



Roofing Technical Update

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ARMA Releases Fourth Quarter 2021 Report on Asphalt Roofing Product Shipments

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"The shipment report provides valuable insight into the asphalt roofing industry to trade professionals and interested parties," said ARMA.

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Shingles – Canada (including individual shingles)	2,917,763	2,450,144	19.1%	14,215,825	12,910,687	10.1%

2020: 161,416,435
2019: 146,605,438
2018: 143,453,436
2017: 151,098,256

+18%

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Polyiso Industry Reports 7.5% Increase in Product Shipments for 2021

Arlington, VA, April 7, 2022 – The Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA) announces that for the year ending December 31, 2021, polyisocyanurate (polyiso) product shipments increased 7.5 percent year-over-year as measured in board feet. Over the past five years (2017-2021), total polyiso product shipments have increased by more than 22 percent.

as well as in the existing building stock. This is creating more opportunities for the use of polyiso insulation in projects that result in significant energy savings, including retrofit projects like roof replacements.”


PIMA gathers shipment data for polyiso products produced in the United States and Canada by the participating manufacturing members of the Association. The shipment information is collected and reported in the aggregate by an independent third party, Association Research, Inc., and reflects products used for roofs, walls, cover boards and other applications.

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About PIMA
 For more than 30 years, the Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA) has served as the voice of the rigid polyiso industry, proactively advocating for safe, cost-effective, sustainable, and energy-efficient construction. Organized in 1987, PIMA is an association of polyiso manufacturers and industry suppliers. Polyiso is one of North America’s most widely-used and cost-effective insulation products. To learn more, visit www.polyiso.org.

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SPRI reports strong recovery in 2021


WALTHAM, MA—May 31, 2022—The Single-Ply Roofing Industry (SPRI), representing North American manufacturers in commercial roofing manufacturing, education, and innovation, today announced that the U.S. Single Ply roofing industry saw a 12.2% increase in 2021 roof membrane shipments as reported by SPRI Membership. Despite the many challenges faced in the supply chain, 2021 showed a strong increase from the 2020 reported 4.1% decline in shipments, according to statistics compiled by SPRI.

In 2021, the thermoset segment saw 7.5% growth over the prior year, thermoplastic saw 14% and modified bitumen 9.7% growth.

Regionally, year-to-year shipments increased 20% in the North East US. The South saw 13.5 % growth, followed by the North Central at 10.7% and the West at 6%.

Together, SPRI members develop industry standards, sponsor research, publish informative guidelines and publications for the commercial roofing industry, and continue to advance roofing technology.

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INDUSTRY ISSUE UPDATE

NRCA Member Benefit

Roofing material shortages and price volatility

September 2021

The U.S. roofing industry is experiencing unprecedented shortages of roofing materials and products and significant price volatility. NRCA is providing this Industry Issue Update to help its members with building owners, facility managers, general contractors and construction managers involved in roof purchasing decisions.

Although this information is intended to apply specifically to the U.S. roofing market, based on NRCA's communications with its affiliate and partners in Canada, Mexico and elsewhere worldwide, shortages of roofing materials and products and price volatility appear to be global issues.

BACKGROUND

Compared with other industries, the U.S. roofing industry is domestic in nature. With few exceptions, a vast majority of roofing products and materials used are manufactured in the U.S. from U.S.-sourced raw materials, delivered by U.S. suppliers and distributors, and installed by U.S. roofing contractor companies. Although the global economy has some effect on many purchasing decisions, the U.S. roofing industry is largely driven by the U.S. economy, interest rates and consumer sentiment.

During the past decade, the U.S. roofing industry has experienced a period of consistent, moderate growth. The roofing materials and product supply chain has expanded in capacity and roofing contractors have added personnel and capability to fill this growing need. In many regions of the U.S., additional roofing industry growth has been limited by a lack of adequately trained field personnel.

At the same time, energy code requirements and sustainability incentive programs have resulted in a demand for more energy-efficient roof systems. For example, when reroofing a building, it is not unusual to replace an existing aged roof system having an R-10 insulation value with a new roof system with an energy code mandated minimum R-20, R-25, R-30 or R-35 insulation value. Such increases in insulation value necessitate using greater amounts of and thicker insulation, usually in multiple layers, longer fasteners, more layers of insulation adhesive and additional material handling and installation labor.

THE CURRENT SITUATION

The U.S. roofing industry responded and adapted to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic remarkably well. The U.S. roofing industry quickly was considered "essential," and at the start of the pandemic, the roofing materials and products supply chain functioned with only minimal interruptions. Roofing contractors adapted to additional safety work practices necessary to perform work on occupied buildings during the pandemic.

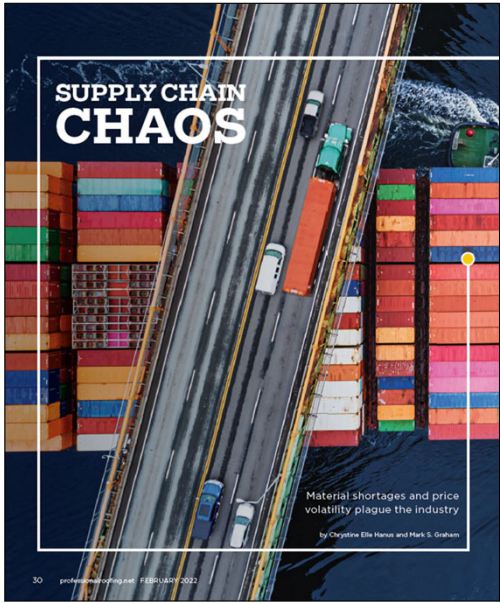
By many measures, 2020 was a productive year for the U.S. roofing industry. For example, 2020 was a near historic record level year for asphalt shingle installations. Homeowners invested in reroofing and maintaining their homes during the pandemic, spurred in part by low interest rates and the availability of stimulus funding, and the roofing industry responded to several weather events involving high winds and hail. The institutional and industrial segments of the U.S. roofing industry also experienced similar levels of activity.

However, one noticeable change in the level of roofing material and product inventory shrank considerably. Roofing material suppliers and distributors reduced their material and product inventories. Since the start of the pandemic, far more roofing materials and products are being shipped on a job-specific basis. This especially is the case with roll-insulations and roof covering products and certain specialty products, such as fasteners and adhesives. A few years ago, many roofing jobs often could be carried out with roofing materials and products held in inventory, but manufacturers now are shipping roofing materials and products on job-specific basis with fewer roofing materials and products being stocked in inventory.

NRCA Industry Issue Update: Roofing Material Shortages and Price Volatility

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SUPPLY CHAIN CHAOS

Material shortages and price volatility plague the industry

by Christine Ella Hanes and Mark S. Graham

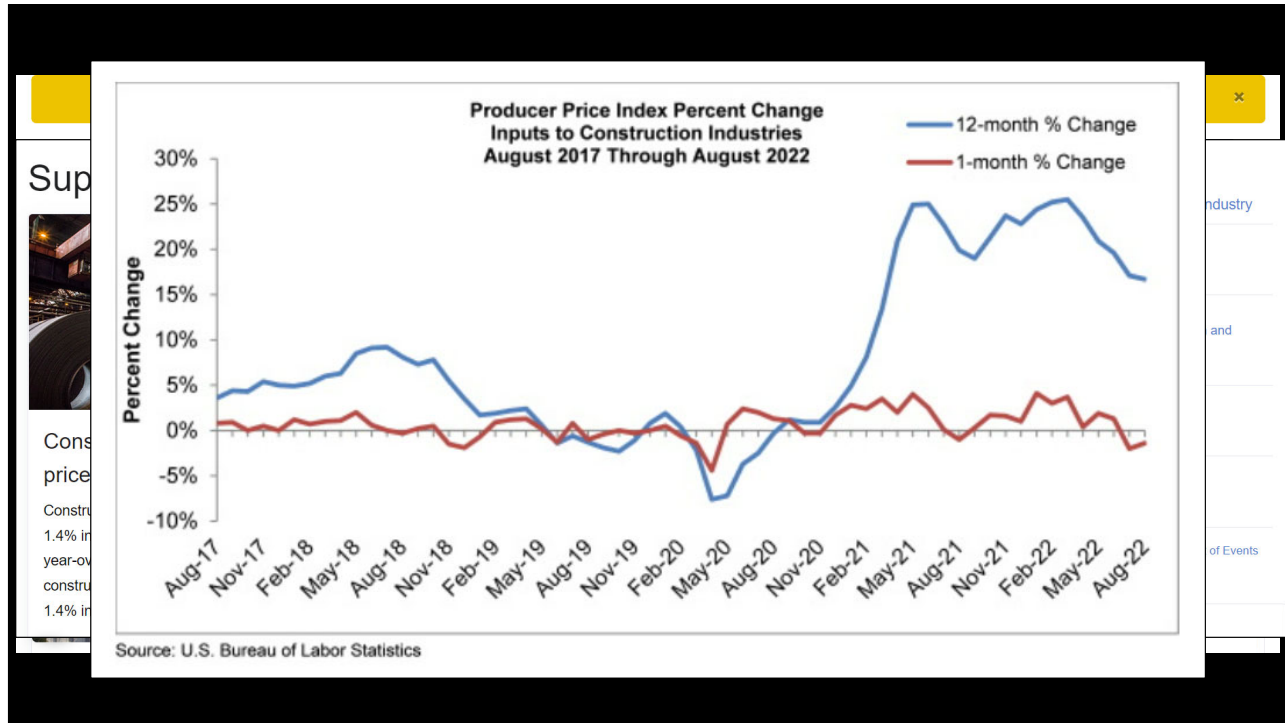
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Imported lumber concerns

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N.C. Building Code Council warns of the use of European lumber in North Carolina

RALEIGH
Jun 15, 2021

North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey today has issued an alert about the use of European lumber in the construction of homes and buildings throughout the state. The N.C. Department of Insurance regulates the state's building codes and oversees the N.C. Building Code Council.

The council has determined European lumber, which is being imported to help with the nation's lumber shortage, does not meet N.C. building code requirements and, in some cases, could cause catastrophic failures in wall, floor and roof framing.

A primary concern is the specific gravity or wood density that affects the performance of fastening devices, such as nails, screws or gusset plates. A lower specific gravity may result in a decreased resistance capacity of a shear wall designed to withstand wind and seismic loads, lower gripping strength of a truss metal plate, or lower bending strength that could affect wall height.

There are also concerns with the differences between U.S. and imported lumber milling processes.

The American Lumber Standard Committee (ALSC) requires the lumber species to be identified in the grade stamp on each piece of lumber. The structural properties widely vary by species and the origin where the wood was grown and harvested.

"Contractors should be aware that, despite a piece of lumber bearing a 'No. 2' stamp, there can be significant differences in the wood's engineering properties depending on where it came from," said Commissioner Causey. "I urge builders to know the difference between imported and domestic 'No. 2' stamped lumber so they don't mistakenly use the wood in an unsafe manner that does not meet code."

As a result of these significant issues, the N.C. Building Code Council has issued an advisory that European lumber can only be used as an alternate material that must be reviewed by the code enforcement official before it is used. This does not mean European wood products are prohibited, it simply requires additional supporting documentation to assure the wood characteristics are properly reflected in the overall project design.

Code enforcement officials must ensure the documentation includes the testing or evaluation performed on the lumber to support compliance with the building code requirements. Without the documentation, the use of European lumber products will require an engineering analysis and subsequent seal to verify code compliance.

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AWC Response to NCDOI Press Release

Jun 18, 2021

LEESBURG, VA. – On June 11, the North Carolina Department of Insurance (NCDOI) issued a news release warning of the use of European lumber in North Carolina. The news release identified several potential use issues given the building community's lack of familiarity with European lumber and served to alert suppliers, designers, builders, and regulators that lumber should be used in accordance with applicable codes and standards; however, there were several statements that need to be clarified or corrected. The Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau has

• **New Report Aids in Compliance With Sound Transmission Code Provisions**
Feb 19, 2019 | *Construction Executive*

Prescriptive provisions in the building codes that cover wood-frame construction are primarily based on the four major commercial species combinations: Douglas Fir-Larch, Hem-Fir, Southern pine, and Spruce-Pine-Fir (SPF) from Canada. These prescriptive provisions provide species- and grade-specific span tables for common loading conditions for the four major species combinations or the requirements are based on the minimum properties for certain grades of the four major species combinations. However, the building code allows the use AWC's [Span Tables for Joists and Rafters \(STJR\)](#) for other grades and species of lumber and for other loading conditions. The span tables in STJR are species independent and only require the user to know the adjusted design values for the grade and species of lumber. Where European lumber has the same or higher design values than North American lumber, the material can be directly substituted.

Due to the rapid increase in use of and lack of familiarity with lumber species other than the four major species, prescriptive design provisions for these other species are lagging, but are being developed. The Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau is working to develop species-specific span tables for use with the prescriptive provisions in the building codes based on the NDS and has already developed exterior wall stud tables in accordance with provisions of the WFCM for use in high wind areas and can be located at the following link: [TR-5-Max-Stud-Length-Tables-for-European-Species-1.pdf \(plib.org\)](#).

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NC Department of Insurance
Office of the State Fire Marshal - Engineering Division
1202 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1202
919-647-0600

The Use of Lumber Species not Recognized by the Residential Code

Code: 2018 NC Residential Building Code Date: June 28, 2021
Section: R502.1.1, R502.3, R502.5, R602.2, R802.4, R802.5 Rev. Date: August 9, 2021

Note: This interpretation is currently fluid until more complete information is available.

Question #1:
Can lumber of wood species that are not recognized by the code be used?

SPECIES	GRADE STAMP NOMENCLATURE	Specific Gravity
ALASKA SPRUCE	AK SPR	0.41
ASPEN	ASPEN	0.39
COTTONWOOD	COT	0.41
EASTERN HEMLOCK-BALSAM FIR	E HEM B FIR	0.36
EASTERN HEMLOCK-TAMARACK	E HEM-TAM	0.41
EASTERN SOFTWOODS	EASTERN SOFTWOODS	0.36
EASTERN WHITE PINE	EW PINE (N)	0.36
NORTHERN SPECIES	N. SPECIES	0.35
NORTHERN WHITE CEDAR	NW CEDAR	0.31
NORWAY SPRUCE ROMANIA & UKRAINE	N SPR (I) ROM, UKR	0.38
NORWAY SPRUCE (NORTH)	N.SPR	0.4
REDWOOD	REDWOOD	0.37
SPRUCE-PINE-FIR (SOUTH)	SPF(S)	0.36
WESTERN CEDAR	WC	0.36
WESTERN WOODS	WW	0.36

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Element of a Grade Stamp

Photo #2 Lumber Grade Stamp

AS-N SPR-SC P (I) AUS ROM UKR

NORWAY SPRUCE ROMANIA & UKRAINE	N SPR (I) ROM, UKR	0.38
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Example:

DESIGNED BY
TP NO.2
AT00 AS-SCP(1)AUS
KDHT

What is the code allowable span for this European 2x10 floor joist spaced 16 inches on center?

Design Criteria:
10 psf Dead Load
40 psf Live Load (Table R301.5)
Live Load Deflection limit = L/360 (Table R301.7)


From PLIB Simplified Span Tables for Light Frame Construction Imported Species:

Species and Grade	Resilience Class average 50 psf, L _r = 360									
	Dead Load = 10 psf					Dead Load = 20 psf				
	2x4	2x6	2x8	2x10	2x12	2x4	2x6	2x8	2x10	2x12
Northern Species Fusiform & The Grand Rapids	100	12.0	14.0	16.0	18.0	10.0	12.0	14.0	16.0	18.0
	120	12.0	14.0	16.0	18.0	10.0	12.0	14.0	16.0	18.0
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European No. 2 Pruned Norway	100	12.0	14.0	16.0	18.0	10.0	12.0	14.0	16.0	18.0
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Northern Species Fusiform, Larix, & Sitka Spruce	100	12.0	14.0	16.0	18.0	10.0	12.0	14.0	16.0	18.0
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	140	12.0	14.0	16.0	18.0	10.0	12.0	14.0	16.0	18.0
Norway Spruce Pruned, MP Pruned, & Sublimated	100	12.0	14.0	16.0	18.0	10.0	12.0	14.0	16.0	18.0
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RESEARCH+TECH



Considering substitutions
Be aware of potential consequences with product substitution
by Mark S. Graham

With ongoing shortages of building materials and products, substitutions have become more commonplace – but they can have unintended consequences. One issue that has arisen involves substituting European lumber for North American lumber, a decision that could result in unintended consequences.

The situation

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, wood product producers were operating under the same uncertainty as the rest of the world. Many mills curtailed production in anticipation of market shortages and reduced demand. At the same time, many wholesalers and retail lumber customers significantly reduced inventory levels. Also, because of the Covid recession, several mills had closed permanently. The American Wood Council reports between 2007 and 2017, mill closures in the South resulted in a lumber supply loss between 1.7 to 2.8 billion board feet. Mill closures in the Pacific Northwest represented 10% of the stockpiles.

Although the demand for wood products had dipped, it quickly rebounded during the pandemic because of increased remodeling projects and new housing starts opened, in part, by low interest

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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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Concerns with Brazilian plywood

The screenshot shows a news article on the Professional Roofing website. The article title is "Lawsuit highlights inferior Brazilian plywood and false certification". The text discusses a lawsuit filed by the U.S. Structural Plywood Integrity Coalition against PFS-TECO, alleging negligence and false advertising. A sidebar image shows a group of people at a trade show, with a caption: "JUL/AUG. 2022 VOL. 52 ISSUE 6". A "Link" button is visible at the bottom right of the article preview.

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Court-Issued Permanent Injunction related to Brazilian Plywood

Cottage Grove, WI (May 31, 2022) — In September 2019, a group of US plywood manufacturers filed a complaint in the Southern District of Florida concerning PFS-TECO's work as an accredited third-party agency in Southern Brazil. The complaint alleged that the PFS-TECO certification mark should be considered false advertising because their group believes it is not possible for plywood made from pine grown in Southern Brazil to meet the requirements of US DOC Product Standard 1 (PS 1).

PFS-TECO has tested and certified plywood in Brazil for over 20 years. PFS-TECO has been accredited and reaccredited by International Accreditation Services, Inc. as an inspection and testing agency and Standards Council of Canada as a certification agency. The third-party certification system for building products involves the manufacturer taking responsibility for their product while the third-party agency's role is to be the impartial link between the manufacturer and the local building official's review of the application of the product. The certification mark is intended to inform the building official that the manufacturer has demonstrated they have the capability to comply with the product standard and they had third-party oversight at the time the product was manufactured. The referenced product type and grade in the mark are then used during the building official's inspection.

On May 23, 2022, PFS-TECO and the U.S. Structural Plywood Integrity Coalition agreed on the terms of a permanent injunction to settle the ongoing dispute between them. On the following day, according to the terms agreed by the parties, the Judge issued a permanent injunction under which PFS-TECO exits the certification market for PS 1 rated plywood in Southern Brazil. The case was settled before the jury trial took place and/or the Court has made any determination on the case's merits. Therefore, the federal district court has not made any determination concerning the accuracy of the plaintiffs' allegations concerning the "strength" of the Brazilian plywood bearing the PFS-TECO stamps or what "wholesalers and retailers" must or should do regarding existing stocks of the labeled product.

Indeed, the injunction does not prohibit, limit, or restrain the sale and/or use of the products labeled with PFS-TECO mark on or before May 31, 2022. The injunction entered by the Court addresses only the future actions of PFS-TECO. The injunction was made without any findings of fact about the products that have been labeled. The injunction specifically does not order the removal or obliteration of any label applied to the product on or before May 31, 2022. The relevant injunction language states:

"IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that, within seven (7) days of the entry of this Judgment, PFS-TECO is ordered to revoke all of the PS 1 certificates and grade stamps that PFS-TECO has issued to plywood mills located in southern Brazil by emailing a notice of PS 1 certificate revocation to each Brazilian licensee and to remove all revoked PS 1 certificates from the PFS-TECO website."

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Conclusions and recommendations


Concerns with imported lumber and plywood and OSB sheathing

- Be cautious of newly-installed lumber and plywood and OSB
- You may want to check grade stamps
- Roof deck acceptance should be limited
- Prepare yourself for more roof deck replacement

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Synthetic underlayment

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Understanding underlayments

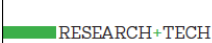
Some roofing underlayment products may not be code-compliant

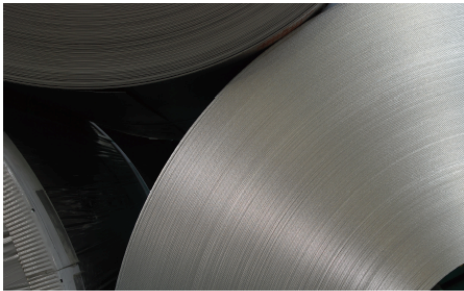
If use of a nonasphaltic or synthetic underlayment product is being considered for a specific project, code acceptance can be sought by making a specific request to the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ). AHJs typically will request an evaluation report, such as those provided by ICC Evaluation Service or Underwriters Laboratories Inc. AHJs may grant code acceptance for alternative underlayment products on a project-by-project basis and typically not a blanket acceptance applying to all future projects in a specific jurisdiction.

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A new standard

Guidelines for synthetic underlayments

by Mark S. Graham

After more than eight years in development, in December 2020 ASTM International published the first U.S. product standard applicable to synthetic, steep-slope underlayment products. If you are involved with the design or installation of steep-slope roof systems, I encourage you to become familiar with this standard and begin to use it when specifying and procuring steep-slope underlayment products.

ASTM D8257

ASTM D8257, "Standard Specification for Mechanically Attached Polymeric Roof Underlayment Used in Steep-Slope Roofing," addresses mechanically attached synthetic underlayment used in steep-slope roofing.

The standard defines polymeric underlayment as a sheet material primarily composed of polymers for use as a secondary water-shedding layer on steep-slope roofs when installed below a primary roof covering.

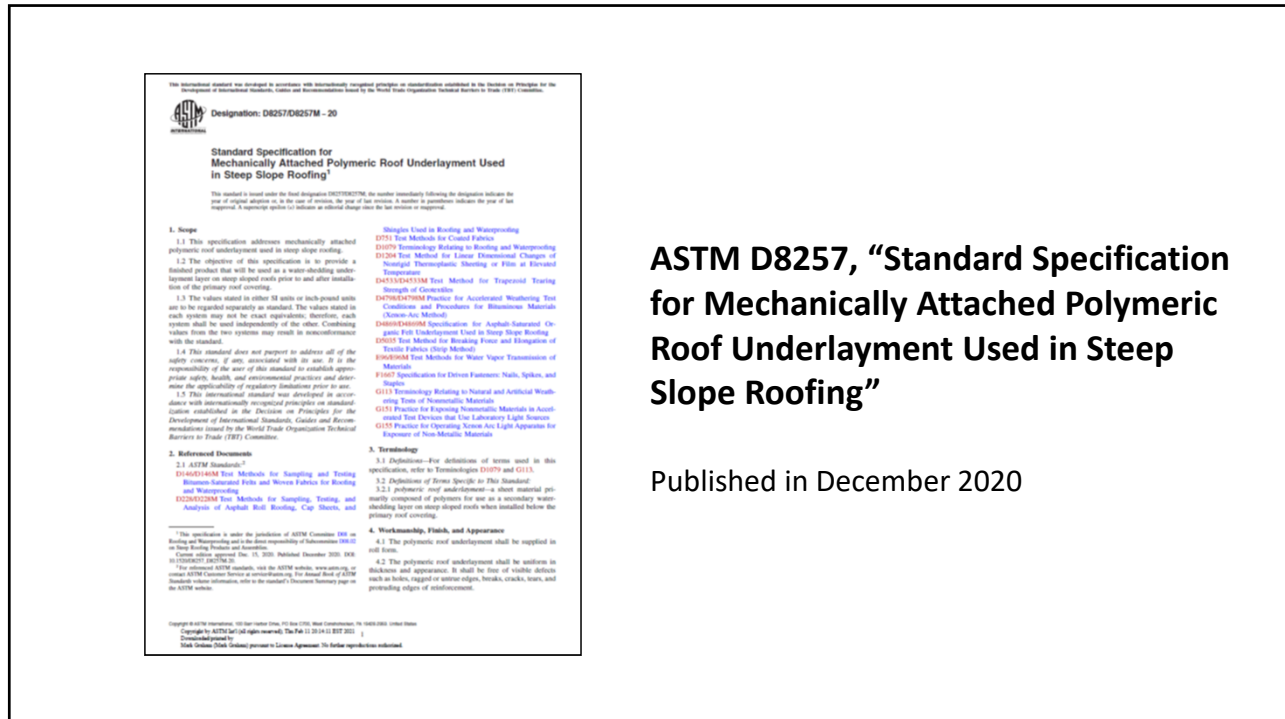
The standard's objective is to provide a finished product that will be used as a water-shedding underlayment layer before and after the installation of a primary steep-slope roof covering.

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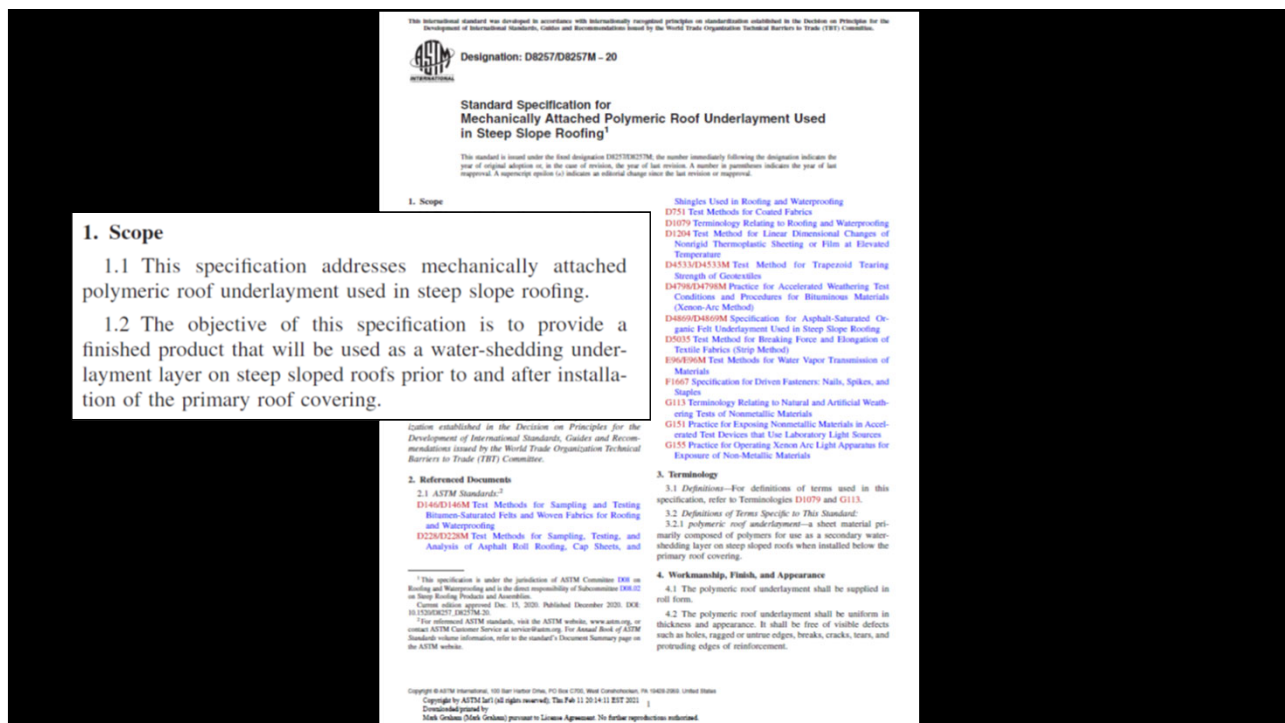
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1. Scope

- 1.1 This specification addresses mechanically attached polymeric roof underlayment used in steep slope roofing.
- 1.2 The objective of this specification is to provide a finished product that will be used as a water-shedding underlayment layer on steep sloped roofs prior to and after installation of the primary roof covering.

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Pliability	As received	7.3	No visible cracking or delamination of underlayment
Water Vapor Transmission	As received	7.4	Results shall be reported in Perms
Liquid Water Transmission	As received	7.5	Shall meet the "PASS" requirements of ASTM D4869/D4869M
Linear Dimensional Change	As received	7.6	Max. linear change of -2.5 to +1 %
Tensile Strength (machine and cross-machine direction)	As received After Thermal Cycling After Laboratory Accelerated Weathering	7.7 7.7 and 7.11 7.7 and 7.12	Min. 3.5 kN/m [20 lb/in.]
Tearing Strength (machine and cross-machine direction)	As received After Thermal Cycling After Laboratory Accelerated Weathering	7.8 7.8 and 7.11 7.8 and 7.12	Min. 67 N [15 lbf]
Fastener Pull-Through Resistance	As received After Thermal Cycling After Laboratory Accelerated Weathering	7.9 7.9 and 7.11 7.9 and 7.12	Min. 111 N [25 lbf]
Hydrostatic Resistance	As received After Thermal Cycling After Laboratory Accelerated Weathering	7.10 7.10 and 7.11 7.10 and 7.12	No water shall pass through any specimen
Thermal Cycling	As received	7.11	No visible damage such as peeling, chipping, crazing, spitting, cracking, flaking, or pitting
Laboratory Accelerated Weathering ^a	As received	7.12	No visible damage such as peeling, chipping, crazing, spitting, cracking, flaking, or pitting

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Some synthetic underlayments are vapor retarders, while others are vapor "open"

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Measurement of a vapor retarder's effectiveness

Classification	Permeance¹
Class I vapor retarder	0.1 perm or less
Class II vapor retarder	1.0 perm or less and greater than 0.1 perm
Class III vapor retarder	10 perm or less and greater than 1.0 perm
¹ Permeance determined according to ASTM E-96 Test Method A (the desiccant method or dry cup method)	

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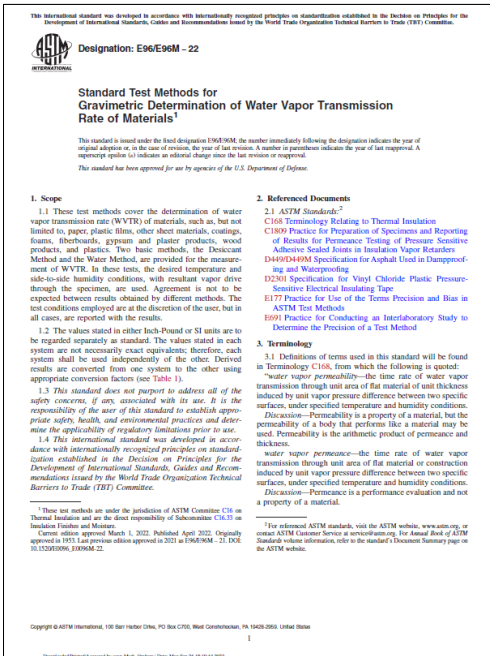
TEST MATERIAL	PERMEANCE RATING
Asphalt shingles – individual	0.9
#15 felt	7.0
Breathable synthetic	9.5
Nonbreathable synthetic	0.1
7/16-in. OSB decking	1.0

TEST MATERIAL	PERMEANCE RATING
OSB, #15 felt, Classic® shingles	0.31
OSB, Fiberglas™-reinforced felt, Classic® shingles	0.32
OSB, nonbreathable, Classic® shingles	0.27

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Standard Test Methods for Gravimetric Determination of Water Vapor Transmission Rate of Materials¹

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This standard has been approved for use by agencies of the U.S. Department of Defense.

1. Scope

1.1 These test methods cover the determination of water vapor transmission rate (WVTR) of materials, such as, but not limited to, paper, plastic films, other sheet materials, coatings, foams, fiberboards, gypsum and plaster products, wood products, and plastics. Two basic methods, the Desiccant Method and the Water Method, are provided for the measurement of WVTR. In these tests, the desired temperature and side-to-side humidity conditions, with resultant vapor drive through the specimen, are used. Agreement is not to be expected between results obtained by different methods. The test conditions employed are at the discretion of the user, but in all cases, are reported with the results.

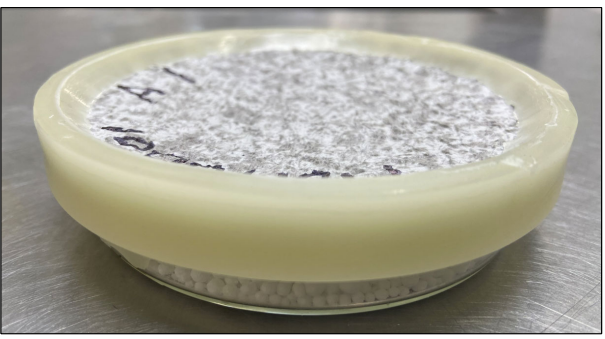
1.2 The values stated in either Inch-Pound or SI units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system are not necessarily exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Derived results are converted from one system to the other using appropriate conversion factors (see Table 1).

1.3 This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

1.4 This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.

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ASTM E96 Procedure A results

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Sample	Water vapor permeance (Perms)
7/16" OSB sheathing	1.4
15/32" CDX plywood sheathing	0.9

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ASTM E96 Procedure A results -- continued

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Sample	Water vapor permeance (Perms)
Non-breathable synthetic underlayment	0.02
Breathable synthetic underlayment	0.5

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Sample	Water vapor permeance (Perms)
Non-breathable synthetic underlayment over 7/16" OSB sheathing	0.03
Non-breathable synthetic underlayment over 15/32" CDX plywood sheathing	0.05
Breathable synthetic underlayment over 7/16" OSB sheathing	0.50
Breathable synthetic underlayment over 15/32" CDX plywood sheathing	0.22

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NRCA permeance testing of asphalt shingle roof assemblies

Sample	Water vapor permeance (Perms)
Laminated asphalt shingle over non-breathable synthetic underlayment over 7/16" OSB sheathing	0.05
Laminated asphalt shingle over non-breathable synthetic underlayment over 15/32" CDX plywood sheathing	0.04
Laminated asphalt shingle over breathable synthetic underlayment over 7/16" OSB sheathing	0.40
Laminated asphalt shingle over breathable synthetic underlayment over 15/32" CDX plywood sheathing	0.09

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ASTM E96 Procedure A results -- continued

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Laminated asphalt shingle over non-breathable synthetic underlayment over 7/16" OSB sheathing	0.05 0.10 with nail
Laminated asphalt shingle over non-breathable synthetic underlayment over 15/32" CDX plywood sheathing	0.04 0.10 with nail
Laminated asphalt shingle over breathable synthetic underlayment over 7/16" OSB sheathing	0.40 0.50 with nail
Laminated asphalt shingle over breathable synthetic underlayment over 15/32" CDX plywood sheathing	0.09 0.18 with nail

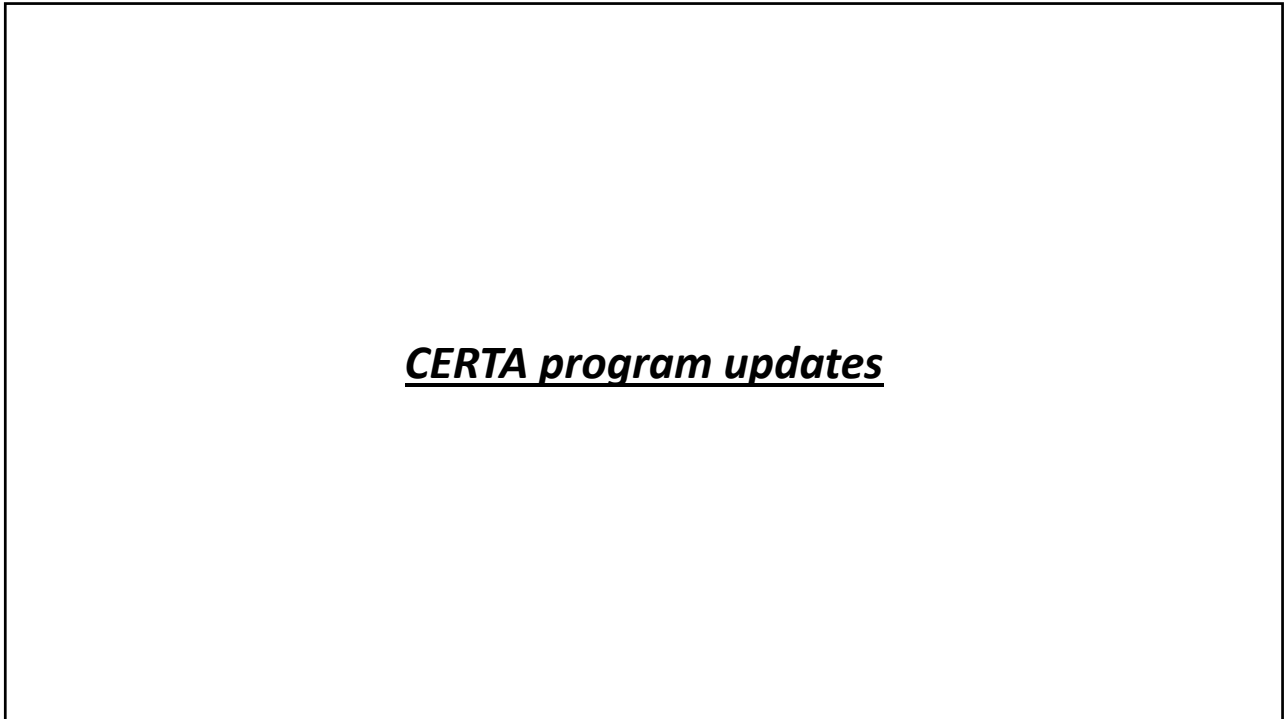
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"Preliminary" conclusions

NRCA permeance testing of asphalt shingle roof assemblies

- There is a potential for condensation development at the roof deck level when using synthetic underlayment
- Functional below-deck ventilation is (even more) important for mitigating condensation development at the roof deck level when using synthetic underlayment

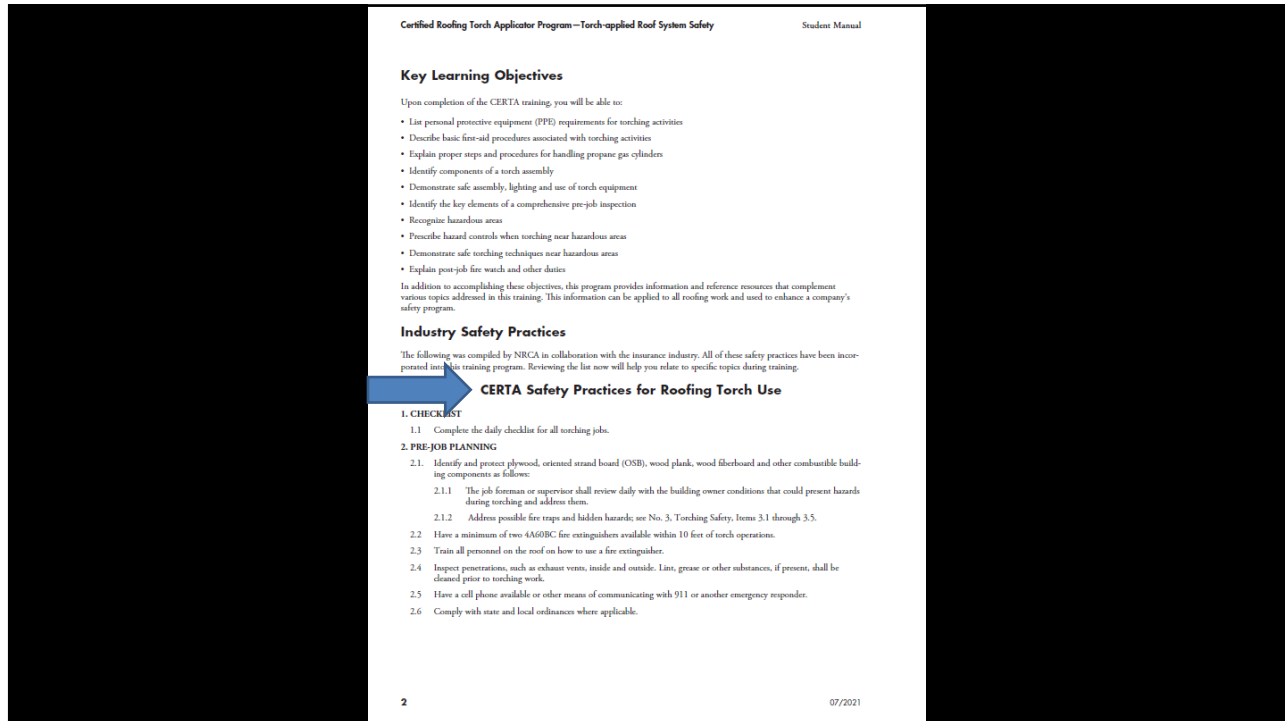
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Revisions to the CERTA practices

- Implementation of a job hazard analysis specific to torching operations
- Update to the current edition of The NRCA Roofing Manual
 - Torchng over wood roof decks is no longer recommended
 - Guidance for torchng over wood decks is provided for when necessary
- Clarification to incidental torchng guidance

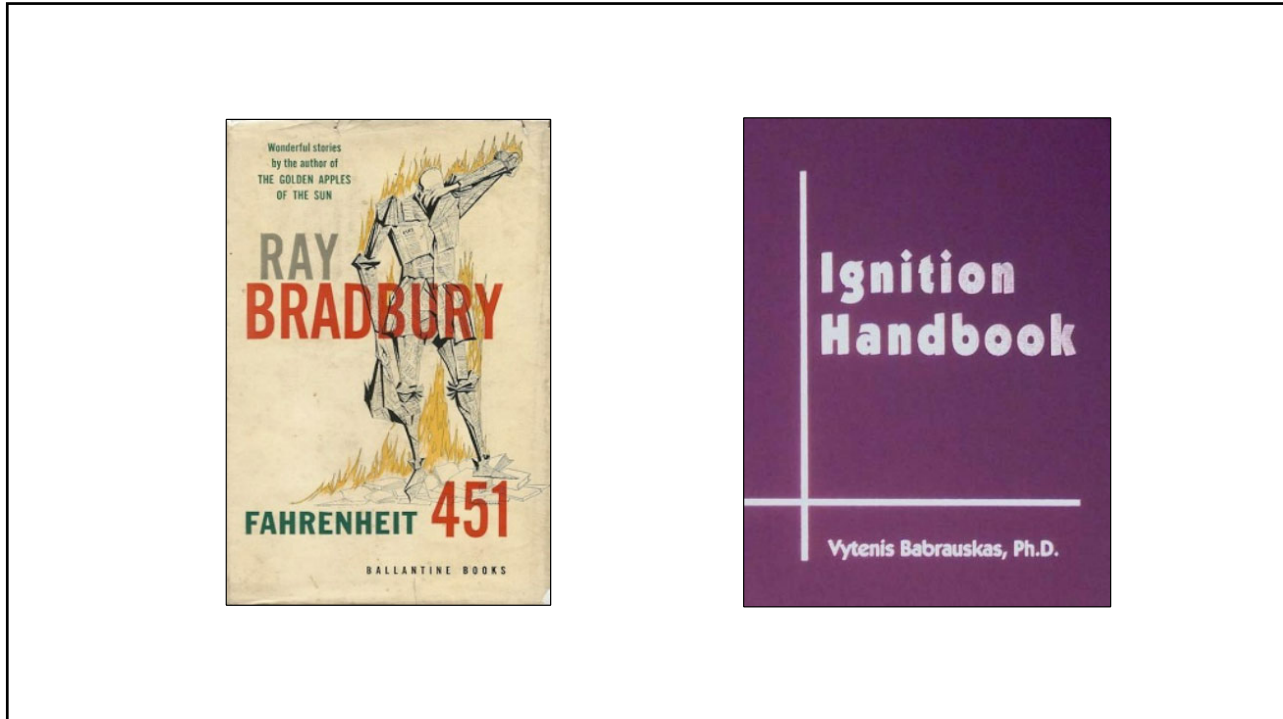
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*The revisions will be provided to all CERTA Trainers
and will be implemented via CERTA's re-authorization process*

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MRCA/NRCA ignition temperature research

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Standard Test Method for Determining Ignition Temperature of Plastics¹

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4. Significance and Use

4.1 Tests made under conditions herein prescribed can be of considerable value in comparing the relative ignition characteristics of different materials. Values obtained represent the lowest ambient air temperature that will cause ignition of the material under the conditions of this test. Test values are expected to rank materials according to ignition susceptibility under actual use conditions.

4.2 This test is not intended to be the sole criterion for fire hazard. In addition to ignition temperatures, fire hazards include other factors such as burning rate or flame spread, intensity of burning, fuel contribution, products of combustion, and others.

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FIG. 1 Cross Section of Hot-Air Ignition Furnace

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ASTM D1929 results

Sample	Test result
Extruded polystyrene	865 F
HD polyiso with glass facer	865 F
Wood fiberboard	875 F
Polyiso with coated glass facer	895 F
Perlite board	905 F
Expanded polystyrene	910 F
Polyiso with cellulose/glass facer	920 F
Cellular glass with facer	965 F
Mineral fiber board	1,040 F
Gypsum-fiber board	Greater than 1,740 F
Gypsum board with coated fiberglass facer	Greater than 1,740 F
Cellular glass (no facer)	Greater than 1,740 F

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- Some known roof application temperatures**
- Mopping bitumen:
 - EVT: 375 F to 455 F (typ.)
 - Flash point: 525 F (min.)
 - Hot-air welding:
 - Equipment settings up to 600 C (1,112 F)
 - Torch application:
 - Blue flame: 3,596 F
 - Yellow/orange flame: 1,800 F

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“Preliminary” recommendations

- When hot-air welding or torching roofing products, realize the relative differences in ignition temperatures of various insulation substrates
- Share this information/concept with field workers

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Code developments/2021 I-codes

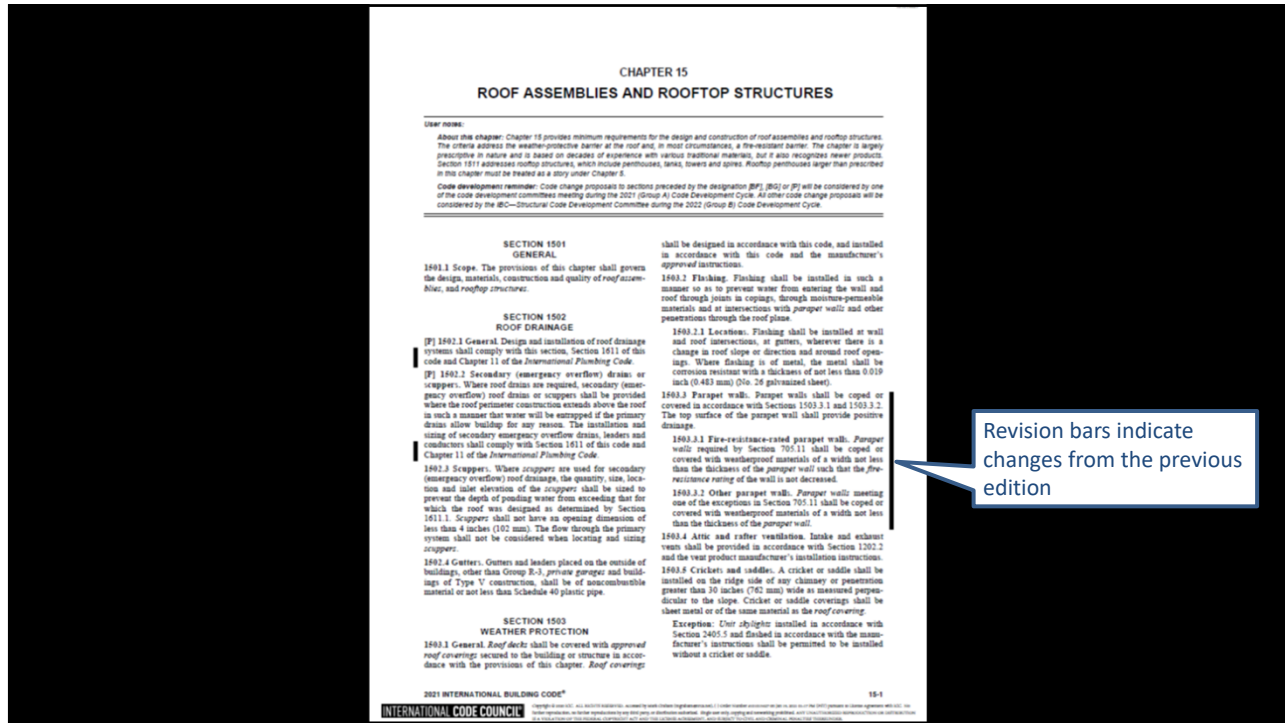
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Gutter testing

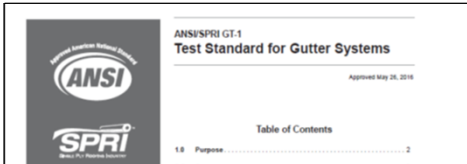
Changes in IBC 2021, Section 1504-Performance Requirements

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.

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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Test Standard for Gutter Systems
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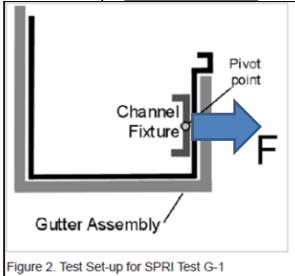


Figure 2. Test Set-up for SPRI Test G-1

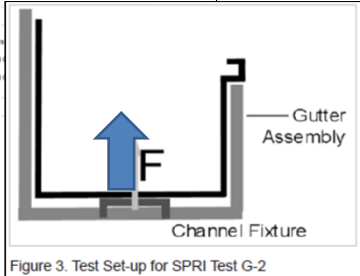


Figure 3. Test Set-up for SPRI Test G-2

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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
ASTM D1863 (No. 6)	150	17	19	22	25	27	30	36	41	46	23	26	29	32	35	38	44	50	56
	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, *F*, 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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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/m²).

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Attic ventilation

Changes in IBC 2021, Section 1203-Unvented Attics and Unvented Enclosed Rafter Spaces

5.2.7. The roof slope shall be greater than or equal to 3 units vertical in 12 units horizontal (3:12).

5.2.8. Where only air-permeable insulation is used, it shall be installed directly below the structural roof sheathing, on top the attic floor, or on top of the ceiling.

5.2.9. Where only air-permeable insulation is used and is installed directly below the structural roof sheathing, air shall be supplied at a flow rate greater than or equal to 50 cubic feet per minute (23.6 L/s) per 1,000 square feet (93 m²) of ceiling.


5.3. The air shall be supplied from ductwork providing supply air to the occupiable space when the conditioning system is operating. Alternatively, the air shall be supplied by a supply fan when the conditioning system is operating. Where preformed insulation board is used as the air-impermeable insulation layer, it shall be sealed at the perimeter of each individual sheet interior surface to form a continuous layer.

Exceptions:

1. Section 1202.3 does not apply to special use structures or enclosures such as swimming pool enclosures, data processing centers, hospitals or art galleries.
2. Section 1202.3 does not apply to enclosures in Climate Zones 5 through 8 that are humidified beyond 35 percent during the three coldest months.

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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 sprinkler 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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Rooftop PV – Fire resistance

Changes in IRC 2021, Section R902-Fire Classification

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.

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).

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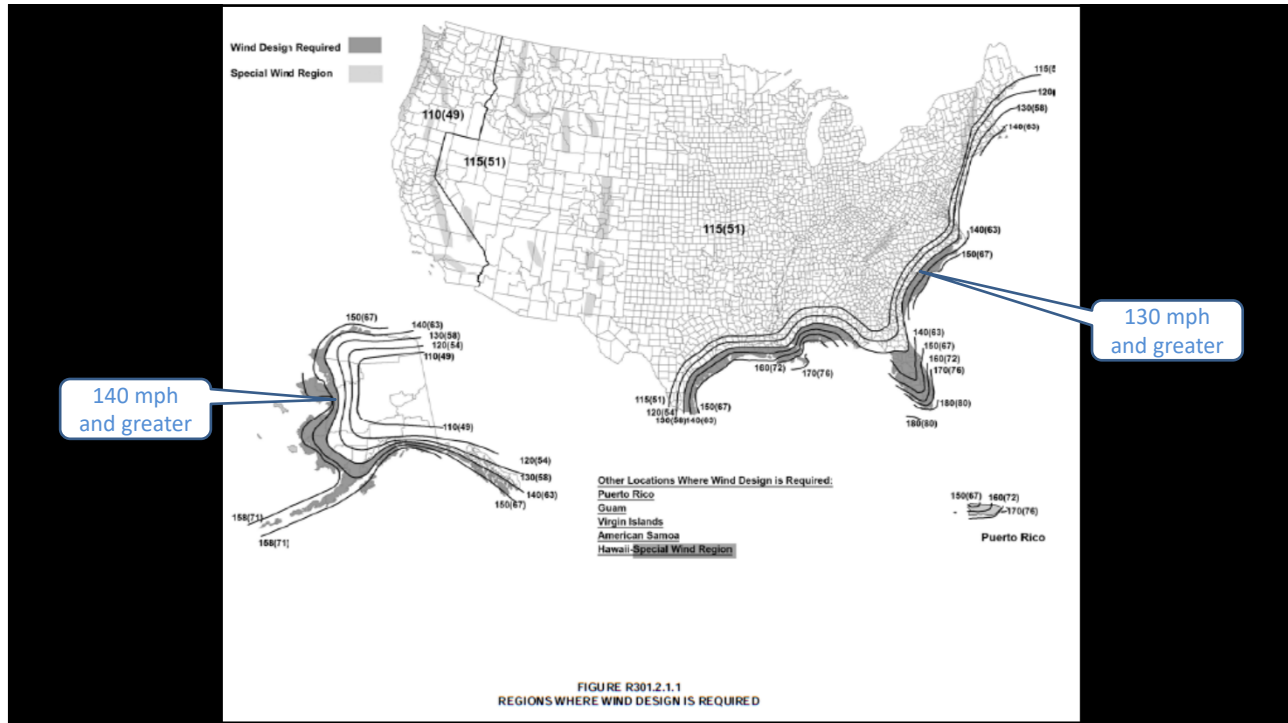
1. As an alternative, self-adhering polymer-modified bitumen underlayment bearing a label indicating compliance with ASTM D1970
2. As an alternative, a minimum 4-inch-wide (102 mm) strip of self-adhering polymer-modified bitumen membrane bearing a *label* indicating compliance with ASTM D1970, installed 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 D4869 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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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-Photovoltaic 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
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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Unvented attics

Changes in IRC 2021, Section R806.5-Unvented Attics and Enclosed Rafter Spaces

ROOF-CEILING CONSTRUCTION

SECTION R806
CEILING FINISHES

R806.1 Ceiling insulation. Ceilings shall be installed in accordance with the requirements for interior wall finishes as provided in Sections R702.1 through R702.6.

SECTION R806
ROOF VENTILATION

R806.1 Ventilation required. Unvented attics and enclosed rafter spaces formed where ceilings are applied directly to the underside of roof rafters shall have cross ventilation for each separate space by ventilating openings protected against the entrance of rain or snow. Ventilating openings shall have a least dimension of $\frac{1}{8}$ inch (3.2 mm) minimum and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6.4 mm) maximum. Ventilating openings having a least dimension larger than $\frac{1}{8}$ inch (3.2 mm) shall be provided with corrosion-resistant wire cloth screening, hardware cloth, perforated vinyl or similar material with openings having a least dimension of $\frac{1}{8}$ inch (3.2 mm) minimum and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6.4 mm) maximum. Openings in roof framing members shall conform to the requirements of Section R802.2. Required ventilation openings shall open directly to the outside air and shall be protected to prevent the entry of birds, rodents, snakes and other similar creatures.

R806.2 Minimum vent area. The minimum net free ventilating area shall be $\frac{1}{300}$ of the area of the enclosed space.

Exception. The minimum net free ventilation area shall be $\frac{1}{150}$ of the vented space provided both of the following conditions are met:

- In Climate Zones 6, 7 and 8, a Class I or II vapor retarder is installed on the warm-in-winter side of the ceiling.
- Not less than 40 percent and not more than 50 percent of the required ventilating area is provided by ventilators located in the upper portion of the attic or other space. Upper ventilators shall be located not more than 3 feet (914 mm) below the ridge or highest point of the space, measured vertically. The balance of the required ventilation provided shall be located in the bottom one-third of the attic space. Where the location of wall or roof framing members conflicts with the installation of upper ventilators, installation more than 3 feet (914 mm) below the ridge or highest point of the space shall be permitted.

R806.3 Vent and insulation clearance. Where attic or rafter spaces are installed blocking, bledges and insulation shall not block the free flow of air. Not less than a 1-inch (25 mm) space shall be provided between the insulation and the roof sheathing and at the location of the vent.

R806.4 Insulation and weather protection. Ventilators shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Installation of ventilators in roof systems shall be in accordance with the requirements of Section R903. Installation of ventilators in wall systems shall be in accordance with the requirements of Section R703.1.

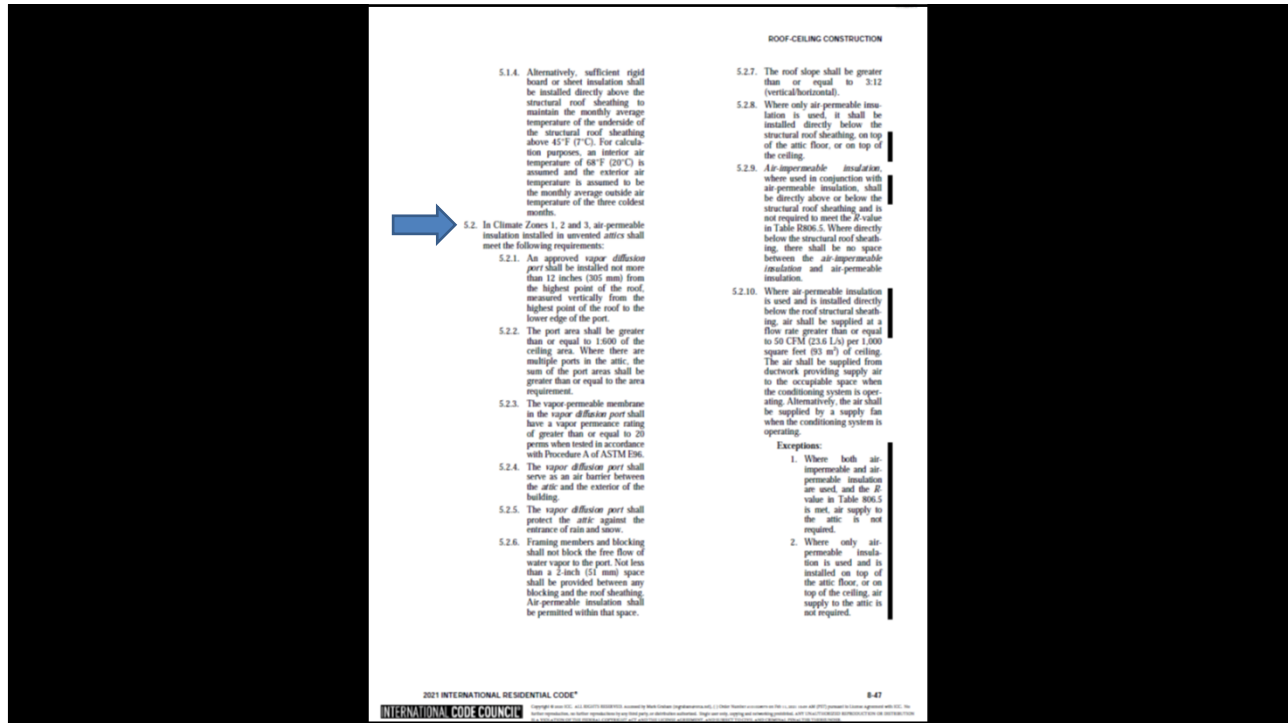
R806.5 Unvented attic and enclosed rafter assemblies. Unvented attic and enclosed rafter framing assemblies created by ceilings that are applied directly to the underside of the roof framing members and structural roof sheathing applied directly to the top of the roof framing members/rafters, shall be permitted where all the following conditions are met:

- The unvented attic space is completely within the building thermal envelope.
- Insulation Class I vapor retarders are not installed on the ceiling side (air side) of the unvented attic assembly or on the ceiling side of the unvented enclosed roof framing assembly.
- Where wood shingles or shakes are used, a minimum $\frac{1}{8}$ inch (3.2 mm) vented airspace separates the shingles or shakes and the ceiling underlayment above the structural sheathing.
- In Climate Zones 6, 7, 8, and 9, any air-impermeable insulation shall be a Class II vapor retarder, or shall have a Class II vapor retarder coating or covering in direct contact with the underside of the insulation.
- Insulation shall comply with Item 5.1 and other Item 5.1.1 or 5.2:
 - 5.1. Item 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.1.3 or 5.1.4 shall be met, depending on the air permeability of the insulation directly under the structural roof sheathing.
 - 5.1.1. Where only air-impermeable insulation is provided, it shall be applied in direct contact with the underside of the structural roof sheathing.
 - 5.1.2. Where air-permeable insulation is installed directly below the structural sheathing, rigid board or sheet insulation shall be installed directly above the structural roof sheathing in accordance with the R-values in Table R806.5 for condensation control.
 - 5.1.3. Where both air-impermeable and air-permeable insulation are provided, the air-impermeable insulation shall be applied in direct contact with the underside of the structural roof sheathing in accordance with Item 5.1.1 and shall be in accordance with the R-values in Table R806.5 for condensation control. The air-permeable insulation shall be installed directly under the air-impermeable insulation.

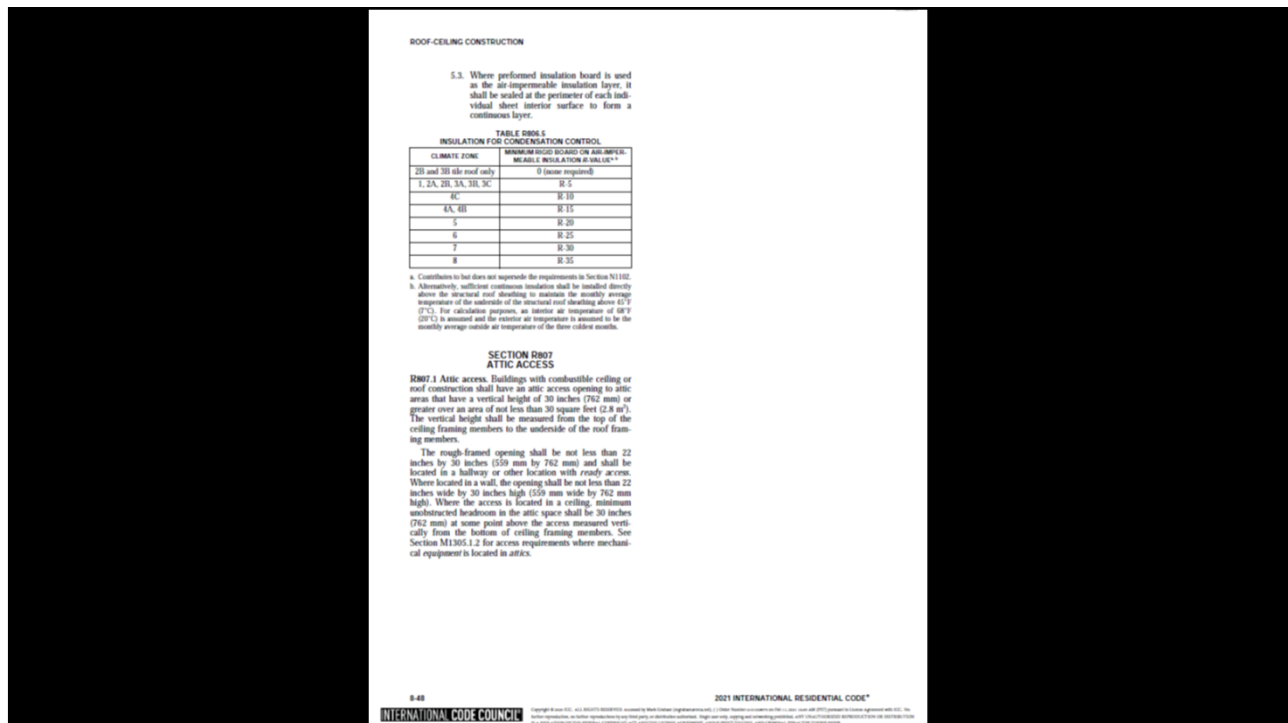
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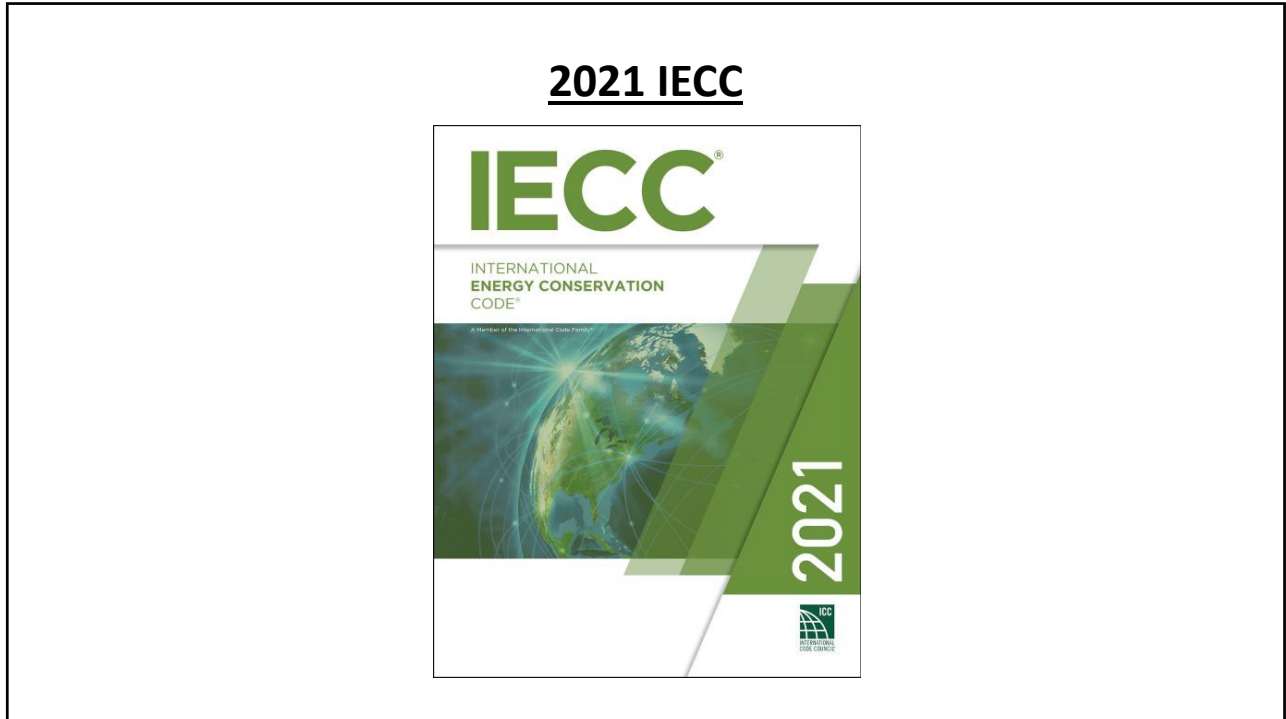
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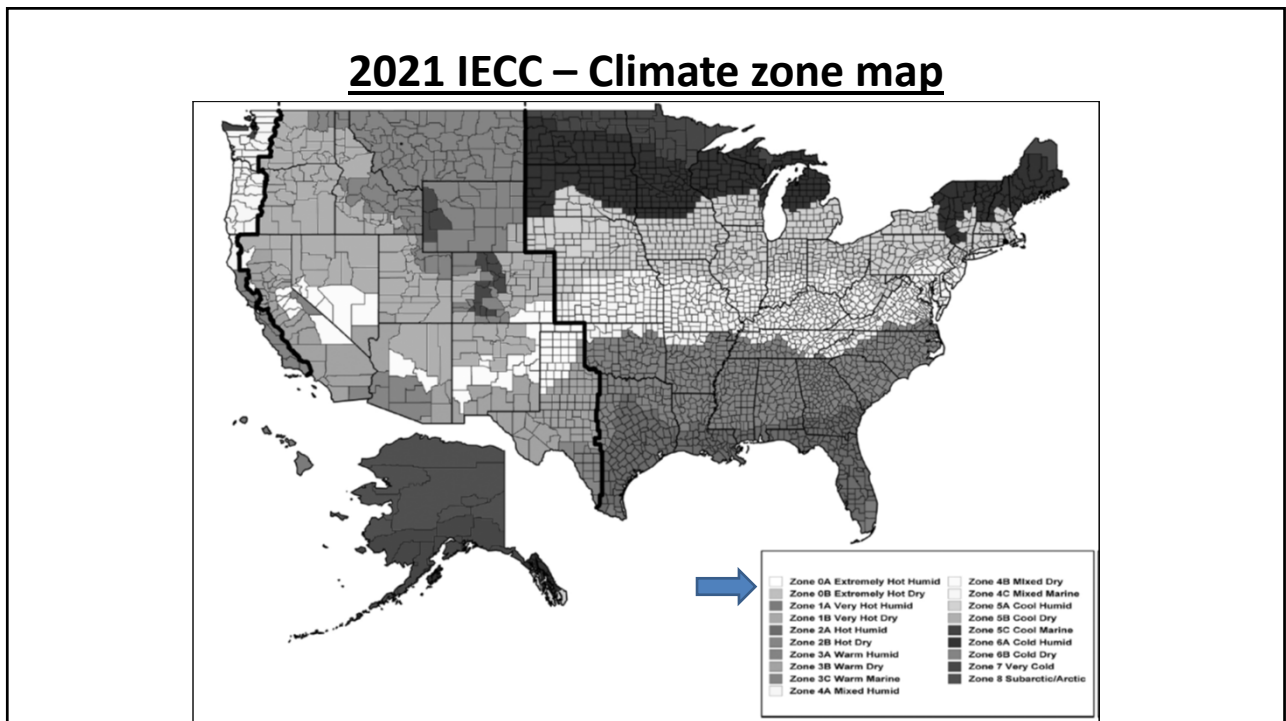
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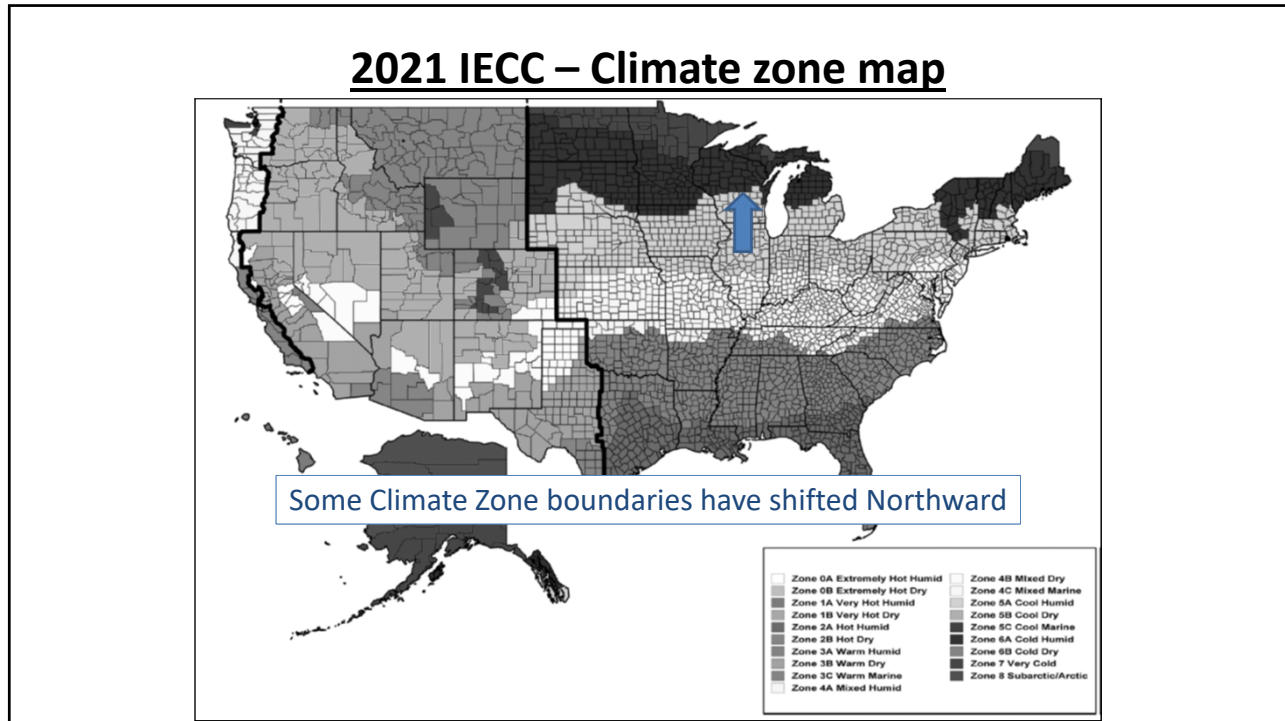
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2021 IECC Commercial – Tapered insulation

C402.1.4.2 Thermal resistance of cold-formed steel wall assemblies

$R_w = 1 / (R_1 + (R_2 / C))$ (Equation 4-1)

where:

- R_w = The cumulative R-value of the wall component along the path of heat transfer, excluding the cavity insulation and steel stud.
- R_2 = The effective R-value of the cavity insulation with steel studs as specified in Table C402.1.4.2.

NOMINAL STUD SPACING (inches)	SPACING OF INSULATION (inches)	GAUZY AVERAGE (inches)	CORRECTION FACTOR (C)	EFFECTIVE R-VALUE (R _w)
P ₁	16	13	0.48	5.98
		13	0.42	6.40
P ₂	24	13	0.32	7.80
		13	0.27	7.60
6	16	13	0.35	7.33
		13	0.45	8.33
6	24	13	0.40	8.00
		13	0.35	7.75

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Fl, Df = Fl Proposed - Fl Table

Fl Proposed = Proposed F-factor × Perimeter length

Fl Table = F-factor specified in Table C402.1.4 - Perimeter length

C = Sum of the (C-A, Df) values for each distinct below-grade wall assembly type of the building thermal envelope.

CA Df = CA Proposed - CA Table

CA Proposed = Proposed C-value × Area

CA Table = Maximum allowable C-factor specified in Table C402.1.4 - Area

When the proposed vertical glazing area is less than or equal to the maximum vertical glazing area allowed by Section C402.1.1, the value of D (Excess Vertical Glazing Value) shall be zero. Otherwise:

D = (DA × UV) - (DA × U Wall), but not less than zero.

DA = (Proposed Vertical Glazing Area) - (Allowed Vertical Glazing Area) as allowed by Section C402.1.1.

U Wall = Sum of the (UA Proposed) values for each opaque assembly of the exterior wall.

U Wall = Area-weighted average U-value of all above-grade wall assemblies.

UAV = Sum of the (UA Proposed) values for each vertical glazing assembly.

UV = UAV/total vertical glazing area.

When the proposed skylight area is less than or equal to the skylight area allowed by Section C402.1.1, the value of E (Excess Skylight Value) shall be zero. Otherwise:

E = (EA × US) - (EA × U Roof), but not less than zero.

EA = (Proposed Skylight Area) - (Allowable Skylight Area) as specified in Section C402.1.1.

U Roof = Area-weighted average U-value of all roof assemblies.

UAS = Sum of the (UA Proposed) values for each skylight assembly.

US = (EA × US) - (EA × U Roof), but not less than zero.

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.

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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2021 IECC Commercial – Tapered insulation

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 calculation 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.

C402.2.3 Floors. *R*-values of floor assemblies over a slab shall be based on the average thickness of the slab insulation that is in contact with the underside of the subfloor decking or structural slab. "Mass floors" where used as a component of the thermal envelope of a building shall provide one of the following weights:

1. 15 pounds per square foot (717 kg/m²) of floor surface area.
2. 25 pounds per square foot (122 kg/m²) of floor surface area when the average thickness is not more than 120 mm.

Exceptions:

1. The floor is not a slab.
2. Insulation applied to the underside of concrete floor slabs shall be provided in a space of not more than 1 inch (25 mm) when it tapers up and is in contact with the underside of the floor under walls connected with the building floor and ceiling.

C402.2.4 Slabs on grade. The minimum thermal resistance (*R*-value) of the insulation for unheated or heated slab-on-grade floors designed in accordance with the *R*-value method of Section C402.1.3 shall be as specified in Table C402.1.3.

C402.2.4.1 Insulation installation. Where installed, the perimeter insulation shall be placed on the outside of the foundation or on the inside of the foundation wall. The perimeter insulation shall extend downward from the top of the slab for the minimum distance shown in the table or to the top of the footing, whichever is less, or downward to not less than the bottom of the slab and then horizontally to the interior or exterior for the total distance shown in the table. Insulation extending over from the building shall be protected by pavement or by not less than 12 inches (314 mm) of soil. Where installed, all slab insulation shall be continuous under the entire area of the slab-on-grade floor, except at structural column locations and service penetrations. Insulation required at the heated slab side of the

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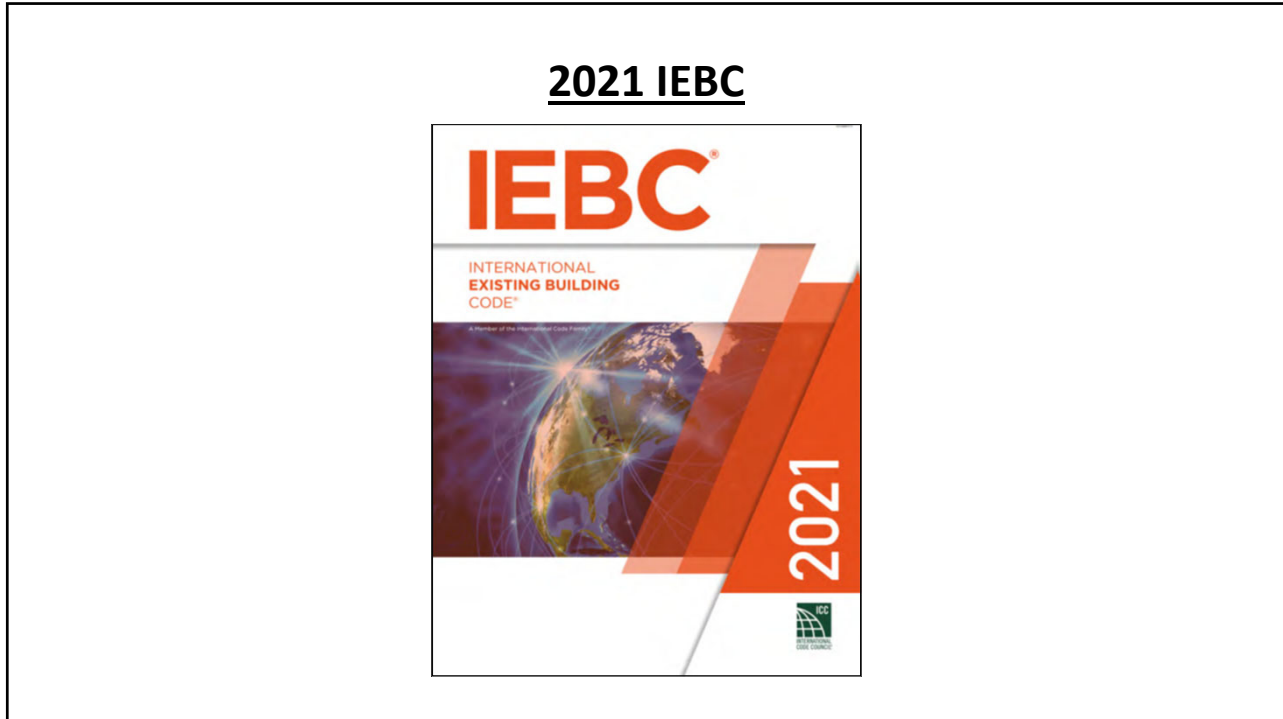
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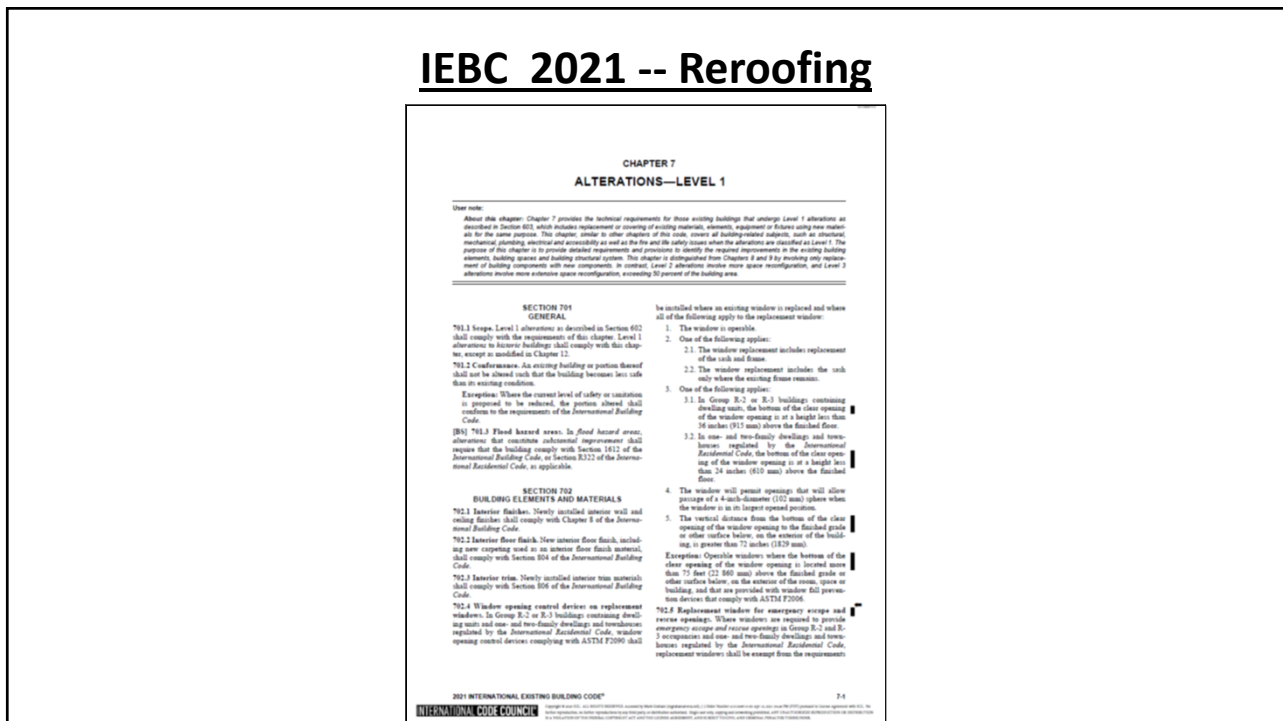
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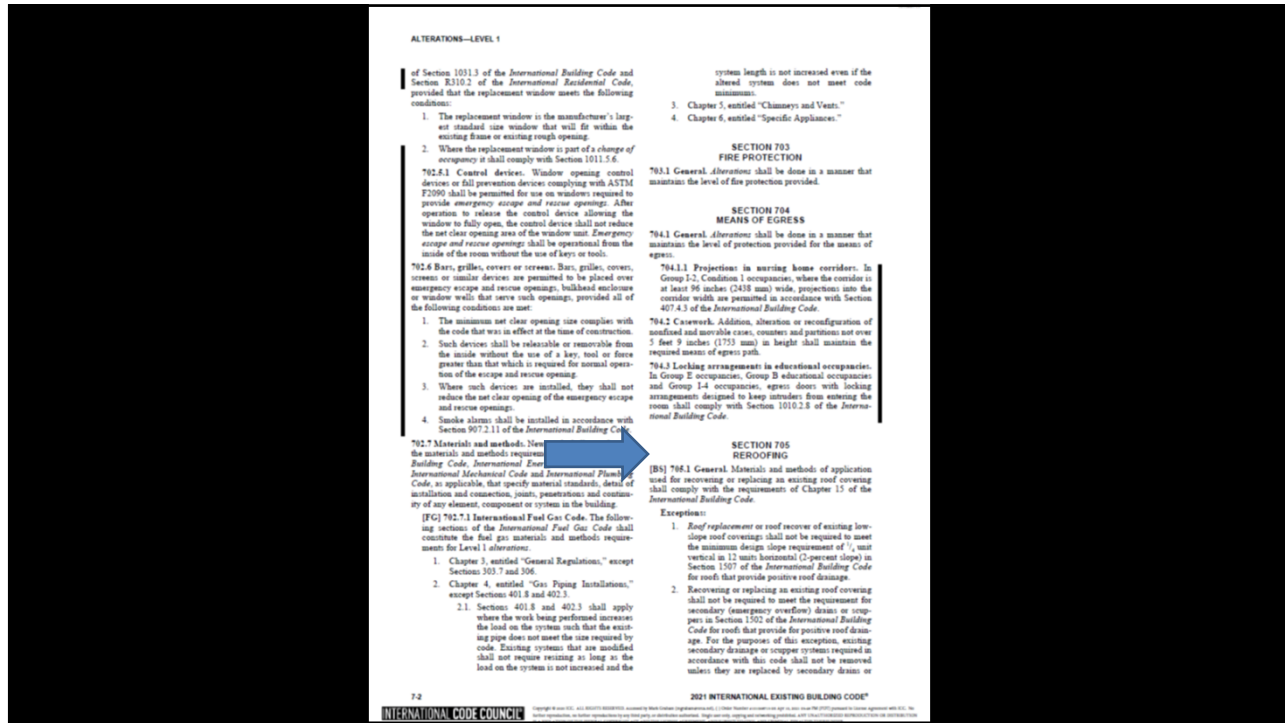
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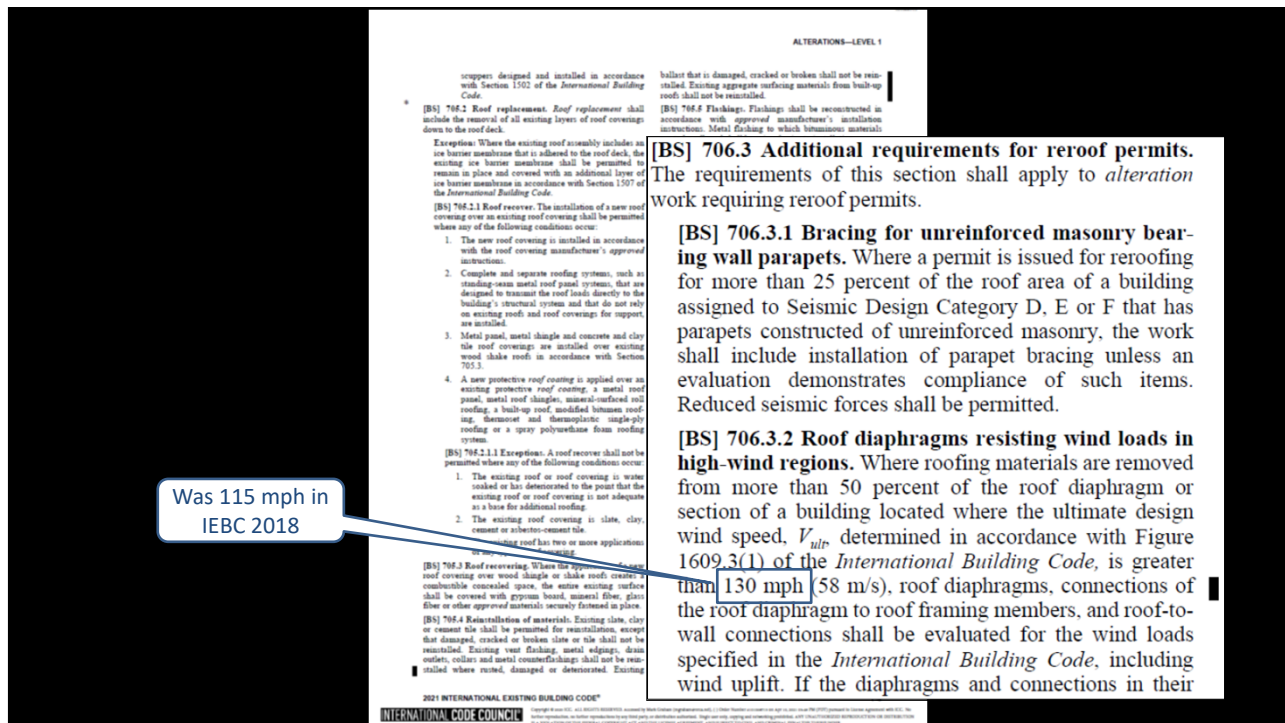
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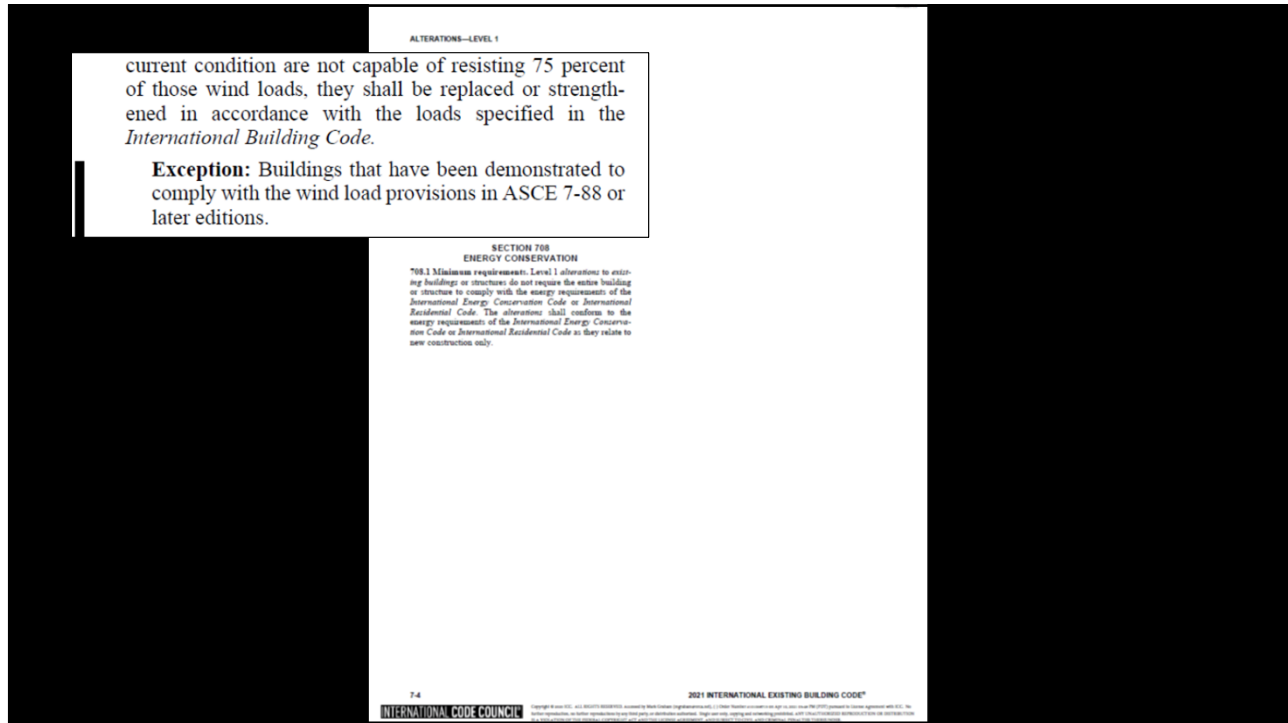
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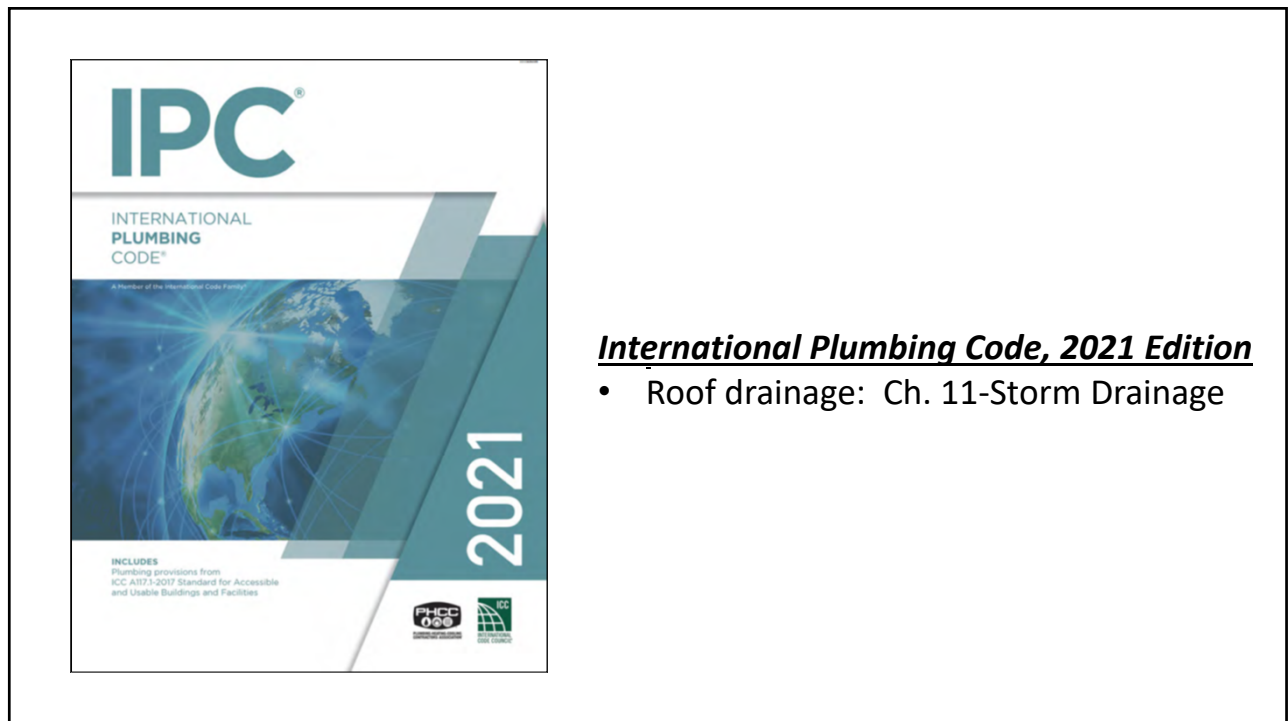
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1102.5 Subsoil drain pipe. Subsoil drains shall be open-jointed, horizontally split or perforated pipe conforming to one of the standards listed in Table 1102.5.

1102.6 Roof drains. Roof drains shall conform to ASME A112.3.1 or ASME A112.6.4. Roof drains, other than siphonic roof drains, shall be tested and rated in accordance with ASME A112.6.4 or ASPE/IAPMO Z1034.

SECTION 1103 TRAPS

1103.1 Main trap. Leaders and storm drains connected to a combined sewer shall be trapped. Individual storm water traps shall be installed on the storm water drain branch serving each conductor, or a single trap shall be installed in the main storm drain just before its connection with the combined building sewer or the public sewer. Leaders and storm drains connected to a building storm sewer shall not be required to be trapped.

1103.2 Material. Storm water traps shall be of the same material as the piping system to which they are attached.

1103.3 Size. Traps for individual conductors shall be the same size as the horizontal drain to which they are connected.

1103.4 Cleanout. A cleanout shall be installed on the building side of the trap and shall be provided with access.

SECTION 1104 CONDUCTORS AND CONNECTIONS

1104.1 Prohibited use. Conductor pipes shall not be used as soil, waste or vent pipes, and soil, waste or vent pipes shall not be used as conductors.

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.

TABLE 1102.5 SUBSOIL DRAIN PIPE

MATERIAL	STANDARD
Cast iron pipe	ASTM A74, ASTM A888, C151, 301
Polyethylene (PE) plastic pipe	ASTM F402, ASTM F1602, CSA B182.1, CSA B182.6, CSA B182.8
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe (type sewer pipe)	ASTM D2728, ASTM D3034, ASTM F801, CSA B182.2, CSA B182.4
Stainless steel drainage systems, Type 316L	ASME A112.3.1
Veriflow® clay pipe	ASTM C6, ASTM C790

TABLE 1102.7 PIPE FITTINGS

MATERIAL	STANDARD
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) plastic	ASTM D2651, ASTM D3311, CSA B181.1
Cast iron	ASME B16.4, ASME B16.12, ASTM A14, ASTM A888, C151, 301
Controlled composite ABS and drain DR PS in PS21, PS26, PS100, PS140, PS200	ASTM D2751
Controlled composite ABS DWV Schedule 40 IPS, PPR (solid or cellular core)	ASTM D2661, ASTM D3311, ASTM F628
Controlled composite PVC DWV Schedule 40 IPS, DR, (solid or cellular core)	ASTM D2662, ASTM D3311, ASTM F801
Controlled composite PVC sewer and drain DR PS in PS21, PS26, PS100, PS140, PS200	ASTM D3304
Copper or copper alloy	ASME B16.11, ASME B16.18, ASME B16.21, ASME B16.26, ASME B16.29
Gray iron and ductile iron	AWWA C110/A21.10
Malleable iron	ASME B16.3
Plastic, general	ASTM F409
Polyethylene (PE) plastic pipe	ASTM F2369/F2369M
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic	ASTM D2662, ASTM D3311, ASTM F1866
Stainless steel drainage systems, Type 316L	ASME A112.3.1
Steel	ASME B16.9, ASME B16.11, ASME B16.20

1104.2 Floor drains. Floor drains shall not be connected to a storm 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 Figures 1106.1(1) through 1106.1(5) or on other rainfall rates determined from approved local weather data.

1106.2 Size of storm drain piping. Vertical and horizontal storm drain piping shall be sized based on the flow rate through the roof drain. The flow rate, as calculated in accordance with Section 1106.2.1, shall be checked against the roof drain manufacturer's published flow rate for the specific roof drain model and size to verify that the selected roof drain will handle the anticipated flow. The flow rate in storm drain piping shall not exceed that specified in Table 1106.2.

1106.2.1 Rainfall rate conversion method. The rainfall rate falling on a roof surface shall be converted to a gallon per minute (L/m) flow rate in accordance with Equation 11-1.

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where:
 R = Rainfall intensity in inches (mm) per hour.
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		% OF VERTICAL DRAIN		% OF HORIZONTAL DRAIN	
		$\frac{1}{2}$ inch per foot	$\frac{3}{4}$ inch per foot	$\frac{1}{2}$ inch per foot	$\frac{3}{4}$ inch per foot
2	34	15	22	31	44
3	87	39	54	76	111
4	180	81	115	163	231
5	311	137	185	234	331
6	538	243	344	487	689
8	1,117	505	714	1,019	1,429
10	2,550	927	1,311	1,851	2,623
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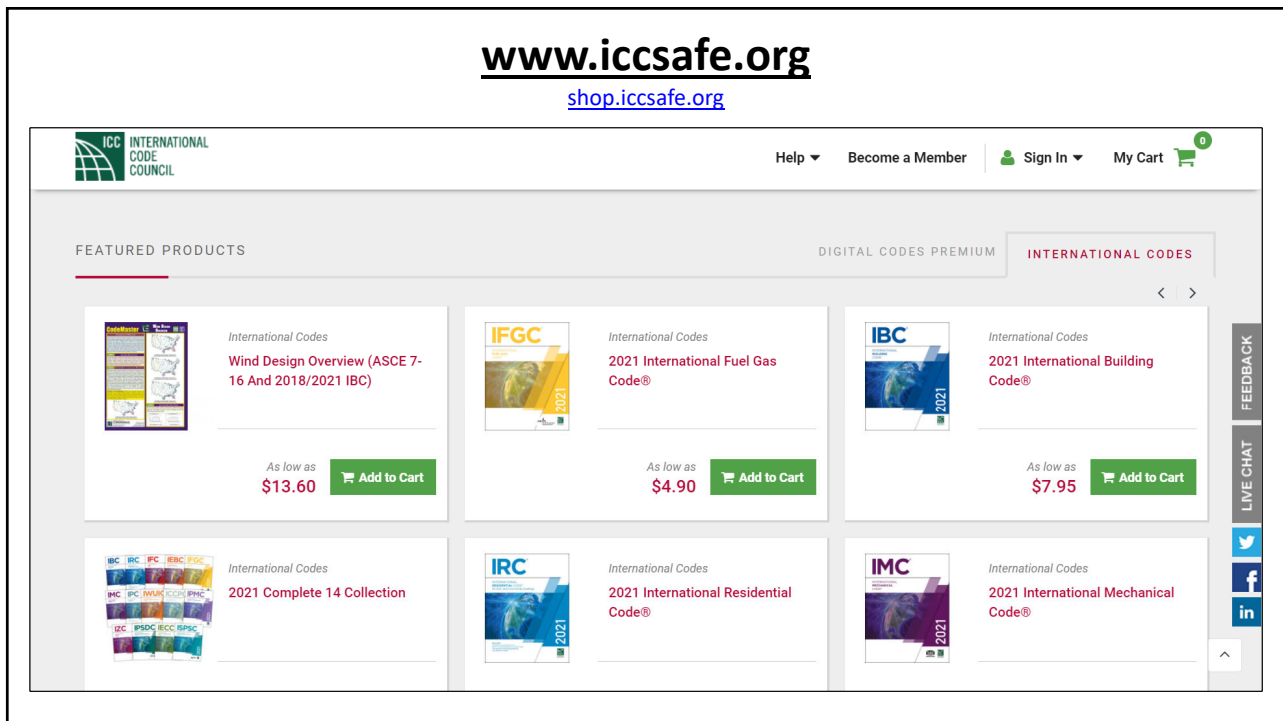
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