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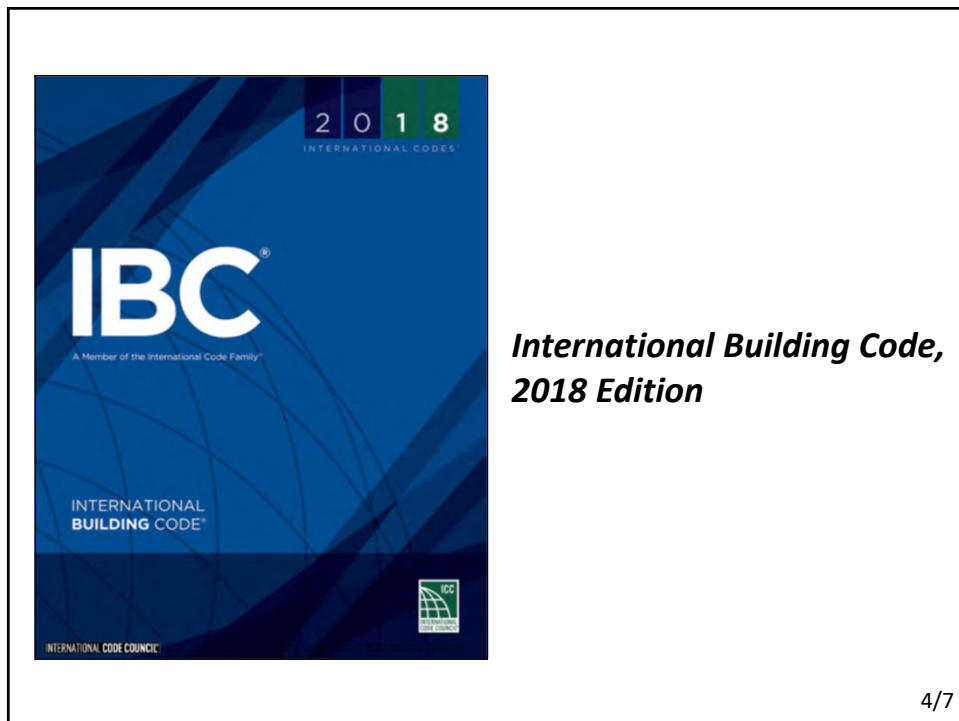
Topics

- 2018 I-code overview
- ASCE 7-16 (wind design)
- Roof drain concerns
- An electrical code (NFPA 70) issue
- Steel roof deck concerns
- Moisture in concrete roof decks
- FM VSH (hail)
- Metal stud-framed parapet walls
- “Fully” adhered
- Attic ventilation
- Questions

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ROOF ASSEMBLIES AND ROOFTOP STRUCTURES

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[BF] 1507.4 Class C roof assemblies. Class C roof assemblies are those that are effective against light fire-test exposure. Class C roof assemblies and roof coverings shall be listed and identified as Class C by an approved testing agency.

[BF] 1507.5 Special purpose roofs. Special purpose wood shingle or wood shake roofing shall conform to the grading and application requirements of Section 1507.8 or 1507.9. In addition, an underlayment of 1/8-inch (15.9 mm) Type X water-resistant gypsum backing board or gypsum sheathing shall be placed under minimum nominal 1/2-inch-thick (12.7 mm) wood structural panel solid sheathing or 1-inch (25 mm) nominal spaced sheathing.

[BF] 1507.6 Building-integrated photovoltaic products. Building-integrated photovoltaic products installed as the roof covering shall be tested, listed and labeled for fire classification in accordance with Section 1505.1.

[BF] 1507.7 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. The fire classification shall comply with Table 1507.1 based on the type of construction of the building.

[BF] 1507.8 Roof drains and leaded roofs. Roof drains and leaded roofs shall comply with Section 1505.1 and 1507.16 and shall be installed in accordance with ANSSIPRI VF-1.

SECTION 1506
MATERIALS

1506.1 Slope. 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.

1506.2 Material specifications and physical characteristics. Roof-covering materials shall conform to the applicable standards listed in this chapter.

1506.3 Product identification. Roof-covering materials shall be delivered in packages bearing the manufacturer's identifying marks and approved testing agency labels required in accordance with Section 1505. Bulk shipments of materials shall be accompanied with the same information issued in the form of a certificate or on a bill of lading by the manufacturer.

SECTION 1507
REQUIREMENTS FOR ROOF COVERINGS

1507.1 Slope. Roof coverings shall be applied in accordance with the applicable provisions of this section and the manufacturer's installation instructions.

1507.1.1 Underlayment. Underlayment for asphalt shingles, clay and concrete tile, metal roof shingles, mineral-surfaced roll roofing, slate and slate-type shingles, wood shingles, wood shakes, metal roof panels and photovoltaic shingles shall conform to the applicable standards listed in this chapter. Underlayment materials required to comply with ASTM D226, D1970, D4869 and D6757 shall bear a label indicating compliance with the standard designation and, if applicable, type classification indicated in Table 1507.1.1(1). Underlayment shall be applied in accordance with Table 1507.1.1(2). Underlayment shall be attached in accordance with Table 1507.1.1(3).

Exceptions:

1. As an alternative, self-adhering polymer modified bitumen underlayment complying with ASTM D1970 and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions for the deck material, roof ventilation configuration and climate exposure for the roof covering to be installed shall be permitted.
2. As an alternative, a minimum 4-inch-wide (102 mm) strip of self-adhering polymer modified bitumen membrane complying with ASTM D1970 and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions for the deck material shall be applied over all joints in the roof decking. An approved underlayment for the applicable roof covering for design wind speeds less than 120 mph (54 m/s) shall be applied over the 4-inch-wide (102 mm) membrane strips.
3. As an alternative, two layers of underlayment complying with ASTM D226 Type II or ASTM D4869 Type IV shall be permitted to be installed as follows: Apply a 19-inch (483 mm) strip of underlayment parallel with the eave. Starting at the eave, apply 36-inch-wide (914 mm) strips of underlayment felt, overlapping successive sheets 19 inches (483 mm). The underlayment shall be attached with corrosion-resistant fasteners in a grid pattern of 12 inches (305 mm) between side laps with a 6-inch (152 mm) spacing at side and end laps. End laps shall

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A new underlayment sub-section has been 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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Understanding underlayments

Some roofing underlayment products may not be code-compliant

by Mark S. Graham

Proper underlayment is a critical component for steep-slope roof system performance. Building codes provide minimum requirements for underlayments, but some of these requirements are limited underlayment options.

Code requirements. Minimum requirements for underlayment products used as components for steep-slope roof systems are provided in the International Building Code (IBC) 2015.

IBC 2015. Section 1507 – Requirements for Roof Coverings. Separate requirements are provided for each steep-slope roof system type listed in areas where the nominal design wind speed (V_{90}) is less than 120 mph or 120 mph and greater.

Similarly, the International Residential Code (IRC) 2015 Edition (IRC 2015) provides product requirements for steep-slope underlayments in Table R905.1.1(1) Underlayment Types. Separate requirements are provided for each steep-slope roof system type listed in areas where the ultimate design wind speed (V_{90}) is less than 140 mph or 140 mph and greater.

IBC 2015 140 mph V_{90} threshold is equivalent to a V_{90} of about 100 mph, making IBC 2015 “high-wind” underlayments provisions slightly more stringent than IRC 2015 provisions.

The figure provides a summary of the underlayment product requirements for IRC 2015 and IRC 2015. It is important to note that underlayments in an asphalt-based product are non-compliant or underlayment systems are specifically prohibited by IRC 2015 or IRC 2015.

Cautious selection. IRC/IBC recommends underlayment products for steep-slope roof systems be carefully selected based on specific project requirements, building code requirements and the steep-slope roofing product manufacturer’s recommendations. If use of a non-asphaltic or synthetic underlayment product is being considered for a specific project, code acceptance can be sought by making specific request to the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ). AHJ typically will require an evaluation report, such as those provided by ICC Evaluation Service’s Underlayment Laboratories Inc. (ULI) may grant code acceptance for alternative underlayment products on a project-by-project basis and typically is a similar acceptance applying to all future projects in a specific jurisdiction.

Additional information regarding steep-slope underlayment products is provided in the ICC’s “Roofing Without Steep-Slope Roofing” document – 2017.

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ICC 2015 and IRC 2015 product requirements for steep-slope underlayments

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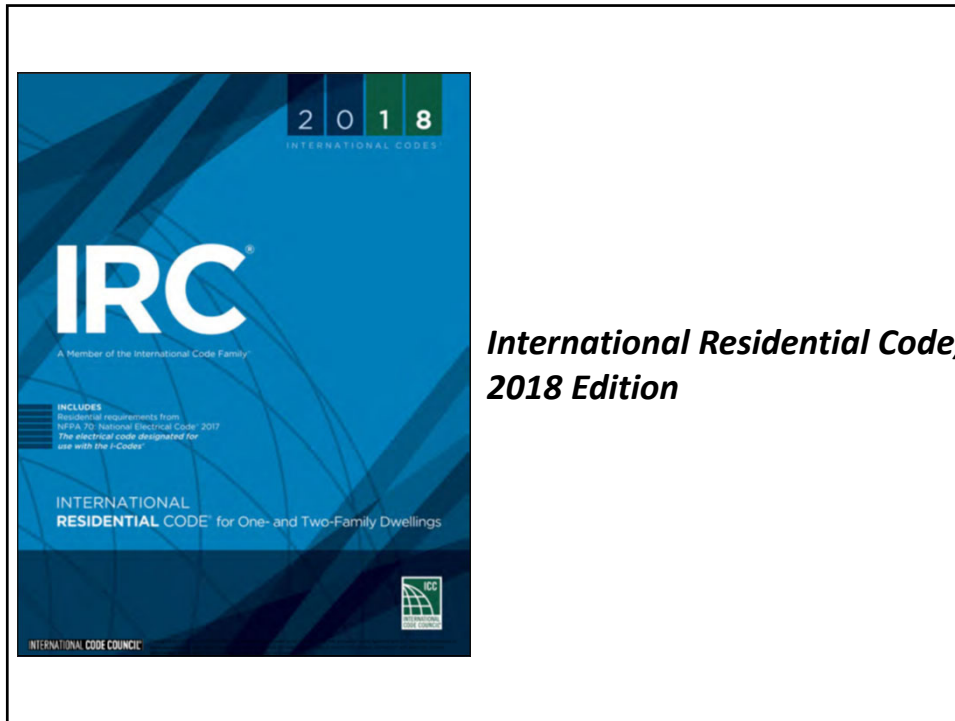
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**CHAPTER 9
ROOF ASSEMBLIES**

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, mineral/ceramic roof coating, slate and slate-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 recovering 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)

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 impregnation with chemicals by the full-cell vacuum-pressure process, in accordance with ASTM 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 treating company and the quality control agency.

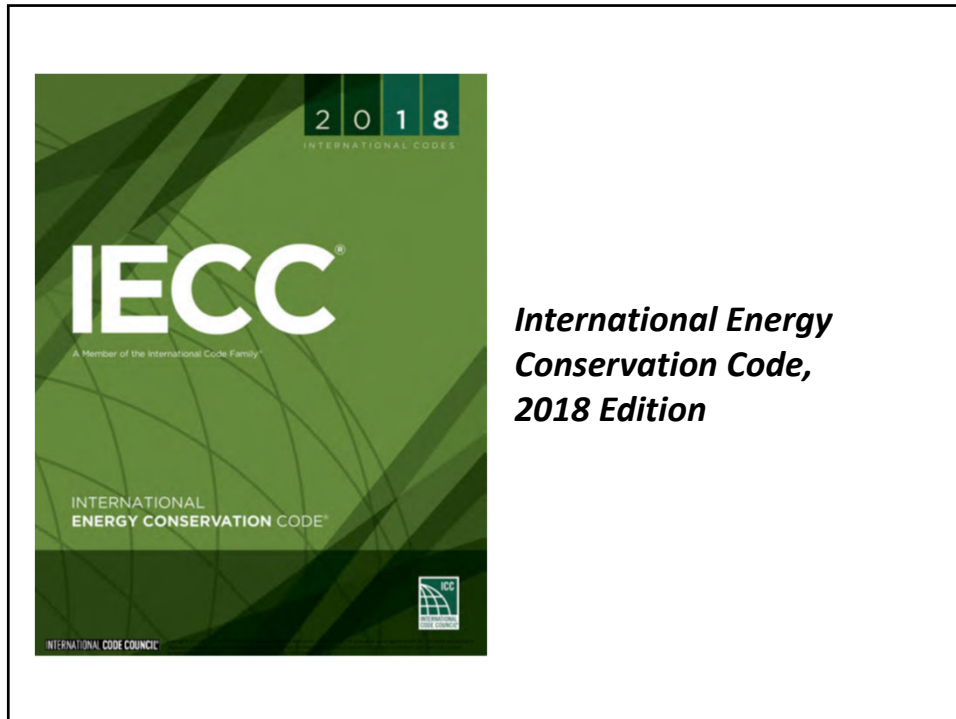
R903.2.2 Crickets and saddles. A cricket or saddle shall be installed on the ridge side of any chimney or penetration more than 30 inches (762 mm) wide as measured perpendicular to the slope. Cricket or saddle coverings shall be sheet metal or of the same material as the roof covering.

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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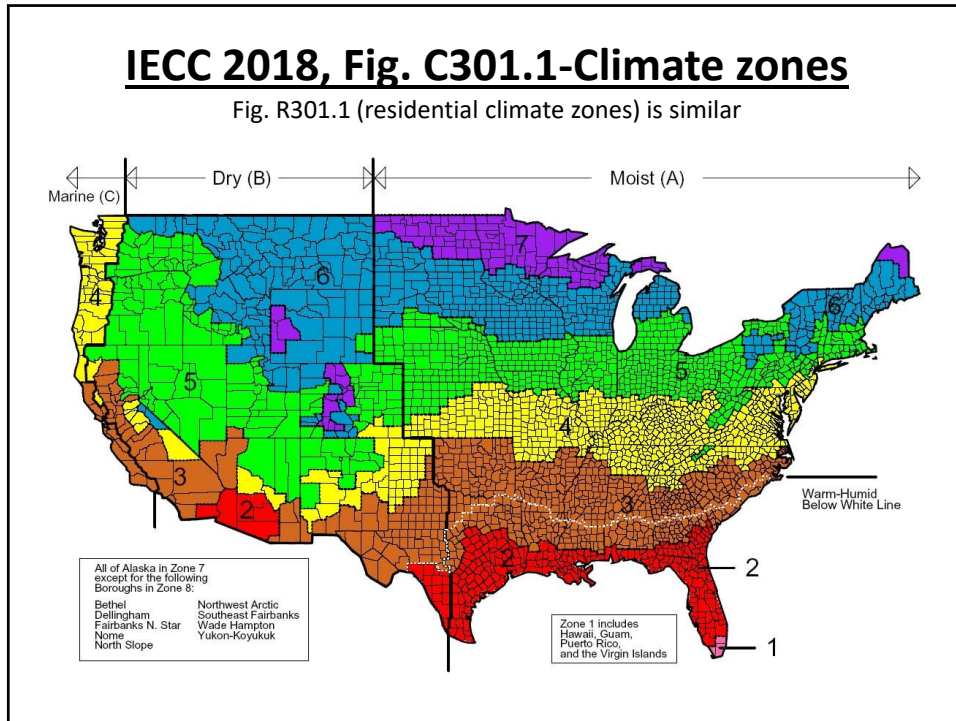


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IECC 2018's roofing-related requirements

- 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

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Minimum R-value

IECC 2018: Commercial Buildings (Insulation component R-value-based method)

Climate zone	Assembly description		
	Insulation entirely above deck	Metal buildings	Attic and other
1	R-20ci (all other) R-25ci (Group R)	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-38
2	R-25ci		
3			
4	R-38 (except Marine 4)		
5	R-30ci	R-25 + R-11 LS	R-38 (all other) R-49 (Group R, Marine 4)
6	R-35ci		R-30 + R-11 LS
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ci = Continuous insulation; LS = Liner system

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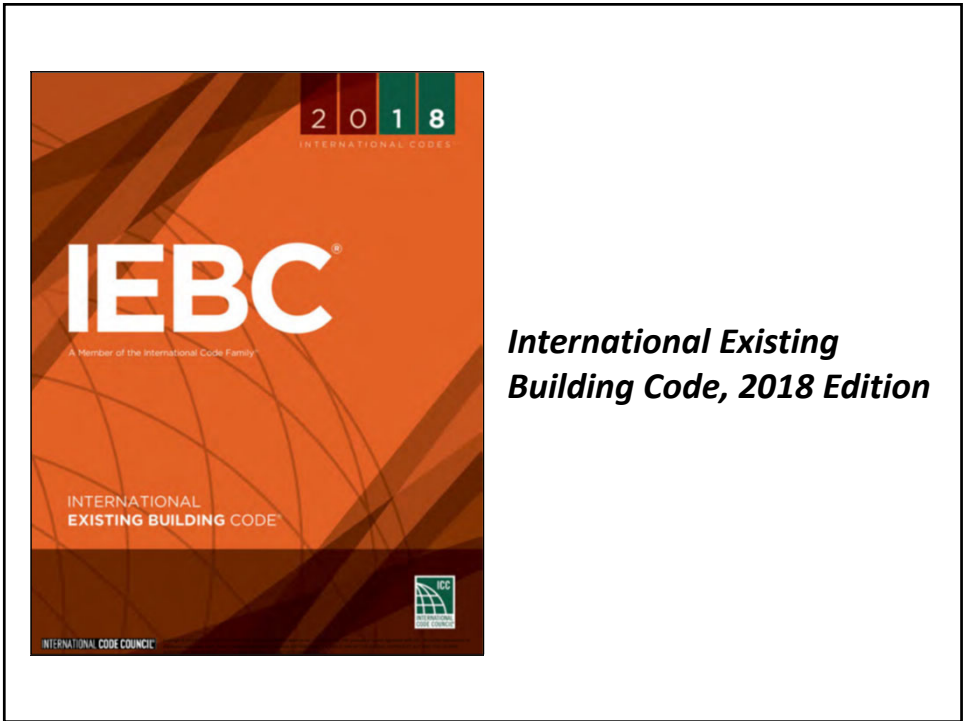
Comparison of IECC's various editions

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-25 ci	R-25 ci
4	R-12 ci	R-20 ci	R-25 ci	R-25 ci	R-30 ci	R-30 ci
5	R-15 ci					
6	R-11 ci	R-25 ci	R-25 ci	R-30 ci	R-35 ci	R-35 ci
7	R-15 ci	R-25 ci	R-25 ci	R-30 ci	R-35 ci	R-35 ci
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* Applies to roof replacement projects
ci = continuous insulation

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New roofing rules

IEBC 2015 presents challenges when reroofing

by Mark S. Graham

For the first time, the International Existing Building Code (IEBC) 2015 Edition (IEBC 2015) includes specific code requirements applicable to reroofing. IEBC 2015 also provides additional and alternative more stringent code requirements than those contained in the International Building Code (IBC) and International Residential Code (IRC).

Reroofing requirements
IBC and IRC were developed and are maintained with the primary intent of applying to new construction. One exception is both codes also address reroofing, re-roofing, and replacing existing roof coverings on existing buildings.

Where adopted, IEBC 2015's structural reroofing requirements may be more stringent

For example, in IEBC 2015, reroofing is addressed in Chapter 15—Roof Assemblies and Roofing Systems, Section 1511—Reroofing. Similar requirements are included in IBC's Chapter 9—Roof Assemblies and Roofing Systems, Section 908—Reroofing specifically address re-roofing and replacing existing roof coverings.

Additional requirements
IEBC 2015's scope includes "... shall apply to the repair, alteration, change of occupancy, addition to and relocation of existing building." Individual terms are defined in Chapter 2—Definitions.

New definitions have been added in IEBC 2015 for reroofing, roof removal, roof repair and roof replacement. The terms and their definitions are the same as those in IEBC. IEBC 2015 clarified work on existing buildings into three categories: Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3.

Level 1 alterations include the removal and replacement of the covering of existing materials, elements, equipment or fixtures using new materials, elements, equipment or fixtures that serve the same purpose. Reroofing projects are considered Level 1 alterations.

Level 2 and Level 3 alterations are larger in scope. For example, Level 3 alterations apply when the work area exceeds 50 percent of the building floor area.

IEBC 2015's Chapter 7—Alterations—Level 1 includes a new section, Section 703—Reroofing, that was not included in IEBC's previous editions. This section's requirements are identical to those of IEBC 2012's Section 1510—Reroofing.

IEBC 2015's Section 707—Structural includes some additional requirements applicable to reroofing.

Section 707.2—Addition or Replacement of Roofing or Replacement of Equipment indicates when roof system replacement results in additional dead load structural components supporting the new roofing materials used to comply with IEBC. Provisions to this requirement include when the dead load does not increase more than 10 percent in accordance with IBC's conventional light-frame construction methods or IRC or when the new second layer weighs less than 2 pounds per square foot.

Section 707.3—Additional Requirements for Reroof Projects provides additional structural requirements for projects where the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) requires reroofing permits. Section 707.3.1 requires structural

necessary permits for buildings where more than 20 percent of the roof area is being reroofed in Section, Design Category D, E or F or have new parapets being installed to meet IEBC's seismic forces.

Section 707.3.2 requires buildings located in high-wind regions (V_w greater than 115 mph or in special wind regions) that are designed with roof diaphragms (roof decks) to be evaluated for structural adequacy. This requirement applies when more than 50 percent of the diaphragm is repaired during roof system replacement. The roof diaphragm, connections of the roof diaphragm to roof framing members and roof-to-wall connections are required to be evaluated using the current code's wind loads. If the diaphragm and connections are not capable of resisting 75 percent of the current code's wind loads, they must be strengthened or replaced according to IEBC's requirements.

Being knowledgeable
Where adopted, IEBC 2015's structural reroofing requirements may be more stringent than IBC's and IRC's reroofing provisions.

Designers should determine whether IEBC 2015 is applicable and clearly indicate any additional work that is required for compliance in the construction documents.

The International Code Council, publisher of IEBC 2015, indicates the code currently applies in California and Colorado and in specific jurisdictions in Massachusetts, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming. Local AHJs can verify whether IEBC 2015 applies. **gsm**

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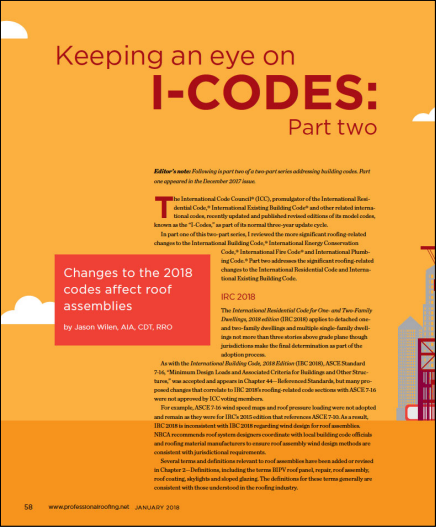
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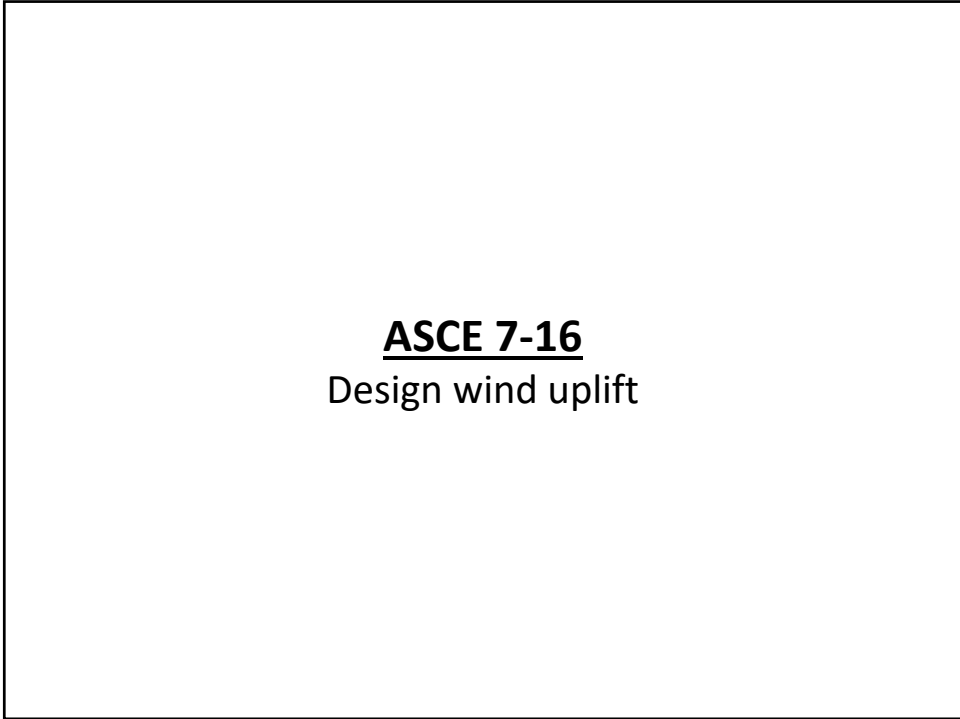
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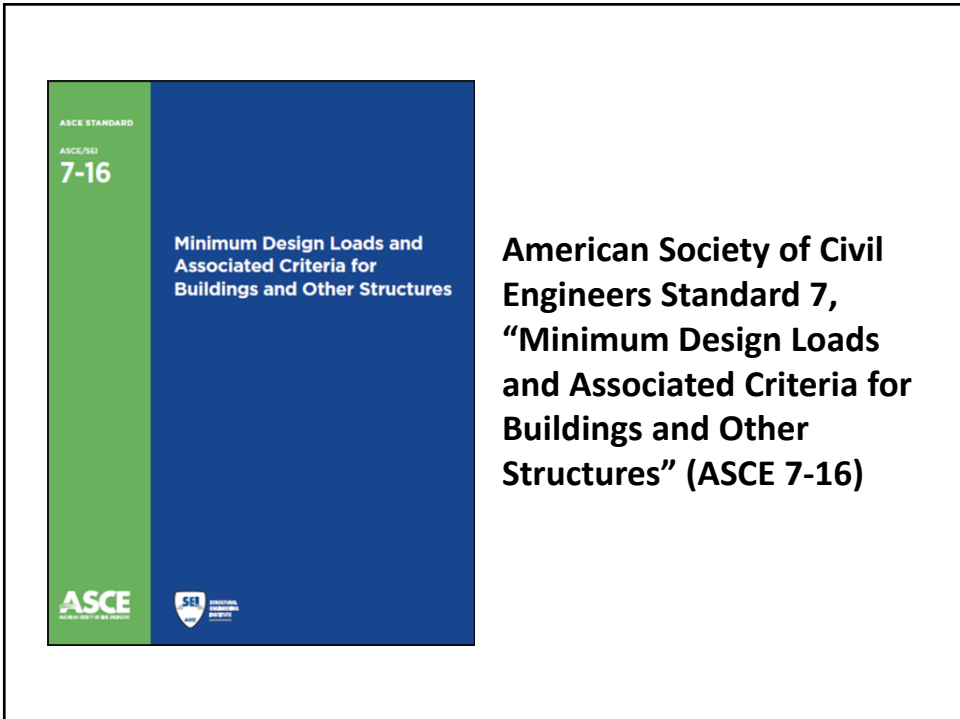
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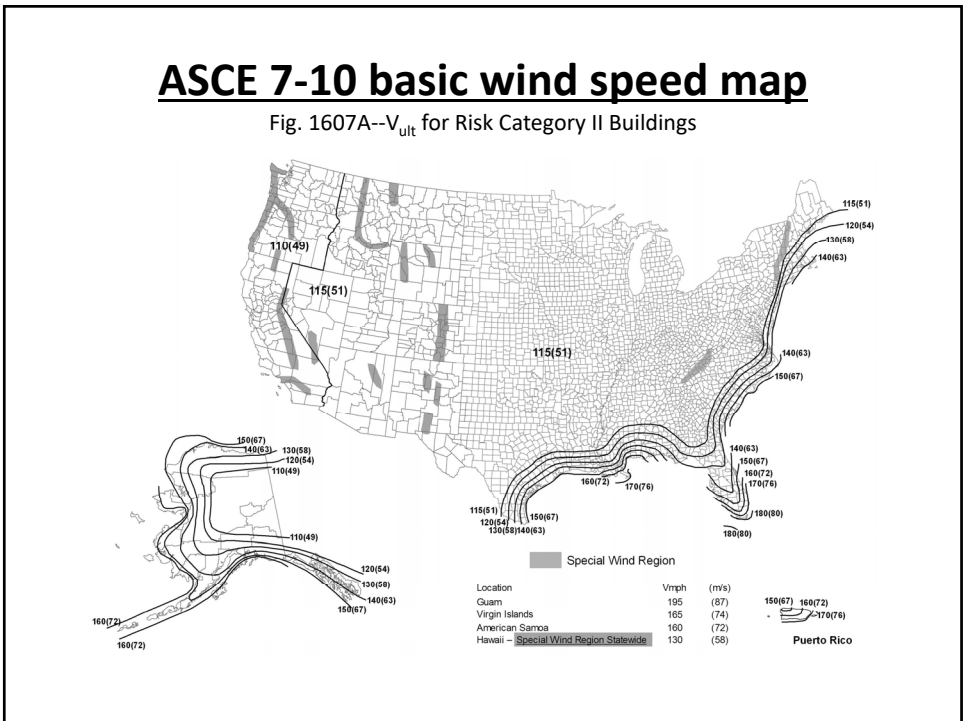
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Noteworthy changes in ASCE 7-16

Compared to ASCE 7-10

- Revised basic wind speed map
- Changes (and new) pressure coefficients
- Revised perimeter and corner zones

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ASCE 7-16 basic wind speed map

Risk Category II Buildings (MRI = 700 years)

MRI		
Risk Category	ASCE 7-10	ASCE 7-16
I (Low)	300 yrs.	300 yrs.
II (not I, II or IV)	700 yrs.	700 yrs.
Category III (High risk)	1,700 yrs.	1,700 yrs.
Category IV (Essential)	1,700 yrs.	3,000 yrs.

Selection of the correct Risk Category/map (i.e., wind speed) is essential

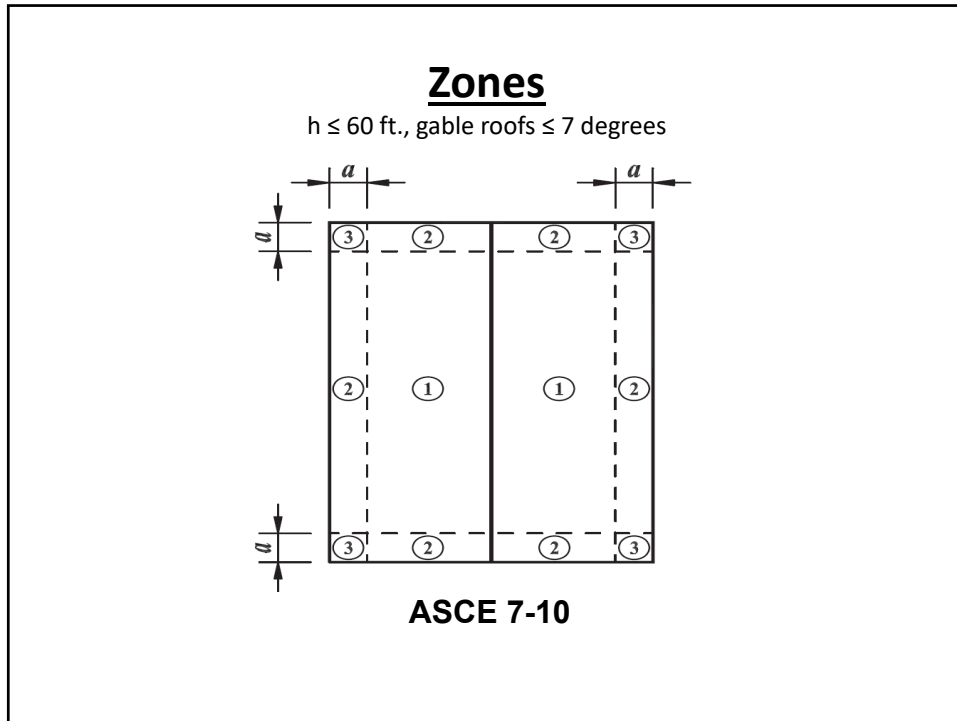
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Comparing GC_p pressure coefficients

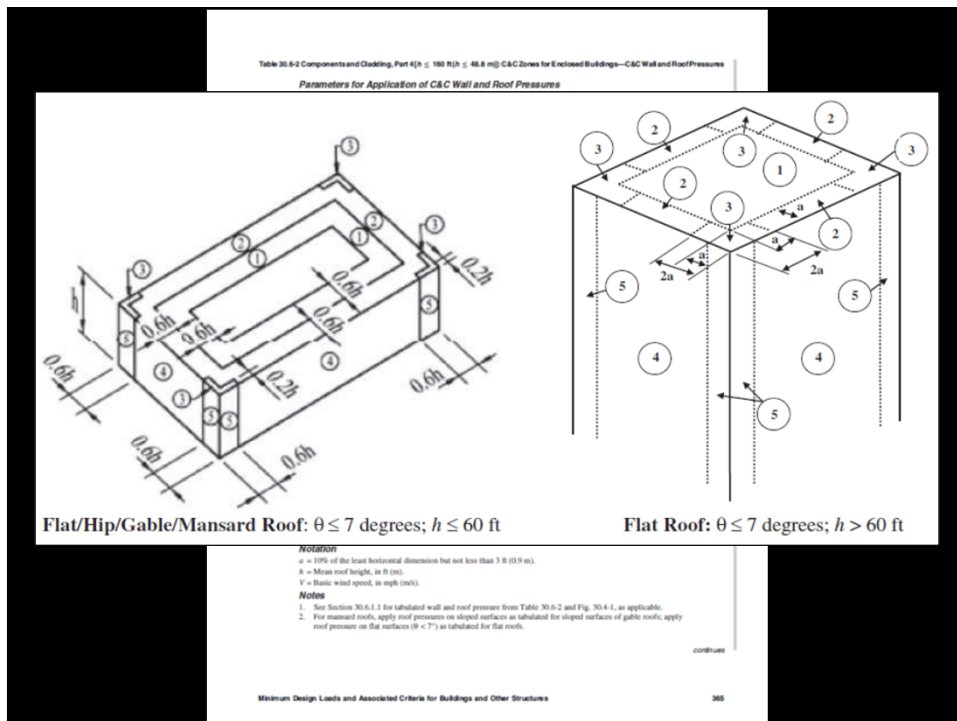
h ≤ 60 ft., gable roofs ≤ 7 degrees

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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Noteworthy changes in ASCE 7-16

Compared to ASCE 7-10

- Revised basic wind speed map
- Changes (and new) pressure coefficients
- Revised perimeter and corner zones

While center field pressures may be slightly lower, field, perimeter and corner uplift pressures will generally be greater

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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) in mid-2019.

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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	FM 1-60			
ASCE 7-10 Ult.	115	FM 1-75			
ASCE 7-10 ASD	89	FM 1-60			
ASCE 7-16 Ult.	110	FM 1-105			
ASCE 7-16 ASD	85	FM 1-75			

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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)?

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Specifying wind design

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

Specifying wind speed warranties is not a substitute for code-required wind design data

NRCA is receiving an increasing number of reports indicating proper drawings and specifications incompletely, inadequately or inaccurately address proper wind design for low-slope residential roof systems. Some designers, according to reports, only include a specification requirement for the roof system manufacturer to provide a wind warranty. But there are minimum requirements for proper wind design of low-slope residential roof systems.

Code requirements

Building codes typically provide specific requirements for specifying design loads, including wind loads, in contract documents.

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 wind zone 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 external pressure coefficients. For component and cladding systems that are not specifically designed by a registered design professional, design wind pressure in terms of psf (pounds per square foot) also are required. Roof systems typically are considered component and cladding systems. Design wind pressure 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 most commonly will be identified on structural drawings in 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/SPRI ES-1

ANSI/SPRI ES-1, "Wind Design Standard for Edge Systems Used with Low-Slope Roofing Systems," which is referenced in IBC, 2012, includes two primary document requirements of design wind loads at roof edges (finite, coped) and testing for minimum loads of coping and fascia.

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

IBC 2012 indicates in Section 1905.5-Edge Systems that 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/SPRI ES-1-03, ANSI/SPRI ES-1-03 is based upon ASCE 7-10, which is not an ultimate design wind speed based method. Therefore, the design wind load determination method contained in ANSI/SPRI ES-1 does not verify 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.

The designer's role relates to specifying wind speed warranties is not a substitute for code-required wind design data. Such warranties typically do not address consideration of ultimate and nominal 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, NRCA, the National Roofing Contractors Association and National Roofing Contractors Association have developed and offer a free online application, Roof Wind Designer. Roof Wind Designer is a web application that allows users to determine design wind loads using ASCE 7, "Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures," 2010 or 2015 editions.

Roof Wind Designer is available at www.nrcanet.org.

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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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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**

Note: Above the scupper, rainfall into buildings must 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 gutter 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.

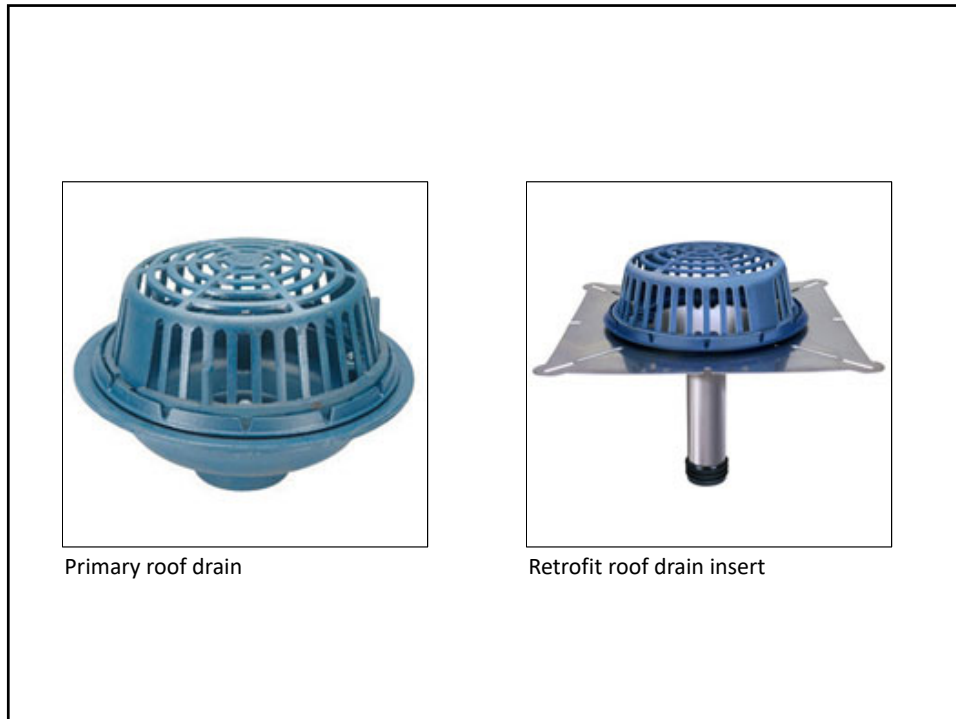
1105.2 Roof drain flow rate. The published roof drain flow rate, based on the head of water above the roof drain, shall be used to size the storm drainage system in accordance with Section 1106. The flow rate used for sizing the storm drainage piping shall be based on the maximum anticipated ponding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

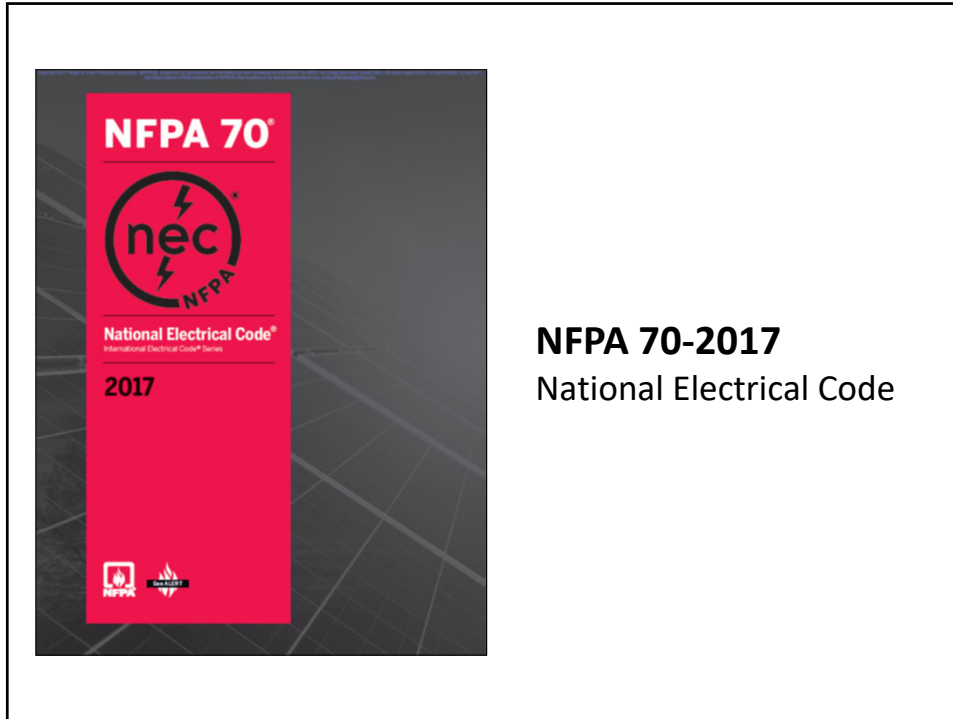
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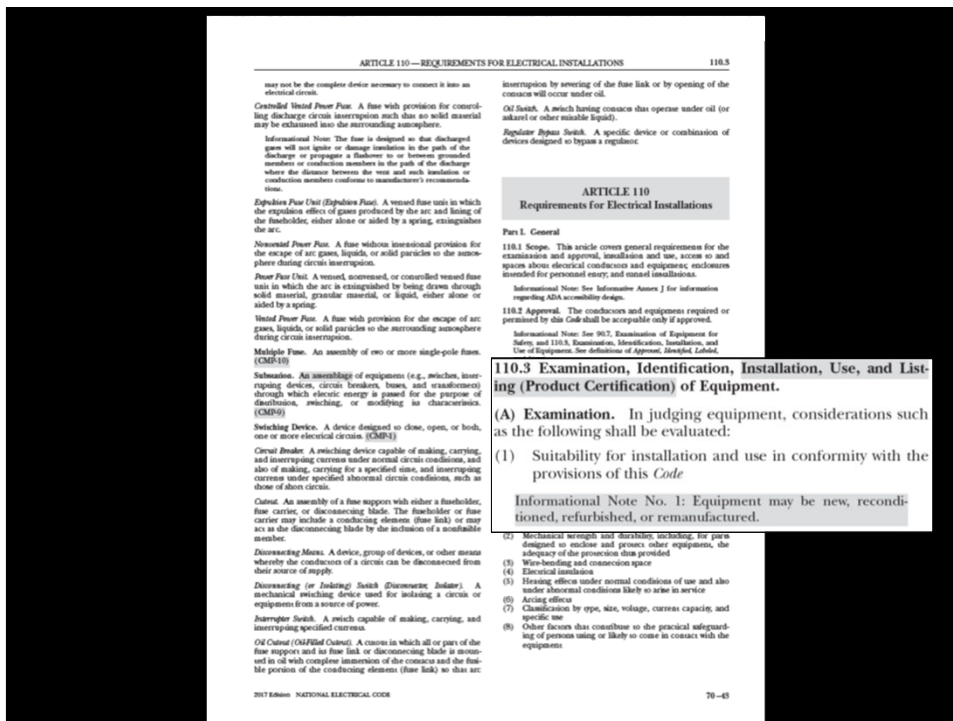
Roof drainage concerns

- 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

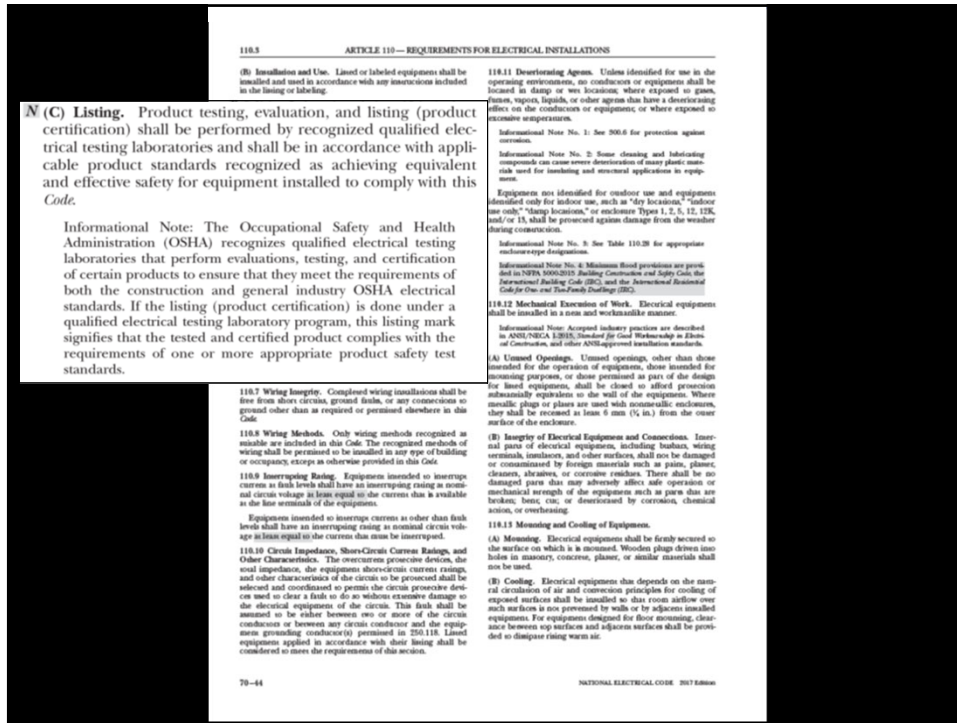
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The image shows a screenshot of the National Roofing Legal Resource Center (NRLRC) website. The header includes the NRLRC logo and navigation links: "About NRLRC", "Membership", "Legal Help Line", "Education/Programs", "Legal Library", and "Members Only". The main content area features a news article titled "Contract provision obligating manufacturer and seller of equipment to roofing contractor to furnish equipment that is code-compliant".

NRLRC News
 OSHA issues memorandum outlining enforcement of silica standard
 Contract provision to provide roofing contractor with opportunity to appeal dispute resolution decision issued by "decision maker" designated by contract
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Contract provision obligating manufacturer and seller of equipment to roofing contractor to furnish equipment that is code-compliant

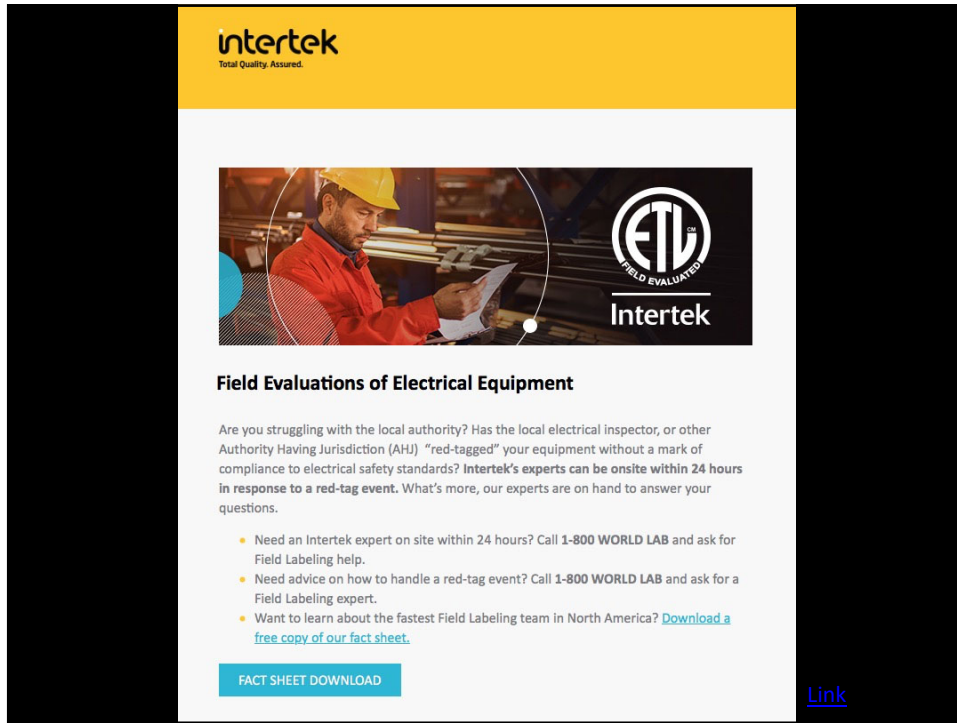
When purchasing a new piece of equipment, roofing contractors should beware of signing a seller's or manufacturer's standard purchase order agreement or agreeing to a seller's or manufacturer's standard terms and conditions. This agreement could include an express disclaimer of Uniform Commercial Code warranties of merchantability and fitness and will seek to limit the liability of the seller and the remedies available to the buyer in the event of a defect or problem with the product. Prior to making a purchase, the roofing contractor should obtain written assurance the equipment or product the contractor is purchasing complies with all codes, standards and regulations applicable to that equipment or product and its installation. Roofing contractors should be certain to include a provision to that effect in the purchase agreement.

For example, if your roofing company is in the market to purchase a sheet metal folding machine, it's important the sales agreement contain a provision such as the one above that obligates the seller to furnish a machine that will comply with all applicable codes and standards pertaining to the machine in the locality where you intend to install the machine. Such a provision is especially critical considering the 2017 edition of the NFA 70, National Electrical Code (NEC), which jurisdictions could adopt as of Jan. 1. Article 110 of the 2017 NEC contains a new provision that has been interpreted as requiring all electrical equipment installed or used in a building undergo product testing, evaluation and listing (product certification) by a recognized qualified electrical testing laboratory in accordance with applicable product safety standards recognized by the NEC. If your business is in one of the states, cities, counties or towns throughout the U.S. that has adopted the 2017 edition of the NEC, in the absence of proof your new sheet metal folding machine complies with the NEC, code officials may not permit the newly purchased machine to be used. To

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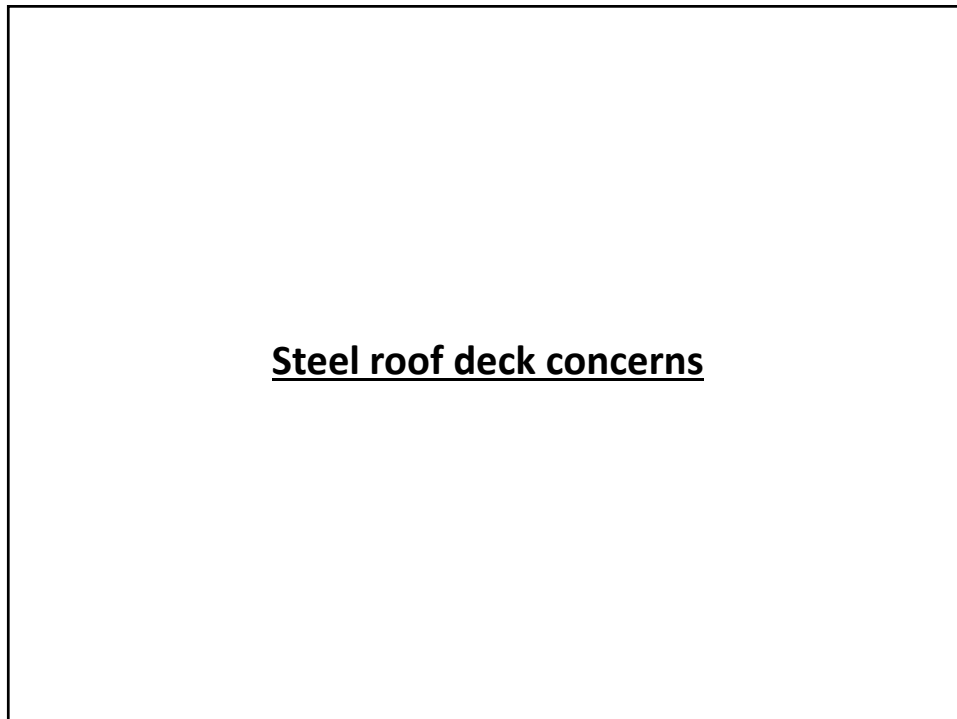
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Steel roof deck concerns

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Steel roof deck design

- 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)

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Steel roof deck design


Wind uplift resistance

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

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STEEL DECK INSTITUTE
Position Statement

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 SpecialInterest Group for Dynamic Evaluation of Roofing Systems (SDIGERS) at the Institute for Research in Construction, National Research Council of Canada. The mandate of the SDIGERS joint research program is to carry out generic, peer 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 SDIGERS research is looking at roofing systems that incorporate wide membranes sheets attached to the steel deck following line patterns spaced at up to 12 ft (3.66 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 1/4" DB metal flutes, with the structural supports usually spaced between 5' 0" (1.52 m) and 6' 0" (1.83 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 computed 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:

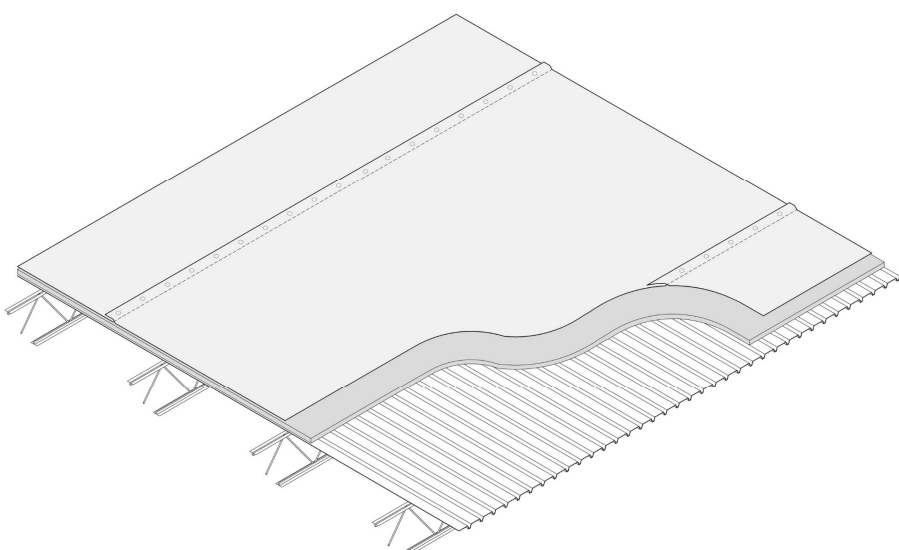
1. If the membrane seam occurs at the mid-span of the steel deck; and
2. If the membrane seam occurs at the structural support (joist).

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- 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

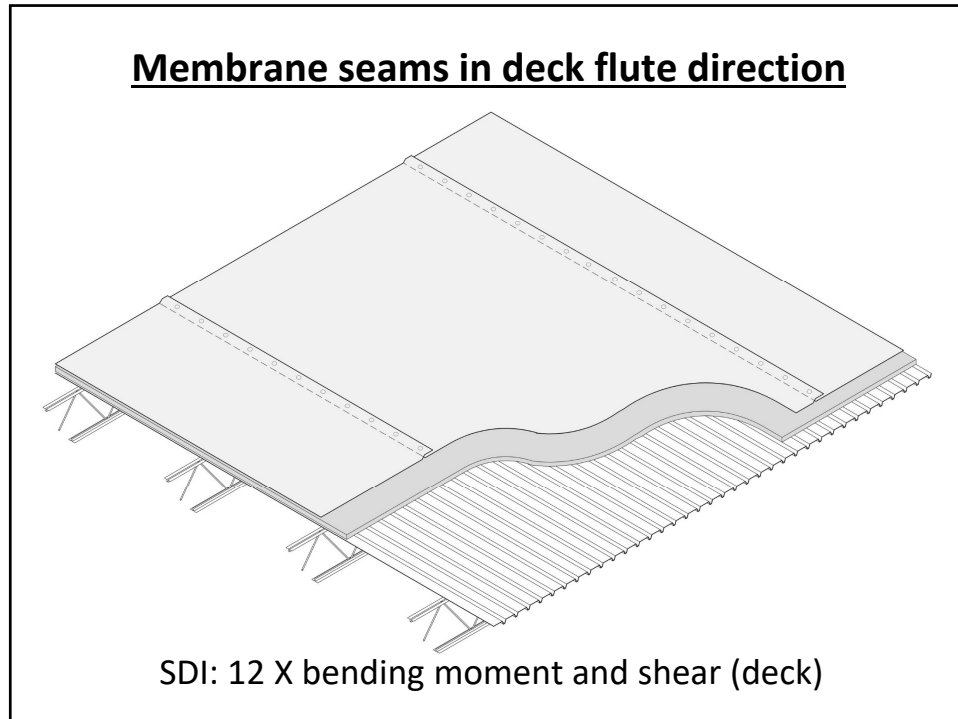
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Membrane seams across deck flutes



SDI: 3.8 X moment (deck); 2 X load (joists)

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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.”

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New criteria for steel roof deck uplift:

- Uniformly-distributed loading
- Concentrated loading

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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

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THE SITUATION WITH STEEL DECKS

Steel roof deck design can affect roof system selection and design

by Mark S. Graham

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discussion of construction issues and techniques

Are Your Roof Members Overstressed?

By James M. Fisher, Ph.D., F.E., Dux, M.ASCE and Thomas Spun, Ph.D., F.E., S.E., F.AISC

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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

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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.

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Moisture in concrete roof decks

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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

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Moisture in Lightweight Structural Concrete Roof Decks

Concrete Moisture Presents Challenges for Roofing Contractors

NRCA's 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 is 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, but has a density in the range of 85 to 120 pcf. Lightweight insulating concrete, which many roofing professionals are familiar with as an insulating, slope-to-drain 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 entrained air to the concrete, accelerate concrete's setting, 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—it often soaks 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 form composite roof decks where a metal form deck remains in place and as a deck topping material, such as a concrete topping surface over precast concrete planks or slabs.

Once poured, lightweight structural concrete typically cannot be easily distinguished from normal-weight structural concrete.

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

REPORTED PROBLEMS
The problems reported to 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 del.** The presence of moisture can result in deterioration of moisture-sensitive roofing materials and adhesive bond loss between adhered material layers.
- **Adhesive resin softening and delamination of organic compounds.** Excessive moisture can affect adhesive curing and drying rates. Also, moisture can result in adhesive "rewetting," resulting in bond strength loss.
- **Metal fastener corrosion.** Excessive moisture can contribute to and accelerate metal component corrosion, including fastener corrosion.
- **Insulation R-value del.** 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

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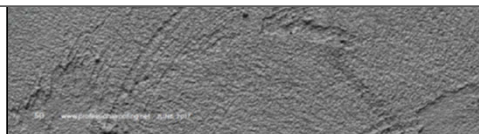
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Age	ASTM E96 calculated perm			
	Lightweight structural concrete		Normal weight concrete	
	Wet cup	Dry cup	Wet cup	Dry cup
28 days	1.48	0.78	3.42	1.05
60 days	1.45	0.47	2.03	1.13

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 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

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Moisture vapor reduction admixtures (MVRAs)

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Are admixtures the answer?
Moisture in concrete roof decks continues to be problematic.
by Mark S. Graham

NCA's Technical Service Section has been meeting regularly regarding the use and effectiveness of specific concrete admixtures and types of surface treatments to address moisture-related concerns with concrete roof decks. Such admixtures typically are referred to as moisture vapor reduction admixtures (MVRAs) or permeability reducing admixtures. NCA provides recommendations regarding their use.

MVRAs
Concrete admixtures intended as MVRAs are specific chemicals added during concrete batching and mixing to provide an additional chemical reaction during the concrete's hydration and curing process. MVRAs use the concrete mix's excess water and chloride to create a calcium-silicate-hydrate gel within the concrete. The gel is used to fill the small pores and capillary openings in curing concrete, reducing the concrete's ability to pass and contain moisture vapor. The gel is intended to be permanent and integral throughout the concrete's entire thickness.

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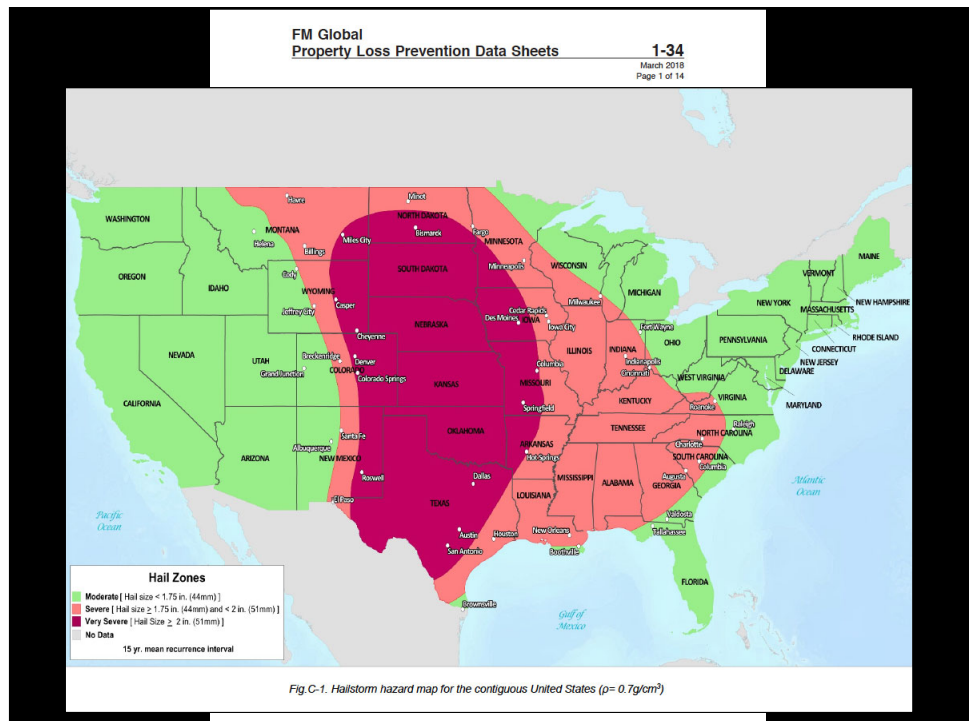
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The roofing industry needs to re-think the concept of concrete roof deck "acceptance"

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FM's very severe hail (VSH) classifications

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**Of the 911,562 roof assemblies in FM’s RoofNav,
only 312 have a VSH classification**

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Understanding FM VSH
FM has implemented a new impact-resistance classification
by Mark S. Graham

Commercial and industrial leaders FM Global and its code-approved testing agency subsidiaries, FM Approvals, have implemented a Very Severe Hail (VSH) impact-resistance classification that could affect some of the work you do.

FM Global guidelines
FM Global traditionally has recommended its insured building owners use non-convex hail (NH) and severe hail (SH) classified roof systems for buildings located in areas FM Global considers to be susceptible to moderate or severe hail impacts. FM Loss Prevention Data Sheet 1-144 FM 1-146, "Hail Damage," provides a map identifying these regions.

In recent years, the U.S. insurance industry has experienced increases in losses from hail in terms of the number of claims reported and costs of those claims. A majority of the hail damage occurs in roof systems and other roofing components.


In the latest version of FM 1-144, dated October 2014, FM Global has identified a new "VSH" region, encompassing Oklahoma, Kansas and some northern counties in Texas. FM 1-146 Table 3 identifies the specific northern Texas counties.

To access FM Global Data Sheets, including FM 1-146—"Hail Damage," go to www.professionalroofing.net.

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Designing for hail resistance
Did you know FM Global has updated its hail design guidance?
by Mark S. Graham

In March, property and building loss leader FM Global updated its Property Loss Prevention Data Sheet 1-146, "Hail Damage" (FM 1-146). If you work on buildings insured by FM Global, you should be aware of its latest hail-resistance guidelines and the effects they may have on roof system selection and design.

FM 1-146
FM 1-146 provides new prescriptive guidelines to maintain the potential for hail damage to buildings, roof-mounted equipment and other outdoor equipment. FM Global intends FM 1-146 and its other Property Loss Prevention Data Sheets to apply to its insured buildings. However, some designers use the Property Loss Prevention Data Sheets as design guidelines for buildings (and roof systems) other than those insured by FM Global.

FM Global contends hailstorms are an widespread hazard affecting many areas of the world that can severely damage building roof systems, roofing HVAC units and skylights. Cooling towers and exposed glass and plastic components of outdoor equipment also can be

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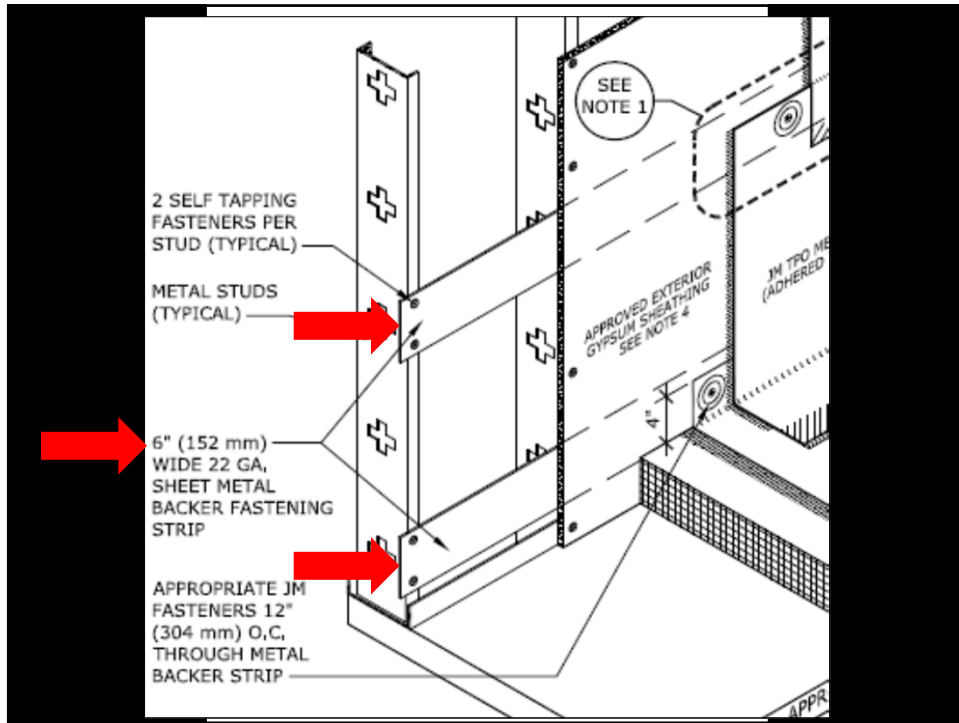
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Metal stud-framed parapet walls



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“Fully” adhered

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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

fully adhered is defined as 100 percent or more.

professionals apply adhesive in a single layer. Rigid board fully cannot be

one, complete membrane and use to improve membrane and joints.

insulation. It is needed to be U.S. product. Insulation, ventilation requirements create a bond to deck and roofing to deck in depth. Incomplete.

insulation tend to lap membrane and remain exposed, completely.

irregular, non-smooth roof deck surfaces create similar situations. Because board type insulation is relatively rigid, it generally will not readily conform to irregularities in roof deck substrates. Individual rigid boards tend to rest on the high points in a roof deck's finished surface and span the low points.

As a result, rigid board insulation seldom is completely adhered to roof deck substrates. It generally is adhered at the relative high points in the roof deck's surface and may be partially or marginally adhered and even unadhered at the relative low points. Specifying smaller insulation board sizes (4 by 4 feet instead of 4 by 8 feet) generally is suggested to minimize rigid insulation boards from spanning substrate low-point irregularities.

In 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-plies can occur. To address this, NRCA's Quality Control Guidelines for the Application of Built-up Roofing indicates interply overlapping joints should be continuous; however, weak joints 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 insulation to continuously applied adhesive applications, actual adhesion rates of about 60 to 70 percent are common (even less in some specific instances) in successfully performing adhered roof systems.

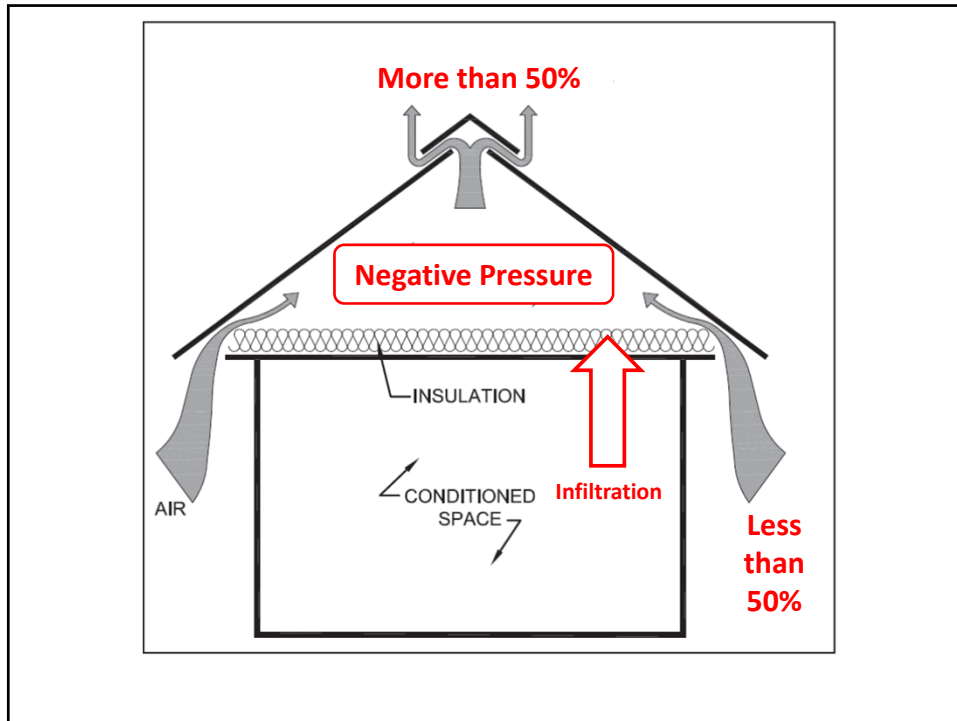
On this basis, NRCA recommends the term "fully adhered" be avoided and suggests the term "adhered" for field applications because it is more realistic. ■■■

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Attic ventilation

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Be careful not to install excess amounts of ridge vents.... It can have undesirable consequences.

If your company is selling ridge vents, you should also be selling soffit or eave vents.

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Clearing the air
Considerations for attic ventilation
by Mark S. Graham

Proper attic ventilation can be an important consideration when designing high-performance, energy-efficient assemblies. For example, with some asphalt-shingle products, proper attic ventilation may be a warranty requirement. Following is a review of code requirements and NRCA guidelines for attic ventilation in energy-efficient assemblies.

Code requirements
 Code requirements for attic ventilation have varied between the International Building Code® (IBC) and International Residential Code® (IRC) and have changed with each edition up to the 2015 editions. Beginning with the IBC's and IRC's 2018 editions, both codes require the net free ventilating area (NFVA) to be at least a 1:300 ratio of the space being vented. Any blocking or hanging in attic-mounted structures with air movement, and an air space of at least 1 inch must be provided between the bottom of the roof deck and any attic insulation. Vent openings must protect against the entrance of rain and snow and be installed according to manufacturer's installation instructions.

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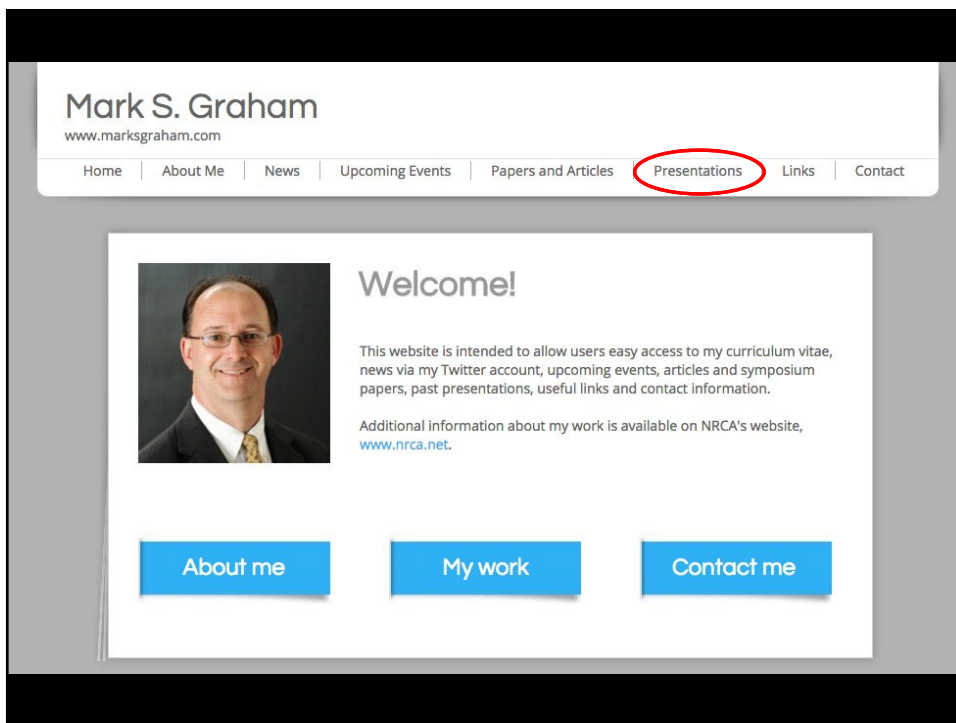


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