

### **North/East Roofing Contractors Association**

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# NRCA update on roofing industry technical issues



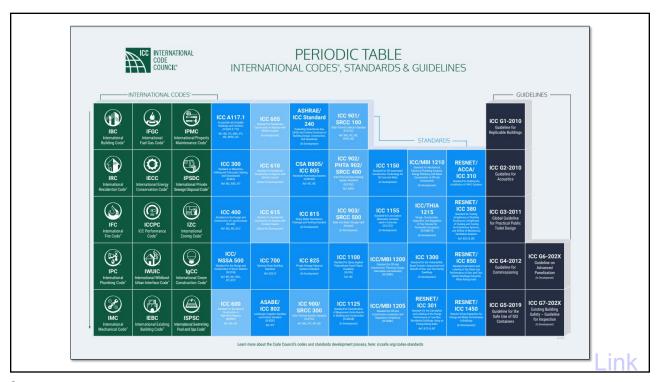
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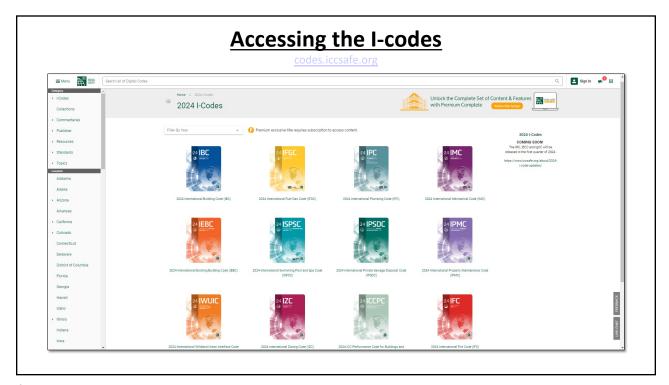
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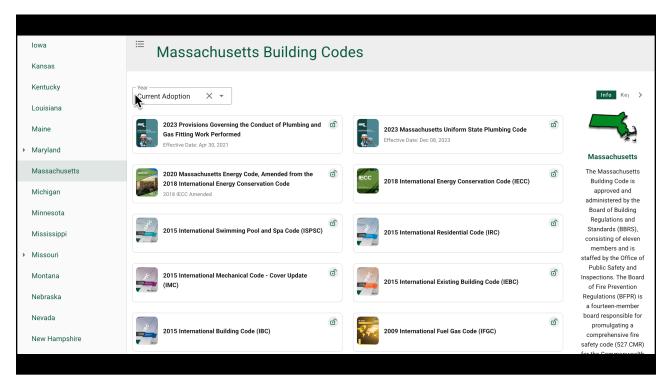
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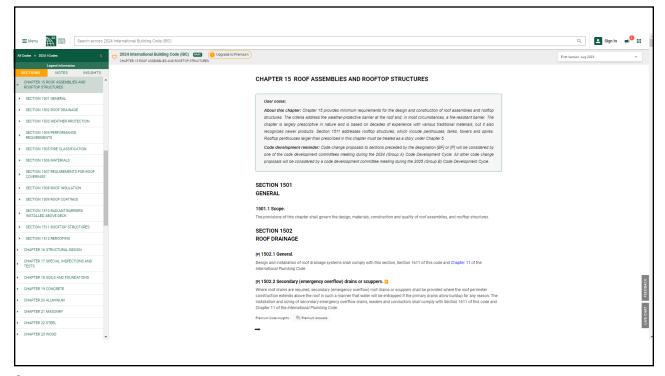
### 2024 I-codes

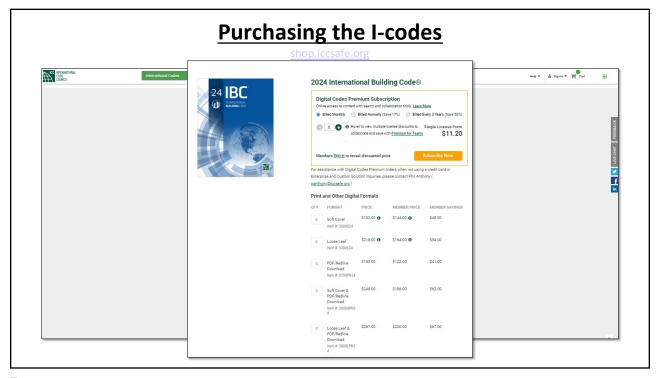


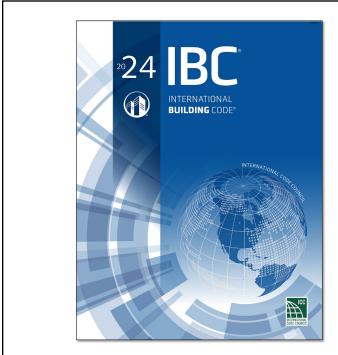








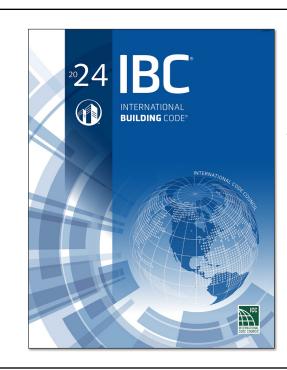




# New to the 2024 I-codes

- Single column text format
- Updated font styles
- QR codes identifying changes
- Streamlined lists
- Consistent grouping of related text (e.g., tables follow parent sections)
- Shaded table headers and notes

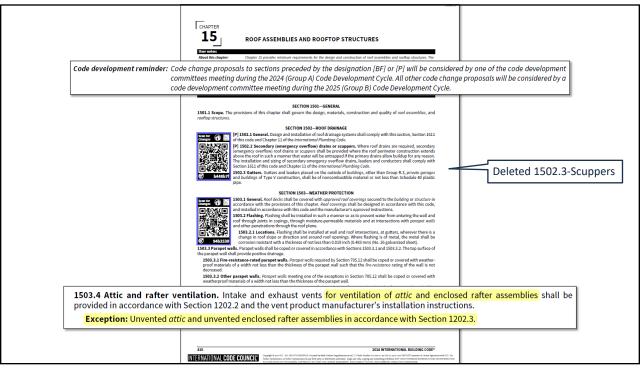
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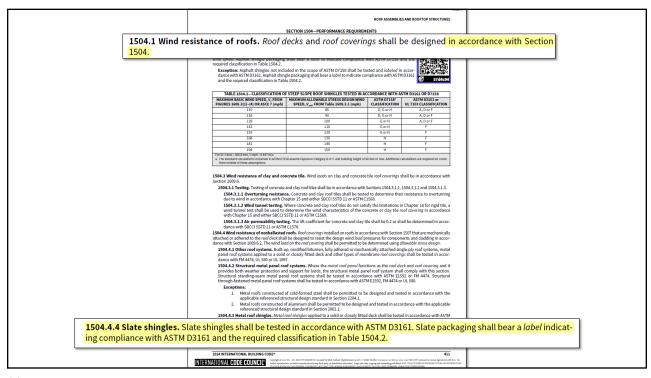


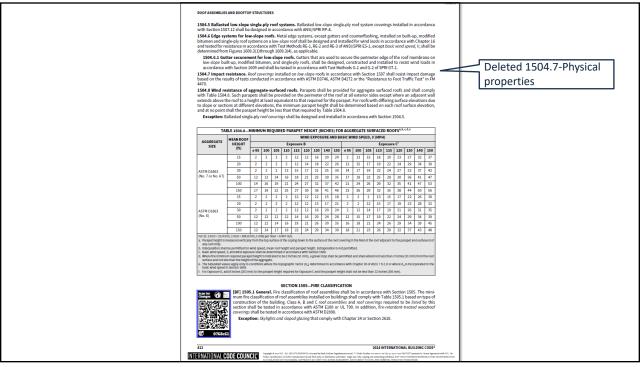
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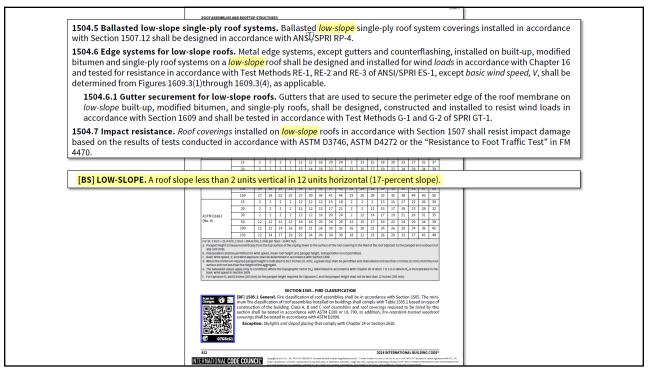
- Ch. 15: Roof Assemblies and Rooftop Structures
- · Ch. 27: Electrical
- Ch. 13: Interior Environment
- Ch. 16: Structural Design

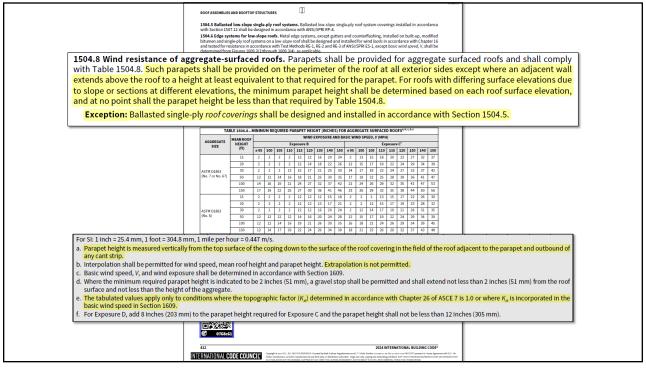
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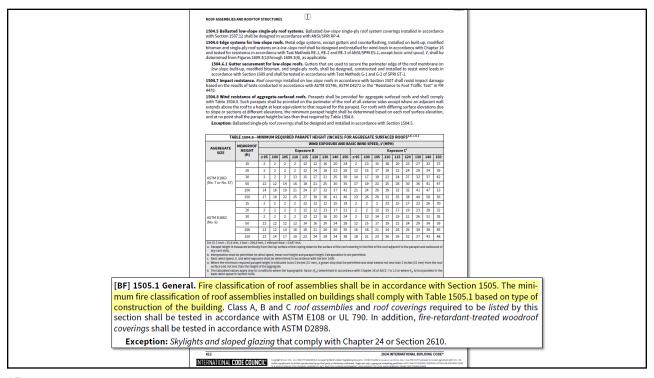


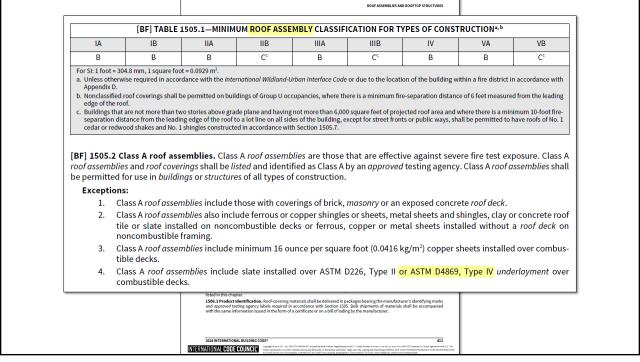












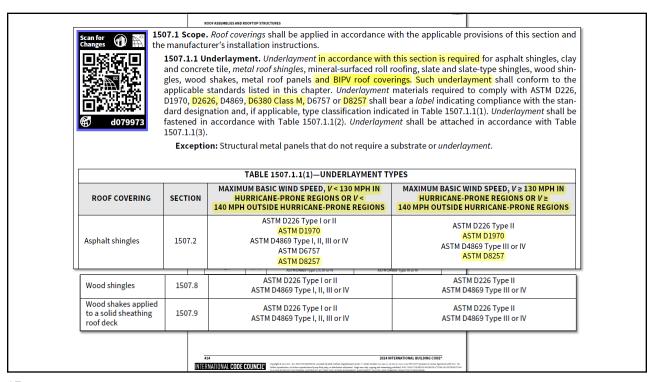


TABLE 1507.3.T—CLAY AND CONCRETE TILE ATTACHMENT <sup>3.3.*</sup> —continued  for 10.1 text > 2.4. mm, 10.0 2.0.4 mm, 1.10 layer four - 4.4.4 mm, 1.2 pour plan require stock - 4.4.8 mm; 1.2 pour layer square stock - 4.4.8 mm; 1.2 pour layer stock - 4.4.8 mm; 1.2		
TABLE 1507.4.3—METAL ROOF COVERINGS		
ROOF COVERING TYPE	STANDARD APPLICATION RATE/THICKNESS	
5% aluminum alloy-coated steel	ASTM A875, GF60	
Aluminum	ASTM B209, 0.024 inch minimum thickness for roll-formed panels and 0.019 inch minimum thickness for press-formed shingles.	
Aluminum-coated steel	ASTM A463, T2 65	
55% aluminum-zinc alloy coated steel	ASTM A792 AZ 50	
Cold-rolled copper	ASTM B370 minimum 16 oz./sq. ft. and 12 oz./sq. ft. high yield copper for metal-sheet roof covering systems: 12 oz./sq. ft. for preformed metal shingle systems.	
Copper	16 oz./sq. ft. for metal-sheet roof-covering systems; 12 oz./sq. ft. for preformed metal shingle systems.	
Galvanized steel	ASTM A653 G-90 zinc-coated. <sup>a</sup>	
Hard lead	2 lbs./sq. ft.	
Lead-coated copper	ASTM B101	
Prepainted steel	ASTM A755	
Soft lead	3 lbs./sq. ft.	
Stainless steel	ASTM A240, 300 Series Alloys	
Steel	ASTM A924	
Terne and terne-coated stainless	Terne coating of 40 lbs. per double base box, field painted where applicable in accordance with manufacturer's installation instructions.	
Zinc	0.027 inch minimum thickness; 99.995% electrolytic high-grade zinc with alloy additives of copper (0.08% - 0.20%), titanium (0.07% - 0.12%) and aluminum (0.015%).	
For SI: 1 ounce per square foot = 0.305 kg/m², 1 pound per square foot = 4.882 kg/m², 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 pound = 0.454 kg. a. For Group U buildings, the minimum coating thickness for ASTM A653 galvanized steel roofing shall be G60.		

1507.8.1 Deck requirements. Wood shingles shall be installed on solid or spaced sheathing. Where spaced sheathing is used, sheathing boards shall be not less than 1-inch by 4-inch (25 mm by 102 mm) nominal dimensions and shall be spaced on centers equal to the weather exposure to coincide with the placement of fasteners. Where 1-inch × 4-inch (25 mm × 102 mm) spaced sheathing is installed at 10 inches (254 mm) on center or greater, additional 1-inch × 4-inch (25 mm × 102 mm) boards shall be installed between the sheathing boards. When wood shingles are installed over spaced sheathing and the underside of the shingles are exposed to the attic space, the attic shall be ventilated in accordance with Section 1202.2. The shingles shall not be backed with materials that will occupy the required air gap space and prevent the free movement of air on the interior side of the spaced sheathing.

> TABLE 1507.8.5—WOOD SHINGLE MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE MINIMUM GRADES

ROOFING MATERIAL	LENGTH (inches)		GRADE	EXPOSURE (inches)	
			3:12 pitch to < 4:12	4:12 pitch or steeper	
	16	No. 1	3.75	5	
		No. 2	3.5	4	
		No. 3	3	3.5	
		No. 1	4.25	5.5	
Shingles of naturally durable wood	18	No. 2	4	4.5	
		No. 3	3.5	4	
		No. 1	5.75	7.5	
	24	No. 2	5.5	6.5	
		No. 3	5	5.5	

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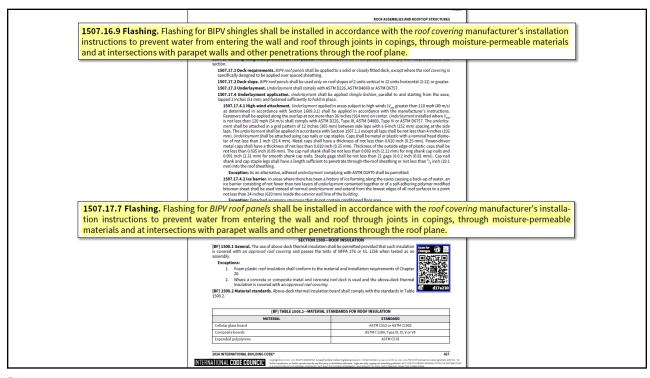
1507.9 Wood shakes. The installation of wood shakes shall comply with the provisions of this section and Table 1507.8.

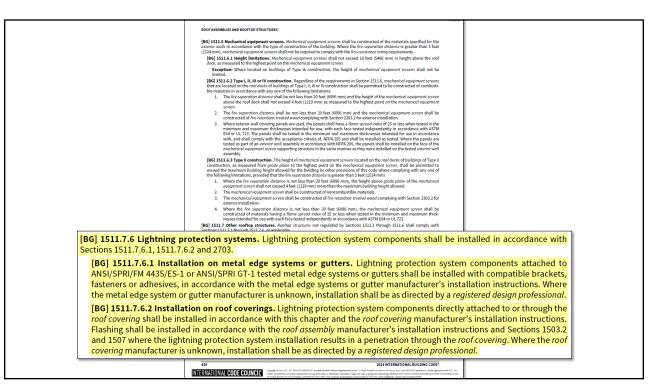
1507.9.1 Deck requirements. Wood shakes shall only be used on solid or spaced sheathing. Where spaced sheathing is used, sheathing boards shall be not less than 1-inch by 4-inch (25 mm by 102 mm) nominal dimensions and shall be spaced on centers equal to the weather exposure to coincide with the placement of fasteners. Where 1-inch by 4-inch (25 mm by 102 mm) spaced sheathing is installed at 10 inches (254 mm) on center, additional 1-inch by 4-inch (25 mm by 102 mm) boards shall be installed between the sheathing boards. Where wood shakes are installed over spaced sheathing and the underside of the shakes are exposed to the attic space, the attic shall be ventilated in accordance with Section 1202.2. The shakes shall not be backed with materials that will occupy the required air gap space and prevent the free movement of air on the interior side of the spaced

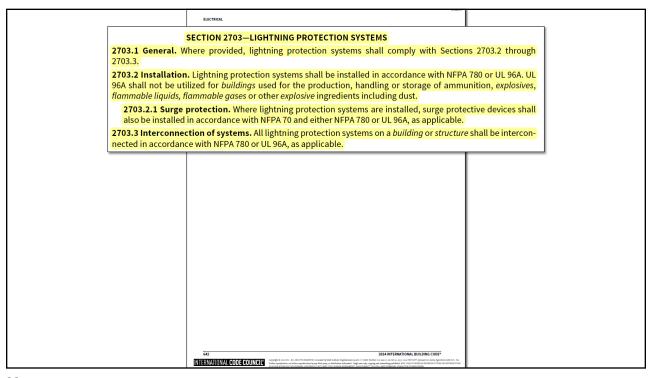
1507.9.1.1 Solid sheathing required. Solid sheathing is required in areas where the average daily temperature in January is 25°F (-4°C) or less or where there is a possibility of ice forming along the eaves causing a backup of water.

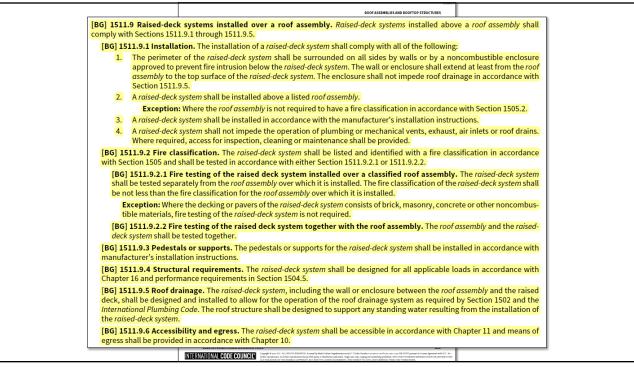
ROOFING MATERIAL	LENGTH (inches)	GRADE	EXPOSURE (inches) 4:1 PITCH OR STEEPER
Shakes of naturally durable wood	18 24	No. 1 No. 1	7.5 10*
Preservative-treated taper sawn shakes of Southern yellow pine	18 24	No. 1 No. 1	7.5 10
	18 24	No. 2 No. 2	5.5 7.5
Taper sawn shakes of naturally durable wood	18 24	No. 1 No. 1	7.5 10
	18 24	No. 2 No. 2	5.5 7.5

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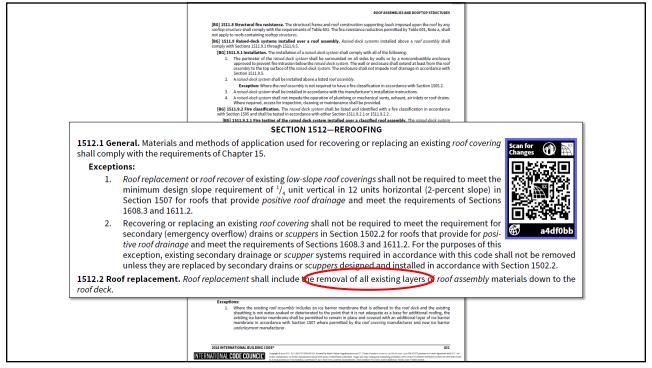


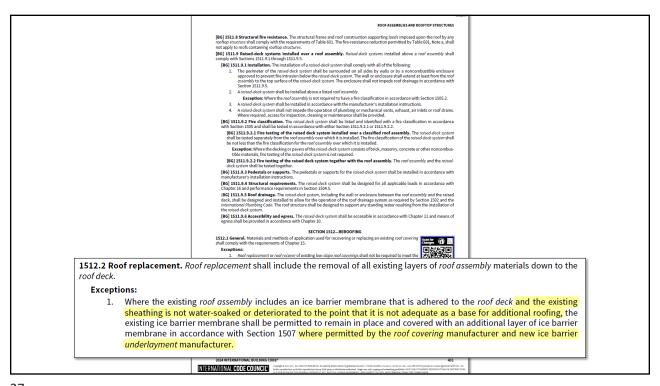


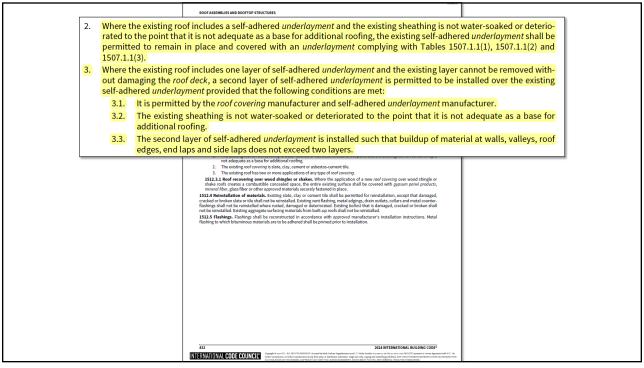


# [BG] 1511.8 Structural fire resistance. The structural frame and roof construction supporting loads imposed upon the roof by any rooftop structure shall comply with the requirements of Table 601. The fire-resistance reduction permitted by Table 601, Note a, shall Section 1511.9.5. A native deck system shall be installed above a listed roof assembly. Escaption: Where the roof resembly is not required to have a fire classification in accordance with Section 1505.2. A native deck system shall be installed in accordance with hermanisfacturer's installation instructions. 4. A raived deck system shall not impede the operation of plumbing or mechanical worst, exhaust, air inless or roof drains. Where required, accoss for impection, cleaning or maintenance shall be provided. [86] 1511.9.2. Fire classification. The mixed-deck system shall be listed and identified with a fire classification in accordance with section 1505 and table betterid in coordance with these resembles of the state of the section 1510.2.1 or 1511.9.2.2. [BG] ISIL9.2.1 Fire testing of the raised deck system installed over a classified roof assembly. The raised deck system shall be tested separately from the roof assembly over which it is installed. The fire classification of the roised deck system shall be not less than the fire classification for the roof assembly over which it is installed. [BG] 1511.9.2.2 Fire testing of the raised deck system together with the roof assembly. The roof assembly and the raised [BG] 1511.9.3 Pedestals or supports. The pedestals or supports for the raised-deck system shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's installation instructions. SECTION 1512—REROOFING 1512.1 General. Materials and methods of application used for recovering or replacing an existing roof covering shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 15. **Exceptions:** 1. Roof replacement or roof recover of existing low-slope roof coverings shall not be required to meet the minimum design slope requirement of 1/4 unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2-percent slope) in Section 1507 for roofs that provide *positive roof drainage* and meet the requirements of Sections Recovering or replacing an existing *roof covering* shall not be required to meet the requirement for secondary (emergency overflow) drains or scuppers in Section 1502.2 for roofs that provide for positive roof drainage and meet the requirements of Sections 1608.3 and 1611.2. For the purposes of this exception, existing secondary drainage or scupper systems required in accordance with this code shall not be removed unless they are replaced by secondary drains or scuppers designed and installed in accordance with Section 1502.2.

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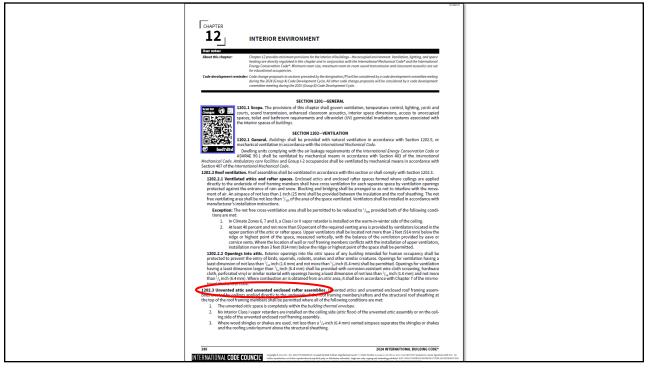


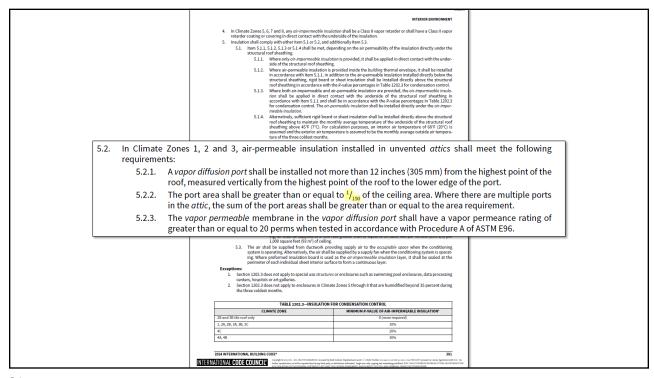


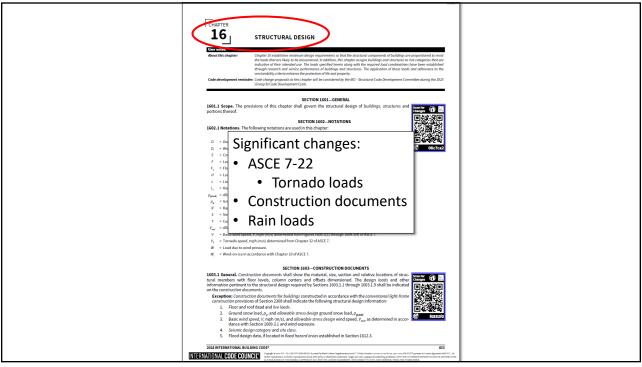


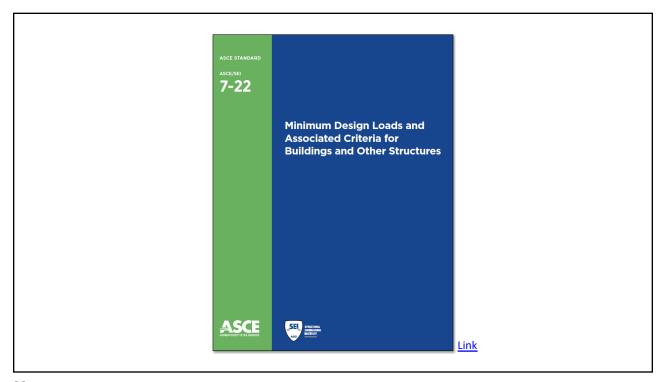
### additional roofing. 3.3. The second layer of self-adhered underlayment is installed such that buildup of material at walls, valleys, roof edges, end laps and side laps does not exceed two layers. 1512.3 Roof recover. The installation of a new roof covering over an existing roof covering shall be permitted where any of the following conditions occur: 1. Where the new roof covering is installed in accordance with the roof covering manufacturer's approved instructions. 2. Complete and separate roofing systems, such as standing-seam metal roof panel systems, that are designed to transmit the roof loads directly to the building's structural system and that do not rely on existing roofs and roof coverings for support, shall not require the removal of existing roof coverings. 3. Metal panel, metal shingle and concrete and clay tile roof coverings shall be permitted to be installed over existing wood shake roofs when applied in accordance with Section 1512.3.1. The application of a new protective roof coating over an existing protective roof coating, metal roof panel, built-up roof, spray polyurethane foam roofing system, metal roof shingles, mineral-surfaced roll roofing, modified bitumen roofing or thermoset and thermoplastic single-ply roofing shall be permitted without tear off of existing roof coverings. **Exception:** A roof recover shall not be permitted where any of the following conditions occur: The existing roof or roof covering is water-soaked or has deteriorated to the point that the existing roof or roof covering is not adequate as a base for additional roofing. The existing *roof covering* is slate, clay, cement or asbestos-cement tile. The existing roof has two or more applications of any type of roof covering. INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL® Copyright © 1000 COC. All. 100 for form regard authors on further

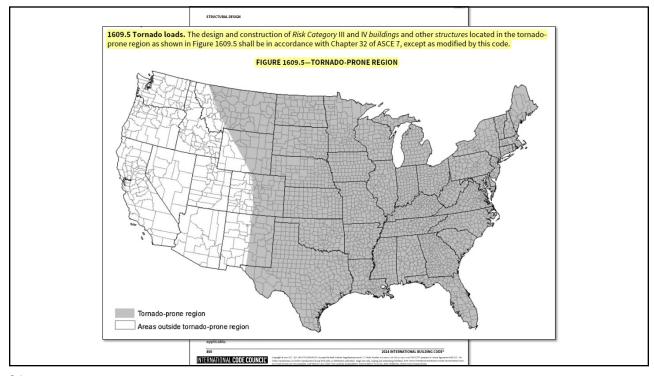
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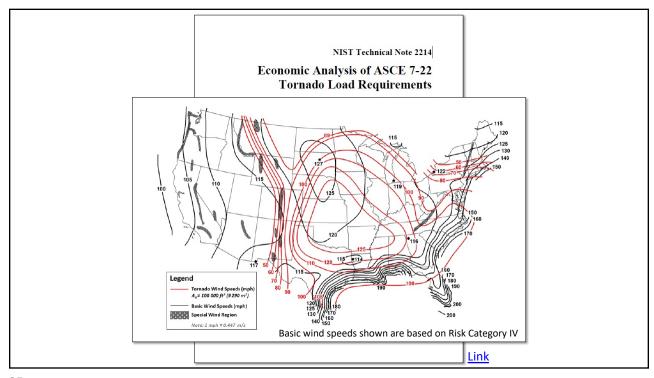


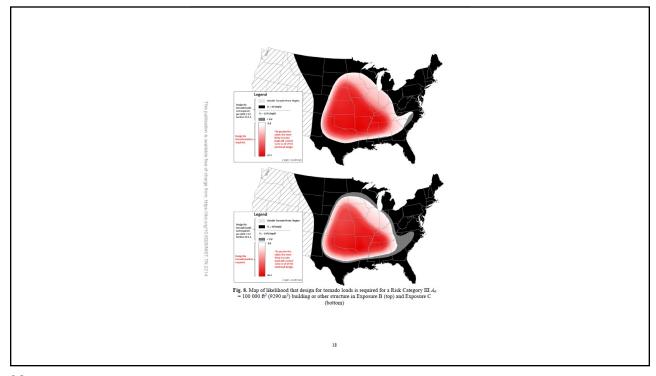


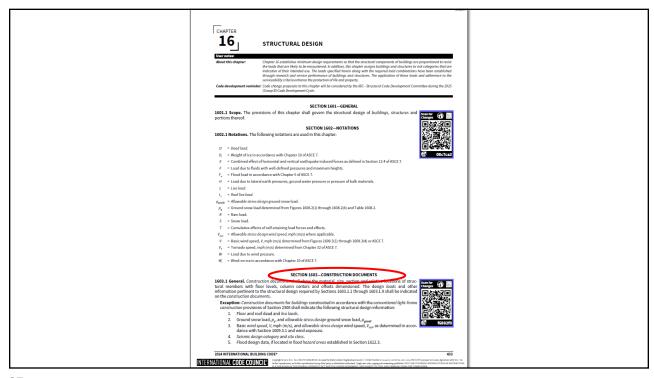


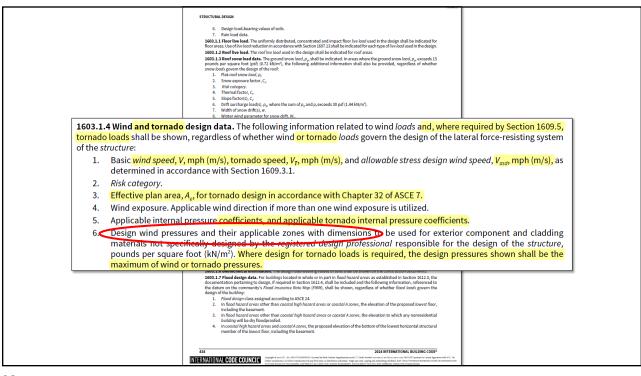


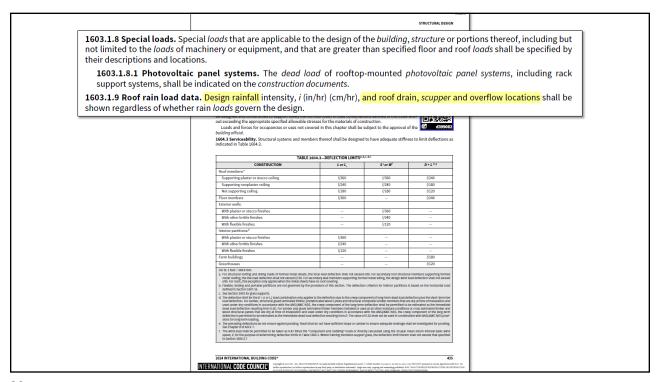


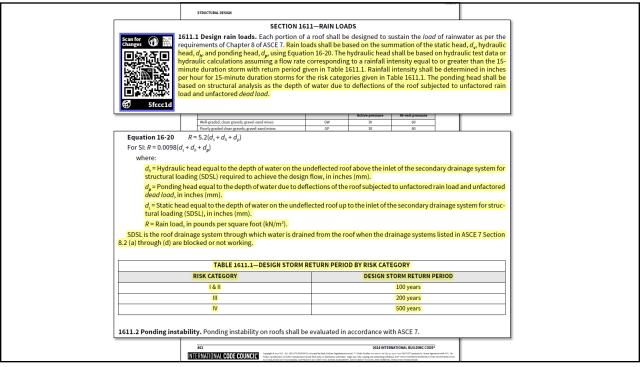


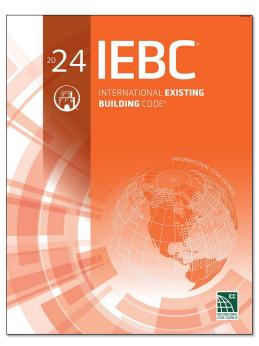










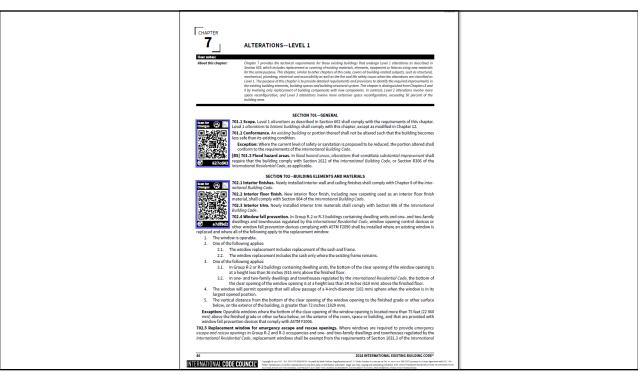


### **IEBC 2024**

- Ch. 7: Alterations-Level 1
  - Sec. 705-Reroofing
  - Sec. 705-Structural

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### ALTERATIONS-LEVEL

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

- The replacement window is the manufacturer's largest standard size window that will fit within the existing frame or exiing rough opening. The replacement window shall be permitted to be of the same operating style as the existing window.
- a style that provides for an equal or greater window opening area than the existing window.
   Where the replacement window is part of a change of occupancy it shall comply with Section 1011.5.

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

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

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

702.7 Materials and methods. New work shall comply with the materials and methods requirements in the international Building. Code, International Energy Conservation Code, International Place (and Enternational Place) and Enternational Place (and Enternational Place) and Enternational Place (and Enternational Place) as applicable, that specify material standards, detail of installation and connection, joints, penetrations and continuity of any element, component or extern in the Juvilian

# IEBC 2024's Sec. 705-Reroofing matches IBC 2024's Sec. 1512-Reroofing

703 1 General Alterntions shall be done in a manner that maintains the level of fire protection provided

### SECTION 705—REROOFING

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

### Exceptions:

- Roof replacement or roof recover of existing low-slope roof coverings shall not be required to meet
  the minimum design slope requirement of <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2-percent slope) in
  Section 1507 of the International Building Code for roofs that provide positive roof drainage and
  meet the requirements of Sections 1608.3 and 1611.2 of the International Building Code.
- Recovering or replacing an existing roof covering shall not be required to meet the requirement for secondary (emergency overflow) drains or scuppers in Section 1502 of the International Building



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### SECTION 706—STRUCTURA

[BS] 706.1 General. Where *alteration* work includes replacement of equipment that is supported by the building or where a reroofing permit is required, the provisions of this section shall apply.

[BS] 706.2 Addition or replacement of roofing or replacement of equipment. Any existing gravity load-carrying structural element for which an *alteration* causes an increase in design dead, live or snow load, including snow drift effects, of more than 5 percent shall be replaced or altered as needed to carry the gravity loads required by the *International Building Code* for new structures.

### **Exceptions:**

- Buildings of Group R occupancy with not more than five dwelling or sleeping units used solely for residential purposes where the altered building complies with the conventional light-frame construction methods of the *International Building Code* or the provisions of the *International Resi*dential Code.
- Buildings in which the increased dead load is due entirely to the addition of a second layer of roof covering weighing 3
  pounds per square foot (0.1437 kN/m²) or less over an existing single layer of roof covering.

[BS] 706.3 Additional requirements for reroof permits. The requirements of this section shall apply to alteration work requiring reroof permits.

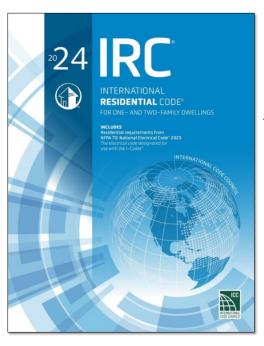
[BS] 706.3.1 Bracing for unreinforced masonry bearing wall parapets. Where a permit is issued for reroofing for more than 25 percent of the roof area of a building assigned to Seismic Design Category D, E or F that has parapets constructed of unreinforced masonry, the work shall comply with Section 304.3.2 by evaluation of the existing condition or by installation of parapet bracing.

[BS] 706.3.2 Roof diaphragms resisting wind loads in high-wind regions. Where roofing materials are removed from more than 50 percent of the roof diaphragm or section of a building located where the basic wind speed, V, is greater than 130 mph (58 m/s), in accordance with Figure 1609.3(2) of the International Building Code, roof diaphragms, connections of the roof diaphragm to roof framing members, and roof-to-wall connections shall be evaluated for the wind loads specified in the International Building Code, including wind uplift. If the diaphragms and connections in their current condition are not capable of resisting 75 percent of those wind loads, they shall be replaced or strengthened in accordance with the loads specified in the International Building Code.

Exception: Buildings that have been demonstrated to comply with the wind load provisions in ASCE 7—88 or later editions.

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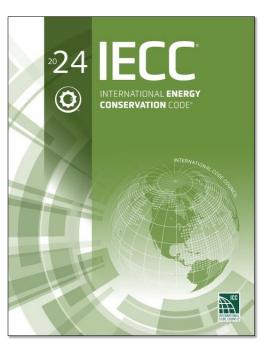
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### **IRC 2024**

- Ch. 9: Roofing
  - Requirements closely match those of IBC Ch. 15
  - IRC tends to be more prescriptive than IBC

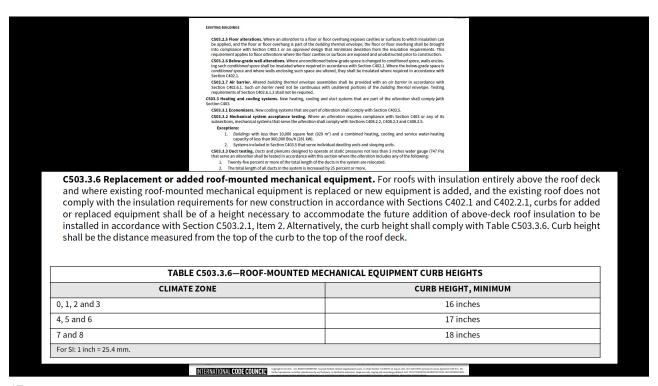
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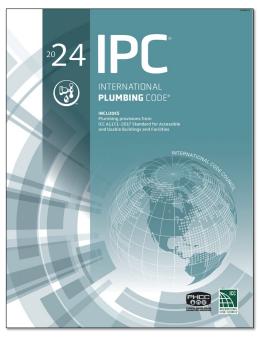


# **IECC 2024**

C- and R-provisions:

- Commercial: Similar Rvalues and reflectivity, and more complex air barrier requirements
- Residential: Some lower Rvalues and more complex air barrier requirements

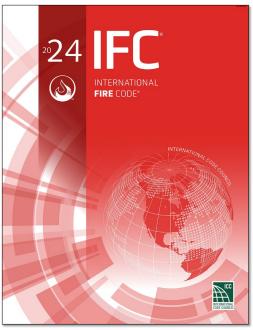




### **IPC 2024**

- Ch. 11: Storm Drainage
  - Roof drains, scuppers and gutters
  - Maps based on a 100-yr. hourly rainfall rate
- No substantive roofing-related changes

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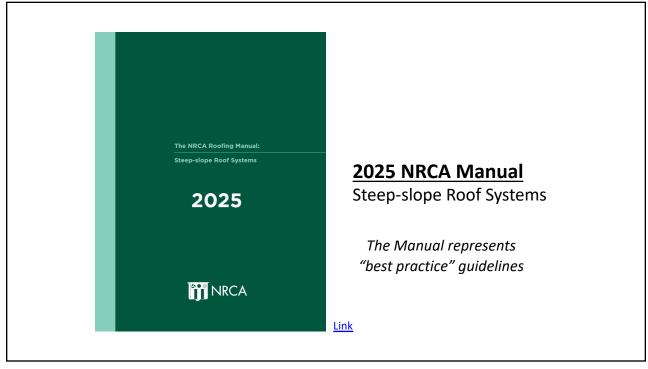
### **IFC 2024**

- Sec. 303-Asphalt Kettles
- Sec. 317-Vegetative and Landscaped Roofs
- Sec. 701.2-Fire-resistance-rated construction
- Sec. 3305.10-Safeguarding Roofing Operations
- No substantive roofing-related changes

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# Technical issues...



## **Significant revisions**

The NRCA Roofing Manual: Steep-slope Roof Systems-2025

- OSB roof decks are no longer recommended
- Nailbase and vented nailbase insulation should be installed in two layers with staggered and offset joints
- Joints in vented nailbase insulation should be taped
- Updated code references to 2024 I-codes
- New appendix addressing IBHS' Fortified program







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# Standards for wood structural panels

International Residential Code, 2024 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"

# Common, but not referenced in the Code

### **Plywood and OSB:**

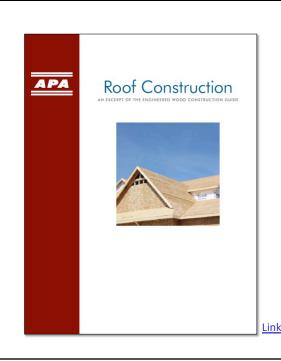
 APA-The Engineered Wood Association Standard PRP-108, "Performance Standards and Policies for Structural-Use Panels"

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Attachment of Wood Panels: The International Residential Code, 2024 Edition's Table R602.3(1)-Fastening Schedule provides minimum fastener and fastener spacing requirements for wood structural panels into roof framing shown in Figure 6.1.

			Spacing of fasteners		
Item	Description of building elements	Number and type of fasteners	Edges (inches)	Intermediate supports (inches)	
	Wood structural panels, roof sheathing to framing				
	and	particle board wall sheathing to fram	ing		
		6d common or deformed nail (2" x 0.113" x 0.281" head)	6	6	
31	3/8- to ½-inch-thick	8d common nail (2½" x 0.131" x 0.281" head), or RSRS-01 nail (2%" x 0.113" x 0.281" head)	6	6	
32	19/32- to ¾-inch thick	8d common nail (2½" x 0.131" x 0.281" head), or RSRS-01 nail (2%" x 0.113" x 0.281" head)	6	6	
33	7/8- to 1¼-inch thick	10d common nail (3" x 0.148" x 0.281" head), or 2½" x 0.131" x 0.281" head deformed nail	6	12	

Figure 6-1. Roof sheathing-specific excerpt from International Residential Code, 2024 Edition's Table R602.3(1)-Fastening Schedule



### APA Form E30, "Roof Construction"

--Roofing-specific excerpts from APA's *Engineered Wood Construction Guide* (102 pages)

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# **Considerations**

Lumber, plywood and OSB roof decks

- Be extra cautious of plywood and OSB roof decks
- Limit your deck acceptance responsibilities
- Consider more proactive plywood and OSB deck replacement
- Consider pull tests for plywood and OSB roof decks when using mechanically-attached membrane systems



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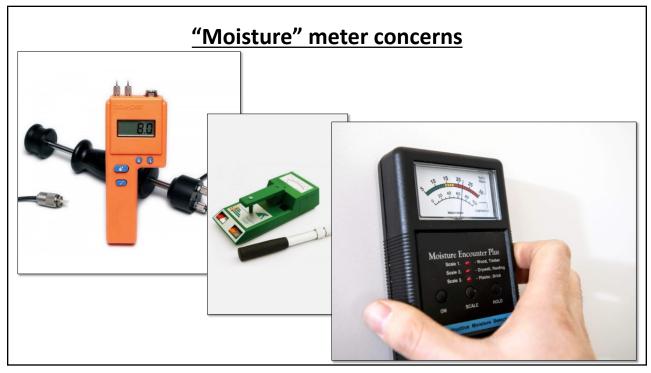
# **Nailbase insulation considerations**

- Double layer design and application
- Taped joints can control vapor leaks/underlayment wrinkling at board joints
- Pressure-tested and FRT nailbase are not good ideas for nailbase

# "Fully" adhered

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These meters do not read moisture...
...they are reading relative conductivity, which can be correlated to specific materials in specific conditions when properly calibrated.

# **Considerations**

"Moisture" meters

- Read/understand the instruction manual
- Understand device sensitivity
- Understand proper operating conditions
- Proper calibration/recalibration is critical
- Don't overstate the meter's capability
- Verify job-specific results with gravimetric analysis

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# **IR thermometers**



The same concerns apply:

- Not really measuring temperature
- Emissivity
- Reflectivity
- Devices are sensitive to temperature and humidity changes

# Polyiso. testing

R-value testing Facer sheet adhesion (with the Chicago Roofing Contractors Association)

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### LTTR - ASTM C1303 and ASTM C518

- A 15-year time-weighted average R-value
- The predicted R-value after 5-years (under controlled laboratory conditions)

### R-value – ASTM C518

• R-value at the time of the test

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- LTTR and R-value is typically tested and reported at 75 F.
- NRCA tests at 75 F, but we also test at 40 F and 110 F.

# **Test results**

Physical properties

Manufacturer	Apparent density (lb/ft³)	Thickness (inches)
1c	2.726	2.578
1p	2.002	2.594
2c	3.254	2.576
2p	2.024	2.585
3p	2.218	2.500
4p	2.057	2.735

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# **Test results**

R-value

Manufacturer	R-value (75 F)
1c	14.4
1p	13.9
2c	13.6
2p	15.6
3р	13.2
4p	15.3

# **More test results**

R-value

Manufacturer	R-value (40 F)	R-value (75 F)	R-value (110 F)
1c	10.8	14.4	12.8
1p	8.9	13.9	12.0
2c	14.5	13.6	12.1
2р	15.4	15.6	13.4
3р	12.6	13.2	11.6
4p	16.9	15.3	13.1

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# **Preliminary conclusions**

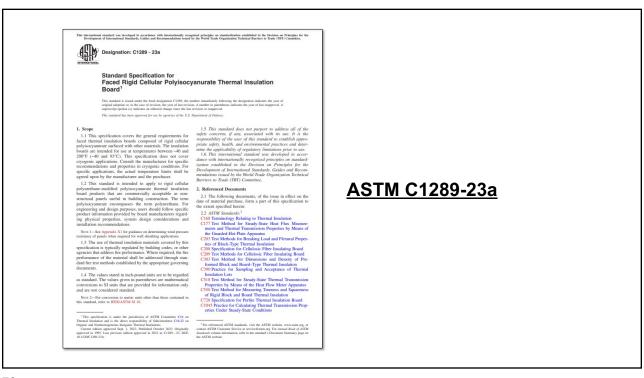
- Tested R-values vary
- Some tested R-values are already lower than LTTR
- Some samples are exhibiting different characteristics

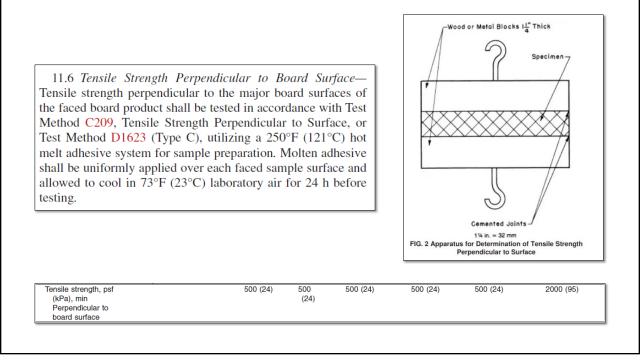
# **Preliminary recommendations**

 Specify, purchase and sell polyisocyanurate insulation (and all insulation products) based on their thicknesses, not its R-values

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**Polyiso facer sheet adhesion** 

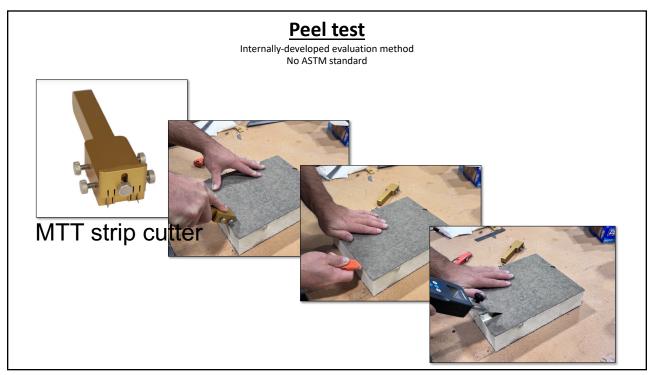




# Test results ASTM C209 tensile strength

Manufacturer	Tensile strength Average (psf)	Standard deviation (psf)
1c	1,888	556
1p	2,041	909
2c	1,874	730
2p	1,301	409
3p	1,029	495
4p	1,185	327

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# **Test results**

Manufacturer	Peel strength Average (psi)	Standard deviation (psi)
1c	2.78 MD 3.03 XMD	0.62 MD 0.44 XMD
1p	2.52 MD 2.89 XMD	0.78 MD 0.94 XMD
2c	2.30 MD 2.30 XMD	0.31 MD 0.28 XMD
2p	2.52 MD 2.36 XMD	0.61 MD 0.53 XMD
3р	2.83 MD 2.97 XMD	0.59 MD 0.57 XMD
4p	2.61 MD 2.19 XMD	0.56 MD 0.76 XMD
Average	2.59 MD 2.62 XMD	

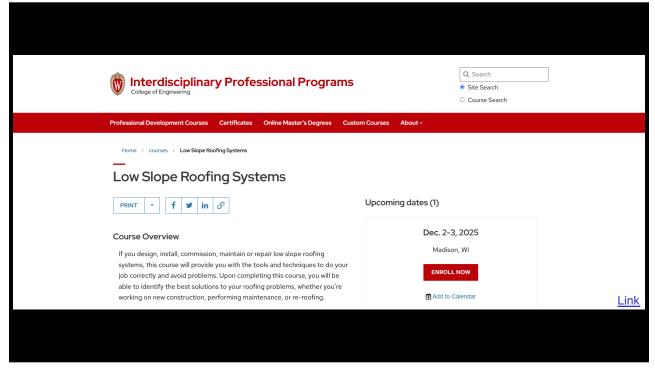
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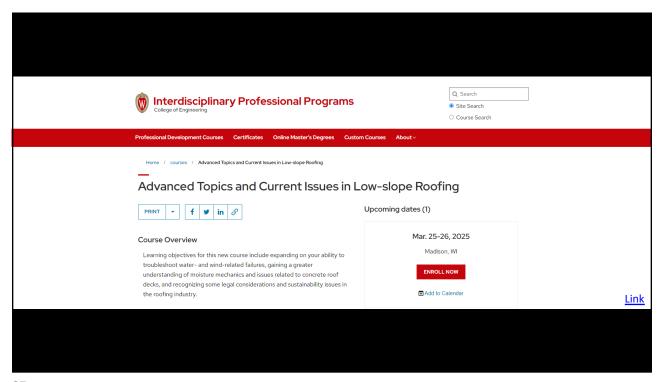
# **Preliminary conclusions**

- Our peel test method seems viable
  - More refinement of the test method may be needed
- Peel values are only about 10% of tensile values
- Peel values seem low
- More testing is planned:
  - More polyiso. specimens (production lots, plants)
  - Board top vs. board bottom
  - Impact of knit lines
  - Other faced insulation boards

# Recent and common technical inquires Requests of NRCA for technical assistance

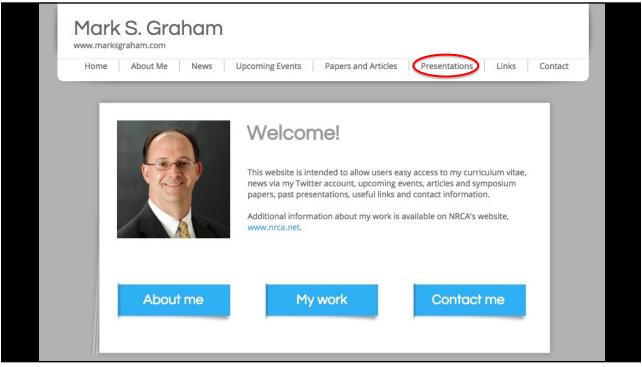
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# Questions... and other topics





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