FIRE-RESISTANCE-RATED CONSTRUCTION A Primer on IBC Chapter 7



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Fire resistance rated construction

- How to know where it is required
- How to select appropriate assemblies
- How to detail and specify
- How to construct
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Chap 4 – Special Requirements

402 – Covered Malls

•Fire barrier between mall & open parking garage: 2 hours

•Fire partitions between tenants – see 708 - 1 hour

•Fire wall separating anchor buildings – 3 hrs or exception w/ 2 hr fire-barrier

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403 – High-Rise

•Possible reductions in construction type & fire ratings based on type of sprinkler system

•Shafts down from 2 to 1 hr – sprinklers in shafts

•Fire wall separating anchor buildings – 3 hrs or exception w/ 2 hr fire-barrier

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404 – Atriums •Enclosure in 1 hour fire barrier

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405 – Underground Buildings

•Type I construction

•Compartmentation w/ 1 hr fire barriers

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406 - Motor-Vehicle-Related

Separate private garage from dwelling w/ 5/8" type X gyp bdSeparate parking garages from other

occupancies per 302.3 •Open parking garages have their own

height & area reqmts for const type

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407 – Group I-2

- 408 Group I-3
- 410 Stages & Platforms
- 412 Aircraft Related Occupancies
- 414 Hazardous Materials
- 415 High Hazard
- 416 Spray Rooms 1 hr fire barrier
- 418 Nitrocellulose Storage
- 419 Group E compartmentation
- 420 Group B Medical

Chapter 7: Fire-Resistance-Rated Construction

Materials & assemblies used for structural fire resistance and fire-resistance-rated construction separation of adjacent spaces to safeguard against the spread of fire & smoke with a building & the spread of fire to or from buildings.

A.K.A. – Passive Fire Protection

Chapter 7: Fire-Resistance-Rated Construction

703 – Fire-resistance ratings & fire tests
704 – Exterior walls
705 – Fire walls
706 – Fire barriers
707 – Shaft enclosures
708 – Fire partitions
709 – Smoke barriers
710 – Smoke partitions
711 – Horizontal assemblies

712 – Penetrations713 – Fire-resistant joint

assemblies

714 - Fire-resistance rating of structural members
715 - Opening protectives
716 - Duct & transfer openings
717 - Concealed spaces
718 - Plaster
719 - Thermal & sound insulation
720 - Prescriptive fire resistance
721 - Calculated fire resistance

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Fire-resistance ratings of building elements are determined 2 ways: •ASTM E 119 (or UL 263) •Alternative methods in 703.3



















Substitution of other materials or deviation from the specified construction could adversely affect performance. For example, if batt or blanket insulation is shown, then it is a required component of the system. The insulation is shown, then it is a required component of the system. The shown the system containing batt or blanket insulation is above. The system shall be constructed using the type specified to conclusing systems to increase the results of table days and written certification to the forward to reserve the final addition is above. This practice has been shown to one specified on the system. This article has been shown to magning third-party, in-plant product inspection of the final event insulation is particle to the final event insulation (R-40), the system shall be constructed using the system containing batt or blank in the results of is specified and babeling service. Additionall, each method that or loss-fit to any 1 - or 2 Annual shall be increased to any 1 - or 2 Annual shall be increased by the results of table days and independent third-party testing service as listed on page 10. The results of tasts conducted on systems composed specific materials put together in a specified manner.







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Fire-resistance ratings & fire **703.3 Alternative methods for determining fire resistance.** The application of any of the alternative methods listed in this section shall be based on the fire exposure and acceptance criteria specified in ASTM E 119 or UL 263. The required *fire resistance* of a building element, component or assembly shall be permitted to be established by any of the following methods or procedures: Fire-resistance designs documented in sources. Prescriptive designs of fire-resistance-rated building elements, components or assemblies as prescribed in Section 720. Calculations in accordance with Section 721. Engineering analysis based on a comparison of building element, component or assemblies designs having *fire-resistance rating* as determined by the test procedures effort in ASTM E 119 or UL 263.

 Alternative protection methods as allowed by Section 104.11.

- 1. Sources
- HUD Fire Ratings of Archaic Materials & Assemblies
- USG Fire Resistant Assemblies
- GA Fire Resistance Design Manual
- FM Global Data Sheet Fire Resistance of Building Assemblies



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3. Calculations per Section 721

SECTION 721 CALCULATED FIRE RESISTANCE

721.1 General: The provisions of this section contain procedures by which the fire resistance of specific materials or combinations of materials is established by calculations. These procedures apply only to the information contained in this section and shall not be otherwise used. The calculated fire resistance of concrete, concrete masoury and clay masoury assemblies shall be permitted in accordance with ACI 216.17MS 0216. The calculated fire resistance of steel assemblies shall be permitted in accordance with Chapter 5 of ASCE 9. The calculated fire resistance of exposed wood members and wood decking shall be permitted in accordance with Chapter 16 of ANSUAF&PA National Design Specification for Wood Construction (NDS).



DESCRIPTION OF FINISH	TIME* (minutes)	
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3'5-inch gypsum wallboard	10	be installed with the long dimension perpendicular to framing members and shall have all joints fitmhed.
1/2-inch gypsum wallboard	15	d. The membrane on the unrespond and shall not be included in determining the first resistance of the assembly. When dissimilar membranes are used on a wall assem- bly, the calculation shall be made from the less thre-resistant (weaker) side.
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1/2-inch Type X gypsum wallboard	25	
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Double 3/5-inch gypsum wallboard	25	
1/p-inch + 3/p-inch gypsum wallboard	35	
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3. Calculations per Section 721

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Wood floor and roofjoists 16 inches o.c.	10	
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3. Calculations per Section 721

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		Stucco on metal lath
		Masonry veneer
		Vinyl siding
None		3g-inch exterior-grade wood structural panels















- 4. Engineering analysis
- Engineering analysis based on a comparison of building element, component or assemblies designs having *fire-resistance ratings* as determined by the test procedures set forth in ASTM E 119 or UL 263.
- Computer modeling
- Fire protection engineering

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4. Engineering analysis

Glass/Steel Bridge, Seattle City Hall

Early in 2003, the Čitý of Seattle completed construction of a new City Hall building. One of the more striking architectural features of the new building is a bridge spanning the public lobby space. The bridge floor and rails are constructed of glass panels with steel supports, and the entire structure is stabilized laterally with steel rods. Given the type of construction of the building, the prescriptive provisions of the SBC require any structure supporting floor loads to be protected by three-hour firerated construction. For most steel structures, this protection is provided by spray-applied fireproofing. However, that method would have destroyed the architecture of the bridge. Instead, the fire protection engineer was able to demonstrate that an "expected" fire, uncontrolled by sprinklers and placed in the "worst" location, would not raise the temperature of the steel to the point where the bridge would collapse.

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5. Alternative protection methods as allowed by Section 104.11

104.11 Alternative materials, design and methods of construction and equipment. The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code, provided that any such alternative has been *approved*. An alternative material, design or method of construction shall be *approvedwhere* the *building official* finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this code, and that the material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, at least the equivalent of that prescribed in this code in quality, strength, effectiveness, *fire resistance*, durability and safety.

5. Alternative protection methods as allowed by Section 104.11

104.11.1 Research reports. Supporting data, where necessary to assist in the approval of materials or assemblies not specifically provided for in this code, shall consist of valid research reports from *approved* sources.

research reports from approved sources. 104.11.2 Tests. Whenever there is insufficient evidence of compliance with the provisions of this code, or evidence that material or method does not conform to the requirements of this code, or in order to substantiate claims for alternative materials or methods, the *bUilding official* shall have the authority to require tests as evidence of compliance to be made at no expense to the jurisdiction. Test methods shall be as specified in this code or by other recognized test methods, the *building official* shall approve the testing procedures. Test shall be performed by an *approved agency*. Reports of such tests shall be retained by the *building official* for the period required for retention of public records.

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- 5. Alternative protection methods as allowed by Section 104.11
- Engineering Judgements from manufacturer's technical or engineering staff







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Definitions – Section 202

PRIMARY STRUCTURAL FRAME. The primary structural frame shall include all of the following structural members:

1. The columns;

 Structural members having direct connections to the columns, including girders, beams, trusses and spandrels;
 Members of the floor construction and roof construction

having direct connections to the columns; and

4. Bracing members that are essential to the vertical stability of the primary structural frame under gravity loading shall be considered part of the primary structural frame whether or not the bracing member carries gravity loads.

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Primary Structural Frame



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704.2 Column Protection

- Per Table 601
- Types I-A, I-B, II-A, III-A, V-A construction
- Individually wrapped in all conditions

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704.4 Secondary Members

- Structural members with no direct connection to columns
- Floor construction with no direct connection to columns
- Other than primary structural frame
- Protection per Table 601
- Membrane within horizontal ceilng assemblies, individual encasement per 712 or combination of both

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Wood Construction

- Column & primary frame protection not typically applied to wood construction
- Type IV Heavy Timber construction not included.
- Fire resistance in wood columns in Types III-A, III-B or V-A construction can be tested or use 5 methods in 703.3.
- "Primary structural frame" is not referring to heavy timber or light frame construction

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Light-Frame Construction

LIGHT-FRAME CONSTRUCTION. A type of construction whose vertical and horizontal structural elements are primarily formed by a system of repetitive wood or cold-formed steel framing members.

704.4.1 Light-frame construction. King studs and boundary elements that are integral elements in *load-bearing walls* of light-frame construction shall be permitted to have required *fire-resistance ratings* provided by the membrane protection provided for the *load-bearing wall*.

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704.10 Exterior Structural Members

704.10 Exterior structural members. Load-bearing structural members located within the *exterior walls* or on the outside of a building or structure shall be provided with the highest *fire-resistance rating* as determined in accordance with the following:

- 1. As required by Table 601 for the type of building element based on the type of construction of the building;
- 2. As required by Table 601 for exterior bearing walls based on the type of construction; and
- 3. As required by Table 602 for *exterior walls* based on the *fire separation distance.*

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704.10 Exterior Structural Members

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704.10 Exterior Structural Members

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X ≥ 30	All	0	0	0						
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704.13 Sprayed Fire Resistant Materials – SFRM

- Applied per fire resistance rating & listing
- Manufacturer's installation instructions
- Clean substrate
- Compatible primers, paints, encapsulants
- Temp 40 deg F
- Finished condition no cracks, voids, spalls, delamination or exposure

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• 704.13 Sprayed Fire Resistant Materials – SFRM



705 Exterior Walls

705.3 Buildings on same lot

- Imaginary line between bldgs
- Existing bldgs not made non-compliant
- Option to treat as one building



705 Exterior Walls

705.4 Materials

705.4 Materials. *Exterior walls* shall be of materials permitted by the building type of construction.

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705.5 Fire resistance

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705 Exterior Walls

705.5 Fire resistance

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5< X <10	IA Others	32	2	1
$10 \leq X < 30$	IA, IB IIB, VB Others	2 1 1	1 0 1	4 0 4
X≥30	All	0	0	0
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707 Fire Barriers & 709 Fire Partitions Fire Barrier Fire Partition Fire Barrier Fire Resistance Rated Protected Openings, limited to 25% wall length Protected Openings, no limit Extends from top of floor to underside of floor above Extends from top of floor to underside of floor above or rated ceiling Example: Stairway Enclosures Example: Corridor Walls Supporting construction requires same fire rating Supporting construction often does not require same fire rating • Fire Wall: Fire barrier that separates building into two structurally independent buildings.

707 Fire Barriers

- Shaft enclosures
- Exit enclosures
- Exit passageway
- Horizontal exit
- Atriums
- Incidental accessory occupancies
- Control areas
- Separated occupancies
- Fire areas (along w/ horizontal assemblies)

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709 Fire Partitions

- Dwellng unit separation
- Sleeping unit separation
- Tenants in covered mall buildings
- Corridor walls
- Required elevator lobby

709 Fire Partitions

709.3 Fire-resistance rating. Fire partitions shall have a *fire-resistance rating* of not less than 1 hour.

Exceptions:

- Corridor walls permitted to have a 1/2 hour fire-resistance rating by Table 1018.1.
- Dwelling with and sleeping unit separations in buildings of type IIB, IIIB and VB construction shall have fire-resistance ratings of not less than v_2 hour in buildings equipped throughout with an *automatic* sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1.





710 Smoke Barriers &711 Smoke Partitions

Smoke Barrier	Smoke Partition		
Fire Resistance Rated (1-hour)	No Fire Rating		
Rated, Protected Openings (smoke dampers)	Openings must resist passage of smoke (smoke dampers)		
Extends from top of floor to underside of floor above or rated, smoke-resistant ceiling	Extends from top of floor to underside of floor above or smoke resistant ceiling		
Example: Hospital Smoke Compartments	Example: Hospital Corridors		

712 Horizontal Assemblies

712.3 Fire-resistance rating. The fire-resistance rating of floor and roof assemblies shall not be less than that required by the building type of construction. Where the floor assembly separates mixed occupancies, the assembly shall have a fire-resistance rating of not less than that required by Section 508.4 based on the occupancies being separated. Where the floor assembly separates a single occupancy into different fire areas, the assembly shall have a fire-resistance rating of not less than that required by Section 707.3.9. Horizontal assembles separating dwelling units in the same building and horizontal assemblies separating sleeping units in the same building shall be a minimum of 1-hour fire-resistance-rated construction.

Exception: Dwelling unit and sleeping unit separations in buildings of Type IIB, IIIB and VB construction shall have free-resistance ratings of not less than 1/2 hour in buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1.

























713 Penetrations

Ducts & air transfer openings Through-penetrations Membrane penetrations



714 Fire-resistant Joint Systems

FIRE-RESISTANT JOINT SYSTEM. An assemblage of specific materials or products that are designed, tested, and fire-resistance rated in accordance with either ASTME 1966 or UL 2079 to resist for a prescribed period of time the passage of fire through joints made in or between fire-resistance-rated assemblies.

JOINT. The linear opening in or between adjacent fire-resistance-rated assemblies that is designed to allow independent movement of the building in any plane caused by thermal, seismic, wind or any other loading.































