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Moisture in concrete roof decks

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Table 1 Drying time in days at 73 F and 50% relative Humidity for a 4-inch-thick specimen to reach 3 lbs/1,000 sq. ft./24 hrs.

Water-Cement Ratio	Bottom Sealed	Bottom Exposed to Water Vapor	Bottom in Contact with Water
0.4	46	52	54
0.5	85	144	199
0.6	117	365	>>365
0.7	130	>>365	>>365
0.8	148	>>365	>>365
0.9	166	>>365	>>365
1.0	190	>>365	>>365

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Moisture in concrete roof decks

Concrete curing and drying rates can affect roof systems.

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THE SHORTCOMINGS OF MANY PRESCRIPTIVE SPECIFICATIONS WITH REGARD TO ROOF TECHNOLOGIES

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Abstract: Many specifications, including concrete, lightweight structural concrete, modular mat, and roof deck substrate.

Keywords: Precipitation specifications often are used to define roof system design. In many cases, these prescriptive specifications are not in line with modern advanced roofing technology. With the general public's concern related to using roof systems as reflective surfaces or patterns for vegetative roof systems or renewable energy systems, designers, installers or specifiers need guidance as to necessary concrete features they usually do not properly address. The specific performance attributes, including fire, roof systems and drainage, substrate and waterproofing.

One already diverse range of the above-mentioned concrete is a wall structure when the concrete industry is using porous, lightweight aggregates in structural concrete instead of dense weight aggregates, such as those used in normal weight structural concrete. Although the benefit of using lightweight aggregates in structural concrete is lower-weight concrete structures, the concrete's compressive

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Concrete deck dryness

Alternative approaches are needed to determine when concrete decks are dry.

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Moisture in Lightweight Structural Concrete Roof Decks

Concrete Moisture Features Critical for Roofing Contractors

New structural concrete is a key element in creating a durable, long-lasting roof system. However, the moisture content of the concrete at the time of installation can significantly affect the performance of the roof system. This article discusses the importance of controlling moisture in lightweight structural concrete roof decks and provides practical advice for roofing contractors.

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Moisture in lightweight structural concrete presents concerns.

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Normal weight and lightweight structural concrete moisture content.

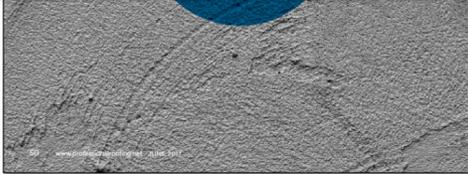
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Age	ASTM E96 calculated perm			
	Lightweight structural concrete		Normal weight concrete	
	Wet cup	Dry cup	Wet cup	Dry cup
28 days	1.48	0.78	3.42	1.05
60 days	1.45	0.47	2.03	1.13

The figure shows results of ASTM E96 water vapor transmission testing. Note the lightweight structural concrete has about half of the permeability of regular weight concrete. Considering lightweight structural concrete arrives with more than twice the evaporable water of regular weight concrete, this explains why lightweight structural concrete retains moisture for so long.



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Are admixtures the answer?

Moisture in concrete roof decks continues to be problematic
by Mark S. Graham

NRCA Technical Services Section has been receiving inquiries regarding the use and effectiveness of specific concrete mix additives and topical surface treatments to address moisture release-related concerns with concrete roof decks. Such admixtures typically are referred to as moisture vapor reduction admixtures (MVRAs) or generally penetrating admixtures. NRCA provides recommendations regarding their use.

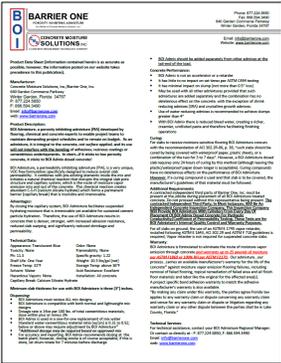
PERVA.
Concrete admixtures intended as MVRAs are specific chemicals added during concrete's batching and mixing to provide an additional chemical reaction during the concrete's hydration and curing process. MVRAs use the concrete mix's calcium hydroxide and chloride to create a calcium silicate hydrate gel within the concrete. The gel is said to fill the small pores and capillary openings in curing concrete, restricting the concrete's ability to pass and release moisture vapor. The gel is intended to be permeable and integral throughout the concrete's entire thickness.

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Moisture vapor reduction admixtures (MVRAs)







NRCA still has not seen an MVRA perform successfully in concrete roof deck applications

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	Deck 1 (no MVRA)		Deck 2 (with an MVRA)		Deck 3 (with an MVRA)	
Specimen No.	1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2
Permeability (U.S. perm)	1.9	1.8	3.7	3.4	3.7	3.8

Table: Average tested permeability values

Putting it to the test
NRCA conducts testing of moisture vapor reduction admixtures
by Mark S. Graham

Non admixture intended to minimize a concrete roof deck's ability to pass and release moisture vapor. Some background and an overview of NRCA's testing and results follow.

What's an MVRA?
Concrete admixtures intended as MVRA's are specific chemicals added during concrete's batching and mixing to provide an additional chemical reaction during the concrete's hydration and curing process. MVRA's use the concrete mix's excess water and chlorides to create a calcium silicate hydrate gel within the concrete. The gel is said to fill the small pores and capillary openings in curing concrete, minimizing the concrete's ability to pass and release moisture vapor. The gel is intended to be permanent and integral throughout the concrete thickness.

MVRA's are available from numerous suppliers and typically added to a concrete mix at the concrete batch plant separately from any other admixtures. Some MVRA suppliers permit their MVRA to be added to concrete mixers at job sites provided the concrete mixer's drum is rotated for a supplier's recommended minimum amount of time after dosage and before concrete discharge and placement.

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"...These test results contradict claims an MVRA minimizes concrete's ability to pass and release moisture vapor..."

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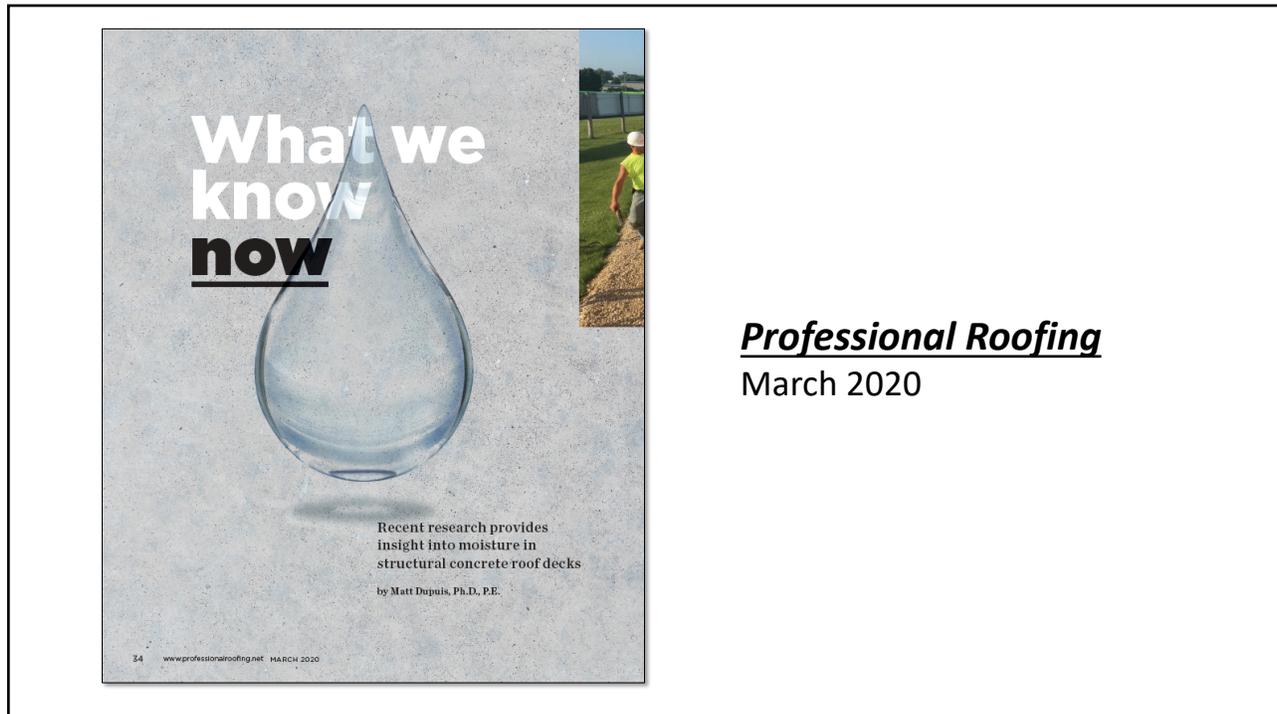
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Contract provision addresses installation of roof system over concrete deck

Assessing moisture content in roof deck: Roofing Contractor is not responsible for the effects of moisture migration originating within the roof deck or substrate, including concrete decks, or due to moisture vapor drive from within the building. Residual moisture within the roof deck, particularly structural concrete decks, can adversely affect the properties and performance of roofing materials, regardless of additives or concrete admixtures that may be included in the concrete mix. Roofing Contractor's commencement of roof installation indicates only that the Roofing Contractor has visibly inspected the surface of the deck for visible defects prior to commencement of roofing and the surface of the deck appeared dry. The 28-day concrete curing period does not signify the deck is sufficiently dry.

Roofing Contractor is not responsible to test or assess the moisture content of the deck or evaluate the likelihood of condensation from moisture drive within the building. Roofing contractor recommends that roofing not commence until probes in concrete decks show moisture content is no greater than 75% relative humidity when there is no organic content within the roofing materials. Wood fiberboard, perlite and organic paper facers on polyisocyanurate insulation will generate mold with relative humidity as low as about 65-70%.

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Coming soon...

- Publication of the final report on SRI's industry-sponsored concrete moisture research
- NRCA "Industry Issue update," which will summarize the research to date and provide NRCA latest recommendations

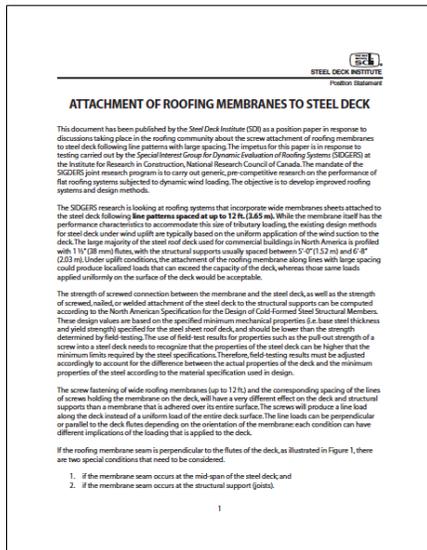
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Steel roof decks/seam-fastened systems

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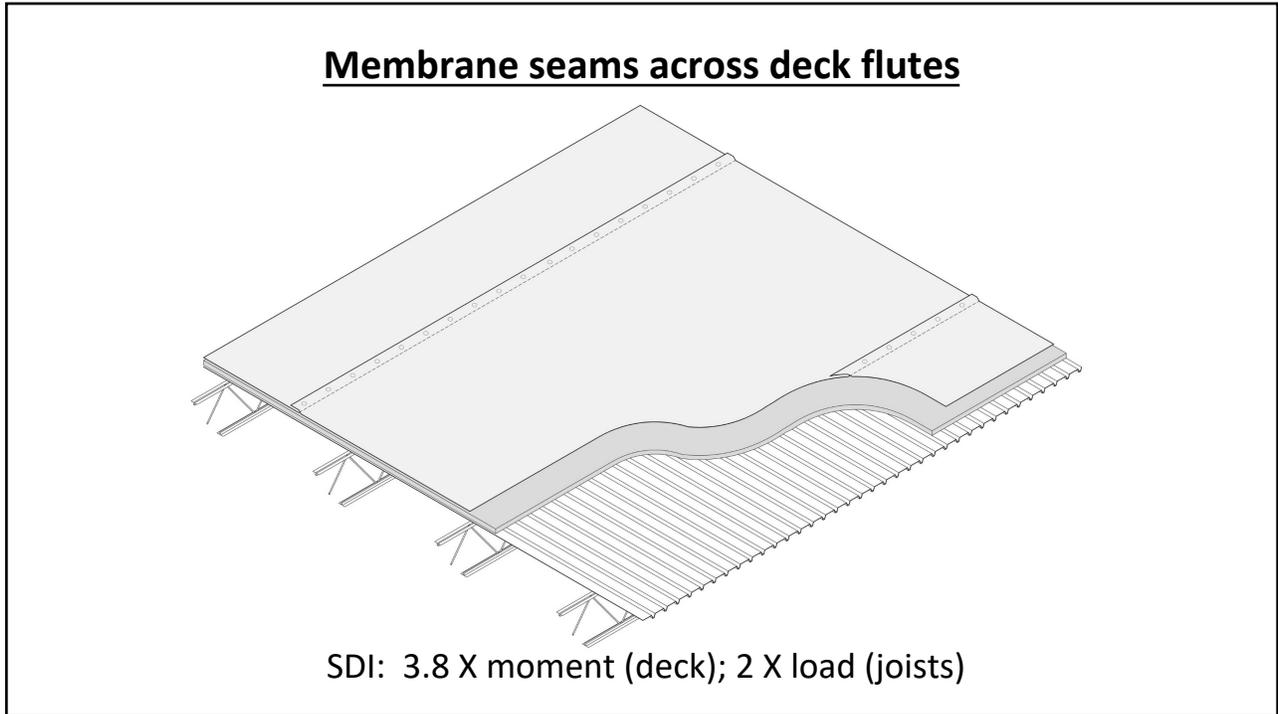
SDI bulletin

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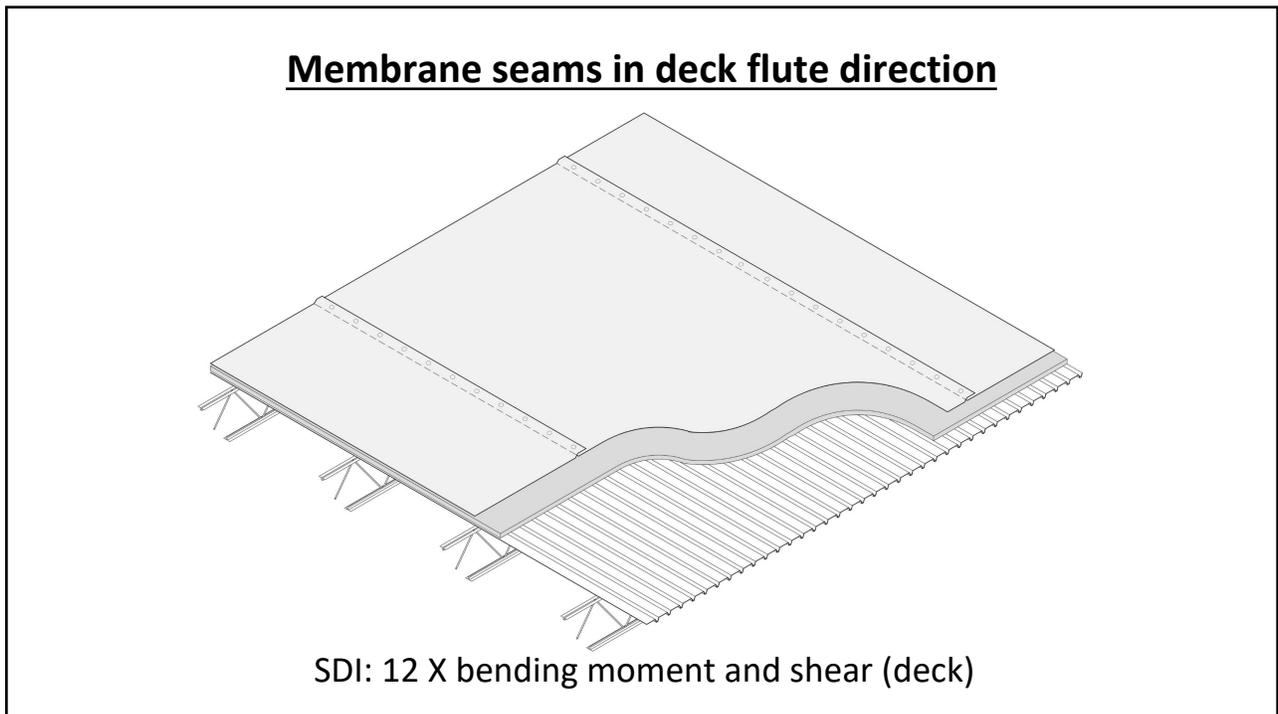


- Decks designed for joist spacing between 5' and 6' 8" o.c.
- Deck designed for uniform loading
- Seam-fastened single-membranes are a concern

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SDI bulletin – Conclusion

2009 bulletin

“...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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Note to Insureds of Factory Mutual Insurance Company: Contact the local FM Global office before beginning any roofing work.		
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- Revised/new criteria:
- Steel roof decks:
 - Uniformly-distributed loading
 - Concentrated loading
 - Lightweight structural concrete

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2.2.3.2 When designing the steel deck, give consideration to the needed wind rating, and how the load is applied (concentrated vs. uniformly distributed) from the above-deck components to the deck. Where the distance between rows of roof cover fasteners is greater than half the deck span, treat as a concentrated load.

As an alternative to using Tables 1A or 1B for concentrated loads, a performance-based approach may be used if calculations are conducted by a licensed S.E. or P.E. in structural engineering. This applies to situations where the distance between rows of roof cover fasteners is greater than one-half the deck span. Make the following assumptions:

- A. Assume a 3-span structural condition.
- B. Assume the first row of roof cover fasteners is located at mid-point of the first deck span.
- C. Assume maximum allowable stresses are determined using allowable strength design (ASD) in accordance with AISI S100-2012, or comparable standard outside the United States

Due to the more brittle nature of higher grade steels, the maximum yield stress used in the analysis is 60,000 psi (414 MPa), even for 80,000 psi (552 MPa) yield stress steel. Use Tables 1A through 1E as follows to facilitate deck selection:

Table 1A. Use for roof covers or base plies that are mechanically fastened to the steel deck when the distance between rows of roof cover fasteners is more than half the deck span and the deck is 1-1/2 in. (38 mm) deep, wide rib (Type B) with a minimum yield stress of 33,000 psi (228 MPa).

Table 1B. Use for roof covers or base plies that are mechanically fastened to the steel deck when the distance between rows of roof cover fasteners is more than half the deck span and the deck is 1-1/2 in. (38 mm) deep, wide rib (Type B) with a minimum yield stress of 60,000 psi (414 MPa).

Note: Where the minimum specified yield stress is between 33,000 psi (228 MPa) and 60,000 psi (414 MPa), it is reasonably accurate to interpolate the maximum deck span linearly based on Tables 1A and 1B.

Table 1C. Use for roof covers or base plies that are adhered to insulation or cover board, or mechanically fastened to the steel deck when the distance between rows of roof cover fasteners is one-half the deck span or less and the deck is 1-1/2 in. (38 mm) deep, wide rib (Type B) with minimum yield stresses of 33,000 psi (228 MPa) and ultimate wind ratings of from 60 to 225 psf (2.9 to 10.8 kPa).

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Table 1C. Maximum Steel Deck Span (ft) for 1 1/2 in. (38 mm) Deep, Wide Rib (Type B) Steel Deck with an Adhered Roof Cover, for Wind Ratings from 60 to 225 psf (2.9 to 10.8 kPa)
(NOTE: Use this table when the distance between rows of roof cover fasteners is one-half the deck span or less. Green font indicates that deflection governs over bending stress.)

Yield Stress psi	Deck Gauge	Ultimate Wind Rating per RoofNav (psf)											
		Maximum Span (ft)											
		60	75	90	105	120	135	150	165	180	195	210	225
33,000	22	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.07	6.67	6.33	6.03	5.78	5.55	5.35	5.17
	20	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.43	7.05	6.72	6.44	6.18	5.96	5.76
	18	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	8.66	8.22	7.84	7.50	7.21	6.95	6.71
	16	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	9.89	9.38	8.94	8.56	8.23	7.93	7.66
40,000	22	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	6.96	6.67	6.35	6.10	5.88	5.68
	20	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.76	7.40	7.08	6.80	6.56	6.33
	18	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.04	8.62	8.25	7.93	7.64	7.38
	16	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.32	9.84	9.42	9.05	8.72	8.43
45,000	22	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.04	6.74	6.48	6.24	6.03
	20	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.51	7.22	6.95	6.72
	18	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	8.76	8.41	8.11	7.83
	16	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	9.99	9.60	9.25	8.94
50,000	22	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	6.93	6.66	6.42	6.20
	20	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.72	7.42	7.15	6.91
	18	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.00	8.65	8.33	8.05
	16	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.28	9.87	9.51	9.19
55,000	22	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	6.90	6.67
	20	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.69	7.43
	18	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	8.97	8.66
	16	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.24	9.89
60,000 +	22	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	6.97
	20	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.77
	18	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.06
	16	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.34

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Table 1A. Maximum Steel Deck Span (ft) for 1½ in. (38 mm) Deep, 33,000 psi (228 MPa) Yield Stress with a Mechanically Fastened Roof Cover
(Note: Use this table when the distance between rows of roof cover fasteners is more than one-half the deck span.)

Max Deck Spans By Wind Rating/Fastener Spacing, Sheet Gauge for 33 ksi, 1½ in. Deep Wide Rib Deck

Roof Cover Fastener Row Spacing (ft)	Gauge	Wind Rating [psf]																		
		330	315	300	285	270	255	240	225	210	195	180	165	150	135	120	105	90	75	60
3.5	18	4.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	-	4	4	4.5	4.5	4.5	5	5.5	5.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	22	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4.5	4.5	4.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6
4	18	4.5	4.5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	4.5	5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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5	18	-	-	-	4	4	4.5	5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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(Note: Use this table when the distance between rows of roof cover fasteners is more than one-half the deck span.)

Max Deck Spans By Wind Rating/Fastener Spacing, Sheet Gauge for 80 ksi, 1½ in. Deep Wide Rib Deck

Roof Cover Fastener Row Spacing (ft)	Gauge	Wind Rating [psf]																		
		330	315	300	285	270	255	240	225	210	195	180	165	150	135	120	105	90	75	60
8.5	18	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5	6	6	6	6	6
9	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6
	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6
9.5	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5	6	6	6
	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	5.5	6	6
Roof Cover Fastener Row Spacing	Gauge	330	315	300	285	270	255	240	225	210	195	180	165	150	135	120	105	90	75	60

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Table 1B. Maximum Steel Deck Span (ft) for 1 1/2 in. (38 mm) Deep, Yield Stress \geq 60,000 psi (414 MPa) with a mechanically fastened Roof Cover
(Note: Use this table when the distance between rows of roof cover fasteners is more than one-half the deck span.)

Max Deck Spans By Wind Rating/Fastener Spacing, Sheet Gauge for 80 ksi, 1 1/2 in. Deep Wide Rib Deck

Roof Cover Fastener Row Spacing (ft)	Gauge	Wind Rating [psf]																		
		330	315	300	285	270	255	240	225	210	195	180	165	150	135	120	105	90	75	60
3.5	18	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	22	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
4	18	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	22	4.5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
4.5	18	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	5.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	22	4	4	4.5	5	5	5.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
5	18	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	4.5	5	5.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	22	-	-	4	4	4.5	4.5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
5.5	18	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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6	18	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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7	18	-	4	4	4.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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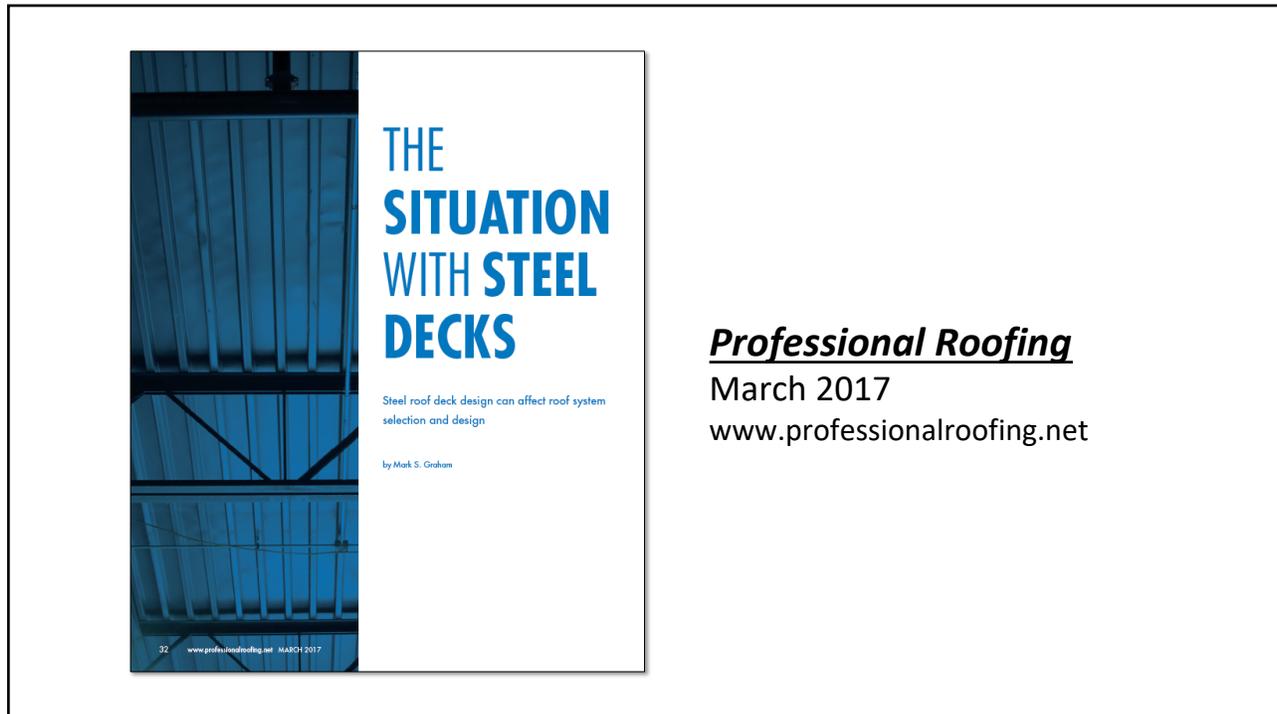
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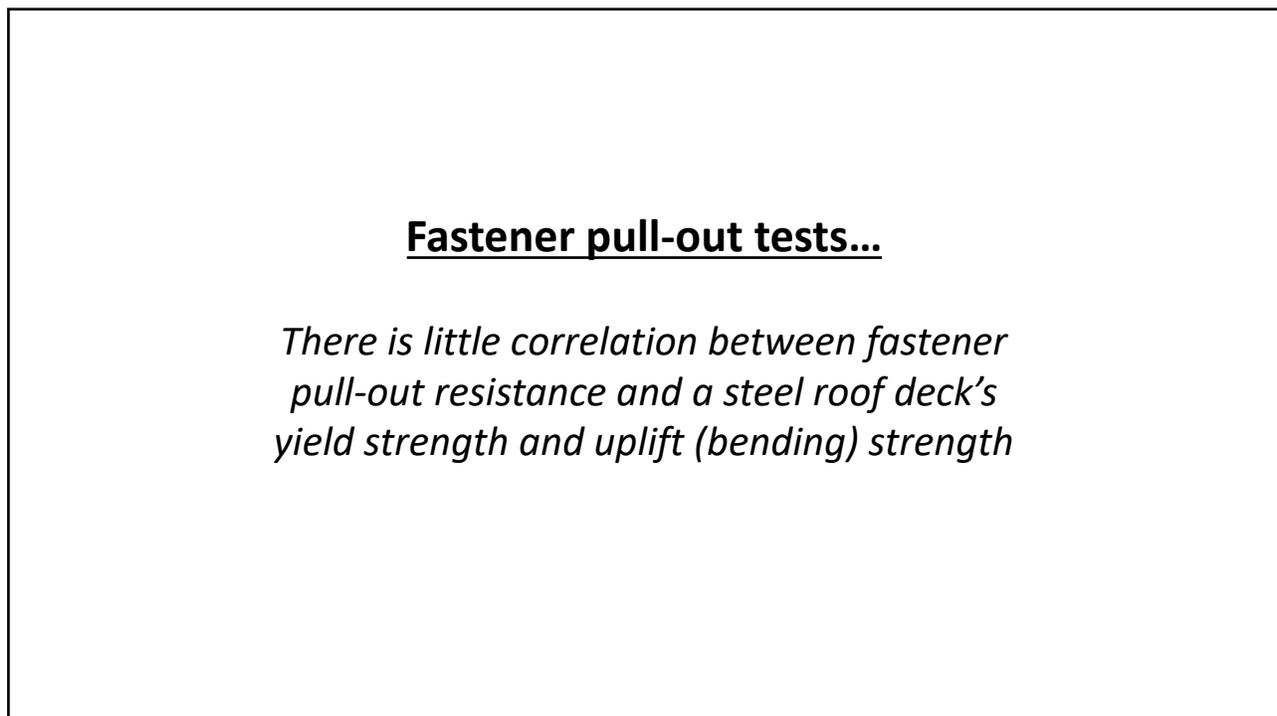
Assumption: 22 ga, 1-1/2-in.-thick steel roof deck on 6 ft. joist spacing (unless otherwise noted)

- Adhered membrane roof system:
 - 33 ksi deck (Table 1C): 165 psf max. uplift
- Mechanically-attached membrane system:
 - 33 ksi deck, 6 ft seam spacing (Table 1A): 90 psf max. uplift
 - 80 ksi deck, 9.5 ft. seam spacing (Table 1B): 90 psf max. uplift
 - 80 ksi deck, 6 ft seam spacing (Table 1B): 165 psf max. uplift

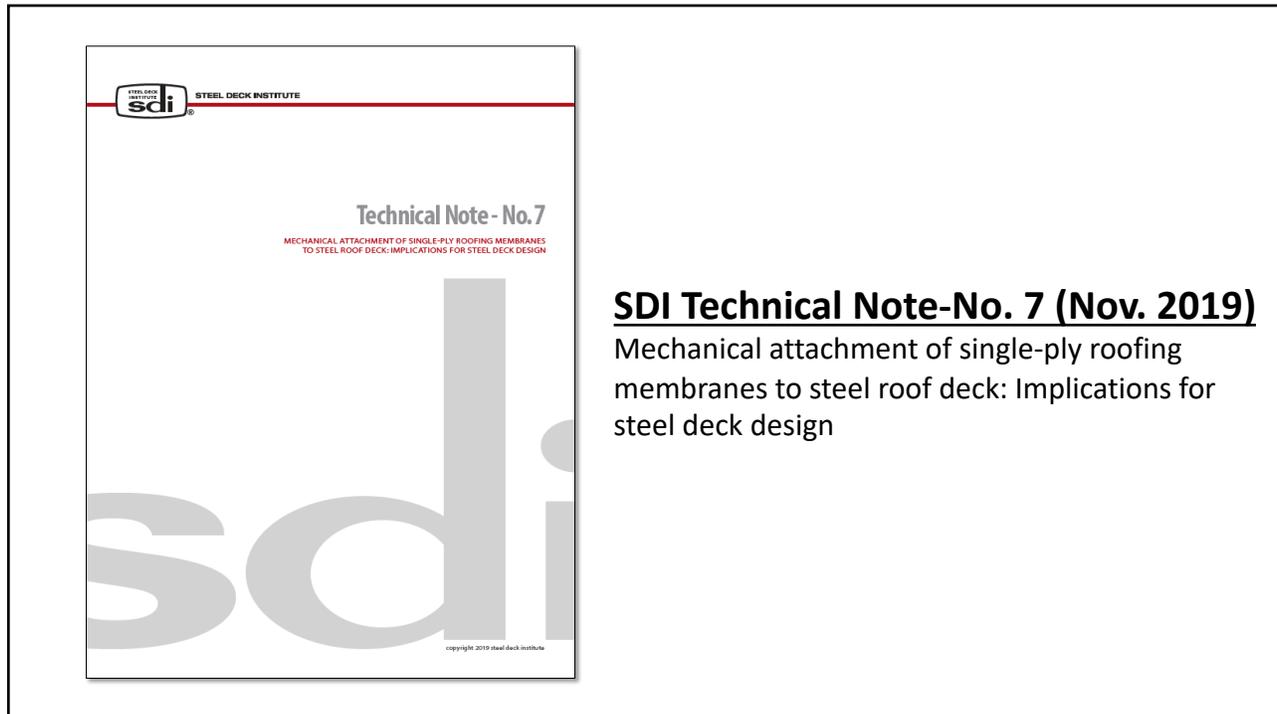
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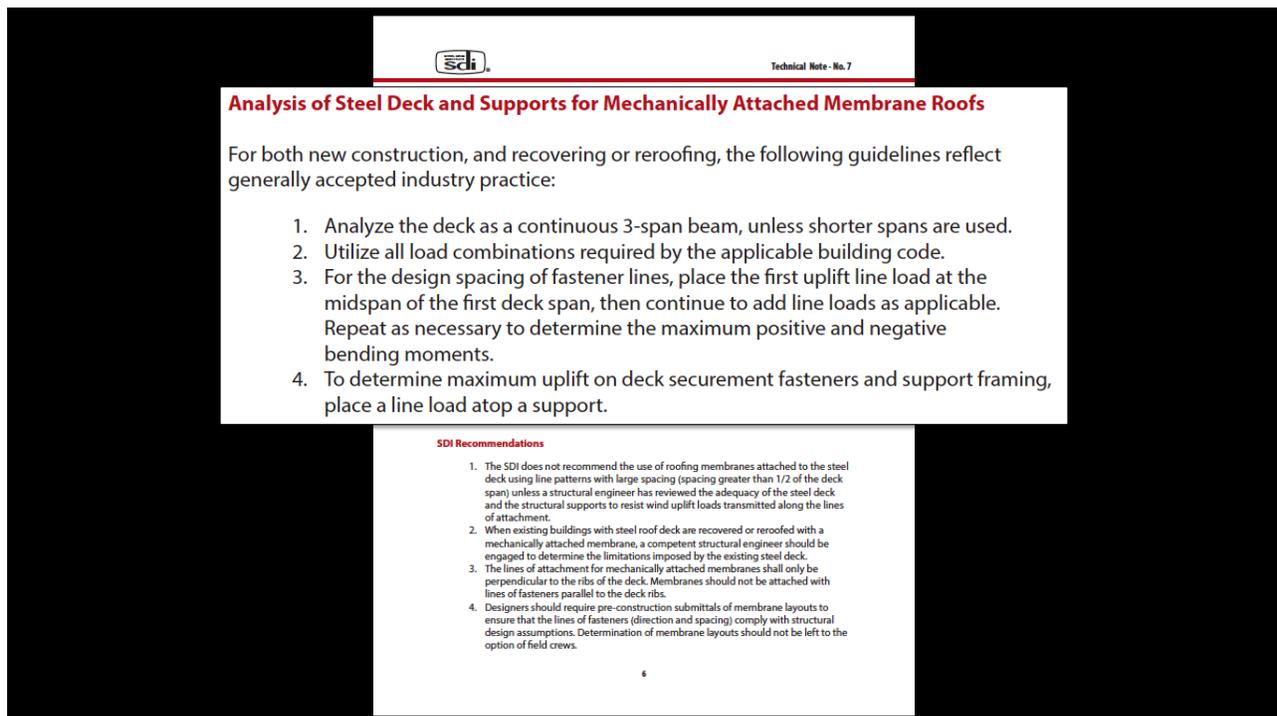
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Mechanical attachment of single-ply roofing membranes to steel roof deck: Implications for steel deck design

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The steel deck bending and shear strength (resistance) and strength (resistance) of the fasteners attaching the deck to the supports are calculated using the *North American Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members (ANSI S100-16)* and the *Standard for Steel Roof Deck (ANSI/SDI RD-2017)*. These design strengths are dependent on the specified minimum mechanical properties (i.e. base steel thickness, yield and ultimate strength) for the roof deck, and should be lower than the strength determined by field-testing. Results of field-tests utilized to determine strengths which are dependent on the mechanical properties of the steel deck, such as pull-out or pull-over of a screw fastened through deck, must recognize the properties of the delivered steel may exceed the minimum limits required by the steel specification. Therefore, field-test results must be adjusted

SDI Recommendations

1. The SDI does not recommend the use of roofing membranes attached to the steel deck using line patterns with large spacing (spacing greater than 1/2 of the deck span) unless a structural engineer has reviewed the adequacy of the steel deck and the structural supports to resist wind uplift loads transmitted along the lines of attachment.
2. When existing buildings with steel roof deck are recovered or reroofed with a mechanically attached membrane, a competent structural engineer should be engaged to determine the limitations imposed by the existing steel deck.
3. The lines of attachment for mechanically attached membranes shall only be perpendicular to the ribs of the deck. Membranes should not be attached with lines of fasteners parallel to the deck ribs.
4. Designers should require pre-construction submittals of membrane layouts to ensure that the lines of fasteners (direction and spacing) comply with structural design assumptions. Determination of membrane layouts should not be left to the option of field crews.

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Expect additional scrutiny of seam-fastened, mechanically-attached, single-ply membrane roof systems

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Consider the deck
SDI provides additional guidance for steel roof deck designers
by Mark S. Graham

In November 2019, the Steel Deck Institute issued new guidance for steel roof decks that feature seams-fastened, mechanically attached, single-ply membranes. Although this guidance is directed toward roof deck designers, single-ply membrane manufacturers and suppliers, roof system designers and roofing contractors also should be aware of SDI's latest guidance.
Previous guidance
 In May 2009, SDI issued a position statement, "Attachment of Roofing Membranes to Steel Decks," indicating seams-fastened, mechanically attached, single-ply membrane roof systems apply wind-uplift loads to roof decks differently than adhered membrane roof systems. Although adhered membrane roof systems apply uplift loads uniformly across a roof deck, seams-fastened membrane systems result in concentrated line loads along the deck. Such line loads can result in excess bending moment and shear applied to the deck or a doubling of uplift loads on specific structural supports (girders) depending on the orientation of the membrane sheets relative to the deck flutes and joists.
 SDI's document goes on to recommend structural engineers should review the adequacy of steel roof decks and their underlying

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Loss-Prevention Requirements For Vulcraft Steel Deck Systems

Should the project require Factory Mutual insurance underwriting, the Specifying Professional for the project should consult with the FM Regional Engineer to determine any provisions they may require be met as part of the design of the structural system. The Specifying Professional remains responsible for the interpretation of these requirements on the job. The following guidelines outline Vulcraft's understanding of two possible approaches that may be taken concerning additional roof deck design requirements FM may require:

1. FM Wind Rating Specified only: In this situation, the FM Regional Engineer specifies that the roof must have a wind rating such as 1-60, 1-75, or 1-90. This may be all that is specified. In this case, the Specifying Professional may refer to the Vulcraft document "Vulcraft FM Deck Data" (available at www.vulcraft.com) and determine needed information as follows:

- The Specifying Professional will refer to Section 9.1.1 for mechanical support fasteners and 9.1.2 for welds. Definition of the fastener patterns at both the supports and sidelaps is provided in the initial paragraph of each of these sections. This fastener pattern is appropriate for Zone 1, Field, only.
 - The fastener pattern in Zone 2, Edge, should be two times the requirement in Zone 1.
 - The fastener pattern in Zone 3, Corner, should be two-and-one-half times the requirement in Zone 1.
- Once the appropriate table for the desired deck type is located within the section chosen in Step 1, choose deck gages for the secondary support spacing desired and that match the FM wind rating specified. Values are provided for one, two, and three-span conditions. Please note that these maximum span values include consideration of:

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The screenshot shows the Vulcraft website navigation bar with the 'DECKS' menu item highlighted. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home / Decks / Factory Mutual'. The main content area features a sub-header 'Loss-Prevention Requirements For Vulcraft Steel Deck Systems' and a section titled 'FM Data'. The text in the 'FM Data' section reads: 'The approach outlined in the Vulcraft document is sufficient only for wind ratings up to 1-90. In situations where deck profile or gages desired are not listed in the Vulcraft FM documents available on this page or the wind rating required is greater than 1-90, the specifier should contact Vulcraft for assistance in seeking special consideration from the FM Regional Engineer. Allowable FM deck span charts for windstorm ratings less than 1-105 are based upon numerous limit states defined in FM Class 4451 Approval Standard which include;'

- 200 lb construction and maintenance deck stress and deflection,
- Uplift deck stress,
- Fastener tensile capacity and
- Membrane width < 1/2 deck span

for one, two, and three-span conditions. Please note that these maximum span values include consideration of:

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The screenshot shows the Vulcraft website navigation bar with the 'DECKS' menu item highlighted. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home / Decks / Factory Mutual'. The main content area features a sub-header 'FM Data'. The text in the 'FM Data' section reads: 'Membrane widths > 1/2 deck span require additional calculations beyond the scope of this summary. Minimum connection patterns listed per windstorm rating are within Zone 1 (Field) with prescriptive patterns in Zones 2 and 3;'

- Zone 1 (Field) fastener patterns are listed per windstorm rating.
- Zone 2 (Edge) fastener pattern = 2.0 x Zone 1.
- Zone 3 (Corner) fastener pattern = 2.5 x Zone 1.

Listed and prescriptive patterns are minimums and do not supersede structural requirements defined by the Specifying Professional.

Windstorm ratings equal to or greater than 1-105 require panel yield strength of 80 ksi and calculations to satisfy Standard 4451 performance requirements for fastener and deck stress based on field, corner, and edge zone pressures. Negative pressures and zone widths can be calculated from FM data sheet 1-28 or RoofNav. Please refer to data sheets 1-28 and 1-29 for additional above deck securement.

for one, two, and three-span conditions. Please note that these maximum span values include consideration of:

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Who in your company “accepts” steel roof deck?

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*The roofing industry needs to re-think
the concept of “deck acceptance.”*

Deck acceptance should be limited to:

- Its physical presence
- Top surface is visually dry
- Surface is broom clean

*If we do not limit deck acceptance, we do nothing other than
incur someone else’s liability (and not get paid for it).*

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New FM Global Loss Prevention Data Sheets

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New FM Global Loss Prevention Data Sheets

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- FM 1-15, “Roof-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Panels
- FM 1-28, “Wind Design”
- FM 1-29, “Roof Deck Securement and Above-deck Roof Components”
- FM 1-30, “Repair of Wind-damaged Single- and Multi-ply Roof Systems
- FM 1-31, “Roof Panel Systems”
- FM 1-34, “Hail Damage”
- FM 1-35, “Vegetative Roof Systems
- FM 1-49, “Perimeter Flashing”
- FM 1-52, “Field Verification of Roof Wind Uplift Resistance”

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ROOF DECK SECUREMENT AND ABOVE-DECK ROOF COMPONENTS

Note to Insureds of Factory Mutual Insurance Company: Contact the local FM Global office before beginning any roofing work.

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Roof Deck Securement and Above-Deck Roof Components

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1.0 SCOPE

This data sheet provides guidance on the following subjects:

A. Wind resistance, including:

1. The proper span and securement of steel roof decks to supporting members. This is appropriate information for the Structural Engineer of Record (SER).
2. The proper design and installation of above-deck roof components. This is appropriate information for the roofing professional.

B. Fire classification of roofs

Items covered include:

- roof covers
- insulation
- cover boards
- vapor retarders
- air barriers
- fasteners
- re-roof and re-cover assemblies

This data sheet is intended to be used in conjunction with RoofNav and Data Sheet 1-28, *Wind Design*.

See the following data sheets for guidance on subjects that are not covered in this data sheet:

Data Sheet 1-15, *Roof-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Panels*;
Data Sheet 1-42, *Maximum Foreseeable Loss Limiting Factors*, for guidance on roofs of buildings divided by MFL fire walls;
Data Sheet 1-31, *Panel Roof Systems*, for guidance on panel roofs, including lap seam, standing seam, and insulated metal panels;
Data Sheet 1-33, *Safe-guarding Torch-Applied Roof Installations*;
Data Sheet 1-34, *Hail Damage*;
Data Sheet 1-49, *Perimeter Flashing*;
Data Sheet 1-54, *Roof Loads For New Construction*, for guidance on gravity loads (e.g., snow, ponding).

Clients of FM Global should contact their local FM Global office before beginning any roofing design or construction.

1.1 Changes

January 2020, Interim Revision. The following changes were made:

- A. Updated tables and examples throughout to reflect changes made to Data Sheet 1-28.
- B. Changed the terms used for roof areas from field, perimeter, and corner to Zone 1, Zone 2, and Zone 3, respectively.
- C. Added new interior roof Zone 1!

2.0 LOSS PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Introduction

The recommendations provided in this document are not intended to supersede the requirements of any FM Approval (see Appendix A for definition). FM Approval listings in RoofNav, an online resource of FM Approvals, describe the requirements for a specific wind uplift rating, as well as ratings for hail, interior fire

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Significant changes in FM 1-28, Feb. 2020

- Wind load determination tables have been removed from FM 1-28; now use the ratings calculator in RoofNav
- FM 1-28 now uses ASCE 7-16’s pressure coefficients and zones
- FM 1-28 still uses ASCE 7-05’s 100-year MRI maps
- FM 1-28 still uses the allowable strength design (ASD) method
- FM 1-28 uses (adds) an Importance Factor of 1.15

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Comparing ASCE 7-05, FM 1-28, ASCE 7-10 and ASCE 7-16

Example: A low-rise office building (Risk Category II) is located in Chicago, IL. The building is an enclosed structure with a mean roof height of 60 ft. The building is located in an open terrain area that can be categorized as Exposure Category C.

Document	Basic wind speed (mph)	Design wind pressure (psf)			
		Zone 1' (Center)	Zone 1 (Field)	Zone 2 (Perimeter)	Zone 3 (Corners)
ASCE 7-05	$V_{ASD} = 90$	--	24	40	58
FM 1-28 (old)	$V_{ASD} = 90$	--	27	FM 1-60	69
FM 1-28 (new)	$V_{ASD} = 90$	24	43	FM 1-90	77
ASCE 7-10 Ult.	$V_{ULT} = 115$	--	39	65	97
ASCE 7-10 ASD	$V_{ASD} = 90$	--	23	39	58
ASCE 7-16 Ult.	$V_{ULT} = 105$	30	51	67	92
ASCE 7-16 ASD	$V_{ASD} = 90$	18	31	41	55

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Comparing ASCE 7-05, FM 1-28, ASCE 7-10 and ASCE 7-16

Example: A **high-rise** office building (Risk Category II) is located in Chicago, IL. The building is an enclosed structure with a mean roof height of **150 ft**. The building is located in an open terrain area that can be categorized as Exposure Category C.

Document	Basic wind speed (mph)	Design wind pressure (psf)			
		Zone 1' (Center)	Zone 1 (Field)	Zone 2 (Perimeter)	Zone 3 (Corners)
ASCE 7-05	$V_{ASD} = 90$	--	38	60	82
FM 1-28 (old)	$V_{ASD} = 90$	--	44	69	94
FM 1-28 (new)	$V_{ASD} = 90$	--	44	FM 1-90	94
ASCE 7-10 (Ult.)	$V_{ULT} = 115$	--	63	98	134
ASCE 7-10 ASD	$V_{ASD} = 90$	--	38	59	80
ASCE 7-16 Ult.	$V_{ULT} = 105$	--	52	82	112
ASCE 7-16 ASD	$V_{ASD} = 90$	--	31	49	67

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The values derived from FM 1-28 are not consistent with ASCE 7-16's ASD values (IBC 2018). Using FM 1-28 typically results in higher design wind loads.

Complying with the code is a minimum legal requirement.

- Where FM 1-28 is lower, use the code's required wind loads
- Where the codes values are lower, FM 1-28's values may be a project-specific contract requirement

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*FM Global intends FM 1-28 to be effective immediately
(i.e., as of February 26, 2020) upon publication*

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