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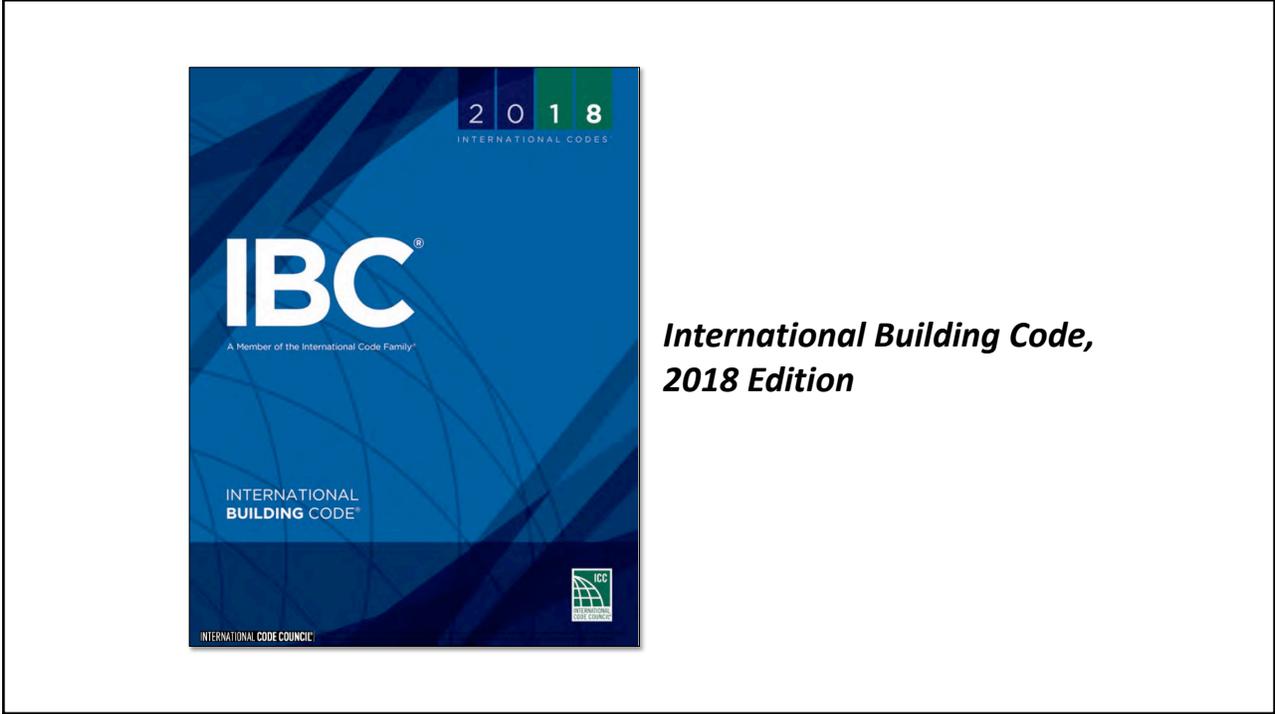
### **Topics**

- 2018 I-codes
- Moisture in concrete roof decks
- Field uplift testing
- Polyiso. use
- Coverboard use
- Questions.... and additional topics

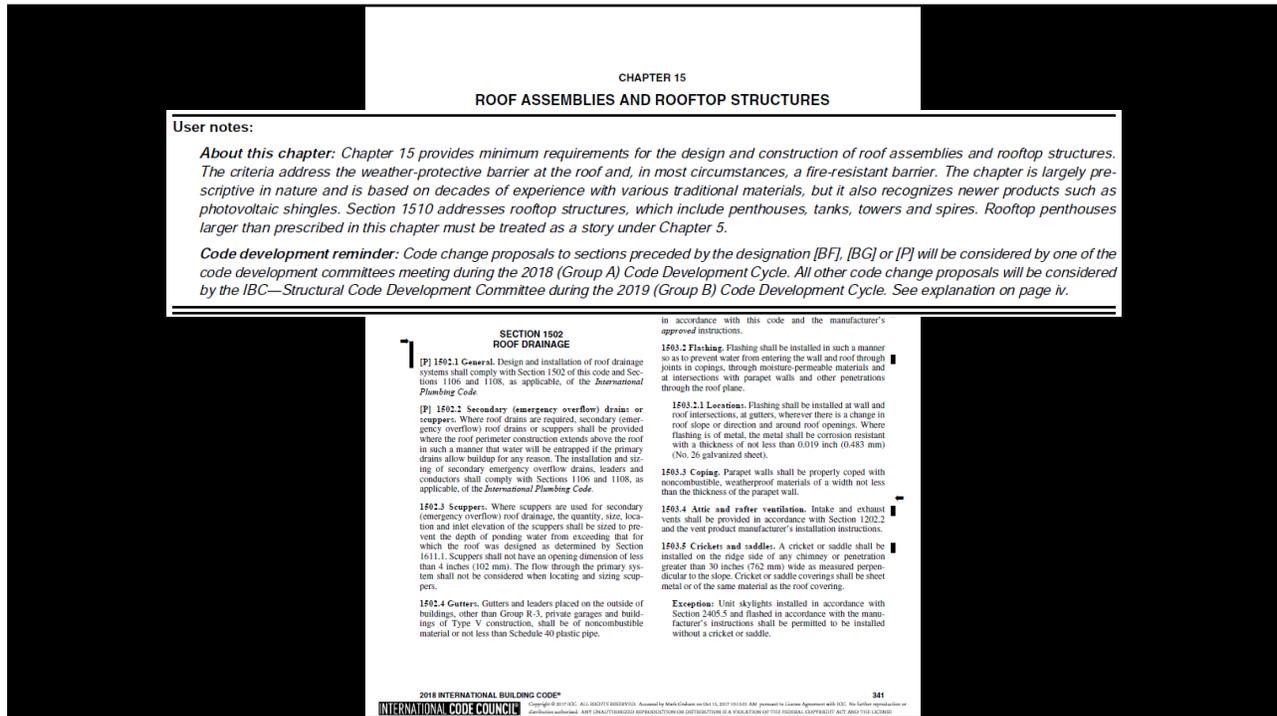
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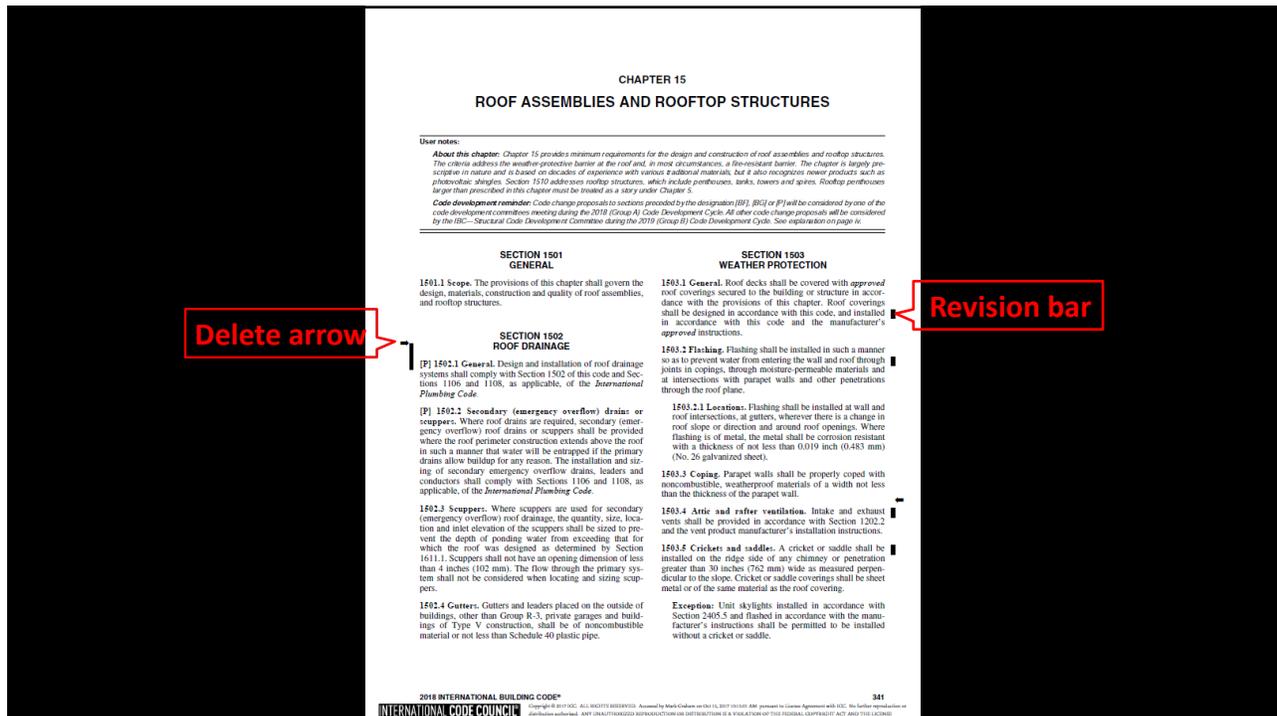
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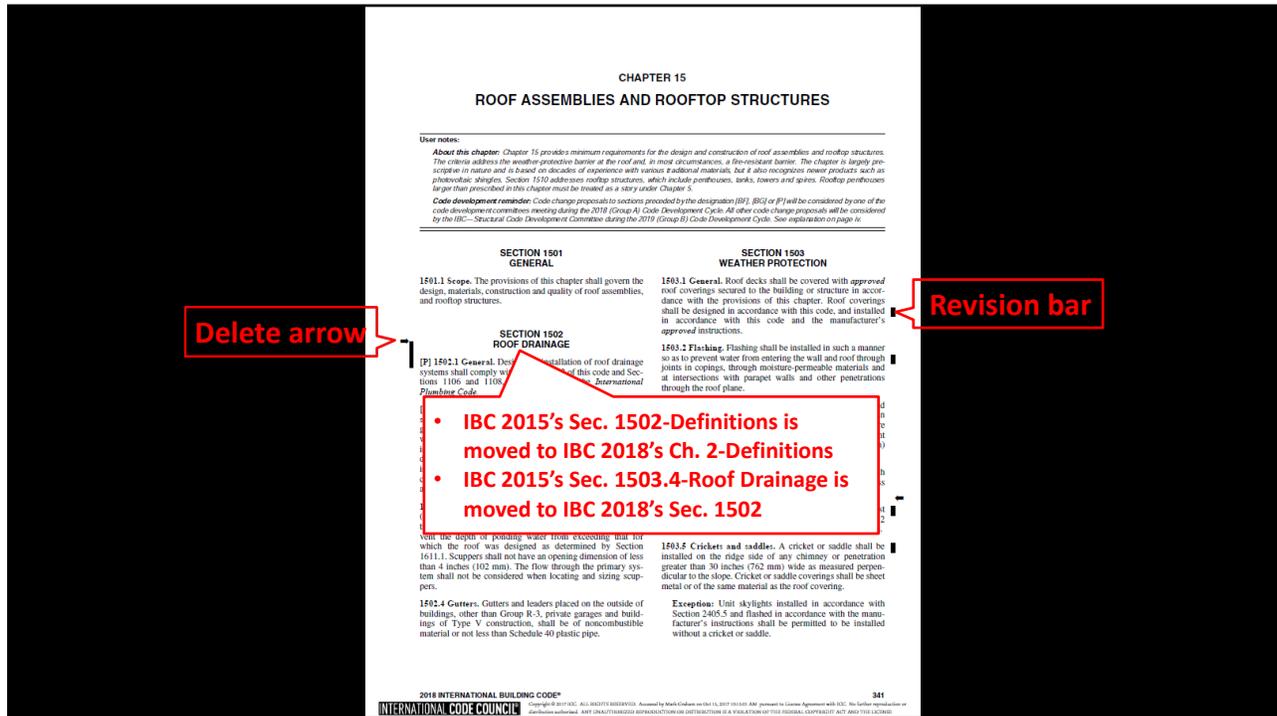
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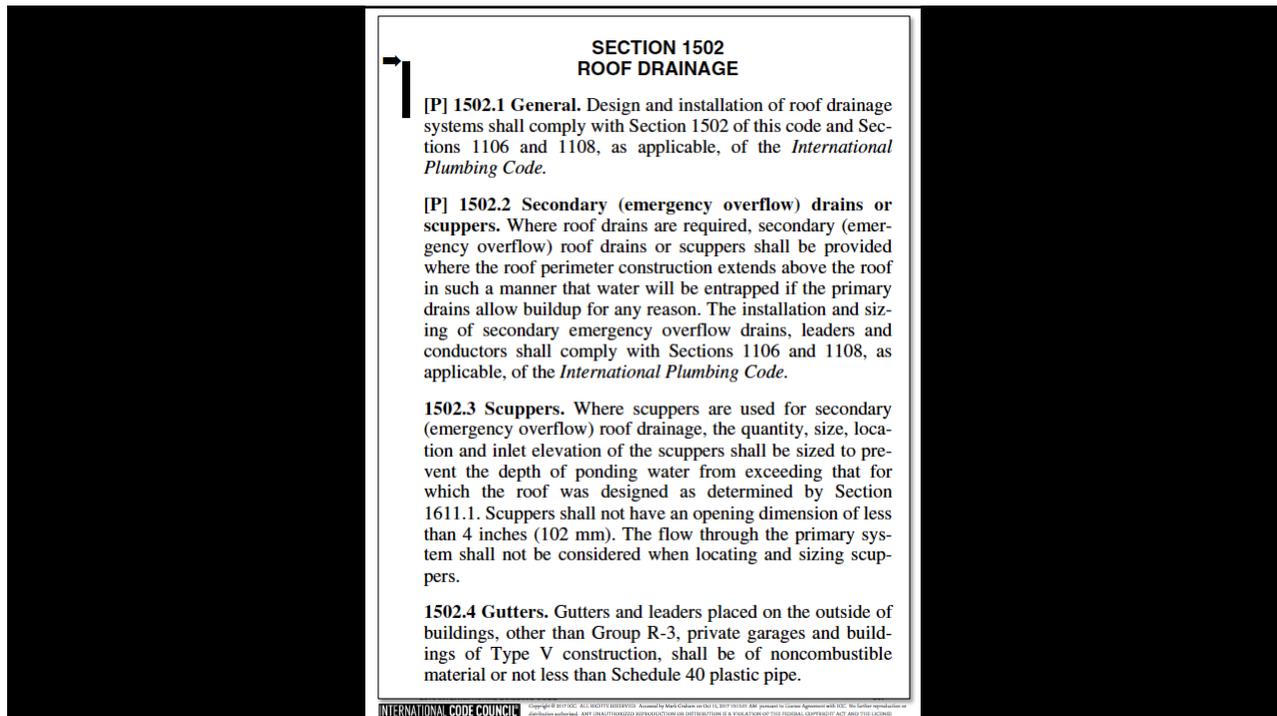
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ROOF ASSEMBLIES AND ROOFTOP STRUCTURES

**SECTION 1504  
PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**1504.1 Wind resistance of roofs.** Roof decks and roof coverings shall be designed for wind loads in accordance with Chapter 16 and Sections 1504.2, 1504.3 and 1504.4.

**1504.1.1 Wind resistance of asphalt shingles.** Asphalt shingles shall be tested in accordance with ASTM D7158. Asphalt shingles shall meet the classification requirements of Table 1504.1.1 for the appropriate maximum basic wind speed. Asphalt shingle packaging shall bear a label to indicate compliance with ASTM D7158 and the required classification in Table 1504.1.1.

**Exception:** Asphalt shingles not included in the scope of ASTM D7158 shall be tested and labeled in accordance with ASTM D3161. Asphalt shingle packaging shall bear a label to indicate compliance with ASTM D3161 and the required classification in Table 1504.1.1.

**1504.2 Wind resistance of clay and concrete tile.** Wind loads on clay and concrete tile roof coverings shall be in accordance with Section 1600.5.

**1504.2.1 Testing.** Testing of concrete and clay roof tiles shall be in accordance with Sections 1504.2.1.1 and 1504.2.1.2.

**1504.2.1.1 Overturning.** Clay roof tiles shall be tested for overturning due to wind and other SBCCS/SST.

**1504.2.1.2 Wind resistance.** Clay roof tiles do not 16 for rigid tile, a determine the wind clay tile roof cover SSTD 11 and Chapter

**1504.3 Wind resistance of roofs installed on roofs in are mechanically attached designed to resist the design and cladding in acc wind load on the roof cover mined using allowable stress**

**1504.3.1 Other roof systems.** Other 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 E1592 or FM 4474. Structural through-fastened metal panel roof systems shall be tested in accordance with ASTM E1592, FM 4474 or UL 580.

**Exceptions:**

1. 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.
2. 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.

**1504.3.3 Metal roof shingles.** Metal roof shingles applied to a solid or closely fitted deck shall be tested in accordance with ASTM D3161, FM 4474, UL 580 or UL 1897. Metal roof shingles tested in accordance with ASTM D3161 shall meet the classification requirements of Table 1504.1.1 for the appropriate maximum basic wind speed and the metal shingle packaging shall bear a label to indicate compliance with ASTM D3161 and the required classification in Table 1504.1.1.

MAXIMUM BASIC WIND SPEED FIGURES 1609.3(1) OR AS SET FORTH	SPEED, $V_w$ FROM TABLE 1609.3(1) (MPH)	CLASSIFICATION	CLASSIFICATION
110	85	D, G or H	A, D or F
116	90	D, G or H	A, D or F
129	100	G or H	A, D or F
142	110	G or H	F
155	120	G or H	F
168	130	H	F
181	140	H	F
194	150	H	F

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm; 1 mph = 0.447 m/s.

a. The standard calculations contained in ASTM D7158 assume Exposure Category B or C and building height of 60 feet or less. Additional calculations are required for conditions outside of this scope.

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**SECTION 1505  
FIRE CLASSIFICATION**

**[RE-2 and RE-3 of ANSIS/SPRI ES-1, except basic design wind speed,  $F_r$ , shall be determined from Figures 1609.3(1) through 1609.3(8) as applicable.**

**1504.6 Structural properties.** Roof coverings installed on low-slope roofs (roof slope < 2:12) in accordance with Section 1507 shall demonstrate physical integrity over the working life of the roof based on 2,000 hours of exposure to accelerated weathering tests conducted in accordance with ASTM G152, ASTM G154 or ASTM G155. These roof coverings that are subject to cyclical flexural response due to wind loads shall not demonstrate any significant loss of tensile strength for unreinforced membranes or breaking strength for reinforced membranes when tested as herein required.

**1504.7 Impact resistance.** Roof coverings installed on low-slope roofs (roof slope < 2:12) in accordance with Section 1507 shall resist impact damage based on the results of tests conducted in accordance with ASTM D3746, ASTM D4272 or the "Resistance to Foot Traffic Test" in Section 5.5 of FM 4470.

**1504.8 Surfacing and ballast materials in hurricane-prone regions.** For a building located in a hurricane-prone region as defined in Section 2002, or on any other building with a mean roof height exceeding that permitted by Table 1504.8 based on the exposure category and basic wind speed at the site, the following materials shall not be used on the roof:

1. Aggregate used as surfacing for roof coverings.
2. Aggregate, gravel or stone used as ballast.

**TABLE 1504.8  
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE MEAN ROOF HEIGHT PERMITTED FOR BUILDINGS WITH AGGREGATE ON THE ROOF IN AREAS OUTSIDE A HURRICANE PRONE REGION**

NOMINAL DESIGN WIND SPEED, $V_w$ (mph) <sup>a</sup>	MAXIMUM MEAN ROOF HEIGHT (ft) <sup>b</sup>	Exposure category
85	10	1
90	10	2
95	10	3
100	10	4
105	10	5
110	10	6
115	10	7
120	10	8
Greater than 120	10	9

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm; 1 mph = 0.447 m/s.

a. Mean roof height as defined in Section 2002.1.

b. For intermediate values of  $V_w$ , values of  $H_m$  shall be based on: c. NP = gravel and stone roof; d.  $F_r$  shall be determined in accordance with Section 1609.3(1).

**[BF] 1505.9 Rooftop mounted photovoltaic panel systems.** Rooftop rack-mounted photovoltaic panel systems shall be tested, listed and identified with a fire classification in accordance with UL 1703 and UL 2703. They shall comply with Table 1505.1 based on the type of construction of the building.

**[BF] 1505.10 Roof gardens and landscaped roofs.** Roof gardens and landscaped roofs shall comply with Section 1505.1 and 1507.16 and shall be installed in accordance with ANSI/SPRI VF-1.

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**[BF] 1506.3 Class B roof assemblies.** Class B roof assemblies are those that are effective against moderate fire-test exposure. Class B roof assemblies and roof coverings shall be listed and identified as Class B by an approved testing agency.

**[BF] 1506.4 Class C roof assemblies.** Class C roof assemblies are those that are effective against light fire-test exposure. Class C roof assemblies and roof coverings shall be listed and identified as Class C by an approved testing agency.

**A new underlayment sub-section has been added**

Each bundle shall be marked to identify the manufacturer and the manufacturer, and shall be labeled to identify the classification of the material in accordance with the testing required in Section 1505.1, the treating company and the quality control agency.

**[BF] 1506.7 Special purpose roofs.** Special purpose wood shingle or wood shake roofing shall conform to the grading and application requirements of Section 1507.8 or 1507.9. In addition, an underlayment of 1/4-inch (15.9 mm) Type X, water-resistant gypsum backing board or gypsum sheathing shall be placed under minimum nominal 1/2-inch-thick (12.7 mm) wood structural panel solid sheathing or 1-inch (25 mm) nominal spaced sheathing.

**[BF] 1506.8 Building-integrated photovoltaic products.** Building-integrated photovoltaic products installed as the roof covering shall be tested, listed and labeled for fire classification in accordance with Section 1505.1.

**[BF] 1506.9 Rooftop-mounted photovoltaic panel systems.** Rooftop rack-mounted photovoltaic panel systems shall be tested, listed and identified with a fire classification in accordance with UL 1703 and UL 2703. The fire classification shall comply with Table 1505.1 based on the type of construction of the building.

**[BF] 1506.10 Roof gardens and landscaped roofs.** Roof gardens and landscaped roofs shall comply with Section 1505.1 and 1507.16 and shall be installed in accordance with ANSI/IRFI VF-1.

**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.

**1506.2 Material specifications and physical characteristics.** Roof covering materials shall conform to the applicable standards listed in this chapter.

**1506.3 Product identification.** Roof covering materials shall be delivered in packages bearing the manufacturer's identifying marks and approved testing agency labels required in accordance with Section 1505. Bulk shipments of materials shall be accompanied with the same information issued in the form of a certificate or on a bill of lading by the manufacturer.

**SECTION 1507**  
**REQUIREMENTS FOR ROOF COVERINGS**

**1507.1 Scope.** Roof coverings shall be applied in accordance with the applicable provisions of this section and the manufacturer's installation instructions.

**1507.1.1 Underlayment.** Underlayment for asphalt shingles, clay and concrete tile, metal roof shingles, mineral-surfaced roll roofing, slate and slate-type shingles, wood shingles, wood shakes, metal roof panels and photovoltaic shingles shall conform to the applicable standards listed in this chapter. Underlayment materials required to comply with ASTM D226, D1970, D4869 and D6757 shall bear a label indicating compliance with the standard designation and, if applicable, type classification indicated in Table 1507.1.1(1). Underlayment shall be applied in accordance with Table 1507.1.1(2). Underlayment shall be attached in accordance with Table 1507.1.1(3).

**Exceptions:**

1. As an alternative, self-adhering polymer modified bitumen underlayment complying with ASTM D1970 and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions for the deck material, roof ventilation configuration and climate exposure for the roof covering to be installed shall be permitted.
2. As an alternative, a minimum 4-inch-wide (102 mm) strip of self-adhering polymer modified bitumen membrane complying with ASTM D1970 and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions for the deck material shall be applied over all joints in the roof decking. An approved underlayment for the applicable roof covering for design wind speeds less than 120 mph (54 m/s) shall be applied over the 4-inch-wide (102 mm) membrane strips.
3. As an alternative, two layers of underlayment complying with ASTM D226 Type II or ASTM D4869 Type IV shall be permitted to be installed as follows: Apply a 19-inch (483 mm) strip of underlayment parallel with the eave. Starting at the eave, apply 36-inch-wide (914 mm) strips of underlayment felt, overlapping successive sheets 19 inches (483 mm). The underlayment shall be attached with corrosion-resistant fasteners in a grid pattern of 12 inches (305 mm) between side laps with a 6-inch (152 mm) spacing at side and end laps. End laps shall

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be 4 inches (102 mm) and shall be offset by 6 feet (1829 mm). Underlayment shall be attached using metal or plastic cap nails with a nominal cap diameter of not less than 1 inch (25.4 mm). Metal caps shall have a thickness of not less than 32-gauge sheet metal. Power-driven metal caps shall have a thickness of not less than 0.010 inch (mm). Thickness of the outside edge

**1507.2 Asphalt shingles.** The installation of asphalt shingles shall comply with the provisions of this section.

**1507.2.1 Deck requirements.** Asphalt shingles shall be fastened to solidly sheathed decks.

**1507.2.2 Slope.** Asphalt shingles shall only be used on roof slopes of two units vertical in 12 units horizontal (17-percent slope) or greater. For roof slopes from two units vertical in 12 units horizontal (17-percent slope) and to four

**TABLE 1507.1.1(1)**  
**UNDERLAYMENT TYPES**

ROOF COVERING	SECTION	MAXIMUM BASIC DESIGN WIND SPEED, V< 140 MPH	MAXIMUM BASIC DESIGN WIND SPEED, V≥ 140 MPH
Asphalt shingles	1507.2	ASTM D226 Type I or II ASTM D4869 Type I, II, III or IV ASTM D6757	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type IV ASTM D6757
Clay and concrete tiles	1507.3	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D2626 Type I ASTM D6380 Class M mineral surfaced roll roofing	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D2626 Type I ASTM D6380 Class M mineral surfaced roll roofing
Metal panels	1507.4	Manufacturer's instructions	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type IV
Metal roof shingles	1507.5	ASTM D226 Type I or II ASTM D4869 Type I, II, III or IV	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type IV
Mineral-surfaced roll roofing	1507.6	ASTM D226 Type I or II ASTM D4869 Type I, II, III or IV	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type IV
Slate shingles	1507.7	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type III or IV	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type IV
Wood shingles	1507.8	ASTM D226 Type I or II ASTM D4869 Type I, II, III or IV	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type IV
Wood shakes	1507.9	ASTM D226 Type I or II ASTM D4869 Type I, II, III or IV	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type IV
Photovoltaic shingles	1507.17	ASTM D226 Type I or II ASTM D4869 Type I, II, III or IV ASTM D6757	ASTM D226 Type II ASTM D4869 Type IV ASTM D6757

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TABLE 1507.1.1(2)  
UNDERLAYMENT APPLICATION

**TABLE 1507.1.1(2)  
UNDERLAYMENT APPLICATION**

ROOF COVERING	SECTION	MAXIMUM BASIC DESIGN WIND SPEED, V < 140 MPH	MAXIMUM BASIC DESIGN WIND SPEED, V ≥ 140 MPH
Asphalt shingles	1507.2	For roof slopes from two units vertical in 12 units horizontal (2:12), up to four units vertical in 12 units horizontal (4:12), underlayment shall be two layers applied as follows: Apply a 19-inch strip of underlayment felt parallel to and starting at the eaves. Starting at the eave, apply 36-inch-wide sheets of underlayment, overlapping successive sheets 19 inches. End laps shall be 4 inches and shall be offset by 6 feet. Distortions in the underlayment shall not interfere with the ability of the shingles to seal.  For roof slopes of four units vertical in 12 units horizontal (4:12) or greater, underlayment shall be one layer applied as follows: Underlayment shall be applied shingle fashion, parallel to and starting from the eave and lapped 2 inches. Distortions in the underlayment shall not interfere with the ability of the shingles to seal. End laps shall be 4 inches and shall be offset by 6 feet.	Same as Maximum Basic Design Wind Speed, V < 140 mph except all laps shall be not less than 4 inches

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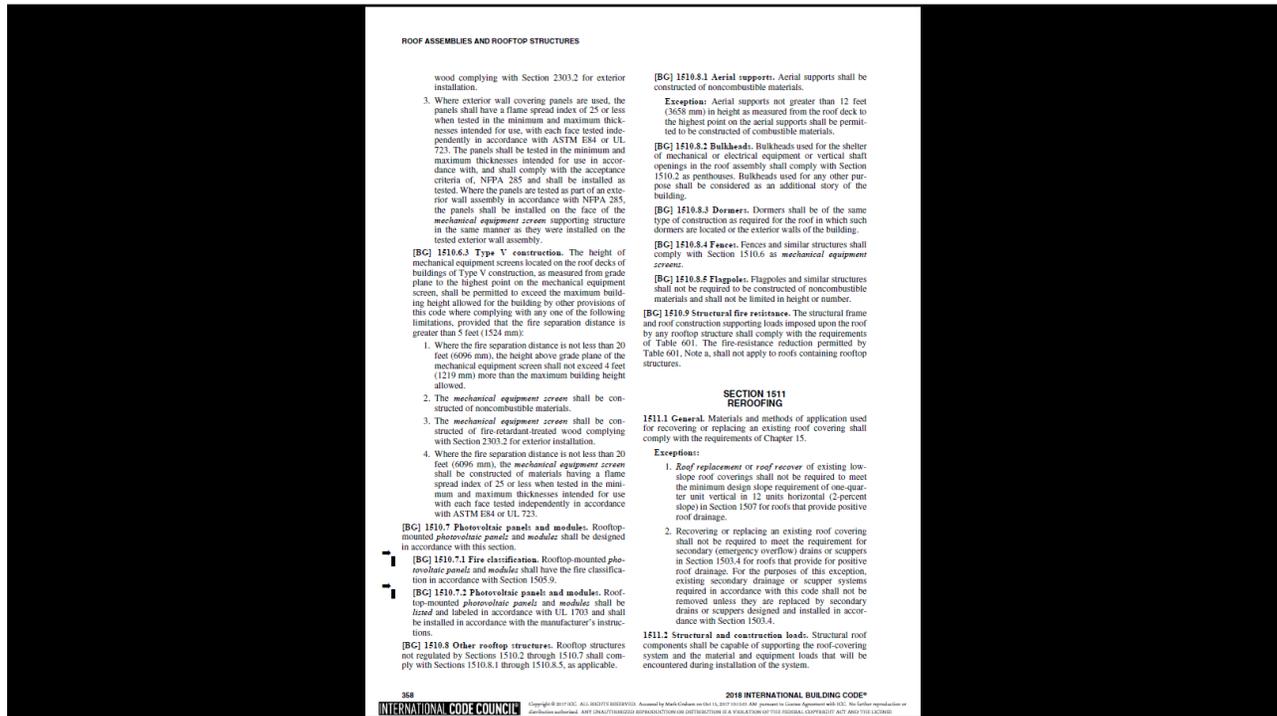
SECTION 1510  
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**[BF] TABLE 1508.2  
MATERIAL STANDARDS FOR ROOF INSULATION**

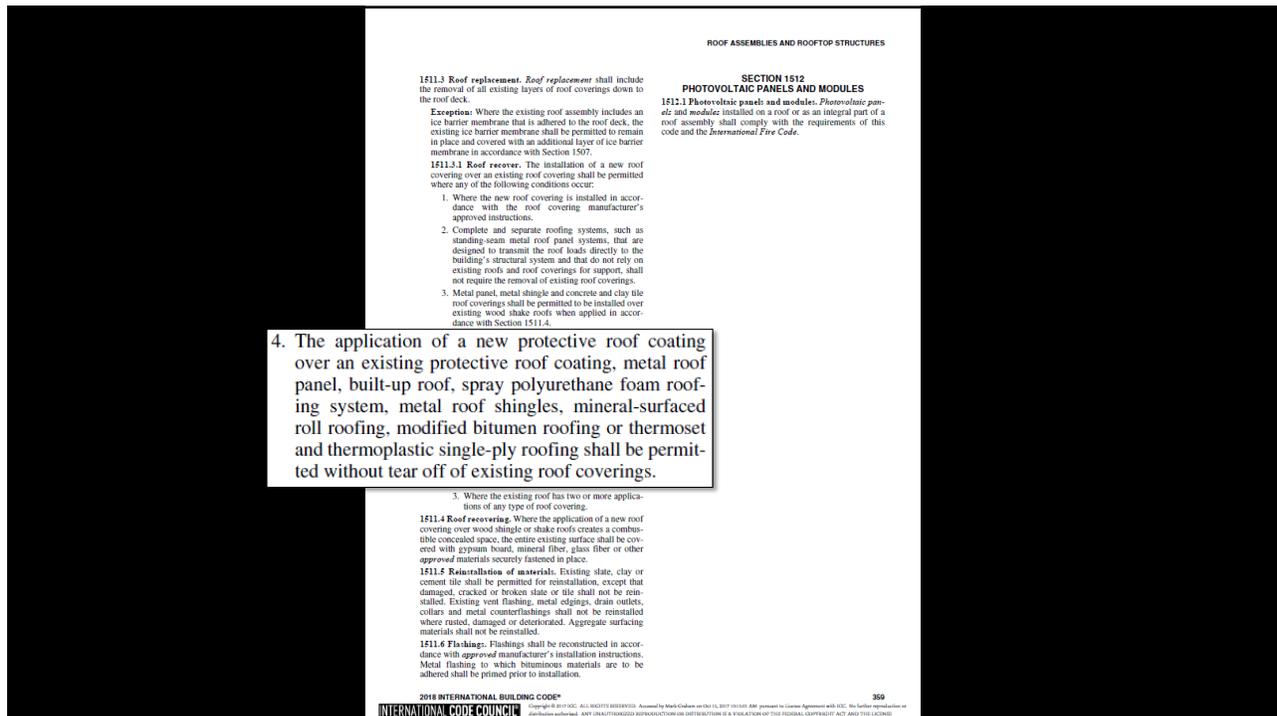
Cellular glass board	ASTM C552
Composite boards	ASTM C1289, Type III, IV, V or VII
Expanded polystyrene	ASTM C578
Extruded polystyrene	ASTM C578
Fiber-reinforced gypsum board	ASTM C1278
Glass-faced gypsum board	ASTM C1177
High-density polyisocyanurate board	ASTM C1289, Type II, Class 4
Mineral fiber insulation board	ASTM C726
Perlite board	ASTM C728
Polyisocyanurate board	ASTM C1289, Type I or II
Wood fiberboard	ASTM C208, Type II

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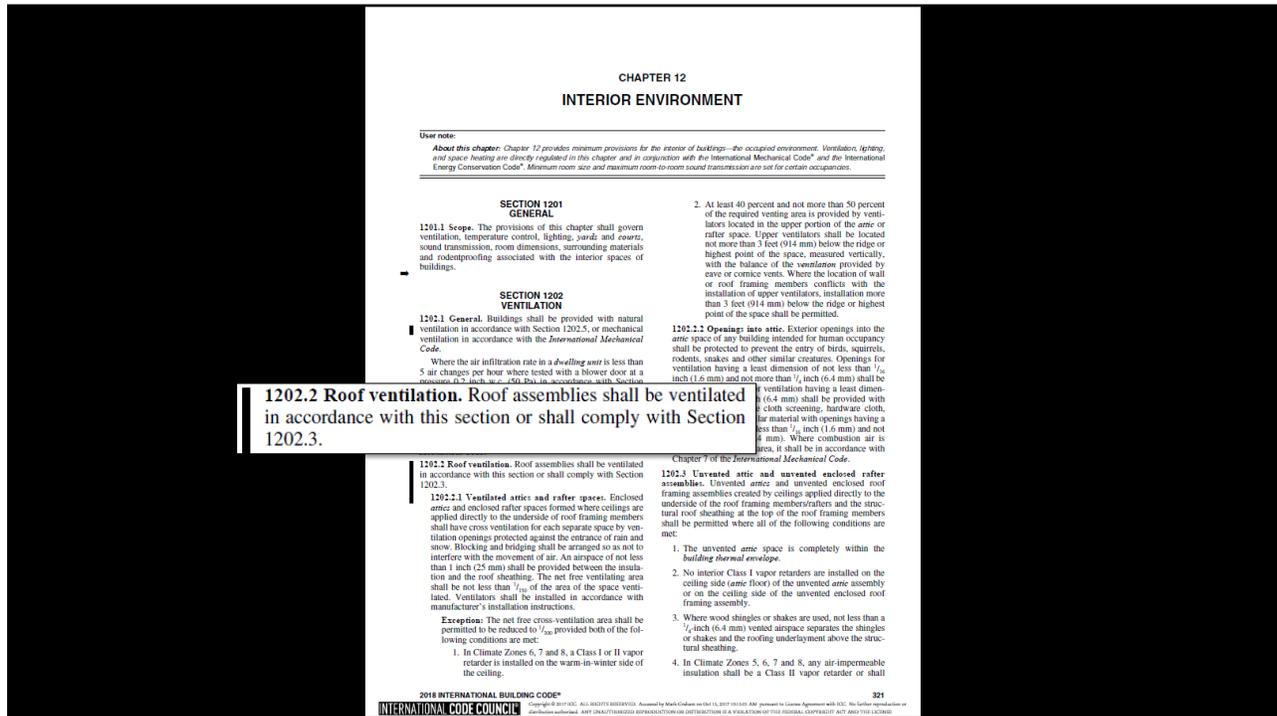
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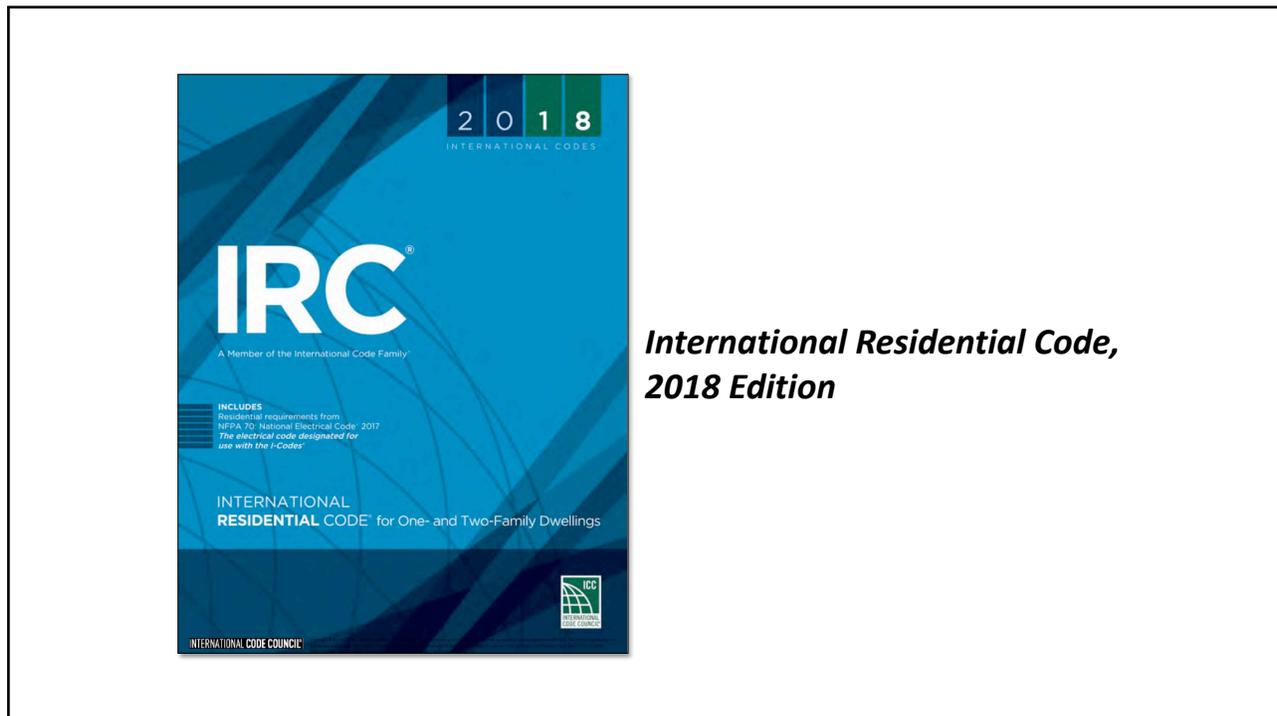
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CHAPTER 9  
ROOF ASSEMBLIES

**User note:**  
About this chapter: Chapter 9 addresses the design and construction of roof assemblies. A roof assembly includes the roof deck, substrate or thermal barrier, insulation, vapor retarder and roof covering. This chapter provides the requirement for wind resistance of roof coverings. The types of roof covering materials and installation addressed by Chapter 9 are asphalt shingles, clay and concrete tile, metal roof shingles, mineral-surfaced roof roofing, slate and slate-type shingles, wood shakes and shingles, built-up roofs, metal roof panels, modified bitumen roofing, thermoset and thermoplastic single-ply roofing, sprayed polyurethane foam roofing, liquid applied coatings and photovoltaic shingles. Chapter 9 also provides requirements for roof drainage, flashing, above-deck thermal insulation, rooftop-mounted photovoltaic systems and recovering or replacing an existing roof covering.

IRC 2018 Ch. 9 changes are similar to those of IBC 2018 Ch. 15 except:

- ASCE 7-10's wind maps apply
- Some rooftop PV reformatting:
  - New Sec. R324-Solar Energy Systems
- New Sec. R905.17 (BIPV applied directly to the roof deck)

Impregnation with chemicals by the full-cell vacuum-pressure process, in accordance with ANPA C1. Each bundle shall be marked to identify the manufacturer and the manufacturer, and shall be labeled to identify the classification of the material in accordance with the testing required in Section R902.1, the treating company and the quality control agency.

**R902.3 Building-integrated photovoltaic product.** Building-integrated photovoltaic products installed as the roof covering shall be tested, listed and labeled for fire classification in accordance with Section R902.1.

**R902.4 Rooftop-mounted photovoltaic panel systems.** Rooftop-mounted photovoltaic panel systems installed on or

**R903.2.2 Crickets and saddles.** A cricket or saddle shall be installed on the ridge side of any chimney or penetration more than 30 inches (762 mm) wide as measured perpendicular to the slope. Cricket or saddle coverings shall be sheet metal or of the same material as the roof covering.

**Exception:** Unit skylights installed in accordance with Section R308.6 and flashed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions shall be permitted to be installed without a cricket or saddle.

**R903.3 Coping.** Parapet walls shall be properly coped with noncombustible, weatherproof materials of a width not less than the thickness of the parapet wall.

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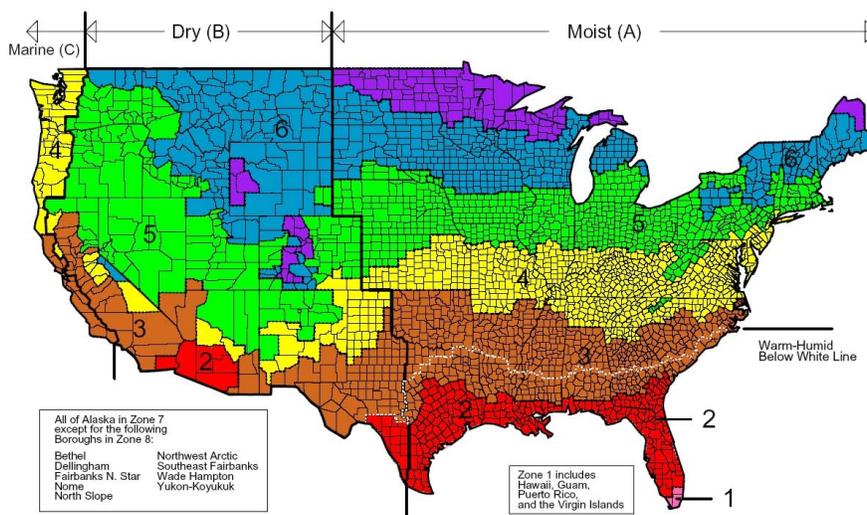
## IECC 2018's roofing-related requirements

- No substantive changes from IECC 2015
  - R-value
  - Roof reflectivity and emissivity
  - Air barriers
- ASHRAE 90.1-16 alternative
  - ASHRAE 90.1-12 referenced in IECC 2015

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## IECC 2018, Fig. C301.1-Climate zones

Fig. R301.1 (residential climate zones) is similar



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**TABLE C402.1.3**  
OPAQUE THERMAL ENVELOPE INSULATION COMPONENT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, R-VALUE METHOD<sup>a,1</sup>

CLIMATE ZONE	1		2		3		4 EXCEPT MARINE		5 AND MARINE 4		6		7		8	
	All other	Group R	All other	Group R	All other	Group R	All other	Group R	All other	Group R	All other	Group R	All other	Group R	All other	Group R
<b>Roofs</b>																
Insulation entirely above roof deck	R-20ci	R-25ci	R-25ci	R-25ci	R-25ci	R-25ci	R-30ci	R-30ci	R-30ci	R-30ci	R-30ci	R-30ci	R-35ci	R-35ci	R-35ci	R-35ci
Metal buildings <sup>b</sup>	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-25 + R-11 LS	R-25 + R-11 LS	R-30 + R-11 LS			
Attic and other	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-38	R-49						
<b>Walls, above grade</b>																
Mass <sup>c</sup>	R-5.7ci	R-5.7ci	R-5.7ci	R-5.7ci	R-5.7ci	R-5.7ci	R-5.7ci	R-5.7ci	R-5.7ci	R-5.7ci	R-5.7ci	R-5.7ci	R-5.7ci	R-5.7ci	R-5.7ci	R-5.7ci
Metal building	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci
Metal framed	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci
Wood framed and other	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-5ci
<b>Walls, below grade</b>																
Below-grade wall <sup>d</sup>	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
<b>Floors</b>																
Mass <sup>e</sup>	NR	NR	R-4.3ci	R-4.3ci	R-10ci	R-10ci	R-10ci	R-10ci	R-10ci	R-12.5ci	R-12.5ci	R-12.5ci	R-15ci	R-16.5ci	R-15ci	R-16.5ci
Struct framing	NR	NR	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30	R-30
<b>Below-grade floors</b>																
Unheated slab <sup>f</sup>	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	R-10 for 24" below									
Heated slab <sup>g</sup>	R-5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-7.5 for 12" below + R-5 full slab	R-10 for 24" below + R-5 full slab	R-10 for 24" below + R-5 full slab	R-10 for 24" below + R-5 full slab	R-10 for 24" below + R-5 full slab	R-10 for 24" below + R-5 full slab	R-10 for 24" below + R-5 full slab	R-10 for 24" below + R-5 full slab	R-10 for 24" below + R-5 full slab	R-10 for 24" below + R-5 full slab	R-10 for 24" below + R-5 full slab	R-10 for 24" below + R-5 full slab	R-10 for 24" below + R-5 full slab
<b>Opaque doors</b>																
Nonswing <sup>h</sup>	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75	R-4.75

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 pound per square foot = 4.88 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, 1 pound per cubic foot = 16 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.  
 ci = Continuous insulation, NR = No Requirement, LS = Liner System.  
 a. Assembly description can be found in ANSI/AIAA/IESNA A-90.4 Appendix A.  
 b. Where using R-value compliance method, a thermal spacer block shall be provided, otherwise use the U-factor compliance method in Table C402.1.4.  
 c. R-5.7ci is allowed to be substituted with concrete block walls complying with ASTM C90, ungrouted or partially grouted at 32 inches or less on center vertically and 48 inches or less on center horizontally, with ungrouted cores filled with materials having a maximum thermal conductivity of 0.44 (lb-in<sup>2</sup>/h<sup>2</sup>·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F).  
 d. Where heated slabs are below grade, below-grade walls shall comply with the exterior insulation requirements for heated slabs.  
 e. "Mass floors" shall be in accordance with Section C402.2.3.  
 f. Steel floor joist systems shall be insulated to R-38.  
 g. "Mass walls" shall be in accordance with Section C402.2.2.  
 h. The first value is for perimeter insulation and the second value is for slab insulation. Perimeter insulation is not required to extend below the bottom of the slab.  
 i. Not applicable to garage doors. See Table C402.1.4.

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## Roofing-specific adaptation of Table C402.1.3

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Climate zone	Roof assembly configuration		
	Insulation entirely above deck	Metal buildings (with R-5 thermal blocks)	Attic and other
1	R-20ci	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-38
2	R-25ci		
3			
4			
5	R-30ci	R-30 + R-11 LS	R-49
6	R-35ci		
7			
8	R-35ci		

ci = Continuous insulation  
 LS = Liner system (a continuous membrane installed below the purlins and uninterrupted by framing members; uncompressed, faced insulation rests on top of the membrane between the purlins)

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## Comparison of IECC's various editions

Commercial Buildings (Insulation component R-value-based method)

Climate Zone	IECC 2003	IECC 2006	IECC 2009	IECC 2012*	IECC 2015*	IECC 2018*
1	R-12 ci		R-15 ci		R-20 ci	R-20 ci
2	R-14 ci			R-20 ci		
3	R-10 ci	R-15 ci			R-25 ci	R-25 ci
4	R-12 ci		R-20ci			
5	R-15 ci			R-25 ci	R-30 ci	R-30 ci
6	R-11 ci	R-20 ci				
7		R-25 ci	R-25 ci	R-30 ci	R-35 ci	R-35 ci
8	R-15 ci					

\* Applies to roof replacement projects  
ci = continuous insulation

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designed in accordance with the R-value method of Section C402.1.3 shall be as specified in Table C402.1.3. The perimeter insulation shall be placed on the outside of the foundation or on the inside of the foundation wall. The perimeter insulation shall extend downward from the top of the slab for the minimum distance shown in the table or to the top of the footing, whichever is less, or downward to not less than the bottom of the slab and then horizontally to the interior or exterior for the total distance shown in the table. Insulation extending away from the building shall be protected by pavement or by not less than 10 inches (254 mm) of soil.

**Exception:** Where the slab-on-grade floor is greater than 24 inches (61 mm) below the finished exterior grade, perimeter insulation is not required.

**C402.2.5 Below-grade walls.** The C-factor for the below-grade exterior walls shall be in accordance with Table C402.1.4. The R-value of the insulating material installed continuously within or on the below-grade exterior walls of the building envelope shall be in accordance with Table C402.1.3. The C-factor or R-value required shall extend to a depth of not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) below the outside finished ground level, or to the level of the lowest floor of the conditioned space enclosed by the below-grade wall, whichever is less.

**C402.2.6 Insulation of radiant heating systems.** Radiant heating system panels, and their associated components that are installed in interior or exterior assemblies shall be insulated to an R-value of not less than R-3.5 on all surfaces not facing the space being heated. Radiant heating system panels that are installed in the building thermal envelope shall be separated from the exterior of the building or unconditioned or exempt space by not less than the R-value of insulation installed in the opaque assembly in which they are installed or the assembly shall comply with Section C402.1.4.

**Exception:** Heated slabs on grade insulated in accordance with Section C402.2.4.

**C402.2.7 Airspace.** Where the thermal properties of airspaces are used to comply with this code in accordance with Section C401.2, such airspaces shall be enclosed in an unventilated cavity constructed to minimize airflow into and out of the enclosed airspace. Airflow shall be deemed minimized where the enclosed airspace is located on the interior side of the continuous air barrier and is bounded on all sides by building components.

in Climate Zones 1, 2 and 3 shall comply with one or more of the options in Table C402.3.

**Exceptions:** The following roofs and portions of roofs are exempt from the requirements of Table C402.3:

1. Portions of the roof that include or are covered by the following:
  - 1.1. Photovoltaic systems or components.
  - 1.2. Solar air or water-heating systems or components.
  - 1.3. Roof gardens or landscaped roofs.
  - 1.4. Above-roof decks or walkways.
  - 1.5. Skylights.
  - 1.6. HVAC systems and components, and other opaque objects mounted above the roof.
2. Portions of the roof shaded during the peak sun angle on the summer solstice by permanent features of the building or by permanent features of adjacent buildings.
3. Portions of roofs that are ballasted with a minimum stone ballast of 17 pounds per square foot [74 kg/m<sup>2</sup>] or 23 pcf [117 kg/m<sup>3</sup>] pavers.
4. Roofs where not less than 75 percent of the roof area complies with one or more of the exceptions to this section.

**C402.3.1 Aged roof solar reflectance.** Where an aged solar reflectance required by Section C402.3 is not available, it shall be determined in accordance with Equation 4-3:

$$R_{solar} = [0.2 + 0.7(R_{aged} - 0.2)] \quad \text{(Equation 4-3)}$$

where:

- $R_{solar}$  = The aged solar reflectance.
- $R_{aged}$  = The initial solar reflectance determined in accordance with CIRC-5100.

**C402.4 Fenestration (Prescriptive).** Fenestration shall comply with Sections C402.4.1 through C402.4.5 and Table C402.4. Daylight responsive controls shall comply with this section and Section C405.2.3.1.

**C402.4.1 Maximum area.** The vertical fenestration area, not including opaque doors and opaque spandrel panels, shall be not greater than 10 percent of the gross above-grade wall area. The skylight area shall be not greater than 3 percent of the gross above-grade wall area.

**C402.3 Roof solar reflectance and thermal emittance.** Low-sloped roofs directly above cooled conditioned spaces in Climate Zones 1, 2 and 3 shall comply with one or more of the options in Table C402.3.

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**TABLE C402.3  
MINIMUM ROOF REFLECTANCE AND EMITTANCE OPTIONS<sup>a</sup>**

Three-year-aged solar reflectance index <sup>b</sup> of 55 and 3-year aged thermal emittance <sup>c</sup> of 0.75											
Three-year-aged solar reflectance index <sup>d</sup> of 64											

a. The use of area-weighted averages to comply with these requirements shall be permitted. Materials lacking 3-year-aged tested values for either solar reflectance or thermal emittance shall be assigned both a 3-year-aged solar reflectance in accordance with Section C402.3.1 and a 3-year-aged thermal emittance of 0.90.

b. Aged solar reflectance tested in accordance with ASTM C1549, ASTM E903 or ASTM E1918 or CRRC-S100.

c. Aged thermal emittance tested in accordance with ASTM C1371 or ASTM E408 or CRRC-S100.

d. Solar reflectance index (SRI) shall be determined in accordance with ASTM E1980 using a convection coefficient of 2.1 Btu/h • ft<sup>2</sup> • °F (12W/m<sup>2</sup> • K). Calculation of aged SRI shall be based on aged tested values of solar reflectance and thermal emittance.

Orientation	SEW		N		SEW		N		SEW		N		
	SEW	N	SEW	N									
PF = 0.2	0.25	0.33	0.25	0.33	0.25	0.33	0.36	0.48	0.34	0.51	0.45	NR	NR
0.2 ≤ PF < 0.5	0.30	0.37	0.30	0.37	0.30	0.37	0.43	0.53	0.46	0.56	0.48	NR	NR
PF ≥ 0.5	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.58	0.58	0.61	0.61	0.64	NR	NR
U-factor	0.75	0.65	0.55	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	NR	NR
SHGC	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	NR	NR

NR = No Requirement; PF = Projected Factor.

a. "N" indicates vertical fenestration oriented within 45 degrees of true north. "SEW" indicates orientations other than "N." For buildings in the southern hemisphere, reverse south and north. Buildings located at less than 33.3 degrees latitude shall use SEW for all orientations.

2. In buildings three or more stories above grade, not less than 25 percent of the net floor area is within a daylight zone.

3. Daylight responsive controls complying with Section C402.3.1.1 are installed in daylight zones.

4. Visible transmittance (VT) of vertical fenestration is not less than 1.1 times solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC).

Exception: Fenestration that is outside the scope of NFRC 200 is not required to comply with Item 4.

C402.4.1.2 Increased skylight area with daylight responsive controls. The skylight area shall be not more than 6 percent of the roof area provided that daylight responsive controls complying with Section C402.3.1.1 are installed in daylight zones.

C402.4.2 Minimum skylight fenestration area. In an enclosed space greater than 2,500 square feet (232 m<sup>2</sup>) in floor area, directly under a roof with not less than 75 percent of the ceiling area with a ceiling height greater than 15 feet (4572 mm), and used as an office, lobby, atrium, concourse, corridor, storage space, gymnasium/exercise center, convention center, automotive service area, space where manufacturing occurs, nonrefrigerated warehouse, retail store, distribution/sorting area, transportation depot or workshop, the total daylight zone shall be not less than half the floor area and shall provide one of the following:

1. A minimum skylight area to daylight zone of not less than 3 percent where all skylights have a VT of not less than 0.40 as determined in accordance with Section C303.1.3.
2. A minimum skylight effective aperture of not less than 1 percent, determined in accordance with Equation 4-4.

Skylight Effective Aperture =  
0.85 × Skylight Area × Skylight VT × WF  
Total Zone (Equation 4-4)

where:

- Skylight area = Total fenestration area of skylights
- Skylight VT = Area weighted average visible transmittance of skylights.
- WF = Area weighted average wall factor, where wall factor is 0.9 if light wall depth is less than 2 feet (610 mm), or 0.7 if light wall depth is 2 feet (610 mm) or greater.

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**C402.5 Air leakage—thermal envelope (Mandatory).** The *thermal envelope* of buildings shall comply with Sections C402.5.1 through C402.5.8, or the building *thermal envelope* shall be tested in accordance with ASTM E 779 at a pressure differential of 0.3 inch water gauge (75 Pa) or an equivalent method approved by the code official and deemed to comply with the provisions of this section when the tested air leakage rate of the building thermal envelope is not greater than 0.40 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> (2.0 L/s • m<sup>2</sup>). Where compliance is based on such testing, the building shall also comply with Sections C402.5.5, C402.5.6 and C402.5.7.

**C402.5.1 Air barriers.** A continuous air barrier shall be provided throughout the building thermal envelope. The air barriers shall be permitted to be located on the inside or outside of the building envelope, located within the assemblies composing the envelope, or any combination thereof. The air barrier shall comply with Sections C402.5.1.1 and C402.5.1.2.

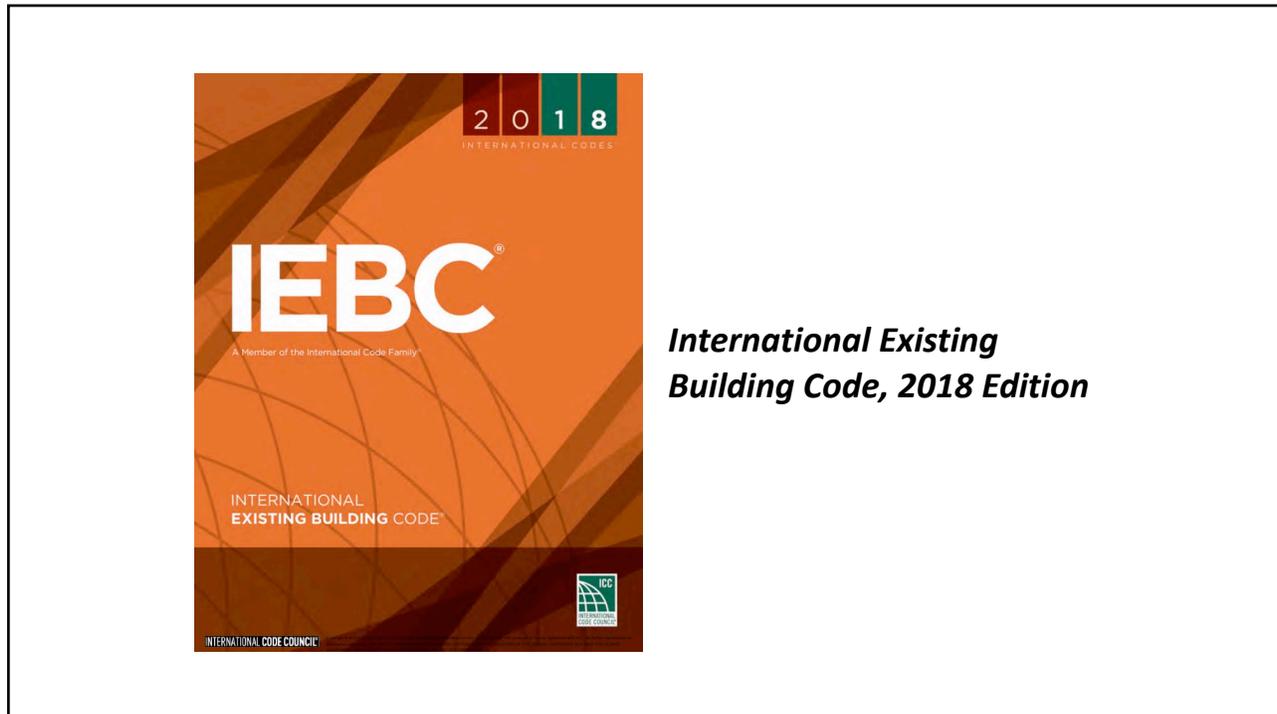
**Exception:** Air barriers are not required in buildings located in *Climate Zone 2B*.

where provided with daylight responsive controls.

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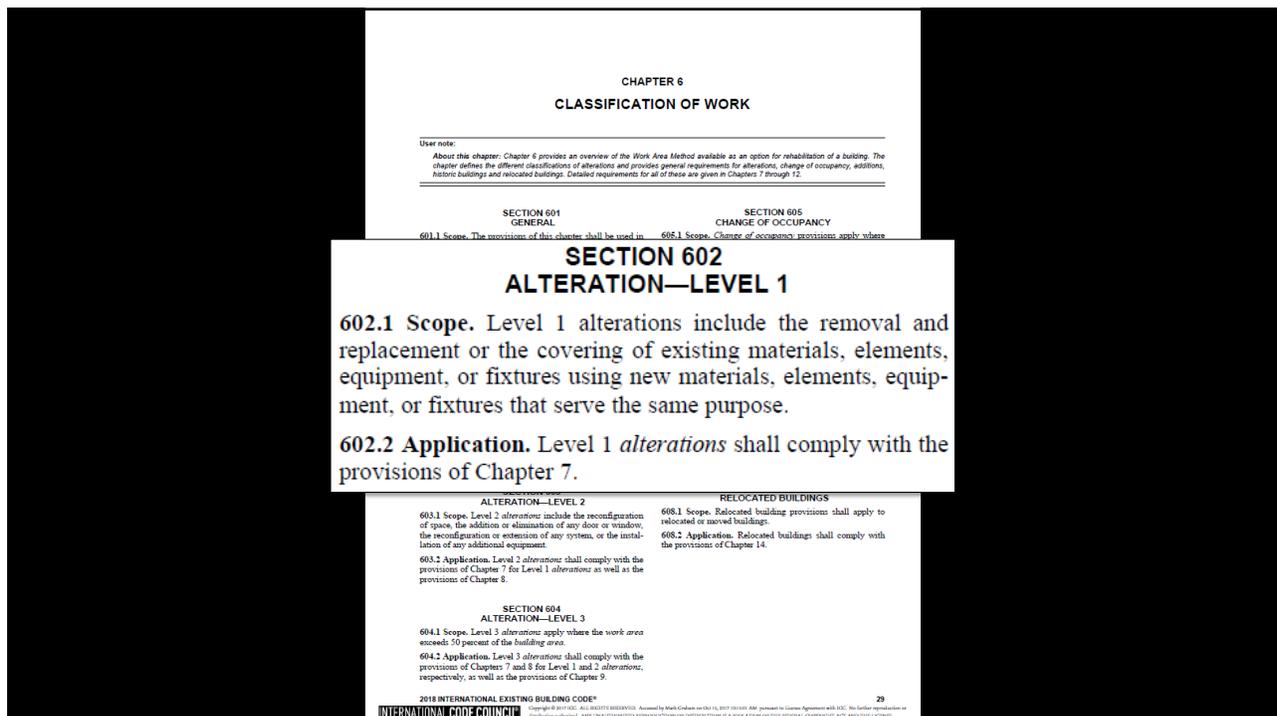
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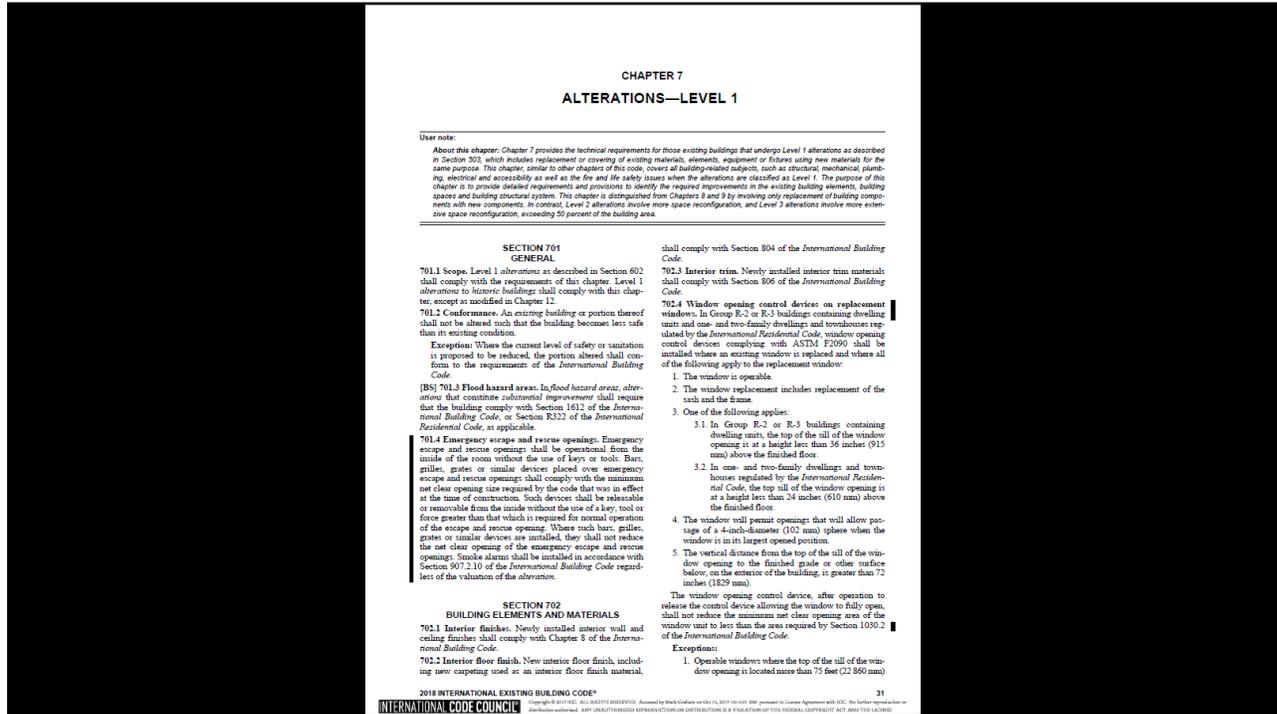


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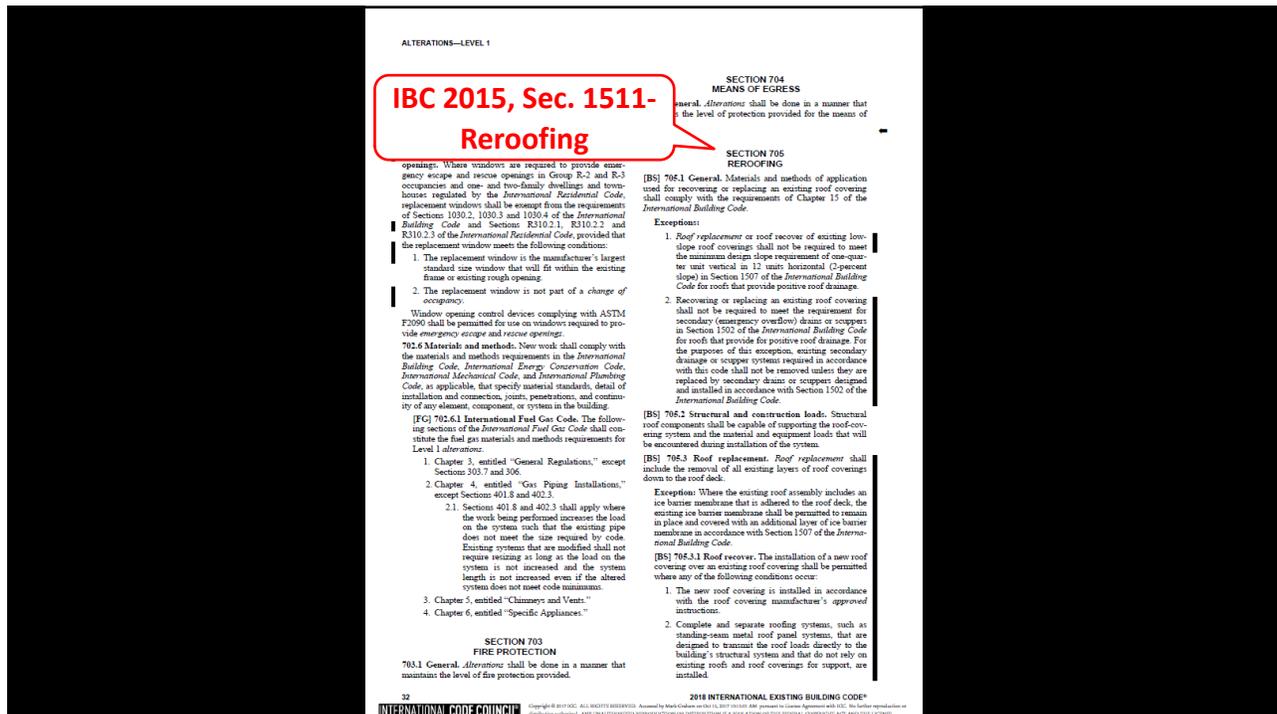
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## SECTION 706 STRUCTURAL

**[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:

1. 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 Residential Code*.
2. 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/m<sup>2</sup>) or less over an existing single layer of roof covering.

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**[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 include installation of parapet bracing unless an evaluation demonstrates compliance of such items. Reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.

**[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 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 75 percent of those wind loads, they shall be replaced or strengthened in accordance with the loads specified in the *International Building Code*.

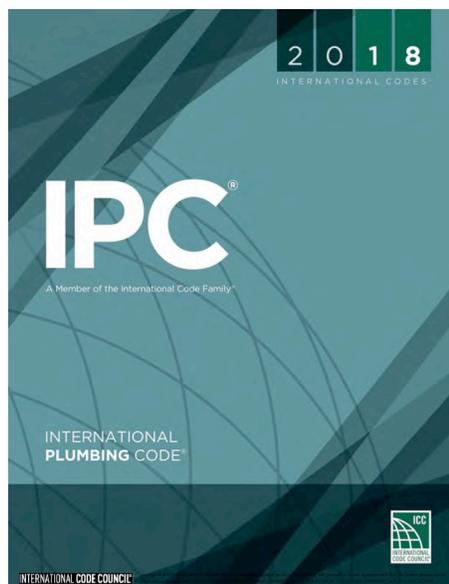
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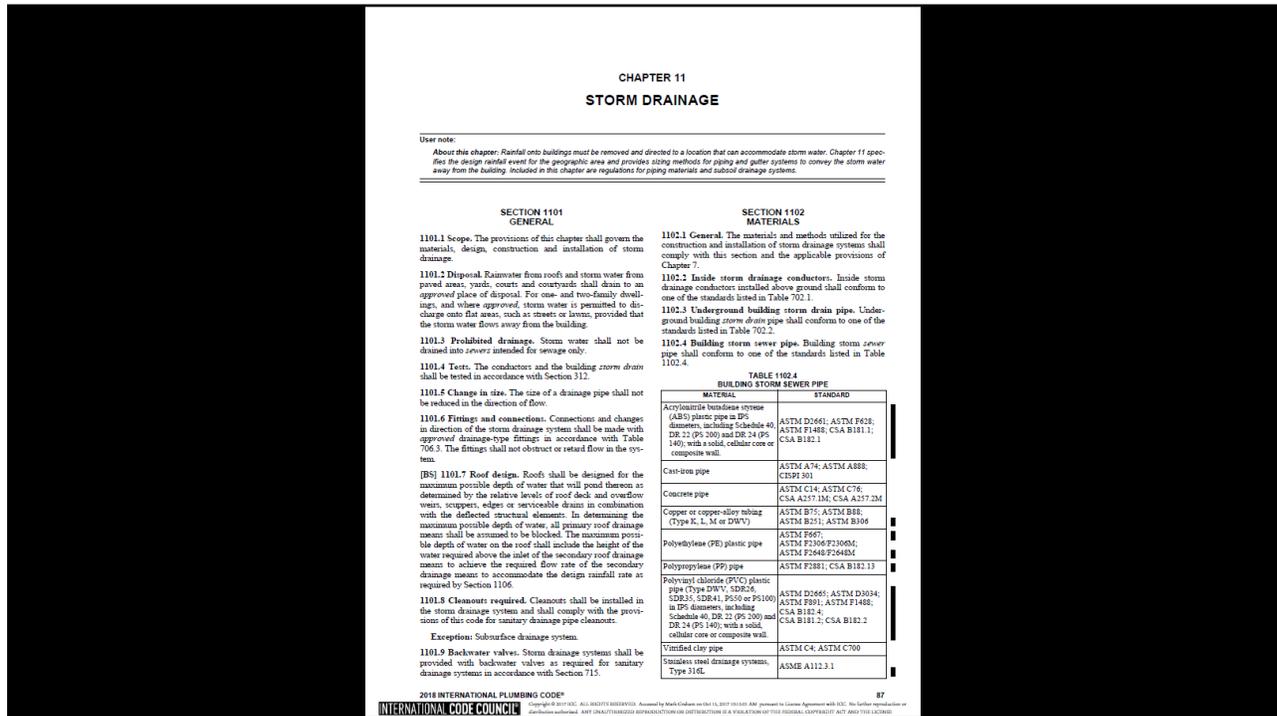
- No substantive changes from IECC 2015

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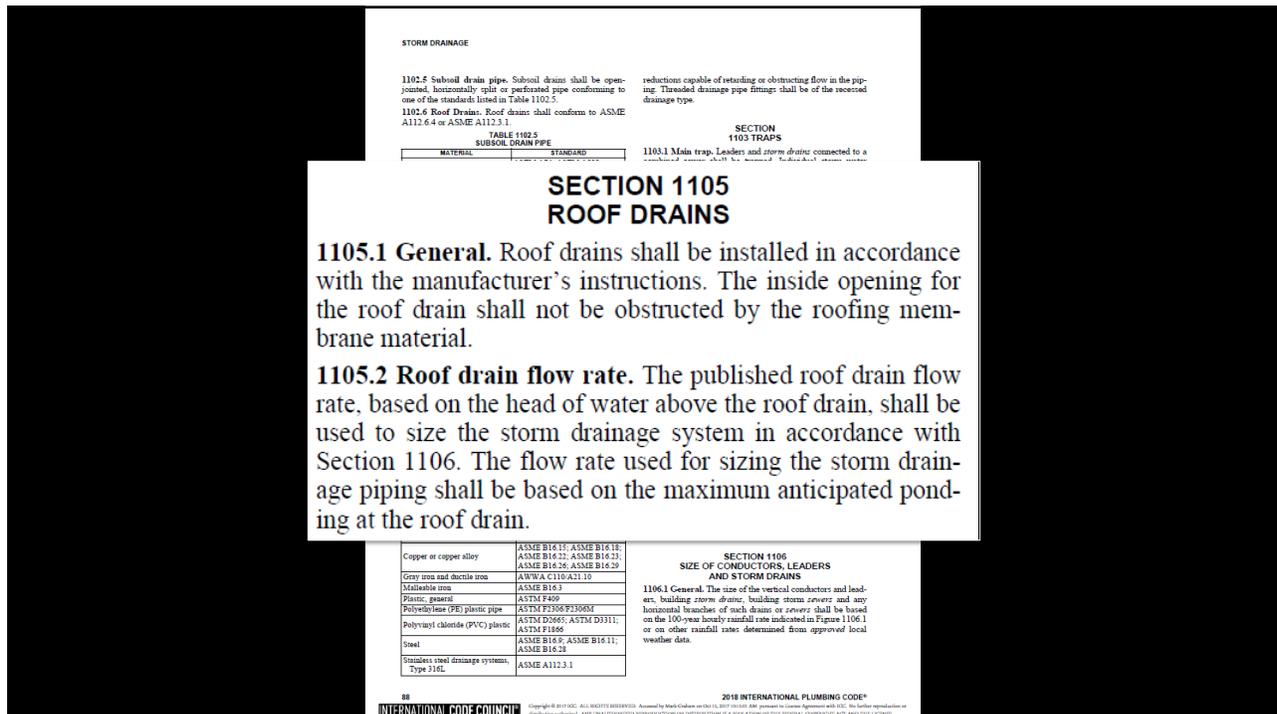


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**STORM DRAINAGE**

**1106.2 Size of storm drain piping.** Vertical and horizontal storm drain piping shall be sized based on the flow through the roof drain. The flow rate in storm drain piping shall not exceed that specified in Table 1106.2.

**1106.3 Vertical header sizing.** Vertical headers shall be sized based on the flow rate from horizontal gutters or the maximum flow rate through roof drains. The flow rate through vertical headers shall not exceed that specified in Table 1106.3.

**1106.4 Vertical walls.** In sizing roof drains and storm drain piping, one-half of the area of any vertical wall diverts rainwater to the roof shall be added to the project roof area for inclusion in calculating the required size of roof conductors, leaders and horizontal storm drainage piping.

**1106.5 Parapet wall scuppers.** Where scuppers are used for primary roof drainage or for secondary (emergency overflow) roof drainage or both, the quantity, size, location and elevation of the scuppers shall be chosen to prevent the depth of ponding water on the roof from exceeding the maximum water depth that the roof was designed for as determined by Section 1611.1 of the *International Building Code*. Scupper openings shall be not less than 4 inches (102 mm) in height and have a width that is equal to or greater than the circumference of a roof drain sized for the same roof area. The flow through the primary system shall not be considered when locating and sizing secondary scuppers.

**1106.6 Size of roof gutters.** Horizontal gutters shall be sized based on the flow rate from the roof surface. The flow rate in horizontal gutters shall not exceed that specified in Table 1106.6.

**SECTION 1108**  
**SECONDARY (EMERGENCY) ROOF DRAINS**

**1108.1 Secondary (emergency overflow) drains or scuppers.** Where roof drains are required, secondary (emergency overflow) roof drains or scuppers shall be provided where the roof perimeter construction extends above the roof in such a manner that water will be entrapped if the primary drains allow buildup for any reason. Where primary and secondary roof drains are manufactured as a single assembly, the inlet and outlet for each drain shall be independent.

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2 1/4	92
2 1/2 x 3	92
4	192
6	192
8	360
10	360
1 1/2	360
2	563
2 1/2	563
3	1208
4	1208
min. 1 gph/100 sq. ft. = 3.785 L/m.	

HORIZONTAL DRAIN	
% inch per foot	% inch per foot
3/16	44
7/16	111
1/2	231
5/8	331
3/4	489
7/8	1,429
1	2,623
1 1/8	4,187
1 1/4	7,093

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**Roofing-related provisions**  
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- Sec. 303-Asphalt kettles
- Sec. 317-Rooftop gardens
- Sec. 905.3.8-Rooftop gardens (standpipes)
- Sec. 1204-Solar photovoltaic power systems
- Sec. 3317-Safeguarding roofing operations

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## IFC 2018's roofing-related requirements

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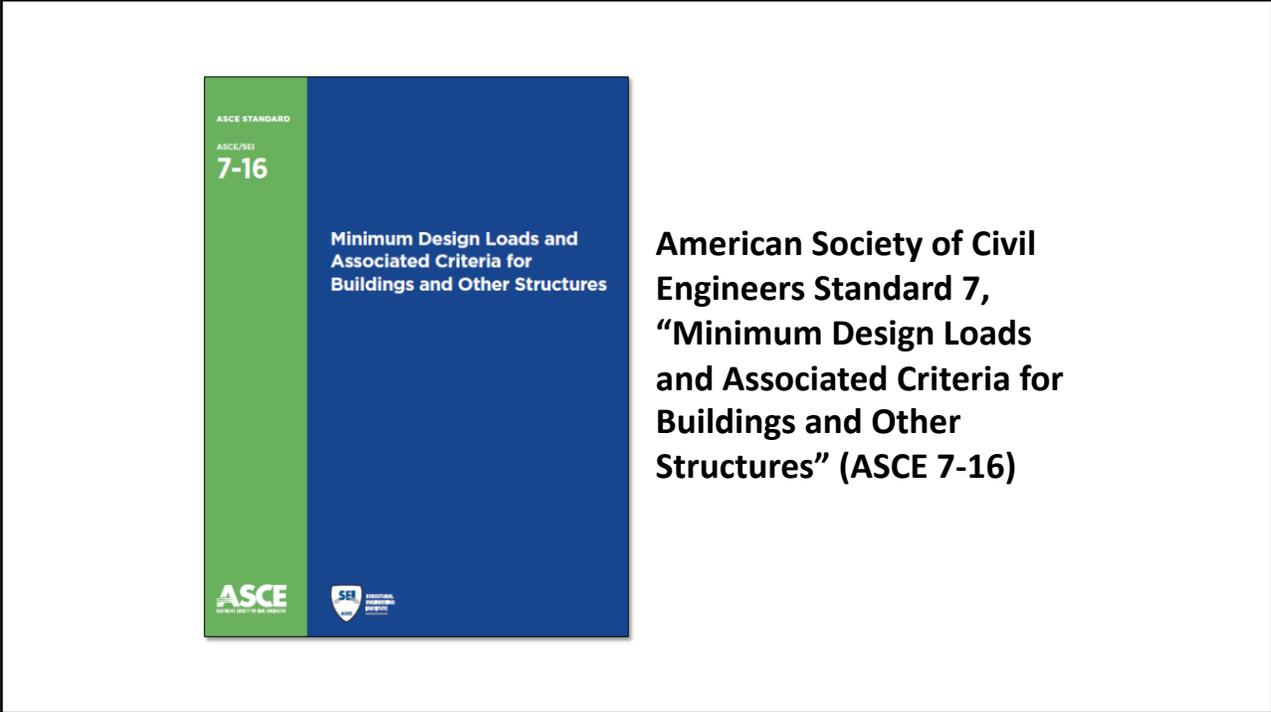
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**ASCE 7-16**  
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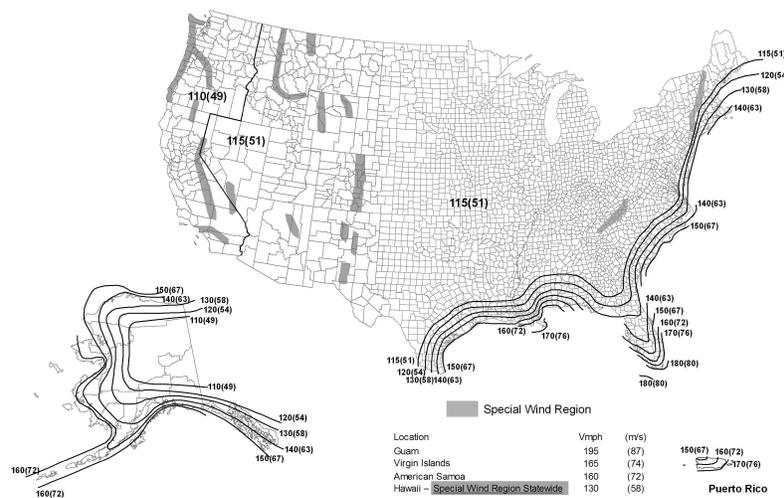
Compared to ASCE 7-10

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

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## ASCE 7-10 basic wind speed map

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



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## ASCE 7-16 basic wind speed map

Risk Category II Buildings (MRI = 700 years)

MRI		
Risk Category	ASCE 7-10	ASCE 7-16
I (Low)	300 yrs.	300 yrs.
II (not I, II or IV)	700 yrs.	700 yrs.
Category III (High risk)	1,700 yrs.	1,700 yrs.
Category IV (Essential)	1,700 yrs.	3,000 yrs.

**Selection of the correct Risk Category/map (i.e., wind speed) is essential**

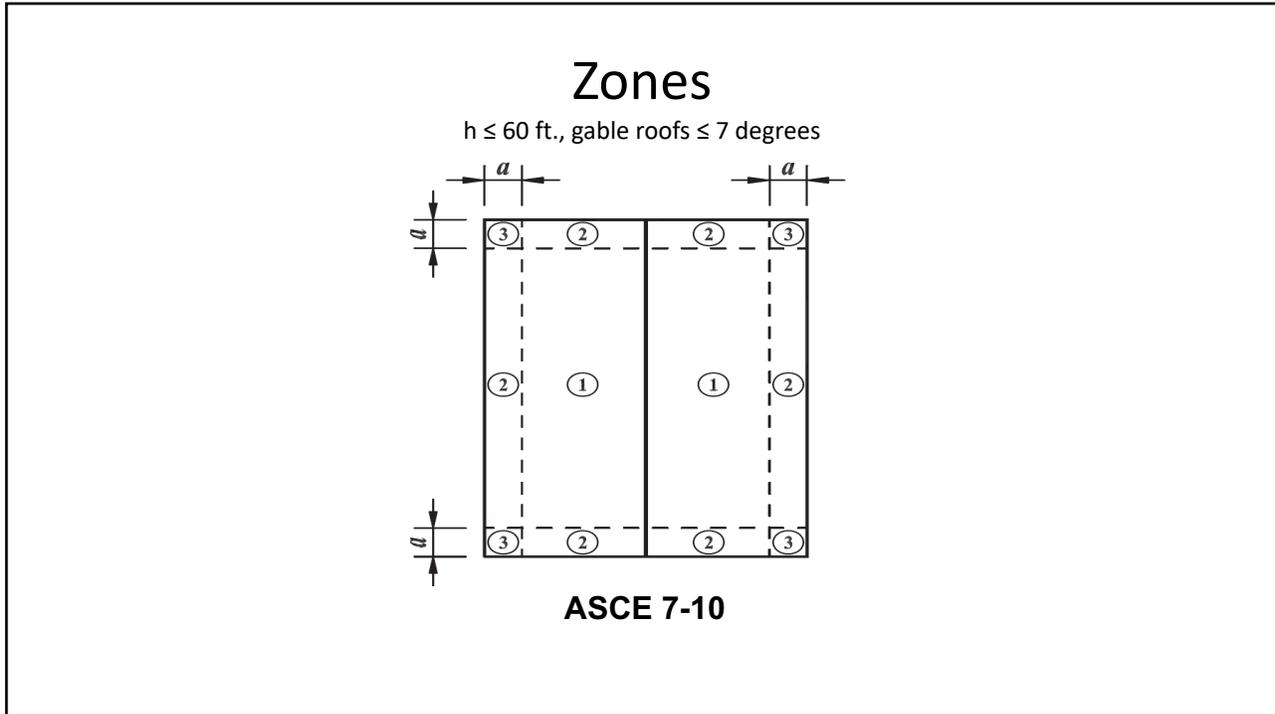
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## Comparing $G C_p$ pressure coefficients

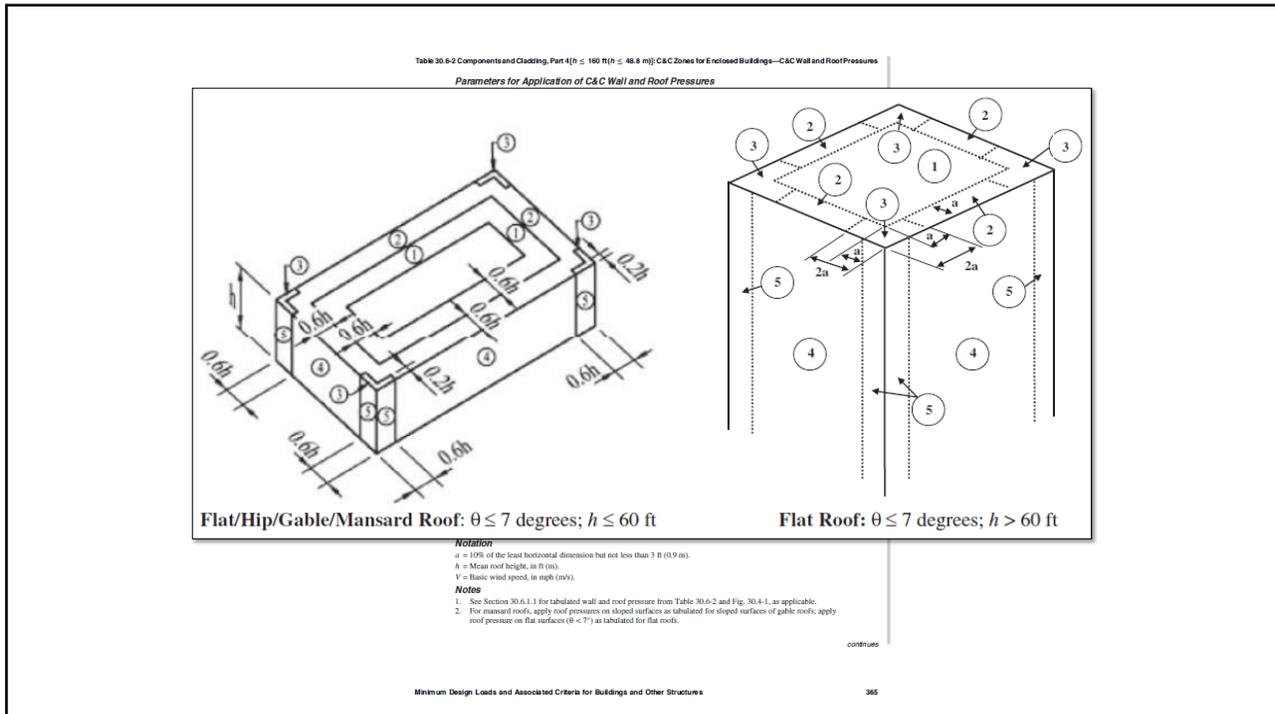
$h \leq 60$  ft., gable roofs  $\leq 7$  degrees

Zone	ASCE 7-10	ASCE 7-16	Change
1'	n/a	0.9	-10%
1 (field)	-1.0	-1.7	+70%
2 (perimeter)	-1.8	-2.3	+28%
3 (corners)	-2.8	-3.2	+14%

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## **Noteworthy changes in ASCE 7-16**

Compared to ASCE 7-10

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

*While center field pressures may be slightly lower, field, perimeter and corner uplift pressures will generally be greater*

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*How the roofing industry will adapt to ASCE 7-16 remains to be seen....*

*FM Global has indicated they will update their FM 1-28 to be based on ASCE 7-16 (with modifications) in October.*

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

**Example:** A office building (Risk Category II) is located in Overland Park, KS. The building is an enclosed structure with a mean roof height of 45 ft. The building is located in an open terrain area that can be categorized as Exposure Category C. An adhered, membrane roof systems is to be installed.

Document	Basic wind speed (mph)	Design wind pressure (psf)			
		Zone 1' (Center)	Zone 1 (Field)	Zone 2 (Perimeter)	Zone 3 (Corners)
ASCE 7-05	90	--	23	37	56
FM 1-28	90	--	29	49	73
ASCE 7-10 Ult.	115	--	36	61	92
ASCE 7-10 ASD	89	--	22	37	55
ASCE 7-16 Ult.	110	30	53	70	95
ASCE 7-16 ASD	85	18	32	42	57

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*This comparison illustrates why it is important for Designers to include wind design loads in their Construction Documents (per IBC Sec. 1603.1)...*

*...It also illustrates why specifying a wind warrantee can create an uneven playing field. Unless the Designer indicates the wind design loads, which design method will the manufacturer use (e.g., in a competitive environment)?*

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## Specifying wind design

Many roof system designers inadequately address wind loads in contract documents

by Mark S. Graham

**Code requirements**

Building codes typically provide specific requirements for reporting design loads, including wind loads, in contract documents.

**Specifying wind**

The *International Building Code* (IBC) 2012, Chapter 16-Structural Design, Section 1603-Contract Documents, indicates contract documents need to include roof system live load, snow load data, wind design data and any special loads.

**Required wind design data**

Required wind design data includes identifying the ultimate design wind speed, nominal design wind speed, risk category, wind exposure and applicable internal pressure coefficients. For component and cladding systems that are not specifically designed by a registered design professional, design wind pressure in terms of  $p$  (positive) and  $s$  (negative) foot also are required. Roof systems typically are considered component and cladding systems. Design wind pressure in the field, perimeter and corner regions

of roof areas should be noted in contract documents.

IBC's previous editions include similar contract document requirements.

For new construction projects, design loads more commonly will be identified on structural drawings in the project drawing set. For projects without specific structural drawings, design loads may be provided on architectural drawings or drawing notes or in project specifications.

**ANSI/SPRI ES-1**

ANSI/SPRI ES-1, "Wind Design Standard for Edge Systems Used with Low Slope Roofing Systems," which is referenced in IBC 2012, includes two primary elements: determination of design wind loads at roof edges (eave, coping) and testing for minimum loads of coping and fascia.

Designers should not simply specify compliance with ANSI/SPRI ES-1 in project specifications; they should determine and clearly include design wind loads at roof edges in contract documents.

IBC 2012 includes in Section 1904.5-Edge Securement for Low-slope Roof design wind loads should be determined using the ultimate design wind speed and IBC 2012's Chapter 16, which is based on ASCE 7-10, "Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures."

IBC 2012 references ANSI/SPRI ES-1-03, ANSI/SPRI ES-1-03 is based upon ASCE 7-02, which is not an ultimate design wind speed-based method. Therefore, the design wind load determination method contained in ANSI/SPRI ES-1 does not satisfy IBC 2012's requirements for design wind loads at roof edges.

Design wind loads at roof edges should be

determined using IBC 2012's Chapter 16 and be clearly noted in contract documents.

**Responsibilities**

Designers should not place the responsibility for determining roof system or individual component design wind loads on manufacturers, component suppliers or installers, or roofing contractors.

Also, designers' sole reliance on specifying wind speed warranties is not a substitute for code-required wind design data. Such warranties typically do not address consideration of ultimate and nominal design wind speeds, building height, risk category, wind exposure and internal pressure coefficients applicable to the specific building necessary for properly determining roof systems' design wind loads.

Responsibility for properly determining and clearly identifying wind design data, including design wind loads for roof systems, is required by the building code and is clearly that of roof system designers. Designers may retain a structural engineer or qualified consultant to help them fulfill their design responsibilities.

To help designers determine wind loads for commonly encountered low-slope roof systems, NRCA, the Midwest Roofing Contractors Association and North/East Roofing Contractors Association have developed and offer a free online application, *Roof Wind Designer*. *Roof Wind Designer* is a web application that allows users to determine design wind loads using ASCE 7's "Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures," 2005 or 2010 editions.

*Roof Wind Designer* is available at [www.roofwinddesigner.com](http://www.roofwinddesigner.com).

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Roof Wind Designer is intended to provide users with an easy-to-use means for determining roof systems' design wind loads for many commonly encountered building types that are subject to building code compliance.

Design-wind loads are derived using the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Standard ASCE 7, "Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures." This standard is a widely recognized consensus standard and is referenced in and serves as the technical basis for wind load determination in the International Building Code and NFPA 5000: Building Construction and Safety Code. Roof Wind Designer allows users to choose between ASCE 7's 2005, 2010, and 2016 editions. Roof Wind Designer uses ASCE 7-05's Method 1—Simplified Method, ASCE 7-10's Envelope Procedure, Part 2: Low-rise Buildings (Simplified) of Chapter 30, ASCE 7-16's Envelope Procedure, Part 2: Low-rise Buildings (Simplified) of Chapter 30, and Part 4: Buildings with 60ft < h ≤ 160ft (Simplified). For a more detailed explanation of ASCE 7's three editions, please [click here](#).

Also, Roof Wind Designer determines roof systems' minimum recommended design wind-resistance loads, which are derived from the building's design wind loads, taking into consideration a safety factor in reliance of [ASTM D6630](#), "Standard Guide for Low Slope Insulated Roof Membrane Assembly Performance," [ASTM E100](#), "North American Specification for the Design of Cold-formed Steel Structural Members" and [AA ADM1](#), "Aluminum Design Manual: Part 1-A—Specification for Aluminum Structures, Allowable Stress Design; and Part 1-B—Aluminum Structures, Load and Resistance Factor Design." Using these minimum recommended design wind-resistance loads, users can select appropriate wind resistance classified roof systems.

Edge-metal flashing systems take into consideration a safety factor in reliance of [ANSI/SPRI ES-1](#) "Test Standard for Edge Systems Used with Low Slope Roofing Systems."

Roof Wind Designer has been developed and is maintained by the National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA), with initial support of the Midwest Roofing Contractors Association (MRCA) and the North/East Roofing Contractors Association (NERCA). The application is currently available at no cost.

Questions regarding Roof Wind Designer can be directed to the [Contact Us](#) page.

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## Moisture in concrete roof decks

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### Moisture in Lightweight Structural Concrete Roof Decks

Concrete Moisture Presents Challenges for Roofing Contractors

**NRCA** Technical Services Section is receiving an increasing number of inquiries relating to the application of roof systems over concrete roof decks. These inquiries can be separated into two general questions: When is concrete roof deck dry enough to apply a roof covering? And why is a roof system applied over a concrete roof deck showing signs of moisture infiltration when the roof covering is leaking?

**CONCRETE BASICS**

There are three general types of concrete: normal-weight structural concrete, lightweight structural concrete and lightweight insulating concrete.

Normal-weight structural concrete is what most people think of as concrete; it has a density of about 150 pounds per cubic foot (pcf). Lightweight structural concrete has structural load-carrying capabilities similar to normal-weight structural concrete; it has a density in the range of 85 to 120 pcf. Lightweight insulating concrete, which many roofing professionals are familiar with as an insulating, slope-to-drain deck topping, typically has a density in the range from 20 to 40 pcf.

Structural concrete—normal-weight structural concrete and lightweight structural concrete—is produced by mixing large and small aggregates, Portland cement, water and, in some instances, admixtures such as fly ash or various chemical additives. Admixtures can add entrained air to the concrete, accelerate concrete's curing, retain concrete's excess moisture and/or lengthen concrete's finishing time. Use of admixtures typically is not visually identifiable in the field; microscopic analysis usually is needed for post-application identification of admixtures.

The primary difference in the composition of normal-weight structural concrete and lightweight structural concrete is the large aggregate type. Normal-weight structural concrete contains normal-weight aggregates such as stone or crushed gravel, which are dense and typically will absorb no more moisture than about 2 percent by weight. Lightweight structural concrete uses lightweight,

porous aggregates such as expanded shale, which will absorb about 5 to 25 percent moisture by weight. Lightweight aggregate needs to be saturated with moisture—its often stored in ponds—before mixing. As a result, lightweight structural concrete inherently contains much more water than normal-weight structural concrete.

Lightweight structural concrete is used in roofing-related applications for cast-in-place concrete roof decks using removable forms; concrete roof decks where a metal form deck remains in place; and as a deck topping material, such as a concrete topping surface over precast concrete planks or one.

One point, lightweight structural concrete typically cannot be easily distinguished from normal-weight structural concrete.

Visual identification is possible using magnification, typically a microscope used by a trained technician.

**REPORTED PROBLEMS**

The problems reported to NRCA associated with lightweight structural concrete roof decks include the following:

- **Moisture accumulation.** Excessive moisture from a concrete deck can be pressure-differential driven into and condensed within a roof system.
- **Adhesive del.** The presence of moisture can result in deterioration of moisture-cure roofing materials and adhesive bond loss between adhered material layers.
- **Adhesive issues with water-based and low-solids organic compounds.** Excessive moisture can affect adhesive curing and drying rates. Also, moisture can result in adhesive "bleeding," resulting in bond strength loss.
- **Blow and groove corrosion.** Excessive moisture can contribute to and accelerate metal component corrosion, including fastener corrosion.
- **Insulation R-value del.** The accumulation and presence of moisture in most insulation products will result in reduced thermal performance (lower effective R-value).
- **Mold/mildew growth.** The presence of prolonged high-moisture

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### Concrete moisture-related issues

- Moisture accumulation
- Adhesion loss
- Water-based and LVOC adhesives issues
- Material degradation
- Metal and fastener corrosion
- Insulation R-value loss
- Microbial growth

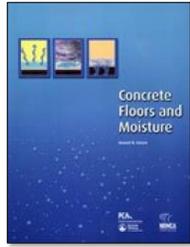
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**Table 1** Drying time in days at 73 F and 50% relative Humidity for a 4-inch-thick specimen to reach 3 lbs/1,000 sq. ft./24 hrs.

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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**Concrete Floors and Moisture (2008)**  
Howard Kanare

A concrete slab will reach a 75% RH

- Normal weight structural concrete
  - Less than 90 days
- Lightweight structural concrete
  - Almost 6 months

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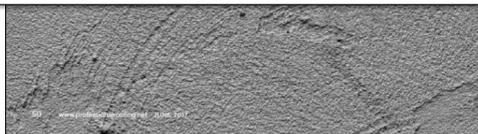
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Age	ASTM E96 calculated perm			
	Lightweight structural concrete		Normal weight concrete	
	Wet cup	Dry cup	Wet cup	Dry cup
28 days	1.48	0.78	3.42	1.05
60 days	1.45	0.47	2.03	1.13

The figure shows results of ASTM E96 water vapor transmission testing. Note the lightweight structural concrete has about half 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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**Re-think our concept of concrete roof decks**



*A concrete deck is not a non-breathable, non-absorptive solid*

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Are admixtures the answer?  
Moisture in concrete roof decks continues to be problematic

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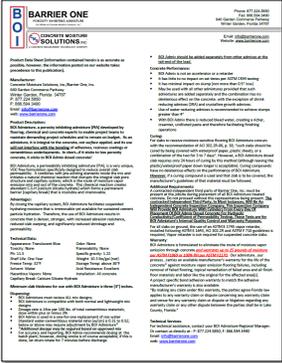
**N**BCA Technical Services Section has been receiving inquiries regarding the use and effectiveness of specific concrete mix additives and topical surface treatments to address moisture release-related concerns with concrete roof decks. Such admixtures broadly are referred to as moisture vapor reduction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

**MVRAs:** Concrete admixtures intended as MVRAs are specific chemicals added during concrete's batching and mixing to provide an additional chemical barrier during the concrete's hydration and curing process. MVRAs see the concrete mix's moisture vapor and chloride to create a calcium silicate hydrate gel within the concrete. The gel is used 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'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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## ASTM E96 testing of MVRA vs Non-MVRA concrete decks

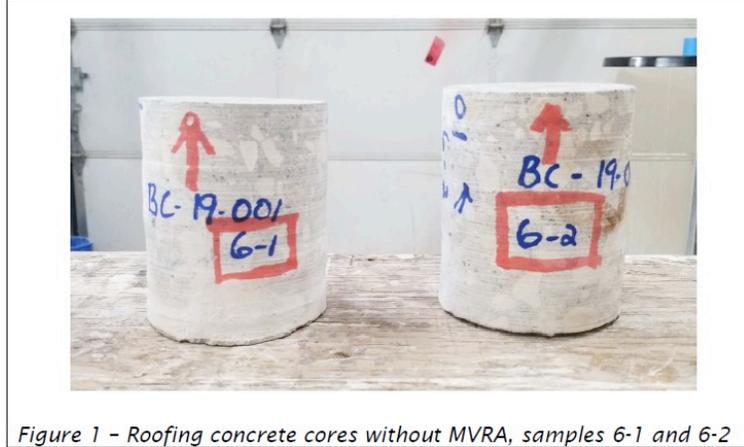


Figure 1 - Roofing concrete cores without MVRA, samples 6-1 and 6-2

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Figure 2 - Roofing concrete cores with MVRA, samples A-1 and A-2.



Figure 3 - Roofing concrete cores with MVRA, samples B-1 and B-2.

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Without an MVRA

With an MVRA

TABLE 2.1 SUMMARY OF AVERAGE WATER VAPOR TRANSMISSION PROPERTIES						
	SAMPLES 6-1 AND 6-2		SAMPLES A-1 AND A-2		SAMPLES B-1 AND B-2	
SAMPLE ID	6-1	6-2	A-1	A-2	B-1	B-2
Perm-in	1.9	1.8	3.7	3.4	3.7	3.8
Permeance for 25.4 mm (ng/Pa*s*m <sup>2</sup> )	108	101	214	195	210	215
Permeability (ng/Pa*s*m)	2.8	2.6	5.4	4.9	5.3	5.5

*The specimens containing an MVRA have tested WVT values about two times (i.e., more “vapor open”) more than the specimens without the MVRA*

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Deck acceptance

Whose moisture is it in the concrete?

Why should we take responsibility (or incur liability) for someone else’s moisture?

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**Contract provision addresses installation of roof system over concrete deck**

Installing a roof over a structural concrete deck that is not sufficiently dry can cause an array of serious problems. A "wet" concrete deck can cause inadequate adhesion or detachment of roofing materials, putting the roof at risk of blow-off or falling wind-uplift testing. Over time, there is an increased risk that moisture in the concrete deck will migrate into the roof system. This problem is particularly acute with unvented lightweight structural concrete roof decks but is not limited to lightweight structural concrete. A general contractor faced with a compressed project timeline, delays and pressure to meet schedule may push a roofing contractor to proceed with roof installation before the concrete deck has had enough time to dry. Rewetting also is a major concern. In the event a project involves installation of a roof system over a structural concrete roof deck, it is important a roofing contractor include a provision such as the one above. Subcontract agreements roofing contractors are requested to sign commonly include a

**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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**Field uplift testing**

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**Field-uplift testing**



5-foot dome-like chamber to a roof surface's upside and applying a defined negative (uplift) pressure inside the chamber to the roof system's exterior-side surface using a vacuum pump (see photos). During the test, membrane surface deflection inside the chamber is visually monitored and measured to determine whether a roof system passes or is "suspect."

Using ASTM E907, a roof system is considered to be suspect if the deflection measured during the test is 25 mm (about 1 inch) or greater. During FM 1-52 testing, a roof system is suspect if the measured deflection is between 1/4 of an inch and 3/4 of an inch depending

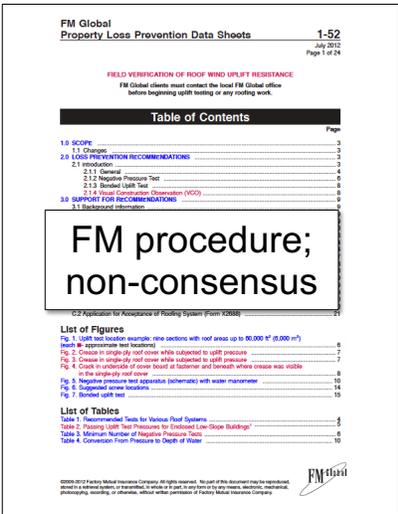
regions, where a partial blow-off has occurred or where interior roof system construction is suspected or known to be present.

FM 1-52 originally was published by FM Global in October 1970. The negative-pressure uplift test was added in August 1980 and has been revised several times. The current edition is dated July 2012 and includes an option for "visual construction observation" (VCO) as an alternative to negative-pressure uplift testing. VCO provides for full-time, third-party monitoring of a roof system application to verify roof system installation in accordance with contract documents.

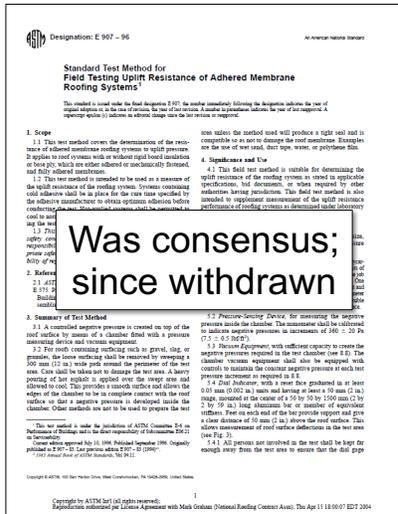
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# Methods



**FM 1-52**



**ASTM E907**

**FM procedure; non-consensus**

**Was consensus; since withdrawn**

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## ASTM E907 is being re-drafted

From the ASTM committee process...

- FM has acknowledged there is no correlation between their lab. testing and the 5' x 5' field test
- Allowable deflection limits will not be prescribed; will likely be as agreed upon by the "interested parties"
- ASTM test methods require a precision and bias statement; currently no data available

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12"      6"

12"      6"

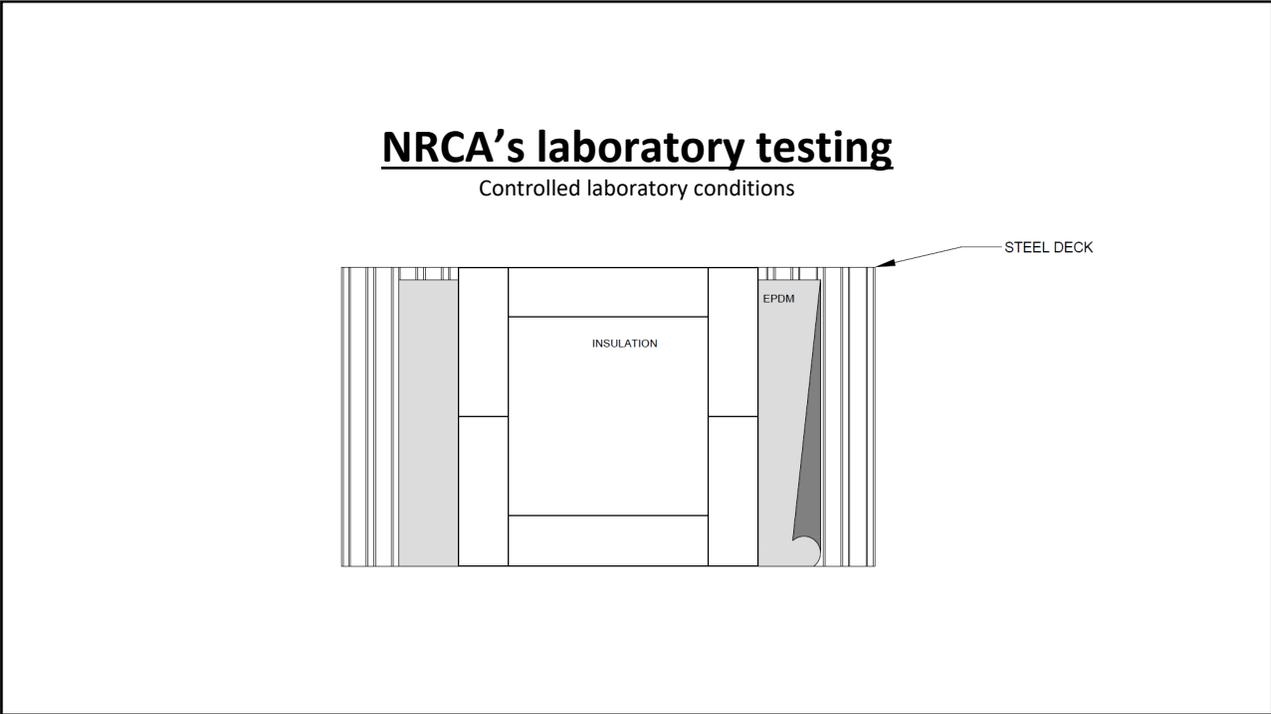
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*Fig. 6a/6b. 4 x 4 ft (1.2 x 1.2 m) insulation boards secured with nine fasteners per board.*

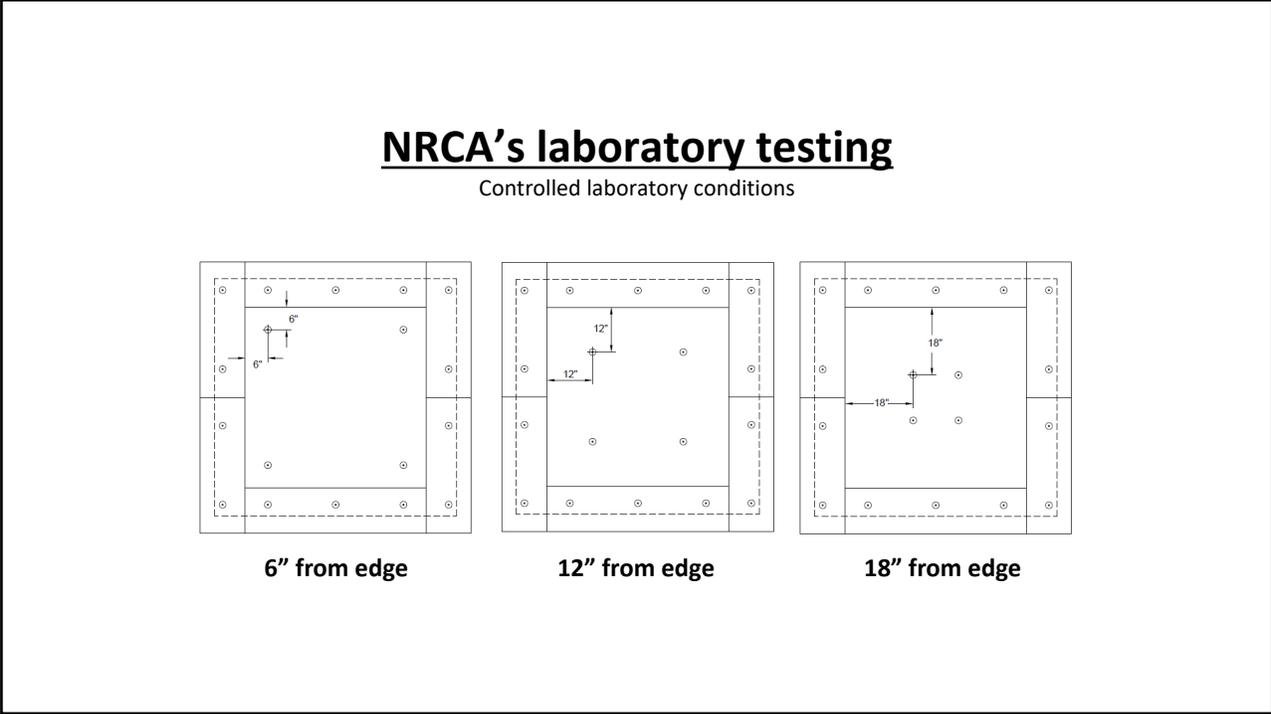
The test of pattern 6a failed at 105 psf (5.0 kPa) by fracture of the insulation board. The test of pattern 6b failed at 160 psf (7.6 kPa) by screws pulling out of the deck.

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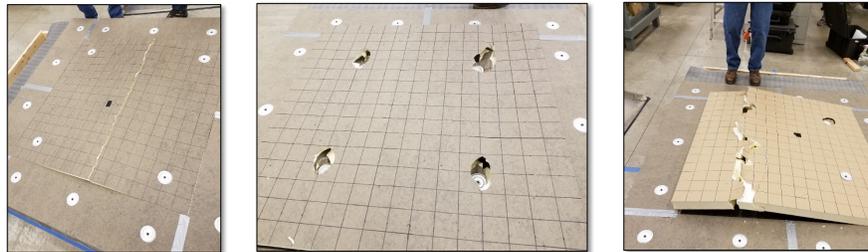


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## NRCA's laboratory testing -- Results

Controlled laboratory conditions

Condition	Fastener placement		
	6" from edge	12" from edge	18" from edge
Load at test failure	52.5 to 55 psf	60 to 75 psf	45 to 50 psf
Deflection at test failure	3¼" to 4"	2" to 5"	½" to 1"



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## NRCA's laboratory testing

Controlled laboratory conditions

### Interim findings:

- Results are variable/not repeatable
- Differences in failure loads between 6" and 12" fastener offsets are not as large as is indicated in FM 1-29
- FM 1-52's ¼" to 1"/ASTM E907's 1" maximum allowable deflections appear arbitrary/very conservative

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## **Recommendations**

### Field uplift testing

- Be knowledgeable and cautious....
- Consider contract provision language
  - See Industry Issue Update or NRLRC Contract Provisions
- In hurricane-prone regions consider alternative systems
  - Field uplift testing does not apply to mechanically-attached membrane systems
- Witness any testing and ask for/only act on written test reports
- Contact NRCA Technical Services

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## **Polyiso. usage**

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## ASTM C1289's Types, Classes and Grades

Product Type	Type I Class 1	Type I Class 2	Type II Class 1	Type II Class 2	Type II Class 3	Type II Class 4 <sup>b</sup>	Type III	Type IV	Type V	Type VII
Facer covering one surface	See 4.1.1	See 4.1.1	See 4.1.2.1	See 4.1.2.2	See 4.1.2.3	See 4.1.2.4	Perforated insulating board	Cellulosic fiber insulating board	OSB or plywood	Glass mat faced gypsum board
Facer covering opposite surface	See 4.1.1	See 4.1.1	See 4.1.2.1	See 4.1.2.2	See 4.1.2.3	See 4.1.2.4	See 4.1.3	See 4.1.4	See 4.1.5	See 4.1.6
Physical Property										
Compressive Strength, psi (kPa), min										
	16 (110)	16 (110)	Grade 1	Grade 1	Grade 1	Grade 1	16 (110)	16 (110)	16 (110)	16 (110)
			Grade 2	Grade 2	Grade 2	Grade 2				
			20 (138)	20 (138)	20 (138)	110 (758)				
			Grade 3	Grade 3	Grade 3	Grade 3				
			25 (172)	25 (172)	140 (965)					
			25 (172)							
Dimensional Stability, Percent Linear Change, Thickness, max										
-40°F (-40°C) amb, RH	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
158°F (70°C) 67% RH	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
200°F (93°C) amb, RH	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Dimensional Stability, Percent Linear Change, length and width, max										
-40°F (-40°C) amb, RH	2.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
158°F (70°C) 67% RH	2.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
200°F (93°C) amb, RH	4.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Flexural Strength (modulus of rupture)										
psi (kPa), min	40 (275)	40 (275)	40 (275)	40 (275)	40 (275)	400 (2750)	40 (275)	40 (275)	40 (275)	40 (275)
(Break load) lbf (N), min	8 (35)	8 (35)	17 (75)	17 (75)	17 (75)	20 (89)	17 (75)	17 (75)	17 (75)	17 (75)
Tensile strength, psi (kPa), min Perpendicular to board surface										
	500 (24)	500 (24)	500 (24)	500 (24)	500 (24)	2000 (95)	500 (24)	500 (24)	500 (24)	500 (24)
Water absorption 2h percent by volume, max										
	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	2.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0
Water vapor permeance, perm (ng/Pa·s·m <sup>2</sup> ), max										
	0.3 (17.2)	0.3 (17.2)	1.5 (85.8)	4.0 (80)	4.0 (457.6)	1.5 (85.5)	8.0 (457.6)	c	c	c

<sup>a</sup>Core foam thickness and facer type, thickness, and permeance can all influence the magnitude of values measured for the above physical properties. A product with a nominal 1 in. foam core (except for Type II, Class 4) with the facers on has been described for reference purposes. Consult manufacturers regarding specific foam-facer composite products (Types III, IV, V, and VII) and other product thicknesses. When appropriate, physical property values as agreed between buyer and seller shall replace those listed in Table 1 as qualification requirements described in 10.5.

<sup>b</sup>Products made at a maximum thickness of 0.5 in. (12.7 mm).

<sup>c</sup>Not applicable.

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## **Polyiso. facer usage recommendations**

*The NRCA Roofing Manual: Membrane Roof Systems-2019*

- **Foil facers (Type I):**
  - Wall assemblies
- **Reinforced cellulosic facers (Type II, Class 1):**
  - Most common facer
  - Hot-applied systems
  - Not recommended for water-based or LVOC adhesives

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## **ASTM C1289, Type II, Class 1 facer**



Raw material



Finished product

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- **Coated glass facers (Type II, Class 2):**
  - Generally the same facer used on HD polyiso. (Type II, Class 4)
  - Adhesive-applied systems
- **Uncoated glass facers (Type II, Class 3):**
  - Hot-applied systems

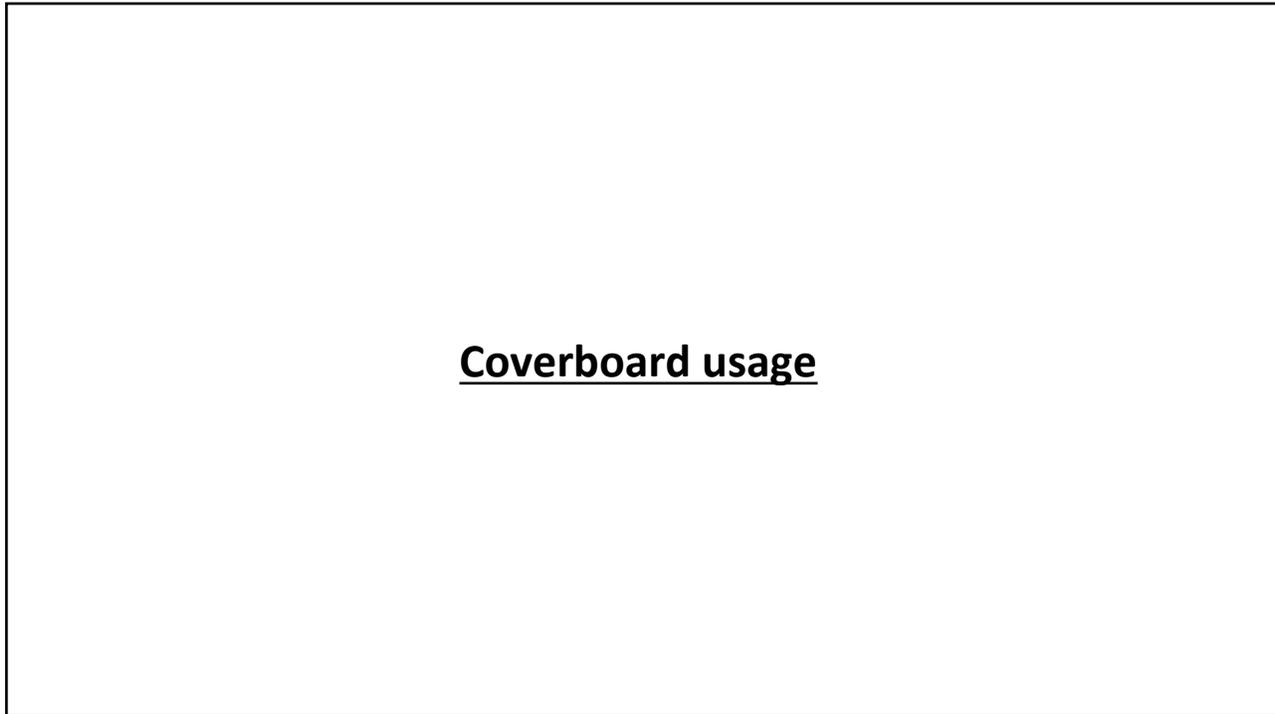
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## **Polyiso. usage**

*NRCA recommends the use of a suitable  
coverboard over polyiso. insulation*

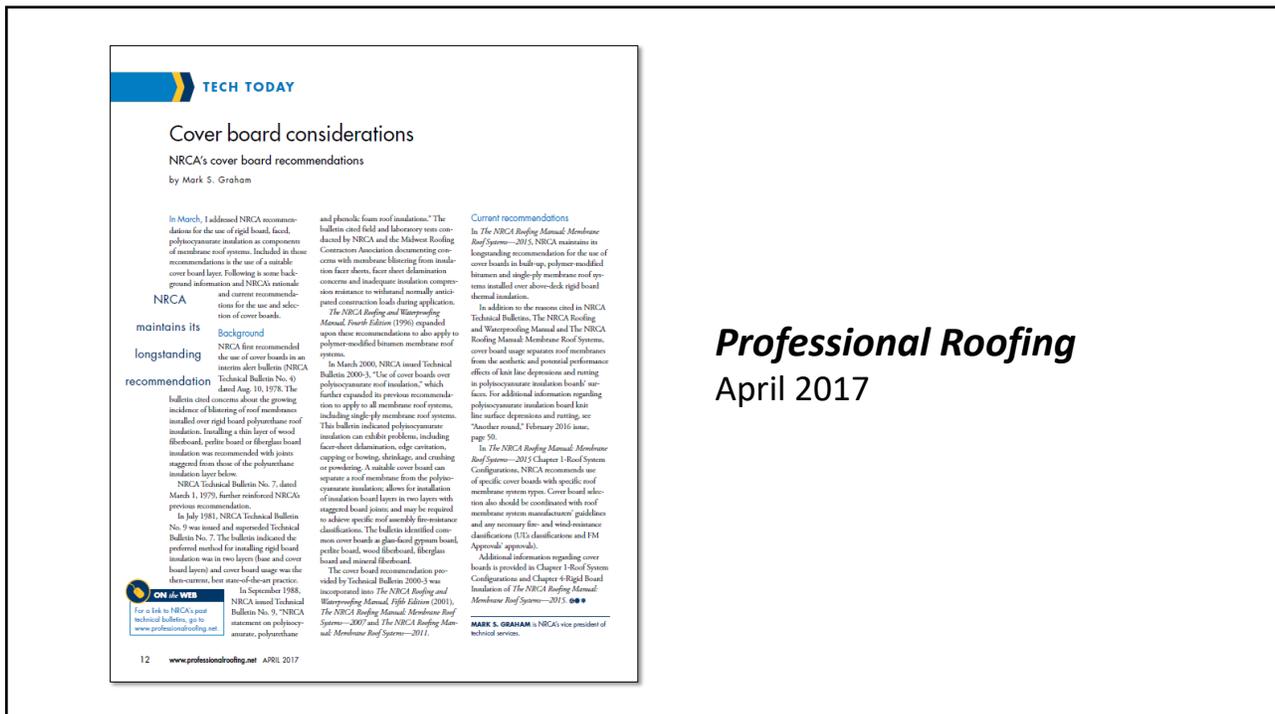
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## Coverboard usage

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### **Coverboard usage**

- Cement board (ASTM C1325):
  - Compressive strength and rigidity
- Glass-faced gypsum board (ASTM C1177):
  - Compressive strength and rigidity
- High-density polyiso. (ASTM C1289, Type II, Class 4):
  - Compressive strength and adhesive compatibility
- Perlite board (ASTM C728):
  - Hot asphalt and torch application compatible
- Wood Fiberboard (ASTM C209):
  - Hot asphalt and asphalt adhesive compatible

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### **Coverboard usage**

*Purchasing coverboards on a private-label basis  
from the warranting roof membrane manufacturer  
is recommended.*

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**Questions and other topics...**

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