

Roofing Issues: Decks to Dockets September 7-9, 2017 – Colorado Springs, CO

<u>Contractors Beware: Technical Issues</u> <u>Posing Liability Risks</u>

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FM Global (FM) and Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL)

Is compliance is FM and UL "required"?





FM Global (FM)

- FM Global:
 - Insurance company
 - Insures about 1/3 of Fortune 1000 companies
 - Specializes is highly-protected risk (HPR)
 - Engineering-based approach to risk management
- FM Approvals:
 - Subsidiary of FM Global
 - Code-approved testing agency
 - Accredited certification agency







Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL)

- Private, for-profit entity
- Code-approved testing agency
- Accredited certification agency
- Consulting services







International Building Code, 2015 Edition

SECTION 1505 FIRE CLASSIFICATION

[BF] 1505.1 General. Roof assemblies shall be divided into the classes defined below. Class A, B and C roof assemblies and roof coverings required to be listed by this section shall be tested in accordance with ASTM E 108 or UL 790. In addition, fire-retardant-treated wood roof coverings shall be tested in accordance with ASTM D 2898. The minimum roof coverings installed on buildings shall comply with Table 1505.1 based on the type of construction of the building.

Exception: Skylights and sloped glazing that comply with Chapter 24 or Section 2610.

TABLE 1505.1^{a, b} MINIMUM ROOF COVERING CLASSIFICATION FOR TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION

IA	IB	IIA	IIB	ША	IIIB	IV	VA	VB
В	В	В	C°	В	C°	В	В	C°

Footnotes to the table have been omitted here for clarity





[BF] 1505.2 Class A roof assemblies. Class A roof assemblies are those that are effective against severe fire test exposure. Class A roof assemblies and roof coverings shall be listed and identified as Class A by an approved testing agency. Class A roof assemblies shall be permitted for use in buildings or structures of all types of construction.

Exceptions:

- Class A roof assemblies include those with coverings of brick, masonry or an exposed concrete roof deck.
- Class A roof assemblies also include ferrous or copper shingles or sheets, metal sheets and shingles, clay or concrete roof tile or slate installed on noncombustible decks or ferrous, copper or metal sheets installed without a roof deck on noncombustible framing.
- Class A roof assemblies include minimum 16 ounce per square foot (0.0416 kg/m²) copper sheets installed over combustible decks.
- Class A roof assemblies include slate installed over ASTM D 226, Type II underlayment over combustible decks.





1504.3.1 Other roof systems. Built-up, modified bitumen, fully adhered or mechanically attached single-ply roof systems, metal panel roof systems applied to a solid or closely fitted deck and other types of membrane roof coverings shall be tested in accordance with FM 4474, UL 580 or UL 1897.

1504.3.2 Structural metal panel roof systems. Where the metal roof panel functions as the roof deck and roof covering and it provides both weather protection and support for loads, the structural metal panel roof system shall comply with this section. Structural standing-seam metal panel roof systems shall be tested in accordance with ASTM E 1592 or FM 4474. Structural through-fastened metal panel roof systems shall be tested in accordance with FM 4474, UL 580 or ASTM E 1592.

Exceptions:

- Metal roofs constructed of cold-formed steel shall be permitted to be designed and tested in accordance with the applicable referenced structural design standard in Section 2210.1.
- Metal roofs constructed of aluminum shall be permitted to be designed and tested in accordance with the applicable referenced structural design standard in Section 2002.1.



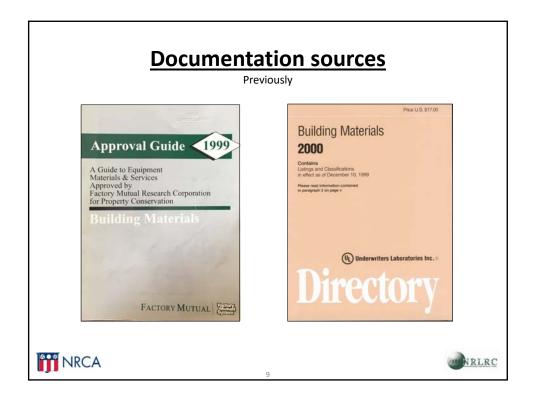


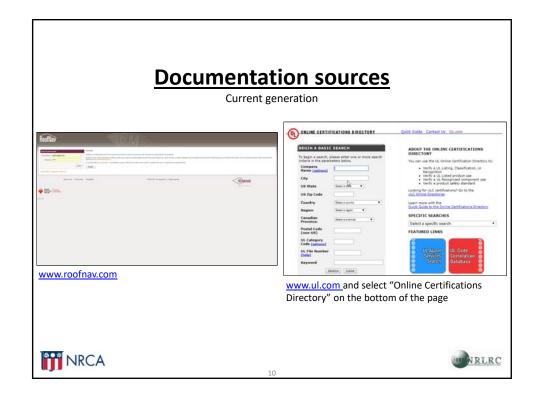
Code requirements

- Fire resistance (Class A, B or C): Assembly testing, certification and labeling is required
- Wind uplift resistance: Assembly testing only is required.
 - Some form of documentation of that testing will be necessary. (e.g., lab. report)

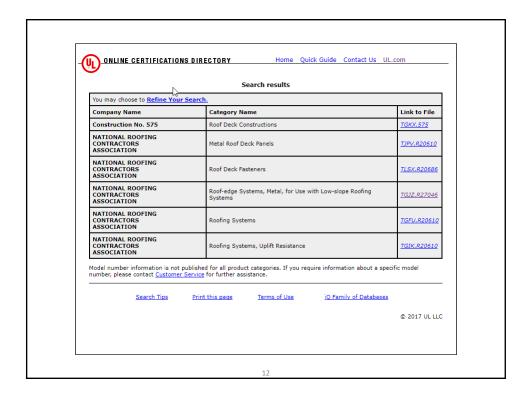


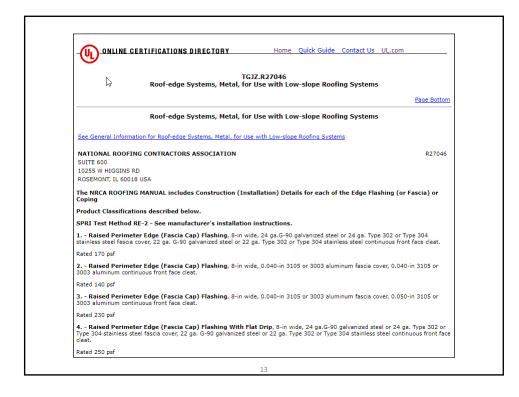


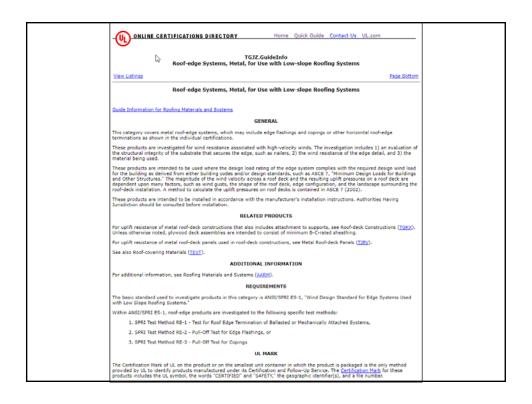


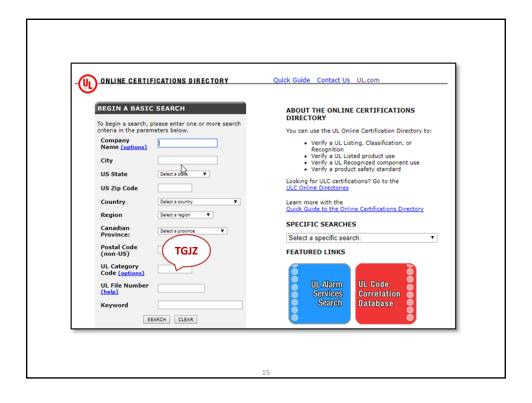


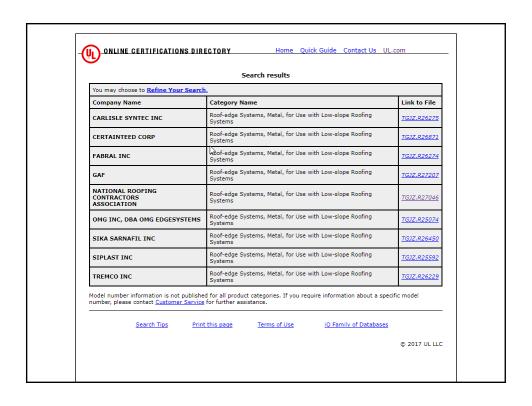












UL's roofing-related	category	codes
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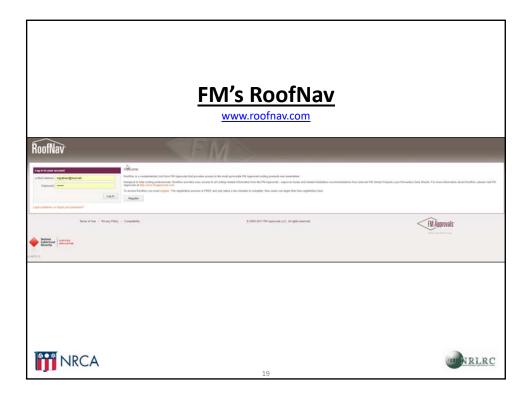
Test standards	UL Category Code	Description (applies to:)
n/a	TEVT	Roof covering materials
ASTM E108/UL790, ASTM D3161 & ASTM D3462	TFWZ	Asphalt shingles (fire, wind & product standard)
ASTM E108/UL790 & ASTM D3161	TFXX	Non-asphaltic shingles (fire & wind)
ASTM D7158	TGAH	Asphalt shingles (wind)
UL 2218	TGAM	Impact resistance (hail)
ASTM C1371, ASTM C1549	TGFE	Solar reflectance
UL 55A, UL 2218 & UL 790	TGFU	BUR, MB and SPF systems (product standard, impact & fire)
UL 1897	TGIK	TFWZ & TGFU systems (wind)
Various ASTM standards	TGJR	Various components (product standard)
UL 580 & UL 1256	TGKX	All listed assemblies (wind, fire)
ANSI/SPRI ES-1	TGJZ	Edge metal flashings (wind)
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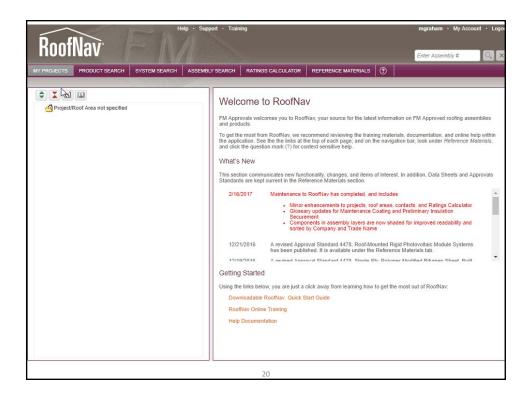
A UL label (i.e., certification) applies only to a specific certification (e.g., category code)

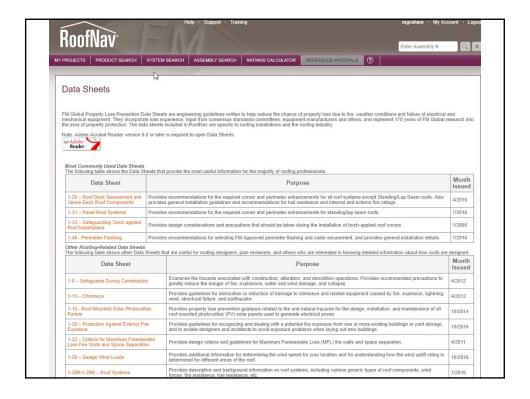
Some products/assemblies may have multiple UL certifications addressing different attributes

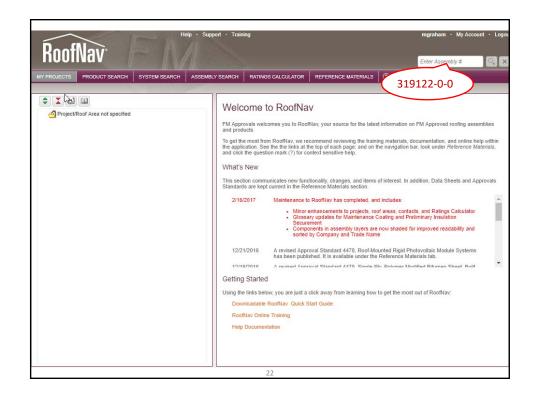


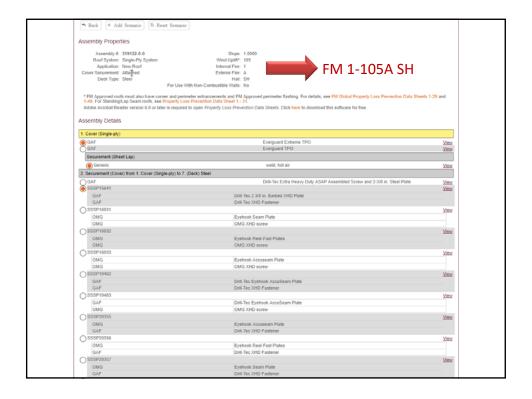


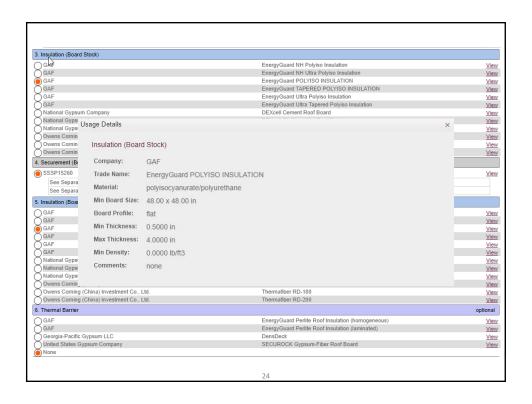


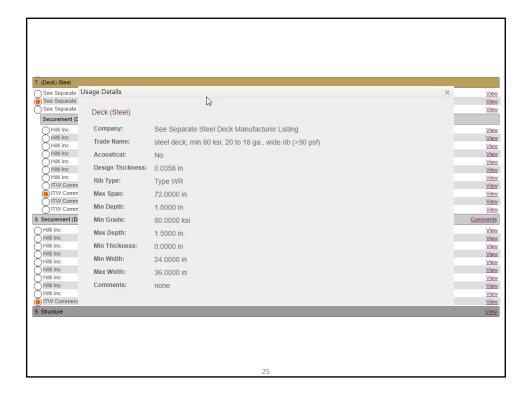


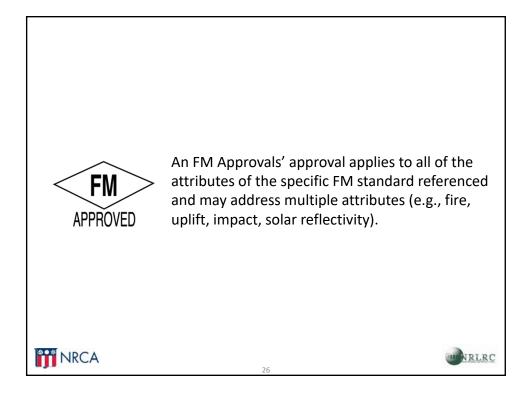












Recommendations Compliance with FM and UL requirements

- Obtain UL rating and/or FM approval information from manufacturers
 - FM Roofnay number
 - UL certification
- Maintain this information in your project file

Note: With FM and UL's current online systems, only current information is accessible; legacy information is not readily available.





In 2018, SPRI will reportedly launch their own on online "listing service".







