



State of Connecticut Fire Safety Code Reference

The following UL training program references the Fire and Smoke Protection Features from the 2015 IFC and the 2015 IBC:

2018 Connecticut State Fire Safety Code Part I, II and III – The 2015 International Fire Code

- Chapter 7A Fire and Smoke Protection Features
 - Note Chapter 7A is a reprint of Chapter 7 of the State Building Code:
 - The 2015 International Building Code portion of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code, Chapter 7 - Fire and Smoke Protection Features



Agenda

- A brief IBC Basics Review
- Fire-Resistance-Rated Construction
 - International Building Code Requirements
 - Passive Fire Rated Construction Elements
- Protection of Openings and Penetrations
 - Fire stop systems
 - Dampers
- · Methods of Showing Code Compliance
- Engineering Judgments
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Agenda Cont.

- Best Practices for Plan Review
- Best Practices for Inspection new construction
- Inspection and Maintenance of Passive Fire Protection Systems in existing buildings
- Navigating UL Product iQ
- Summary and Closing

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Objectives

At the conclusion of this presentation, participants should be able to:

- 1. Define and identify the general types of fire and smoke separations such as firewalls, fire barriers, fire partitions, smoke barriers, horizontal assemblies and other separation elements.
- 2. Identify those specific components that make up fire and smoke separations

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Objectives - continued

At the conclusion of this presentation, participants should be able to:

- 3. Determine where separations are required throughout Chapter 7 of IFC and the IBC.
- 4. Describe the differences between floor, floor/ceiling and roof/ceiling assemblies.
- Describe the protection requirements for penetrations, joint systems, ducts and air transfer openings in each of the separate elements

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Objectives Cont. At the conclusion of this presentation, participants should be able to: 6. Be able to navigate UL's Product iQ and Installation Code search in order to identify *listed* products and assemblies which demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the 2015 *International Building Code*.

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Use of the IBC

- Definitions Chapter 2
- Occupancy Classification
- Use of Tables Scoping Section
- Table Footnotes
- Code Exceptions
- Reference Standards
- Index and Glossary

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Fire-Resistance-Rated Construction







The IBC takes a systematic approach to building fire protection, including:

- Passive Fire Protection
 Fire Area = The aggregate floor area enclosed and bounded by fire walls, fire
 barriers, exterior walls or horizontal assemblies of a building.

 Active Fire Protection
 Fire Protection System = Approved devices, equipment and systems or
 combinations of systems used to detect a fire, activate an alarm, extinguish or
- control a fire, control or manage smoke and products of a fire or any combination thereof. 3. Reasonable level of redundancy;

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More Definitions

• *Fire-resistance* - That property of materials or their assemblies that prevents or retards the passage of excessive heat, hot gases or flames under conditions of use. (IBC)

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Definitions Cont.

• *Fire-resistance rating* - The period of time a building element, component or assembly maintains the ability to confine a fire, continues to perform a given structural function, or both, as determined by the tests, or the methods based on tests, prescribed in Section 703.3 (IBC)

Passage of Flames

- Heat Transmission
- Structural Integrity

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Definitions Cont.

• *Fire-protection rating* - The period of time that an <u>opening protective</u> will maintain the ability to confine a fire as determined by tests prescribed in Section 715. Ratings are stated in hours or minutes. (IBC)

Passage of Flames

Structural Integrity

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Standards Writing Organizations

American National Standards Institute (ANSI)

- •ASTM International (ASTM)
- •FM Global (FM)
- •National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

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Underwriters Laboratories (UL)

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Code Requirements

- Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10 of the IBC
- Chapters 3 and 4 Defines Occupancies
- Chapter 5 General Building Heights and Areas
 - Permitted building area based on four factors:
 - Type of construction
 - Occupancy

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- Available frontage
- Use of sprinklers
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Code Requirements Cont.

- Section 508 Covers mixed use considerations
- Chapter 6 Types of Construction
 Table 601 Establishes hourly rating required for building elements based on Type of Construction
- Chapter 7 Fire and Smoke Protection Features

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Code Requirements Cont.

- •703.2 <u>Fire-resistance ratings</u> shall be determined in accordance with ASTM E 119 or UL 263
- •703.2.1 Nonsymmetrical walls shall be tested from both faces
- •703.2.3 Assemblies considered unrestrained unless registered design professional provides evidence satisfactory to AHJ that construction qualifies for restrained classification per ASTM E 119 or UL 263

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Code Requirements Cont.

•703.3 Cont. – Required *fire resistance* permitted to be established based on any of the following:

- 1. Designs documented from approved sources
- 2. Prescriptive requirements from Section 721
- 3. Calculations in accordance with Section 722
- 4. Engineering analysis based on ASTM E 119 or UL 263
- 5. Alternative protection methods as allowed in Section 104.11
- 6. Fire-resistance designs certified by an approved agency.
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Connecticut Amendment to IBC

• **704.6.1 Connections.** Where non-fireresistance-rated members attach to fire-resistance rated members, the non-rated member shall be protected in the same manner as the rated member for a distance of not less than 12 inches (305 mm) from the point of connection.

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Fire Resistance

- Expressed as an Hourly Time Period
- Ratings range from 1/2 to 4 hours
- Containment of fire to room or floor of origin (horizontal and vertical compartmentalization)

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 Columns • Beams

• Walls

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Conditions of Acceptance Floor/Ceilings or Roof/Ceilings

- Support load
- No flame passage
- 250°F (average) / 325°F (single reading)
- Support temperatures (beams) 1100°F / 1300°F

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Conditions of Acceptance – Walls

- No flame passage
- 250°F (average) / 325°F (single reading)
- Support load
- Hose stream (2 1/2 minutes at 30 psi)

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Methods of Showing Compliance with the Fire Resistance Requirements of the IBC 703.2 – Fire-resistance ratings shall be determined in accordance with ASTM E 119 or UL 263 703.3 – Methods for determining *fire resistance* shall be based on fire exposure and acceptance criteria of ASTM E 119 or UL 263

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Methods of Showing Compliance with the Fire Resistance Requirements of the IBC

- 703.3 Cont. Required fire resistance permitted to be established based on any of the following:
 - Designs documented from approved sources
 Prescriptive requirements from Section 721
 - Calculations in accordance with Section 722
 - Engineering analysis based on ASTM E 119 or UL 263
 - Alternative protection methods as allowed in Section 104.11
 - Fire-resistance designs certified by an approved agency

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Designs Documented From Approved Sources Cont.

- ASCE / SFPE 29 Standard Calculation Methods for Structural Fireproofing
- ACI 261.1 / TMS 0216.1 Standard Method for Determining Fire Resistance of Concrete and Masonry Construction Assemblies

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Passive Fire Protection		
Engineering Judgments		
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Engineering Judgments

• An Engineering Judgment is a <u>letter or</u> <u>report</u> issued by some knowledgeable party which evaluates the construction of some site-specific application which <u>deviates from a tested design, system or</u> <u>assembly</u> and concludes with a judgment of the applicable rating of that assembly

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Engineering Judgments Cont.

- Typically, an Engineering Judgment is used when a tested design, systems or assembly is unavailable
- Most often applied to fire resistive construction

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Important Points of an Engineering Judgment

- No guidance from the International Code Council or the various I-Codes
- No guidance from UL
- Best documents available are from the International Firestop Council (IFC) – www.firestop.org

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IFC Guidelines

- Four Documents International Firestop Council (IFC) <u>www.firestop.org</u>
 - Recommended *IFC* Guidelines for Evaluating Firestop Systems in Engineering Judgments (EJs)
 - Covers firestops, joint systems and grease/air duct assemblies
 - Perimeter fire barrier systems
 - Fire resistant duct enclosure systems for commercial kitchen exhaust ducts
 - Fire resistant duct enclosure systems for ventilation ducts

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Summary of Engineering Judgments

- Emphasizes importance of tested designs
- Not a substitute for existing designs
- Should be issued only by those who know the components
- Based on sound engineering practices and knowledge of performance of the designs
- Based on interpolation of previous testing
- · Issued only for a specific jobsite
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used for securing gypsum board, unless otherwise specified in design • Screws meeting ASTM C 1002 or C 954 may be substituted for nails providing head diameter and length are equal or larger than specified nail

Fasteners

· Cement coated box or cooler nails shall be

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- Compressive strength specified may be reduced 500 psi
- Unit weight tolerance 3 pcf
- Do not substitute lightweight concrete if normal weight specified
- Do not substitute normal weight concrete if lightweight specified

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Outlet Boxes in Ceilings

- Metallic boxes may be installed in F/C and R/C assemblies incorporating gypsum board protection providing:
 - •Clearance not to exceed 1/8 in.
 - •Area of each box not to exceed 16 sq in.
 - •Total area of boxes not to exceed 100 sq in. per 100 sq ft of ceiling area
- Nonmetallic boxes tested and listed (CEYY)

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Steel Joists Specified joist is minimum depth Specified joist is minimum weight/foot K-Series Joist may often substitute for

- older series joists specified
- Spacing between joists may be increased to 4 ft OC providing:
 - Structural integrity of floor is maintained
 - Hanger wire spacing is not increased
- Bridging bar size is minimum UL and the UL logo are Trademarks of UL © 2020

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Gypsum Board on Horizontal Assemblies

- Thickness may be increased providing fastener length is also increased
- · Additional layers may be added

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Recessed (Can) Lighting

- Generic recessed luminaires not permitted unless covered in design
- Luminaires specifically tested and Listed for use in fire resistive construction covered in "Luminaires and Luminaire Assemblies Classified for Fire Resistance Category" (CDHW)

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HVAC Openings in Ceilings

- Most acoustical ceilings are tested with generic hinged blade damper
- UL Classified Ceiling Damper, Ceiling Air Diffuser or Air Terminal Unit may be substituted for generic hinged blade damper
- Duct Protection Systems A and B may also be substituted per Guide Info
- Some assemblies with gypsum board ceilings have been test with specific UL Classified Ceiling Dampers
- In assemblies with gypsum board ceilings, damper may <u>not</u> be utilized if not specified in design
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Blanket Insulation in Horizontal Assemblies

- May cause premature disruption of ceiling membrane
- For certain assemblies, fiberglass insulation can be used with additional layer of gypsum board
- Otherwise, only permitted as specified

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Walls & Partitions

- Rating applies when either face exposed to fire, unless otherwise noted
- Unsymmetrical walls tested from both sides
- Exterior walls may only require rating from inside face
- Load bearing rating applies to non load bearing applications

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Walls & Partitions Cont.

- Size of studs specified is minimum
- Stud spacing specified is maximum
- Board orientation as specified in design

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Walls & Partitions Cont.

- Metallic boxes may be installed in wall assemblies incorporating gypsum board protection providing:
 - •Max 2 hr rated assemblies
 - Clearance not to exceed 1/8 in.
 - •Area of each box not to exceed 16 sq in.

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Walls & Partitions Cont.

- •Total area of boxes not to exceed 100 sq in. per 100 sq ft of wall surface
- •Boxes on opposite sides of wall separated by min 24 in. or provided with protection (CLIV)
- Nonmetallic boxes tested and listed (CEYY)

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Some Definitions

• What is Firestopping?

- Firestopping (v) is the process of restoring the integrity of a fire-resistance-rated assembly at a penetration of the assembly through the use of a properly designed, installed, inspected and maintained firestop system
- Firestopping (n) is a material or device installed to resist the passage of flame and heat through penetrations (i.e. a firestop)

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Definitions Cont.

- *Membrane Penetration* A breach in <u>one</u> <u>side</u> of a floor-ceiling, roof-ceiling or wall assembly to accommodate an item installed into or passing through the breach. (IBC)
- *Through Penetration* A breach in <u>both</u> <u>sides</u> of a floor, floor-ceiling or wall assembly to accommodate an item passing through the breaches. (IBC)

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Definitions Cont.

• *Membrane-Penetration Firestop* – A material, device or construction installed to resist for a prescribed time period the passage of flame and heat through openings in a protective membrane in order to accommodate cables, cable trays, conduit, tubing, pipes or similar items. (IBC)

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Definitions Cont.

 Through-Penetration Firestop System – An assemblage consisting of a fire-resistancerated floor, floor-ceiling, or wall assembly, one or more penetrating items passing through the breaches on both sides of the assembly and the materials or devices, or both, installed to resist the spread of fire through the assembly for a prescribed period of time. (IBC)

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Conditions of Acceptance F Rating

- Passage of Flame
- Hose Stream
- IBC Definition:

F RATING. The time period that the *through-penetration firestop system* limits the spread of fire through the penetration when tested in accordance with ASTM E 814 or UL 1479.

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Conditions of Acceptance T Rating

- Passage of Flame
- 325°F Temperature Rise
- Hose Stream
- IBC Definition:

T RATING. The time period that the *penetration firestop system*, including the penetrating item, limits the maximum temperature rise to 325° F (163° C) above its initial temperature through the penetration on the nonfire side when tested in accordance with ASTM E 814 or UL 1479.

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L Rating

Air Leakage Rate at Ambient Temperature

- Air Leakage Rate at 400°F
- IBC Definition:

L RATING. The air leakage rating of a *through penetration firestop system* or a fire-resistant *joint* system when tested in accordance with UL 1479 or UL 2079, respectively.

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W Rating

- Optional program*, applicable to incidental water
- 3 Ft WC Pressure Head / 72 Hr Exposure
- Firestop subjected to water exposure, followed by standard fire and hose stream tests

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- Firestop systems assigned a W Rating
- * No IBC definition or requirements

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Code Requirements General

Section 714 of the 2015 IBC

- 714.3.2 Membrane penetrations shall comply with Section 714.3.1. Where walls or partitions are required to have a *fire-resistance rating*, recessed fixtures shall be installed such that the required fire resistance will not be reduced.
- There are 6 prescriptive exceptions

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Code Requirements General

Section 714 of the 2015 IBC

- •714.3 Penetrations into or through *fire walls*, *fire barriers*, *smoke barrier* walls and *fire partitions* shall comply with 714.3.1 through 714.3.3. Penetrations in *smoke barrier* walls shall also comply with 714.4
- •714.4 Penetrations of horizontal assemblies not required to be protected by shaft enclosure shall be protected per Section 714.4.1 through 714.4.4

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Code Requirements Wall Assemblies



- protected by one of the following:
- •As tested as part of the entire wall assembly
- •As tested to ANSI/UL 1479 / ASTM E814

Exceptions

•Concrete, grout or mortar (full thickness of the wall) •Annular space protection material

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Code Requirements Wall Assemblies Cont.

•714.3.1.2 – When tested to ANSI/UL 1479 / ASTM E814, through penetrations shall have an F Rating of not less than the required rating of wall penetrated

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Code Requirements Wall Assemblies Cont.

Exceptions

Steel electrical boxes installed per prescriptive requirements

- Listed electrical boxes of any material installed per listing
 Electrical boxes of any size or type installed with tested and
 listed protection
- Boxes other than electrical boxes tested and listed for such use
- Annular space created by fire sprinklers (covered by metal escutcheon plate)
- Steel electrical boxes exceeding 16 sq. in in area or any size exceeding prescriptive requirements protected by listed putty pads or other listed material and method installed per its listing.

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Code Requirements Horizontal Assemblies

- Section 714.4 of the 2015 IBC
 - •714.4.1.1 Through penetration shall be protected by one of the following:
 - ·As tested as part of the entire horizontal assembly
 - As tested to ANSI/UL 1479 / ASTM E814

Exceptions

- Annular space protection material
- •Concrete, grout or mortar
- ·Listed electrical boxes of any material installed per listing

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Code Requirements Horizontal Assemblies Cont. •714.4.1.2 - When tested to ANSI/UL 1479 / ASTM E814, through penetrations shall have F and T Ratings of not less than 1 hour but not less than required rating of assembly penetrated Exceptions · Penetrations contained and located within the cavity of a wall above or below the floor do not require a T Rating · Penetrations by floor, tub or shower drains contained and located within the concealed space of a horizontal assembly do not require a T Rating · Penetrations a maximum of 4" in diameter penetrating directly into metal-enclosed electrical power switchgear do not require a T Rating 113

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Code Requirements Horizontal Assemblies Cont.

 •714.4.2 – Membrane penetration shall be protected as follows:

•As specified in 714.4.1.1 or 714.4.1.2 (i.e. through penetrations)

 Recessed fixtures in floor/ceiling assemblies shall be installed so as not to reduce the required fire resistance

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Code Requirements Horizontal Assemblies Cont.

Exceptions

- If less than 100 sq in. per 100 sq ft, metallic penetrants may be either firestopped or fireblocked
- Steel electrical boxes installed per prescriptive requirements
- Electrical boxes of any size or type installed with tested and listed protection
- Listed electrical boxes of any material installed per listing
- Annular space created by fire sprinklers (covered by metal escutcheon plate)
- Interruption by a double wood top plate of a wall assembly sheathed with X-Rated gypsum; provided all penetrating items through the double top plates are protected and the ceiling membrane is tight to the top plates.

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Code Requirements Miscellaneous

- 714.4.3 Noncombustible penetrants <u>shall</u> not be connected to combustible penetrants beyond point of firestop system
- 714.4.4 Penetrations in smoke barriers shall have an L Rating at ambient and 400°F
 - •Max 5.0 CFM / sq ft of opening
 - •Aggregate 50 CFM / 100 sq ft of barrier

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Guide Information

- Equipment, materials or systems included in the Category
- Intended use, restrictions or supplemental information that apply
- Standard(s) used to evaluate products under the Category
- Listing or Classification Mark information for the Category

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C-A J-1000 First Alpha Character

- C Either Floor or Wall being Penetrated
- F Floor being Penetrated
- W Wall being Penetrated

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Second and Third Alpha Characters					
Description					
Concrete floors with a minimum thickness less than or equal to 5 in.					
Concrete floors with a minimum thickness greater than 5 in.					
Framed floors					
Steel decks in marine vessels					
Floor-ceiling assemblies consisting of concrete with membrane protection					
Not used a present time					
Concrete or masonry walls with a minimum thickness less than or equal to 8 in.					
Concrete or masonry walls with a minimum thickness greater than 8 in.					
Framed wall					
Bulkheads in marine vessels					
Composite panel walls					
Not used at present time					
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C-AJ-1000 Numeric Characters				
Numeric Range	Description			
0000 - 0999	No penetrating items			
1000 - 1999	Metallic pipe, conduit or tubing			
2000 - 2999	Nonmetallic pipe, conduit or tubing			
3000 - 3999	Electrical cables			
4000 - 4999	Cable trays with electrical			
5000 - 5999	Insulated pipes			
6000 - 6999	Misc. electrical penetrants such as busducts			
7000 - 7999	Misc. mechanical penetrants such as air ducts			
8000 - 8999	Groupings of penetrations including any combination of items listed above			
9000 - 9999	Not used at present time			
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Firestop Systems

- Each firestop system contains specific construction features
- Many firestop systems contain various options and various ratings
- Must be followed exactly for rating to apply

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Additional Resources

- Firestop Contractors International Association <u>www.FCIA.org</u>
- National Fireproofing Contractors Association <u>www.NFCA-online.org</u>
- UL Code Authorities Technical Library www.ul.com/codeauthorities

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UL Onsite Firestop Inspection Service

As experts in testing, inspection and certification of building materials, UL ensures proper installation of firestop systems.

The UL Firestop Inspection Service helps ensure the system was installed in accordance with the system requirements

Working with UL delivers other benefits like

- Accurate and complete inspections
- Fast response times and flexible scheduling
- An independent, third party partner that is widely recognized and accepted by Authorities Having Jurisdiction
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UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program

The UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program allows contractors to demonstrate their commitment to properly installed firestop systems.

UL Qualified Firestop Contractors have implemented a stringent quality management system. To obtain certification, a Qualified Firestop Contractor must:

1.Employ at least one individual with firestop expertise

2.Pass the UL Firestop Exam

3. Maintain a management system evaluated through an annual audit

The benefits of working with a qualified contractor include increased confidence, easy identification of contractors, and superior installations.

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Damper - Definition

DAMPER. See "Ceiling radiation damper," "Combination fire/smoke damper," "Corridor damper," "Fire damper" and "Smoke damper."

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Fire Dampers - Definition

FIRE DAMPER. A *listed* device installed in ducts and air transfer openings designed to close *automatically* upon detection of heat and resist the passage of flame. Fire dampers are classified for use in either static systems that will *automatically* shut down in the event of a fire, or in dynamic systems that continue to operate during a fire. A dynamic fire damper is tested and rated for closure under elevated temperature airflow.

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Smoke Dampers - Definition

SMOKE DAMPER. A *listed* device installed in ducts and air transfer openings designed to resist the passage of smoke.

The device is installed to operate automatically, controlled by a smoke detection system, and where required, is capable of being positioned from a *fire command center*.

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Combination Dampers - Definition

COMBINATION FIRE/SMOKE DAMPER. A

listed device installed in ducts and air transfer openings designed to close *automatically* upon the detection of heat and resist the passage of flame and smoke. The device is installed to operate *automatically*, controlled by a smoke detection system, and where required, is capable of being positioned from a *fire command center*

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Corridor Dampers - Definition

CORRIDOR DAMPER. A *listed* device intended for use where air ducts penetrate or terminate at horizontal openings in the ceilings of fire-resistance-rated corridors, where the corridor ceiling is permitted to be constructed as required for the corridor walls.

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Ceiling Radiation Dampers - Definition

CEILING RADIATION DAMPER. A *listed* device installed in a ceiling membrane of a fire-resistance-rated floor/ceiling or roof/ceiling assembly to limit *automatically* the radiative heat transfer through an air inlet/outlet opening.

Ceiling radiation dampers include air terminal units, ceiling dampers and ceiling air diffusers.

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Code Requirements Fire Dampers

- Section 717 of the 2015 IBC
 Ducts and Air Transfer Openings
- 717.5 Penetrations of fire walls, fire barriers, shaft enclosures and fire partitions by duct or air transfer opening shall be protected by the appropriate **Damper**

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Code Requirements Fire Dampers Cont.

- 717.6 Penetrations of horizontal assemblies by duct or air transfer opening shall be protected by shaft enclosure
- 717.6.1 Ducts connecting not more than two stories shall be protected with a fire damper or a firestop system
- 717.3 Fire dampers shall be *listed* and *labeled* (tested) to ANSI/UL 555

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Code Requirements Fire Dampers Cont.

- 717.3.1 Static or dynamic
- 717.3.2.1 Minimum fire protection rating:
 1.5 hr when assembly rating is less than 3 hr
- •3 hr when assembly rating is 3 hr or greater
- Fire dampers shall be *listed* and *labeled*
- Installed per mfrs instructions

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Code Requirements Smoke Dampers

- Section 717 of the 2015 IBC
- 717.5.3 Penetrations of shaft enclosures, corridor walls, smoke barriers and smoke partition by duct or air transfer opening shall be protected by a smoke damper
- 717.3.2.2 Leakage rating shall be Class I or II with a temperature rating of not less than 250°F

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Code Requirements Combination Dampers

- 717.3 Dampers that meet the requirements of both a fire damper and a smoke damper
- Tested per ANSI/UL 555 and 555S
- Combination dampers shall be *listed* and *labeled*
- · Installed per mfrs instructions

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Corridor Dampers

• Used in ceilings of exit corridors where ceiling is constructed as required for corridor walls per Section 708.4, Exception 3

- · Designed to be installed in horizontal "wall"
- Operation specified in 2015 IBC Section 717.3.3.5 – actuation as a fire damper (717.3.3.1) and smoke damper (717.3.3.2)

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Code Requirements Ceiling Radiation Dampers

- 717.6.2 Used in fire resistive floor-ceiling and roof-ceiling assemblies where duct penetrates membrane ceiling
- Intent is to minimize heat transfer into concealed space

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Code Requirements Cont. Ceiling Radiation Dampers • In acoustical ceilings, performance compared to generic hinged blade damper in accordance with UL 555C • Listings permit substitution of ceiling radiation damper for generic hinged blade damper specified in the design • If hinged blade damper is not specified in design, no ceiling radiation damper may be substituted into the design

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Code Requirements Cont. Ceiling Radiation Dampers

- In gypsum ceilings, ceiling radiation dampers may be tested as part of floorceiling or roof-ceiling assembly in accordance with ASTM E119 or UL 263
 - •Ceiling radiation damper may be used only if specified in the design
 - Design will specify manufacturer and designation of the ceiling radiation damper(s) which may be used

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What is the Correct Damper? Air Flow Conditions

Fire and Ceiling Radiation Dampers

Static

• For use with HVAC systems that automatically shut down in the event of a fire

• Dynamic

• For use with HVAC systems that remain operational during a fire

- Tested to demonstrate ability to close under air flow conditions
- Pressure and flow ratings must match installation

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What is the Correct Damper? Air Flow Conditions

Dynamic Fire, Smoke,

Combination and Corridor Dampers

- Listings state maximum air flow and pressure ratings
- Field installations conditions must match listing

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What is the Correct Damper? Performance Criteria

- Static fire dampers
 Hourly rating
 - Actuation temperature
 Approx 50°F above duct operating temperature, but not less than 160°F per IBC

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What is the Correct Damper? Performance Criteria Cont.

- Dynamic fire dampers
 - Hourly rating
 - Actuation temperature
 - Approx 50°F above duct operating temperature, but not less than 160°F per IBC
 - $\bullet \rm Not$ more than 350°F where located in smoke control system per IBC

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What is the Correct Damper? Performance Criteria Cont.

- Corridor dampers 2015 IBC 717.3.1(5)
 - 1 hr fire rating
 - Leakage rating
 - Class I or II
 - ·Elevated temperature rating of not less than 250°F
 - •Must close when subjected to 150 fpm velocity across the face of the damper during fire exposure
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Plan Review

• 107.2.1 - <u>Construction documents</u> shall be of sufficient clarity to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed and <u>show in detail that it will conform to the</u> provisions of this code ...

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Plan Review Cont. Details showing compliance with the fire-resistive requirements of the IBC should be included on the plans and in the specifications Recommended that the UL designs (or

- Recommended that the UL designs (or others) be imported into the plans
- Importing designs into plans does NOT violate UL copyright requirements

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Plan Review Cont.

- Review proposed fire-resistance-rated assemblies for compliance with code
 - Hourly rating requirement
 - Type of Construction
 - Details of assemblies proposed relative to actual construction
 - Consider variations identified relative to permitted substitutions stated in the UL Fire Resistance Guide Information

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- or individual
- Verifies approved design is being used
- Verifies assembly is being constructed in accordance with the approved design

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Pre-Construction Meeting

- Review selected designs
- Obtain engineering judgments as needed
- Establish inspection
 guidelines and expectations
- Establish work and inspection schedules
- Review qualifications
 /experience of contractors



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At the Inspection Site

- Have your inspection tools such as a flashlight, coring device, depth gauge, calipers, tape measure, etc.
- Review the general layout of the assembly
- Verify the building materials being utilized match those described in the approved design

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At the Inspection Site Cont.

- For board products, verify the type, manufacturer, thickness and orientation match what is described in the approved design
- Verify fastener type, size and spacing for compliance with the approved design
- For insulation products, verify the type, manufacturer, thickness and density match what is described in the approved design

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At the Inspection Site Cont.

- Verify that the approved third party testing agency's labels are on the products, empty containers or boxes
- When necessary conduct destructive evaluations on the assemblies
- During the inspection have the contractor follow along to repair assemblies after destructive testing

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Marking and Identification

IBC Section 703.7 requires:

- Marking in accessible concealed spaces of:
 - ✓ Fire Walls, Fire Barriers or Fire Partitions
 - ✓ Smoke Barriers or Smoke Partitions
 - ✓ Floor-Ceiling or Horizontal assembly
- · Assembly Rating Sign: "Protect all Openings"
 - ✓ Within 15 ft of end of wall
 - ✓Intervals not exceeding 30 feet

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Passive Fire Protection

The IBC takes a systematic approach to building fire protection, including:

- Passive Fire Protection
 Fire Area = The aggregate floor area enclosed and bounded by fire walls, fire
 barriers, exterior walls or horizontal assemblies of a building.

 Active Fire Protection
 - Fire Protection System = Approved devices, equipment and systems or combinations of systems used to detect a fire, activate an alarm, extinguish or control a fire, control or manage smoke and products of a fire or any combination thereof.
- 3. Reasonable level of redundancy; inspection, testing & maintenance



IFC Chapter 7 Section 703.1

- Requires Maintenance of:
- ✓Walls & Floors
- ✓Fire and Smoke Barriers and Partitions
- ✓Firestops
- ✓Shaft enclosures
- ✓Fire resistive coatings/SFRM
- ✓ Joint systems
- Requires annual visual inspection by owner
- Repaired, restored or replaced when damaged

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Reference Materials Cont.

- Association of Wall and Ceiling Industry Technical Manuals 12, 12-A and 12-B
- Gypsum Association Fire Resistance Design Manual
- International Firestop Council Video Inspecting Firestop for Compliance

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- Fire Safe North America (FSNA) www.firesafenorthamerica.org
- Association of Wall and Ceilings Industry (AWCI) – www.awci.org

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 Gypsum Association (GA) – www.gypsum.org

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UL Resources for Code Compliance

UL's Online Search Tools

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Guide Information

- Equipment, materials or systems included in the Category
- Intended use, restrictions or supplemental information that apply
- Standard(s) used to evaluate products under the Category
- Listing or Classification Mark information for the Category

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Designs Each design contains specific construction features Many designs contain various options and various ratings Must be followed exactly for rating to apply

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Why is UL replacing the current Online Certifications Directory?

- Digital Transformation Product iQ meets growing demands of a digital world
- Modern search engine platform Offers a better experience, more relevant information and multiple new user features
- Same information as the old platform
- > No impact on testing results or certifications

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UL Product iQ Search

iQ Plus Search under Building Materials and Systems for fire-resistance-rated wall design based on specific parameters

- Wood stud/gypsum board wall assembly
- 2 hour rating
- Gypsum board supplied by the United States
 Gypsum Company

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Product iQ Cont.

iQ Plus Search under Building Materials and Systems based on specific code requirements

• Looking for a Smoke Alarm which complies with the requirements of the 2015 edition of the International Residential Code, Section R314.1.1











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