordance with ASTM D7158. Asphalt shingles shall meet the classification requirements of Table 1504.1.1 for the appropriate maximum basic wind speed. Asphalt shingle packaging shall bear a label to indicate compliance with ASTM D7158 and the required classification in Table 1504.1.1.

Exception: Asphalt shingles not included in the scope of ASTM D7158 shall be tested and labeled in accordance with ASTM D3161. Asphalt shingle packaging shall bear a label to indicate compliance with ASTM D3161 and the required classification in Table 1504.1.1.

1504.2 Wind resistance of clay and concrete tile. Wind loads on clay and concrete tile roof coverings shall be in accordance with Section 1609.5.

1504.2.1 Testing. Testing of concrete and clay roof tiles shall be in accordance with Sections 1504.3.1.1 and 1504.3.1.2.

1504.2.1.1 Overturning. Roof tiles shall be tested for overturning due to wind and other SBCCI tests.

1504.2.1.2 Wind load. Wind load on clay roof tiles do not exceed 16 for rigid tile, a determine the wind clay tile roof cover SSTD 11 and Chapter

1504.3 Wind resistance of roofs installed on roofs in areas subject to wind. Roofs installed on roofs in areas subject to wind shall be mechanically attached to the roof deck and designed to resist the design wind load on the roof covering using allowable stress.

1504.3.1 Other roof systems. Other roof systems, fully adhered or roof systems, metal panel roof systems applied to a solid or closely fitted deck and other types of membrane roof coverings shall be tested in accordance with FM 4474, UL 580 or UL 1897.

1504.3.2 Structural metal panel roof systems. Where the metal roof panel functions as the roof deck and roof covering and it provides both weather protection and support for loads, the structural metal panel roof systems shall comply with this section. Structural standing-seam metal panel roof systems shall be tested in accordance with ASTM E1592 or FM 4474. Structural through-fastened metal panel roof systems shall be tested in accordance with ASTM E1592, FM 4474 or UL 580.

Exception:

1. Metal roofs constructed of cold-formed steel shall be permitted to be designed and tested in accordance with the applicable referenced structural design standard in Section 2210.1.
2. Metal roofs constructed of aluminum shall be permitted to be designed and tested in accordance with the applicable referenced structural design standard in Section 2007.1.

1504.3.3 Metal roof shingles. Metal roof shingles applied to a solid or closely fitted deck shall be tested in accordance with ASTM D3161, FM 4474, UL 580 or UL 1897. Metal roof shingles tested in accordance with ASTM D3161 shall meet the classification requirements of Table 1504.1.1 for the appropriate maximum basic wind speed and the metal shingle packaging shall bear a label to indicate compliance with ASTM D3161 and the required classification in Table 1504.1.1.

MAXIMUM BASIC WIND SPEED (FIGURES 1609.5(a) OR 1609.5(b))	WIND SPEED (MPH)	WIND SPEED (KPH)	CLASSIFICATION	CLASSIFICATION
110	95	153	D, G or H	A, D or F
116	100	161	D, G or H	A, D or F
129	110	177	G or H	A, D or F
142	120	193	G or H	F
155	130	210	G or H	F
168	140	227	H	F
181	150	241	H	F
194	160	259	H	F

FIG. 1504.1.1 Wind = 304.8 mm (12 in.) x 0.447 mph.
 a. The calculated conditions in ASTM D7158 assume Exposure Category B or C and building height of 40 feet or less. Additional calculations are required for conditions outside of these assumptions.

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SECTION 1505 FIRE CLASSIFICATION

[B] 1505.1 General. Roof assemblies shall be divided into the classes defined in this section. Class A, B and C roof assemblies and roof coverings required to be listed by this section shall be tested in accordance with ASTM E108 or UL 790. In addition, *fire-retardant-treated wood* roof coverings shall be tested in accordance with ASTM D2098. The minimum roof coverings installed on buildings shall comply with Table 1505.1 based on the type of construction of the building.

Exception: Skylights and sloped glazing that comply with Chapter 24 or Section 2610.

[B] 1505.2 Class A roof assemblies. Class A roof assemblies are those that are effective against severe fire test exposure. Class A roof assemblies and roof coverings shall be listed and identified as Class A by an approved testing agency. Class A roof assemblies shall be permitted for use in buildings or structures of all types of construction.

Exception:

1. Class A roof assemblies include those with coverings of brick, masonry or an exposed concrete roof deck.
2. Class A roof assemblies also include ferrous or copper shingles or sheets, metal sheets and shingles, clay or concrete roof tile or slate installed on non-combustible decks or ferrous, copper or metal sheets installed without a roof deck on noncombustible framing.
3. Class A roof assemblies include minimum 16 ounce per square foot (0.0416 kg/m²) copper sheets installed over combustible decks.
4. Class A roof assemblies include slate installed over ASTM D328, Type II underlayment over combustible framing.

TABLE 1505.1 MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE MEAN ROOF HEIGHT PERMITTED FOR BUILDINGS WITH AGGREGATE ON THE ROOF IN AREAS OUTSIDE A HURRICANE-PRONE REGION

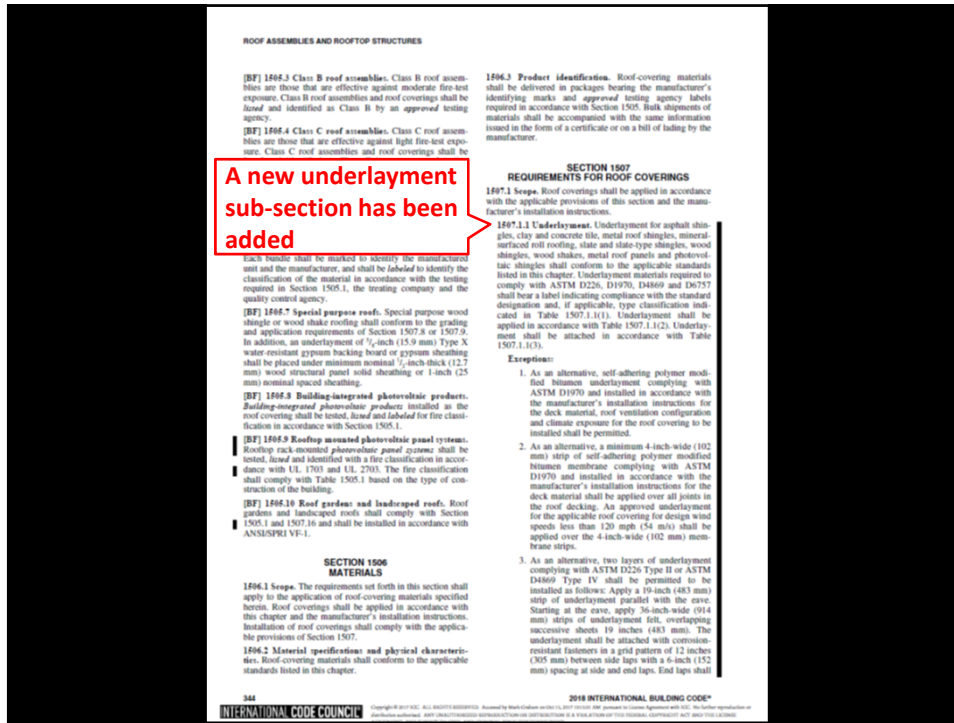
NORMAL DESIGN WIND SPEED, V ₃₀ (mph)	EXPOSURE CATEGORY	MAXIMUM MEAN ROOF HEIGHT (ft)
85	1	15
90	1	15
95	1	15
100	1	15
105	1	15
110	1	15
115	1	15
120	1	15
Greater than 120	1	15

FIG. 1505.1 Wind = 304.8 mm (12 in.) x 0.447 mph.
 a. Mean roof height as defined in Section 202.2.
 b. For intermediate values of V₃₀, the value of P₃₀ shall be used, or c. 20% greater wind speed and d. P₃₀ shall be determined as in Section 1609.5.

[B] 1505.9 Rooftop mounted photovoltaic panel systems. Rooftop rack-mounted photovoltaic panel systems shall be tested, listed and identified with a fire classification in accordance with UL 1703 and UL 2703. UL 2703 added

[B] 1505.10 Roof gardens and landscaped roofs. Roof gardens and landscaped roofs shall comply with Section 1505.1 and 1507.16 and shall be installed in accordance with ANSI/SPRI VF-1. Fire classes added

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be 4 inches (102 mm) and shall be offset by 6 feet (1829 mm). Underlayment shall be attached using metal or plastic cap nails with a nominal cap diameter of not less than 1 inch (25.4 mm). Metal caps shall have a thickness of not less than 32-gauge sheet metal. Power-driven metal caps shall have a thickness of not less than 0.010 inch (mm). Thickness of the outside edge

1507.2 Asphalt shingles. The installation of asphalt shingles shall comply with the provisions of this section.

1507.2.1 Deck requirements. Asphalt shingles shall be fastened to solidly sheathed decks.

1507.2.2 Slope. Asphalt shingles shall only be used on roof slopes of two units vertical in 12 units horizontal (17 percent slope) or greater. For roof slopes from two units vertical in 12 units horizontal (17 percent slope) on to four

TABLE 1507.1.1(1) UNDERLAYMENT TYPES

ROOF COVERING	SECTION	MAXIMUM BASIC DESIGN WIND SPEED, V < 140 MPH	MAXIMUM BASIC DESIGN WIND SPEED, V ≥ 140 MPH
Asphalt shingles	1507.2	ASTM D226 Type I or II ASTM D4869 Type I, II, III or IV ASTM D6757	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type IV ASTM D6757
Clay and concrete tiles	1507.3	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D2626 Type I ASTM D6380 Class M mineral surfaced roll roofing	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D2626 Type I ASTM D6380 Class M mineral surfaced roll roofing
Metal panels	1507.4	Manufacturer's instructions	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type IV
Metal roof shingles	1507.5	ASTM D226 Type I or II ASTM D4869 Type I, II, III or IV	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type IV
Mineral-surfaced roll roofing	1507.6	ASTM D226 Type I or II ASTM D4869 Type I, II, III or IV	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type IV
Slate shingles	1507.7	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type III or IV	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type IV
Wood shingles	1507.8	ASTM D226 Type I or II ASTM D4869 Type I, II, III or IV	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type IV
Wood shakes	1507.9	ASTM D226 Type I or II ASTM D4869 Type I, II, III or IV	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type IV
Photovoltaic shingles	1507.17	ASTM D226 Type I or II ASTM D4869 Type I, II, III or IV ASTM D6757	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type IV ASTM D6757

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TABLE 1507.1(2)
UNDERLAYMENT APPLICATION

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ROOF COVERING	SECTION	MAXIMUM BASIC DESIGN WIND SPEED, $V < 140$ MPH	MAXIMUM BASIC DESIGN WIND SPEED, $V \geq 140$ MPH
Asphalt shingles	1507.2	For roof slopes from two units vertical in 12 units horizontal (2:12), up to four units vertical in 12 units horizontal (4:12), underlayment shall be two layers applied as follows: Apply a 19-inch strip of underlayment felt parallel to and starting at the eaves. Starting at the eave, apply 36-inch-wide sheets of underlayment, overlapping successive sheets 19 inches. End laps shall be 4 inches and shall be offset by 6 feet. Distortions in the underlayment shall not interfere with the ability of the shingles to seal. For roof slopes of four units vertical in 12 units horizontal (4:12) or greater, underlayment shall be one layer applied as follows: Underlayment shall be applied shingle fashion, parallel to and starting from the eave and lapped 2 inches. Distortions in the underlayment shall not interfere with the ability of the shingles to seal. End laps shall be 4 inches and shall be offset by 6 feet.	Same as Maximum Basic Design Wind Speed, $V < 140$ mph except all laps shall be not less than 4 inches

COVERING	SECTION	MAXIMUM BASIC DESIGN WIND SPEED, $V < 140$ MPH	MAXIMUM BASIC DESIGN WIND SPEED, $V \geq 140$ MPH
Slate shingles	1507.7	For roof slopes from three units vertical in 12 units horizontal (3:12), up to four units vertical in 12 units horizontal (4:12), underlayment shall be two layers applied as follows: Apply a 19-inch strip of underlayment felt parallel to and starting at the eaves. Starting at the eave, apply 36-inch-wide sheets of underlayment, overlapping successive sheets 19 inches. End laps shall be 4 inches and shall be offset by 6 feet. Distortions in the underlayment shall not interfere with the ability of the shingles to seal.	For roof slopes of four units vertical in 12 units horizontal (4:12) or greater, underlayment shall be one layer applied as follows: Underlayment shall be applied shingle fashion, parallel to and starting from the eave and lapped 2 inches. Distortions in the underlayment shall not interfere with the ability of the shingles to seal. End laps shall be 4 inches and shall be offset by 6 feet.
Wood shakes	1507.8		
Wood shingles	1507.9		
Photovoltaic shingles	1507.17	For roof slopes of four units vertical in 12 units horizontal (4:12) or greater, underlayment shall be one layer applied as follows: Underlayment shall be applied shingle fashion, parallel to and starting from the eave and lapped 2 inches. Distortions in the underlayment shall not interfere with the ability of the shingles to seal. End laps shall be 4 inches and shall be offset by 6 feet.	Same as Maximum Basic Design Wind Speed, $V < 140$ mph except all laps shall be not less than 4 inches

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 mile per hour = 0.447 m/s.

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SECTION 1510
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1507.18.7 Wind resistance. BIPV roof panels shall be tested in accordance with UL 1897. BIPV roof panel packaging shall bear a label to indicate compliance with UL 1897.

SECTION 1508
ROOF INSULATION

[BF] 1508.1 General. The use of above-deck thermal insulation shall be permitted provided that such insulation is covered with an approved roof covering and passes the tests of NFPA 276 or UL 1256 when tested as an assembly.

Exceptions:

- From plastic roof insulation shall conform to the material and installation requirements of Chapter 26.
- Where a concrete roof deck is used and the above-deck thermal insulation is covered with an approved roof covering.

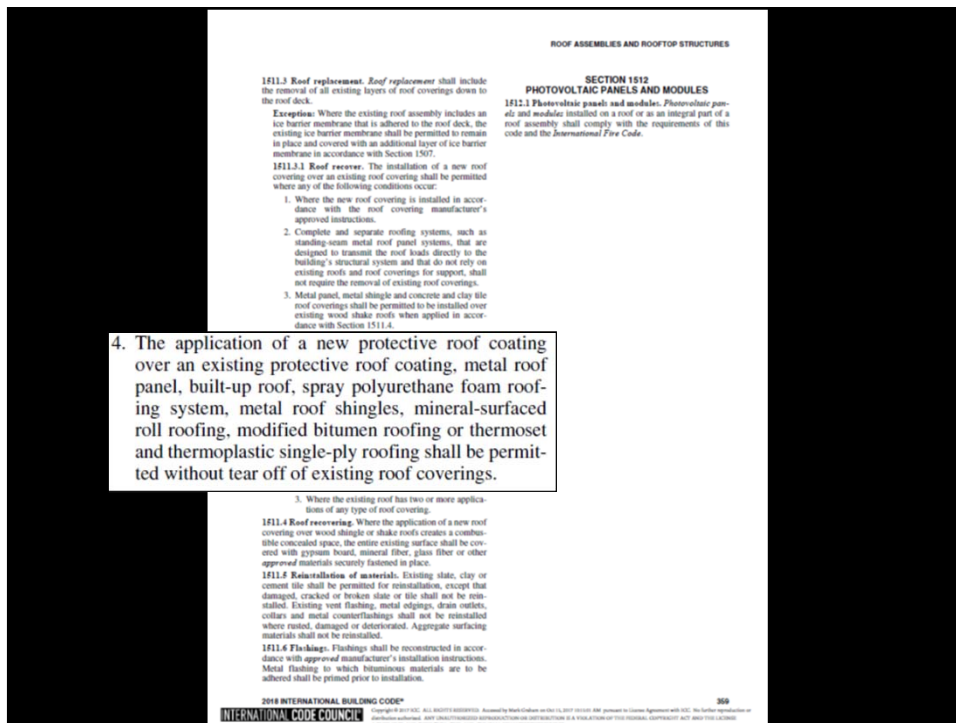
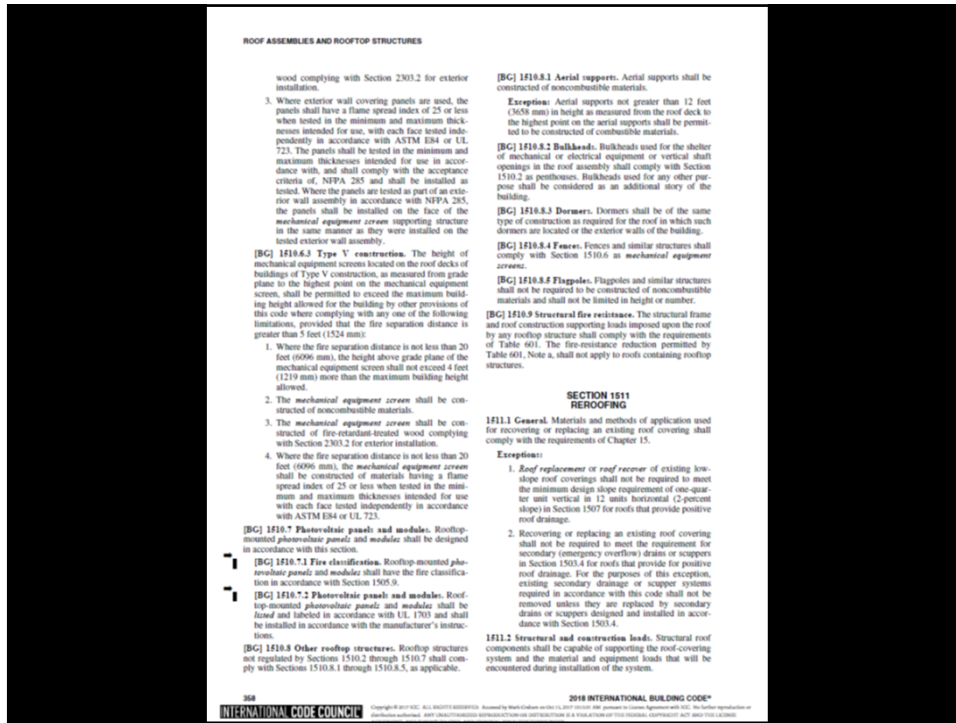
[BF] 1508.2 Material standards. Above-deck thermal insulation board shall comply with the standards in Table 1508.2

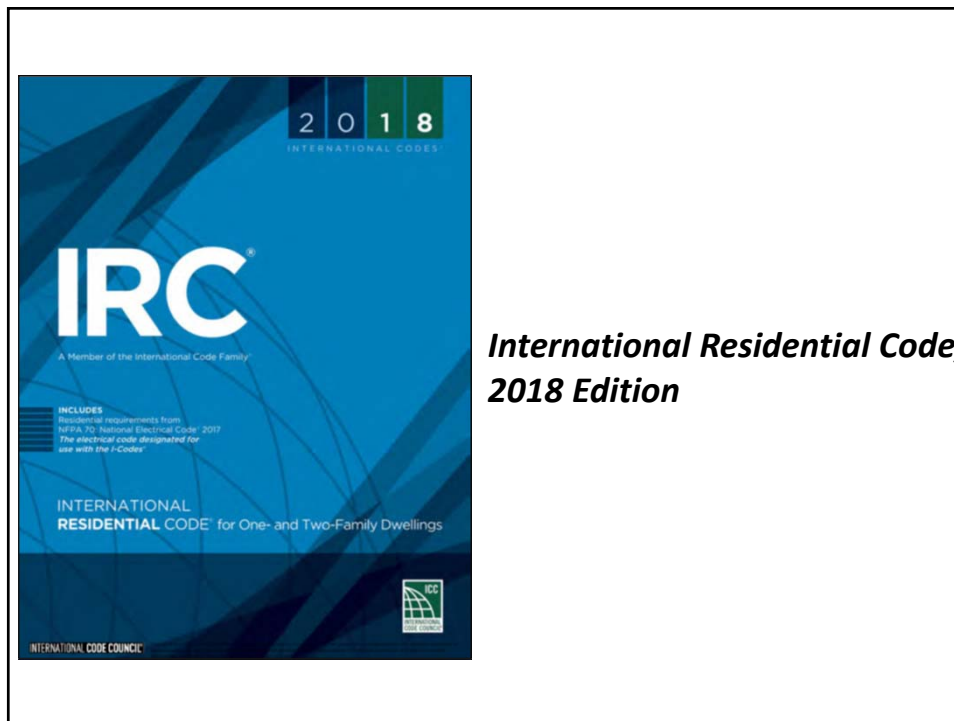
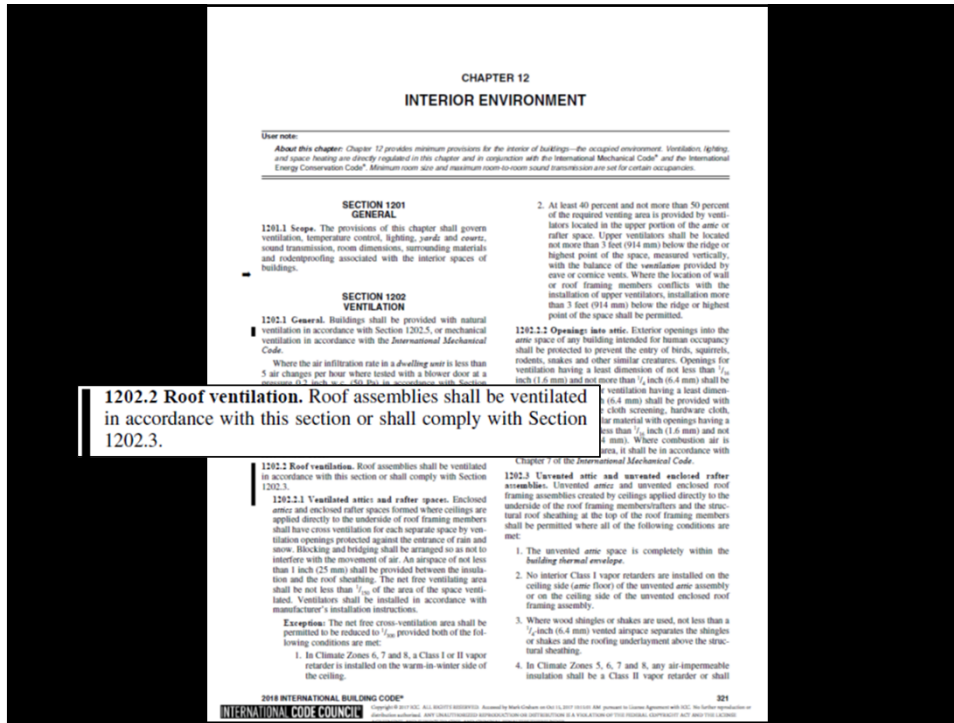
[BF] TABLE 1508.2
MATERIAL STANDARDS FOR ROOF INSULATION

Cellular glass board	ASTM C552
Composite boards	ASTM C1289, Type III, IV, V or VII
Expanded polystyrene	ASTM C578
Extruded polystyrene	ASTM C578
Fiber-reinforced gypsum board	ASTM C1278
Glass-faced gypsum board	ASTM C1177
High-density polyisocyanurate board	ASTM C1289, Type II, Class 4
Mineral fiber insulation board	ASTM C726
Perlite board	ASTM C728
Polyisocyanurate board	ASTM C1289, Type I or II
Wood fiberboard	ASTM C208, Type II

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CHAPTER 9
ROOF ASSEMBLIES

User note:
About this chapter: Chapter 9 addresses the design and construction of roof assemblies. A roof assembly includes the roof deck, substrate or thermal barrier, insulation, vapor retarder and roof covering. This chapter provides the requirement for wind resistance of roof coverings. The types of roof covering materials and installation addressed by Chapter 9 are asphalt shingles, clay and concrete tile, metal roof shingles, manufactured tile roofing, slate and stone-type shingles, wood shakes and shingles, built-up roofs, metal roof panels, modified bitumen roofing, thermoset and thermoplastic single-ply roofing, sprayed polyurethane foam roofing, liquid applied coatings and photovoltaic shingles. Chapter 9 also provides requirements for roof drainage, flashing, above-deck thermal insulation, rooftop-mounted photovoltaic systems and reworking or replacing an existing roof covering.

IRC 2018 Ch. 9 changes are similar to those of IBC 2018 Ch. 15 except:

- ASCE 7-10's wind maps apply
- Some rooftop PV reformatting:
 - New Sec. R324-Solar Energy Systems
- New Sec. R905.17 (BIPV applied directly to the roof deck)

Impregnation with chemicals by the full-cell vacuum-pressure process, in accordance with AWPA C1. Each bundle shall be marked to identify the manufacturer and the manufacturer, and shall be labeled to identify the classification of the material in accordance with the testing required in Section R902.1, the testing company and the quality control agency.

R902.3 Building-integrated photovoltaic product. Building-integrated photovoltaic products installed as the roof covering shall be tested, listed and labeled for fire classification in accordance with Section R902.1.


R902.4 Rooftop-mounted photovoltaic panel systems. Rooftop-mounted photovoltaic panel systems installed on or

R903.2.2 Crickets and saddles. A cricket or saddle shall be installed on the ridge side of any chimney or penetration more than 30 inches (762 mm) wide as measured perpendicular to the slope. Cricket or saddle coverings shall be sheet metal or of the same material as the roof covering.

Exception: Unit skylights installed in accordance with Section R308.6 and flashed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions shall be permitted to be installed without a cricket or saddle.

R903.3 Coping. Parapet walls shall be properly coped with noncombustible, weatherproof materials of a width not less than the thickness of the parapet wall.

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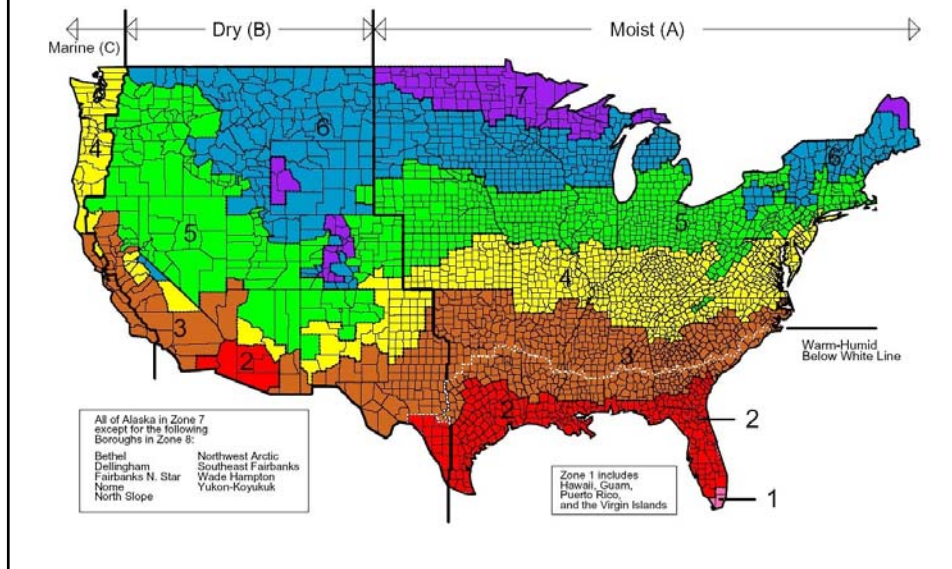
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IECC 2018's roofing-related requirements

- No substantive changes from IECC 2015
 - R-value
 - Roof reflectivity and emissivity
 - Air barriers
- ASHRAE 90.1-16 alternative
 - ASHRAE 90.1-12 referenced in IECC 2015

IECC 2018, Fig. C301.1-Climate zones

Fig. R301.1 (residential climate zones) is similar



**TABLE C402.1.3
OPAQUE THERMAL ENVELOPE INSULATION COMPONENT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, R-VALUE METHOD¹**

COMMERICAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY

CLIMATE ZONE	1		2		3		4 EXCEPT MARINE		5 AND MARINE 4		6		7		8	
	All other	Group R	All other	Group R	All other	Group R	All other	Group R	All other	Group R	All other	Group R	All other	Group R	All other	Group R
Roofs																
Insulation entirely above roof deck	R-20ci	R-25ci	R-25ci	R-25ci	R-25ci	R-25ci	R-30ci	R-30ci	R-30ci	R-30ci	R-30ci	R-30ci	R-35ci	R-35ci	R-35ci	R-35ci
Metal buildings ^b	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-25 + R-11 LS	R-25 + R-11 LS	R-30 + R-11 LS	R-30 + R-11 LS	R-30 + R-11 LS	R-30 + R-11 LS
Attic and other	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-49	R-49	R-49	R-49	R-49	R-49	R-49	R-49
Walls, above grade																
Mass ^c	R-5.7f	R-5.7f	R-5.7f	R-7.6a	R-7.6a	R-9.5a	R-9.5a	R-11.4a	R-11.4a	R-13.3a	R-13.3a	R-15.2a	R-15.2a	R-17.1a	R-17.1a	R-19.0a
Metal building	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a
Metal framed	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a	R-13 + R-6.5a
Wood framed and other	R-13 + R-3.5a	R-13 + R-3.5a	R-13 + R-3.5a	R-13 + R-3.5a	R-13 + R-3.5a	R-13 + R-3.5a	R-13 + R-3.5a	R-13 + R-3.5a	R-13 + R-3.5a	R-13 + R-3.5a	R-13 + R-3.5a	R-13 + R-3.5a	R-13 + R-3.5a	R-13 + R-3.5a	R-13 + R-3.5a	R-13 + R-3.5a
Below-grade wall ^d	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Floors																
Mass ^c	NR	NR	R-8.3a	R-8.3a	R-10.1a	R-10.1a	R-11.9a	R-11.9a	R-13.7a	R-13.7a	R-15.5a	R-15.5a	R-17.3a	R-17.3a	R-19.1a	R-19.1a
Unheated slabs	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Heated slabs ^e	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab
Overhang doors	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 pound per square foot = 4.88 kg/m², 1 pound per cubic foot = 16 kg/m³.
 ci = Continuous insulation, NR = No Requirement, LS = Liner System.
 a. Assembly descriptions can be found in ANSI/AIAA/RESNA Appendix A.
 b. Where using R-value compliance method, a thermal opaque block shall be provided, otherwise use the U-factor compliance method in Table C402.1.4.
 c. R-5.7a is allowed to be substituted with concrete block walls complying with ASTM C90, ungrouted or partially grouted at 32 inches or less on center vertically and 48 inches or less on center horizontally, with ungrouted cores filled with materials having a maximum thermal conductivity of 0.44 Btu-inch²/ft²-hr.
 d. Where beam slabs are below grade, below-grade walls shall comply with the exterior insulation requirements for heated slabs.
 e. "Mass floors" shall be in accordance with Section C402.2.3.
 f. Steel floor joist systems shall be insulated to R-38.
 g. "Mass walls" shall be in accordance with Section C402.2.2.
 h. The first value is for perimeter insulation and the second value is for slab insulation. Perimeter insulation is not required to extend below the bottom of the slab.
 i. Not applicable to garage doors. See Table C402.1.4.

Roofing-specific adaptation of Table C402.1.3

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Climate zone	Roof assembly configuration		
	Insulation entirely above deck	Metal buildings (with R-5 thermal blocks)	Attic and other
1	R-20ci	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-38
2	R-25ci		
3			
4			
5	R-30ci	R-25 + R-11 LS	R-49
6	R-35ci		
7			
8	R-35ci	R-30 + R-11 LS	

ci = Continuous insulation
 LS = Liner system (a continuous membrane installed below the purlins and uninterrupted by framing members; uncompressed, faced insulation rests on top of the membrane between the purlins)

Comparison of IECC's various editions

Commercial Buildings (Insulation component R-value-based method)

Climate Zone	IECC 2003	IECC 2006	IECC 2009	IECC 2012*	IECC 2015*	IECC 2018*
1	R-12 ci	R-15 ci	R-15 ci	R-20 ci	R-20 ci	R-20 ci
2	R-14 ci		R-20ci		R-25 ci	R-25 ci
3	R-10 ci				R-30 ci	R-30 ci
4	R-12 ci	R-20 ci	R-25 ci	R-30 ci	R-35 ci	R-35 ci
5	R-15 ci					
6	R-11 ci					
7	R-15 ci	R-25 ci	R-25 ci	R-30 ci	R-35 ci	R-35 ci
8						

* Applies to roof replacement projects
ci = continuous insulation

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designed in accordance with the R-value method of Section C402.1.3 shall be as specified in Table C402.1.3. The perimeter insulation shall be placed on the outside of the foundation or on the inside of the foundation wall. The perimeter insulation shall extend downward from the top of the slab for the minimum distance shown in the table or to the top of the footing, whichever is less, or downward to not less than the bottom of the slab and then horizontally to the interior or exterior for the total distance shown in the table. Insulation extending away from the building shall be protected by pavement or by not less than 10 inches (254 mm) of soil.

Exception: When the slab-on-grade floor is greater than 34 inches (81 mm) below the finished exterior grade, perimeter insulation is not required.

C402.2.5 Below-grade walls. The C-factor for the below-grade exterior walls shall be in accordance with Table C402.1.4. The R-value of the insulating material installed continuously within or on the below-grade exterior walls of the building envelope shall be in accordance with Table C402.1.3. The C-factor or R-value required shall extend to a depth of not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) below the outside finished ground level, or to the level of the lowest floor of the conditioned space enclosed by the below-grade wall, whichever is less.

C402.2.6 Foundation of radiant heating systems. Radiant heating system panels, and their associated components that are installed in interior or exterior assemblies shall be insulated to an R-value of not less than R-5.5 on all surfaces not facing the space being heated. Radiant heating system panels that are installed in the building thermal envelope shall be separated from the exterior of the building or unconditioned or exempt spaces by not less than the R-value of insulation installed in the space assembly in which they are installed or the assembly shall comply with Section C402.1.4.

Exception: Heated slabs on grade insulated in accordance with Section C402.2.4.

C402.2.7 Airspaces. Where the thermal properties of airspaces are used to comply with this code in accordance with Section C401.2, such airspaces shall be enclosed in an unventilated cavity constructed to minimize airflow into and out of the enclosed airspace. Airflow shall be deemed minimized where the enclosed airspace is located on the interior side of the continuous air barrier and is bounded on all sides by building components:

in Climate Zones 1, 2 and 3 shall comply with one or more of the options in Table C402.3.

Exception: The following roof and portions of roof are exempt from the requirements of Table C402.3:

- Portions of the roof that include or are covered by the following:
 - 1.1. Photovoltaic system or component.
 - 1.2. Solar air or water-heating system or components.
 - 1.3. Roof gardens or landscaped roofs.
 - 1.4. Above-roof decks or walkways.
 - 1.5. Skylights.
 - 1.6. HVAC systems and components, and other opaque objects mounted above the roof.
2. Portions of the roof shaded during the peak sun angle on the summer solstice by permanent features of the building or by permanent features of adjacent buildings.
3. Portions of roofs that are ballasted with a minimum stone ballast of 17 pounds per square foot (74 kg/m²) or 23 pcf (117 kg/m³) pavers.
4. Roofs where not less than 75 percent of the roof area complies with one or more of the exceptions to this section.

C402.3.1 Aged roof solar reflectance. Where an aged solar reflectance required by Section C402.3 is not available, it shall be determined in accordance with Equation 4-3.

$$R_{s,aged} = [0.2 + 0.7(R_{s,new} - 0.2)] \quad \text{(Equation 4-3)}$$

where:
 $R_{s,aged}$ = The aged solar reflectance.
 $R_{s,new}$ = The initial solar reflectance determined in accordance with CRRC-5100.

C402.4 Fenestration (Prescriptive). Fenestration shall comply with Sections C402.4.1 through C402.4.7 and Table C402.4. Daylight responsive controls shall comply with this section and Section C405.2.3.1.

C402.4.1 Maximum area. The vertical fenestration area, not including opaque doors and opaque glazed panels, shall be not greater than 30 percent of the gross above-grade wall area. The skylight area shall be not greater than 3 percent of

C402.3 Roof solar reflectance and thermal emittance. Low-sloped roofs directly above cooled conditioned spaces in Climate Zones 1, 2 and 3 shall comply with one or more of the options in Table C402.3.

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**TABLE C402.3
MINIMUM ROOF REFLECTANCE AND EMITTANCE OPTIONS^a**

Three-year-aged solar reflectance index^b of 55 and 3-year aged thermal emittance^c of 0.75

Three-year-aged solar reflectance index^d of 64

a. The use of area-weighted averages to comply with these requirements shall be permitted. Materials lacking 3-year-aged tested values for either solar reflectance or thermal emittance shall be assigned both a 3-year-aged solar reflectance in accordance with Section C402.3.1 and a 3-year-aged thermal emittance of 0.90.

b. Aged solar reflectance tested in accordance with ASTM C1549, ASTM E903 or ASTM E1918 or CRRC-S100.

c. Aged thermal emittance tested in accordance with ASTM C1371 or ASTM E408 or CRRC-S100.

d. Solar reflectance index (SRI) shall be determined in accordance with ASTM E1980 using a convection coefficient of 2.1 Btu/h • ft² • °F (12W/m² • K). Calculation of aged SRI shall be based on aged tested values of solar reflectance and thermal emittance.

Orientation ^e	SEW		N		SEW		N		SEW		N	
	SEW	N	SEW	N	SEW	N	SEW	N	SEW	N	SEW	N
PF = 0.1	0.25	0.33	0.25	0.33	0.25	0.33	0.25	0.33	0.48	0.58	0.51	0.40
0.2 ≤ PF < 0.5	0.20	0.27	0.20	0.27	0.20	0.27	0.41	0.53	0.44	0.54	0.48	0.38
PF ≥ 0.5	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.58	0.61	0.61	0.64	0.64	NR
<i>in giga</i>												
U-factor	0.75	0.61	0.57	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
SHGC	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.40	0.40	0.40	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

NR = No Requirement; PF = Projection Factor

^a "SE" indicates vertical fenestration oriented within 61 degrees of true south. "SW" indicates orientation other than "SE." For buildings in the southern hemisphere, reverse south and north. Buildings located at less than 23.5 degrees latitude shall use "SW" for all orientations.

2. In buildings three or more stories above grade, not less than 25 percent of the net floor area is within a daylight zone.

3. Daylight responsive controls complying with Section C402.2.3.1 are installed in daylight zones.

4. Visible transmittance (VT) of vertical fenestration is not less than 1.1 times solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC).

Exception: Fenestration that is outside the scope of ENTC 200 is not required to comply with Item 4.

C402.4.1.2 Increased skylight area with daylight responsive controls. The skylight area shall be not more than 6 percent of the roof area provided that daylight responsive controls complying with Section C402.2.3.1 are installed in night zones.

C402.4.2 Minimum skylight fenestration area. In an enclosed space greater than 2,500 square feet (232 m²) in floor area, directly under a roof with not less than 75 percent of the ceiling area with a ceiling height greater than 15 feet (4772 mm), and used as an office, lobby, atrium, conference, corridor, storage space, gymnasium, exercise center, convention center, automotive service area, space where manufacturing occurs, unadorned warehouse, retail store, distribution/setting area, transportation depot or workshop, the total night daylight zone shall be not less than half the floor area and shall provide one of the following:

1. A minimum skylight area to night daylight zone of not less than 1 percent where all skylights have a VT of not less than 0.40 as determined in accordance with Section C502.1.3.
2. A minimum skylight effective aperture of not less than 1 percent, determined in accordance with Equation 4-4.

Skylight Effective Aperture = $\frac{0.85 \times \text{Skylight Area} \times \text{Skylight VT} \times \text{WF}}{\text{Night Zone}}$ (Equation 4-4)

where:

- Skylight area = Total fenestration area of skylight.
- Skylight VT = Area weighted average visible transmittance of skylight.
- WF = Area weighted average wall factor, where wall factor is 0.9 if light well depth is less than 2 feet (610 mm), or 0.7 if light well depth is 2 feet (610 mm) or greater.

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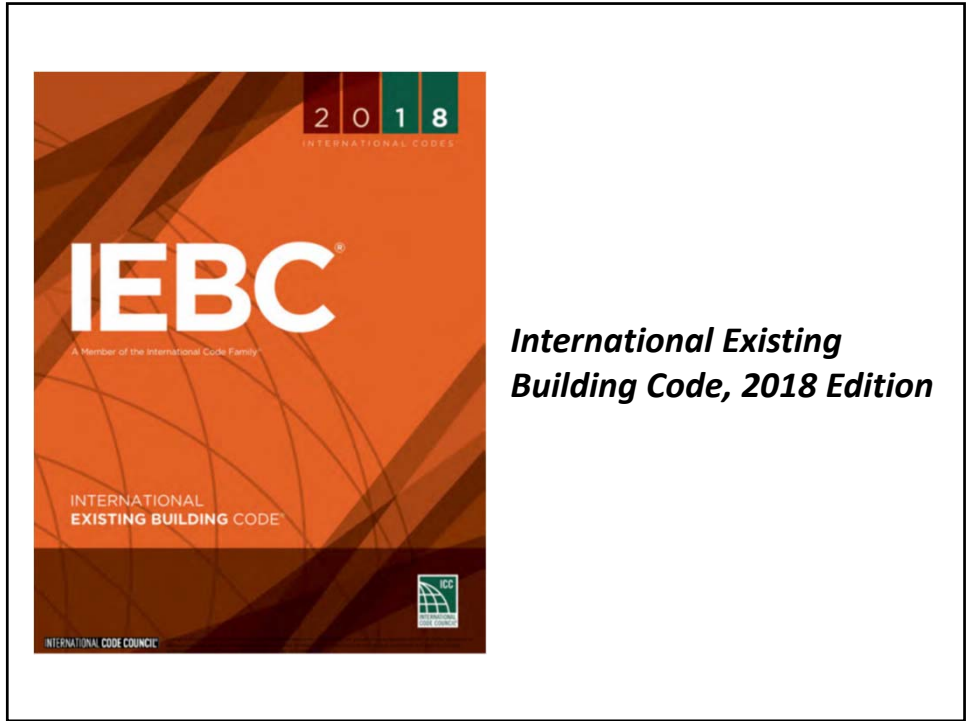
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C402.5 Air leakage—thermal envelope (Mandatory). The *thermal envelope* of buildings shall comply with Sections C402.5.1 through C402.5.8, or the building *thermal envelope* shall be tested in accordance with ASTM E 779 at a pressure differential of 0.3 inch water gauge (75 Pa) or an equivalent method approved by the code official and deemed to comply with the provisions of this section when the tested air leakage rate of the building thermal envelope is not greater than 0.40 cfm/ft² (2.0 L/s • m²). Where compliance is based on such testing, the building shall also comply with Sections C402.5.5, C402.5.6 and C402.5.7.

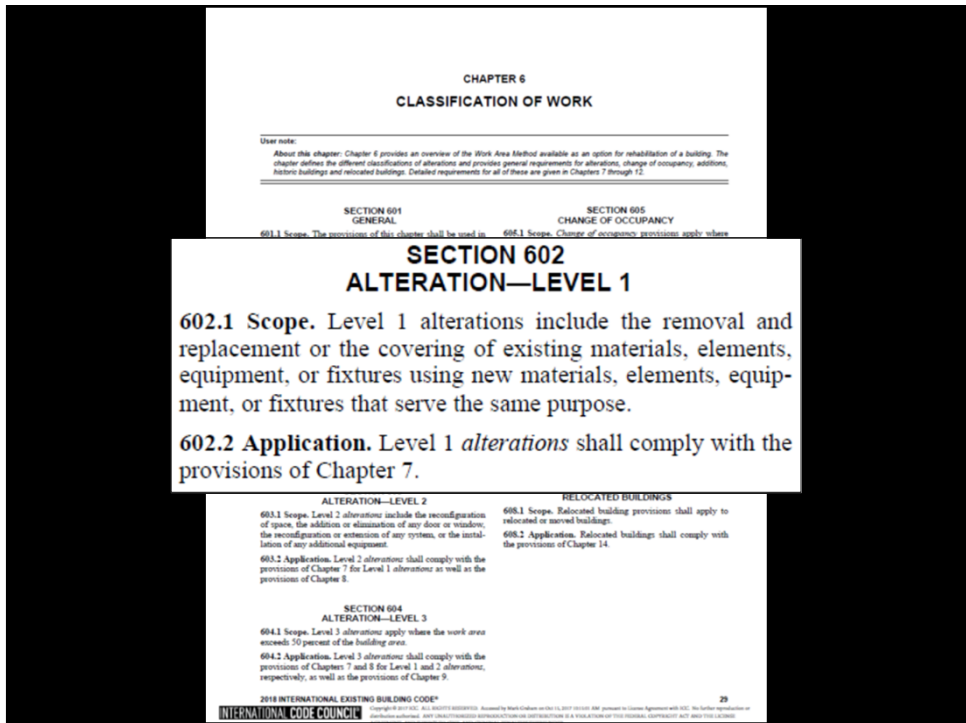
C402.5.1 Air barriers. A continuous air barrier shall be provided throughout the building thermal envelope. The air barriers shall be permitted to be located on the inside or outside of the building envelope, located within the assemblies composing the envelope, or any combination thereof. The air barrier shall comply with Sections C402.5.1.1 and C402.5.1.2.

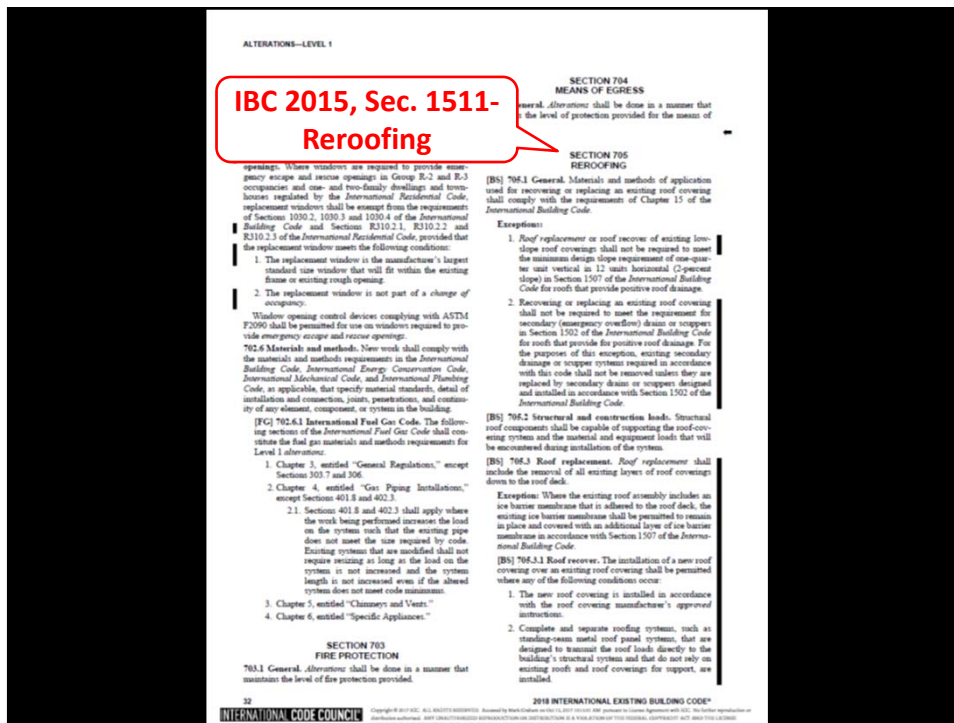
Exception: Air barriers are not required in buildings located in *Climate Zone 2B*.

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SECTION 706 STRUCTURAL

[BS] 706.1 **General.** Where *alteration* work includes replacement of equipment that is supported by the building or where a reroofing permit is required, the provisions of this section shall apply.

[BS] 706.2 **Addition or replacement of roofing or replacement of equipment.** Any existing gravity load-carrying structural element for which an *alteration* causes an increase in design dead, live or snow load, including snow drift effects, of more than 5 percent shall be replaced or altered as needed to carry the gravity loads required by the *International Building Code* for new structures.

Exceptions:

1. Buildings of Group R occupancy with not more than five dwelling or sleeping units used solely for residential purposes where the altered building complies with the conventional light-frame construction methods of the *International Building Code* or the provisions of the *International Residential Code*.
2. Buildings in which the increased dead load is due entirely to the addition of a second layer of roof covering weighing 3 pounds per square foot (0.1437 kN/m²) or less over an existing single layer of roof covering.

[BS] 706.3 **Additional requirements for reroof permits.** The requirements of this section shall apply to *alteration* work requiring reroof permits.

[BS] 706.3.1 **Bracing for unreinforced masonry bearing wall parapets.** Where a permit is issued for reroofing for more than 25 percent of the roof area of a building assigned to Seismic Design Category D, E or F that has parapets constructed of unreinforced masonry, the work shall include installation of parapet bracing unless an evaluation demonstrates compliance of such items. Reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.

[BS] 706.3.2 **Roof diaphragms resisting wind loads in high-wind regions.** Where roofing materials are removed from more than 50 percent of the roof diaphragm or section of a building located where the ultimate design wind speed, V_{ult} , determined in accordance with Figure 1609.3(1) of the *International Building Code*, is greater than 115 mph (51 m/s) or in a special wind region, as defined in Section 1609 of the *International Building Code*, roof diaphragms, connections of the roof diaphragm to roof framing members, and roof-to-wall connections shall be evaluated for the wind loads specified in the *International Building Code*, including wind uplift. If the diaphragms and connections in their current condition are not capable of resisting 75 percent of those wind loads, they shall be replaced or strengthened in accordance with the loads specified in the *International Building Code*.

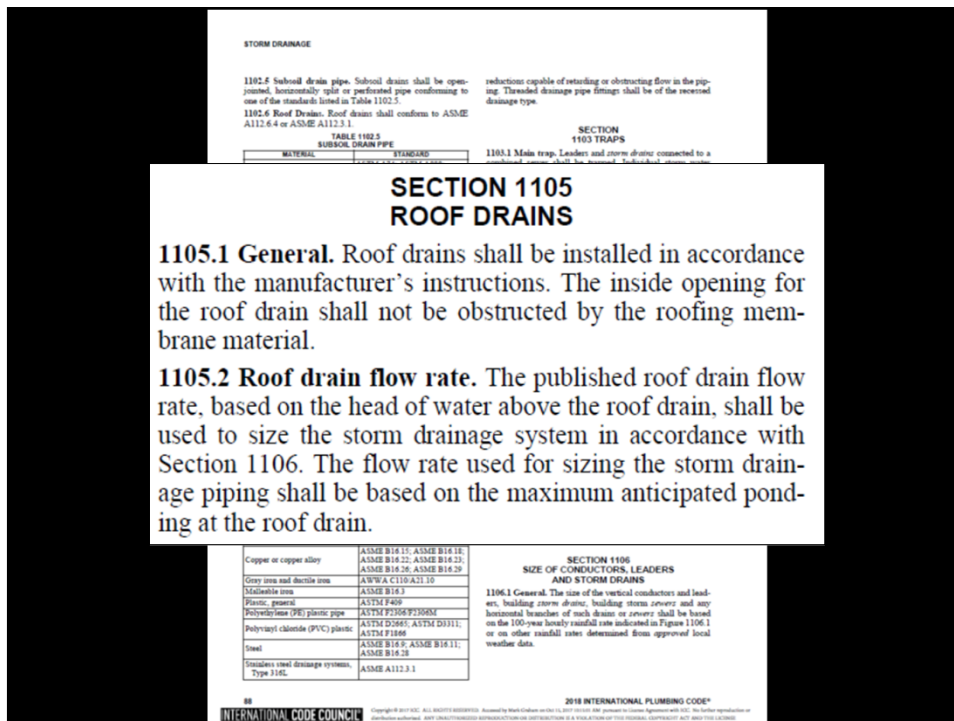
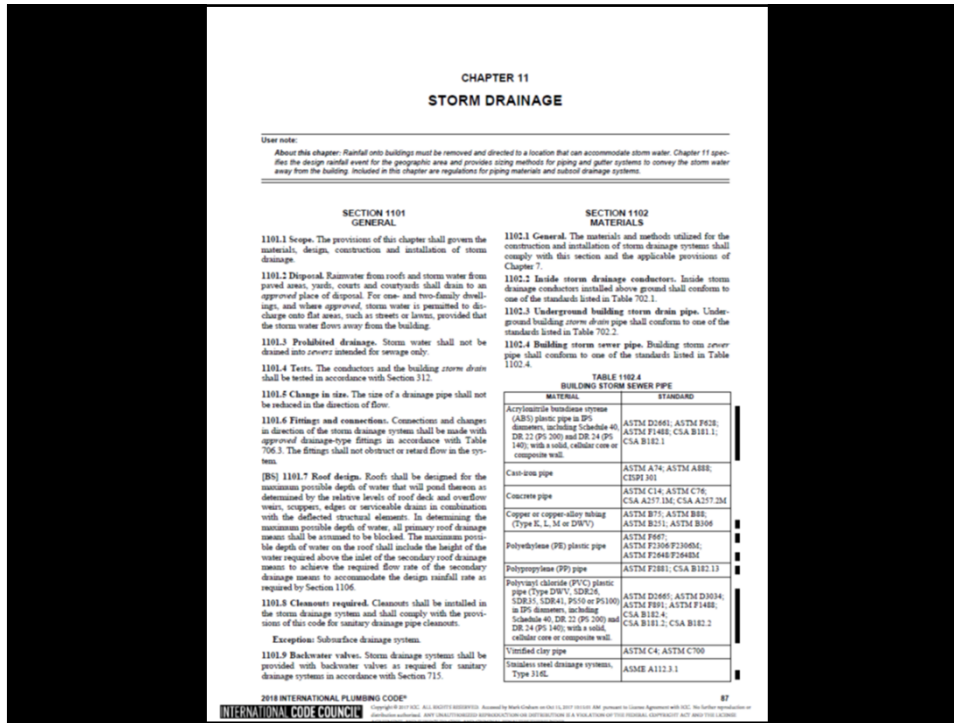
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IEBC 2018's roofing-related requirements

- No substantive changes from IECC 2015



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STORM DRAINAGE

1106.2 Size of storm drain piping. Vertical and horizontal storm drain piping shall be sized based on the flow through the roof drain. The flow rate in storm drain piping shall not exceed that specified in Table 1106.2.

1106.3 Vertical leader sizing. Vertical leaders shall be sized based on the flow rate from horizontal gutters or the maximum flow rate through roof drains. The flow rate through vertical leaders shall not exceed that specified in Table 1106.3.

1106.4 Vertical walls. In sizing roof drains and storm drainage piping, one-half of the area of any vertical wall drains transverse to the roof shall be added to the proper roof area for inclusion in calculating the required size of roof conductors, leaders and horizontal storm drainage piping.

1106.5 Parapet wall scuppers. Where scuppers are used for primary roof drainage or for secondary (emergency overflow) roof drainage or both, the quantity, size, location and elevation of the scuppers shall be chosen to prevent the depth of ponding water on the roof from exceeding the maximum water depth that the roof was designed for as determined by Section 1611.1 of the *International Building Code*. Scupper openings shall be not less than 4 inches (102 mm) in height and have a width that is equal to or greater than the circumference of a roof drain sized for the same roof area. The flow through the primary system shall not be considered when locating and sizing secondary scuppers.

1106.6 Size of roof gutters. Horizontal gutters shall be sized based on the flow rate from the roof surface. The flow rate in horizontal gutters shall not exceed that specified in Table 1106.6.

**SECTION 1108
SECONDARY (EMERGENCY) ROOF DRAINS**

1108.1 Secondary (emergency overflow) drains or scuppers. Where roof drains are required, secondary (emergency overflow) roof drains or scuppers shall be provided where the roof perimeter construction extends above the roof in such a manner that water will be entrapped if the primary drains allow buildup for any reason. Where primary and secondary roof drains are manufactured as a single assembly, the inlet and outlet for each drain shall be independent.

Flow Rate (gpm)	Flow Rate (L/min)
3	92
2 + 4	92
2 1/2 + 3	92
4	102
1	102
4	102
	160
	160
2 1/2	160
	163
3	163
	163
2 1/2	163
2	1708
2	1708

min. 1 gallon per minute = 3.785 L/min

Roof Drain	% inch per foot	% inch per foot
31	44	
79	111	
163	231	
284	331	
467	600	
1,010	1,420	
1,835	2,620	
2,960	4,187	
5,018	7,093	

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IPC 2018's roofing-related requirements

- No substantive changes from IPC 2015



Roofing-related provisions

International Fire Code, 2015 Edition

- Sec. 303-Asphalt kettles
- Sec. 317-Rooftop gardens
- Sec. 905.3.8-Rooftop gardens (standpipes)
- Sec. 1204-Solar photovoltaic power systems
- Sec. 3317-Safeguarding roofing operations

IFC 2018's roofing-related requirements

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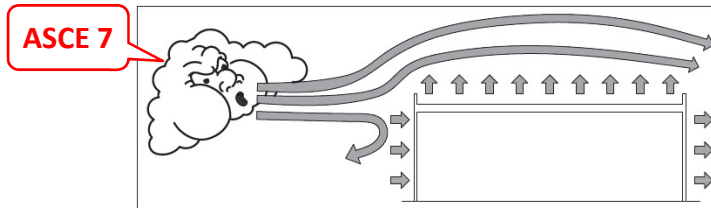
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Design wind uplift

The fundamental concept



Wind creates pressures/forces
on building elements

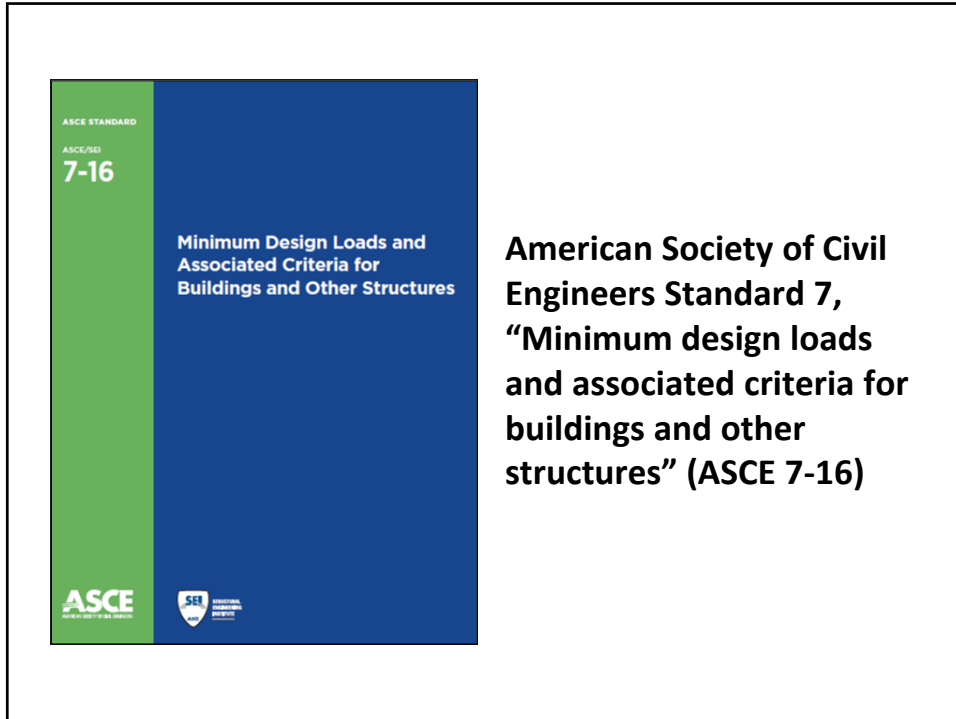
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FM rating

UL classification \geq ASCE 7

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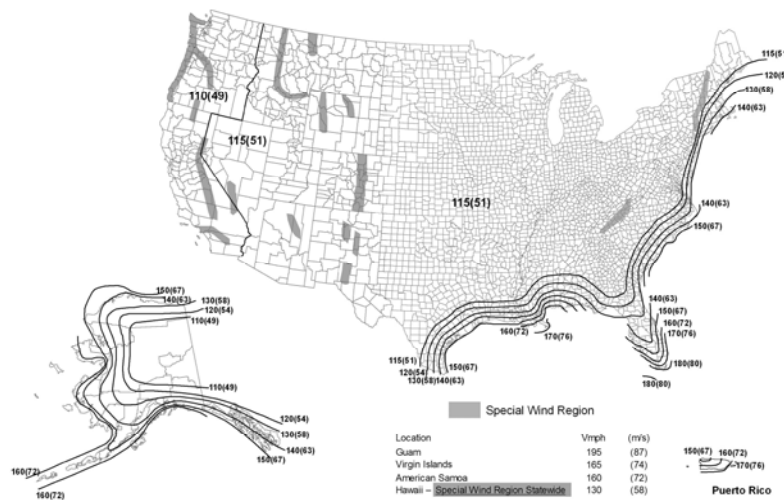
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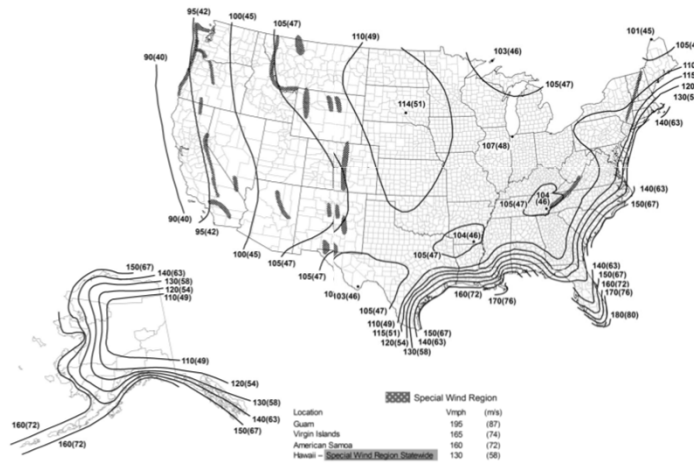
ASCE 7-10 basic wind speed map

Fig. 1607A-- V_{ult} for Risk Category II Buildings



ASCE 7-16 basic wind speed map

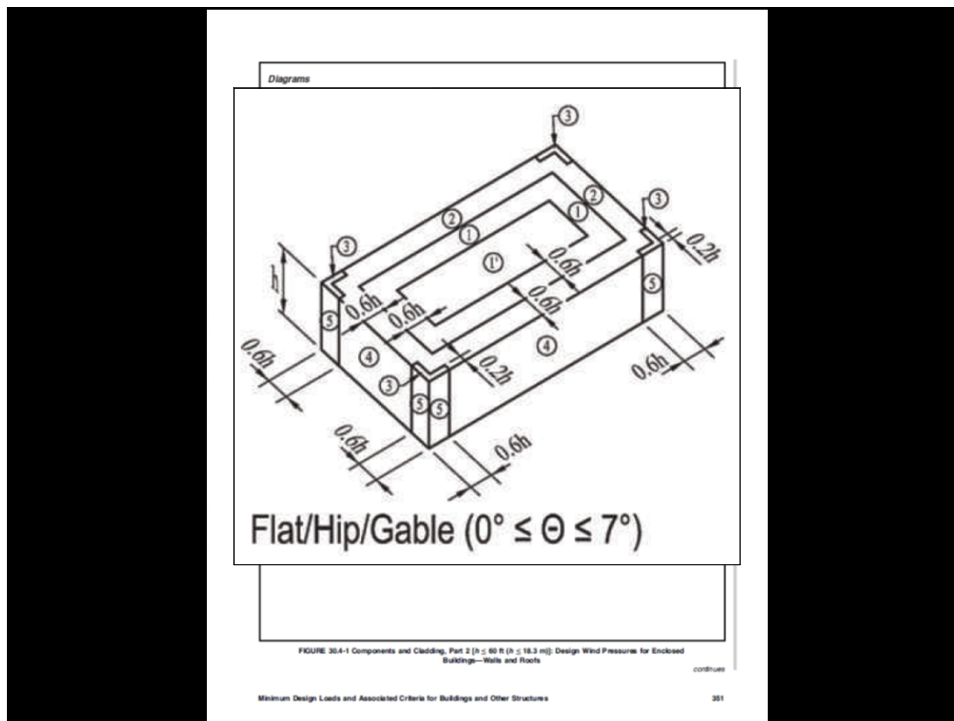
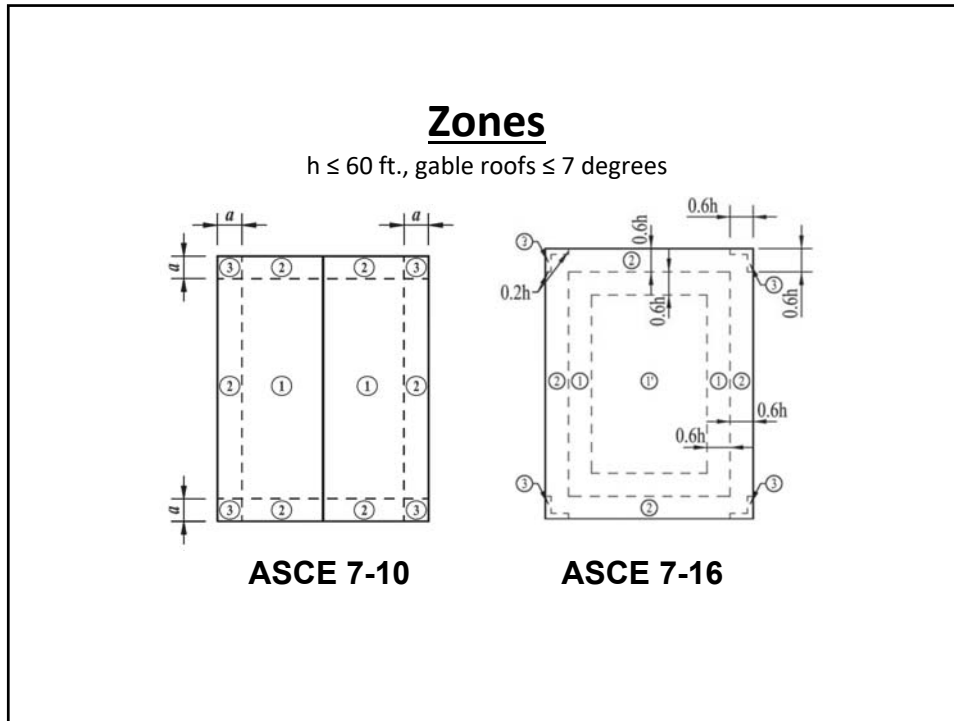
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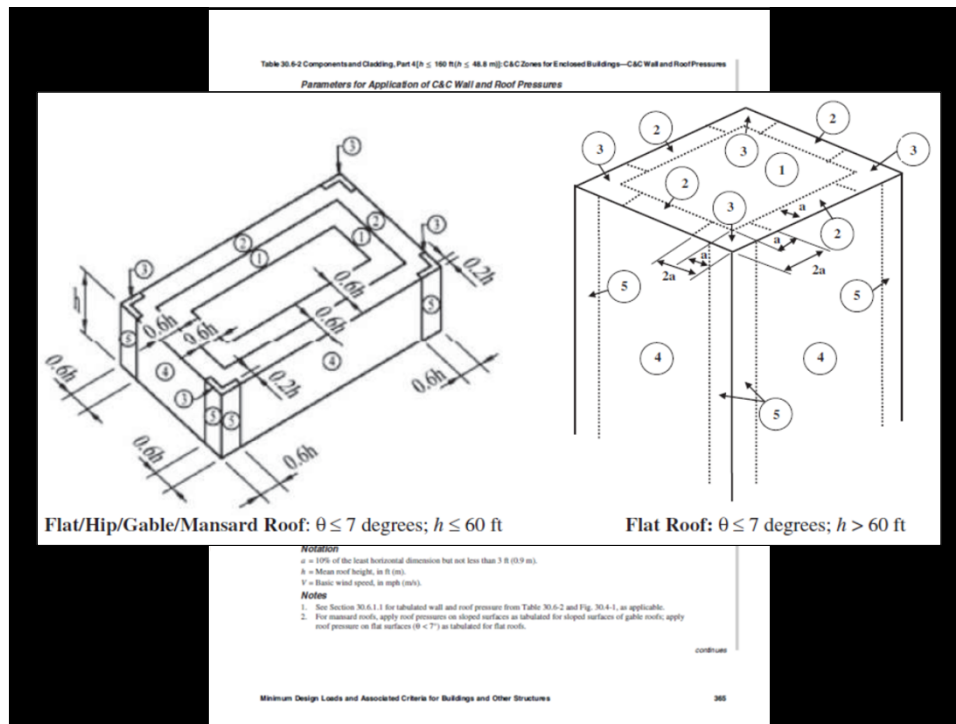


Comparing GC_p pressure coefficients

$h \leq 60$ ft., gable roofs ≤ 7 degrees

Zone	ASCE 7-10	ASCE 7-16	Change
1'	n/a	0.9	-10%
1 (field)	-1.0	-1.7	+70%
2 (perimeter)	-1.8	-2.3	+28%
3 (corners)	-2.8	-3.2	+14%





Noteworthy changes in ASCE 7-16

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- Revised basic wind speed map
- Changes (and new) pressure coefficients
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While center field pressures may be slightly lower, field, perimeter and corner uplift pressures will generally be greater

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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.

Roof Wind Designer has been updated based upon ASCE 7-16:

- **Part 2: Low-rise Buildings (Simplified) [h ≤ 60 ft.]**
- **Part 4: Buildings with 60 ft. < h ≤ 160 ft. (Simplified)***

* Does not include hip and gable roofs h > 60 ft. and all roof slopes over 7 degrees (about 1.5:12)

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How the roofing industry will adapt to ASCE 7-16 remains to be seen....

FM Global has indicated they will update their FM 1-28 to be based on ASCE 7-16 (with modifications) by the end of the 2018.

Comparing FM 1-28 and ASCE 7-05, -10 & -16


Example: A manufacturing building is located in Springfield, MA. The building is an enclosed structure with a low-slope roof system and a roof height of 45 ft. The building is located in an area that is categorized as Exposure Category C.

Document	Basic wind speed (mph)	Design wind pressure (psf)			
		Zone 1' (Center)	Zone 1 (Field)	Zone 2 (Perimeter)	Zone 3 (Corners)
ASCE 7-05	90	--	22	37	56
FM 1-28	90	--	29	49	73
ASCE 7-10 Strength design	130	--	47	78	117
ASCE 7-10 ASD	101	--	28	47	71
ASCE 7-16 Strength design	115	33	58	77	104
ASCE 7-16 ASD	89	20	35	46	63

This comparison illustrates why it is important for Designers to include wind design loads in their Construction Documents (per IBC Sec. 1603.1)...

...It also illustrates why specifying a wind warranty can create an uneven playing field. Unless the Designer indicates the wind design loads, which design method will the manufacturer use (e.g., in a competitive environment)?

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Considering the winds

Properly specifying wind design is key to roof system performance
by Mark S. Graham

With increasing frequency, NRCA has been receiving reports of roof system designs that include inadequate provisions for wind loads and resistances. Design files with overly wind speed, wind direction or depressionally high (or low) uplift resistance classifications are a tell-tale sign of insufficient design considerations for high winds.

Where it appears
designers have not properly addressed wind design, contractors are encouraged to seek further guidance from designers

Code Requirements
Building codes typically provide minimum requirements for determining and reporting design wind loads on a project-specific basis. For example, in the International Building Code, 2012 Edition,¹ (IBC), design wind loads should be determined according to Chapter 16—Structural Design. This chapter specifically references the 2010 edition of ASCE Standard 7, “Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures.” ASCE 7-10 also is referenced in IBC 2012.

With ASCE 7-10, roof systems typically are considered components and cladding elements, and design wind load is determined using one of two methods: strength design or allowable stress design (ASD). Most roof systems are designed using the ASD method. IBC 2006 and IBC 2009 reference ASCE 7-05, which results in design wind loads over those derived using ASCE 7-10’s ASD method. IBC 2015 Section 1603—Construction Documents indicates a building’s design

loads, including a roof system live load, snow load data, wind design and any special loads be noted in construction documents. Code required wind design data include identifying the ultimate design wind speed, nominal design wind speed, risk category, wind exposure and applicable terrain pressure coefficient. For components and cladding systems not specifically designed for a registered design professional, design wind pressures in terms of pounds per square foot (psf) also are required. Design wind pressure for the field, perimeter and corner regions of roof area should specifically be noted. A building’s design load must consistently will be identified on the structural drawings in the project drawing set for new construction projects. For remodeling projects without specific structural drawings, design loads may be provided on the architectural drawings or in the project specifications.

IBC 2012 and previous editions include similar construction documents requirements for indicating building design loads.

IBC 2015 also has specific requirements for designing roof systems’ ability to resist design wind loads. For built-up, polymer-modified bitumen, and adhered and mechanically fastened single-ply membrane roof systems, for example, IBC 2015 Section 1504—Performance Requirements specifies laboratory testing according to one of the following:

- FM 4474, “American National Standard for Evaluating the Simulated Wind Uplift Resistance of Roof Assemblies Using Static Pressure and/or Negative Pressure”
- UL 580, “Test for Uplift Resistance of Roof Assemblies”
- UL 1917, “Uplift Test for Roof Covering Systems”

These tests provide the basis for FM Approvals and Underwriters Laboratories’ (UL) approval classifications for roof systems.

Roof Wind Designer
NRCA Roof Wind Designer application can help roof system designers properly determine and specify design wind loads on roof systems. Roof Wind Designer allows users to input specific project information and determine design wind loads using ASCE 7-10 or ASCE 7-10’s strength design and ASD methods for many commonly encountered building types. The application also determines minimum recommended tested wind resistance load capacity, taking into consideration a safety factor that allows designers to select appropriate uplift resistance-classified roof systems. Roof Wind Designer generates a project-specific report, which can be used for project documentation and submittal purposes.

Roof Wind Designer is free and can be accessed at www.nrcawinddesign.com. To date, the application has been used on more than 17,700 roofing projects.

In situations where it appears roof system designers have not properly addressed code-required considerations for wind design, contractors are encouraged to seek further guidance from designers. Referring designers to Roof Wind Designer is one possible approach to helping designers provide code-required documentation of design wind loads in contract documents. ■■■

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