

Fall Education Seminar

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Overview of industry technical issues

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Topics

- Attic ventilation
- Steel deck issues
- Polyiso. insulation

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- Asphalt
- Design issues



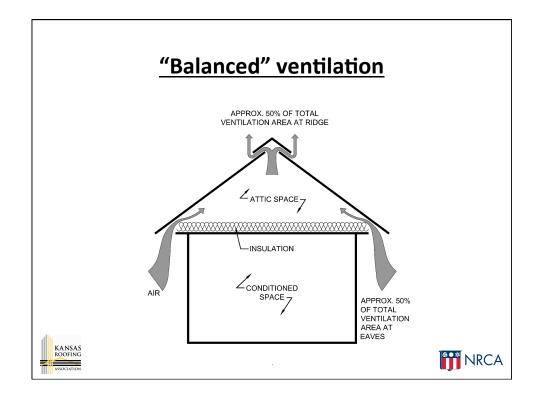
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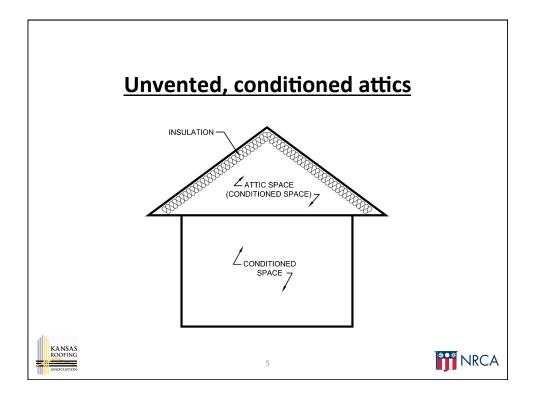
Attic ventilation

- 1:150 rule
- 1:300 exception
 - IBC 2012:
 - 50 to 80% NFVA at or near the ridge, or
 - Vapor retarder on the warm-in-winter side
 - IRC 2012:
 - 40 to 50% NFVA at or near the ridge, or
 - In Climate Zones 6, 7 and 8, a vapor retarder on the warm-in-winter side



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Additional information

Attic ventilation

- The NRCA Roofing Manual: Architectural Metal Roofing, Condensation and Air Leakage Control, and Reroofing—2014, pages 216-220
- Professional Roofing, "Tech today," Sept. 2014
- Professional Roofing, "Tech today," Oct. 2014



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Steel roof decks

We now know the rationale for FM Approval's 2013 classification changes

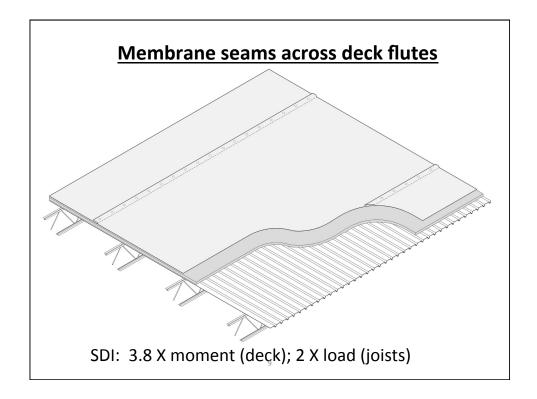


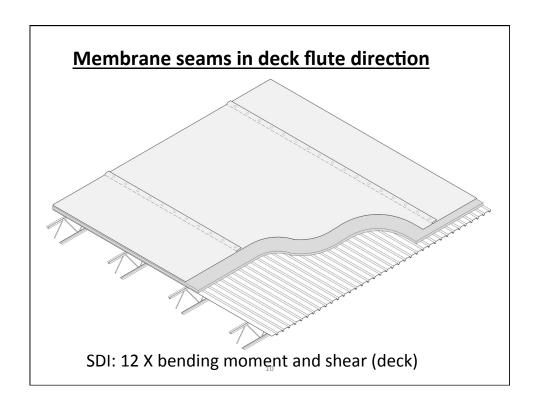


SDI bulletin



- Decks designed for joist spacing between 5' and 6' 8" o.c.
- Steel decks designed for uniform loading
- Seam-fastened singleply membranes are a concern





SDI bulletin -- Conclusion

"...SDI does not recommend the use of roofing membranes attached to the steel deck using line patterns with large spacing unless a structural engineer has reviewed the adequacy of the steel deck and the structural supports to resist to wind uplift loads transmitted along the lines of attachment. Those lines of attachment shall only be perpendicular to the flutes of the deck."



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NRCA interim recommendations

- Beware of the situation
- NRCA is investigating further...



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Polyisocyanurate insulation

- LTTR implementation
- Dimensional stability issues



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PIMA Quality Mark^{CM} program

Thickness	LTTR (2004 – 2013)	New LTTR (Jan. 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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Thickness/layers for R-value

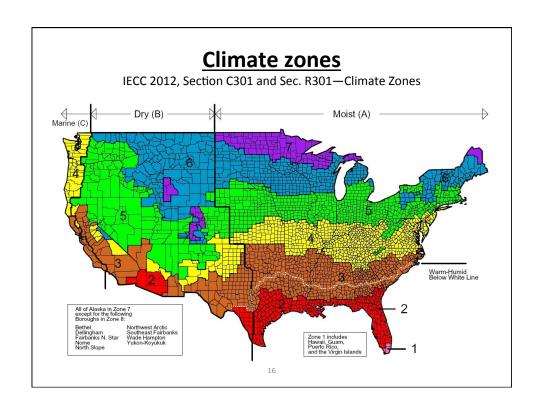
Required R-value	Layers/Thicknesses
R-20 ^{1,2}	2 layers of 1.8 inch
R-25 ³	2 layers of 2.2 inch
R-30 ⁴	2 layers of 2.6 inch
R-35 ⁵	2 layers of 3.1 inch

¹ IECC 2009, Climate Zones 2-6

⁵ IECC 2012, Climate Zone 7-8





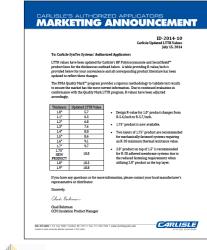


² IECC 2012, Climate Zones 1-3

³ IECC 2012, Climate Zones 4-5

⁴ IECC 2012, Climate Zone 6

July 2014 LTTR changes



Updated LTTR values:

- 1.0 inch: 5.6 to 5.7
- 1.75 product available
- Mechanically-attached:
 - (2) 1.75 inch for R-20
- Adhered:
 - 2.0 inch top layer
 - 1.5 inch bottom layer



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Does it really matter?

Consider allowable manufacturing tolerances

- ASTM C1289:
 - Board length and width: ±¼ inch
 - Thickness tolerance: "...shall not exceed ¼ in.
 (3.2 mm), and the thickness of any two boards shall not differ by more than ¼ in (3.2 mm)...
- Equivalent LTTR of thickness tolerance: ±0.7
- Equivalent LTTR of 0.1-inch-thickness: 0.56



Dimensional stability issues

- · Board growth
- Board shrinkage
- · Board cupping
- Board bowing



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Polyiso. facer sheets

ASTM C1289, Type II:

- Class 1 (cellulose/glass fiber facers):
 - Grade 1 16 psi
 - Grade 2 20 psi
 - Grade 3 25 psi
- Class 2 (coated glass facers):
 - Grade 1 16 psi
 - Grade 2 20 psi
 - Grade 3 25 psi
- Class 3 (uncoated glass facers)
- Class 4 (high density):
 - Grade 1 80 psi
 - Grade 2 110 psi
 - Grade 3 140 psi





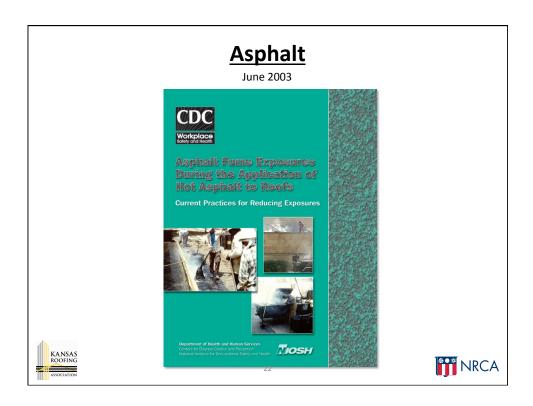
Additional information

Polyisocyanurate insulation

- The NRCA Roofing Manual: Membrane Roof Systems—2011, pages 62-62
- NRCA Industry Issue Update: Polyiso's R-value, Jan. 2014
- Professional Roofing, "A question of accuracy," May 2014
- Professional Roofing, "Tech today," March 2013

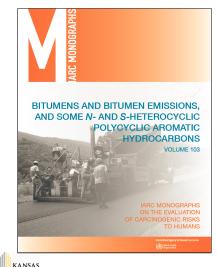






<u>Asphalt</u>

May 2013



IARC Monograph – 103:

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

No new regulation (yet)



NRCA asphalt testing -- 1989

- 26 asphalt samples
- EVTs:

-Type III (125 cps) 400 - 430 F

-Type III (75 cps) 420 - 470 F

-Type IV (125 cps) 420 - 455 F

-Type IV (75 cps) 445 - 485 F

• FPs:

Not reported



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NRCA asphalt testing -- 2000

- 19 asphalt lots sampled
- EVTs:

-Type III (mop) 390 - 440 F

-Type III (spreader) 415 - 475 F

• FPs: 585 – 640 F

ASTM D312 compliance:

- 10 of 19 did <u>not</u> comply





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 <u>not</u> comply with ASTM D312's physical property requirements



Proposed revision to ASTM D312

Currently being balloted

- 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 <u>actual</u> FPs; max. heating temp. should be FP – 25 F
- Beware of actual EVTs
- Make field crews aware







Design issues

- High FM uplift classifications
- Class A fire resistance classifications
- Wind warrantees
- "...delegated empirical design process..."





Contractors are being asked to take on more and more design responsibility...and liability

...and many are unknowing accepting it.



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Be aware of your risks.

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Other topics...

Questions...?



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