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Wind-uplift design and technical issues update



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About NRCA

- Not-for-profit trade association founded in 1886
- Rosemont, IL and Washington , DC
- More than 3,500 members:
 - Roofing contractors and affiliate members
 - All 50 states and 53 counties
 - 97 local, state and regional affiliates organizations
 - Less than \$1 M to large companies
 - Both residential and commercial work
 - One-third in business for more than 50 years
- Information, education, technology and advocacy

About me

- Grew up in a three-generation family construction business
- Degree in Architectural Engineering
- Roof contracting business
- Consulting engineer
- NRCA...for the last 25 years

Today's topics

- Wind-uplift design
 - ASCE 7-16
 - Roof Wind Designer
- Moisture in concrete roof decks
- Steel roof deck concerns
- Roof drain concerns
- “Fully” adhered
- Installation instructions
- Metal stud parapet walls
- Questions... and other topics

Wind-uplift design

*Specifying a wind speed warranty,
in itself, is not proper wind design...*

*...in fact, it is usually evidence of
incomplete, inadequate or improper design*

Reference documents – “the acronyms”

Wind design

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

- ASCE 7, “Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures”

International Code Council (ICC):

- *International Building Code* (IBC)

FM Global:

- Loss Prevention Data Sheet 1-28, “Design Wind Loads”
- Loss Prevention Data Sheet 1-29, “Roof Deck Securement and Above-deck Roof Components”

Reference documents -- continued

Wind design

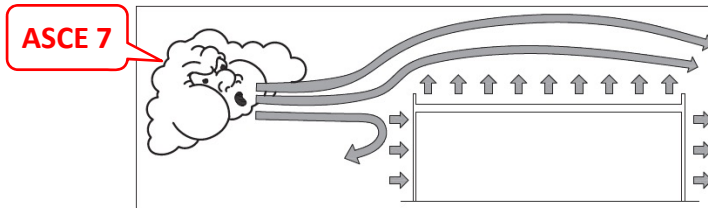
FM Approvals (a subsidiary of FM Global)

- Approval classifications: 1-60, 1-90, 1-120, etc.
- RoofNav (www.roofnav.com)

Underwriters Laboratories (UL):

- Fire classifications: Class A, Class B and Class C
- Wind classifications: Class 30, Class 60, Class 90
- Impact (hail) classifications: Class I to IV
- Online certifications directory (www.ul.com)

The fundamental concept



Wind creates pressures/forces
on building elements

Fundamental pressure equation

ASCE 7-10, Equation 30.3-1

$$q_h = 0.00256 (K_z) (K_{zt}) (K_d) (V^2)$$

Where:

K_d = wind directionality factor

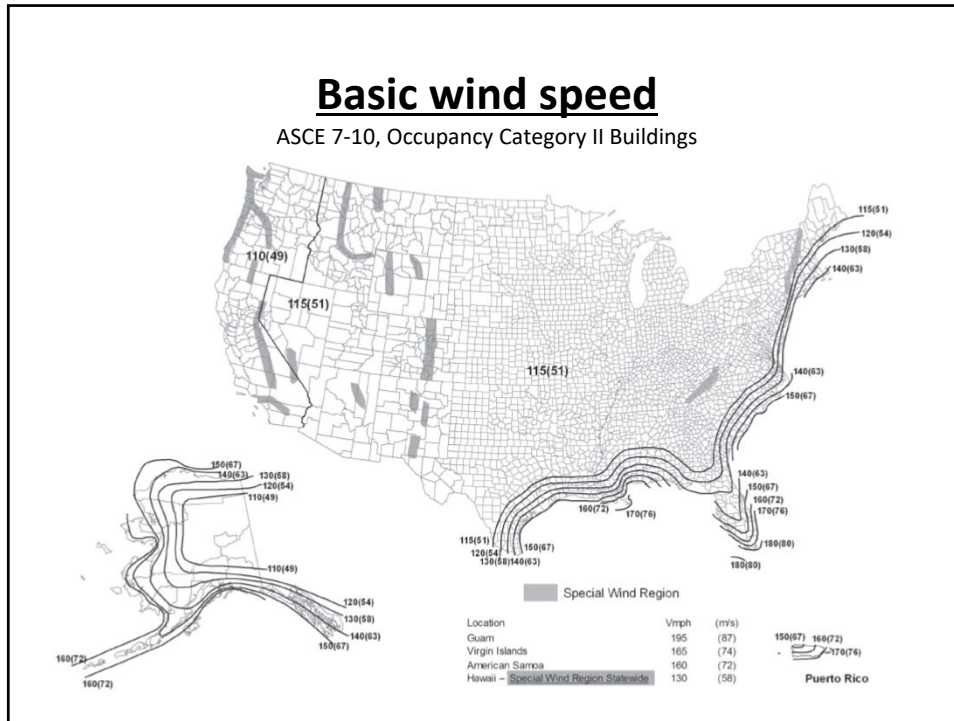
K_z = velocity pressure exposure coefficient

K_{zt} = topographic factor

V = wind speed (mph)

q_h = velocity pressure (psf)





Fundamental concept -- continued

Adhesion or attachment \geq Uplift pressure

FM rating

UL classification \geq ASCE 7

Engineering

Pressure coefficients (GC_p)

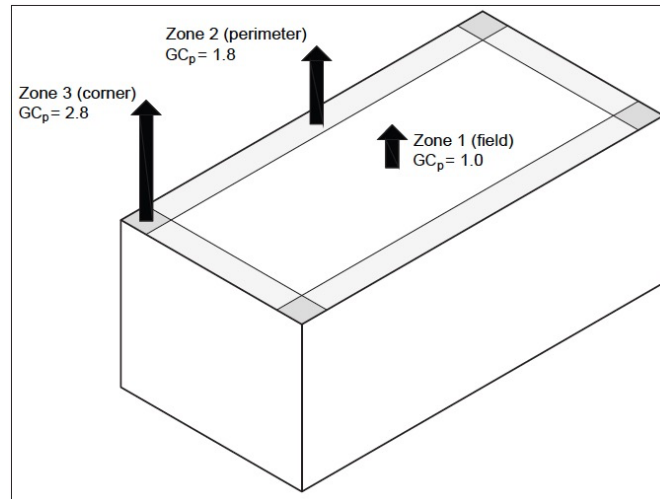



Illustration based upon ASCE 7-10, Fig. 30.4-2A ($\theta \leq 7^\circ$); Effective wind area = 10 ft²

Safety factor

A factor of safety is intended to address possible variances in load determination and normally anticipated variances in materials, including material aging and deterioration, and in application.

 Designation: D6630/D6630M - 16

Standard Guide for Low Slope Insulated Roof Membrane Assembly Performance¹

This standard is issued under the fixed designation D6630/D6630M; the number immediately following the designation indicates the year of original adoption or, in the case of revision, the year of last revision. A number in parentheses indicates the year of last approval. A superscript epsilon (ϵ) indicates an editorial change since the last revision or approval.

1. Scope

1.1 This guide lists test methods intended to establish a minimum level of performance for insulated roof membrane assemblies, and lists pertinent design guidelines and installation methods in a unified manner. Material tests and evaluations are included with and without roof insulation.

1.2 It is not possible to establish a precise correlation between laboratory tests on roof assemblies and natural weathering due to variations in geographical climate, design, materials, etc.

D4434/D4434M Specification for Poly(Vinyl Chloride) Sheet Roofing
 D4637/D4637M Specification for EPDM Sheet Used In Single-Ply Roof Membrane
 D4798/D4798M Practice for Accelerated Weathering Test Conditions and Procedures for Bituminous Materials (Xenon-Arc Method)
 D4799/D4799M Practice for Accelerated Weathering Test Conditions and Procedures for Bituminous Materials

7.3.7 Wind uplift forces should be determined according to ASCE-7. Roof system wind uplift resistance shall have a minimum 2.0 factor of safety. For ballasted single ply roofs use ANSI/SPRI RP-4 for determining their wind uplift resistance.

Responsibility of user to determine the continued applicability of regulatory requirements prior to use.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 **ASTM Standards:**²

D95 Test Method for Water in Petroleum Products and Bituminous Materials by Distillation
 D450/D450M Specification for Coal-Tar Pitch Used in Roofing, Damproofing, and Waterproofing
 D1079 Terminology Relating to Roofing and Waterproofing
 D2523 Practice for Testing Load-Strain Properties of Roofing Membranes

D5635/D5635M Test Method for Dynamic Puncture Resistance of Roofing Membrane Specimens
 D5849/D5849M Test Method for Evaluating Resistance of Modified Bituminous Roofing Membrane to Cyclic Fatigue (Joint Displacement)
 D6754/D6754M Specification for Ketone Ethylene Ester Based Sheet Roofing
 D6878/D6878M Specification for Thermoplastic Polyolefin Based Sheet Roofing
 E96/E96M Test Methods for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials
 E631 Terminology of Building Constructions

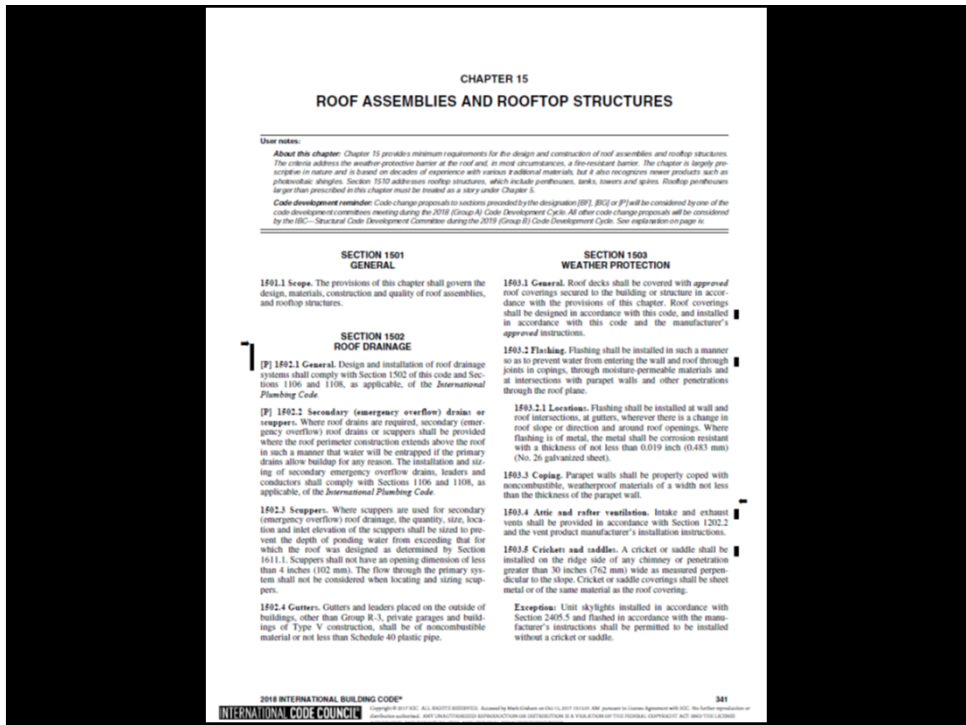
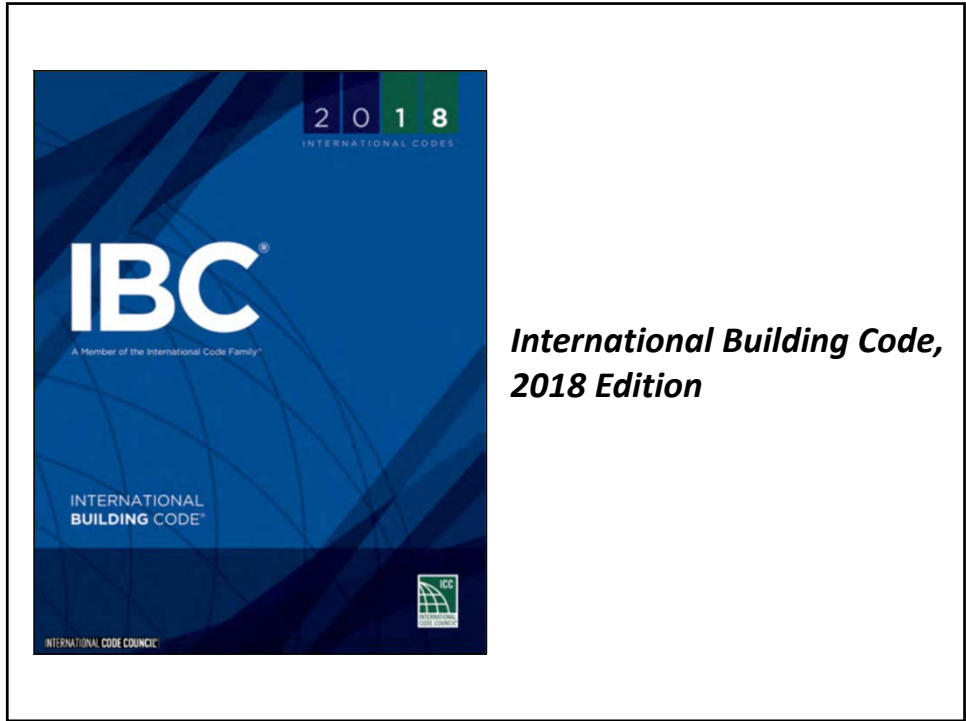
2.2 **ASCE Standard:**
 ASCE-7 Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures³

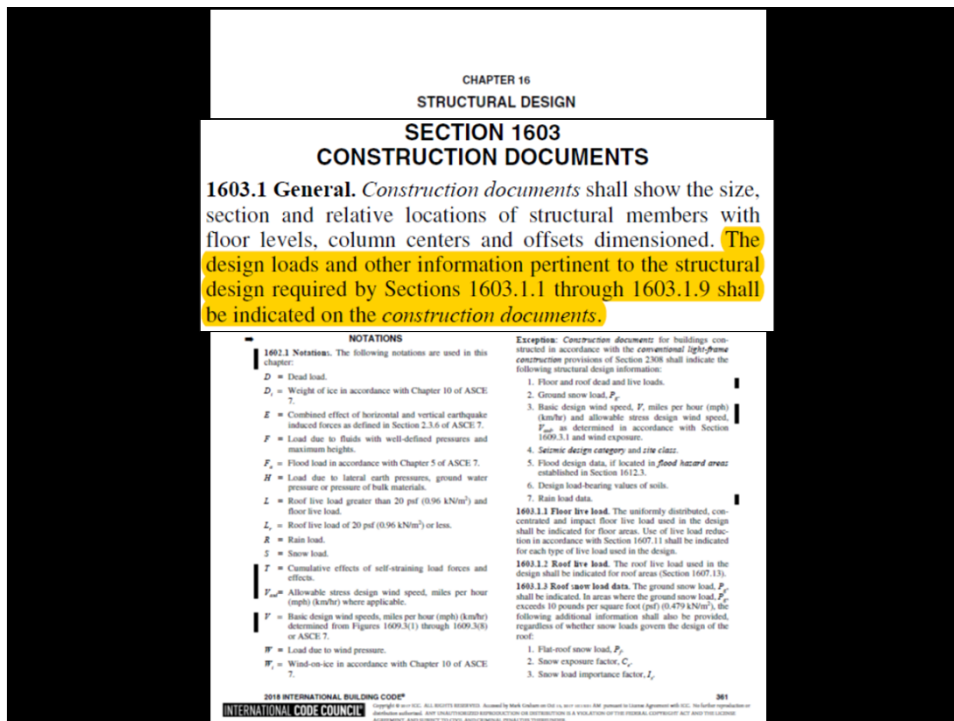
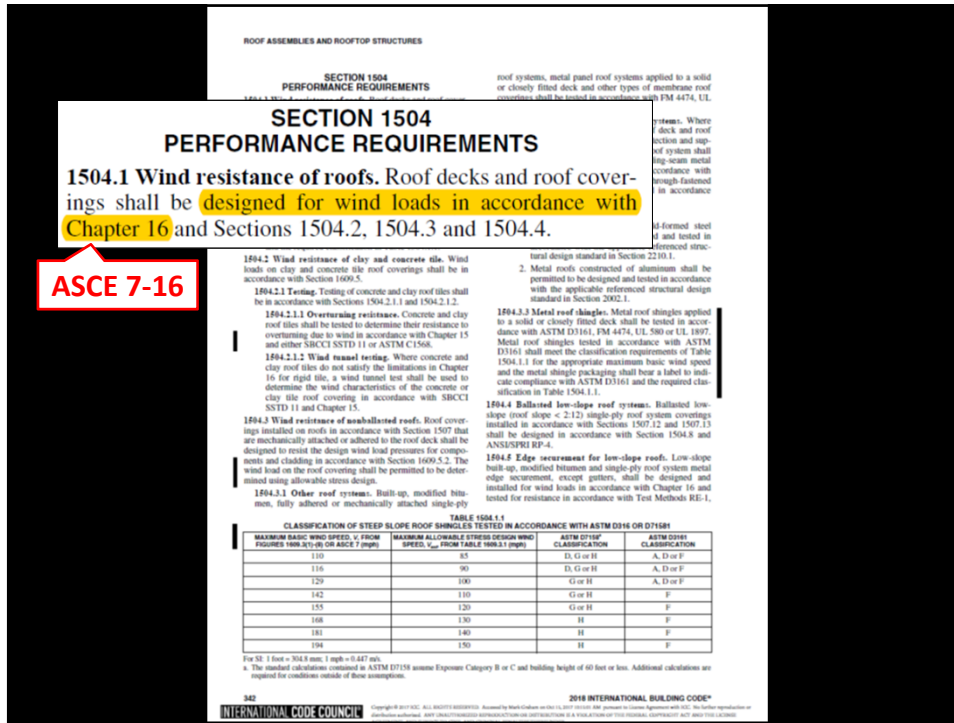
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²For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For Annual Book of ASTM Standards volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.
⁴Available from American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), 1801 Alexander Bell Dr., Reston, VA 20191, http://www.asce.org.

With IBC 2018 and ASCE 7-16, proper wind design as we have known it (or not known it) has fundamentally changed...





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4. Thermal factor, C_e
 5. Slope factor(s), C_s
 6. Drift surcharge load(s), P_d , where the sum of P_d and P_f exceeds 20 psf (0.96 kN/m²).
 7. Width of snow drift(s), w .

3. In **flood hazard areas other than coastal high hazard areas or coastal A zones**, the elevation to which any nonresidential building will be dry floodproofed.
 4. In **coastal high hazard areas and coastal A zones**, the proposed elevation of the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member of the lowest floor.

1603.1.4 Wind design data. The following information related to wind loads shall be shown, regardless of whether wind loads govern the design of the lateral force-resisting system of the structure:

1. **Basic design wind speed, V** , miles per hour and allowable stress design wind speed, V_{asd} , as determined in accordance with Section 1609.3.1.
2. **Risk category.**
3. Wind exposure. Applicable wind direction if more than one wind exposure is utilized.
4. Applicable internal pressure coefficient.
5. **Design wind pressures to be used for exterior component and cladding materials** not specifically designed by the *registered design professional* responsible for the design of the structure, psf (kN/m²).

1604.2.1 **Reinforced concrete.** The deflection of reinforced concrete structural members shall not exceed that permitted by ACI 318.
 1604.3 **Steel.** The deflection of steel structural members shall not exceed that permitted by AISI 360, AISI S100, ASCE 8, SII C3 or SII 100, as applicable.

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**SECTION 1608
 SNOW LOADS**

1608.1 **General.** Design snow loads shall be determined in accordance with Chapter 7 of ASCE 7, but the design roof load shall be not less than that determined by Section 1607.

1608.2 **Ground snow load.** The ground snow load to be used in determining the design snow loads for roofs shall be determined in accordance with ASCE 7 or Figure 1608.2 for the contiguous United States and Table 1608.2 for Alaska. Site-specific case studies shall be made in areas designated "CS" in Figure 1608.2. Ground snow loads for sites at elevations above the limits indicated in Figure 1608.2 and for all sites within the CS areas shall be approved. Ground snow load determination for such sites shall be based on an extreme value statistical analysis of data available in the vicinity of the site using a value with a 2-percent annual probability of being exceeded (50-year mean recurrence interval). Snow loads are zero for Hawaii, except in mountainous regions as approved by the building official.

1608.3 **Roofing instability.** Susceptible bays of roofs shall be evaluated for roofing instability in accordance with Chapters 7 and 8 of ASCE 7.

**SECTION 1609
 WIND LOADS**

1609.1 **Applicability.** 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 design 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, the provisions of ICC 600 shall be permitted for applicable Group R-2 and R-3 buildings.

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. Design using NAAMM FP 1001.
 5. Design using TIA-222 for antenna-supporting structures and antennas, provided that the horizontal extent of Topographic Category 2 encarpments in Section 2.6.6.2 of TIA-222 shall be 16 times the height of the encarpment.
 6. Wind tunnel tests in accordance with ASCE 49 and Sections 31.4 and 31.5 of ASCE 7.

The wind speeds in Figures 1609.3(1) through 1609.3(3) are basic design 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.

1609.1.1.1 **Applicability.** The provisions of ICC 600 are applicable only to buildings located within Exposure B or C as defined in Section 1609.4. The provisions of ICC 600, AWC WFCM and AISI S230 shall not apply to buildings sited on the upper half of an isolated hill, ridge or escarpment meeting all of the following conditions:

1. The hill, ridge or escarpment is 60 feet (18 288 mm) or higher if located in Exposure B or 30 feet (9144 mm) or higher if located in Exposure C.
2. The maximum average slope of the hill exceeds 10 percent.
3. The hill, ridge or escarpment is unobstructed upwind by other such topographic features for a distance from the high point of 50 times the height of the hill or 2 miles (3.22 km), whichever is greater.

**TABLE 1608.2
 GROUND SNOW LOADS, P_g , FOR ALASKAN LOCATIONS**

LOCATION	POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT	LOCATION	POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT	LOCATION	POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT
Adak	50	Galena	60	Petersburg	150
Anchorage	50	Galena	70	St. Paul Islands	40
Barrow	50	Healy	40	Seward	50
Beaufort	25	Juneau	40	Sitka	25
Blair Island	35	Ketchikan	70	Sitka	50
Chitina	40	Kodiak	70	Talkeetna	120
Big Lake	50	Kotzebue	40	Ugashik	50
Cold Bay	25	McGrath	70	Valdez	140
Cordova	100	Nemah	80	Whitner	300
Deadhorse	60	Nome	70	Wrangell	60
Fort Yukon	60	Palmer	50	Yakutat	150

For S1: 1 psf per square foot = 0.0479 kN/m².

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1609.3(4) and 1609.3(8). The basic design wind speed, F , for the special wind regions indicated near mountainous terrain and near gorges shall be in accordance with local jurisdiction requirements. The basic design wind speeds, F , determined by the local jurisdiction shall be in accordance with Chapter 20 of ASCE 7.

In nonhurricane-prone regions, when the basic design wind speed, F , is estimated from regional climatic data, the basic design wind speed, F , shall be determined in accordance with Chapter 26 of ASCE 7.

1609.3.1 Wind speed conversion. Where required, the basic design wind speeds of Figures 1609.3(1) through 1609.3(8) shall be converted to allowable stress design wind speed, F_{ad} , using Table 1609.3.1 or Equation 16-33, where:

$$F_{ad} = F/\sqrt{3} \quad \text{(Equation 16-33)}$$

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

F = Basic design wind speeds determined from Figures 1609.3(1) through 1609.3(8).

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.

1609.4.1 Wind direction and sector. For each selected wind direction at which the wind loads are to be evaluated, the exposure of the building or structure shall be determined for the two upwind sectors extending 45 degrees (0.79 rad) either side of the selected wind direction. The exposures in these two sectors shall be determined in accordance with Sections 1609.4.2 and 1609.4.3 and the exposure resulting in the highest wind loads shall be used to represent winds from that direction.

1609.4.2 Surface roughness categories. A ground surface roughness within each 45-degree (0.79 rad) sector shall be determined for a distance upwind of the site as defined in Section 1609.4.3 from the following categories, for the purpose of assigning an exposure category as defined in Section 1609.4.3.

Surface Roughness B. Urban and suburban areas, wooded areas or other terrain with numerous closely spaced obstructions having the size of single-family dwellings or larger.

Surface Roughness C. Open terrain with scattered obstructions having heights generally less than 30 feet (9144 mm). This category includes flat open country, and grasslands.

Surface Roughness D. Flat, unobstructed areas and water surfaces. This category includes smooth mud flats, salt flats and unbroken ice.

1609.4.3 Exposure categories. An exposure category shall be determined in accordance with the following:

Exposure B. For buildings with a mean roof height of less than or equal to 30 feet (9144 mm), Exposure B shall apply where the ground surface roughness, as defined by Surface Roughness B, prevails in the upwind direction for a distance of not less than 1,500 feet (457 m) from the building, with a mean roof height.

1609.5 Roof systems. Roof systems shall be designed and constructed in accordance with Sections 1609.5.1 through 1609.5.3, as applicable.

1609.5.1 Roof deck. The roof deck shall be designed to withstand the wind pressures determined in accordance with **ASCE 7**.

1609.5.2 Roof coverings. Roof coverings shall comply with Section 1609.5.1.

Exception: Rigid tile roof coverings that are air permeable and installed over a roof deck complying with Section 1609.5.1 are permitted to be designed in accordance with Section 1609.5.3.

Asphalt shingles installed over a roof deck complying with Section 1609.5.1 shall comply with the wind-resistance requirements of Section 1504.1.1.

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TABLE 1609.3.1 WIND SPEED CONVERSION^{a,b}

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F_{ad}	78	85	93	101	108	116	124	132	139	147	155

^a For 3-T and up to 6-T class roof.

^b Linear interpolation is permitted.

^c F_{ad} = allowable stress design wind speed applicable to methods specified in Exceptions 1 through 5 of Section 1609.1.1.

^d F = basic design wind speeds determined from Figures 1609.3(1) through 1609.3(8).

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Specifying wind design

Many roof system designers inadequately address wind loads in contract documents
by Mark S. Graham

NBCA is receiving an increasing number of reports indicating project drawings and specifications inadequately, inadequately or inaccurately address proper wind design for low-slope metal-roof systems. Some designers, according to reports, only include a specification requirement for the roof system manufacturer to provide a wind warranty. The clear minimum requirement for proper wind design of low-slope metal-roof systems.

Code requirements
Building codes typically provide specific requirements for specifying design wind loads, including design data and any special loads.

The International Building Code, 2012 Edition (IBC 2012), Chapter 16-Structural Design, Section 1603-Contract Documents, indicates contract documents need to include a roof system's low load, snow load data, wind design data and any special loads.

Required wind design data includes identifying the ultimate design wind speed, nominal design wind speed, risk category wind exposure and applicable internal pressure coefficients. For component and cladding systems that are not specifically designed by a registered design professional, design wind pressures in terms of psf (pounds per square foot) also are required. Roof systems typically are considered component and cladding systems. Design wind pressures in the field, perimeter and corner regions

of roof areas should be noted in contract documents.

IBC's previous editions include similar contract document requirements.

For new construction projects, design loads more commonly will be identified on structural drawings to the project drawing set. For projects without specific structural drawings, design loads may be provided on architectural drawings or drawing notes or in project specifications.

ANSI/SPI ES-1
ANSI/SPI ES-1, "Wind Design Standard for Edge Systems Used with Low-Slope Roofing Systems," which is referenced in IBC 2012, includes two primary document determinations of design wind loads at roof edges (flashes, coping) and coping for entrance loads of coping and flash.

Designers should not simply specify compliance with ANSI/SPI ES-1 in project specifications; they should determine and clearly indicate design wind loads at roof edges in contract documents.

IBC 2012 includes in Section 1504.5-Edge Systems for Low-Slope Roofs design wind loads should be determined using the ultimate design wind speed and IBC 2012's Chapter 16, which is based on ASCE 7-10, "Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures."

IBC 2012 references ANSI/SPI ES-1-03, ANSI/SPI ES-1-03 is based upon ASCE 7-02, which is an ultimate design wind speed based method. Therefore, the design wind load determination method contained in ANSI/SPI ES-1 does not satisfy IBC 2012's requirements for design wind loads at roof edges.

Design wind loads at roof edges should be determined using IBC 2012's Chapter 16 and be clearly noted in contract documents.

Responsibilities
Designers should not place the responsibility for determining roof system or individual component design wind loads on manufacturers, component suppliers or installers, or roofing contractors.

Also, designers' sole reliance on specifying wind speed warranties is not a substitute for site-specific wind design data. Such warranties typically do not address consideration of ultimate and increased design wind speeds, building height, risk category, wind exposure and internal pressure coefficients applicable to the specific building necessary for properly determining roof system design wind loads.

Responsibility for properly determining and clearly identifying wind design data, including design wind loads for roof systems, is required by the building code and is clearly that of roof system designers. Designers may retain a structural engineer or qualified consultant to help them fulfill their design responsibilities.

To help designers determine wind loads for commonly encountered low-slope roof systems, NBCA, the National Roofing Contractors Association and National Roofing Contractors Association have developed and offer a free online application, Roof Wind Design.

Roof Wind Design is a web application that allows users to determine design wind loads using ASCE 7's "Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures," 2005 or 2010 edition.

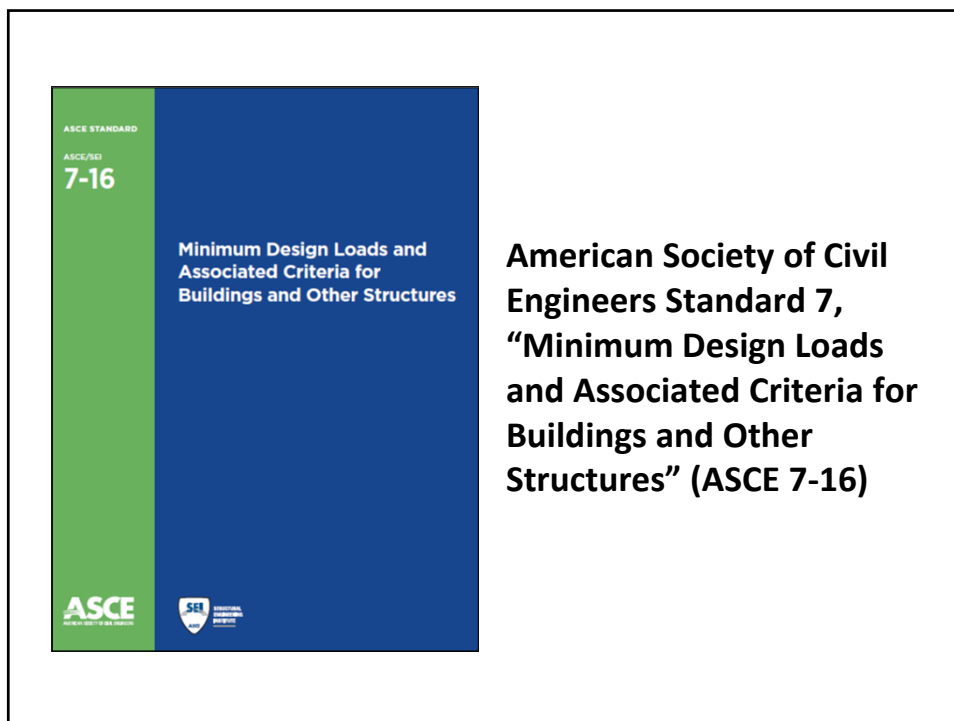
Roof Wind Design is available at www.roofwinddesign.com.

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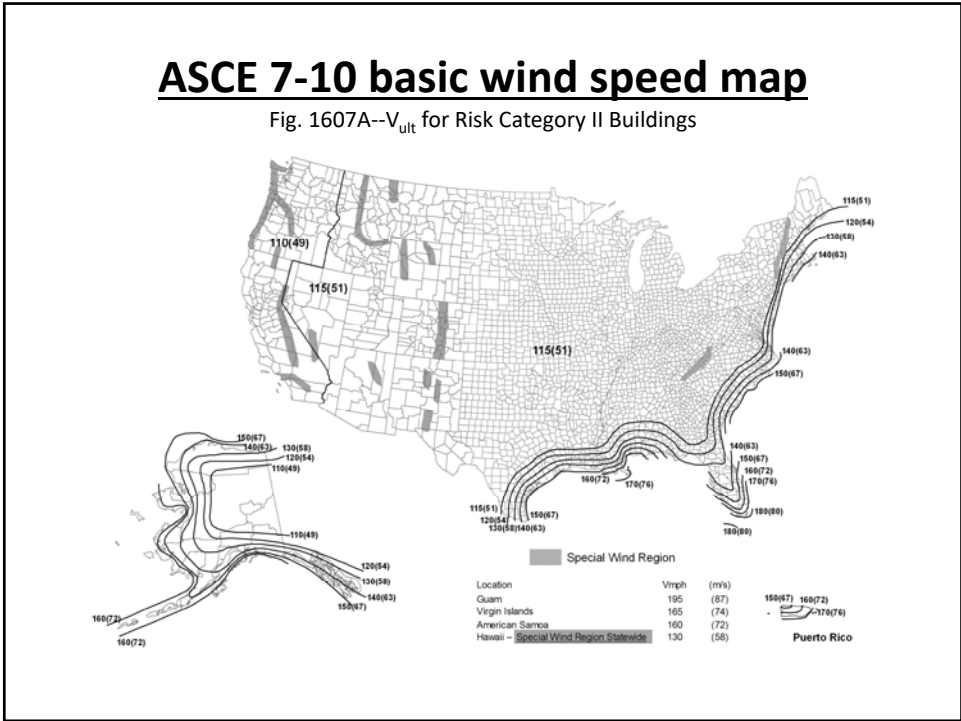
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Compared to ASCE 7-10

- Revised basic wind speed map
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- Revised perimeter and corner zones

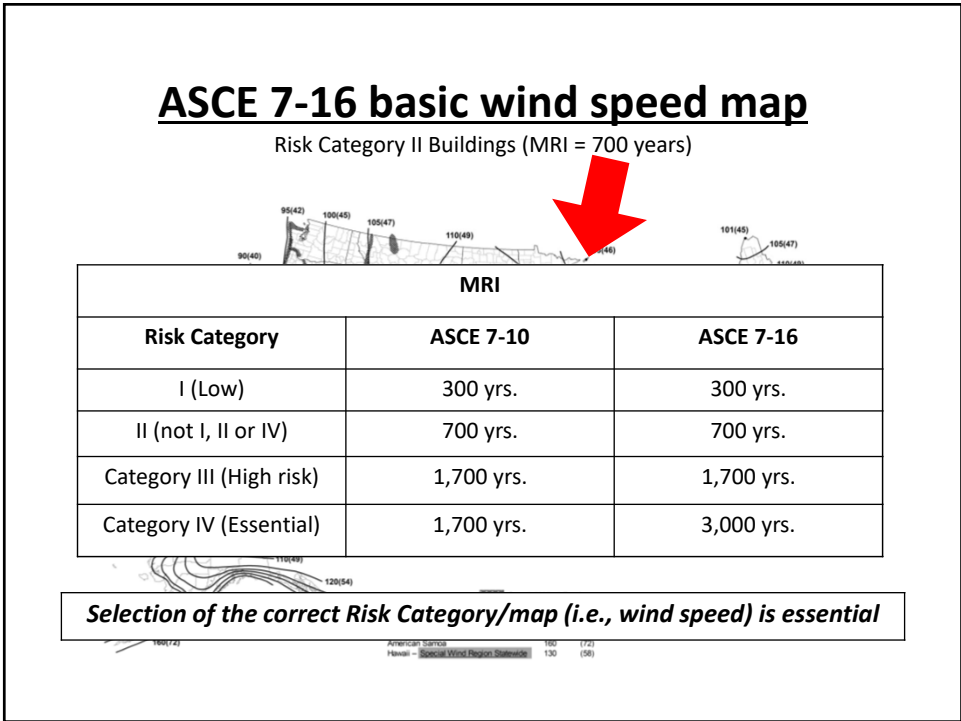
ASCE 7-10 basic wind speed map

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



ASCE 7-16 basic wind speed map

Risk Category II Buildings (MRI = 700 years)



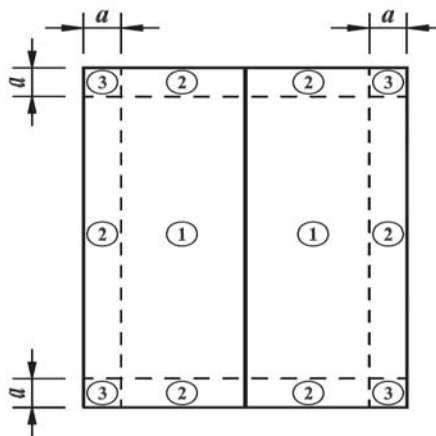
Comparing GC_p pressure coefficients

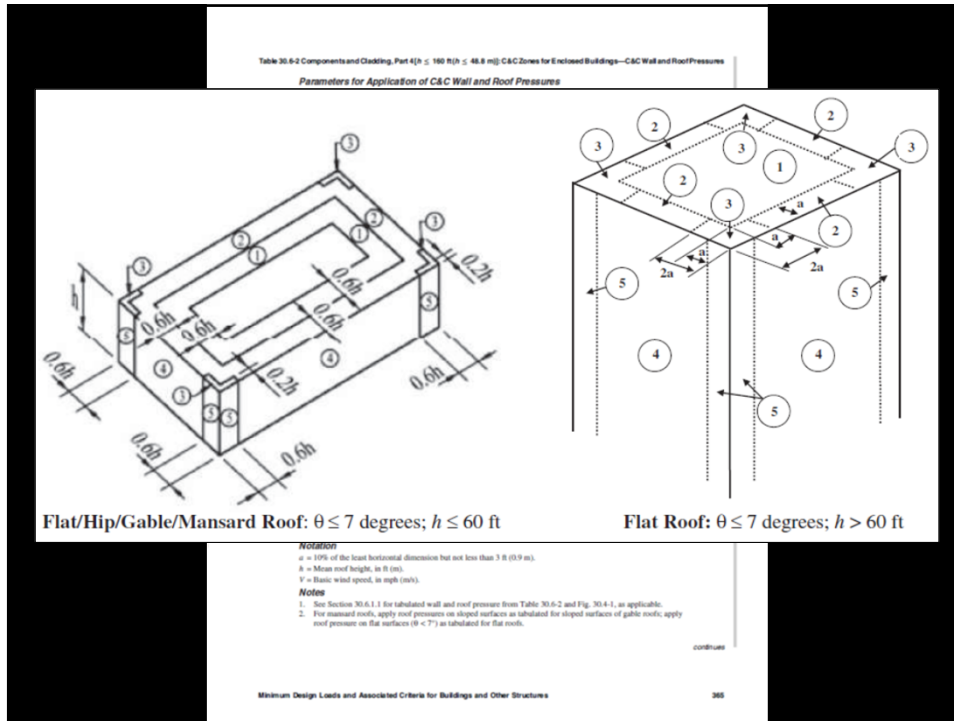
$h \leq 60$ ft., gable roofs ≤ 7 degrees

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%

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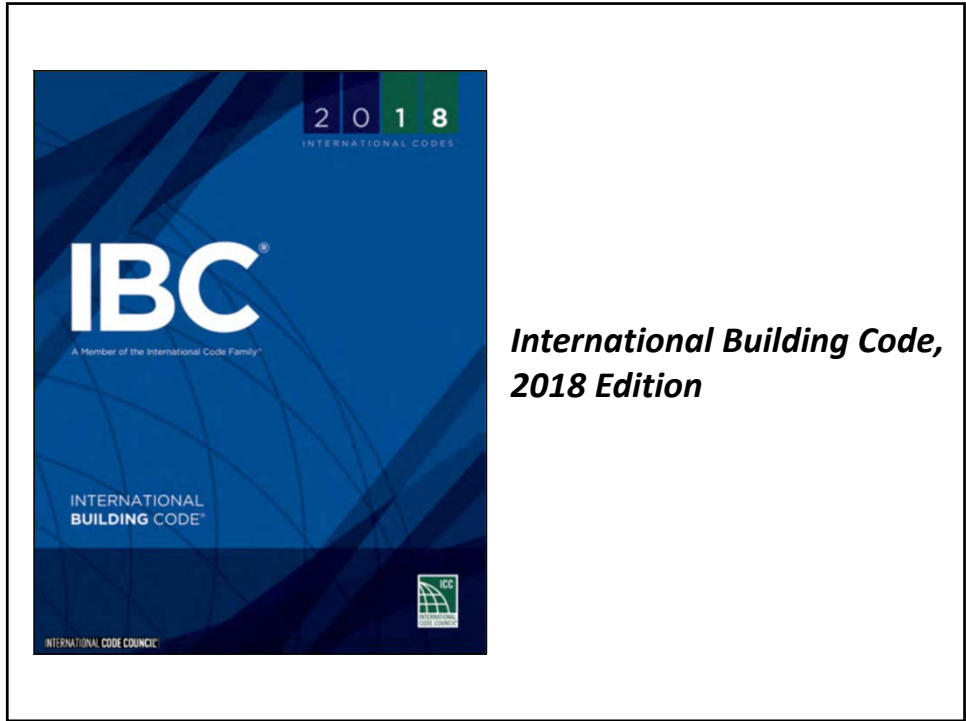


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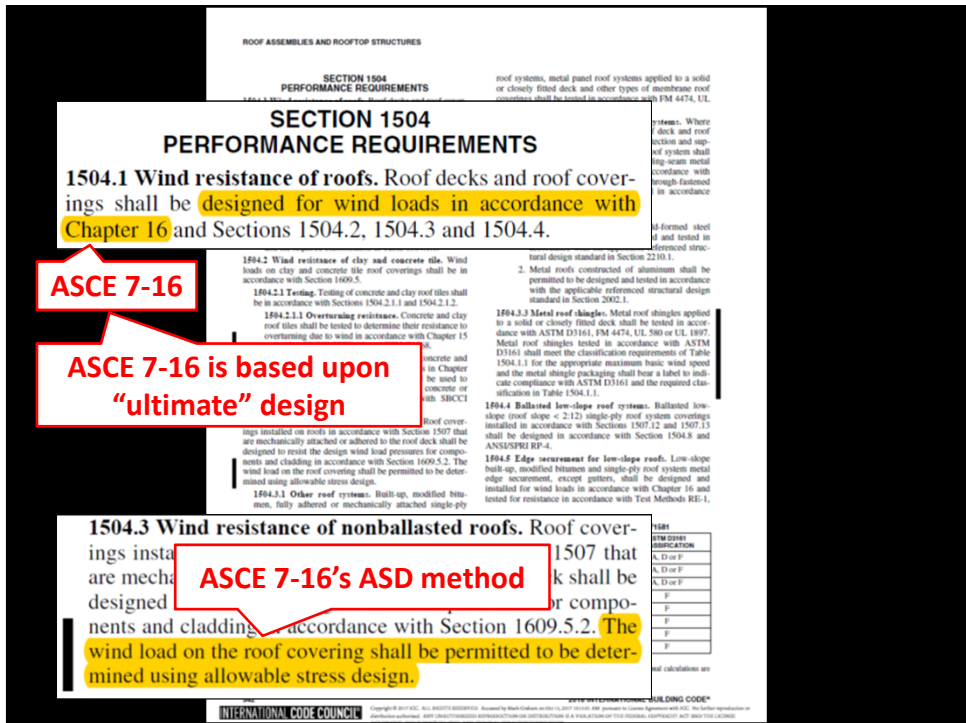
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ASD method permitted
(Sec. 1504.3)

It is important to differentiate between “ultimate” strength design and “allowable stress design” (ASD) wind loads...

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) in mid-2019.

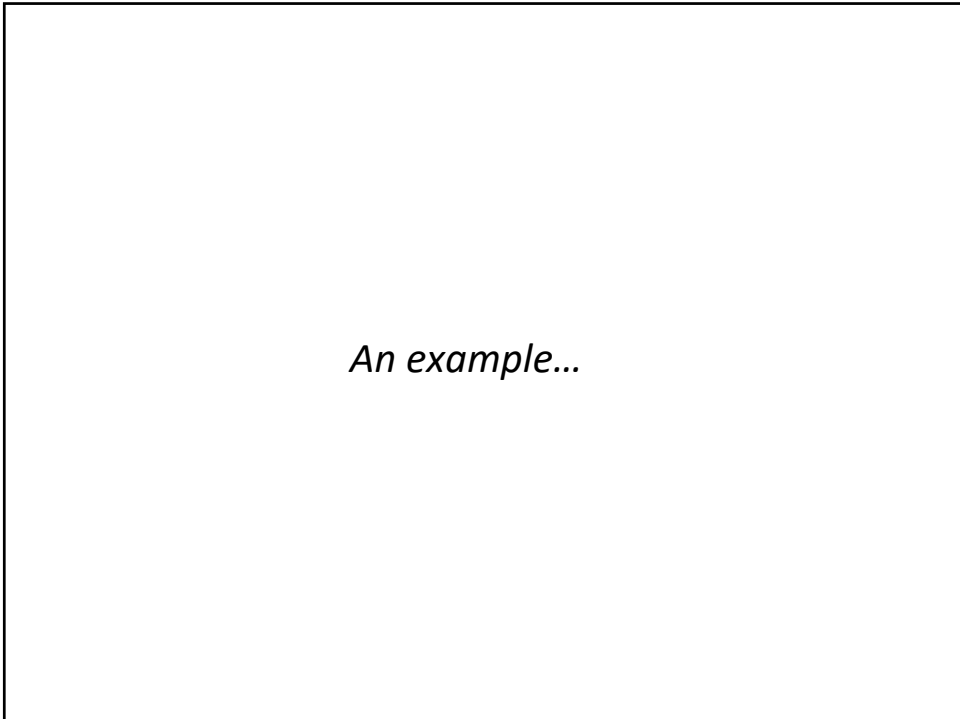
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Roof Wind Designer has been updated based upon ASCE 7-16:

- **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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Comparing ASCE 7-05, ASCE 7-10 and ASCE 7-16

Example: A office building (Risk Category II) is located in Omaha, Nebraska. The building is an enclosed structure with a mean roof height of 40 ft. The building is located in an open terrain area that can be categorized as Exposure Category C. An adhered, membrane roof systems is to be installed.

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	--	21.8	36.4	54.8
ASCE 7-10 Ult.	115	--	35.5	59.5	89.5
ASCE 7-10 ASD	89	--	21.3	35.7	53.4
ASCE 7-16 Ult.	110	29.7	51.7	68.1	92.8
ASCE 7-16 ASD	85	17.8	31.8	40.9	55.7


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 warrantee 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)?

Technical issues update

Moisture in concrete roof decks

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INDUSTRY ISSUE UPDATE

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Moisture in Lightweight Structural Concrete Roof Decks

Concrete Moisture Presents Challenges for Roofing Contractors

NRCA Technical Services Section is receiving an increasing number of inquiries relating to the application of roof systems over concrete roof decks. These inquiries can be separated into two general questions: When is a concrete roof deck dry enough to apply a roof covering? And why is a roof system applied over a concrete roof deck showing signs of moisture infiltration when the roof covering isn't leaking?

CONCRETE BASICS
There are three general types of concrete: normal-weight structural concrete, lightweight structural concrete and lightweight insulating concrete.

Normal-weight structural concrete is what most people think of as concrete. It has a density of about 150 pounds per cubic foot (pcf). Lightweight structural concrete has structural load-carrying capabilities similar to normal-weight structural concrete. It has a density in the range of 85 to 130 pcf. Lightweight insulating concrete, which many roofing professionals are familiar with as an insulating, slope-in-place deck topping, typically has a density in the range from 20 to 40 pcf.

Structural concrete—normal-weight structural concrete and lightweight structural concrete—is produced by mixing large and small aggregates, Portland cement, water and, in some instances, admixtures such as fly ash or various chemical additives. Admixtures can add strength and/or reduce concrete's curing, retain concrete's excess moisture and/or lengthen concrete's finishing time. Use of admixtures typically is not visually identifiable in the field; microscopic analysis usually is needed for post-application identification of admixtures.

The primary difference in the composition of normal-weight structural concrete and lightweight structural concrete is the large aggregate type. Normal-weight structural concrete contains normal-weight aggregates such as stone or crushed gravel, which are dense and typically will absorb no more moisture than about 2 percent by weight. Lightweight structural concrete uses lightweight,

porous aggregates such as expanded shale, which will absorb about 5 to 25 percent moisture by weight. Lightweight aggregate needs to be saturated with moisture—its often stored in ponds—before mixing. As a result, lightweight structural concrete inherently contains much more water than normal-weight structural concrete.

Lightweight structural concrete is used in roofing-related applications for cast-in-place concrete roof decks using removable forms; composite roof decks where a metal form deck remains in place and is a deck topping material, such as a concrete topping surface over precast concrete planks or slabs.

Once poured, lightweight structural concrete typically cures more slowly than normal-weight structural concrete.

Visual identification is possible using magnification, typically a microscope used by a trained technician.

REPORTED PROBLEMS
The problems reported in NRCA associated with lightweight structural concrete roof decks include the following:

- **Moisture accumulation.** Excessive moisture from a concrete deck can be pressure-differential driven into and condensed within a roof system.
- **Adhesive loss.** The presence of moisture can result in deterioration of moisture-sensitive roofing materials and adhesive bond lines between adjacent material layers.
- **Adhesive issues with non-solvent and low-solvent epoxy compounds.** Excessive moisture can affect adhesive curing and drying rates. Also, moisture can result in adhesive "bleeding," resulting in bond strength loss.
- **Metal and fastener corrosion.** Excessive moisture can contribute to and accelerate metal component corrosion, including fastener corrosion.
- **Insulation R-value loss.** The accumulation and presence of moisture in most insulation products will result in reduced thermal performance (lower effective R-value).
- **Microbial growth.** The presence of prolonged high-moisture

[Link](#)

Concrete Floors and Moisture, 2nd Edition

Howard M. Kanare, CTL Group

75% internal RH can be achieved:

- Normal weight structural concrete
 - Less than 90 days
- Lightweight structural concrete
 - Almost 6 months

Conclusions

- Concrete roof decks – normal weight and light-weight structural – present challenging moisture-related considerations.
- Further complicated by the use of admixtures and method of finishing.
- NRCA does not support the 28-day drying period or the plastic sheet test

Conclusions - continued

- Roofing contractors can only visually assess the dryness of the concrete’s top surface
- Roofing contractors cannot readily assess any remaining free moisture within concrete or its likely release

Roofing contractors are not privy to and may not be knowledgeable about the information necessary to make “...when to roof...” decisions

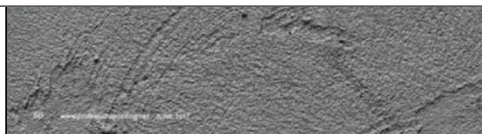
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Age	ASTM E96 calculated perm			
	Lightweight structural concrete		Normal weight concrete	
	Wet cup	Dry cup	Wet cup	Dry cup
28 days	1.48	0.78	3.42	1.05
60 days	1.45	0.47	2.03	1.13

The figure shows results of ASTM E96 water vapor transmission testing. Note the lightweight structural concrete has about half of the permeability of regular weight concrete. Considering lightweight structural concrete arrives with more than twice the evaporable water of regular weight concrete, this explains why lightweight structural concrete retains moisture for so long.



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Moisture on concrete roof decks



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Moisture vapor reduction admixtures (MVRAs)

Some examples:

- Barrier One
- ISE Logik MVRA 9000
- SPG VaporLock

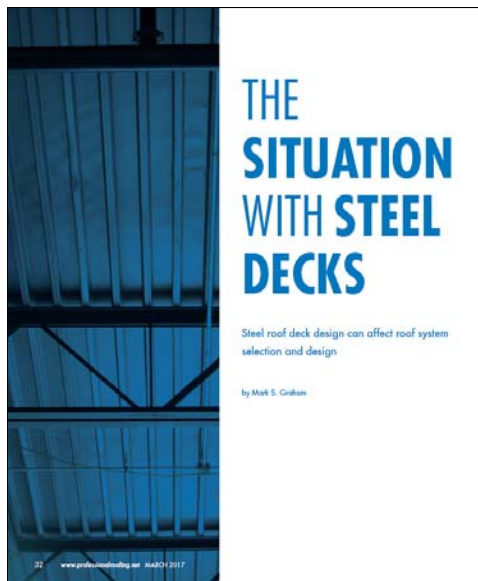
NRCA has still not seen an MVRA perform successfully in concrete roof deck applications

*The roofing industry needs to re-think
the concept of concrete roof deck “acceptance”*

NRLRC’s Contract Provisions, Vol. III

“Roofing Contractor’s commencement of the roof installation indicates only that the Roofing Contractor has visually inspected the surface of the roof deck for visible defects and has accepted the surface of the roof deck. Roofing Contractor is not responsible for the construction, structural sufficiency, durability, fastening, moisture content, suitability, or physical properties of the roof deck or other trades’ work or design. Roofing Contractor is not responsible to test or assess moisture content of the deck or substrate.”

Steel roof deck concerns



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CONSTRUCTION ISSUES

discussion of construction issues and techniques

Are Your Roof Members Overstressed?

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Membrane roof systems installed on steel roof decks traditionally result in a uniform transfer of wind (uplift) loads from the roof membrane to the steel roof deck and underlying supporting structure (e.g., steel joists). For example, in a built-up membrane roof system — which has been used commonly in the U.S. roofing industry for more than 125 years — the built-up membrane is continuously adhered to rigid roof insulation. The rigid roof insulation, which is used to span the steel deck's flutes, is mechanically attached to the steel roof deck in a closely-spaced pattern (e.g., 1 fanner per every 2 square feet), resulting in a near uniform uplift load path. Polymer-modified bitumen roof systems and adhered single-ply membrane roof systems are installed in similar configurations and result in a similar uniform uplift load path.

In the 1960s, single-ply membrane roof systems were first introduced into the U.S. roofing market. By the late 1970s, the seam-fanned, mechanically attached method of installation was first introduced. With this membrane method, the single-ply membrane sheet is mechanically attached along its outer edges into the roof deck, which results in a larger tributary uplift load per fanner and placement of fanfanners in linear, non-uniform loading configurations of the roof deck and underlying supporting structure. When first introduced, membrane sheet widths in seam-fanned single-ply membrane roof systems typically were five feet wide, resulting in rows of mechanical fanfanners spaced at five feet on-center. Since the early 2000s, single-ply membrane sheet widths have become wide, with 16-foot-wide sheets now commonplace, resulting in rows of mechanical fanfanners spaced at 16 feet on-center. Currently, single-ply membrane roof systems have clearly overtaken conventional built-up and polymer-modified bitumen membrane systems in market share. The seam-fanned, mechanically attached method of installation also has mechanical fasteners installed along the outer edges of the membrane sheet. The National Building Contractors Association (NBCA) annual market survey shows seam-fanned, mechanically attached single-ply membrane roof systems make up the majority of all membrane roof systems currently installed.

With the present emphasis on wind resistance in design, a closer look at how seam-fanned, mechanically attached single-ply membrane roof systems interact with steel roof deck and joint construction is in order.

A common method of single-ply membrane sheet layout is shown in Figure 1. A common placement of mechanical fasteners is shown in Figure 2. These concentrated line loads can severely overstress the steel deck and may also cause the steel joint below the deck to be overstressed under uplift loading. The behavior of such fastening systems, when the roof system is subjected to uplift loading, is shown in Figure 3. The current trend to accommodate for the membrane installer to mechanically fasten the membrane to the deck only along the edge of the sheet adds to speed up the roof installation, thereby lowering installation costs. Unfortunately, the Structural Engineers of Record, and the steel deck and joint supplier, are usually unaware of the concentrated load pattern of the roof membrane attachment. In fact, the architect of record may not be aware of the ramifications of such attachments. The Architectural roofing specifications may simply state that the roof membrane shall be installed per manufacturer recommendations. The roofing installers/contractors are the one who generally decides on the exact layout of the membrane sheet on the roof. This decision is made based on what layout can be installed in the fastest and least expensive

Figure 1. Single membrane layout by region.

Figure 2. Single fastener layout at outer edges.

Figure 3. Line attached membrane under uplift. Courtesy of the Steel Deck Institute.

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- SDI Design Manual
- AISI S100, “Specifications for the Design of Cold-formed Steel structural Members”
- ANSI/SDI RD1.0-2006, “Standard for Steel Roof Deck”
- ANSI/SDI RD-2010, “Standard for Steel Roof Deck”
- SDI Roof Deck Design Manual, First Edition (Nov. 2012)

Steel roof deck design

Wind uplift resistance

- Minimum 30 psf uplift (uniform loading)
- Minimum 45 psf uplift (uniform loading) at roof overhangs

SDI bulletin

2009

STEEL DECK INSTITUTE
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ATTACHMENT OF ROOFING MEMBRANES TO STEEL DECK

This document has been published by the Steel Deck Institute (SDI) as a position paper in response to discussions taking place in the roofing community about the screw attachment of roofing membranes to steel deck following line patterns with large spacing. The impetus for this paper is in response to testing carried out by the Special Interest Group for Dynamic Evaluation of Roofing Systems (SIGEDERS) at the Institute for Research in Construction, National Research Council of Canada. The mandate of the SIGEDERS joint research program is to carry out generic, pre-competitive research on the performance of flat roofing systems subjected to dynamic wind loading. The objective is to develop improved roofing systems and design methods.

The SIGEDERS research is looking at roofing systems that incorporate wide membrane sheets attached to the steel deck following line patterns spaced at up to 12 ft (3.65 m). While the membrane itself has the performance characteristics to accommodate this size of tributary loading, the existing design methods for steel deck under wind uplift are typically based on the uniform application of the wind suction to the deck. The large majority of the steel roof deck used for commercial buildings in North America is profiled with 1 1/2" (38 mm) ribs, with the structural supports usually spaced between 5' (1.52 m) and 6' (1.83 m) (2.03 m). Under uplift conditions, the attachment of the roofing membrane along lines with large spacing could produce localized loads that can exceed the capacity of the deck, whereas those same loads applied uniformly on the surface of the deck would be acceptable.

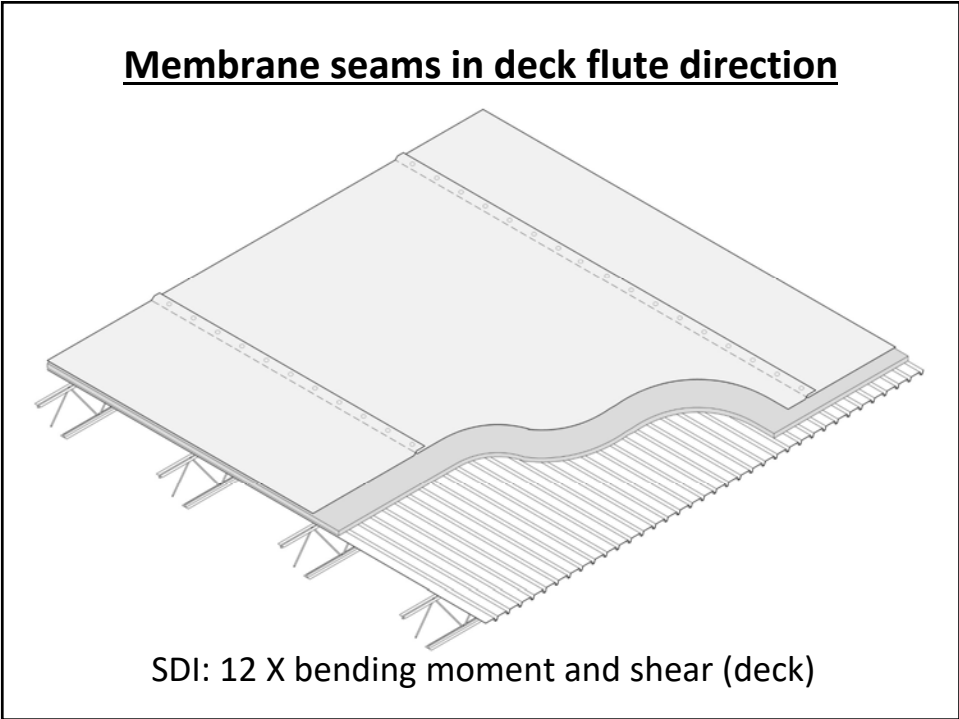
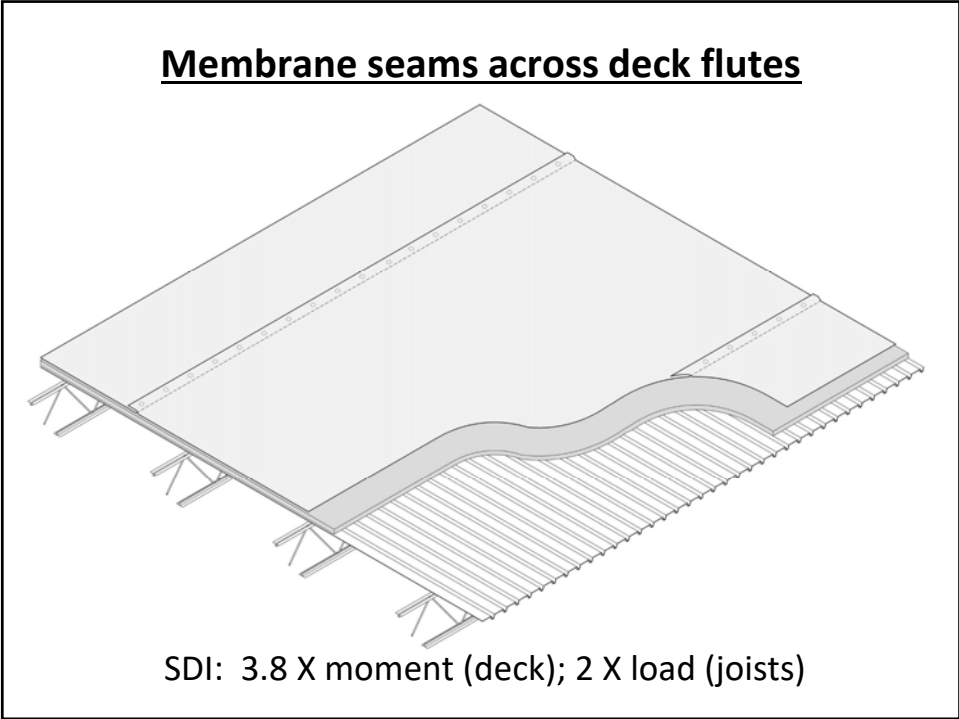
The strength of screwed connection between the membrane and the steel deck, as well as the strength of screwed, nailed or welded attachment of the steel deck to the structural supports can be compared according to the North American Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members. These design values are based on the specified minimum mechanical properties (i.e. base steel thickness and yield strength) specified for the steel sheet roof deck, and should be lower than the strength determined by field testing. The use of field test results for properties such as the pull-out strength of a screw into a steel deck needs to recognize that the properties of the steel deck can be higher than the minimum limits required by the steel specifications. Therefore, field testing results must be adjusted accordingly to account for the difference between the actual properties of the deck and the minimum properties of the steel according to the material specification used in design.

The screw fastening of wide roofing membranes (up to 12 ft) and the corresponding spacing of the lines of screws holding the membrane on the deck, will have a very different effect on the deck and structural supports than a membrane that is adhered over its entire surface. The screws will produce a line load along the deck instead of a uniform load of the entire deck surface. The line loads can be perpendicular or parallel to the deck flutes depending on the orientation of the membrane each condition can have different implications of the loading that is applied to the deck.

If the roofing membrane seam is perpendicular to the flutes of the deck, as illustrated in Figure 1, there are two special conditions that need to be considered:

1. if the membrane seam occurs at the mid-span of the steel deck; and
2. if the membrane seam occurs at the structural support (joist).

- Decks designed for joist spacing between 5' and 6' 8" o.c.
- Decks designed for uniform loading
- Seam-fastened single-ply membranes are a concern



SDI bulletin -- Conclusion

“...SDI does not recommend the use of roofing membranes attached to the steel deck using line patterns with large spacing unless a structural engineer has reviewed the adequacy of the steel deck and the structural supports to resist to wind uplift loads transmitted along the lines of attachment. Those lines of attachment shall only be perpendicular to the flutes of the deck.”

FM's guidelines

- FM 4451, 1978 edition (Steel roof deck)
- FM 4451, June 2012 edition (Steel roof deck)
 - Incorporates AISI S100-07
- FM 4470, June 2012 edition (Roof systems)



Changes reduce some FM classifications

FM 4470 has been revised, resulting in different uplift resistance criteria
by Mark S. Graham

FM Approvals has revised its criteria for determining the uplift resistance of membrane and liquid-applied roof assemblies. Because many roofing professionals rely on FM Approval classifications when designing and specifying low-slope roof assemblies, you should be aware of the changes made and their effect on specific roof assembly classifications.

FM 4470, "Approved Standard for Single-Ply, Polymer-Modified Bitumen Sheet, Built-Up Roof (BUR) and Liquid Applied Roof Assemblies for use in Class 1 and Noncombustible Roof Deck Construction," is the basis for FM Approval classifications used for low-slope membrane and liquid-applied roof assemblies. In June 2012, FM Approvals revised FM 4470; the effective date of the new standard was Dec. 31, 2012. The revisions include adding NFPA 220, "Standard Method for the Tests for Determining the Heat Release Rate of Building Assemblies with Combustible Above-Deck Roofing Components," as a determination criterion for low-rise buildings. Changes to the conditions of acceptance for wind uplift and hail damage resistance testing and adding an alternative test method for determining fastener corrosion resistance.

One of the more significant changes to FM 4470 is how roof deck are evaluated. With the revised standard, roof deck criteria moved for alternative means provided for in AISI S100, "North American Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members." The maximum allowable deflection for roof decks is based on a 200-pound point load previously a 300-pound point load was used. Also, minimum design of roof decks now are based on a minimum 0.7-mm-thick (slightly less than 22 gauge), 33-ksi yield strength steel. Previous, minimum 0.75-mm-thick (22 gauge) steel complying with the ASTM International specification was used for evaluation.

The method of analyzing attachments of roof decks also has been revised. Check fasteners are no longer for fastener "pull-out" (grip strength) of the deck material. Also, some calculations are performed on both steel decks and fastener heads, and the lower of the two values is used as the basis for classification.

FM 4470 also now includes additional provisions allowing for optional ratings for dynamic pressure resistance of roof coverings, noncombustible.com for roof fasteners and solar reflectance of roof surfaces.

All products used after Dec. 31, 2012, are required to satisfy the new standard's requirements. Products FM Approvals already approved under previous editions of FM 4470 also need to comply with the current edition by the effective date of faster classification.

What this means

If a specific classified assembly results in an unclassified roof deck, FM Approvals has, upon consultation with the manufacturer, either changed the assembly's parameters to compensate for the deck weakness or reduced the assembly's wind rating to a level where the deck no longer is a concern. Assembly parameters likely changed include reducing the deck span and/or increasing the deck's steel thickness and/or yield strength (from 33 ksi to 60 ksi).

For assemblies where the wind rating has been reduced, the assemblies' previous Roof-Nex members have been withdrawn and new Roof-Nex members issued to avoid confusion.

If you use the new version of FM 4470 for an allowed roof assembly applied to a 150-micron-thick, 22-gauge steel deck at a 6-foot maximum span, FM Approvals has indicated maximum classifications are limited to 1:105 when using a 33-ksi steel deck and 1:300 when using an 80-ksi steel deck. For non-ferrous mechanically attached single-ply membrane assemblies, classifications will vary based on assembly parameters and some former new spacing, but generally classifications will be noticeably lower than with FM 4470's previous version.

Proceed cautiously

Roof system designers and specifiers need to be aware of FM 4470's revision and its effect on assembly parameters, uplift ratings and Roof-Nex members for membrane and liquid-applied roof assemblies using roof decks.

For roofing projects designed before the implementation date but that will be installed after the implementation date, clarification needs to be sought regarding which version of FM 4470 applies. If the current version applies, changes to the roof assembly specification may be necessary and after a project's completion, new spacing, fasteners and specifications need to be sought regarding which version of FM 4470 applies. If the current version applies, changes to the roof assembly specification may be necessary and after a project's completion, new spacing, fasteners and specifications need to be sought regarding which version of FM 4470 applies. If the current version applies, changes to the roof assembly specification may be necessary and after a project's completion, new spacing, fasteners and specifications need to be sought regarding which version of FM 4470 applies.

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- FM 1-29, January/April 2016 (Securement)

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ROOF DECK SECUREMENT AND ABOVE-DECK ROOF COMPONENTS

Note to Members of Factory Mutual Insurance Company: Contact the local FM Global office before engineering any roofing work.

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New criteria for steel roof deck uplift:

- Uniformly-distributed loading
- Concentrated loading

An example

Hypothetical analysis using FM 1-29

- Adhered (uniform loading) roof system:
 - 6 ft. joist spacing → Class 165
- Seam-fastened (nonuniform, linear load) roof system:
 - 6 ft. seam spacing → Class 90 (33 ksi steel deck)
 - 9.5 ft. seam spacing → Class 90 (80 ksi steel deck)
 - 6 ft. seam spacing → Class 165 (80 ksi steel deck)

Seam spacing wider than joist spacing is problematic

NRCA's recommendations

Uniformly-loaded vs. non-uniform, linear pattern loaded steel roof decks

New construction:

- Structural engineer awareness of roof system design
 - Note load pattern and steel's yield strength on structural drawings and shop drawings
- Roof system designer awareness of steel roof deck design

NRCA's recommendations – cont.

Uniformly-loaded vs. non-uniform, linear pattern loaded steel roof decks

Reroofing:

- Realize steel roof decks are not likely designed to current SDI, FM Global and FM Approvals' standards
- If steel deck design cannot be verified:
 - Use narrow fastener row/seam spacing (rows/seams \leq joist spacing)
 - Use a uniform uplift loading roof system (BUR, MB, adhered single ply)

Fastener pull-out tests...

There is little correlation between fastener pull-out resistance and a steel roof deck's yield strength and uplift (bending) strength

Although roofing contractors sometimes are given the responsibility of inspecting and accepting steel roof decks to receive a new roof system, determining a roof deck's design adequacy is beyond the expertise of most roofing contractors.

This determination is best made during a project's design phase.

Roof drain concerns

Roof drainage

**SECTION 1502
ROOF DRAINAGE**

[P] 1502.1 General. Design and installation of roof drainage systems shall comply with Section 1502 of this code and Sections 1106 and 1108, as applicable, of the *International Plumbing Code*.

[P] 1502.2 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. The installation and sizing of secondary emergency overflow drains, leaders and conductors shall comply with Sections 1106 and 1108, as applicable, of the *International Plumbing Code*.

1502.3 Scuppers. Where scuppers are used for secondary (emergency overflow) roof drainage, the quantity, size, location and inlet elevation of the scuppers shall be sized to prevent the depth of ponding water from exceeding that for which the roof was designed as determined by Section 1611.1. Scuppers shall not have an opening dimension of less than 4 inches (102 mm). The flow through the primary system shall not be considered when locating and sizing scuppers.

1502.4 Gutters. Gutters and leaders placed on the outside of buildings, other than Group R-3, private garages and buildings of Type V construction, shall be of noncombustible material or not less than Schedule 40 plastic pipe.

**CHAPTER 11
STORM DRAINAGE**

Where scuppers, scupper roofs, buildings shall be removed and directed to a location that can accommodate storm water. Chapter 11 specifies the design method used for the geographic area and provides sizing methods for piping and public systems to convey the storm water away from the building. Included in this chapter are regulations for piping materials and related drainage systems.

**SECTION 1105
ROOF DRAINS**

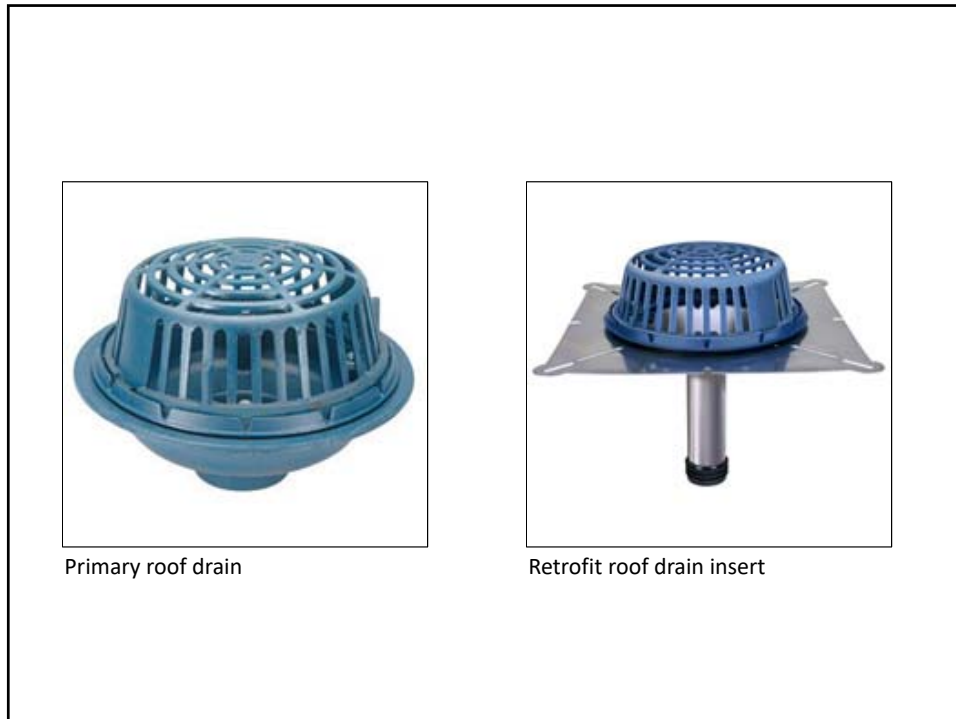
1105.1 General. Roof drains shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The inside opening for the roof drain shall not be obstructed by the roofing membrane material.

1105.2 Roof drain flow rate. The published roof drain flow rate, based on the head of water above the roof drain, shall be used to size the storm drainage system in accordance with Section 1106. The flow rate used for sizing the storm drainage piping shall be based on the maximum anticipated ponding at the roof drain.

**SECTION 1106
SIZE OF CONDUCTORS, LEADERS
AND STORM DRAINS**

1106.1 General. The size of the vertical conductors and leaders, building *storm drains*, building *storm sewers* and any horizontal branches of such drains or *sewers* shall be based on the 100-year hourly rainfall rate indicated in Figure 1106.1 or on other rainfall rates determined from *approved* local weather data.

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Primary roof drain

Retrofit roof drain insert

NRCA's interim recommendations

Roof drainage concerns

- Be cautious of roof drain issues, particularly in reroofing situations
 - IBC 2009 adds secondary drainage
 - IBC 2015 provides exception
 - IPC 2015 and IPC 2018 changes
- Assure membrane opening is larger than drain outlet/piping opening
- Be cautious of retrofit drain inserts
- Consider proposal/contract language

“Fully” adhered

TECH TODAY

The fully adhered misnomer
Terminology can create unrealistic expectations within the roofing industry
by Mark S. Graham

NRCA
recommends
the term “fully
adhered” be
avoided

Is practice
The concept of lacking 100 percent, complete adhesion between two adhered surfaces is not new to the roofing industry; it has long been recognized in the application of built-up roof membranes where weak between-plank joints occur. To address this, NRCA's Quality Control Guidelines for the Application of Built-up Roofing indicates complete mappings are intended to be continuous, however, weak or limited size are permitted provided overlapping joints do not occur between two or more plies. NRCA has maintained this position since the late 1970s, and it has become well accepted by the roofing industry.

As it applies to adhering rigid board membranes to continuously applied adhesive applications, actual adhesion rates of about 60 to 90 percent are common (even less in some specific instances) in successfully performing adhered roof systems.

On this issue, NRCA recommends the term “fully adhered” be avoided and suggests the term “adhered” for field applications because it is more realistic. ■■

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Manufacturer's installation instructions

Building code requirements


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SECTION 1506 MATERIALS

1506.1 Scope. The requirements set forth in this section shall apply to the application of roof-covering materials specified herein. Roof coverings shall be applied in accordance with this chapter and the manufacturer's installation instructions. Installation of roof coverings shall comply with the applicable provisions of Section 1507.





A quest for clarity

A new NRCA task force is reviewing manufacturers' installation instructions
by Mark S. Graham

As roofing products and roof systems become increasingly proprietary and complex, proper installation instructions are an important consideration. Roofing products and roof system manufacturers generally are responsible for providing users with instructions explaining how to properly install their products.

Instructions for some products are not written at a level appropriate for intended users.

Although some manufacturers make their products-specific installation instructions readily accessible to users, instructions for some products are difficult to locate and less writers as a level appropriate for the intended user—field applications.

Many asphalt shingle manufacturers, for example, require products-specific installation instructions on single bundle wrappers. Some manufacturers print instructions in multiple languages to recognize some users may not speak or read English.

Installation instructions for other products and systems, such as single-ply membranes, generally are not included with the product or product packaging. For these products, users need to rely on manufacturer's general literature or website for system-specific installation instructions. Some website-based application instructions are difficult or nearly impossible to locate on manufacturer websites. In addition, some online formats are not compatible with mobile devices, which a field application body would use for access.

Also, the intended users and amount of information included in manufacturers' installation instructions vary significantly.

I recently downloaded installation instructions from several manufacturers for a commercial building membrane roof system application. One manufacturer has a single-page instruction sheet including the intended purpose, application area, location and limitations, as well as a graphic illustration of the layout layout.

Another manufacturer's instructions for a metal building membrane specification consists of a 37-page, two-color document that includes detailed installation-specific instructions but detailed structural roof deck, wind-uplift resistance and fire-rating design information. Such an installation instruction document is of little use to field applications and appears to be an attempt to shift some design responsibility to roofing contractors and field applications.

Code requirements

Many building codes include specific provisions regarding roofing products and roof systems to be installed according to manufacturer installation instructions.

For example, in Chapter 15—Roof Assemblies and Roofing Systems of the International Building Code, 2015 Edition (IBC), Section 1507—Materials includes the following statement: "... Roof coverings shall be applied in accordance with this chapter and the manufacturer's installation instructions ..."

Section 1508—Requirements for Roof Coverings includes similar requirements.

Chapter 16—Roof Assemblies of the International Building Code, 2015 Edition (IBC) includes similar provisions in Section 1604—Materials and Section 1605—Requirements for Roof Coverings. Provisions related to IBC and IRC contained similar provisions.

Manufacturers' installation instructions specifically are required by building codes, which underscores the importance of the instructions being easily accessible, relevant and easily understandable to roofing contractors field personnel.

NRCA review task force

This year, NRCA established a Manufacturer Application Instruction Review Task Force to review manufacturers' installation instructions and provide manufacturers with input and suggestions for improvement. A specific objective of the task force is to make manufacturers' installation instructions more useful to field personnel.

It has been the concept of an NRCA installation instruction review task force for some time. NRCA had a similar task force during the late 1970s and early 1980s, and it was primarily focused on achieving consistency in manufacturers' application instructions for metal and asphalt-based built-up systems. That effort eventually resulted in the development of the National Manufacturers Association of Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association of NRCA's application quality control document.

During NRCA's Fall Convention Meetings, which will be held Nov. 14-17 in Chicago, the task force will meet with several manufacturers to discuss and NRCA hopes to improve installation instructions. Although the meeting is an initial step, the effort is intended to be an ongoing, long-term undertaking by NRCA addressing all common roofing products and roof systems. We look forward to working with manufacturers in this effort. ■■■

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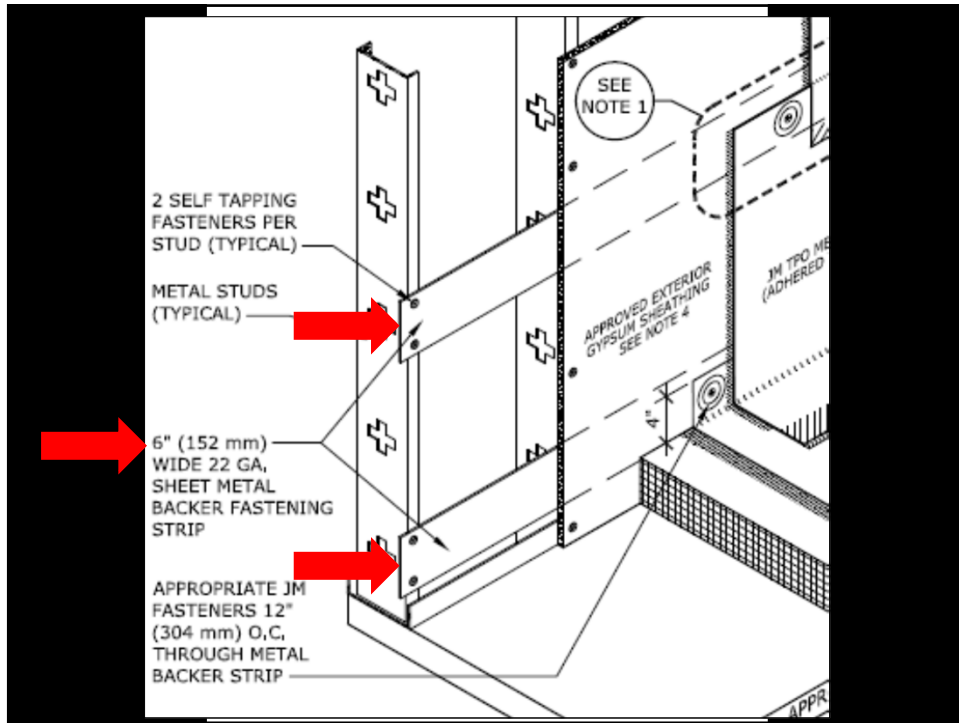
Recommendations

Manufacturer's Installation Instructions

- Access and review on a project-by-project basis
- Include in project file
- Document any variations

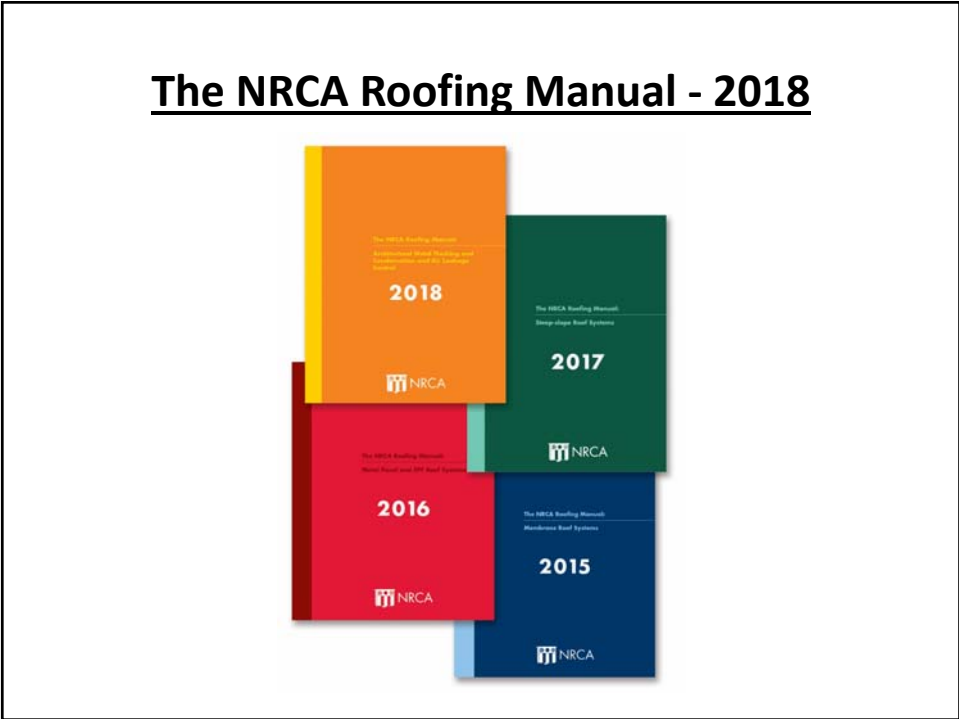
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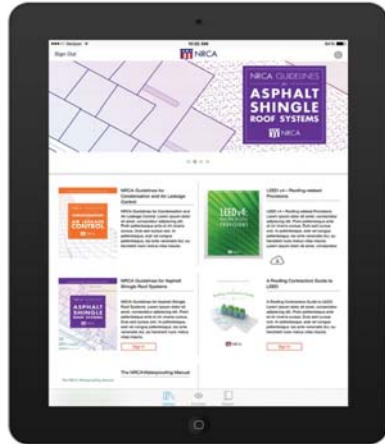


***Applicators need more guidance
on base termination/attachment details***

Using NRCA's resources...



NRCA App



- NRCA App available on the Apple Store and Google Play Store for tablets
- iPhone App also available
- Register within App as being an NRCA member
- The NRCA Roofing Manual is viewable to NRCA members
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