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**Topics**

- Manufacturers' installation instructions
- IEBC 2015
- Polyiso. insulation update
- Asphalt shingle testing
- ASCE 7-16 in IBC 2018
- Other topics

**Manufacturers' installation instructions**

**International Building Code, 2015 Edition**

Section 1506-Materials

**SECTION 1506  
MATERIALS**

**1506.1 Scope.** The requirements set forth in this section shall apply to the application of roof-covering materials specified herein. Roof coverings shall be applied in accordance with this chapter and the manufacturer's installation instructions. Installation of roof coverings shall comply with the applicable provisions of Section 1507.



## A quest for clarity

A new NRCA task force is reviewing manufacturers' installation instructions

by Mark S. Graham

**Instructions for some products are not written at a level appropriate for intended users**

As roofing products and roof systems become increasingly proprietary and complex, proper installation instructions are an important consideration. Roofing product and roof system manufacturers generally are responsible for providing users with instructions explaining how to properly install their products.

Although some manufacturers make their product-specific installation instructions readily accessible to users, instructions for some products are difficult to locate and not written at a level appropriate for the intended users—field applicators.

Most asphalt shingle manufacturers, for example, imprint product-specific installation instructions on shingle bundle wrappers. Some manufacturers print instructions in multiple languages to recognize some installers may not speak or read English.

Installation instructions for other products and systems, such as single-ply membranes, generally are not included with the product or product packaging. For these products, users need to rely on manufacturers' printed literature or websites for system-specific installation instructions. Some website-based application instructions are difficult or nearly impossible to locate on manufacturers' websites. In addition, some online forums are not compatible with mobile devices, which a field applicator likely would use for access.

Also, the intended user and amount of information included in manufacturers' installation instructions vary significantly.

I recently downloaded installation instructions from several manufacturers for a conventional built-up membrane roof system specification. One manufacturer has a single-page instruction sheet indicating the intended components, application rates, cautions and limitations, as well as a graphic illustration of ply-lay layers.

Another manufacturer's instructions for a similar built-up membrane specification consist of a 37-page, text-only document that includes minimal installation-specific information but detailed structural roof deck, wind uplift resistance and fire-rating design information. Such an installation instruction document is of little use to field applicators and appears to be an attempt to shift some design responsibility to roofing contractors and field applicators.

**Code requirements**

Most building codes include specific provisions requiring roofing products and roof systems to be installed according to manufacturers' installation instructions.

For example, in Chapter 15—Roof Assemblies and Rooftop Structures of the International Building Code, 2015 Edition (IBC), Section 1506—Materials includes the following statement: "... Roof coverings shall be applied in accordance with this chapter and the manufacturer's installation instructions ..."

Section 1507—Requirements for Roof Coverings includes similar requirements.

Chapter 9—Roof Assemblies of the International Residential Code, 2015 Edition (IRC) includes similar provisions in Section R904—Materials and Section R905—Requirements for Roof Coverings.

Previous editions of IBC and IRC contained similar provisions.

Manufacturers' installation instructions specifically are required by building codes, which underscores the importance of the instructions being easily accessible, relevant and easily understandable to roofing contractor field personnel.

**NRCA review task force**

This year, NRCA established a Manufacturer Application Instruction Review Task Force to review manufacturers' installation instructions and provide manufacturers with input and suggestions for improvement. A specific objective of the task force is to make manufacturers' installation instructions more useful to field personnel.

It has been noted the concept of an NRCA installation instruction review task force is not new. NRCA had a similar task force during the late 1970s and early 1980s, and it was primarily focused on achieving consistency in manufacturers' application instructions for cold wet and asphalt-based built-up systems. That effort eventually evolved into the development with several manufacturers and, later, the Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association of NRCA's application quality control document.

During NRCA's Fall Governance Meeting, which will be held Nov. 14-17 in Chicago, the task force will meet with several manufacturers to discuss and, NRCA hopes, improve installation instructions. Although this meeting is an initial step, the effort is intended to be an ongoing, long-term undertaking by NRCA addressing all common roofing products and roof systems. We look forward to working with manufacturers in this effort. ■■■■

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# NRCA Manufacturers Spec Review Task Force



**LOW SLOPE ROOFING SYSTEM SPECIFICATION**  
**FOUR-PLY CONVENTIONAL 524 RCap™ Plus (Base, Ply & Cap)**

**System Configuration**

R4-AHD (S15, 2,500 Type IV, 524 RCap Plus)  
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R4-BHD (S01, 2,500 Type IV, 524 RCap Plus)  
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**Materials per 100 sq. ft. of Roof Area:**

Base Sheet: (choose one of the following) 25.0 lbs.  
One (1) ply of S15 -OR-  
One (1) ply of S01 30.6 lbs.

**Ply Sheet Options:** (choose one of the following)

Two (2) plies of 900 7.2 lbs. per ply/14.4 lbs. -OR-  
Two (2) plies of 906 9.2 lbs. per ply/18.4 lbs.

Cap Sheet: 77 lbs.  
One (1) ply of 524 RCap Plus

Adhesive for Roofing Piles: ASTM D 312 Type III, or IV 25.0 lb. per ply/50 sq. ft.

Insulation: Specified

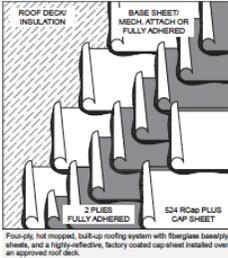
**Weight per Square: (=Insulation) 192.4 lbs. to 199.4 lbs.**

**Roof deck and general information:** Roof deck must be clean, dry, smooth, and structurally sound to receive the new roofing system. Drainage must be incorporated in the design to prevent ponding water. For more information, please refer to the current Malarkey Roofing Products (Malarkey) Specification Manual: General Requirements and Commercial Installation Instructions.

**Special requirements:** This roofing system can be installed as illustrated on slopes up to 1" in 12". Slopes that are greater than 1" in 12" are to be installed in a strapped fashion using ASTM D 312 Type IV asphalt, and speed reinforcement strips to facilitate back mulling of the roofing system. For more information, please refer to the current Malarkey Specification Manual: General Requirements/Strapped Installations.

**Application: Hot Mopped** - Install all inter-piles so that the water runs over (single fashion) or parallel to (strapped), but never against the laps in a uniform mopping of hot asphalt at the nominal rate of 25 lbs. per ply, per square. Bloom all piles to ensure contact between the asphalt and the bottom surface of the roofing felt. Cap sheet will be installed so that the water runs over (single fashion) or parallel to (strapped), but never against the laps. Cut cap to 1/2 of the total length (11') and allow to mix prior to installation. Position cap membrane for installation and embed into a uniform mopping of asphalt applied at the rate of 25 lbs. per square. Ensure contact between the asphalt and the bottom of the sheet. Slagger all end laps a minimum of 12".

Prior to the application of inter-ply sheets, all valleys and waterways shall receive an extra layer of Malarkey ply sheet (or comparable product) which shall be at least a full width sheet and shall extend at least 12 inches (30 cm) up to the inclines out of the valleys.



Flashings: Install all primed flashings (lead, metal, scuppers, etc.) in a layer of plastic cement on top of the inter-ply and stripped off with Two (2) of reinforcement, flashing each ply 3" from the edge of the flange and corresponding ply. Install cap sheet after all flashings have been stripped in.

**Base Flashing:** Base flashing (stripping ply/s) are to be installed over the inter-ply before the installation of the field surfacing. Stripping ply(s) are to extend 3" beyond the toe of the cant and up the vertical surface of all full to vertical transitions (curbs, walls, roof top equipment, etc.). After the installation of the field surfacing, install the specified cap sheet base flashing extending 4" beyond the toe of the cant and up the vertical surface. Terminate the base flashing as shown in the commercial roofing details of the current Malarkey Specification Manual.

**Fire Ratings:** The specification carries a Class A1 rating up to 12" in 12" over the following decks: Wood, Metal, Concrete, Lightweight Concrete, Structure Wood Fiber, and Gypsum. For other ratings, contact the Malarkey Technical Services Department.

**Touch Up:** Install 524 RCap Touch Up to stress out roof for a more pleasing appearance. Standing water scuppers must receive additional coatings of 524 RCap Touch Up.

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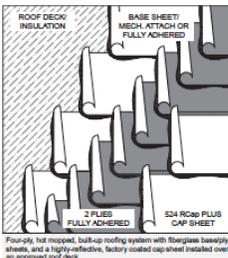
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## NRCA's interim recommendations

Manufacturers installation instructions

- Access and file manufacturers' application instructions
- Review instructions
- Exclude not applicable information
- Should be the basis for QA/QC
- Contact NRCA with any questions

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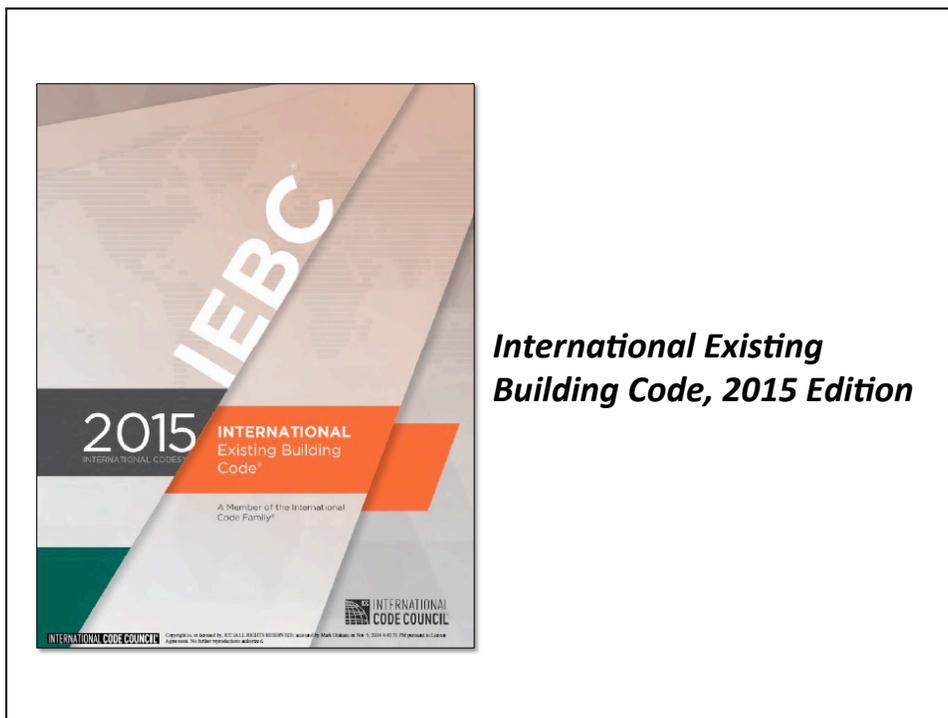
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**THE I-CODES**

- ICC Performance Code (ICCPC)
- International Building Code (IBC)
- International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)
- International Existing Building Code (IEBC)
- International Fire Code (IFC)
- International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC)
- International Green Construction Code (IgCC)
- International Mechanical Code (IMC)
- International Plumbing Code (IPC)
- International Private Sewage Disposal Code (IPSDC)
- International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC)
- International Residential Code (IRC)
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- International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUIC)
- International Zoning Code (IZC)



## IEBC 2015

### Scope:

“...shall apply to the *repair, alteration, change of occupancy, addition* to and relocation of *existing buildings.*”

### Classifications:

- Level 1: Removal and replacement of materials
- Level 2: Reconfiguration or extension
- Level 3: Exceeds 50 percent of *building area*

## International Existing Building Code, 2015 Edition

Chapter 7-Alterations-Level I

### SECTION 706 REROOFING

[BS] 706.1 **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*.

**Exception:** Reroofing shall not be required to meet the minimum design slope requirement of one-quarter unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2-percent slope) in Section 1507 of the *International Building Code* for roofs that provide positive roof drainage.

[BS] 706.2 **Structural and construction loads.** Structural roof components shall be capable of supporting the roof-covering system and the material and equipment loads that will be encountered during installation of the system.

[Continued...]

Similar to IBC 2012, Section 1510-Reroofing

## International Existing Building Code, 2015 Edition

Chapter 7-Alterations-Level I

### SECTION 707 STRUCTURAL

[BS] 707.1 **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] 707.2 **Addition or replacement of roofing or replacement of equipment.** Where addition or replacement of roofing or replacement of equipment results in additional dead loads, structural components supporting such reroofing or equipment shall comply with the gravity load requirements of the *International Building Code*.

**Exceptions:**

1. Structural elements where the additional dead load from the roofing or equipment does not increase the force in the element by more than 5 percent.
2. Buildings constructed in accordance with the *International Residential Code* or the conventional light-frame construction methods of the *International Building Code* and where the dead load from the roofing or equipment is not increased by more than 5 percent.
3. Addition of a second layer of roof covering weighing 3 pounds per square foot (0.1437 kN/m<sup>2</sup>) or less over an existing, single layer of roof covering.

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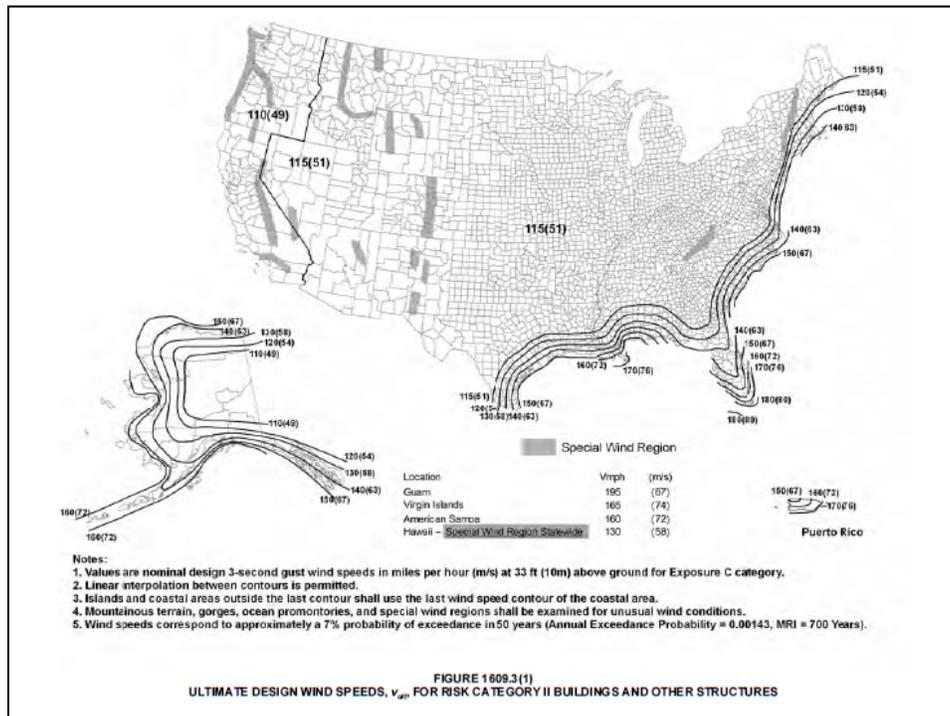
**[BS] 707.3 Additional requirements for reroof permits.** The requirements of this section shall apply to *alteration* work requiring reroof permits.

**[BS] 707.3.1 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 include installation of parapet bracing to resist the reduced *International Building Code* level seismic forces as specified in Section 301.1.4.2 of this code, unless an evaluation demonstrates compliance of such items.

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### Chapter 7-Alterations-Level I

**[BS] 707.3.2 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 ultimate design wind speed,  $V_{ult}$ , determined in accordance with Figure 1609.3(1) of the *International Building Code*, is greater than 115 mph (51 m/s) or in a special wind region, as defined in Section 1609 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 at least 75 percent of those wind loads, they shall be replaced or strengthened in accordance with the loads specified in the *International Building Code*.



## International Existing Building Code, 2015 Edition

### Chapter 7-Alterations-Level I

#### SECTION 708 ENERGY CONSERVATION

**708.1 Minimum requirements.** Level 1 alterations to existing buildings or structures are permitted without requiring the entire building or structure to comply with the energy requirements of the *International Energy Conservation Code* or *International Residential Code*. The alterations shall conform to the energy requirements of the *International Energy Conservation Code* or *International Residential Code* as they relate to new construction only.



## New roofing rules

IEBC 2015 presents challenges when reroofing

by Mark S. Graham

**Where adopted, IEBC 2015's structural reroofing requirements may be more stringent**

specifically addresses re-covering and replacing existing roof coverings.

**Additional requirements**

IEBC 2015's scope indicates it "... shall apply to the spirit, intention, and force of any code, ordinance, or regulation that is in effect at the time of adoption of this code. Indicated terms are defined in Chapter 2—Definitions.

New definitions have been added in IEBC 2015 for reroofing, roof re-cover, roof repair and roof replacement. The terms and their definitions are the same as those in IEBC.

IEBC 2015 classified work on existing

buildings into three categories: Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3.

Level 1 alterations include the removal and replacement or the covering of existing materials, elements, equipment or fixtures using new materials, elements, equipment or fixtures that serve the same purpose. Reroofing projects are considered Level 1 alterations.

Level 2 and Level 3 alterations are larger in scope. For example, Level 3 alterations apply when the work area exceeds 50 percent of the building (floor) area.

IEBC 2015's Chapter 7—Alterations—Level 1 includes a new section, Section 706—Reroofing, that was not included in IEBC's previous editions. This section's requirements are identical to those of IEBC 2012's Section 1510—Reroofing.

IEBC 2015's Section 707—Structural includes some additional requirements applicable to reroofing.

Section 707.2—Addition or Replacement of Roofing or Replacement of Equipment indicates when roof system replacement results in additional dead load structural components supporting the new roofing materials need to comply with IEBC. Exceptions to this requirement include where the dead load does not increase element forces by more than 5 percent, buildings designed in accordance with IEBC's conventional light-frame construction methods or IEBC, or where the new second layer weighs less than 3 pounds per square foot.

Section 707.3—Additional Requirements for Reroof Permits provides additional structural requirements for projects where the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) requires reroofing permits.

Section 707.3.1 requires unreinforced

masonry parapets for buildings where more than 25 percent of the roof area is being reroofed in Seismic Design Category D, E or F to have new parapet bracing installed to resist IEBC's seismic forces.

Section 707.3.2 requires buildings located in high-wind regions ( $V_w$  greater than 115 mph or in special wind regions) that are designed with roof diaphragms (roof decks) to be evaluated for structural adequacy. This requirement applies when more than 50 percent of the diaphragm is exposed during roof system replacement. The roof diaphragm, connections of the roof diaphragm to roof framing members and roof-to-wall connections are required to be evaluated using the current code's wind loads. If the diaphragm and connections are not capable of resisting 75 percent of the current code's wind loads, they may be strengthened or replaced according to IEBC's requirements.

**Being knowledgeable**

Where adopted, IEBC 2015's structural reroofing requirements may be more stringent than IEBC's and IEBC's reroofing provisions.

Designers should determine whether IEBC 2015 is applicable and clearly indicate any additional work that is required for compliance in the construction documents.

The International Code Council, publisher of IEBC 2015, indicates the code currently applies in California and Colorado and in specific jurisdictions in Massachusetts, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming. Local AHJs can verify whether IEBC 2015 applies. ●●●

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## Update on polyisocyanurate insulation issues

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Testing R-values

Sample number	R-value, per inch thickness (2-inch specimens)			
	25 F	40 F	75 F	110 F
1	3.765	4.757	5.774	5.118
2	3.909	4.719	5.444	4.958
3	4.737	5.350	5.371	4.810
4	3.506	4.509	5.828	5.227
5	4.221	5.269	5.522	4.929
6	3.775	4.854	5.889	5.247
7	4.431	4.878	5.058	4.581
Average (mean)	4.049	4.905	5.555	4.981
Standard deviation	0.432	0.302	0.297	0.239

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### PIMA disagrees

PIMA's performance bulletin disputes NRCA's design R-value recommendation

by Mark S. Graham

In April, the Polystyrene Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA) issued a performance bulletin titled "Measuring the R-value of Polystyrene Roof Insulation," which attempts to refute NRCA's recommendation that designers use an in-service R-value of 5.0 per inch when specifying polystyrene insulation.

**NRCA stands by its current R-value recommendation**

PIMA's performance bulletin refers to NRCA's recommendation as "... an arbitrary unit R-value of 5.0." The bulletin goes on to briefly explain long-term thermal resistance (LTR) testing. PIMA's QualityMark® LTR certification program and the results of recent QualityMark verification testing. The bulletin reports results of PIMA's 2015 QualityMark verification testing as an average LTR per inch of 5.78 for 1-inch-thick product, 5.74 for 2-inch-thick product, 5.85 for 3-inch-thick product and 5.95 for 4-inch-thick product.

The PIMA bulletin also indicates: "... it should be noted the LTR testing conducted under the QualityMark program uses a more severe conditioning procedure than the standard R-value test used by NRCA as a basis for its recommendation. ... Given the difference in NRCA's recommendation and PIMA's QualityMark program testing results, PIMA suggests that this difference may be attributed to a smaller testing sample size used by NRCA to support its recommendation and a possible lack of representational controls regarding how NRCA insulation samples were prepared and selected. ..."

**NRCA's recommendation**

With the January publication of an interim update to *The NRCA Roofing Manual: Membrane Roof Systems*—2015, NRCA revised its design in-service R-value recommendation to 5.0 per inch thickness for polystyrene insulation used in roof systems.

NRCA explained the rationale for this change in an Industry Issue Update, "New polystyrene R-values," that was distributed to NRCA members in January.

Although PIMA's bulletin appears to dispute only NRCA's R-value testing, it is important to note NRCA's R-value test results have been replicated by research published in a 2013 report by Building Science Corp., Watertown, Mass., and research published in a 2014 report by RDH Building Engineering Ltd., Vancouver, British Columbia. Also, since NRCA announced its revised R-value recommendation in January, the association has learned of an insulation manufacturer that has replicated NRCA's R-value test results.

When reviewing the results of PIMA's 2015 QualityMark verification testing, it should be noted the reported LTR values are average values, not the minimum or lowest of the values tested. These average results range from only 0.04 to 0.08 greater than manufacturers' minimum published LTR values. Unless the range of verification testing data is extremely narrow, which is unlikely, QualityMark's data likely show some tested LTR values less than the manufacturers' minimum published LTR values.

**The distinction**

When considering the variation between the QualityMark LTR values and NRCA's in-service R-values, it is important to understand the concepts themselves are somewhat different.

LTR is an accelerated thermal moisture conditioning and testing method conducted under controlled laboratory conditions intended to provide an estimate of a product's R-value at an age of five years; this value corresponds closely to an estimate of the product's average R-value during its first 15 years of service life.

Conversely, NRCA's R-value test results are representative of products' R-values at the time of testing. The products tested were new (unused, uninstalled) at the time of testing, but NRCA's tests also take into account real-world conditioning the tested products experienced during shipment and storage, such as changing ambient temperature and humidity exposure conditions.

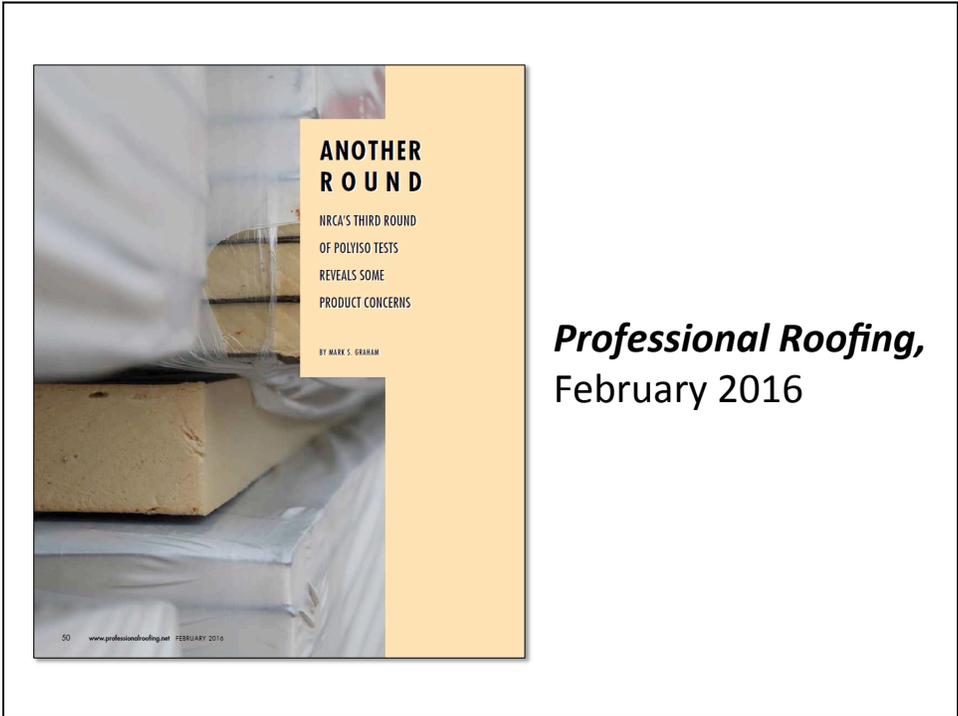
Although PIMA's bulletin suggests the difference among PIMA's QualityMark's values and NRCA's test results may be attributable to NRCA's limited test sample size, sample procurement and selection, it is far more logical and likely the laboratory conditioning contained in the QualityMark procedure is not only representative of the actual exposure conditions polystyrene insulation typically experiences.

After reviewing PIMA's performance bulletin and the additional R-value test data made available, NRCA stands by its results and current R-value recommendation for polystyrene insulation. ●●●

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Sample	Facer type	Density (lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )	
		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)

Sample	Flexural strength		Tensile strength perpendicular to surface (lbf/ft <sup>2</sup> )
	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

## PIMA/NRCA TOC meeting

July 12, 2016

### Outcomes:

- PIMA R-value research
  - Results to NRCA by the end of the year
- Facer sheet descriptions
- Knit line criteria
- Review storage/covering criteria

**Knit lines**

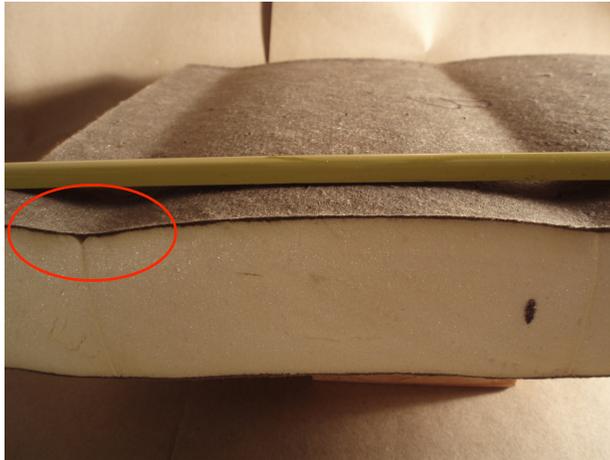


**Knit lines -- continued**



As delivered by manufacturer.

**Knit lines -- continued**



After conditioning

**Knit lines -- continued**



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





Test results for three-tab asphalt strip shingles						
Sample	Tear strength (g)	Weight of displaced granules (g)	Fastener pull-through resistance (lbf)		Pliability	
			73 F	32 F	Top	Bottom
T-1	797	0.71	24.6	30.2	Pass	Pass
T-2	855	0.40	28.1	31.3	Pass	Pass
T-3	1,654	0.31	33.4	44.2	Pass	Pass
T-4	958	0.63	35.5	40.4	Pass	Pass
T-5	1,755	0.08	37.0	51.4	Pass	Pass
T-6	1,682	0.25	36.7	44.4	Pass	Pass
T-7	1,488	0.29	30.0	41.3	Pass	Pass
T-8	1,502	0.73	30.1	41.1	Pass	Pass
ASTM D3462 requirement	1,700 (minimum)	1.0 (maximum)	20 (minimum)	23 (minimum)	4 of 5 pass (minimum)	

Test results for architectural laminated shingles					
Sample	Tear strength (g)	Fastener pull-through resistance (lbf)		Pliability	
		73 F	32 F	Top	Bottom
L-1	1,208	53.7	79.3	Pass	Pass
L-2	1,333	57.0	64.4	Pass	Pass
L-3	1,235	58.7	67.8	Pass	Pass
L-4	1,549	52.7	62.8	Pass	Pass
L-5	1,299	53.7	64.6	Pass	Pass
L-6	1,210	51.5	68.0	Pass	Pass
L-7	1,678	58.7	69.6	Pass	Pass
L-8	1,667	58.1	71.8	Pass	Pass
L-9	1,797	63.2	71.5	Pass	Pass
ASTM D3462 requirement	1,700 (minimum)	30 (minimum)	40 (minimum)	4 of 5 pass (minimum)	

**WHO COMPLIED?**

Only two of the 17 products evaluated in NRCA's most recent round of testing complied with the physical property requirements of ASTM D3462, "Standard Specification for Asphalt Shingles Made from Glass Felt and Surfaced with Mineral Granules."

Four other asphalt shingle products had tear strength values slightly below ASTM D3462's 1700-g minimum requirement. Based upon the known variability in the tear strength test method's results, these four products can be considered as complying with ASTM D3462's tear strength minimum requirement and, therefore, as complying with ASTM D3462's physical property requirements evaluated in NRCA's test program.

The six products (listed alphabetically) are:

- GAF Royal Sovereign®
- Malarkey Roofing Products Dura-Seal™ AR
- Owens Corning Classic® (Midwest)
- Owens Corning Oakridge® (Midwest)
- Pabco Roofing Products Premier®
- Tamko Building Products Inc. Heritage®

When considering the results of NRCA's asphalt shingle testing, understand the values and conclusions from the testing only apply to the specific product sample specimens evaluated and the specific values only may apply at the time of testing. These results may not represent all the manufacturers' products. Asphalt shingle products from different production lots and products of the same brand names manufactured in different manufacturing plants may have differing values and compliances with ASTM D3462.

Users of asphalt shingles should consult with manufacturers and suppliers regarding specific products' compliance with ASTM D3462.

## Previous asphalt shingle testing...

**The Effects of  
Moisture and Heat  
on the  
Tear Strength of  
Glass Fiber-Reinforced Asphalt Shingles**  
René M. Dupuis and Mark S. Graham

**Key Words:** Glass fiber, asphalt shingles, cracking, moisture, heat, tear strength.

**Abstract**

Glass fiber-reinforced asphalt shingles have experienced cracking for some time. The issue of how to evaluate tear strength has also been discussed. What has been overlooked is the effect moisture and heat have on the tear strength of glass fiber shingles. Fifteen lots of new shingles were evaluated using a condensation cycling protocol along with heat aging. Large differences in tear strength were observed depending on which protocol was used. Shingle tear strength was found to generally be diminished by moisture cycling; the strength loss can be regained by heat conditioning.

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“The effects of moisture and heat on the tear strength of glass fiber reinforced asphalt shingles”



## Asphalt shingles' tear

**D**uring recent years, there has been debate in the roofing industry regarding the appropriateness and applicability of tear strength testing for evaluating fiberglass-reinforced asphalt strip shingles. This debate usually involves shingle manufacturers who indicate tear strength testing is an unreliable, inadequate predictor of shingle performance and users of asphalt shingles who contend it is one of the only quantifiable measures available for assessing asphalt shingles.

In 2001, NRCA began a limited research project where the tear strength values of a number of asphalt shingles were tested in an as-received condition and after condensation conditioning, heat aging and five years. The research results provide some useful information for assessing the appropriateness and applicability of tear strength testing for fiberglass-reinforced asphalt strip shingles.

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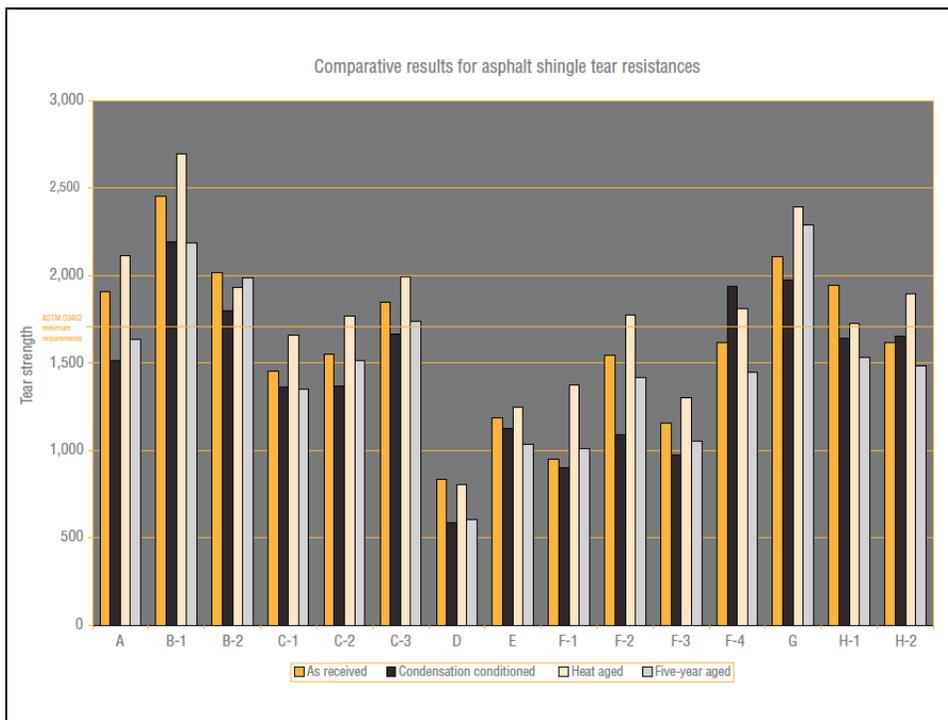
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### **October 2006**

Tear-strength results for tested asphalt shingles				
Sample	Tear strength (g) <sup>1</sup>			
	As received (minimum of 24 hours at 73 F and 50 percent relative humidity)	Condensation conditioned (90 cycles of four hours of condensation at 122 F and four hours dry at 73 F)	Heat aged (30 days at 158 F)	Five-year aged (73 F and 50 percent relative humidity)
A	1,909	1,512	2,114	1,634
B-1	2,451	2,189	2,691	2,184
B-2	2,019	1,800	1,930	1,986
C-1	1,451	1,362	1,658	1,346
C-2	1,547	1,370	1,766	1,514
C-3	1,846	1,664	1,992	1,736
D	835	586	805	606
E	1,186	1,123	1,245	1,034
F-1	952	899	1,371	1,008
F-2	1,542	1,090	1,774	1,418
F-3	1,157	974	1,302	1,051
F-4	1,614	1,936	1,810	1,443
G	2,107	1,974	2,392	2,288
H-1	1,946	1,638	1,728	1,533
H-2	1,619	1,653	1,896	1,486
ASTM D3462	1,700	No values included in ASTM D3462		

<sup>1</sup> Tear-strength testing in accordance with ASTM D3462, Section 8.1.2—Tear Strength. Results are the mean values from 10 specimens tested.



**Understanding underlayments**

Roof system type	IBC 2015		IBC 2015		
	Section	$V_{w} < 120$ mph	$V_{w} \geq 120$ mph	$V_{w} < 140$ mph	$V_{w} \geq 140$ mph
Asphalt shingles	1507.2	ASTM D226, Type I ASTM D4869, Type I ASTM D6757	ASTM D226, Type II ASTM D4869, Type IV ASTM D6757 ASTM D1970	R905.2 ASTM D226, Type I ASTM D4869, Type I, II, III or IV ASTM D6757	ASTM D226, Type II ASTM D4869, Type IV ASTM D6757 ASTM D1970
Clay and concrete tile	1507.3	ASTM D226, Type II ASTM D2626 ASTM D6380, Class M	ASTM D226, Type II ASTM D2626 ASTM D6380, Class M ASTM D1970	R905.3 ASTM D226, Type II ASTM D2626, Type I ASTM D6380, Class M	ASTM D226, Type II ASTM D2626, Type I ASTM D6380, Class M ASTM D1970
Metal panels	1507.4	Not applicable	ASTM D226, Type II ASTM D4869, Type IV ASTM D1970	R905.10 Manufacturer's instructions	ASTM D226, Type II ASTM D4869, Type IV ASTM D1970
Metal shingles	1507.5	ASTM D226, Type I ASTM D4869	ASTM D226, Type II ASTM D4869, Type IV ASTM D1970	R905.4 ASTM D226, Type I or II ASTM D4869, Type I, II, III or IV	ASTM D226, Type II ASTM D4869, Type IV ASTM D1970
Non-surfaced roll roofing	1507.6	ASTM D226, Type I ASTM D4869	ASTM D226, Type II ASTM D1970	R905.5 ASTM D226, Type I or II ASTM D4869, Type I, II, III or IV	ASTM D226, Type II ASTM D4869, Type IV ASTM D1970
Slate shingles	1507.7	ASTM D226, Type II ASTM D4869, Type III or IV	ASTM D226, Type II ASTM D4869, Type IV ASTM D1970	R905.6 ASTM D226, Type I ASTM D4869, Type I, II, III or IV	ASTM D226, Type II ASTM D4869, Type IV ASTM D1970
Wood shingles	1507.8	ASTM D226, Type I ASTM D4869	ASTM D226, Type II ASTM D4869, Type IV ASTM D1970	R905.7 ASTM D226, Type I or II ASTM D4869, Type I, II, III or IV	ASTM D226, Type II ASTM D4869, Type IV ASTM D1970
Wood shakes	1507.9	ASTM D226, Type I ASTM D4869	ASTM D226, Type II ASTM D4869, Type IV ASTM D1970	R905.8 ASTM D226, Type I or II ASTM D4869, Type I, II, III or IV	ASTM D226, Type II ASTM D4869, Type IV ASTM D1970

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**ASCE 7-16 adoption into IBC 2018**

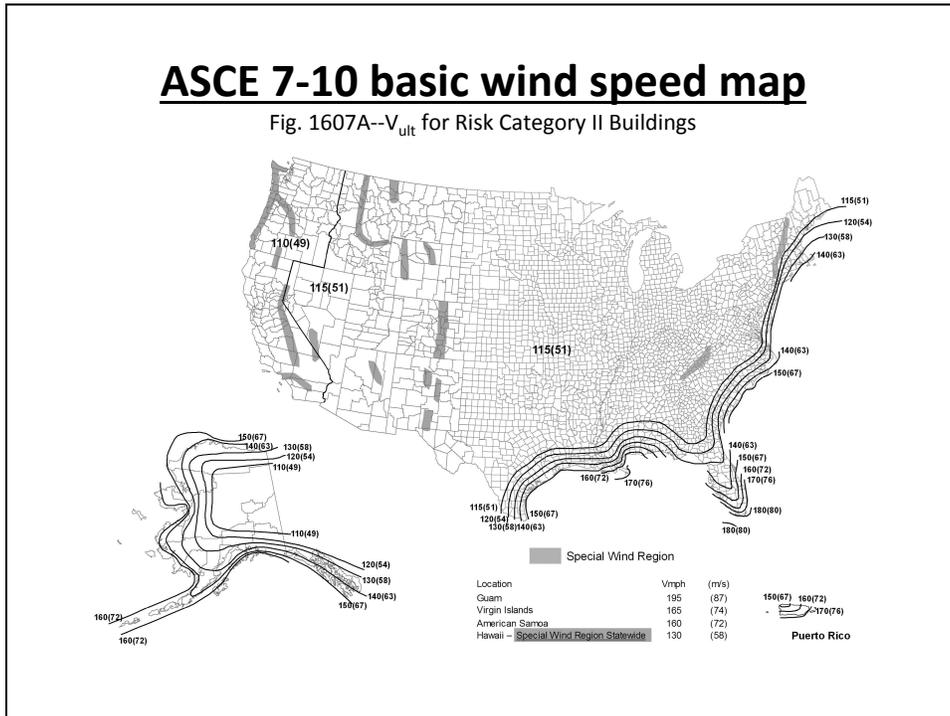
**ASCE 7-16 (public review draft)**

- Revised basic wind speed map
- Changes (and new) pressure coefficients
- Revised perimeter and corner zones

*Expect higher field, perimeter and corner uplift pressures*

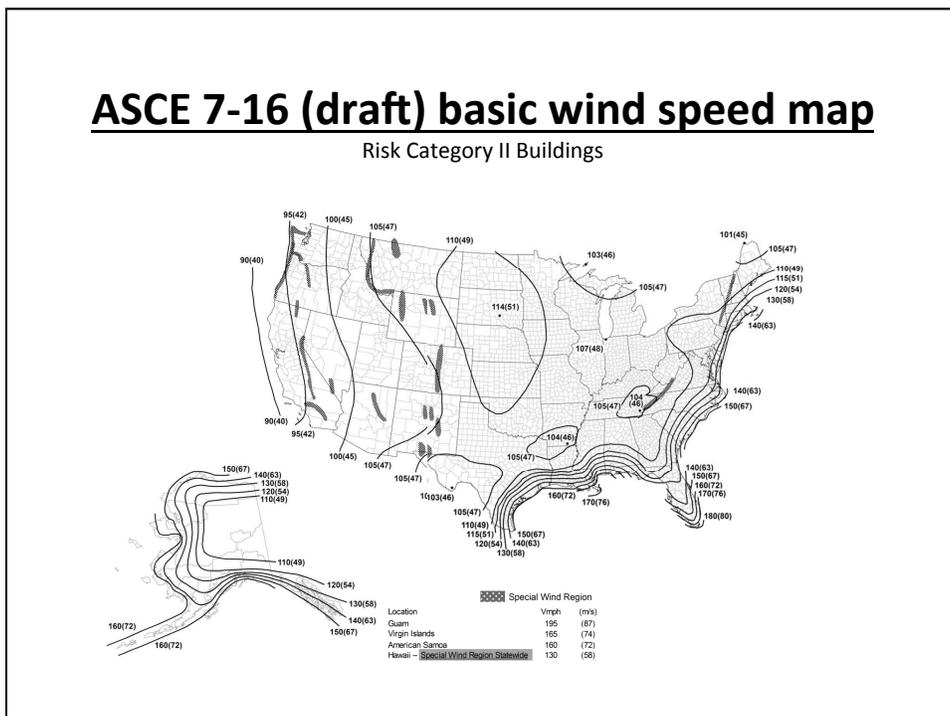
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Fig. 1607A-- $V_{ult}$  for Risk Category II Buildings



## ASCE 7-16 (draft) basic wind speed map

Risk Category II Buildings



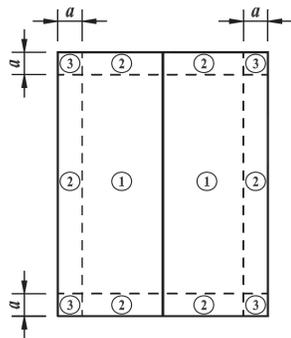
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$h \leq 60$  ft., gable roofs  $\leq 7$  degrees

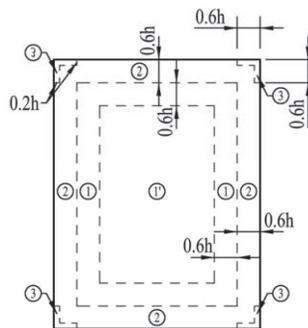
Zone	ASCE 7-10	ASCE 7-16 (draft)
1 (field)	-1.0	-1.7
1'	--	-0.9
2 (perimeter)	-1.8	-2.3
3 (corners)	-2.8	-3.2

### Zones

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**ASCE 7-10**



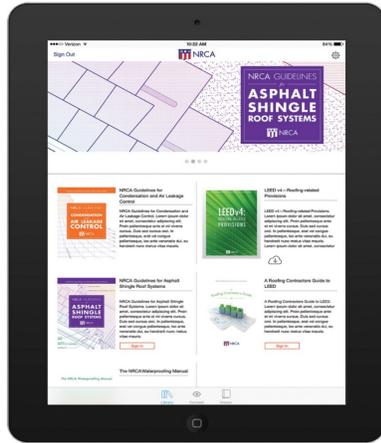
**ASCE 7-16 (draft)**

*Proper wind design (which is oftentimes avoided) is getting even more complicated...*

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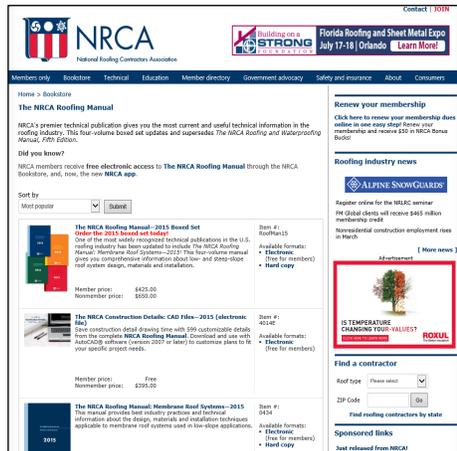
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