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## **Product knowledge**



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## **Topics**

- Asphalt shingles
- Asphalt
- Lightweight structural concrete roof decks
- Energy Code update
- Tapered insulation
- New LTTR values



## **Asphalt shingles**

- ASTM D225 (organic shingles)



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## **Asphalt shingles**

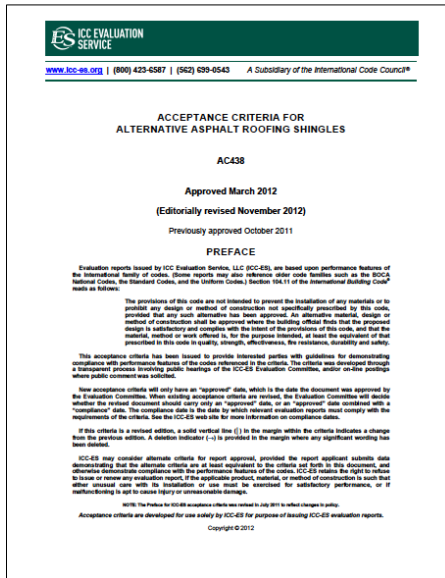
- ~~ASTM D225 (organic shingles)~~
- ASTM D3462 (fiberglass shingles)
- ICC-ES AC 438 (alternative asphalt shingles)



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## ICC-ES AC438

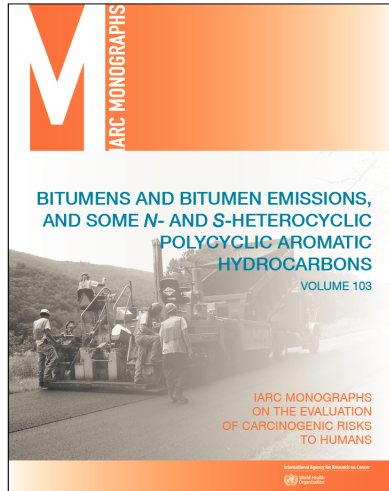


- Alternative acceptance
- No weight/mass testing
- No tear strength testing
- ASTM E108 Class C
- ASTM D7158 Class D
- Weather resistance
  - Break strength
- Temperature cycling
- Wind-driven rain

## Asphalt



## Asphalt



### *IARC Monograph – 103:*

- Group 2A –Probably carcinogenic to humans
- Pgs. 160 – 165 specific to “Roofing workers exposed to bitumens”

No new regulation (yet)



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## Some terminology...

**Flash point (FP):** the lowest temperature at which asphalt vapors above a volatile combustible substance can ignite in air when exposed to an ignition source; tested using ASTM D92.

**Equiviscous temperature (EVT):** the temperature at which asphalt attains proper viscosity (flow rate) for built-up membrane application; tested using ASTM D4402 – 125 cP (mop application) and 75 cP (mechanical spreader application).



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### Some more terminology...

**EVT application range:** the recommended bitumen application range. The range is approximately 25 F above or below the EVT, thus giving a range of approximately 50 F. The EVT is measured in the mop cart or mechanical spreader just prior to application of bitumen to the substrate.



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### NRCA recommends...

“...NRCA recommends designers specify asphalt with a sufficiently high enough FP temperature to provide a minimum 125-degree differential between an asphalt’s EVT and FP temperature to allow for proper application of built-up membranes.”



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### NRCA asphalt testing -- 1989

- 26 asphalt samples
- EVT's:
  - Type III (mop) 375 – 450 F
  - Type III (spreader) 400 – 500 F
  - Type IV (mop) 395 – 475 F
  - Type IV (spreader) 425 – 505 F
- FP's:
  - Not reported



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### NRCA asphalt testing -- 2000

- 19 asphalt lots sampled
- EVT's:
  - Type III (mop) 390 – 440 F
  - Type III (spreader) 415 – 470 F
- FP's: 585 – 640 F
- ASTM D312 compliance:
  - 10 of 19 did not comply



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### **NRCA asphalt testing – 2014 (to date)**

- 14 asphalt lots (7 suppliers) sampled
- EVTs:
  - Type III (mop) 424 – 462 F
  - Type III (spreader) 452 – 486 F
  - Type IV (mop) 455 – 482 F
  - Type IV (spreader) 480 – 506 F
- FPs: 615 – 660 F
- 10 of 14 do not comply with ASTM D312's physical property requirements



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### **Proposed revision to ASTM D312**

- Maximum heating temp.: 550 F (575 F min. FP)
- Maximum EVTs:
  - Type III (mop) 430 F
  - Type III (spreader) 455 F
  - Type IV (mop) 470 F
  - Type IV (spreader) 485 F
- Lot-specific package labeling of EVT



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### **NRCA's interim recommendations**

- Consult manufacturers' installation requirements and MSDS.
- Carefully select asphalt
- Beware of actual FPs; max. heating temp. should be FP – 25 F
- Beware of actual EVT's
- Make field crews aware



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### **Moisture-related concerns with lightweight structural concrete roof decks**



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## NRCA Industry Issue Update, August 2013


INDUSTRY ISSUE UPDATE

NRCA Member Benefit

### Moisture in Lightweight Structural Concrete Roof Decks

Concrete Moisture Presents Challenges for Roofing Contractors

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

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

Normal-weight structural concrete is what most people think of as concrete; it has a density of about 150 pounds per cubic foot (pcf). Lightweight structural concrete has structural load-carrying capabilities similar to normal-weight structural concrete; it has a density in the range of 85 to 120 pcf. Lightweight insulating concrete, which many roofing professionals are familiar with as an insulating, slope-to-drain deck topping, typically has a density in the range from 20 to 40 pcf.

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

The primary difference in the composition of normal-weight structural concrete and lightweight structural concrete is the large aggregate type. Normal-weight structural concrete contains normal-weight aggregates such as stone or crushed gravel, which are dense and typically will absorb no more moisture than about 2 percent by weight. Lightweight structural concrete uses lightweight, porous aggregates such as expanded shale, which will absorb about 9 to 23 percent moisture by weight. Lightweight aggregate needs to be saturated with moisture—it's often soaked in ponds—before mixing. As a result, lightweight structural concrete inherently contains much more water than normal-weight structural concrete.

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

Once poured, lightweight structural concrete typically cannot be easily distinguished from normal-weight structural concrete. Visual identification is possible using magnification, typically a microscope used by a trained technician.

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

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




## Conclusions

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

### Conclusions - continued

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

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



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### *International Energy Conservation Code, 2012 Edition*



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## Roofing-related changes

*International Energy Conservation Code, 2012 Edition*

- R-value increases
- Mandatory roof reflectivity requirements in Climate Zones 1-3
- Mandatory air barrier requirements in Climate Zones 4-8

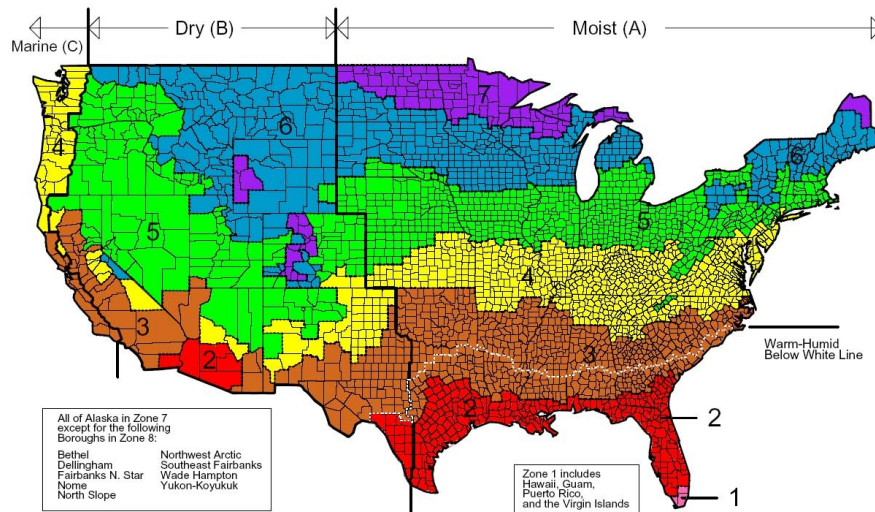


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## Climate zones

IECC 2012, Section C301 and Sec. R301—Climate Zones



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## Roofing-specific adaptation of Table R402.1

*International Energy Conservation Code, 2012 Edition*

Climate zone	Ceiling R-value
1	30
2	38
3	
4	
5	49
6	
7	
8	

<sup>a</sup> R-values are minimums. ...  
[Other footnotes omitted for clarity]



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## Roofing-specific adaptation of Table C402.2

*International Energy Conservation Code, 2012 Edition*

Climate zone	Roof assembly configuration		
	Insulation entirely above deck	Metal buildings (with R-5 thermal blocks)	Attic and other
1	R-20ci	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-38
2			
3			
4	R-25 ci	R-25 + R-11 LS	R-49
5			
6	R-30ci	R-30 + R-11 LS	
7	R-35ci	R-30 + R-11 LS	
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ci = Continuous insulation  
LS = Liner system (a continuous membrane installed below the purlins and uninterrupted by framing members; uncompressed, faced insulation rests on top of the membrane between the purlins)

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## ***International Energy Conservation Code, 2012 Edition***

### **Status of states' adoptions**

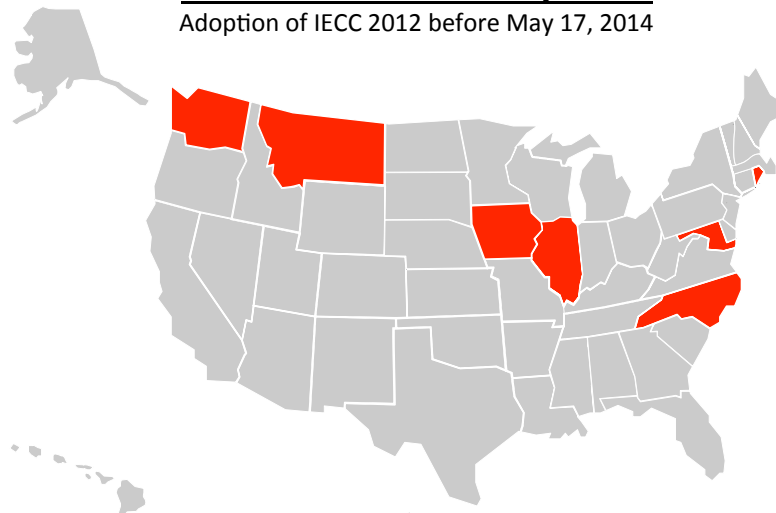


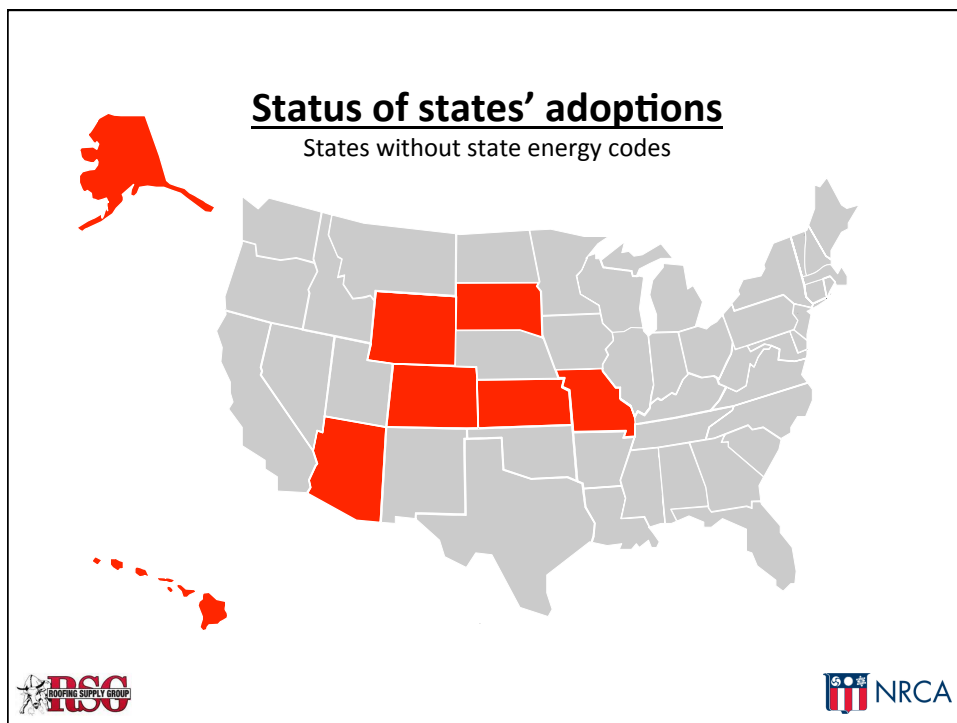
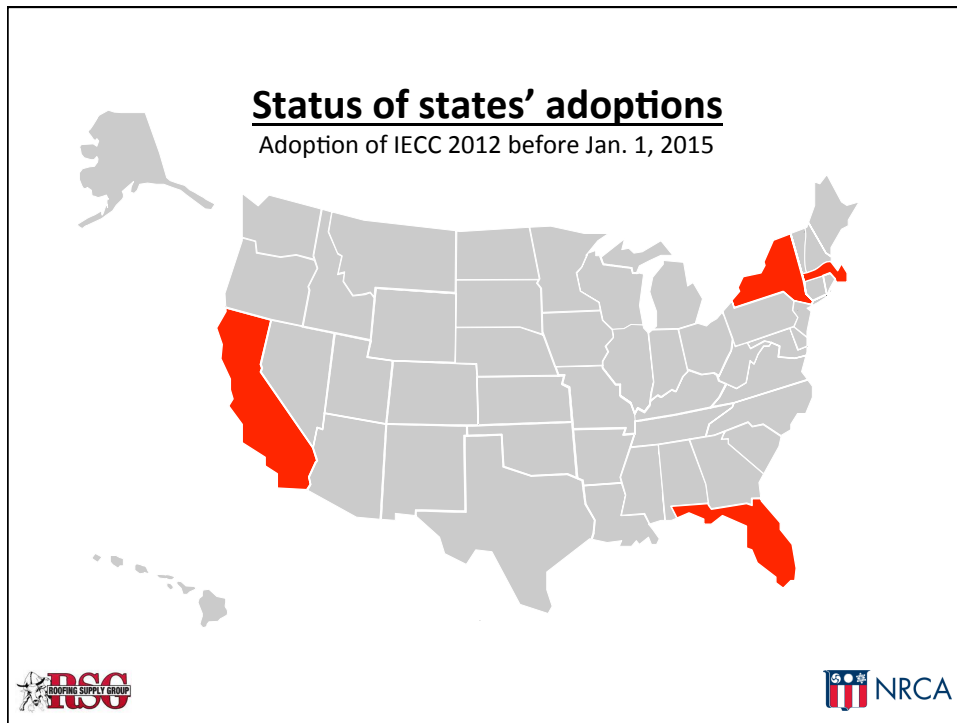
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### **Status of states' adoptions**

Adoption of IECC 2012 before May 17, 2014









## **Some conclusions**

*International Energy Conservation Code, 2012 Edition*

- Beware of which Energy Code is applicable
- Be knowledgeable of Energy Code update adoptions
- Comply with the Energy Code



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## **Tapered insulation**



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## Tapered insulation

*International Energy Conservation Code, 2012 Edition*

**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 C402.2, based on construction materials used in the roof assembly. Skylight curbs shall be insulated to the level of roofs with insulation entirely above deck or  $R$ -5, whichever is less.

### **Exceptions:**

1. Continuously insulated roof assemblies where the thickness of insulation varies 1 inch (25 mm) or less and where the area-weighted  $U$ -factor is equivalent to the same assembly with the  $R$ -value specified in Table C402.2.
2. ...

IECC Commentary indicates Exception 1 applies to tapered insulation systems.



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## 2012 IECC Code and Commentary

Tapered insulation

“...The exception to this section permits a roof that is “continuously insulated” to have areas that do not meet the required  $R$ -values, provided that the area-weighted values are equivalent to the specified insulation values. This type of insulation referred to as tapered insulation is where the roof insulation varies to provide slope for drainage....”

[continued...]



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## 2012 IECC Code and Commentary

### Tapered insulation

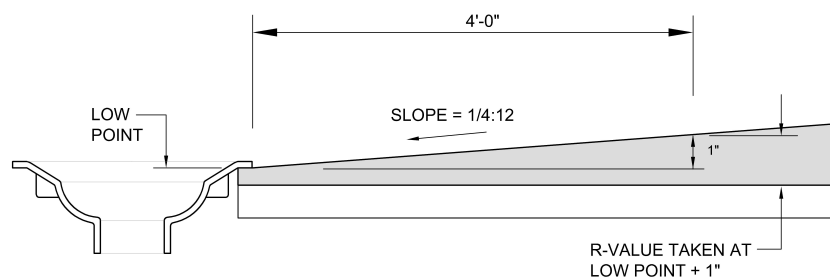
“...This 1-inch (25 mm) limitation does not prevent the provisions from being applied to roofs that have a greater variation; it simply does not allow the additional thickness to be factored into the average insulation values. Where the variation exceeds 1 inch (25 mm), it would be permissible to go to the thinnest spot and measure the  $R$ -value at that point (for the example call this Point “a”). Then go to a point that is 1 inch (25 mm) thicker than Point “a” and measure the  $R$ -value there (for the example, call this Point “b”). The remaining portions of the roof that are thicker than the additional 1-inch (25 mm) portion (Point “b”) would simply be assumed to have the same  $R$ -value that Point “b” had. All portions of the roof that meet or exceed the Point “b”  $R$ -value would simply use the Point “b”  $R$ -value when determining the area weighted  $U$ -factor for the roof. “



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## Graphically depicted...



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## New LTTR values



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## Thermal resistance (R)

ASTM C518, “ Standard Test Method for Steady-state Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Heat Flow Meter Apparatus”

-- Originally published in 1963  
Current edition is 2010



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## **Theory of foam aging**

ASTM C1303, Appendix X3-Theory of Foam Aging

- R-value of most foam insulations is affected by the gas mixture in the foam
  - R-value of most blowing agents is greater than that of air.
  - R-value of foam insulation is greater when there is more blowing agent and less air



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## **Theory of foam aging -- continued**

ASTM C1303, Appendix X3-Theory of Foam Aging

- For rigid, closed-cell foams, diffusion plays a role:
  - Air diffuses into cells
  - Blowing agent diffuses out of cells or partially dissolves into the polymer matrix
- Diffusion rate depends upon:
  - Type of polymer
  - Type of gas
  - Foam structure
  - Temperature
  - Pressure



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## **Long-term thermal resistance (LTTR)**

- ASTM C1303, “Standard Test Method for Predicting Long-Term Thermal Resistance of Closed-Cell Foam Insulation”
- CAN/ULC-S770, “Standard Test Method for Determination of Long-Term Thermal Resistance of Closed-Cell Thermal Insulating Foams



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## **PIMA Quality Mark<sup>cm</sup> program**

- Established in 2003
- Implemented on January 1, 2004
- Report LTTR values based upon CAN/ULC-S770-03
- Third party administration by FM Global



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Insulation thickness	LTTR
1.0 inch (25 mm)	6.0
1.5 inches (38 mm)	9.0
1.7 inches (43 mm)	10.3
1.8 inches (46 mm)	10.9
2.0 inches (51 mm)	12.1
2.5 inches (64 mm)	15.3
2.7 inches (69 mm)	16.6
3.0 inches (76 mm)	18.5
3.3 inches (84 mm)	20.4
3.5 inches (89 mm)	21.7
4.0 inches (102 mm)	25.0

"Tech today," *Professional Roofing*, November 2002

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### **Revision to the PIMA Quality Mark<sup>cm</sup> program**

- Report LTTR values based upon:
  - ASTM C1303-11
  - CAN/ULC-S770-09
- Effective date of January 1, 2014



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## New minimum LTTR values

PIMA Quality Mark<sup>cm</sup> program (minimum values)

Revised LTTR values		
Thickness (inches)	New LTTR values per inch thickness	New LTTR values per thickness
1	5.6	5.6
2	5.7	11.4
3	5.8	17.4
4	5.9	23.6

"Tech today," *Professional Roofing*, August 2013

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## Comparing existing vs. new LTTR values

Thickness	LTTR (2004 – 2013)	New LTTR (2014 –)
1 inch	6.0	5.6
1.5 inches	9.0	8.6
2 inches	12.1	11.4
3 inches	18.5	17.4
4 inches	25.0	23.6



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### Some concerns

Design/bid/construction scenarios:

- Projects designed in 2013, but will be constructed in 2014
- Projects bid in 2013, but will be constructed in 2014
- Projects designed and bid in 2014 using outdated LTTR values



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**NRCA recommends designers specify  
polyisocyanurate insulation by thickness  
– not R-value or LTTR.**



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## **Some words of caution...**

Do not use the terms “R-value” and “LTTR” interchangeably.



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## **Questions?**



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- Established by MRCA in 1986
- Joint agreement with NRCA beginning in 2003
- 1,600+ trainers
- 21,000+ applicators
- Substantially improved fire safety record



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**roofwinddesigner.com**

- Developed jointly by NRCA, MRCA and NERCA
- No cost to users
- Determine building-specific wind loads:
  - ASCE 7-05
  - ASCE 7-10
- Determine required wind resistances
- 14,827 projects



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## EnergyWise Roof Calculator

[energywise.nrca.net](http://energywise.nrca.net)

- Developed by NRCA in cooperation with the Roofing Industry Alliance for Progress
- Determine R-value requirements:
  - IECC 2006 and 2012
  - IgCC 2012
  - ASHRAE 90.1-99, -04, -07, -10 and -13
  - ASHRAE 189.1-09
- Calculates heating/cooling costs
- Verifies proper vapor retarder placement
- 7,457 projects



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