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NRCA technical issues update

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Tuesday — March 1, 2022, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mark S. Graham, Vice President, Technical Services, National Roofing Contractors Association will present on the current technical issues of interest to roofing contractors including:

1. ASCE 7-16 and wind design
2. Building code updates
3. Moisture in concrete decks
4. Asphalt shingles
5. And more!!!

(This educational offering is recognized by MA & RI as satisfying educational credits towards renewal of the Construction Supervisors License (CSL) requirement).

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ASCE 7-16

Design wind uplift

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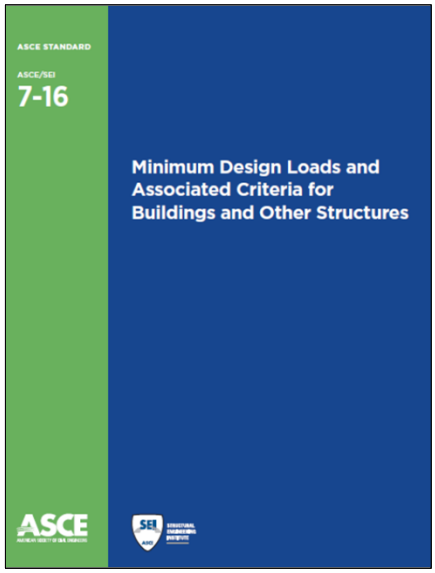

American Society of Civil Engineers Standard 7, "Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Buildings and Other Structures" (ASCE 7-16)

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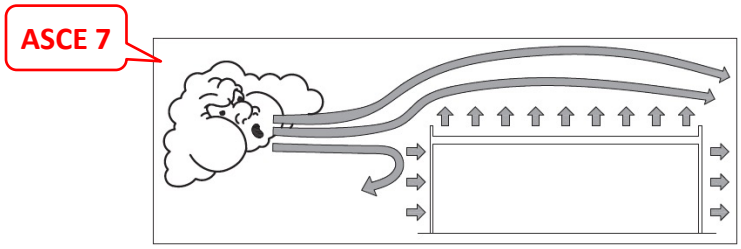
The fundamental concept of wind design



Wind creates pressures/forces on building elements

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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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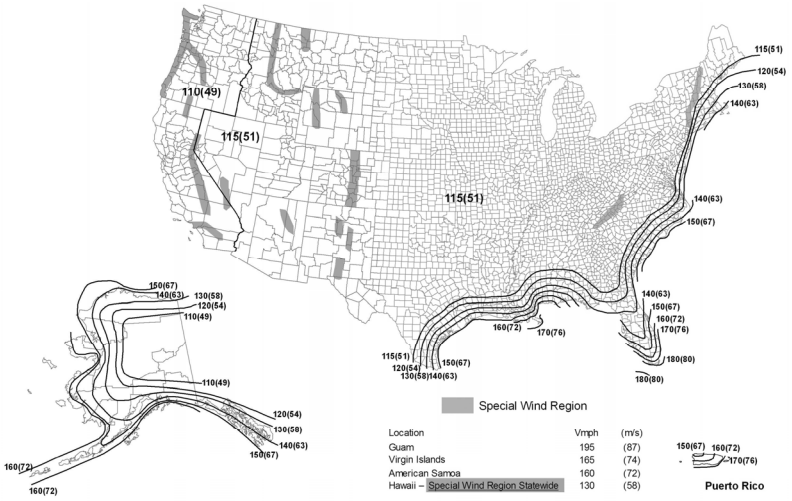
ASCE 7-10 basic wind speed map

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



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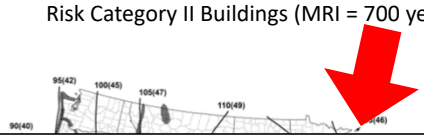
ASCE 7-16 basic wind speed map

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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Zones

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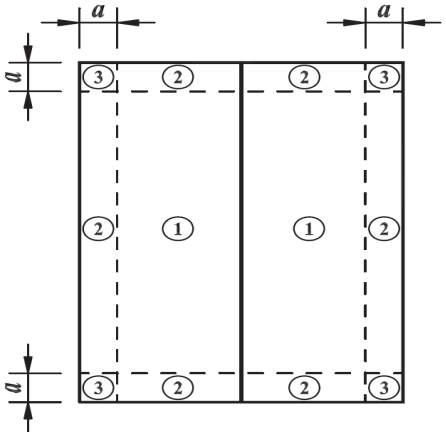

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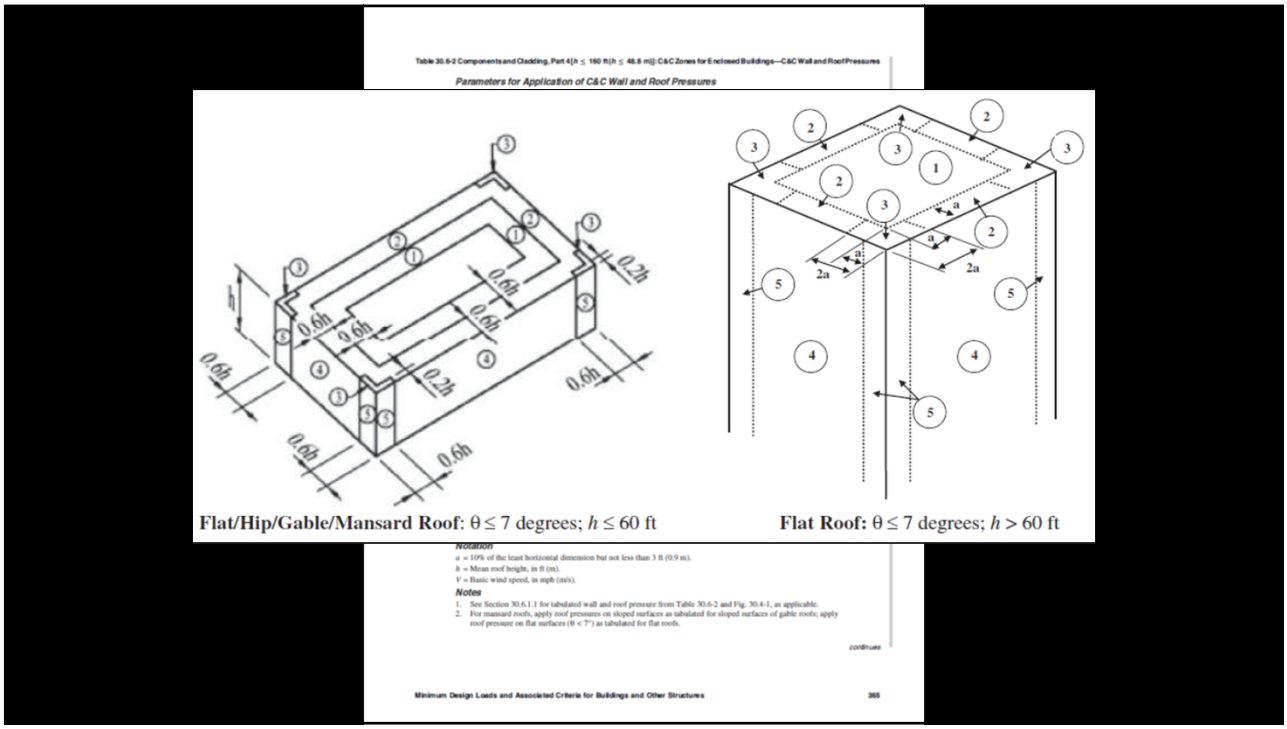

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While center field pressures may be slightly lower, field, perimeter and corner uplift pressures will generally be greater

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

Example: A office building (Risk Category II) is located in Springfield, MA. The building is an enclosed structure with a mean roof height of 45 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	--	22	37	56
FM 1-28	90	--	29	49	73
ASCE 7-10 Ult.	130	--	47	78	117
ASCE 7-10 ASD	101	--	28	47	71
ASCE 7-16 Ult.	115	33	58	77	104
ASCE 7-16 ASD	89	20	35	46	63

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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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TECH TODAY

Specifying wind design

Many roof system designers inadequately address wind loads in contract documents

by Mark S. Graham

NRCA is receiving an increasing number of reports indicating project drawings and specifications incompletely, inadequately or inaccurately address proper wind design for low-slope membrane roof systems. Some designs, 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 membrane roof systems.

Code requirements

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

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

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 live 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 coefficient. 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 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 elements: determination of design wind loads at roof edges (fascia, copings) and testing for resistance loads of copings 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 1504.5 Edge Securement 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 7-02, 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 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 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 systems' 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 Midwest Roofing Contractors Association and North/East 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's, "Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures," 2005 or 2010 editions.

Roof Wind Designer is accessible at www.roofwinddesigner.com.

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Roofing-related change in the 2021 I-codes

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2021 I-codes

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Code development process

The 2021 I-codes are the 8th edition

The 2021 I-codes present the code as originally published in 2000, with changes reflected in the 2003 through 2018 editions and further changes approved by the ICC Code Development Process through 2020. A new edition is promulgated every three years.

2018 Group A: IBC Building Fire, Building General and Plumbing Committees
2019 Group B: IBC Structural, IECC-Commercial, IECC-Residential Committees

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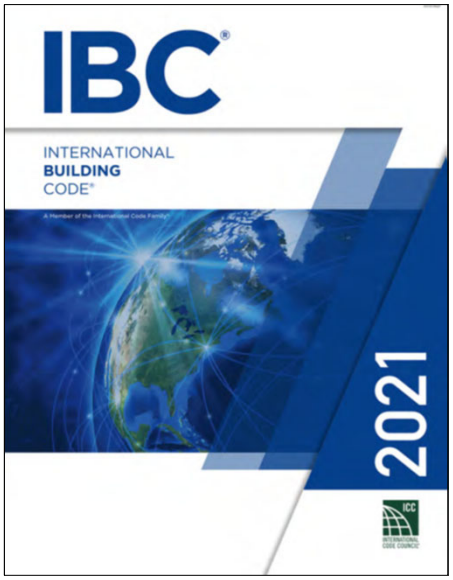

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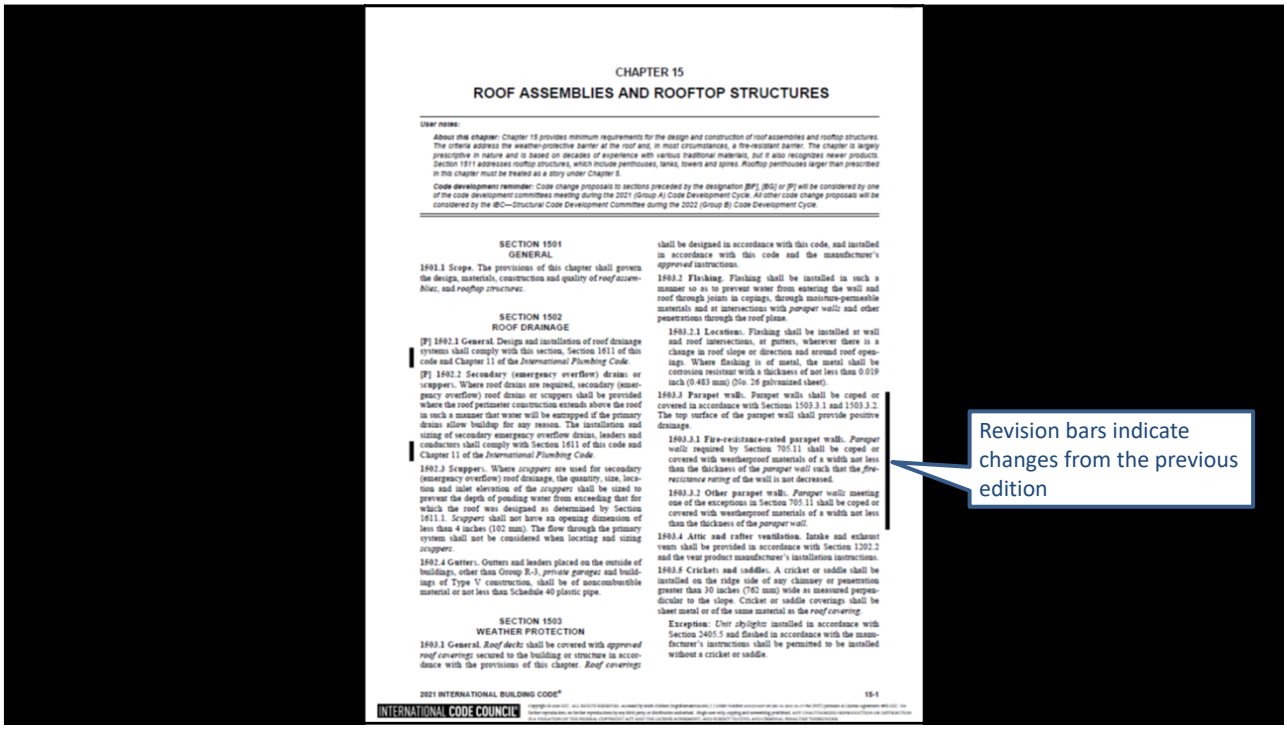

CHAPTER 15

ROOF ASSEMBLIES AND ROOFTOP STRUCTURES

User notes:

About this chapter: Chapter 15 provides minimum requirements for the design and construction of roof assemblies and rooftop structures. The criteria address the weather-protective barrier at the roof and, in most circumstances, a fire-resistant barrier. The chapter is largely prescriptive in nature and is based on decades of experience with various traditional materials, but it also recognizes newer products. Section 1511 addresses rooftop structures, which include penthouses, tanks, towers and spires. Rooftop penthouses larger than prescribed in this chapter must be treated as a story under Chapter 5.

Code development reminder: Code change proposals to sections preceded by the designation [BF], [BG] or [P] will be considered by one of the code development committees meeting during the 2021 (Group A) Code Development Cycle. All other code change proposals will be considered by the IBC—Structural Code Development Committee during the 2022 (Group B) Code Development Cycle.

SECTION 1501
GENERAL

1501.1 Scope. The provisions of this chapter shall govern the design, materials, construction and quality of *roof assemblies*, and *rooftop structures*.

SECTION 1502
ROOF DRAINAGE

[P] 1502.1 General. Design and installation of roof drainage systems shall comply with this section, Section 1611 of this code and Chapter 11 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 Section 1611 of this code and Chapter 11 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.

SECTION 1503
WEATHER PROTECTION

1503.1 General. *Roof decks* shall be covered with *approved roof coverings* secured to the building or structure in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. *Roof coverings* shall be designed in accordance with this code, and installed in accordance with this code and the manufacturer's *approved* instructions.

1503.2 Flashing. Flashing shall be installed in such a manner so as to prevent water from entering the wall and roof through joints in copings, through moisture-permeable materials and at intersections with *parapet walls* and other penetrations through the roof plane.

1503.2.1 Locations. Flashing shall be installed at wall and roof intersections, at gutters, wherever there is a change in roof slope or direction and around roof openings. Where flashing is of metal, the metal shall be corrosion resistant with a thickness of not less than 0.019 inch (0.483 mm) (No. 26 galvanized sheet).

1503.3 Parapet walls. Parapet walls shall be coped or covered in accordance with Sections 1503.3.1 and 1503.3.2. The top surface of the parapet wall shall provide positive drainage.

1503.3.1 Fire-resistance-rated parapet walls. *Parapet walls* required by Section 705.11 shall be coped or covered with weatherproof materials of a width not less than the thickness of the *parapet wall* such that the *fire-resistance rating* of the wall is not decreased.

1503.3.2 Other parapet walls. *Parapet walls* meeting one of the exceptions in Section 705.11 shall be coped or covered with weatherproof materials of a width not less than the thickness of the *parapet wall*.

1503.4 Attic and rafter ventilation. Intake and exhaust vents shall be provided in accordance with Section 1202.2 and the vent product manufacturer's installation instructions.

1503.6 Crickets and saddles. A cricket or saddle shall be installed on the ridge side of any chimney or penetration greater 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 2405.5 and flashed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions shall be permitted to be installed without a cricket or saddle.

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Revision bars indicate changes from the previous edition

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Edge metal testing

Changes in IBC 2021, Section 1504-Performance Requirements

1504.6 Edge systems for low-slope roofs. Metal edge systems, except gutters and counterflashing, installed on built-up, modified bitumen and single-ply roof systems having a slope less than 2 units vertical in 12 units horizontal (2:12) shall be designed and installed for wind *loads* in accordance with Chapter 16 and tested for resistance in accordance with Test Methods RE-1, RE-2 and RE-3 of ANSI/SPRI ES-1, except basic design *wind speed*, V, shall be determined from Figures 1609.3(1) through 1609.3(12) as applicable.

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Gutter testing

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1504.6.1 Gutter securement for low-slope roofs. Gutters that are used to secure the perimeter edge of the roof membrane on low-slope (less than 2:12 slope) built-up, modified bitumen, and single-ply roofs, shall be designed, constructed and installed to resist wind loads in accordance with Section 1609 and shall be tested in accordance with Test Methods G-1 and G-2 of SPRI GT-1.

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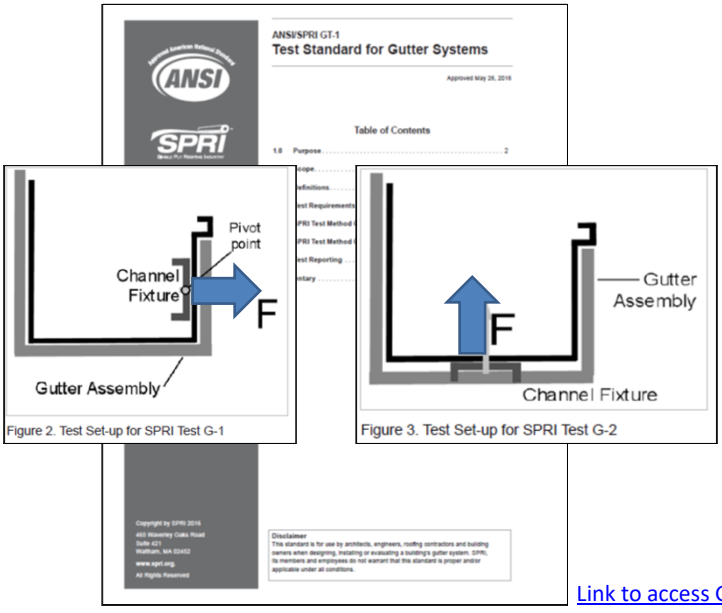
ANSI/SPRI GT-1



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Aggregate surfacing

Changes in IBC 2021, Section 1504-Performance Requirements

1504.9 Wind resistance of aggregate-surfaced roofs. Parapets shall be provided for aggregate surfaced roofs and shall comply with Table 1504.9.

TABLE 1504.9
MINIMUM REQUIRED PARAPET HEIGHT (INCHES) FOR AGGREGATE SURFACED ROOFS[a, b, c]

AGGREGATE SIZE	MEAN ROOF HEIGHT (ft)	WIND EXPOSURE AND BASIC DESIGN WIND SPEED (MPH)																	
		Exposure B									Exposure C[d]								
		≤ 95	100	105	110	115	120	130	140	150	≤ 95	100	105	110	115	120	130	140	150
ASTM D1863 (No. 7 or No. 67)	15	2	2	2	2	12	12	16	20	24	2	13	15	18	20	23	27	32	37
	20	2	2	2	2	12	14	18	22	26	12	15	17	19	22	24	29	34	39
	30	2	2	2	13	15	17	21	25	30	14	17	19	22	24	27	32	37	42
	50	12	12	14	16	18	21	25	30	35	17	19	22	25	28	30	36	41	47
	100	14	16	19	21	24	27	32	37	42	21	24	26	29	32	35	41	47	53
	150	17	19	22	25	27	30	36	41	46	23	26	29	32	35	38	44	50	56
ASTM D1863 (No. 6)	15	2	2	2	2	12	12	12	15	18	2	2	2	13	15	17	22	26	30
	20	2	2	2	2	12	12	13	17	21	2	2	12	15	17	19	23	28	32
	30	2	2	2	2	12	12	16	20	24	2	12	14	17	19	21	26	31	35
	50	12	12	12	12	14	16	20	24	28	12	15	17	19	22	24	29	34	39
	100	12	12	14	16	19	21	26	30	35	16	18	21	24	26	29	34	39	45
	150	12	14	17	19	22	24	29	34	39	18	21	23	26	29	32	37	43	48

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm; 1 foot = 304.8 mm; 1 mile per hour = 0.447 m/s.
a. Interpolation shall be permitted for mean roof height and parapet height.
b. Basic design wind speed, *V*, and wind exposure shall be determined in accordance with Section 1609.
c. Where the minimum required parapet height is indicated to be 2 inches (51 mm), a gravel stop shall be permitted and shall extend not less than 2 inches (51 mm) from the roof surface and not less than the height of the aggregate.
d. For Exposure D, add 8 inches (203 mm) to the parapet height required for Exposure C and the parapet height shall not be less than 12 inches (305 mm).

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Rooftop PV – Fire resistance

Changes in IBC 2021, Section 1505-Fire Classification

[BF] 1505.8 Building-integrated photovoltaic (BIPV) products. *BIPV products* installed as the roof covering shall be tested, *listed* and *labeled* for fire classification in accordance with Section 1505.1.

[BF] 1505.9 Rooftop mounted photovoltaic (PV) panel systems. Rooftop mounted *photovoltaic (PV) panel systems* shall be tested, *listed* and identified with a fire classification in accordance with UL 2703. Listed systems shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions and their listing. The fire classification shall comply with Table 1505.1 based on the type of construction of the building.

1507.16.6 Material standards. *Photovoltaic shingles* shall be *listed* and labeled in accordance with UL 7103 or with both UL 61730-1 and UL 61730-2.

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Single-ply membrane roof systems

1507.12 Single-ply roofing. The installation of single-ply roofing shall comply with the provisions of this section.

1507.12.1 Slope. Single-ply membrane roofs shall have a design slope of not less than $^1/_4$ unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2-percent slope) for drainage.

1507.12.2 Material standards. Single-ply roof coverings shall comply with the material standards in Table 1507.12.2.

TABLE 1507.12.2
SINGLE-PLY ROOFING MATERIAL STANDARDS

MATERIAL	MATERIAL STANDARD
Chlorosulfonated polyethylene (CSPE) or polyisobutylene (PIB)	ASTM D5019
Ethylene propylene diene monomer (EPDM)	ASTM D4637
Ketone Ethylene Ester (KEE)	ASTM D6754
Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) or (PVC/KEE)	ASTM D4434
Thermoplastic polyolefin (TPO)	ASTM D6878

1507.12.3 Ballasted low-slope roofs. Ballasted low-slope roofs (roof slope < 2:12) shall be installed in accordance with this section and Section 1504.5. Stone used as *ballast* shall comply with ASTM D448 or ASTM D7655.

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SPF roof systems

1507.13 Sprayed polyurethane foam roofing. The installation of sprayed polyurethane foam roofing shall comply with the provisions of this section.

1507.13.1 Slope. Sprayed polyurethane foam roofs shall have a design slope of not less than $^1/_4$ unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2-percent slope) for drainage.

1507.13.2 Material standards. Spray-applied polyurethane foam insulation shall comply with ASTM C1029 Type III or IV or ASTM D7425.

1507.13.3 Application. Foamed-in-place roof insulation shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A liquid-applied protective coating that complies with Table 1507.13.3 shall be applied not less than 2 hours nor more than 72 hours following the application of the foam.

TABLE 1507.13.3
PROTECTIVE COATING MATERIAL STANDARDS

MATERIAL	STANDARD
Acrylic coating	ASTM D6083
Silicone coating	ASTM D6694
Moisture-cured polyurethane coating	ASTM D6947

1507.13.4 Foam plastics. Foam plastic materials and installation shall comply with Chapter 26.

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Liquid-applied membrane roof systems

Changes in IBC 2021, Section 1507.14-Liquid-applied Roofing

1507.14 Liquid-applied roofing. The installation of liquid-applied roofing shall comply with the provisions of this section.

1507.14.1 Slope. Liquid-applied roofing shall have a design slope of not less than $^1/_4$ unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2-percent slope).

1507.14.2 Material standards. Liquid-applied roofing shall comply with ASTM C836, ASTM C957 or ASTM D3468.

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Roof coatings

Changes in IBC 2021, Section 1509-Roof Coatings (new)

SECTION 1509
ROOF COATINGS

1509.1 General. The installation of a *roof coating* on a *roof covering* shall comply with the requirements of Section 1505 and this section.

1509.2 Material standards. Roof coating materials shall comply with the standards in Table 1509.2.

TABLE 1509.2
ROOF COATING MATERIAL STANDARDS

MATERIAL	STANDARD
Acrylic coating	ASTM D6083
Asphaltic emulsion coating	ASTM D1227
Asphalt coating	ASTM D2823
Asphalt roof coating	ASTM D4479
Aluminum-pigmented asphalt coating	ASTM D2824
Silicone coating	ASTM D6694
Moisture-cured polyurethane coating	ASTM D6947

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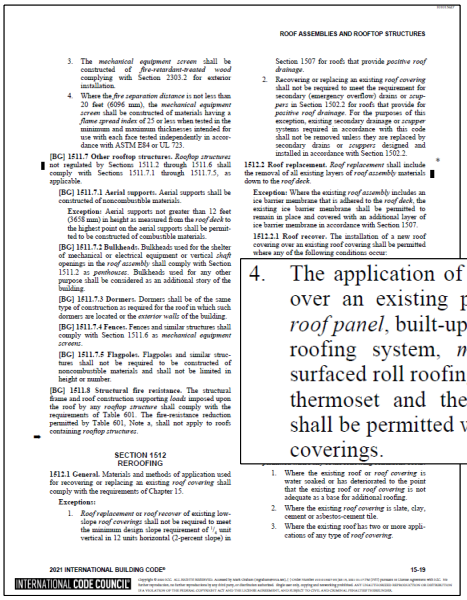
Re-coating existing roof systems



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3. The *mechanical equipment screen* shall be constructed of *fire-retardant-treated wood* complying with Section 2303.2 for exterior installation.
4. Where the *fire separation distance* is not less than 20 *feet* (6096 mm), the *mechanical equipment screen* shall be constructed of materials having a *flame spread index* of 25 or less when tested in the minimum and maximum thicknesses intended for use with each face tested independently in accordance with ASTM E84 or UL 723.

[BG] 1511.7 Other rooftop structures. *Rooftop structures* not regulated by Sections 1511.2 through 1511.6 shall comply with Sections 1511.7.1 through 1511.7.5, as applicable.

[BG] 1511.7.1 Aerial supports. Aerial supports shall be constructed of noncombustible materials.

Exception: Aerial supports not greater than 12 feet (3658 mm) in height as measured from the *roof deck* to the highest point on the aerial supports shall be permitted to be constructed of combustible materials.

[BG] 1511.7.2 Bulkheads. Bulkheads used for the shelter of mechanical or electrical equipment or vertical *shaft* openings in the *roof assembly* shall comply with Section 1511.2 as *penthouses*. Bulkheads used for any other purpose shall be considered as an additional story of the building.

[BG] 1511.7.3 Dormers. Dormers shall be of the same type of construction as required for the roof in which such dormers are located or the *exterior walls* of the building.

[BG] 1511.7.4 Fences. Fences and similar structures shall comply with Section 1511.6 as *mechanical equipment screens*.

[BG] 1511.7.5 Flagpoles. Flagpoles and similar structures shall not be required to be constructed of noncombustible materials and shall not be limited in height or number.

[BG] 1511.8 Structural fire resistance. The structural frame and roof construction supporting loads imposed upon the roof by any *rooftop structure* shall comply with the requirements of Table 601. The fire-resistance reduction permitted by Table 601, Note a, shall not apply to roofs containing *rooftop structures*.

SECTION 1512
REROOFING

1512.1 General. Materials and methods of application used for recovering or replacing an existing *roof covering* shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 15.

Exceptions:

1. *Roof replacement* or *roof recover* of existing low-slope *roof coverings* shall not be required to meet the minimum design slope requirement of ¼ unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2-percent slope) in Section 1507 for roofs that provide *positive roof drainage*.
2. Recovering or replacing an existing *roof covering* shall not be required to meet the requirement for secondary (emergency overflow) drains or *scuppers* in Section 1502.2 for roofs that provide for *positive roof drainage*. For the purposes of this exception, existing secondary drainage or *scupper* systems required in accordance with this code shall not be removed unless they are replaced by secondary drains or *scuppers* designed and installed in accordance with Section 1502.2.

1512.2 Roof replacement. *Roof replacement* shall include the removal of all existing layers of *roof assembly* materials down to the *roof deck*.

Exception: Where the existing *roof assembly* includes an ice barrier membrane that is adhered to the *roof deck*, the existing ice barrier membrane shall be permitted to remain in place and covered with an additional layer of ice barrier membrane in accordance with Section 1507.

1512.2.1 Roof recover. The installation of a new roof covering over an existing roof covering shall be permitted where any of the following conditions occur.

1. Where the existing roof or *roof covering* is water soaked or has deteriorated to the point that the existing roof or *roof covering* is not adequate as a base for additional roofing.
2. Where the existing *roof covering* is slate, clay, cement or asbestos-cement tile.
3. Where the existing roof has two or more applications of any type of *roof covering*.

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4. The application of a new protective roof coating over an existing protective roof coating, *metal roof panel*, built-up roof, spray polyurethane foam roofing system, *metal roof shingles*, mineral-surfaced roll roofing, modified bitumen roofing or thermoset and thermoplastic single-ply roofing shall be permitted without tear off of existing roof coverings.

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Reroofing

Changes in IBC 2021, Section 1512-Reroofing

1512.2 Roof replacement. *Roof replacement* shall include the removal of all existing layers of *roof assembly* materials down to the *roof deck*.

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Reroofing

Changes to IBC 2021, Section 1512-Reroofing

1512.4 Reinstallation of materials. Existing slate, clay or cement tile shall be permitted for reinstallation, except that damaged, cracked or broken slate or tile shall not be reinstalled. Existing vent flashing, metal edgings, drain outlets, collars and metal counterflashings shall not be reinstalled where rusted, damaged or deteriorated. Existing *ballast* that is damaged, cracked or broken shall not be reinstalled. Existing aggregate surfacing materials from built-up roofs shall not be reinstalled.

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Roof zones

Changes in IBC 2021, Section 1603-Construction Documents

CHAPTER 16
STRUCTURAL DESIGN

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 and their applicable zones with dimensions to be used for exterior component and cladding materials not specifically designed by the *registered design professional* responsible for the design of the structure, pounds per square foot (kN/m^2).

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IRC's applicability

When does IRC apply vs. IBC?

R101.2 Scope. The provisions of this code shall apply to the construction, *alteration*, movement, enlargement, replacement, *repair*, equipment, use and occupancy, location, removal and demolition of detached one- and two-family dwellings and *townhouses* not more than three stories above *grade plane* in height with a separate means of egress and their *accessory structures* not more than three stories above *grade plane* in height.

Exception: The following shall be permitted to be constructed in accordance with this code where provided with an automatic spinkler system complying with Section P2904:

1. Live/work units located in townhouses and complying with the requirements of Section 508.5 of the *International Building Code*.
2. Owner-occupied *lodging houses* with five or fewer guestrooms.
3. A care facility with five or fewer persons receiving custodial care within a *dwelling unit*.
4. A care facility with five or fewer persons receiving medical care within a *dwelling unit*.
5. A care facility for five or fewer persons receiving care that are within a single-family dwelling.

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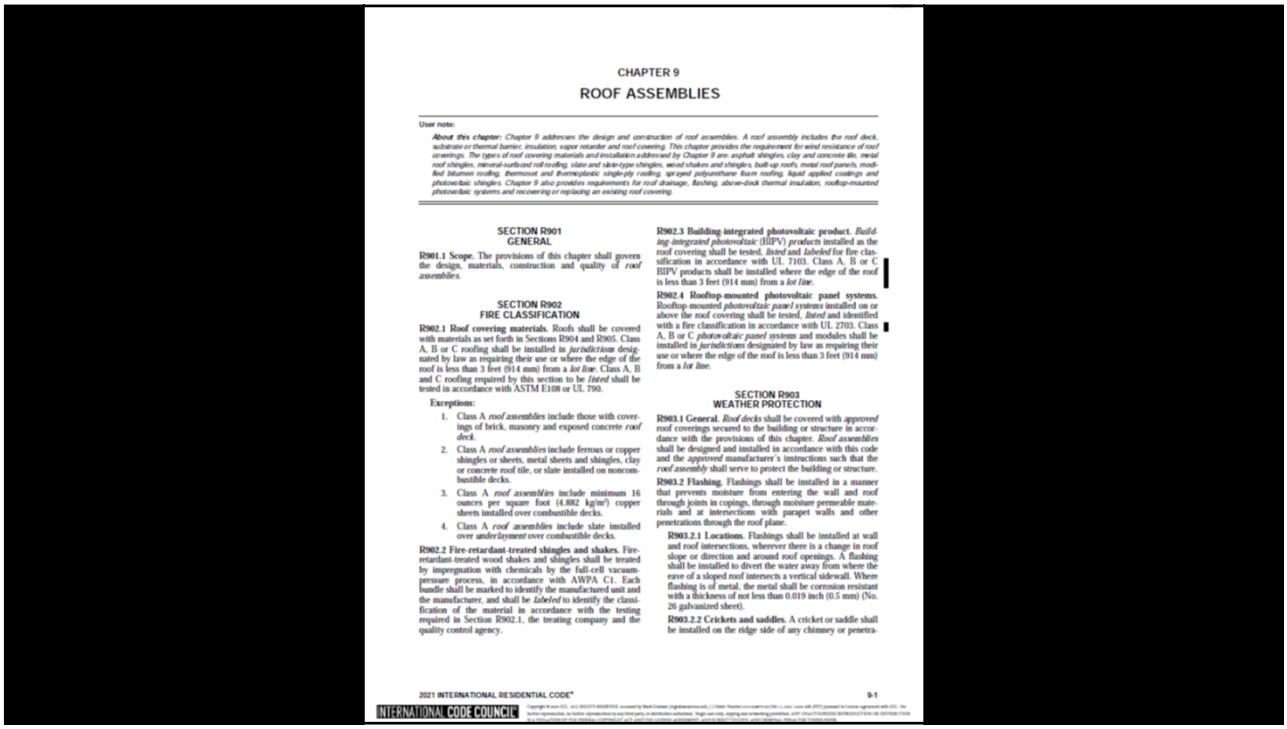

CHAPTER 9

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-surfaced roll roofing, 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.

SECTION R901
GENERAL

R901.1 Scope. The provisions of this chapter shall govern the design, materials, construction and quality of *roof assemblies*.

SECTION R902
FIRE CLASSIFICATION

R902.1 Roof covering materials. Roofs shall be covered with materials as set forth in Sections R904 and R905. Class A, B or C roofing shall be installed in *jurisdictions* designated by law as requiring their use or where the edge of the roof is less than 3 feet (914 mm) from a *lot line*. Class A, B and C roofing required by this section to be *listed* shall be tested in accordance with ASTM E108 or UL 790.

Exceptions:

1. Class A *roof assemblies* include those with coverings of brick, masonry and exposed concrete *roof deck*.
2. Class A *roof assemblies* include ferrous or copper shingles or sheets, metal sheets and shingles, clay or concrete roof tile, or slate installed on noncombustible decks.
3. Class A *roof assemblies* include minimum 16 ounces per square foot (4.882 kg/m²) copper sheets installed over combustible decks.
4. Class A *roof assemblies* include slate installed over *underlayment* over combustible decks.

R902.2 Fire-retardant-treated shingles and shakes. Fire-retardant-treated wood shakes and shingles shall be treated by impregnation with chemicals by the full-cell vacuum-pressure process, in accordance with AWPA C1. Each bundle shall be marked to identify the manufactured unit 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.

R902.3 Building-integrated photovoltaic product. *Building-integrated photovoltaic* (BIPV) *products* installed as the roof covering shall be tested, *listed* and *labeled* for fire classification in accordance with UL 7103. Class A, B or C BIPV products shall be installed where the edge of the roof is less than 3 feet (914 mm) from a *lot line*.

R902.4 Rooftop-mounted photovoltaic panel systems. Rooftop-mounted *photovoltaic panel systems* installed on or above the roof covering shall be tested, *listed* and identified with a fire classification in accordance with UL 2703. Class A, B or C *photovoltaic panel systems* and modules shall be installed in *jurisdictions* designated by law as requiring their use or where the edge of the roof is less than 3 feet (914 mm) from a *lot line*.

SECTION R903
WEATHER PROTECTION

R903.1 General. *Roof decks* shall be covered with *approved* roof coverings secured to the building or structure in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. *Roof assemblies* shall be designed and installed in accordance with this code and the *approved* manufacturer's instructions such that the *roof assembly* shall serve to protect the building or structure.

R903.2 Flashing. Flashings shall be installed in a manner that prevents moisture from entering the wall and roof through joints in copings, through moisture permeable materials and at intersections with parapet walls and other penetrations through the roof plane.

R903.2.1 Locations. Flashings shall be installed at wall and roof intersections, wherever there is a change in roof slope or direction and around roof openings. A flashing shall be installed to divert the water away from where the eave of a sloped roof intersects a vertical sidewall. Where flashing is of metal, the metal shall be corrosion resistant with a thickness of not less than 0.019 inch (0.5 mm) (No. 26 galvanized sheet).

R903.2.2 Crickets and saddles. A cricket or saddle shall be installed on the ridge side of any chimney or penetra-

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Rooftop PV – Fire resistance

Changes in IRC 2021, Section R902-Fire Classification

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R905.16.4 Material standards. *Photovoltaic shingles* shall be *listed* and *labeled* in accordance with UL 7103 or with both UL 61730-1 and UL 61730-2.

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Steep-slope underlayment

Change in IRC 2021, Section R905-Requirements for Roof Coverings

R905.1.1 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 to the standard designation and, if applicable, type classification indicated in Table R905.1.1(1). *Underlayment* shall be applied in accordance with Table R905.1.1(2). *Underlayment* shall be attached in accordance with Table R905.1.1(3).

Exceptions:

1. As an alternative, self-adhering polymer-modified bitumen underlayment bearing a label indicating compliance with ASTM D1970
2. As an alternative, a minimum 4-inch-wide (102 mm) strip of self-adhering polymer-modified bitumen membrane bearing a *label* indicating compliance with ASTM D1970, 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* complying with Table R905.1.1(1) for the applicable roof covering for areas where wind design is not required in accordance with Figure R301.2.1.1 shall be applied over the entire roof over the 4-inch-wide (102 mm) membrane strips. Underlayment shall be applied in accordance with Table R905.1.1(2) using the application requirements for areas where wind design is not required in accordance with Figure R301.2.1.1. Underlayment shall be attached in accordance with Table R905.1.1(3).

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TABLE R905.1.1(1)
UNDERLAYMENT TYPES

ROOF COVERING	SECTION	AREAS WHERE WIND DESIGN IS NOT REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FIGURE R301.2.1.1	AREAS WHERE WIND DESIGN IS REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FIGURE R301.2.1.1
Asphalt shingles	R905.2	ASTM D226 Type I or II ASTM D48696 Type I, II, III or IV ASTM D6757	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type III or Type IV
Clay and concrete tile	R905.3	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D2626 Type I ASTM D6380 Class M mineral-surfaced roll roofing	ASTM D226 Type II
Metal roof shingles	R905.4	ASTM D226 Type I or II ASTM D4869 Type I, II, III or IV	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type III or Type IV
Mineral-surfaced roll roofing	R905.5	ASTM D226 Type I or II ASTM D4869 Type I, II, III or IV	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type III or Type IV
Slate and slate-type shingles	R905.6	ASTM D226 Type I ASTM D4869 Type I, II, III or IV	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type III or Type IV
Wood shingles	R905.7	ASTM D226 Type I or II ASTM D4869 Type I, II, III or IV	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type III or Type IV
Wood shakes	R905.8	ASTM D226 Type I or II ASTM D4869 Type I, II, III or IV	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type III or Type IV
Metal panels	R905.10	Manufacturer's instructions	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type III or Type IV
Photovoltaic shingles	R905.16	ASTM D4869 Type I, II, III or IV ASTM D6757	ASTM D4869 Type III or Type IV

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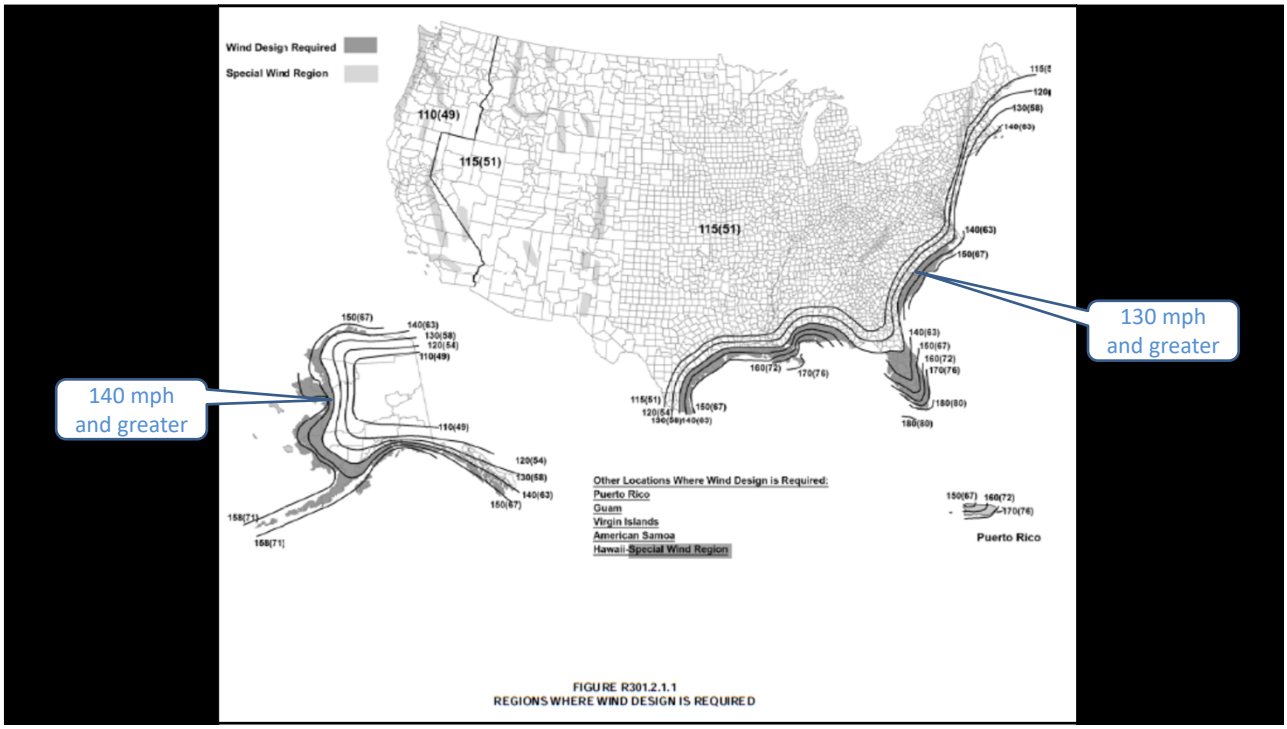

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Clay and concrete tile

Changes in IRC 2021, Section R905.3-Clay and Concrete Tile

R905.3 Clay and concrete tile. The installation of clay and concrete tile shall comply with the provisions of this section.

R905.3.1 Deck requirements. Concrete and clay tile shall be installed only over solid sheathing.

Exception: Spaced lumber sheathing in accordance with Section R803.1 shall be permitted in *Seismic Design Categories* A, B and C.

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Metal shingles

Changes in IRC 2021, Section R905.4-Metal Roof Shingles

R905.4.4.1 Wind resistance of metal roof shingles. *Metal roof shingles* applied to a solid or closely fitted deck shall be tested in accordance with ASTM D3161, FM 4474, UL 580 or UL 1897. *Metal roof shingles* tested in accordance with ASTM D3161 shall meet the classification requirements of Table R905.4.4.1 for the appropriate maximum basic wind speed and the metal shingle packaging shall bear a *label* to indicate compliance with ASTM D3161 and the required classification in Table R905.2.4.1.

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TABLE R905.4.4.1
CLASSIFICATION OF STEEP SLOPE METAL ROOF SHINGLES TESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM D3161

MAXIMUM ULTIMATE DESIGN WIND SPEED, V_{ult}, FROM FIGURE R301.2(2) (mph)	MAXIMUM BASIC WIND SPEED, V_{ASD}, FROM TABLE R301.2.1.3 (mph)	ASTM D3161 SHINGLE CLASSIFICATION
110	85	A, D or F
116	90	A, D or F
129	100	A, D or F
142	110	F
155	120	F
168	130	F
181	140	F
194	150	F

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Wood shingles and shakes

Changes in IRC 2021, Section R905.7-Wood Shingles and Section R905.8-Wood Shakes

TABLE R905.7.5(2)
NAIL REQUIREMENTS FOR
WOOD SHAKES AND WOOD SHINGLES

PRODUCT TYPE	NAIL TYPE, MINIMUM LENGTH AND SHANK DIAMETER (inches)
Shakes	
18″ straight-split	5d box $1^{3}/_{4}$″ × 0.080
18″ and 24″ handsplit and resawn	6d box 2″ × 0.099
24″ taper-split	5d box $1^{3}/_{4}$″ × 0.080
18″ and 24″ tapersawn	6d box 2″ × 0.099
Shingles	
16″ and 18″	3d box $1^{1}/_{4}$″ × 0.076
24″	4d box $1^{1}/_{2}$″ × 0.076

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PV shingles – Wind resistance

Changes in IRC 2021, Section R905.16-Photvolotais Shingles

R905.16.6 Wind resistance. *Photovoltaic shingles* shall comply with the classification requirements of Table R905.16.6 for the appropriate maximum basic wind speed.

TABLE R905.16.6
CLASSIFICATION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC SHINGLES

MAXIMUM ULTIMATE DESIGN WIND SPEED, V_{ult}, FROM FIGURE R301.2(2) (mph)	MAXIMUM BASIC WIND SPEED, V_{ASD}, FROM TABLE R301.2.1.3 (mph)	UL 7103 SHINGLE CLASSIFICATION
110	85	A, D or F
116	90	A, D or F
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142	110	F
155	120	F
168	130	F
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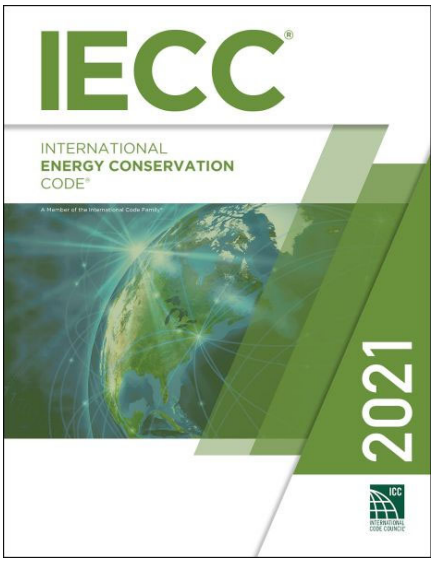

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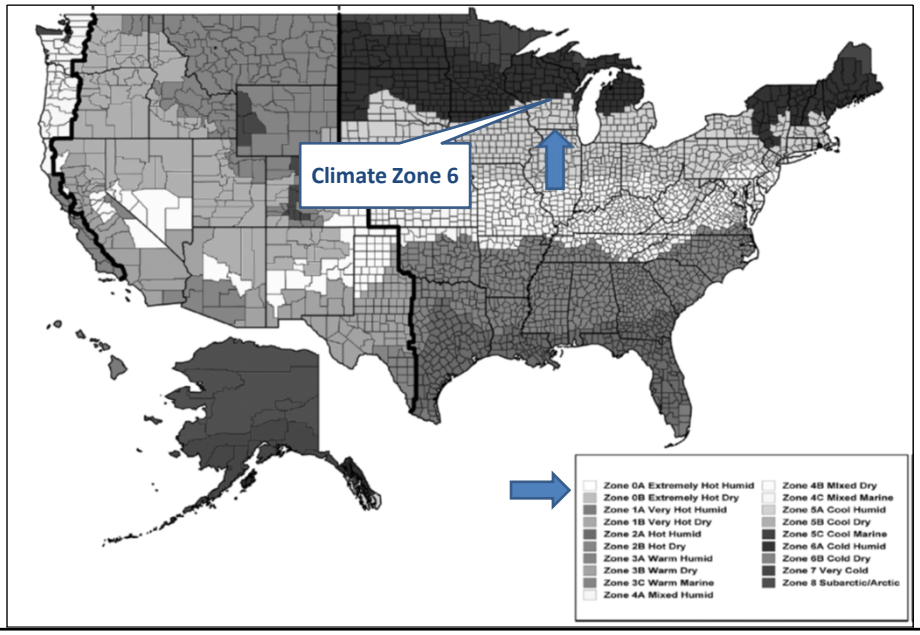

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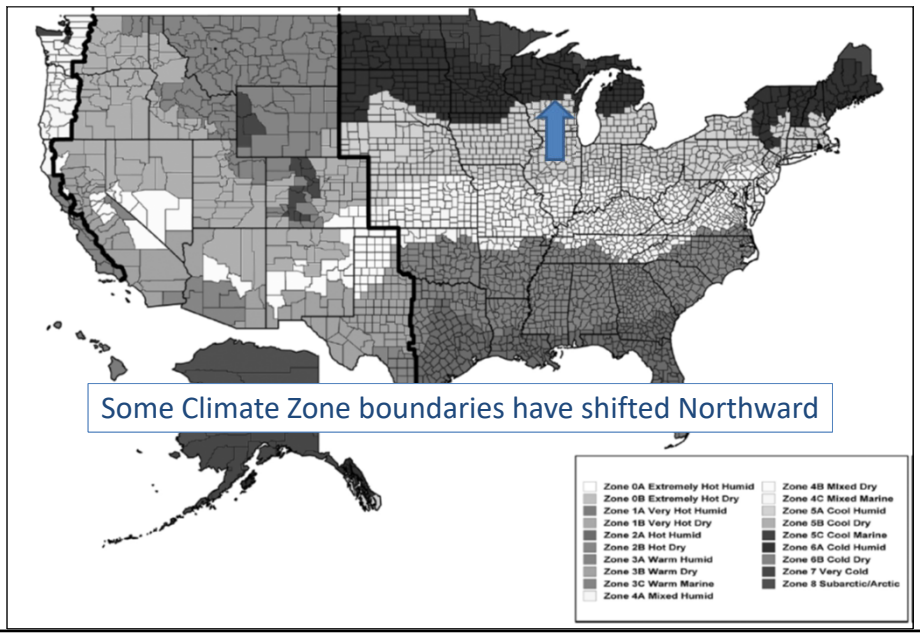

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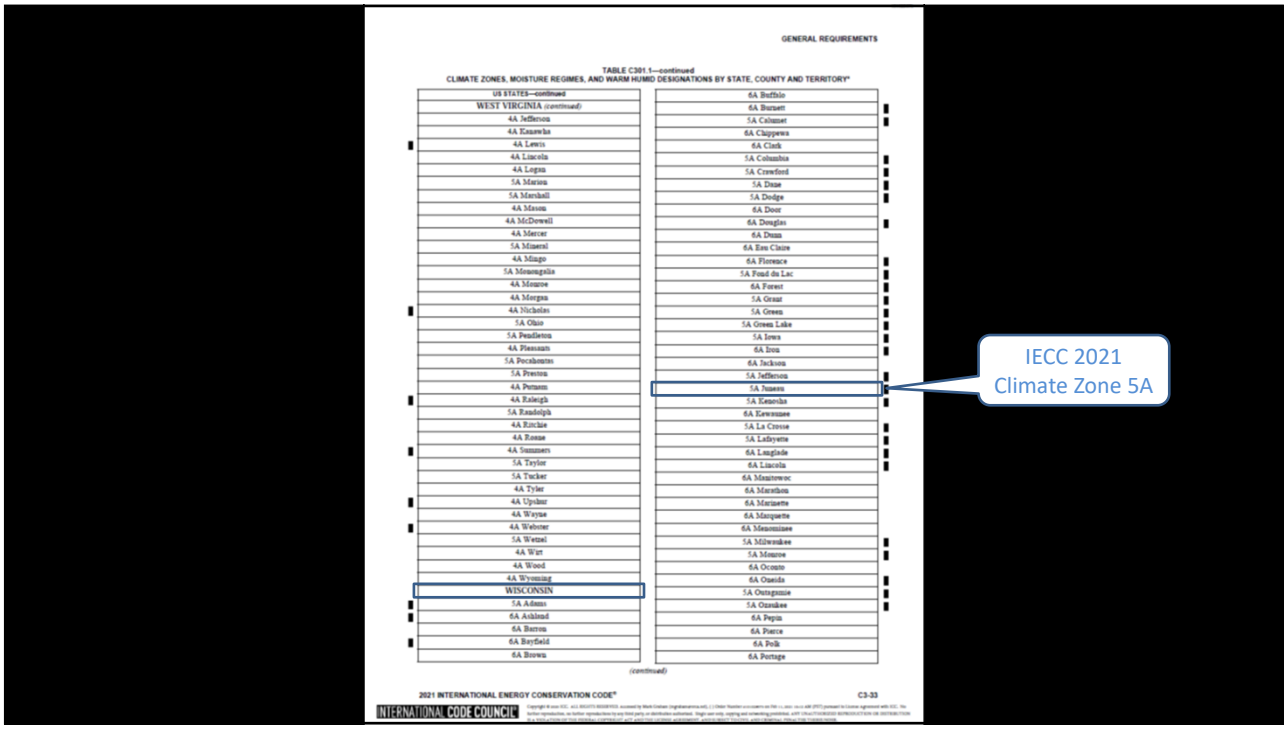
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WISCONSIN
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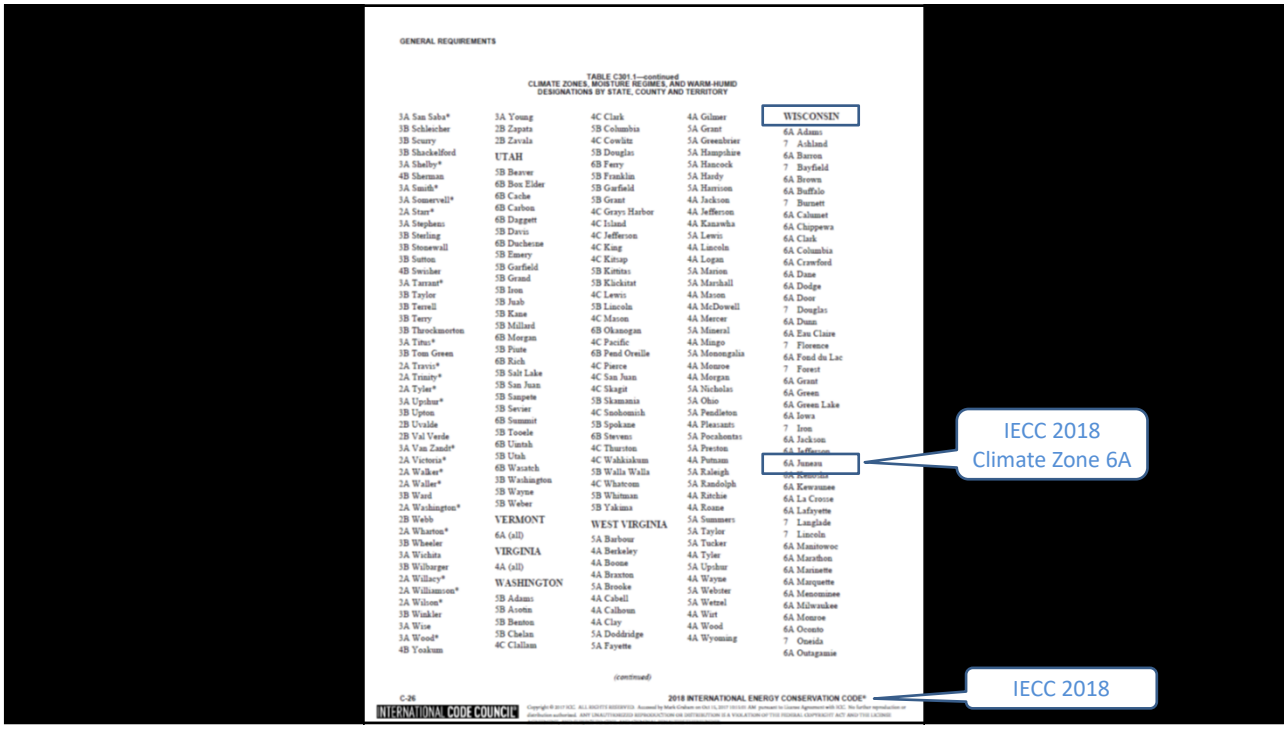
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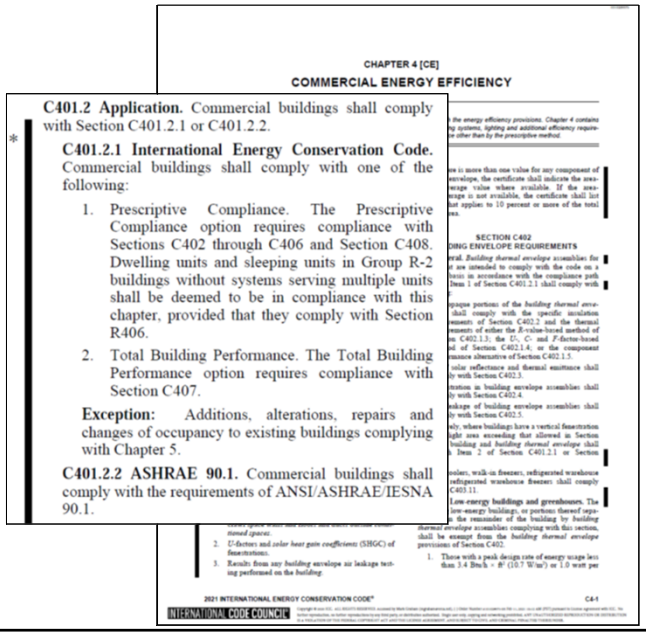

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COMMERCIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY

C401.2 Application. Commercial buildings shall comply with Section C401.2.1 or C401.2.2.

C401.2.1 International Energy Conservation Code. Commercial buildings shall comply with one of the following:

1. Prescriptive Compliance. The Prescriptive Compliance option requires compliance with Sections C402 through C406 and Section C408. Dwelling units and sleeping units in Group R-2 buildings without systems serving multiple units shall be deemed to be in compliance with this chapter, provided that they comply with Section R406.
2. Total Building Performance. The Total Building Performance option requires compliance with Section C407.

Exception: Additions, alterations, repairs and changes of occupancy to existing buildings complying with Chapter 5.

C401.2.2 ASHRAE 90.1. Commercial buildings shall comply with the requirements of ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1.

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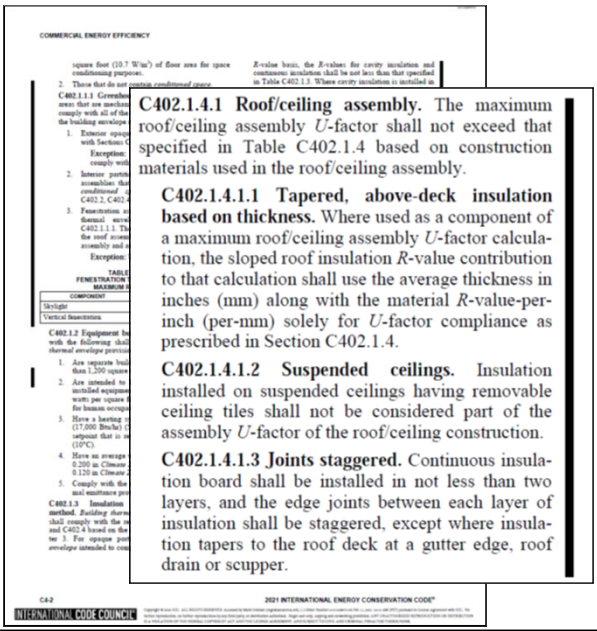

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C402.1.4.1 Roof/ceiling assembly. The maximum roof/ceiling assembly *U*-factor shall not exceed that specified in Table C402.1.4 based on construction materials used in the roof/ceiling assembly.

C402.1.4.1.1 Tapered, above-deck insulation based on thickness. Where used as a component of a maximum roof/ceiling assembly *U*-factor calculation, the sloped roof insulation *R*-value contribution to that calculation shall use the average thickness in inches (mm) along with the material *R*-value-per-inch (per-mm) solely for *U*-factor compliance as prescribed in Section C402.1.4.

C402.1.4.1.2 Suspended ceilings. Insulation installed on suspended ceilings having removable ceiling tiles shall not be considered part of the assembly *U*-factor of the roof/ceiling construction.

C402.1.4.1.3 Joints staggered. Continuous insulation board shall be installed in not less than two layers, and the edge joints between each layer of insulation shall be staggered, except where insulation tapers to the roof deck at a gutter edge, roof drain or scupper.

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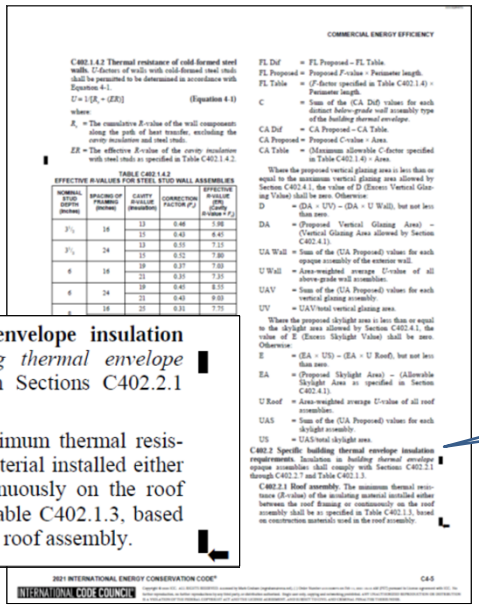

C402.2 Specific building thermal envelope insulation requirements. Insulation in *building thermal envelope* opaque assemblies shall comply with Sections C402.2.1 through C402.2.7 and Table C402.1.3.

C402.2.1 Roof assembly. The minimum thermal resistance (*R*-value) of the insulating material installed either between the roof framing or continuously on the roof assembly shall be as specified in Table C402.1.3, based on construction materials used in the roof assembly.

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TABLE C402.1.3
OPAQUE THERMAL ENVELOPE INSULATION COMPONENT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, *R*-VALUE METHOD[a]

CLIMATE ZONE	0 AND 1		2		3		4 EXCEPT MARINE		5 AND MARINE 4		6		7		8	
	All other	Group R	All other	Group R	All other	Group R	All other	Group R	All other	Group R	All other	Group R	All other	Group R	All other	Group R
Roofs																
Insulation entirely above roof deck	R-20ci	R-25ci	R-25ci	R-25ci	R-25ci	R-25ci	R-30ci	R-30ci	R-30ci	R-30ci	R-30ci	R-30ci	R-35ci	R-35ci	R-35ci	R-35ci
Metal buildings[b]	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-25 + R-11 LS	R-30 + R-11 LS	R-30 + R-11 LS	R-30 + R-11 LS	R-25 + R-11 + R-11 LS	R-25 + R-11 + R-11 LS
Attic and other	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-49	R-49	R-49	R-49	R-49	R-49	R-60	R-60	R-60	R-60
Metal framed	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-7.5ci	R-13 + R-7.5ci	R-13 + R-7.5ci	R-13 + R-7.5ci	R-13 + R-10ci	R-13 + R-10ci	R-13 + R-12.5ci	R-13 + R-12.5ci	R-13 + R-15.6ci	R-13 + R-18.8ci	R-13 + R-18.8ci		
Wood framed and other	R-13 + R-3.8ci or R-20	R-13 + R-3.8ci or R-20	R-13 + R-3.8ci or R-20	R-13 + R-3.8ci or R-20	R-13 + R-3.8ci or R-20	R-13 + R-3.8ci or R-20	R-13 + R-3.8ci or R-20	R-13 + R-7.5ci or R20 + R3.8ci	R-13 + R-7.5ci or R-20 + R-3.8ci	R-13 + R-7.5ci or R-20 + R-3.8ci	R-13 + R-7.5ci or R-20 + R-3.8ci	R-13 + R-7.5ci or R-20 + R-3.8ci	R-13 + R-18.8ci	R-13 + R-18.8ci		
Walls, below grade																
Below-grade wall[c]	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	R-7.5ci	R-10ci	R-7.5ci	R-10ci	R-10ci	R-15ci	R-15ci	R-15ci	R-15ci
Floors																
Mass[d]	NR	NR	R-6.3ci	R-8.3ci	R-10ci	R-10ci	R-14.6ci	R-16.7ci	R-14.6ci	R-16.7ci	R-16.7ci	R-16.7ci	R-20.9ci	R-20.9ci	R-23ci	R-23ci
Joist/framing	R-13	R-13	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38
Slab-on-grade floors																
Unheated slabs	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	R-10 for 24" below	R-15 for 24" below	R-15 for 24" below	R-15 for 24" below	R-20 for 24" below	R-20 for 24" below	R-20 for 24" below	R-20 for 48" below	R-20 for 48" below	R-25 for 48" below	
Heated slabs[e]	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-10 for 24" below + R-5 full slab	R-10 for 24" below + R-5 full slab	R-15 for 24" below + R-5 full slab	R-15 for 24" below + R-5 full slab	R-15 for 36" below + R-5 full slab	R-15 for 36" below + R-5 full slab	R-15 for 36" below + R-5 full slab	R-20 for 48" below + R-5 full slab	R-20 for 48" below + R-5 full slab	R-20 for 48" below + R-5 full slab	R-20 for 48" below + R-5 full slab	R-20 for 48" below + R-5 full slab

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 pound per square foot = 4.88 kg/m², 1 pound per cubic foot = 16 kg/m³.
ci = Continuous Insulation, NR = No Requirement, LS = Liner System.
a. Assembly descriptions can be found in ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1 Appendix A.
b. Where using *R*-value compliance method, a thermal spacer block shall be provided, otherwise use the *U*-factor compliance method in Table C402.1.4.
c. R-5.7ci is allowed to be substituted with concrete block walls complying with ASTM C90, ungrouted or partially grouted at 32 inches or less on center vertically and 48 inches or less on center horizontally, with ungrouted cores filled with materials having a maximum thermal conductivity of 0.44 Btu-in/h-ft²-°F.
d. Where heated slabs are below grade, below-grade walls shall comply with the exterior insulation requirements for heated slabs.
e. "Mass floors" shall be in accordance with Section C402.2.3.
f. "Mass walls" shall be in accordance with Section C402.2.2.
g. The first value is for perimeter insulation and the second value is for full, under-slab insulation. Perimeter insulation is not required to extend below the bottom of the slab.

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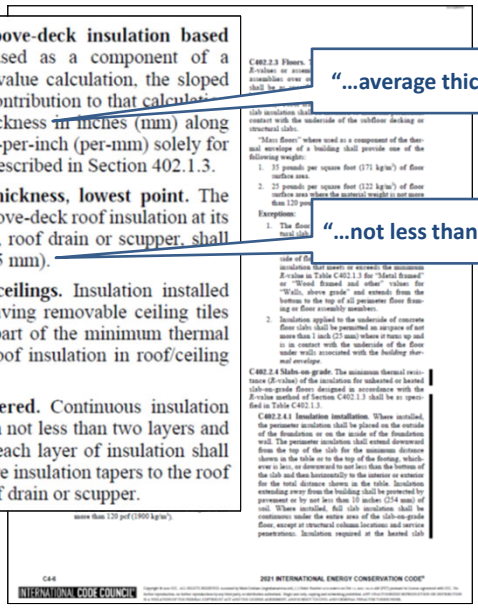
C402.2.1.1 Tapered, above-deck insulation based on thickness. Where used as a component of a roof/ceiling assembly *R*-value calculation, the sloped roof insulation *R*-value contribution to that calculati… shall use the average thickness in inches (mm) along with the material *R*-value-per-inch (per-mm) solely for *R*-value compliance as prescribed in Section 402.1.3.

C402.2.1.2 Minimum thickness, lowest point. The minimum thickness of above-deck roof insulation at its lowest point, gutter edge, roof drain or scupper, shall be not less than 1 inch (25 mm).

C402.2.1.3 Suspended ceilings. Insulation installed on suspended ceilings having removable ceiling tiles shall not be considered part of the minimum thermal resistance (*R*-value) of roof insulation in roof/ceiling construction.

C402.2.1.4 Joints staggered. Continuous insulation board shall be installed in not less than two layers and the edge joints between each layer of insulation shall be staggered, except where insulation tapers to the roof deck at a gutter edge, roof drain or scupper.



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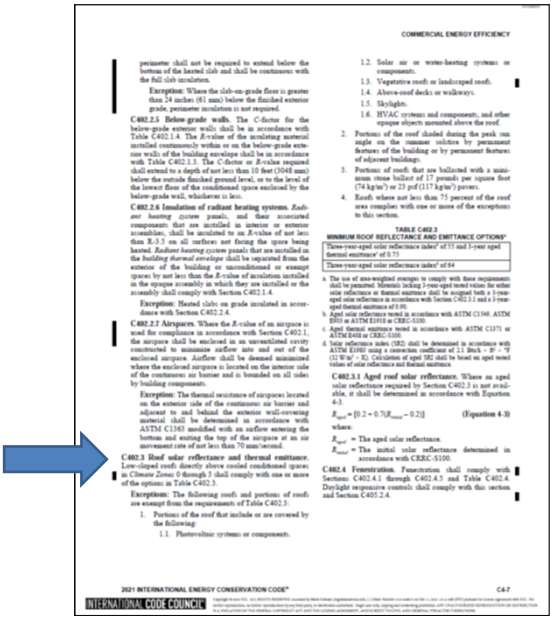

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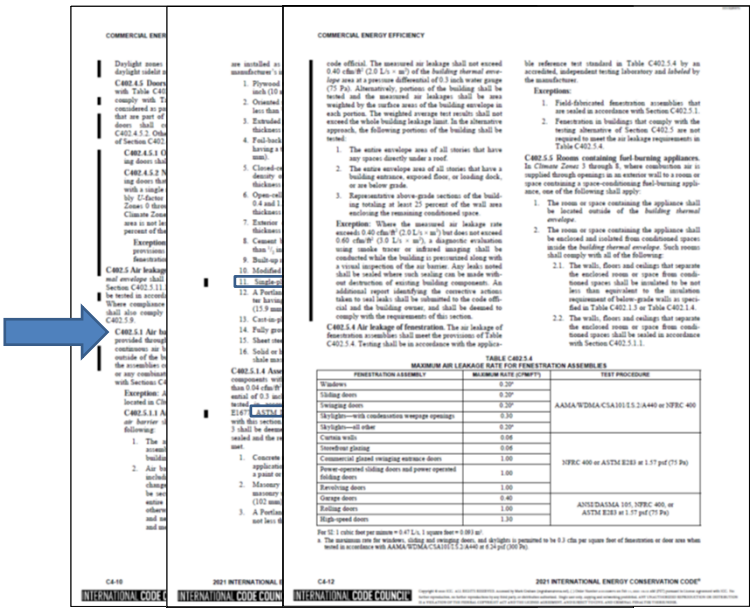

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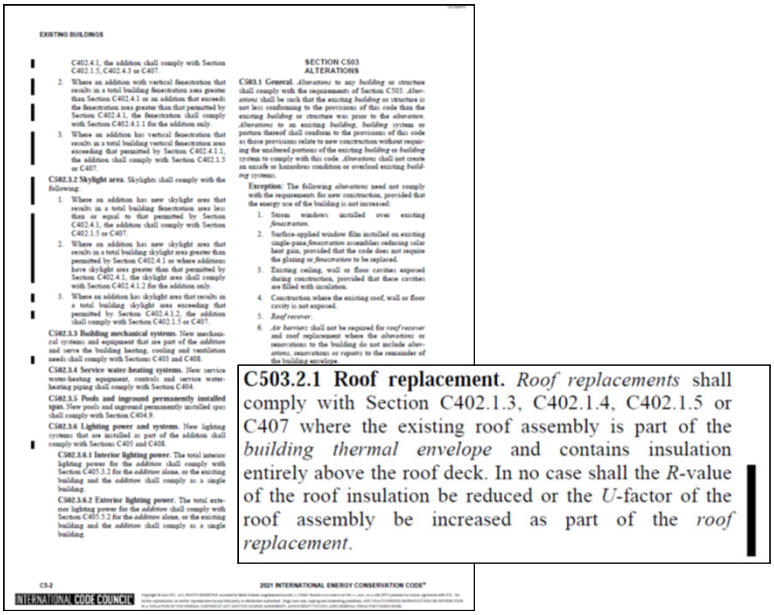

C503.2.1 Roof replacement. *Roof replacements* shall comply with Section C402.1.3, C402.1.4, C402.1.5 or C407 where the existing roof assembly is part of the *building thermal envelope* and contains insulation entirely above the roof deck. In no case shall the *R*-value of the roof insulation be reduced or the *U*-factor of the roof assembly be increased as part of the *roof replacement*.

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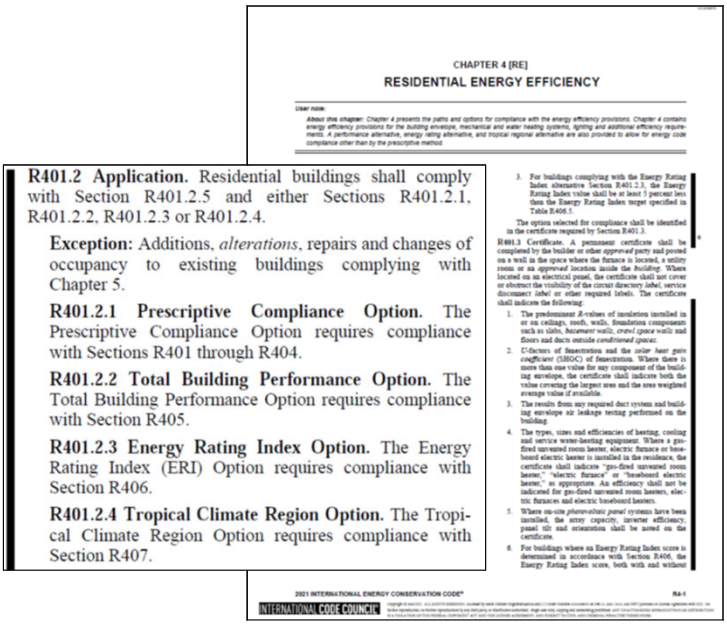

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RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY

R401.2 Application. Residential buildings shall comply with Section R401.2.5 and either Sections R401.2.1, R401.2.2, R401.2.3 or R401.2.4.

Exception: Additions, *alterations*, repairs and changes of occupancy to existing buildings complying with Chapter 5.

R401.2.1 Prescriptive Compliance Option. The Prescriptive Compliance Option requires compliance with Sections R401 through R404.

R401.2.2 Total Building Performance Option. The Total Building Performance Option requires compliance with Section R405.

R401.2.3 Energy Rating Index Option. The Energy Rating Index (ERI) Option requires compliance with Section R406.

R401.2.4 Tropical Climate Region Option. The Tropical Climate Region Option requires compliance with Section R407.

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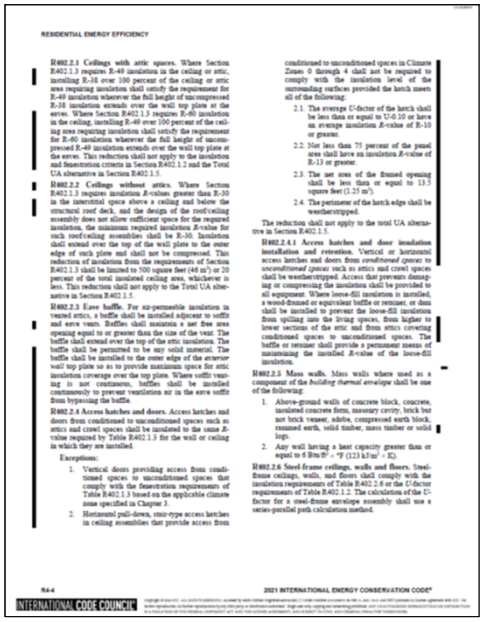

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R402.2.1 Ceilings with attic spaces. Where Section R402.1.3 requires R-49 insulation in the ceiling or attic, installing R-38 over 100 percent of the ceiling or attic area requiring insulation shall satisfy the requirement for R-49 insulation wherever the full height of uncompressed R-38 insulation extends over the wall top plate at the eaves. Where Section R402.1.3 requires R-60 insulation in the ceiling, installing R-49 over 100 percent of the ceiling area requiring insulation shall satisfy the requirement for R-60 insulation wherever the full height of uncompressed R-49 insulation extends over the wall top plate at the eaves. This reduction shall not apply to the insulation and fenestration criteria in Section R402.1.2 and the Total UA alternative in Section R402.1.5.

R402.2.2 Ceilings without attics. Where Section R402.1.3 requires insulation *R*-values greater than R-30 in the interstitial space above a ceiling and below the structural roof deck, and the design of the roof/ceiling assembly does not allow sufficient space for the required insulation, the minimum required insulation *R*-value for such roof/ceiling assemblies shall be R-30. Insulation shall extend over the top of the wall plate to the outer edge of such plate and shall not be compressed. This reduction of insulation from the requirements of Section R402.1.3 shall be limited to 500 square feet (46 m²) or 20 percent of the total insulated ceiling area, whichever is less. This reduction shall not apply to the Total UA alternative in Section R402.1.5.

R402.2.3 Eave baffle. For air-permeable insulation in vented attics, a baffle shall be installed adjacent to soffit and eave vents. Baffles shall maintain a net free area opening equal to or greater than the size of the vent. The baffle shall extend over the top of the attic insulation. The baffle shall be permitted to be any solid material. The baffle shall be installed to the outer edge of the *exterior wall* top plate so as to provide maximum space for attic insulation coverage over the top plate. Where soffit venting is not continuous, baffles shall be installed continuously to prevent ventilation air in the eave soffit from bypassing the baffle.

R402.2.4 Access hatches and doors. Access hatches and doors from conditioned to unconditioned spaces such as attics and crawl spaces shall be insulated to the same *R*-value required by Table R402.1.3 for the wall or ceiling in which they are installed.

Exceptions:

1. Vertical doors providing access from conditioned spaces to unconditioned spaces that comply with the fenestration requirements of Table R402.1.3 based on the applicable climate zone specified in Chapter 3.
2. Horizontal pull-down, stair-type access hatches in ceiling assemblies that provide access from conditioned to unconditioned spaces in Climate Zones 0 through 4 shall not be required to comply with the insulation level of the surrounding surfaces provided the hatch meets all of the following:
   2.1. The average *U*-factor of the hatch shall be less than or equal to U-0.10 or have an average insulation *R*-value of R-10 or greater.
   2.2. Not less than 75 percent of the panel area shall have an insulation *R*-value of R-13 or greater.
   2.3. The net area of the framed opening shall be less than or equal to 13.5 square feet (1.25 m²).
   2.4. The perimeter of the hatch edge shall be weatherstripped.

The reduction shall not apply to the total UA alternative in Section R402.1.5.

R402.2.4.1 Access hatches and door insulation installation and retention. Vertical or horizontal access hatches and doors from *conditioned space* to *unconditioned space* such as attics and crawl spaces shall be weatherstripped. Access that prevents damaging or compressing the insulation shall be provided to all equipment. Where loose-fill insulation is installed, a wood-framed or equivalent baffle or retainer, or dam shall be installed to prevent the loose-fill insulation from spilling into the living spaces, from higher to lower sections of the attic and from attics covering conditioned spaces to unconditioned spaces. The baffle or retainer shall provide a permanent means of maintaining the installed *R*-value of the loose-fill insulation.

R402.2.5 Mass walls. Mass walls where used as a component of the *building thermal envelope* shall be one of the following:

1. Above-ground walls of concrete block, concrete, insulated concrete form, masonry cavity, brick but not brick veneer, adobe, compressed earth block, rammed earth, solid timber, mass timber or solid logs.
2. Any wall having a heat capacity greater than or equal to 6 Btu/ft² · °F (123 kJ/m² · K).

R402.2.6 Steel-frame ceilings, walls and floors. Steel-frame ceilings, walls, and floors shall comply with the insulation requirements of Table R402.2.6 or the *U*-factor requirements of Table R402.1.2. The calculation of the *U*-factor for a steel-frame envelope assembly shall use a series-parallel path calculation method.

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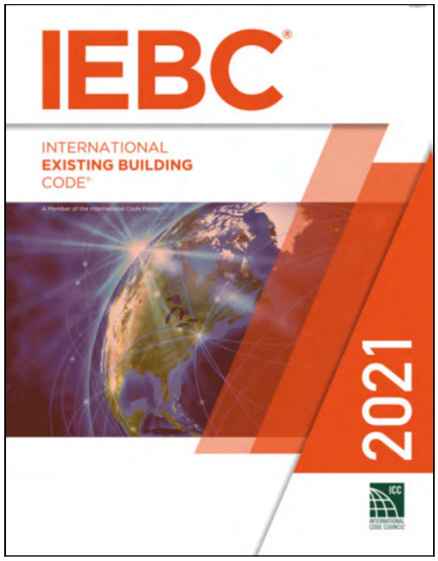

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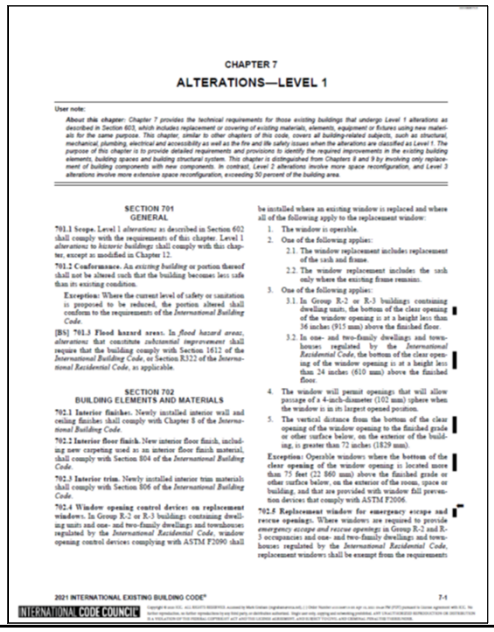

CHAPTER 7

ALTERATIONS—LEVEL 1

User note:

About this chapter: Chapter 7 provides the technical requirements for those existing buildings that undergo Level 1 alterations as described in Section 602, which includes replacement or covering of existing materials, elements, equipment or fixtures using new materials for the same purpose. This chapter, similar to other chapters of this code, covers all building-related subjects, such as structural, mechanical, plumbing, electrical and accessibility as well as the fire and life safety issues when the alterations are classified as Level 1. The purpose of this chapter is to provide detailed requirements and provisions to identify the required improvements in the existing building elements, building spaces and building structural system. This chapter is distinguished from Chapters 8 and 9 by involving only replacement of building components with new components. In contrast, Level 2 alterations involve more space reconfiguration, and Level 3 alterations involve more extensive space reconfiguration, exceeding 50 percent of the building area.

SECTION 701
GENERAL

701.1 Scope. Level 1 *alterations* as described in Section 602 shall comply with the requirements of this chapter. Level 1 *alterations* to *historic buildings* shall comply with this chapter, except as modified in Chapter 12.

701.2 Conformance. An *existing building* or portion thereof shall not be altered such that the building becomes less safe than its existing condition.

Exception: Where the current level of safety or sanitation is proposed to be reduced, the portion altered shall conform to the requirements of the *International Building Code*.

[BS] 701.3 Flood hazard areas. In *flood hazard areas*, *alterations* that constitute *substantial improvement* shall require that the building comply with Section 1612 of the *International Building Code*, or Section R322 of the *International Residential Code*, as applicable.

SECTION 702
BUILDING ELEMENTS AND MATERIALS

702.1 Interior finishes. Newly installed interior wall and ceiling finishes shall comply with Chapter 8 of the *International Building Code*.

702.2 Interior floor finish. New interior floor finish, including new carpeting used as an interior floor finish material, shall comply with Section 804 of the *International Building Code*.

702.3 Interior trim. Newly installed interior trim materials shall comply with Section 806 of the *International Building Code*.

702.4 Window opening control devices on replacement windows. In Group R-2 or R-3 buildings containing dwelling units and one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses regulated by the *International Residential Code*, window opening control devices complying with ASTM F2090 shall be installed where an existing window is replaced and where all of the following apply to the replacement window:

1. The window is operable.
2. One of the following applies:
   2.1. The window replacement includes replacement of the sash and frame.
   2.2. The window replacement includes the sash only where the existing frame remains.
3. One of the following applies:
   3.1. In Group R-2 or R-3 buildings containing dwelling units, the bottom of the clear opening of the window opening is at a height less than 36 inches (915 mm) above the finished *floor*.
   3.2. In one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses regulated by the *International Residential Code*, the bottom of the clear opening of the window opening is at a height less than 24 inches (610 mm) above the finished *floor*.
4. The window will permit openings that will allow passage of a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere when the window is in its largest opened position.
5. The vertical distance from the bottom of the clear opening of the window opening to the finished grade or other surface below, on the exterior of the building, is greater than 72 inches (1829 mm).

Exception: Operable windows where the bottom of the clear opening of the window opening is located more than 75 feet (22 860 mm) above the finished grade or other surface below, on the exterior of the room, space or building, and that are provided with window fall prevention devices that comply with ASTM F2006.

702.5 Replacement window for emergency escape and rescue openings. Where windows are required to provide *emergency escape and rescue openings* in Group R-2 and R-3 occupancies and one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses regulated by the *International Residential Code*, replacement windows shall be exempt from the requirements

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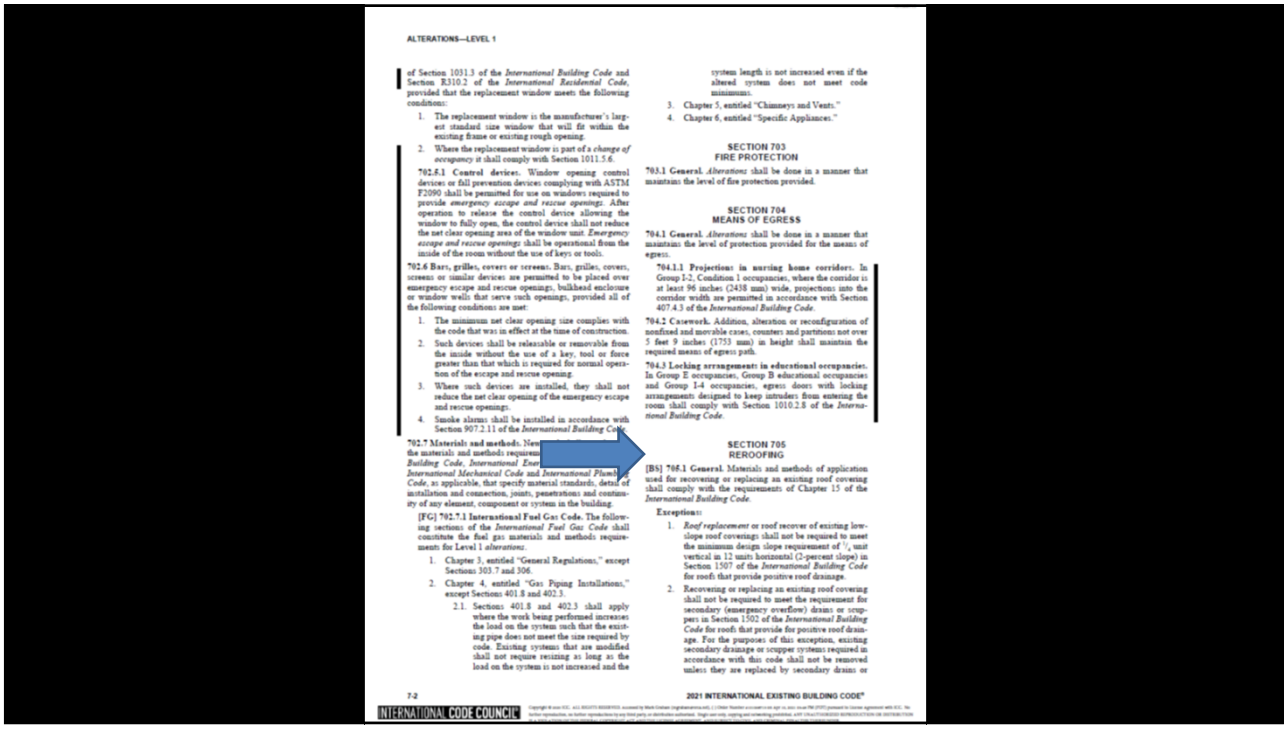

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of Section 1031.3 of the *International Building Code* and Section R310.2 of the *International Residential Code*, provided that the replacement window meets the following conditions:

1. The replacement window is the manufacturer's largest standard size window that will fit within the existing frame or existing rough opening.
2. Where the replacement window is part of a *change of occupancy* it shall comply with Section 1011.5.6.

702.5.1 Control devices. Window opening control devices or fall prevention devices complying with ASTM F2090 shall be permitted for use on windows required to provide *emergency escape and rescue openings*. After operation to release the control device allowing the window to fully open, the control device shall not reduce the net clear opening area of the window unit. *Emergency escape and rescue openings* shall be operational from the inside of the room without the use of keys or tools.

702.6 Bars, grilles, covers or screens. Bars, grilles, covers, screens or similar devices are permitted to be placed over emergency escape and rescue openings, bulkhead enclosure or window wells that serve such openings, provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. The minimum net clear opening size complies with the code that was in effect at the time of construction.
2. Such devices shall be releasable or removable from the inside without the use of a key, tool or force greater than that which is required for normal operation of the escape and rescue opening.
3. Where such devices are installed, they shall not reduce the net clear opening of the emergency escape and rescue openings.
4. Smoke alarms shall be installed in accordance with Section 907.2.11 of the *International Building Code*.

702.7 Materials and methods. New
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Code, as applicable, that specify material standards, detail of installation and connection, joints, penetrations and continuity of any element, component or system in the building.

[FG] 702.7.1 International Fuel Gas Code. The following sections of the *International Fuel Gas Code* shall constitute the fuel gas materials and methods requirements for Level 1 *alterations*.

1. Chapter 3, entitled "General Regulations," except Sections 303.7 and 306.
2. Chapter 4, entitled "Gas Piping Installations," except Sections 401.8 and 402.3.
   2.1. Sections 401.8 and 402.3 shall apply where the work being performed increases the load on the system such that the existing pipe does not meet the size required by code. Existing systems that are modified shall not require resizing as long as the load on the system is not increased and the system length is not increased even if the altered system does not meet code minimum.
3. Chapter 5, entitled "Chimneys and Vents."
4. Chapter 6, entitled "Specific Appliances."

SECTION 703
FIRE PROTECTION

703.1 General. *Alterations* shall be done in a manner that maintains the level of fire protection provided.

SECTION 704
MEANS OF EGRESS

704.1 General. *Alterations* shall be done in a manner that maintains the level of protection provided for the means of egress.

704.1.1 Projections in nursing home corridors. In Group I-2, Condition 1 occupancies, where the corridor is at least 96 inches (2438 mm) wide, projections into the corridor width are permitted in accordance with Section 407.4.3 of the *International Building Code*.

704.2 Casework. Addition, alteration or reconfiguration of nonfixed and movable cases, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches (1753 mm) in height shall maintain the required means of egress path.

704.3 Locking arrangements in educational occupancies. In Group E occupancies, Group B educational occupancies and Group I-4 occupancies, egress doors with locking arrangements designed to keep intruders from entering the room shall comply with Section 1010.2.8 of the *International Building Code*.

SECTION 705
REROOFING

[BS] 705.1 General. Materials and methods of application used for recovering or replacing an existing roof covering shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 15 of the *International Building Code*.

Exceptions:

1. *Roof replacement* or roof recover of existing low-slope roof coverings shall not be required to meet the minimum design slope requirement of ¼ unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2-percent slope) in Section 1507 of the *International Building Code* for roofs that provide positive roof drainage.
2. Recovering or replacing an existing roof covering shall not be required to meet the requirement for secondary (emergency overflow) drains or scuppers in Section 1502 of the *International Building Code* for roofs that provide for positive roof drainage. For the purposes of this exception, existing secondary drainage or scupper systems required in accordance with this code shall not be removed unless they are replaced by secondary drains or

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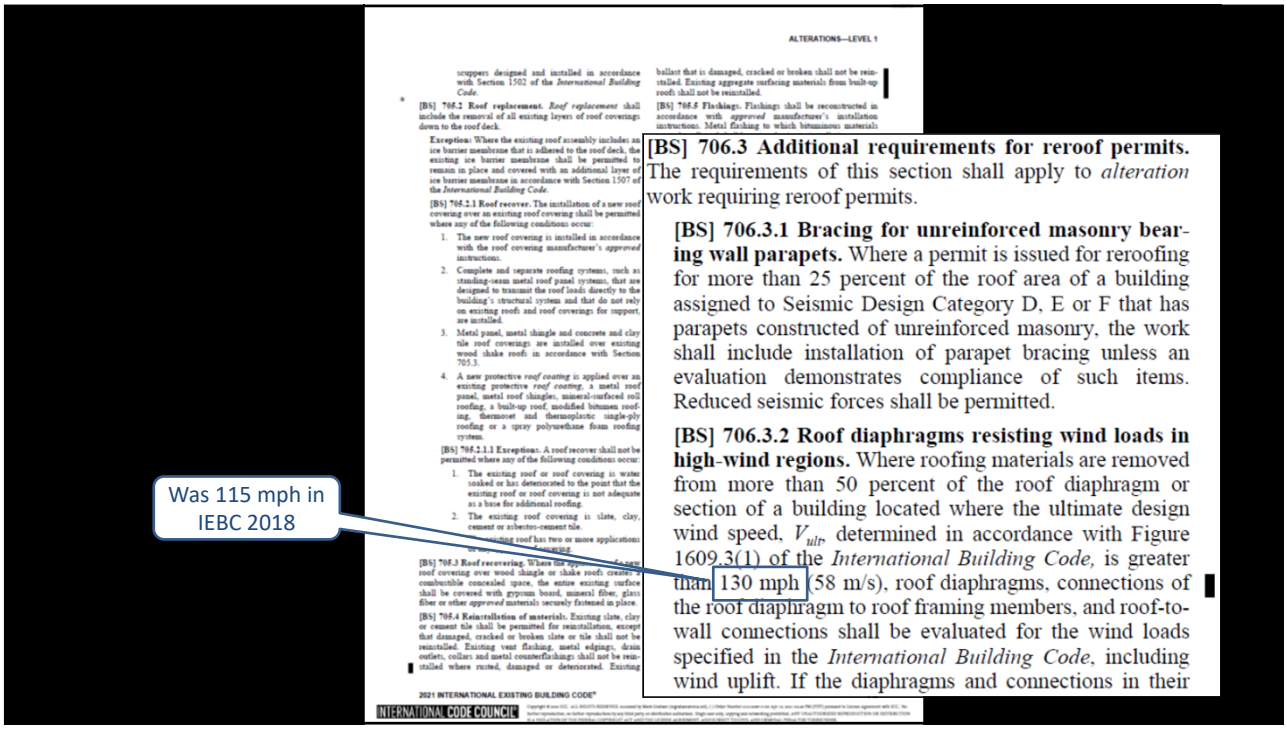
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[BS] 706.3 Additional requirements for reroof permits. The requirements of this section shall apply to *alteration* work requiring reroof permits.
[BS] 706.3.1 Bracing for unreinforced masonry bearing wall parapets. Where a permit is issued for reroofing for more than 25 percent of the roof area of a building assigned to Seismic Design Category D, E or F that has parapets constructed of unreinforced masonry, the work shall include installation of parapet bracing unless an evaluation demonstrates compliance of such items. Reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.
[BS] 706.3.2 Roof diaphragms resisting wind loads in high-wind regions. Where roofing materials are removed from more than 50 percent of the roof diaphragm or section of a building located where the ultimate design wind speed, V_{ult}, determined in accordance with Figure 1609.3(1) of the *International Building Code*, is greater than 130 mph (58 m/s), roof diaphragms, connections of the roof diaphragm to roof framing members, and roof-to-wall connections shall be evaluated for the wind loads specified in the *International Building Code*, including wind uplift. If the diaphragms and connections in their
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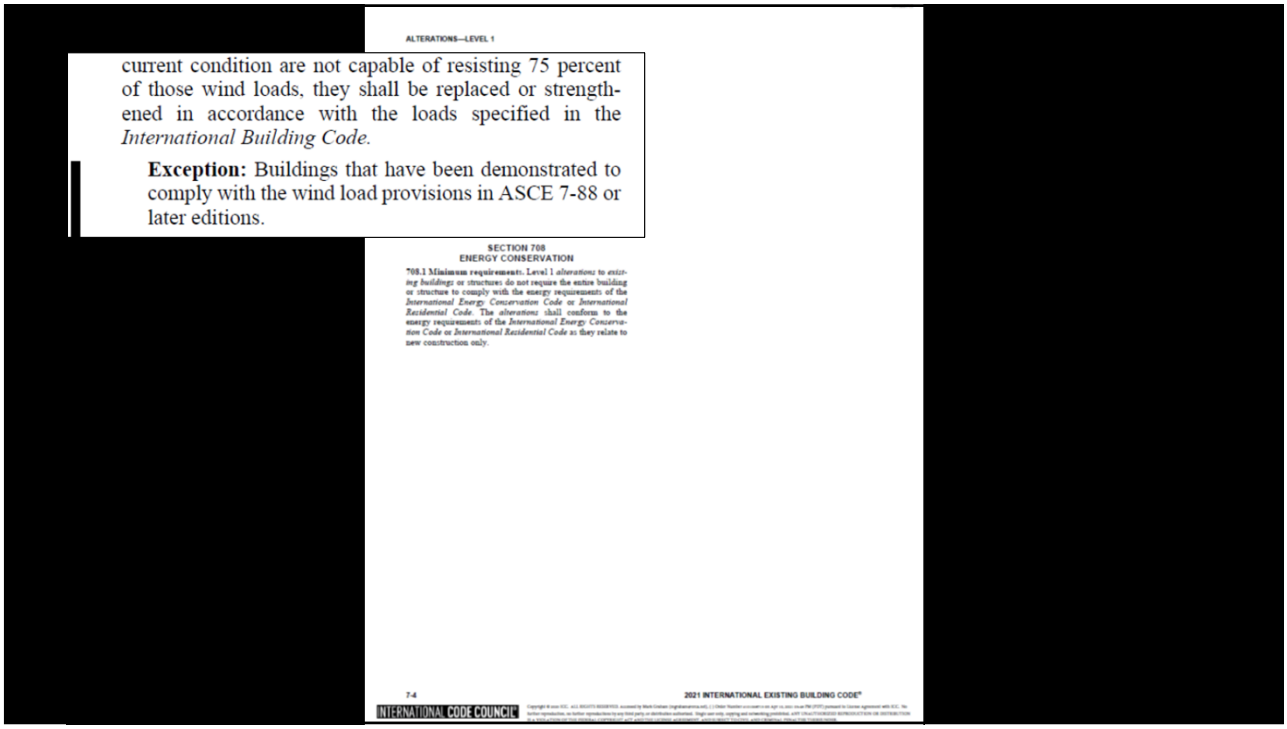
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current condition are not capable of resisting 75 percent of those wind loads, they shall be replaced or strengthened in accordance with the loads specified in the *International Building Code*.
Exception: Buildings that have been demonstrated to comply with the wind load provisions in ASCE 7-88 or later editions.
SECTION 708
ENERGY CONSERVATION
708.1 Minimum requirements. Level 1 *alterations* to *existing buildings* or structures do not require the entire building or structure to comply with the energy requirements of the *International Energy Conservation Code* or *International Residential Code*. The *alterations* shall conform to the energy requirements of the *International Energy Conservation Code* or *International Residential Code* as they relate to new construction only.
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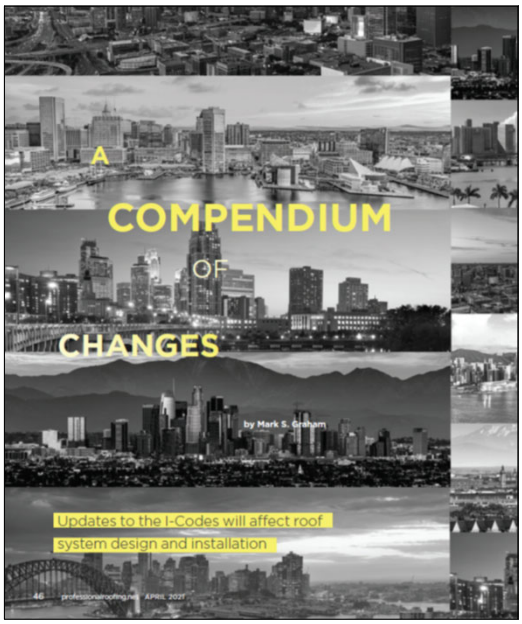

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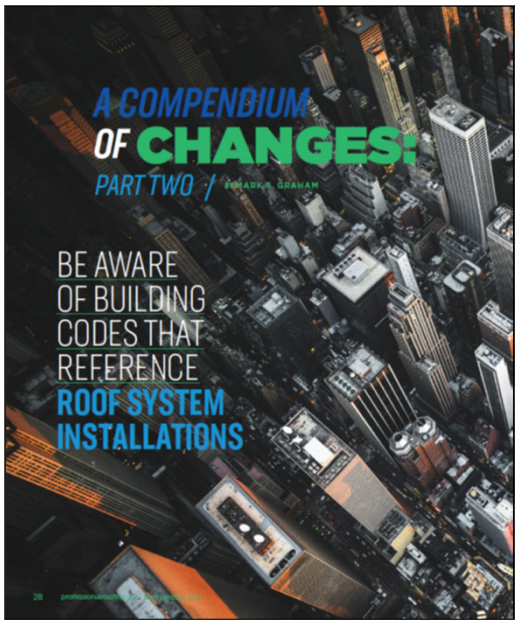

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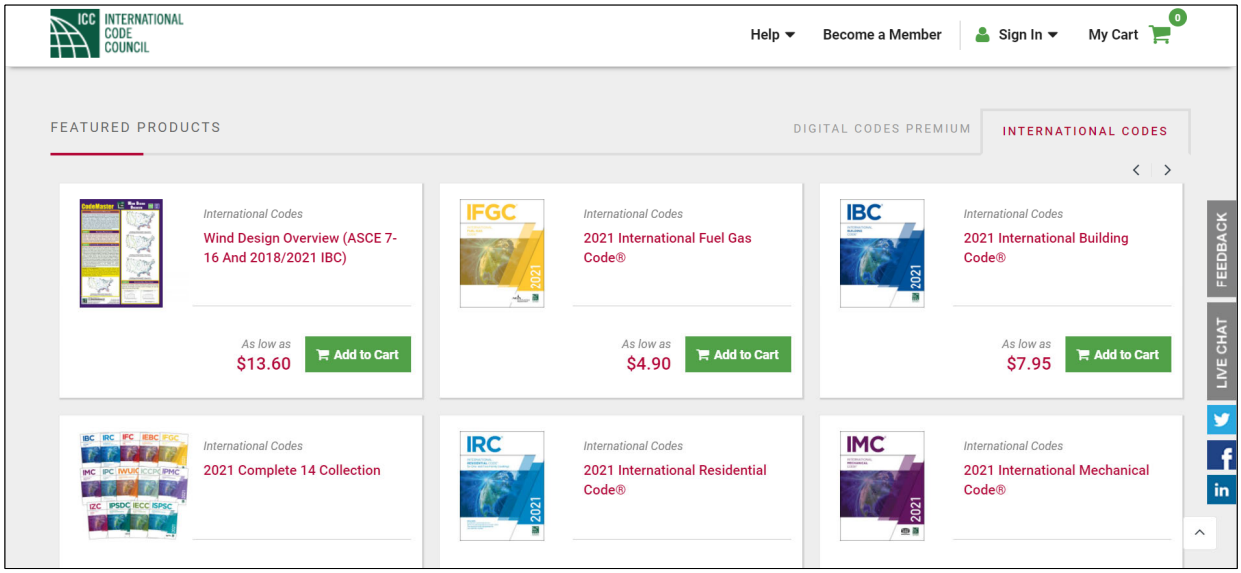

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Moisture in concrete roof decks

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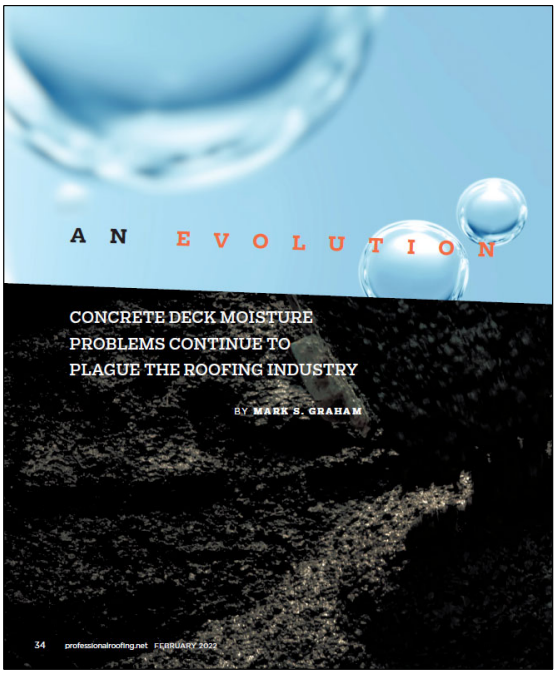

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Some things we (now) know…

- Concrete requires a water-to-cement ration of about 0.24 for proper hydration; additional water is added to facilitate handling and placement
- Actual field measured water-to-cement ratios of 0.5 up to 0.75 are not unusual
- Concrete will continue to cure when it's RH is about 80% or higher and its temperature is about 40 F or higher

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- Concrete's porosity is at its highest shortly after placement and its porosity gradually decreases over time (curing)
- Fly ash (a concrete additive) typically reduces concrete's porosity
- Concrete finishing techniques can impact concrete's porosity
- Many concrete admixtures will retard concrete drying
- Power finishing air-entrained concrete mixes can result in surface dusting, crazing and spalling.
- Re-wetting (precipitation) has a significant impact on concrete's drying rate
- Concrete is a highly variable construction material

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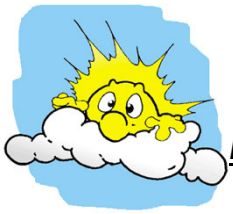
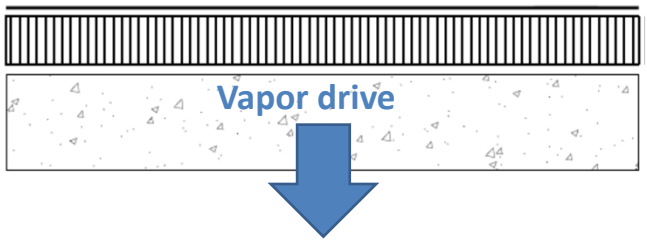


Moisture mechanics -- Summer conditions

Warm outside air



"Cool" conditioned air

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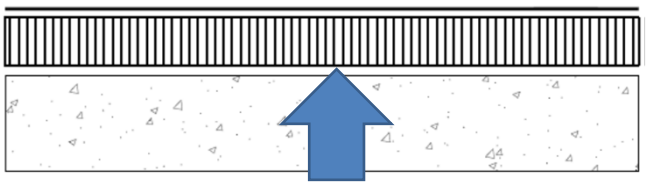
Winter conditions

Cool outside air



Warm inside air

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Conclusions…

- It's not the roofing industry's water
- We shouldn't take responsibility (or be held responsible) for concrete deck water
- Roofing contractors typically do not have the expertise or project-specific knowledge to make "dryness" or "when to roof" decisions on concrete roof decks

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Recommendations

Moisture in concrete roof decks

- Where deck dryness cannot be assured, NRCA recommends designers specify:
  - Well-adhered, low perm. rate vapor retarder
  - Design should include proper vapor retarder flashing details
  - Use a non-penetrating roof system (e.g., ballasted, adhered); avoid mechanically-attached systems that penetrate the vapor retarder
  - Consider avoid organic-content materials (e.g., woof fiberboard, perlite, paper-faced polyisocyanurate insulation) to avoid microbial (mold) growth

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Recommendations—continued

Moisture in concrete roof decks

Roof replacement:

- Where there is evidence of moisture accumulation:
  - Use the previous recommendations for new construction
- Where there is no evidence of moisture accumulation:
  - Use of a vapor retarder may not be needed

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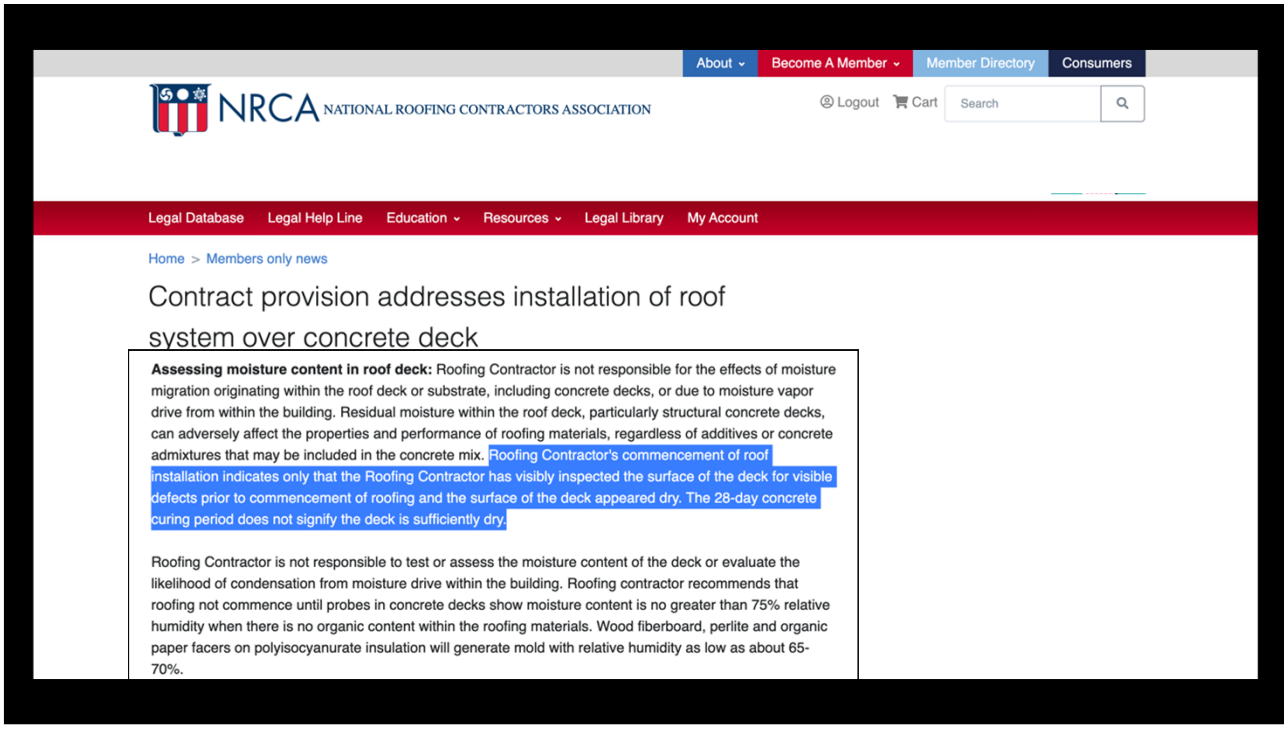

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Plywood and OBS roof deck concerns

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Know your steep-slope roof decks

Following plywood and OSB installation guidelines can help ensure a successful roof system performance

by Mark S. Graham

Plywood or oriented strand board structural panel sheathing are integral components of many steep-slope roof assemblies, and proper use of these products can help ensure successfully performing assemblies. If you use or encounter plywood and/or OSB structural panel sheathing roof decks, it is important to be knowledgeable of the applicable code requirements and APA–The Engineered Wood Association and NRCA guidelines applicable to them.

IRC 2018

The International Residential Code® provides specific requirements applicable to plywood and OSB structural panel sheathing used as roof decks for one- and two-family dwellings. In IRC's 2018 edition, specific requirements are provided in Section R803: Roof Sheathing.

IRC 2018 requires wood structural panels conform to the Department of Commerce's PS 1, "Structural Plywood," or PS 2, "Performance Standard for Wood-based Structural-Use Panels," or CSA Group™'s O325, "Construction Sheathing," or O437, "Standards on OSB and Waferboard." PS 1 and O325 generally are recognized to apply to plywood, and PS 2 and O437 apply to OSB.

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Standards for wood structural panels

International Residential Code, 2018 Edition

Plywood:

- U.S. Department of Commerce PS-1, "Structural Plywood"
- CSA Group O325, "Construction Sheathing"

Oriented-strand board (OSB):

- U.S. Department of Commerce PS-2, "Performance Standard for Wood-based Structural-use Panels"
- CSA Group O437, "Standards for OSB and Waferboard"

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Common, but not referenced in the Code

Plywood and OSB:

- APA-The Engineered Wood Association Standard PRP-108, "Performance Standards and Policies for Structural-Use Panels"

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Roof sheathing attachment

IRC 2018 Table 602.3(1), Rows 30-32 (minimum attachment):

- Panel edges:
  - 2½-inch-long 8d common nails at 6 inches o.c. at supported panel edges
- Intermediate supports:
  - 2½-inch-long 8d common nails at 12 inches o.c. at intermediate supports

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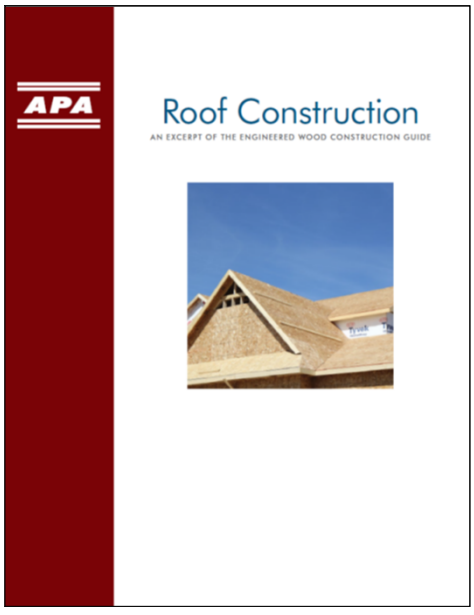

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APA Form E30, "Roof Construction"
--Roofing-specific excerpts from APA's *Engineered Wood Construction Guide* (102 pages)

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Recommendations

Roof sheathing attachment

- **New construction:**
  - Be careful with deck "acceptance".
  - Deck acceptance should be limited to the visual surface and no visual presence of moisture on the surface
- **Reroofing:**
  - Since deck condition and attachment typically cannot be determined until roof covering tear-off, consider unit price or T & M pricing for deck replacement and/or deck re-fastening
  - Prepare building owners for the need for deck replacement and/or deck reattachment

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Construction-generated moisture

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Construction-generated moisture

Unintended moisture accumulation can affect roof system performances

by Mark S. Graham

The process of constructing buildings and certain building systems and finishes can result in the generation and release of relatively large amounts of moisture. Left unaccounted for and allowed to become entrapped within a building, this moisture can result in premature deterioration of some building systems and materials, including roof systems. Following is a brief discussion of some construction-generated moisture sources and examples of how their effects can be mitigated.

Moisture sources

During construction, large amounts of water are used in the manufacture and installation of certain building materials. For example, a normal-weight structural concrete mix with a water-to-cement ratio of 0.45 contains about 30 gallons of water per cubic yard of concrete. In some instances, additional water is added to ease the transport and placement of concrete. About half of this water will be consumed during the concrete's hydration and curing process. The remaining water is left to dissipate by evaporation and moisture vapor transport over time.

Similarly, many building construction finish materials contain large amounts of water. Plaster, drywall, drywall compounds, some adhesives

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Some things we know…

Construction-generated moisture

- Cooler temperatures are more challenging than warmer temperatures
  - Cool air holds less moisture
- Some "modern" materials are less moisture tolerant
- Water-based products release moisture; more than solvent-based materials
- Concrete is placed using much more water than is necessary for proper hydration
- Concrete admixtures typically slow moisture release

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Some things we know (cont.)…

Construction-generated moisture

- Temporary enclosures can trap moisture/prevent moisture release
- Temporary heating can be problematic
  - Propane heaters release large amounts of moisture vapor
- Bringing warm, stored materials out into a cold environment can result in surface condensation

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Recommendations

Construction-generated moisture

- Realize practical (and physical) limitations
- Consider appropriate contract provision language so you don't take on additional liability
- When construction-generated moisture cannot be controlled, use a vapor retarder at the deck level

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Questions (and other topics)

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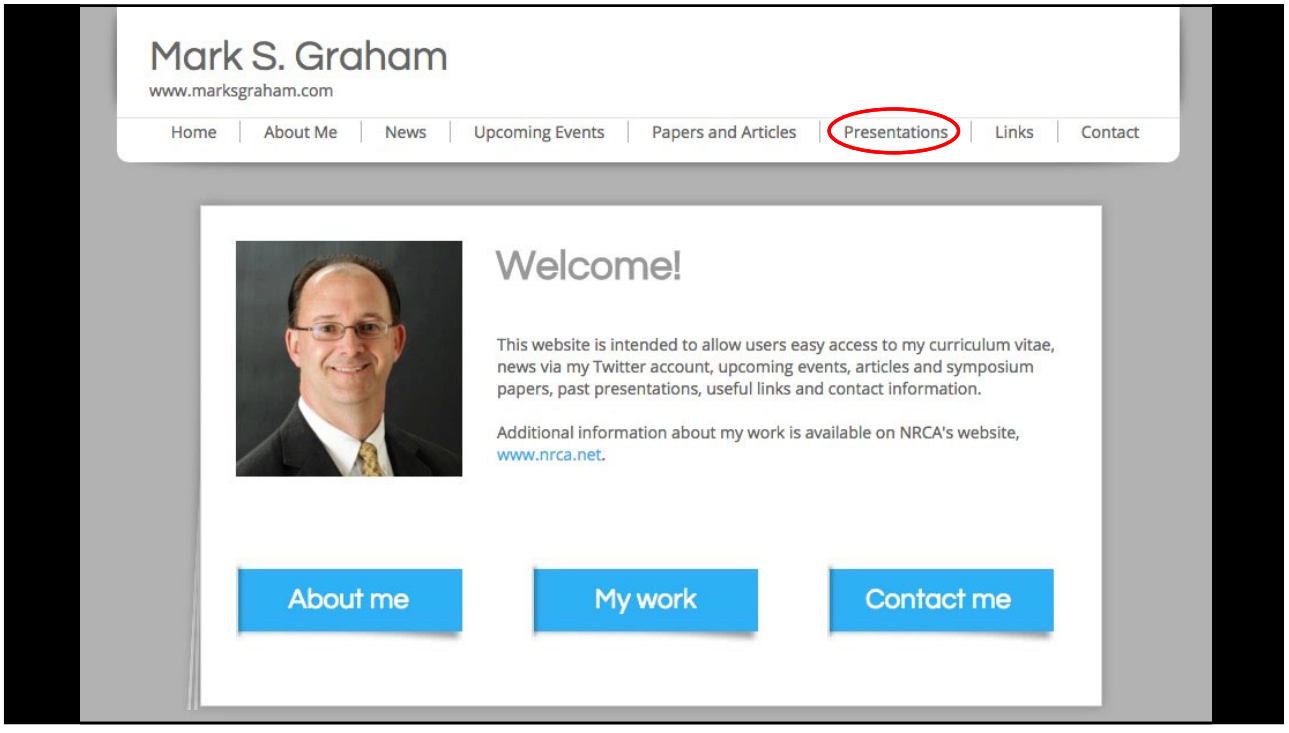

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