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NRCA Technical Operations Committee:
Technical programs and issues



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Committee objectives

- Manage and direct NRCA's technical activities, including NRCA's technical committees and task forces
- Direct and manage CERTA in conjunction with MRCA's T & R Committee
- Determine contractor members' technical needs and establish technical priorities.
- Recommend to NRCA's Chairman of the Board establishment of committees and task forces to meet those needs
- Recommend to NRCA's Executive Committee actions necessary to carry out NRCA's technical programs
- Oversee NRCA's technical research projects and, where appropriate, report to NRCA members on these projects
- Report on significant technical developments



Past program topics

2015 (New Orleans):

- ASTM D312 (mopping asphalt) revision
- Polyiso. R-value testing
- Water-based adhesive testing
- Concrete deck moisture issues
- Steel roof deck concerns
- Energy code adoption status



2014 (Las Vegas):

- Water-based adhesives study
- Steel roof deck issues
- Lightweight structural concrete
- Asphalt: IARC, EVT and FP
- R-value payback vs. energy code



2013 (San Antonio):

- IBHS commercial wind test
- Cold weather application
- FM 4470 revision (steel roof decks)
- Air barriers



2012 (Orlando):

- MB sheet testing
- TPO membranes (thickness)
- Slip-resistance testing
- Water-based adhesives (cold weather)
- Asphalt: IARC 2A classification
- Alternative asphalt shingles (AC 438)



Many any of these topics are still applicable today,....
but we will move on to some new issues.

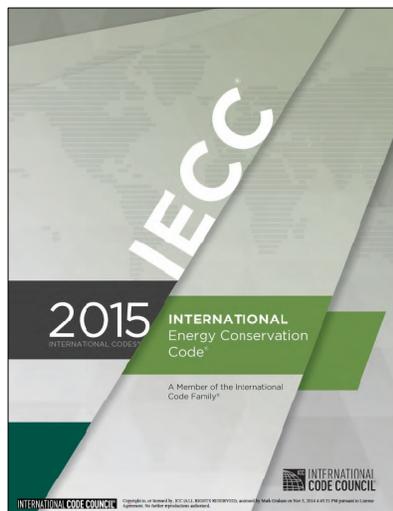


Dave Tilsen

Chairman, NRCA Technical Operations Committee



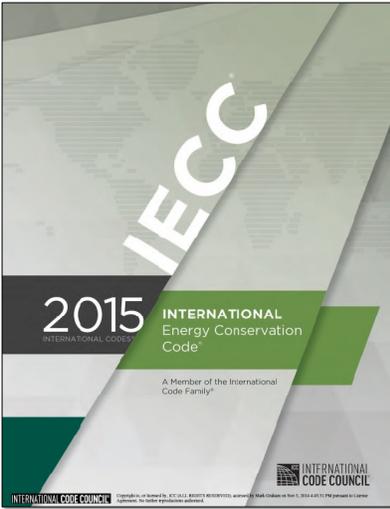
Implementation of IECC 2015



Roof requirements:

- R-value
- Roof reflectivity
- Air retarder





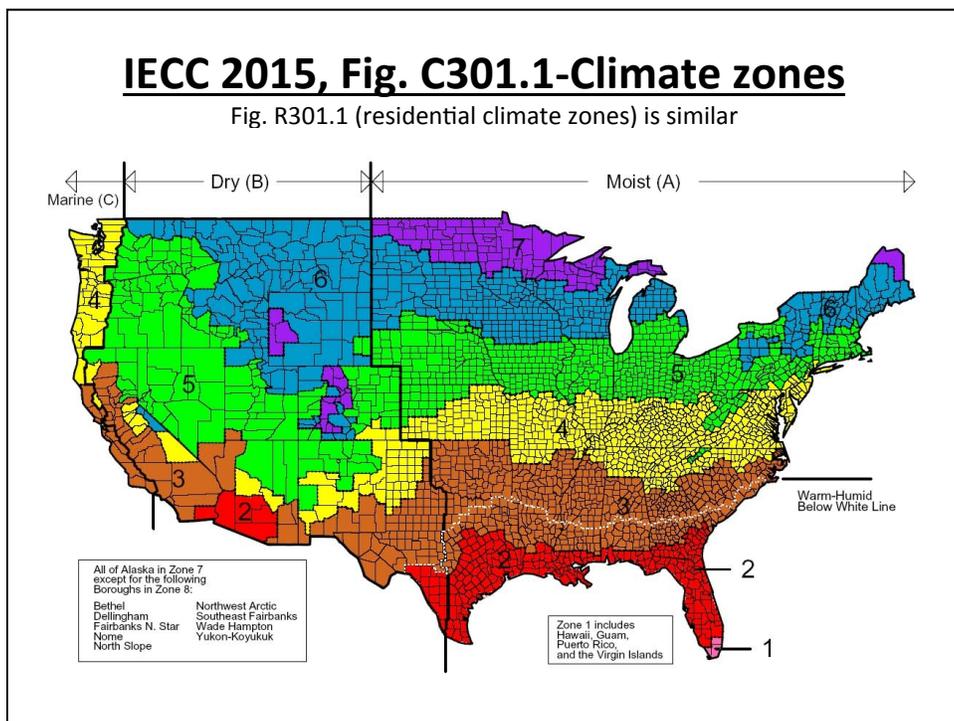
Commercial buildings:

- All except “Residential Buildings”

Residential buildings:

- One- and two-family dwellings, multiple single-family dwellings and Group R-2, R-3 and R-4 buildings three stories or less



Minimum R-value – Residential

IECC 2015: Residential – Table R402.1.2-Insulation Requirement by Component

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

Note: Values are similar to IECC 2012



Minimum R-value – Commercial

IECC 2015: Commercial Buildings (Insulation component R-value-based method)

Climate zone	Assembly description			
	Insulation entirely above deck	Metal buildings	Attic and other	
1	R-20ci (all other)	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-38	
	R-25ci (Group R)			
2	R-25ci			R-38 (except Marine 4)
3				
4	R-30ci		R-38 (all other) R-49 (Group R, Marine 4)	
5				
6			R-25 + R-11 LS	R-49
7	R-35ci		R-30 + R-11 LS	
8				

ci = Continuous insulation; LS = Liner system
 Note: Shaded values denote increases over IECC 2012

Reflectivity

International Energy Conservation Code, 2015 Edition (Commercial)

In Climate Zones 1-3, for low-slope roofs over conditioned spaces:

Roof Reflectivity requirements

Three-year solar reflectance of 0.55 and
3-year aged thermal emittance of 0.75

Three-year-aged solar reflectance index of 64



Air barrier

International Energy Conservation Code, 2015 Edition (Commercial), Sec. C402.5

“A continuous building envelope air barrier shall be provided throughout the building envelope...” (Except 2B)

Test methods:

- Whole building: Not greater than 0.40 cfm/ft³
- Assembly: Not greater than 0.04 cfm/ft³
- Material: Not greater than 0.004 cfm/ft³
 - Deemed to comply: BUR, MB, adhered single ply and SPF

Air barrier not required in reroofing projects unless also recladding (IECC 2015 only: Sec. C502.4)



Current adoption status

IECC 2015 adopted:

- Illinois
- Maryland
- New Jersey (Residential only)
- Vermont

Adoption pending:

- Texas (Commercial: Sept. 1; Residential: Nov. 1)

Watch for additional state adoptions in 2016



NRCA energy code adoption database

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Energy codes

Most roofing professionals understand a building's roof assembly serves an important role in controlling a building's overall energy efficiency and building owners' heating and cooling costs. However, some may not realize that codes mandate minimum thermal insulation requirements for the energy efficiency of most buildings.

Energy conservation codes usually are adopted by individual states and are applicable to all buildings within that state. Most states have adopted one of several editions of the International Energy Code (IECC), published by the International Code Council (ICC), to serve as the technical basis of their energy codes. In some instances, individual states modify the IECC to address specific regional or local issues.

To assist roofing professionals, NRCA compiled a database of states' current energy code adoption. This information was obtained either from individual states' Web sites or the Department of Energy's "Energy Code's Program's" website, <http://www.energycodes.gov/states/>. Users are encouraged to contact the government agency having jurisdiction to verify the specific energy code(s) applicable to their projects.

Click here to access NRCA's database of energy codes by state.

EnergyWise Roof Calculator Online

IECC provides two methods of determining commercial buildings' minimum insulation requirements: the use of specific tables within the Code or compliance with American Society for Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers Inc. (ASHRAE) Standard 90.1 (ASHRAE 90.1), "Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings," building envelope provisions.

If you want to determine minimum R-value requirements per ASHRAE 90.1, you should consider using EnergyWise Roof Calculator Online.

NRCA, in partnership with The Roofing Industry Alliance for Progress developed EnergyWise Roof Calculator Online, developed this free, Web-based application based in part on the Prescriptive Building Envelope Option contained in ASHRAE Standard 90.1, versions 1999(2001), 2004 and 2007.

EnergyWise Roof Calculator Online also provides a graphical method of constructing roof assemblies to evaluate thermal performance and estimated energy costs under normal operating conditions. This application is intended to be a simplified guide. For complex energy evaluation calculations, consult the ASHRAE Fundamentals Handbook or an experienced mechanical engineer.

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Roofing industry news

Construction unemployment rate rises in January
NRCA Insider: The Ryan Report (Members Only)
NRCA releases January Industry Issue Update (Members Only)

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NRCA's revised polyiso. R-value recommendation

INDUSTRY ISSUE UPDATE
 NRCA Member Benefits

New polyisocyanurate R-values
 NRCA updates its polyisocyanurate insulation recommendations

January 2016

NRCA's LTRR
 In Jan. 1, 2014, Industry Issue Update, "Thinset R-values" provided an overview of the theory of how aging the R-value was affected and the long-term thermal resistance (LTRR) method and NRCA's R-value recommendations associated with the use of polyisocyanurate insulation used in roof systems.

This month, NRCA has revised and updated its recommendations applicable to polyisocyanurate insulation. The following reproduces the previous Industry Issue Update and provides an explanation regarding the changes to NRCA's design to service R-value recommendations.

NRCA's testing
 The 2009 method is a federally mandated standard for testing production of HCFC-141b, the blowing agent that had been used in polyisocyanurate insulation since the early 1990s. Individual polyisocyanurate insulation manufacturers reportedly made the conversion to a third generation hydrocarbon-based (pentane) blowing agent between August 1998 and the first quarter of 2003. Currently, this same general class of blowing agent reportedly still is in use for manufacturing polyisocyanurate insulation.

At the same time, beginning Jan. 1, 2005, U.S. polyisocyanurate insulation manufacturers began using LTRR as the evidence method for reporting the thermal performance of permeable-faced polyisocyanurate insulation such as that used in roof systems.

Since the introduction of the current generation of polyisocyanurate blowing agents and implementation of the LTRR method, NRCA has conducted three R-value test programs applicable to polyisocyanurate insulation. NRCA also is aware of two additional test programs conducted by others that have shown results similar to NRCA's results.

During 2005, NRCA and the Canadian Roofing Contractors Association participated in a shared research project where the R-values of several, unmanufactured polyisocyanurate insulation were tested and compared with the manufacturer's published LTRR values. Sections of the 20 samples tested exhibited R-values less than their established LTRR values. This finding was significant because all the samples tested were less than 5 years old—the aging period the LTRR method is intended to replicate. Four of the samples tested with R-values less than the established LTRR values were less than 3 years old at the time of testing.

During 2009, NRCA conducted limited R-value testing of unmanufactured polyisocyanurate insulation samples ranging in age from 4 to 13 months. Test results showed R-values less than the published established LTRR values, in addition to testing at 75 F mean reference temperature, which is typical for R-value labeling. NRCA's 2009 test program also included testing specimens at 25 F, 40 F and 110 F mean temperatures. This additional testing revealed R-values lower than those at 75 F.

This finding is significant because with the previous CPC-31 and NRCA's polyisocyanurate blowing agents, R-values at relatively low temperatures typically were recognized to be substantially higher than those tested at the 75 F temperature used for product labeling. As a result, the current generation of polyisocyanurate blowing agents appears to result in lower R-values at colder temperatures than previous generations of blowing agents.

During 2013, Building Science Corp., Woburn, Mass., published a report about its R-value testing of polyisocyanurate insulation and the results replicated NRCA's 2009 testing results. Similarly, in 2014, independent testing conducted by RDH Building Engineering, Ltd., Vancouver, British Columbia, replicated the results of NRCA's 2009 testing.

During Jan. 2014, NRCA conducted additional limited R-value testing of polyisocyanurate insulation and found R-values lower than the current LTRR values. The results also are somewhat lower than the results at 25 F, 40 F, 75 F and 110 F mean temperatures from NRCA's 2009 testing.

Updated recommendations
 Although the LTRR method for determining and reporting the thermal performance of permeable-faced polyisocyanurate insulation may be appropriate for laboratory analysis, research comparisons, energy code compliance and government purposes, NRCA does not consider LTRR use to be appropriate for roof system design purposes when actual in-service R-values can be important aspects of roof system and whole building performance.

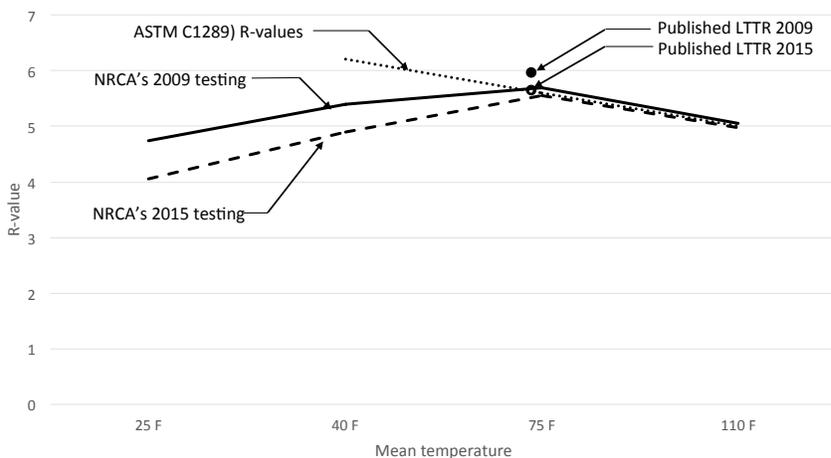
- NRCA recommends designers:
- Use an in-service design R-value of 5.0 per inch thickness for polyiso.
 - Specify insulation by its thickness, not its R-value

NRCA's recommendation is based upon our own testing, and confirming replicate testing by:

- Building Science Corp.
- RDH Building Engineering, Ltd.



NRCA's R-value testing



NRCA's new polyiso. R-value recommendation
is included in the January 2016 interim update to
*The NRCA Roofing Manual: Membrane Roof
Systems-2015* (PDF and App versions)



Modified bitumen sheet testing

Scott Baxter



Purpose

NRCA's MB sheet testing

Analyze critical physical properties of popular MB sheet products and compare results to applicable ASTM product standards and past test results



Modified bitumen sheet testing

ASTM D5147-Test methods for MB sheet materials



Low-temperature flexibility test:

- 1" diameter mandrel
- 180° bend
- Visually observe cracking



Granule loss test:

- Weigh specimen
- 50 scrub cycles
- Re-weigh specimen
- Calculate difference



NRCA's 2011 MB testing

Professional Roofing, May 2012

TECH TODAY

Putting mod bit to the test

NRCA and MRCA testing reveal not all products comply with ASTM International standards

by Mark S. Graham

NRCA and the Midwest Roofing Contractors Association (MRCA) have conducted limited testing of polymer-modified bitumen sheet products. The test results show some products do not comply with applicable physical property requirements, which is cause for concern.

Product testing

To conduct the test, NRCA and MRCA obtained full rolls of unmodified polymer-modified bitumen sheet products from roofing contractors and distributors' warehouse stock. Seven products from seven manufacturers were tested. 13 of the products were SBS polymer-modified bitumen membranes, and three were APP polymer-modified bitumen membranes.

Product specimens were subjected to low-temperature flexibility and granule embedment testing by a recognized testing laboratory. Low-temperature flexibility testing was conducted before and after heating using according to applicable ASTM International product standard prescribed methods. Granule embedment testing was conducted in products as received conditions according to the product standard's prescribed methods. Test results are shown in the figure.

The ASTM International product standards for polymer-modified bitumen provide for a maximum allowable low-temperature flexibility value of 2 grams. Fifteen of the 16 products tested comply with the standard requirements for granule embedment.

Although the NRCA and MRCA testing is limited and does not statistically represent all of polymer-modified bitumen sheet products, the finding that 10 of the 16 products tested did not achieve the levels prescribed in ASTM International product standards for low-temperature flexibility is cause for some concern.

There are a number of reasons why specific products may not achieve adequate low-temperature flexibility values, including inadequate polymer content and inadequate polymer dispersion during manufacturing. Also, during the manufacture of polymer-modified SBS polymer-modified bitumen sheet products, polymer retentions are sometimes not processed with unmodified asphalt before SBS polymer-modified bitumen is applied to repair and maintenance coatings. Although the standards permit this practice, NRCA and MRCA discourage it because it can affect product physical properties and long-term performance.

On the other hand, the results for granule embedment testing are somewhat encouraging. Several years ago, MRCA conducted granule-embedment testing of various polymer-modified bitumen products and found many products tested did not comply with the maximum granule loss values prescribed by ASTM International. The finding in the current testing that all but one of the products tested comply with the standard's prescribed level for granule embedment is a positive development. ■■■

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Product (manufacturer and product)	Low-temperature flexibility		Granule embedment (as received)
	As received	Heat aged (90 days at 158 F)	
SBS products			
1-1	-5	+5	0.8
1-2	-15	-10	1.0
2-1	+5	+20	1.4
2-2	-20	-15	1.8
2-3	-5	+20	3.2
2-4	+10	+15	1.2
3-1	+30	+45	0.3
3-2	-5	0	0.3
3-3	+25	+40	1.5
4-1	-5	+5	1.1
5-1	+5	+10	0.5
6-1	-5	-5	0.7
6-2	+10	+20	1.7
APP products			
1-3	+30	+15	1.5
3-4	+35	+20	0.4
7-1	+15	+15	1.6

NRCA and MRCA used various polymer-modified bitumen products.

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Polymer-modified bitumen test results			
Product (manufacturer and product)	Low-temperature flexibility		Granule embedment (as received)
	As received	Heat aged (90 days at 158 F)	
SBS products			
1-1	-5	+5	0.8
1-2	-15	-10	1.0
2-1	+5	+20	1.4
2-2	-20	-15	1.8
2-3	-5	+20	3.2
2-4	+10	+15	1.2
3-1	+30	+45	0.3
3-2	-5	0	0.3
3-3	+25	+40	1.5
4-1	-5	+5	1.1
5-1	+5	+10	0.5
6-1	-5	-5	0.7
6-2	+10	+20	1.7
APP products			
1-3	+30	+15	1.5
3-4	+35	+20	0.4
7-1	+15	+15	1.6



Summary of results

NRCA's 2011 MB testing

- 9 of 13 SBS products did not comply with ASTM's low-temp. flex requirement (0 F max.)
- 1 of 3 APP products did not comply with ASTM's low-temp. flex requirement (32 F max.)
- 1 of 16 products did not comply with ASTM's granule loss requirement (2 grams max.)



NRCA's 2015 MB testing

Professional Roofing, February 2016

TECH TODAY

Revisiting mod bit testing

Additional testing of polymer-modified bitumen sheets reveals mixed results
 by Mark S. Graham

NRCA has conducted limited testing of polymer-modified bitumen sheet products. This testing is a follow-up to similar testing conducted in 2011 where 18 of the 16 products evaluated did not achieve physical property levels prescribed in ASTM International product standards.

Polymer-modified bitumen test results

Sample Manufacturer and product	Low-temperature flexibility (F)		Granule embedment or retained granule (grams)
	As received	After aged (90 days at 158 F)	
SBS products			
1A	25	25	0.9
2A	30	15	1.6
2B	0	15	0.7
2C	-15	-15	1.3
3A	30	20	1.8
4A	30	30	1.1
4B	-15	-5	0.8
5A	5	0	0.6
5B	10	10	0.7
6A	30	-15	1.1
7A	30	-15	0.6
ASTM International's maximum allowable values	0	0	2
APP products			
3B	20	20	0.7
8A	20	38	2.8
ASTM International's maximum allowable values	32	32	2

Results of NRCA's 2015 testing of polymer-modified bitumen sheets. Shaded values denote those exceeding ASTM International's maximum allowable requirements.

Analyzing the results
 NRCA's Technical Operations Committee has reviewed and

Product testing
 In 2015, NRCA obtained full rolls of 13 new International polymer-modified bitumen sheet products from eight manufacturers: 11 products were SBS polymer-modified, and two were APP polymer-modified. The samples were obtained from NRCA contractor members throughout the U.S. from their stored stocks. Product specimens were tested for low-temperature flexibility before and after heat aging and granule loss according to applicable ASTM International test methods. Test results are shown in the figure.

The ASTM International product standards for polymer-modified bitumen sheet products provide for a maximum allowable low-temperature flexibility value of 0 F for SBS products and 32 F for APP products. Three of the 11 SBS products and one of the two APP products tested do not comply with ASTM International low-temperature flexibility requirements.

ASTM International product standards provide for a maximum allowable granule loss value of 2 grams for SBS and APP products. One APP product did not comply with ASTM International's granule loss requirements.

NRCA recognizes the sampling used in this limited test program may not be statistically representative of all polymer-modified bitumen sheet products being manufactured. NRCA's testing reveals physical properties of polymer-modified bitumen sheets vary widely. Also, four of the 13 sheet products tested in 2015 and 18 of the 16 tested in 2011 did not achieve the levels prescribed in ASTM International's applicable product standards, which is cause for some concern.

There are a number of reasons why specific products may not achieve adequate low-temperature flexibility values, including inadequate polymer content and inadequate polymer dispersion during manufacturing. Variability in and a lack of adequate quality control during manufacturing likely are contributing factors.

To address these concerns, NRCA encourages specifiers and purchasers of polymer-modified bitumen sheets to seek products with a third-party certification of compliance with the applicable ASTM International product standards. An Underwriters Laboratories Inc. product certification is one example of a third-party certification of compliance. Also, products recognized by ICC-ES or Miami-Dade County typically incorporate third-party certification of compliance.

Additional information regarding polymer-modified sheet products is provided in Chapter 5—Roof Membranes of the NRCA Building Manual, *Membrane Roof Systems—2015*. ■■■

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Polymer-modified bitumen test results			
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	As received	Heat aged (90 days at 158 F)	
SBS products			
1-A	-25	-25	0.9
2-A	-20	-15	1.6
2-B	0	15	0.7
2-C	-35	-15	1.3
3-A	10	20	1.8
4-A	-30	-30	1.1
4-B	-15	-5	0.8
5-A	-5	0	0.6
5-B	10	10	0.7
6-A	-20	-15	1.1
9-A	-30	-15	0.6
ASTM International's maximum allowable values	0	0	2
APP products			
3-B	20	20	0.7
8-A	20	35	3.4
ASTM International's maximum allowable values	32	32	2



Summary of results

NRCA's 2015 MB testing

- 3 of 11 SBS products did not comply with ASTM's low-temp. flex requirement (0 F max.)
- 1 of 2 APP products did not comply with ASTM's low-temp. flex requirement (32 F max.)
- 1 of 13 products did not comply with ASTM's granule loss requirement (2 grams max.)



Recommendations

NRCA's 2011 and 2015 MB testing

Seek third-party certifications of compliance with the applicable ASTM product standard:

- UL product certification
- ICC-ES evaluation report
- Miami-Dade County product approval



Polyisocyanurate insulation testing

Dennis Runyan



Purpose

NRCA's polyisocyanurate insulation testing

Analyze critical physical properties of faced polyisocyanurate insulation products and compare results to applicable the ASTM product standard and past test results



Past testing

NRCA's polyisocyanurate insulation testing

2002 testing:

- HCFC-141b blowing agent
- Hydrocarbon-based blowing agent (current)

2009 testing:

- Hydrocarbon-based blowing agent (current)



2015 testing

NRCA's polyisocyanurate insulation testing

- Density (not in ASTM C1289)
- Compressive strength
- Dimensional stability
- Flexural strength
- Tensile strength
- Knit line assessment (not in ASTM C1289)



Sample	Facer type	Density (lb/ft ³)	
		Apparent overall density	Apparent foam core density
1-A	Cellulosic (Class 1)	2.16	1.57
1-B	Coated fiberglass (Class 2)	3.80	1.68
2	Cellulosic (Class 1)	2.25	1.56
3	Cellulosic (Class 1)	2.26	1.65
4	Cellulosic (Class 1)	2.25	1.64
5	Coated fiberglass (Class 2)	3.16	1.79
6	Cellulosic (Class 1)	2.39	1.68



Sample	Compressive strength (psi)		
	With facers	Machine direction	Cross-machine direction
1-A	22.3	16.1	26.5
1-B	28.4	21.2	29.8
2	24.4	16.7	22.0
3	24.5	17.5	19.4
4	23.5	18.5	21.0
5	24.4	20.6	19.8
6	24.5	18.9	21.1
ASTM C1289, Type II requirement	Grade 1: 16 (minimum) Grade 2: 20 (minimum) Grade 3: 25 (minimum)	No requirement	




Sample	Dimensional stability (Percent linear change after seven days at 158 F and 97 percent relative humidity)		
	Machine direction	Cross-machine direction	Thickness
1-A	1.22	1.27	1.77
1-B	0.54	1.31	5.88
2	3.35	2.91	-1.11
3	2.42	1.53	3.19
4	2.14	2.24	1.21
5	0.56	0.75	3.74
6	2.52	1.96	1.68
ASTM C1289, Type II requirement	2.0 (maximum)		4.0 (maximum)

Shaded cells denote values in excess of maximal ASTM allowable requirement




Dimensional stability – “Edge growth”



View from board topside (top facer) looking down.



Sample	Flexural strength		Tensile strength perpendicular to surface (lbf/ft ³)
	Modulus of rupture (psi)	Break strength (lbf)	
1-A	MD: 79.6 XMD: 61.2	MD: 64.8 XMD: 49.3	3259
1-B	MD: 127.9 XMD: 135.5	MD: 102.4 XMD: 108.2	2590
2	MD: 93.0 XMD: 64.1	MD: 75.4 XMD: 51.1	3080
3	MD: 98.4 XMD: 59.5	MD: 75.8 XMD: 47.2	3083
4	MD: 73.0 XMD: 52.6	MD: 58.1 XMD: 42.2	2904
5	MD: 121.1 XMD: 93.6	MD: 92.9 XMD: 76.9	3668
6	MD: 96.3 XMD: 55.8	MD: 71.3 XMD: 41.7	2657
ASTM C1289, Type II requirement	40	17	500



Surface depressions—“rutting”

Correspond to knit lines



Sample	Board side indication	Knit line depth (inch)							
		Line 1	Line 2	Line 3	Line 4	Line 5	Line 6	Line 7	Line 8
1-A	None	-0.084	-0.078	-0.068	—	—	—	—	—
	“This side down”	-0.061	-0.137	-0.110					
1-B	None	-0.038	-0.030	-0.048	—	—	—	—	—
	None	-0.049	-0.085	-0.041					
2	None	-0.015	-0.059	-0.060	-0.028	-0.020	-0.028	-0.010	-0.005
	“This side down”	-0.130	-0.167	-0.161	-0.193	-0.210	-0.166	-0.171	-0.143
3	None	-0.023	-0.049	-0.046	-0.051	-0.047	—	—	—
	None	-0.015	-0.031	-0.045	-0.036	-0.021			
4	None	-0.035	-0.038	-0.068	-0.055	-0.062	—	—	—
	“This side down”	-0.091	-0.112	-0.122	-0.114	-0.072			
5	None	-0.023	-0.036	-0.045	-0.040	-0.025	—	—	—
	None	-0.013	-0.016	-0.013	-0.013	-0.012			
6	None	-0.136	-0.169	-0.189	-0.170	-0.171	-0.173	-0.165	-0.146
	None	-0.035	-0.015	-0.017	-0.007	-0.005	-0.018	-0.036	-0.037

Shaded cells denote values greater than 1/8-inch depth



**Combining dimensional stability
and knit lines issues**



As delivered by manufacturer.



**Combining dimensional stability
and knit lines issues – cont.**



After conditioning



**Combining dimensional stability
and knit lines issues – cont.**



After conditioning



**Combining dimensional stability
and knit lines issues – cont.**



Knit line and V-groove close-up (after conditioning)



Conclusions

NRCA's polyisocyanurate insulation testing

- Only 2 of the 7 products tested comply with ASTM C1289
- Revisions to ASTM C1289 are needed:
 - Address knit lines and “rutting”



NRCA has already met with several polyisocyanurate insulation manufacturers... and we look forward to constructive individual manufacturers at ASTM International and elsewhere in the industry to address these issues.



Dave Tilsen



NRCA Board of Directors survey

February 2016

Material/system problems in last 6 month:

- TPO membranes (multiple reports)
- Water-based bonding adhesives (multiple reports)
- White EPDM flashings/accessories
- Facer delam. on HD polyiso.
- Above-deck conduit
- Building/energy code interpretations (reroofing)
- Internal condensation vs. tight building envelope
- Lightweight structural concrete decks
- Wrinkling in MB sheets





- Established by MRCA in 1986
- Joint agreement with NRCA beginning in 2003; renegotiated in 2015
- 1,600+ trainers
- 21,000+ applicators
- Substantially improved fire safety record



NRCA ANSI/SPRI ES-1 certifications

- In response to manufacturers' development of ANSI/SPRI ES-1 and code requirements
- NRCA has been testing since 1999
- Two certifications:
 - Intertek Testing Services, N.A.
 - Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL)
- 205 companies participating
- Open to all NRCA members



Roof Wind Designer

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- 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
 - Perimeter edge metal being added (Spring 2016)
- 17,750+ projects



EnergyWise

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- Developed by NRCA in cooperation with the Roofing Industry Alliance for Progress
- Determine R-value requirements:
 - IECC 2006, 2012 and 2015
 - IgCC 2012
 - ASHRAE 90.1-99, -04, -07, -10 and -13
 - ASHRAE 189.1-09 and -13
- Calculates heating/cooling costs
- Verifies proper vapor retarder placement
- 7,900+ projects



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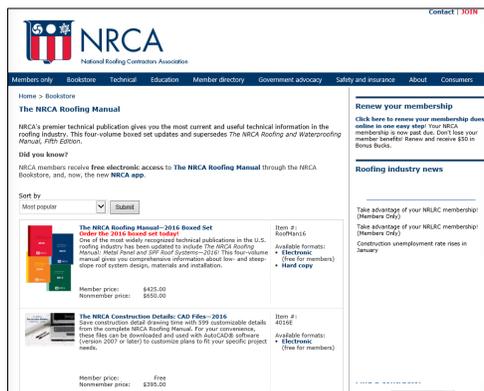


- 2016: SPF and Metal Panels
- 2015: Membranes
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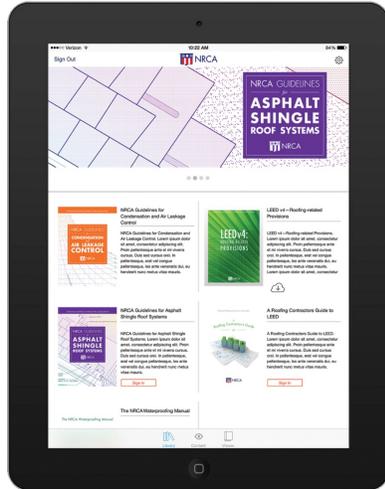
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