

> **Mid Rise Design:  
Opportunity and  
Implementation**



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# Course Description

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As increases in urban density become necessary to address growing populations, many building designers and developers are leveraging wood's ability to achieve multiple, simultaneous objectives. Wood is a code-compliant solution to the challenge of how to cost-effectively increase density while creating vibrant and sustainable communities. Yet many familiar with the design of two- to four-story wood structures are not aware that the International Building Code allows five stories and more of wood-frame construction for residential uses such as student, senior and affordable housing, and for business, mercantile and military occupancies. Through an overview of design, detailing, and construction considerations, this presentation is intended to give architects and engineers the confidence to break into this growing market segment. Heights and areas will be discussed, including allowable increases, as will fire-resistive design, detailing for performance, shrinkage, structural framing, acoustics, and fire-rated assemblies.



## Learning Objectives

1. In the context of a shift toward greater urban density, discuss how mid-rise, wood-frame construction meets housing needs while creating vibrant sustainable communities.
2. Discuss allowable construction types, occupancies, and building heights/stories/areas for wood-frame mid-rise buildings per the current International Building Code.
3. Identify fire resistance and protection requirements for wood-frame wall assemblies in Type III and Type V buildings.
4. Examine detailing best practices to achieve performance requirements for acoustics, lateral bracing, shrinkage effects, and floor-to-wall interfaces.



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## Global Population Boom



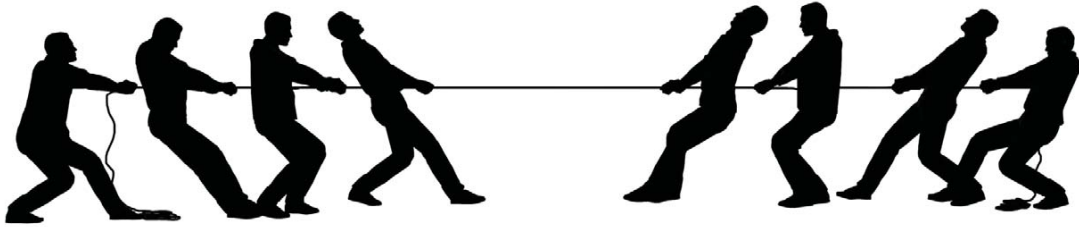
**Global Population**  
**> 7 billion now**  
**9.0 billion by 2050**  
**30% increase**

**Urban Population**  
**5.3 billion by 2050**  
**66% increase**





## Need for Sustainable Multi-Family & Mixed Use Structures



Economically Meet  
Urban Housing Needs

Increase  
Environmental  
Responsibility

These 2 items don't need to be in opposition-  
Wood framing helps them work together!



## Need for Sustainable Multi-Family & Mixed Use Structures

Mid-Rise Wood  
Frame Construction  
provides a common  
ground for both



How?

# Mid-Rise Construction



## Why Wood?

Wood Costs Less

Wood is Versatile

Wood Meets Code

Wood is Durable

Wood is Renewable



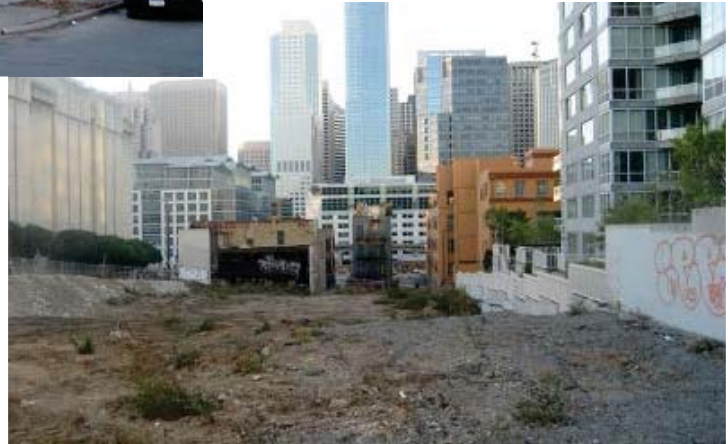
Using Wood Helps Reduce Your Environmental Impact

Wood Products Play a Significant Role in Modern Economy



# Urban Infill Development

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## Case Study: Wood Buildings Aim High

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### AvalonBay Stadium

Location: Anaheim, CA

251 Apts., 13K sf retail/restaurant

Type III modified

50% of their projects are podium

Semi-balloon framed with 16" I-joist  
at exterior walls

Architect: Withee Malcolm Architects

Engineer: VanDorpe Chou Associates

Developer/Contractor: AvalonBay Communities

Photo credit: Arden Photography



# Carbon Case Study: High Density

AvalonBay Stadium- Anaheim, CA



## Climate Change Advantage

For information on the calculations in this chart, visit [woodworks.org](http://woodworks.org)



**Volume of wood used:** 5,200 cubic meters / 183,600 cubic feet of lumber and sheathing



**U.S. and Canadian forests grow this much wood in:** 15 minutes



**Carbon stored in the wood:** 3,970 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>\*



**Avoided greenhouse gases:** 8,440 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>\*†



**Total potential carbon benefit:** 12,410 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>

Equivalent to:

Source: US EPA 2010



**2,370 cars off the road for a year**



**Energy to operate a home for 1,050 years**

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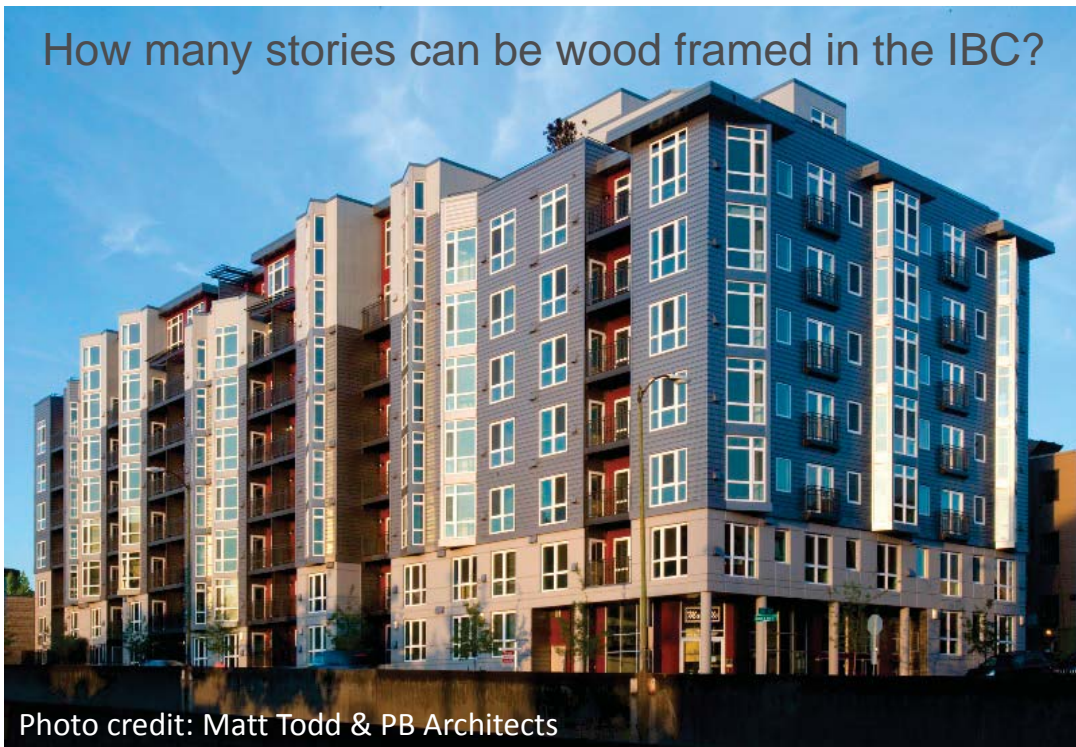
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## Wood Mid-Rise Construction

How many stories can be wood framed in the IBC?





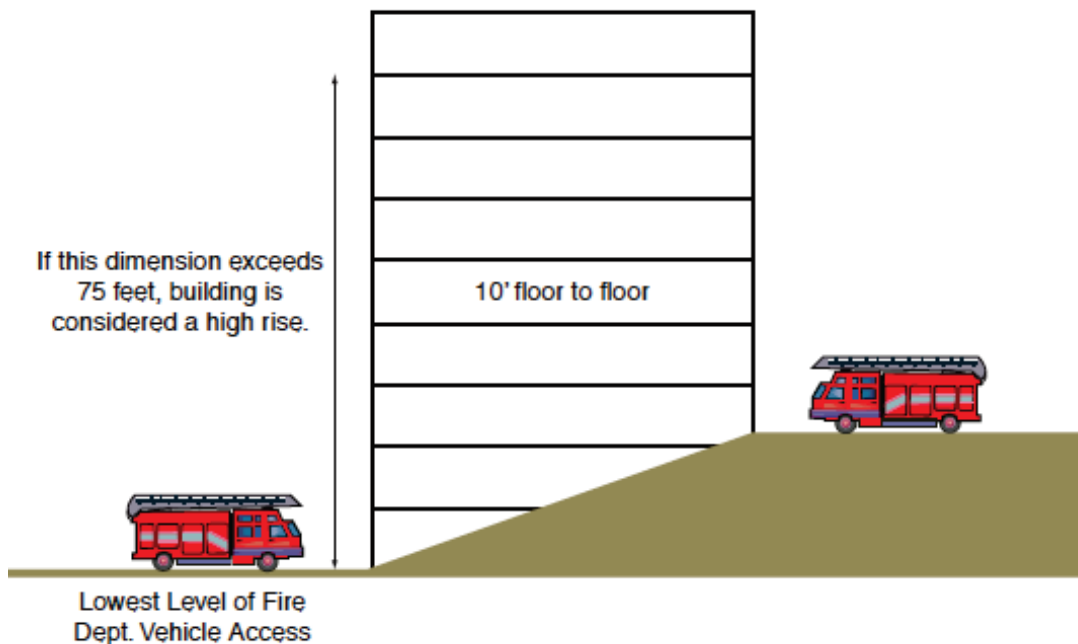
# Marselle Condos, Seattle, WA



Photo credit: Matt Todd & PB Architects

6 stories for Offices, 5 stories for Residential  
+ Mezzanine + Multi-Story Podium

## Mid-Rise vs. High-Rise Definition – IBC 202



© International Code Council

Determination of high-rise building



## Walk-up/ Tuck Under

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First floor walk up units with private garage

Benefits:

- Eliminates need for S-2 parking garage
- Can be all wood
- Least expensive overall but lowest densification rates



## Wrap-Around

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Walk up units surround parking structure

Benefits:

- Enhanced security
- Centralized access to parking
- Visual appeal from street
- More expensive than walk/up tuck-under
- 5 story yields 60-80 units/acre





# Podium

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Multiple stories of wood over an elevated concrete deck

Benefits:

- Increased number of stories
- Accommodates Mixed-use occupancies
- Most expensive but can allow increased density



# Podium

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4 stories of residential over podium (parking or retail)

- 60-80 units/acre

Inman Park Condos, Atlanta, GA  
Davis & Church



# Podium

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5 stories over retail

- 100-120 units/acre



Inman Park Condos, Atlanta, GA  
Davis & Church



AvalonBay Stadium, Anaheim, CA  
VanDorpe Chou Associates

# Podium

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5 stories over residential podium

- 120-140 units/acre

16 Powerhouse, Sacramento, CA  
D&S Development  
LPA Sacramento



# Mezzanine & Podium

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5 stories with mezzanine + residential podium

- 125-145 units/acre

120 Union, San Diego, CA  
Togawa Smith Martin



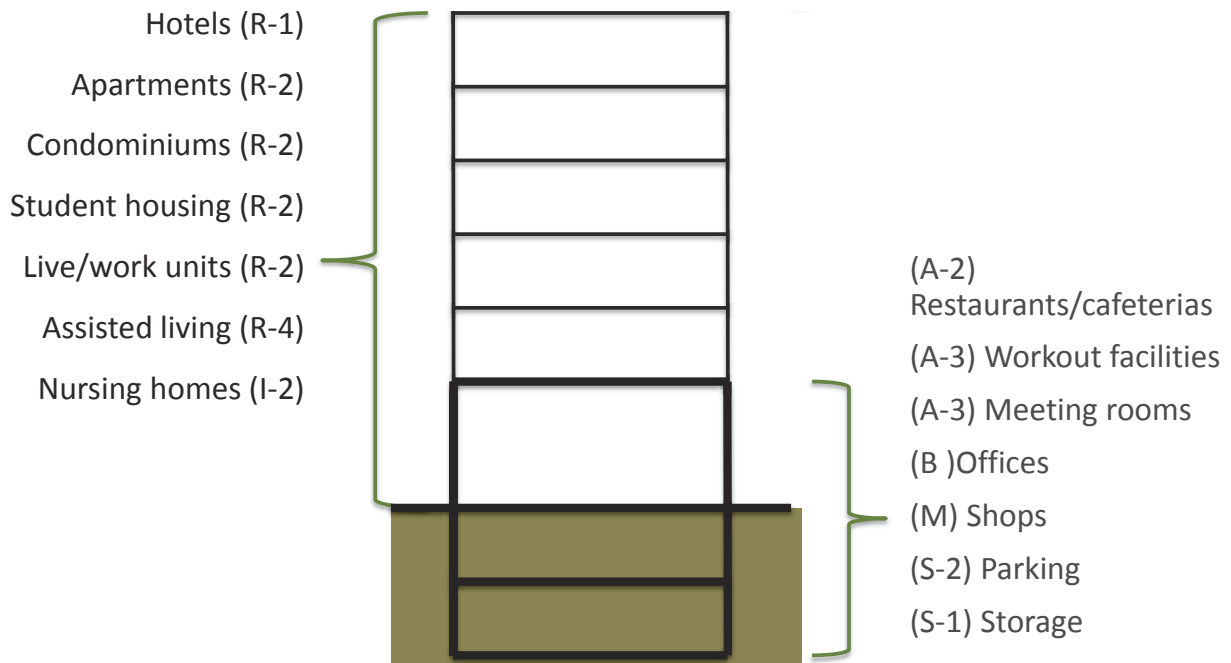
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  1. Construction Types
  2. Tabulate Areas & Stories
  3. Allowable increases
  4. Mezzanine & Special Design Provisions
- Fire Ratings & Requirements

# Typical Mid-rise Occupancy

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## Mid-Rise Construction Types

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### **Type III**

- Exterior walls non-combustible
- Interior elements any allowed by code

### **Type V**

- All building elements are any allowed by code

Types III and V can be subdivided to A (protected) or B (unprotected)

### **Type IV (Heavy Timber)**

- Exterior walls non-combustible
- Interior elements qualify as Heavy Timber

More on fire ratings a little later...

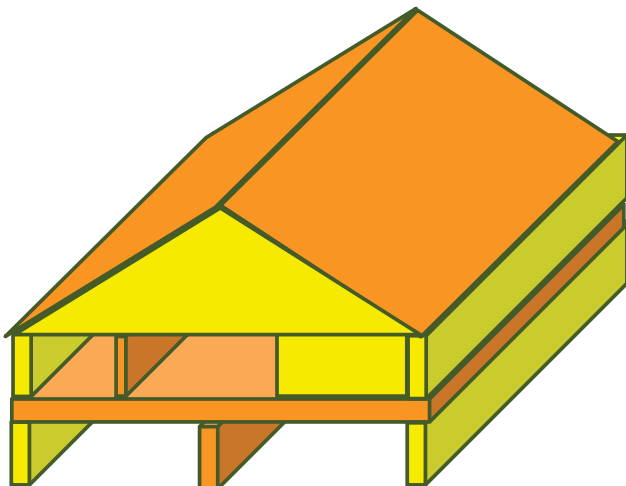


# Heights and Areas – IBC Table 503

GROUP		TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION								
		TYPE I		TYPE II		TYPE III		TYPE IV	TYPE V	
		A	B	A	B	A	B	HT	A	B
		HEIGHT (feet)	UL	160	65	55	65	55	65	50
		STORIES(S) AREA (A)								
M	S	UL	11	4	2	4	2	4	3	1
	A	UL	UL	21,500	12,500	18,500	12,500	20,500	14,000	9,000
R-1	S	UL	11	4	4	4	4	4	3	2
	A	UL	UL	24,000	16,000	24,000	16,000	20,500	12,000	7,000
R-2	S	UL	11	4	4	4	4	4	3	2
	A	UL	UL	24,000	16,000	24,000	16,000	20,500	12,000	7,000
R-3	S	UL	11	4	4	4	4	4	3	3
	A	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL
R-4	S	UL	11	4	4	4	4	4	3	2
	A	UL	UL	24,000	16,000	24,000	16,000	20,500	12,000	7,000
S-1	S	UL	11	4	2	3	2	4	3	1
	A	UL	48,000	26,000	17,500	26,000	17,500	25,500	14,000	9,000
S-2 <sup>b, c</sup>	S	UL	11	5	3	4	3	5	4	2
	A	UL	79,000	39,000	26,000	39,000	26,000	38,500	21,000	13,500
U <sup>c</sup>	S	UL	5	4	2	3	2	4	2	1
	A	UL	35,500	19,000	8,500	14,000	8,500	18,000	9,000	5,500

## Type III Construction

Exterior walls are of noncombustible materials and interior building elements are of any material. Fire Retardant Treated (FRT) wood is permitted in exterior walls of 2hr fire rating or less.

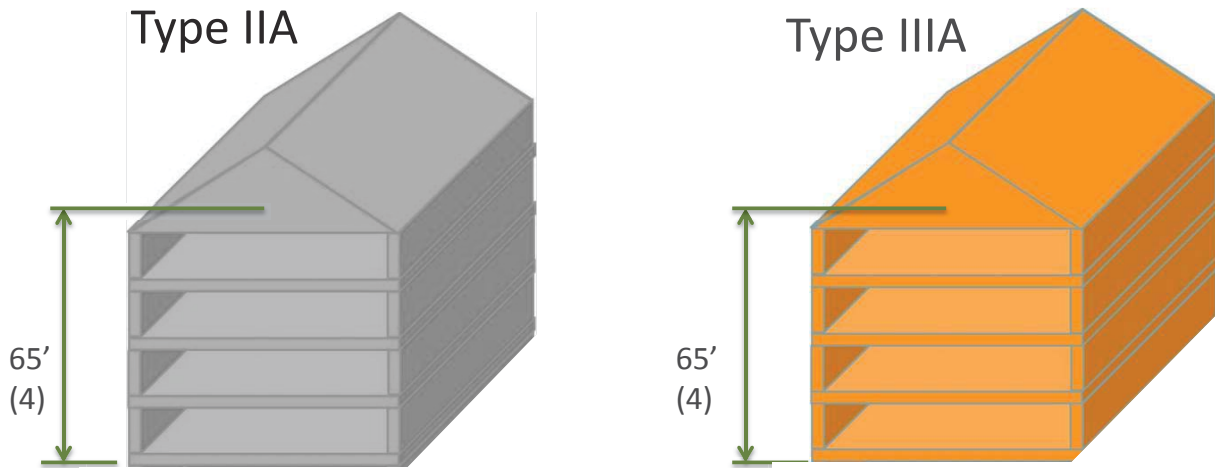


- Non combustible
- Exterior walls

- Fire Retardant Treated allowed
- Exterior walls if fire rating is 2hr or less

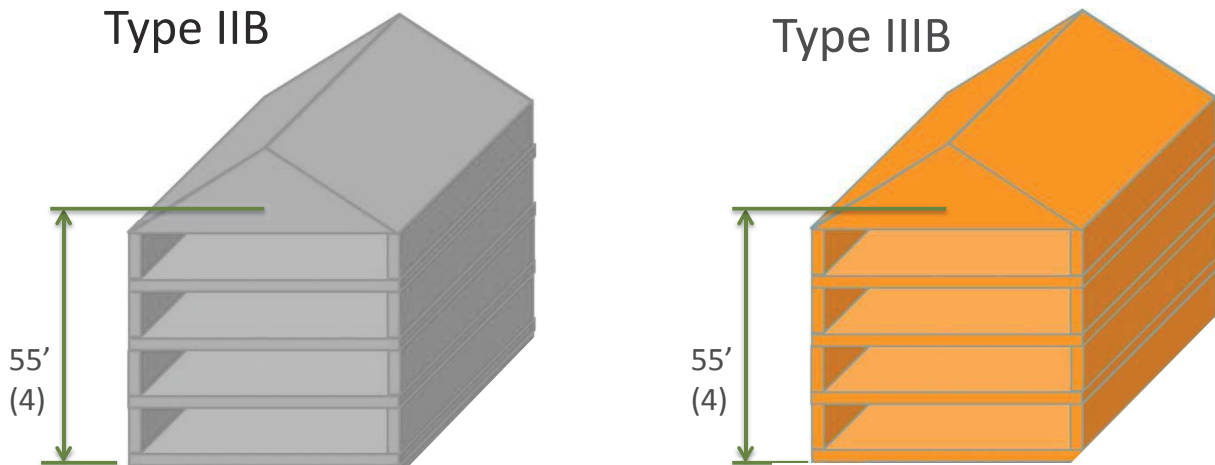
- Heavy Timber
- HT used in place of 1hr rating or less
- Untreated Lumber
- All interior elements

## Step 1 – Tabulated Height and Area



Occupancy	IIA	IIIA
R-1	24,000	24,000
R-2	24,000	24,000

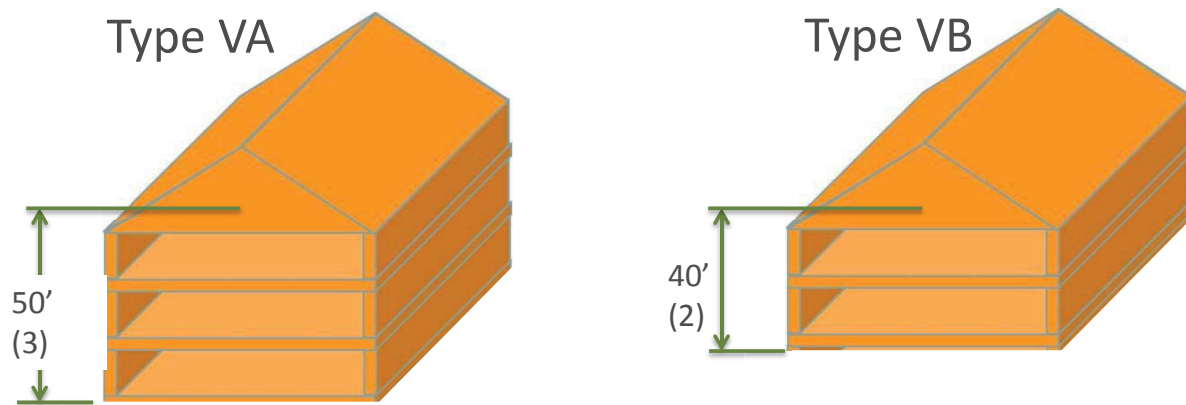
## Step 1 – Tabulated Height and Area



Occupancy	IIB	IIIB
R-1	16,000	16,000
R-2	16,000	16,000

## Step 1 – Tabulated Height and Area

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Occupancy	VA	VB
R-1	12,000	7,000
R-2	12,000	7,000

## Height Modification – IBC 504

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**IBC 504.2** Where a building is equipped throughout with an approved sprinkler system...

- maximum height is increased by 20 feet
- maximum number of stories is increased by one
- does not apply if using NFPA 13R sprinkler

**Can be combined w/ frontage area increase - 506.2**

**Can be combined w/ sprinkler area increase - 506.3**

- EXCEPT for I-2 occupancy of Type IIB, III and V construction and H occupancies or where sprinklers are used as substitution for 1hr fire resistance.



## Automatic Sprinkler Increase – 504.2

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### 504.2 Automatic sprinkler system increase.

...For Group R buildings equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.2, the value specified in Table 503 for maximum building height is increased by 20 feet (6096 mm) and the maximum number of stories is increased by one, but shall not exceed 60 feet (18 288 mm) or four stories , respectively.

- Section 903.3.1.2 references NFPA 13R sprinkler system.
- This 60', 4 story limitation does not apply when using NFPA 13 Sprinkler System

## Area Modification – IBC 506

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(Equation 5-1)

$$A_a = A_t + [A_t \times I_f] + [A_t \times I_s]$$

$A_a$  = Allowable area per story (sq. ft.)

$A_t$  = Tabular area per story (sq. ft.)

$I_f$  = Area increase factor due to frontage

(IBC 506.2)  $I_{f \max} = .75$

$I_s$  = Area increase factor due to sprinkler protection

(IBC 506.3)  $I_s=3$  for 1 story,  $I_s=2$  for > 1 story

## Frontage Increases – IBC 506.2.1

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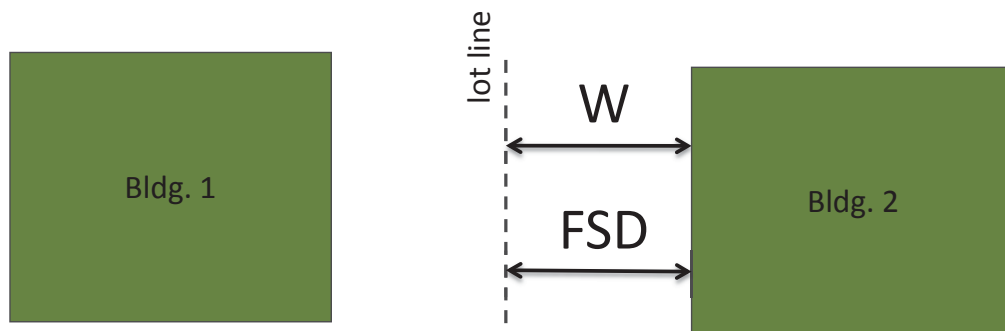
In 2012 code, there is further clarification between “W” for area increases and Fire Separation Distance for purposes of fire resistance ratings of walls and openings



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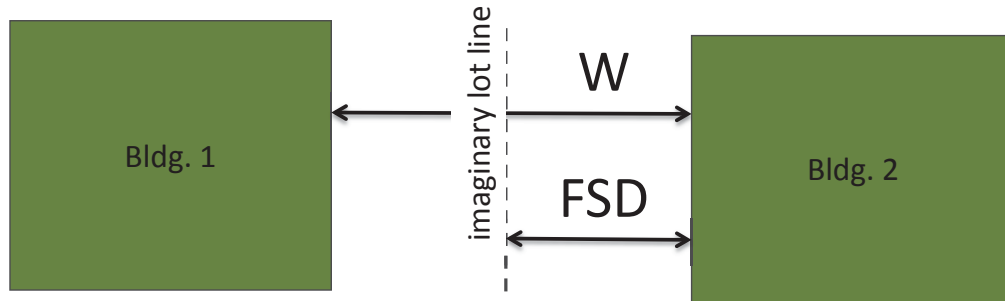
For two buildings on DIFFERENT lots



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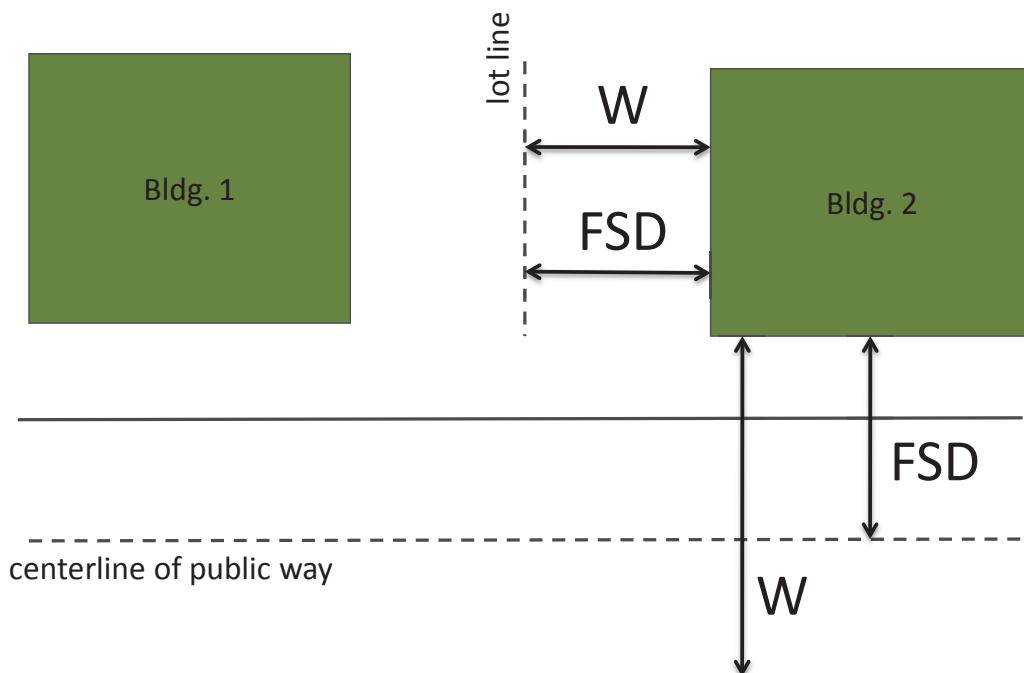
For two buildings on the SAME lot



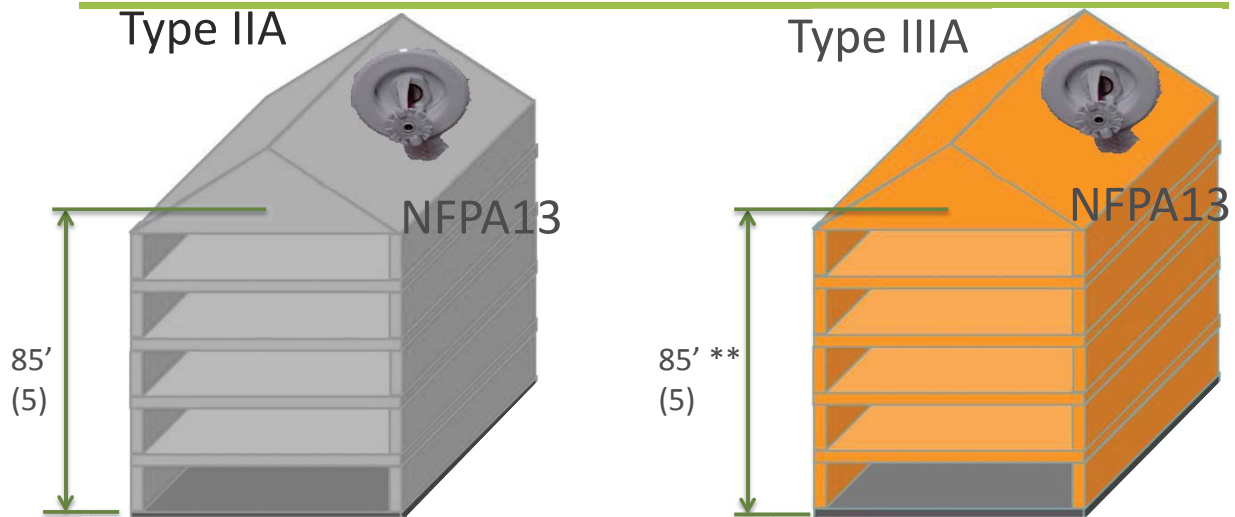
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Buildings near public right of ways:



## Step 2 – Increased Height & Story Area

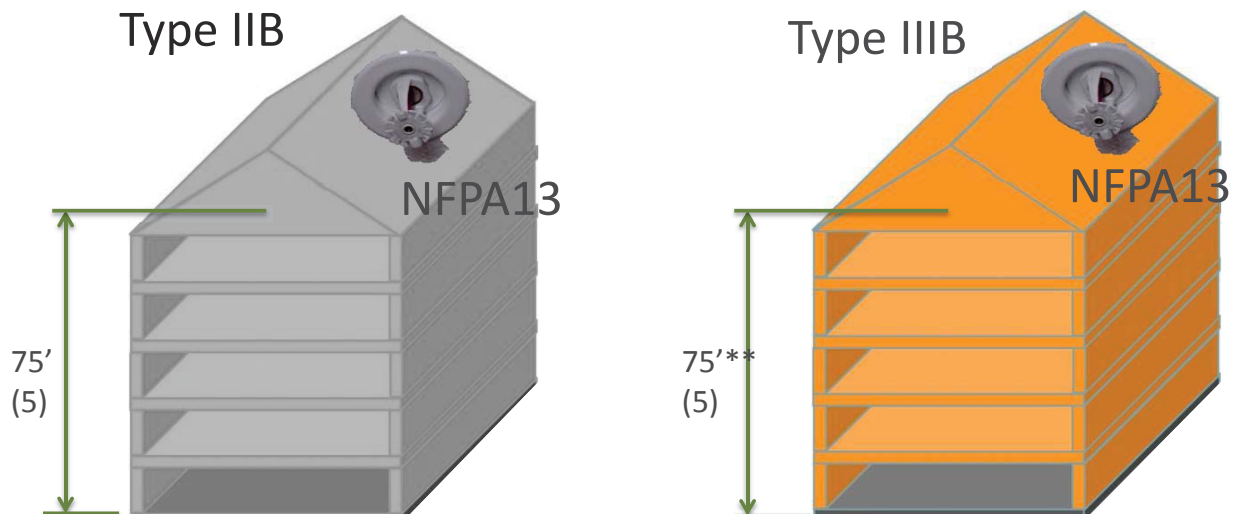


Occupancy	IIA (ft <sup>2</sup> )*	IIIA (ft <sup>2</sup> )*
R-1	72,000 +18,000 (max frontage)	72,000 +18,000 (max frontage)
R-2	72,000 +18,000 (max frontage)	72,000 +18,000 (max frontage)

\*Areas reflect PER STORY max. Total building max may limit area further.

\*\*ASCE7 12.2-1 limits wood shear wall seismic systems to 65' in height in SDC D,E,F

## Step 2 – Increased Height & Story Area



Occupancy	IIB (ft <sup>2</sup> )*	IIIB (ft <sup>2</sup> )*
R-1	48,000 +12,000(max frontage)	48,000 +12,000(max frontage)
R-2	48,000 +12,000(max frontage)	48,000 +12,000(max frontage)

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# Type IIIB for R Occupancy

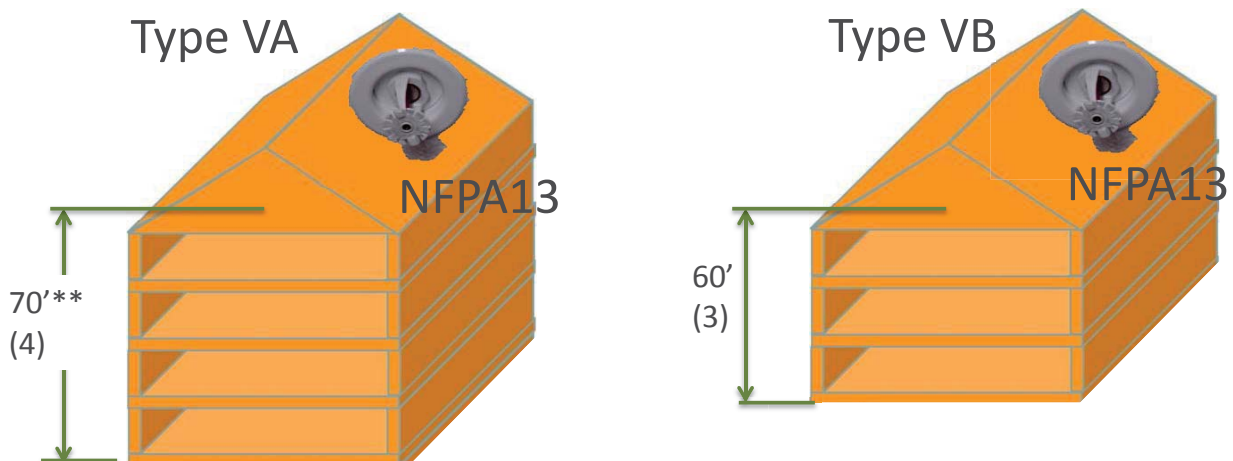
## 711.3

... Horizontal assemblies 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 fire-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.

## Step 2 – Increased Height & Story Area

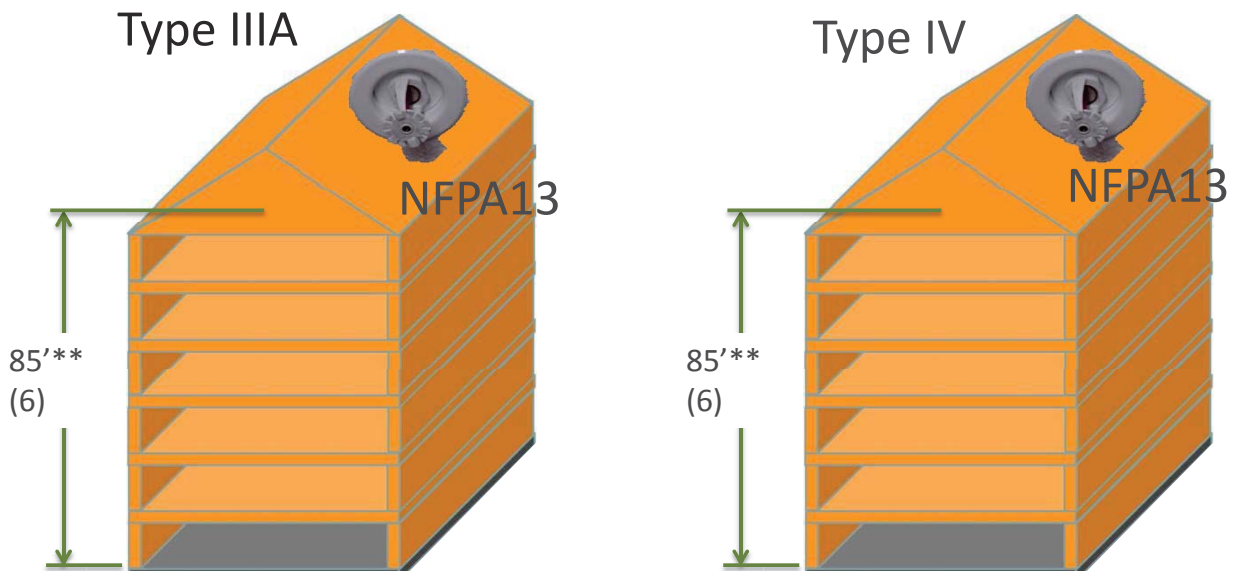


Occupancy	VA (ft <sup>2</sup> )*	VB (ft <sup>2</sup> )
R-1	36,000 +9,000(max frontage)	21,000 +5,250(max frontage)
R-2	36,000 +9,000(max frontage)	21,000 +5,250(max frontage)

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# Opportunity for Office Occupancy (B)



Occupancy	IIIA (ft <sup>2</sup> )*	IV (ft <sup>2</sup> )*
B	85,500 +21,375(max frontage)	108,000 +27,000(max frontage)

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# Summary of Building Heights

## Building Heights and Stories by Building Type With NFPA 13 Sprinklers

	IIIA	IIIB	VA	VB
Occupancy	85 ft	75 ft	70 ft	60 ft
R-1/R-2/R-4	5	5	4	3
A-2/A-3	4	3	3	2
B	6	4	4	3
M	5	3	4	2
S-2	5	4	5	3
S-1	4	3	4	2

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# Maximum Building Area – 506.4

## Single Occupancy Area determination

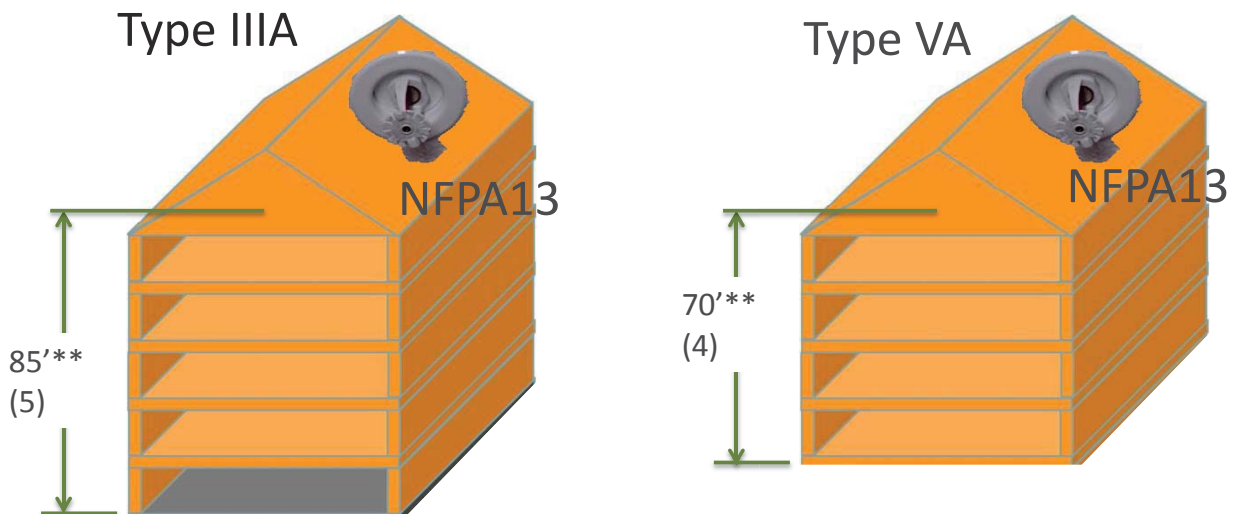
- Two stories above grade:
  - Maximum Building Area =  $A_a \times 2$
- Three stories or more above grade:
  - Maximum Building Area =  $A_a \times 3$
- No Story shall exceed  $A_a$

## Exceptions

- Unlimited area buildings
- Buildings with NFPA 13R sprinkler system

$A_a$  – Allowable Area PER STORY

## Step 3 – Max Building vs. Story Areas

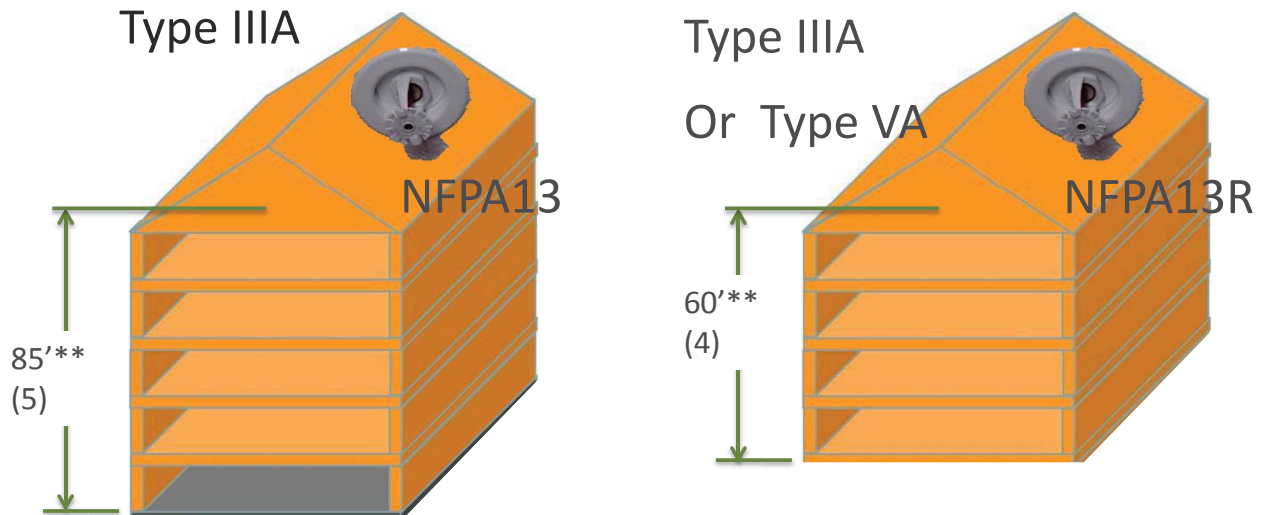


Occupancy	IIIA	VA
Story Area	72,000 +18,000 (max frontage)	36,000 +9,000(max frontage)
Building Area	216,000 +54,000 (max frontage)	108,000 +27,000 (max frontage)

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## Step 3 – Max Building vs. Story Areas



Occupancy	IIIA (NFPA 13)	IIIA (NFPA 13R)	VA (NFPA 13R)
Story Area	72,000 (3x tabulated)	24,000 (=tabulated)	12,000 (=tabulated)
Building Area	216,000 (3x story)	96,000 (4x story)	48,000 (4x story)

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## Case Study: Innovations in Wood

### Emory Point

Location: Atlanta, GA

3 buildings complete - Luxury Apt., retail, restaurants

- (1) 5 story Type III wood frame over slab on grade
- (2) 4 stories of wood over 1 story concrete podium

35% savings

- \$14/sf (wood concept)
- \$22/sf (PT conc. Slab and frame)



Architect: Cooper Carry, The Preston Partnership

Engineer: Ellinwood + Machado, Pruitt Eberly Stone

Contractor: Fortune-Johnson Contracting

Completed: 2012

Photo credit: Gables Residential

# Mixed Use Occupancy

Located at woodworks.org – design tools – online calculators – Heights and Areas Calculator

[project name] www.ara4help.com  
help is one click away Version: 12-IBC-01 Expires: 12/12/13

Select the Code:  2012 IBC  2009 IBC  2006 IBC

Type of Construction: III A

Building Height (ft): 85  
Number of stories: 5

Max Permitted Height (ft) without 903.3.1.1 Sprinklers: 65

Sprinklers Throughout per 903.3.1.1 (not substituted for 1hr construction)

$I_f = 0.7500$

Floor #	Occup. Area (s.f.)	Occup. Area (s.f.)	Occup. Area (s.f.)	Occup. Area (s.f.)	Area per floor
1	B : 20,000.00	M : 30,000.00			50,000.00
2	R-1 : 20,000.00	B : 30,000.00			50,000.00
3	R-1 : 50,000.00				50,000.00
4	R-1 : 50,000.00				50,000.00
5	R-1 : 50,000.00				50,000.00

CHA Overall Building:  
Area: SPA  
Height: SPH  
Stories: SPS

CHA Per Each Occupancy Group @ Entire Building:  
(Sec. 026.4)

Occup.	Result	Permitted	Proposed
B	OK	330,000.00	90,000.00
M	OK	208,125.00	90,000.00
R-1	OK	270,000.00	170,000.00

CHA Per Occupancy Group @ Each Level:

Level	Area	Height	Stories	Result	Permitted	Proposed
Level 1	100,875.00	85	6	OK	69,375.00	30,000.00
Level 2	90,000.00	85	5	OK	106,875.00	30,000.00
Level 3	90,000.00	85	5	OK		
Level 4	90,000.00	85	5	OK		
Level 5	90,000.00	85	5	OK		

Total Building Area (s.f.): 250,000.00

UK - Unlimited  
NP - Not Permitted  
OL - Over Permitted Limit

SPH - Sprinklers used for Height increase  
SPS - Sprinklers used for Story increase  
SPA - Sprinklers used for Area increase

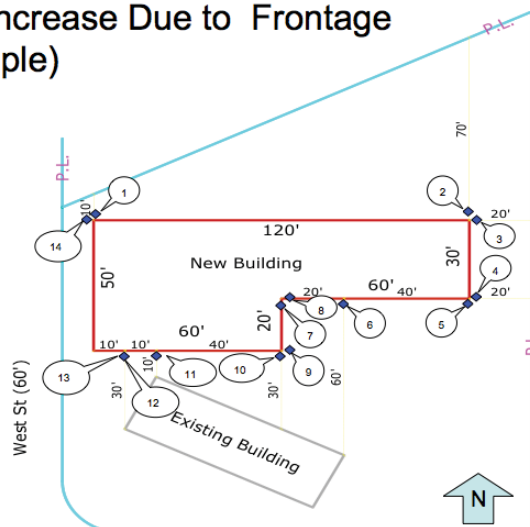
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Point #	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
LWall (ft)													
Yard (ft)	0.00												

Point #	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
LWall (ft)													
Yard (ft)	0.00												

## Area Increase Due to Frontage (Example)



## Step 4–Addition of Mezzanine

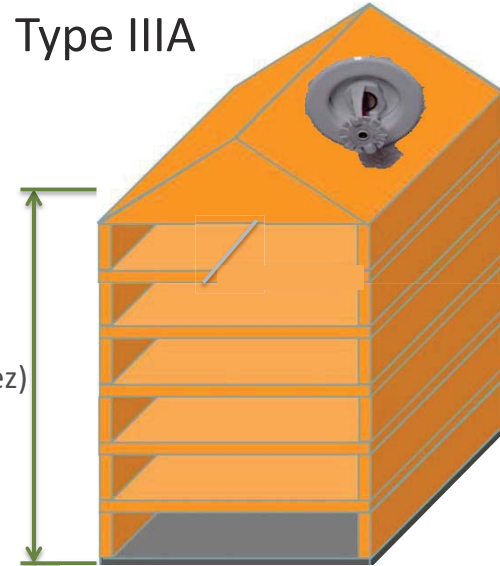
An intermediate level or levels between the floor and ceiling of any story and in accordance with *IBC* Section 505.

Occupancy	IIIA (NFPA 13)
Story Area	72,000* (3x tabulated)
Building Area	216,000 (3x story area)

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85' \*\*  
(5+ mez)



## Mezzanines – IBC 505

**Not counted toward building area\*\* or height if:**

- Maximum 1/3 floor area of *room* or *space* where located
- Special egress provisions apply
- Must be open and unobstructed to room in which it's located (walls  $\leq 42''$  allowed)
  - Several exceptions
- Slightly different for equipment platforms

\*\*Does count toward fire area with regard to fire protection in Chapter 9

# Case Study: Maximizing View and Value With Wood

## Marselle Condominiums

Location: Seattle WA

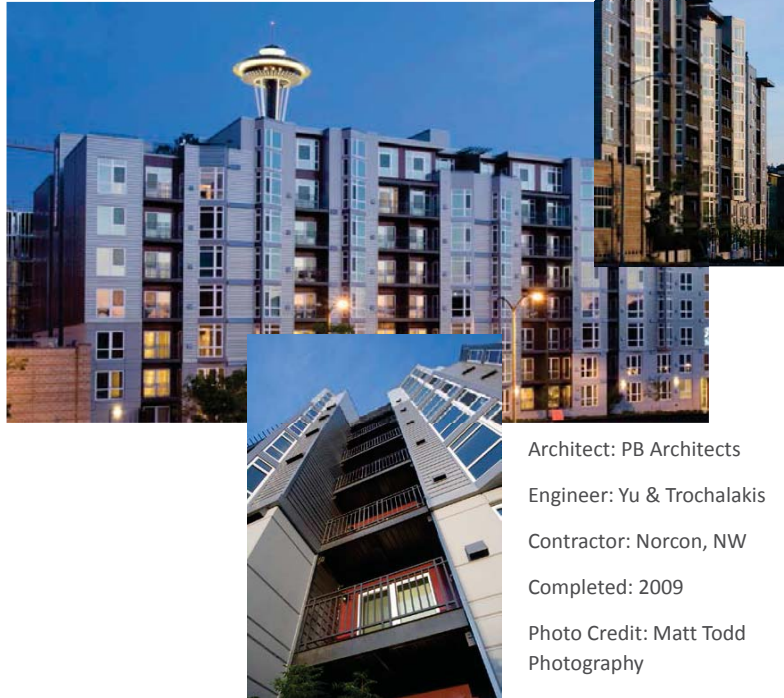
Type IIIA condo complex

5 -1/2 stories of wood  
over 2 stories of concrete

mezzanine added \$250K  
cost but \$1M in value

30% cost savings over  
concrete

Time savings over steel



Architect: PB Architects  
Engineer: Yu & Trochalakis  
Contractor: Norcon, NW  
Completed: 2009  
Photo Credit: Matt Todd  
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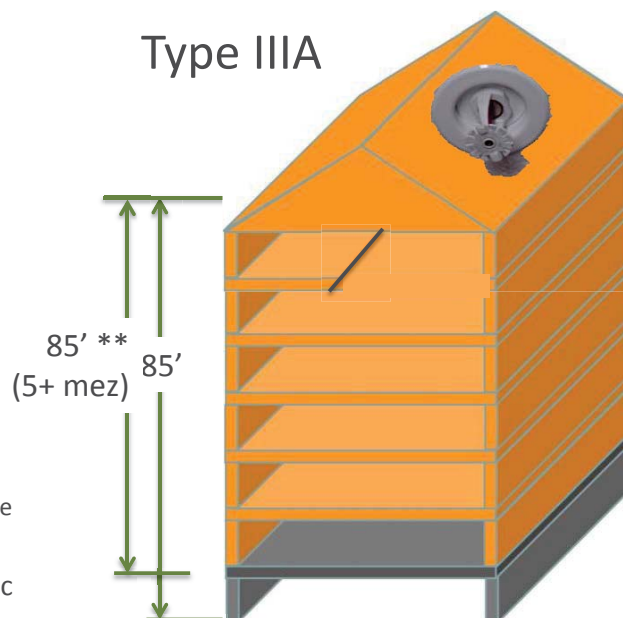
## Step 4-Horizontal Building Separation

Horizontal Assembly = a fire-resistance-rated floor or roof assembly of materials designed to restrict the spread of fire in which continuity is maintained



Drs Jullian and Raye Richardson Apts.  
San Francisco, CA  
David Baker Architect, Photo Credits: Bruce Damonte

\*\*ASCE7 12.2-1 limits wood shear wall seismic systems to 65' in height in SDC D,E,F





# Horizontal Building Separation – 510.2

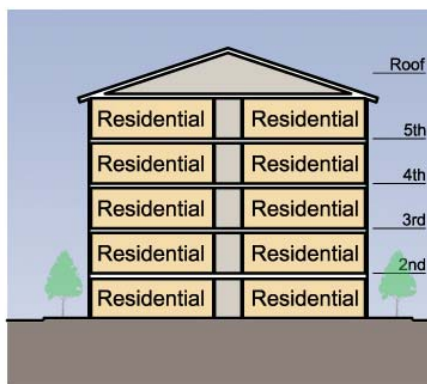
Considered separate buildings above and below for purposes of area calculations if:

- overall height is still limited to min of either building
- 3hr rated horizontal assembly
- Building below is one story above grade
- Building below is Type 1A with sprinklers
- Enclosures penetrating horizontal assembly are 2hr rated
- occupancy above is A, B, M, R or S
- occupancy below is A, B, M, R or S-2

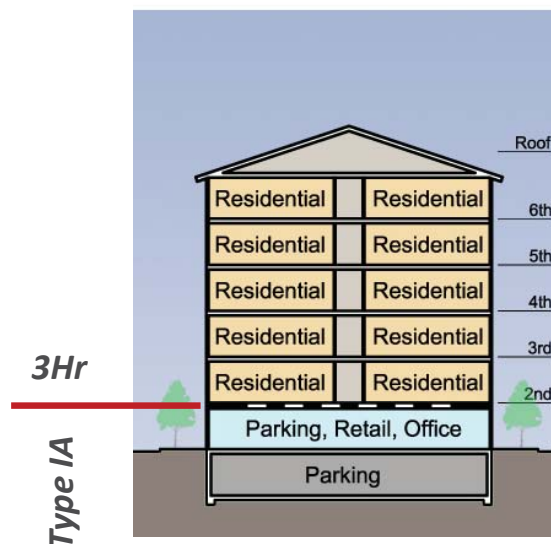
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## IBC Podium Provisions



5 story Type III Building



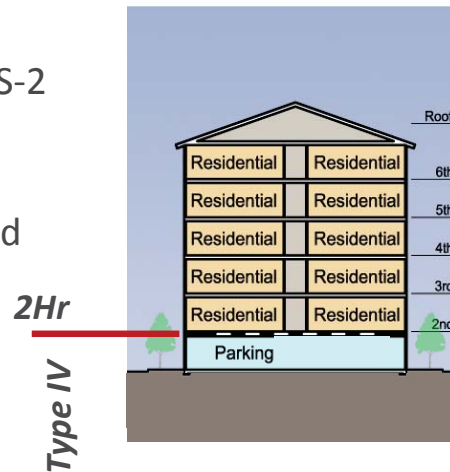
5 story Type III Building  
On Top of a Type IA Podium

*Special Provisions for Podiums in IBC 2012 510.2  
Increases allowable stories... not allowable building height*

# Parking Beneath Group R – IBC 510.4

Possibility of a Type IV podium where number of stories starts above parking when:

- Occupancy above is R and below is S-2
- Lower floor is open Type IV parking with grade entrance
- Horizontal assembly between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor shall be
  - Type IV
  - Have 1 hr fire resistance rating when sprinklered
  - Have 2 hr fire resistance rating when not sprinklered
- Overall height is still limited to occupancy



**5 story Type III Building  
On Top of a Type IV**

# Horizontal Separation

SEAOC 2012 CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS



## All-wood Podiums in Mid-rise Construction

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WoodWorks  
Newbury Park, CA*

*Karyn Beebe, P.E., LEED AP  
APA  
San Diego, CA*

### Abstract

Concern for the environment and climate change as well as the economic downturn of the past few years have created a demand for sustainable multi-family housing. According to the Washington, D.C.-based National Association of Home Builders Multifamily Production Index (MPI), a leading indicator for the multi-family market, the apartment and condominium housing market has shown steady improvement for six consecutive quarters. However, today's economic and environmental realities have led the building industry to re-evaluate the way we design and build multi-story buildings.

Mid-rise podium construction, consisting of two to four stories of wood framing above a concrete first story (the "podium") and often incorporating additional subterranean concrete levels, is common throughout North America and in

levels of residential units built on top of one or two levels of parking or other non-residential occupancies below. In this paper, we are defining wood podium as the level (or transfer level) between the two or more stories of wood-framed residential occupancy and the lower non-residential occupancy which is traditionally constructed of concrete. In an article titled, "What to Build Now," by Michael Rasse, Dan Withee, AIA, LEED AP, and partner with Withee Malcolm Architects LLP in Terrance, CA states, "Wood podium is basically tuck-under apartments on steroids."

The projects described in this paper have parking, retail, and restaurant space on their first level. The podium is composed of gypsum (or light weight concrete) topping over wood structural panels supported by I-joists and glued laminated (glulam) beams. Both design teams made a conscientious effort to not utilize concrete or steel framing.

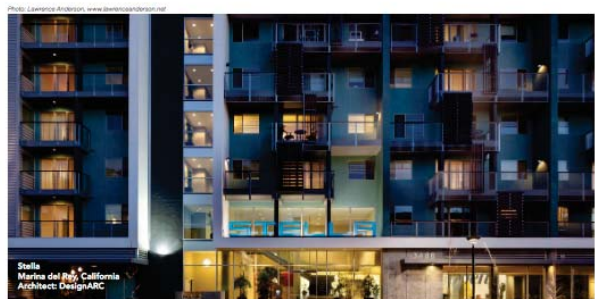
### ALL-WOOD PODIUMS

Although a podium structure typically refers to wood-frame construction over concrete, a handful of designers have lowered their costs even further by designing the podium in wood.

"When determining the cost of a structure, there are a lot variables, including most notably time, materials and labor," said Karyn Beebe, P.E., of APA. "Using wood instead of concrete lowers the mass of the building, which results in more economical podium shear walls and foundations. Using the same material for the entire structure may also mean lower design costs, and the construction team experiences savings in the form of fewer trades on site, which means less mobilization time, greater efficiency because framing is repeated on all of the levels, easier field modifications, and a faster schedule."

Architect Dan Withee, AIA, LEED AP, of Withee Malcolm Architects designed an 85-unit wood podium project in San Diego. He estimated that a concrete podium can cost \$15,000 per parking space compared to \$9,500 for wood podium.<sup>6</sup>

- Horizontal Wood Assemblies are effectively used to transition from Residential units above to Retail/Parking below



## Multi-Story Wood Construction

A cost-effective and sustainable solution for today's changing housing market

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Cost-effective, code-compliant and sustainable, mid-rise wood construction is gaining the attention of design professionals nationwide, who see it as a way to achieve higher density housing at lower cost—while reducing the carbon footprint of their projects. Yet, many familiar with wood construction for two- to four-story residential structures are not aware that the International Building Code (IBC) allows wood-frame

but its benefits are equally applicable to other occupancy types.<sup>7</sup> Among their benefits, wood buildings typically offer faster construction and reduced installation costs. For example, after completing the first phase of a developer-funded five-story student housing project using steel construction, OKW Architects in Chicago switched to wood. "The 12-gauge steel panels were expensive, very heavy and difficult to install; and welding

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

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EARN ONE GBCI CE HOUR FOR LEED CREDENTIAL MAINTENANCE

Learning Objectives After reading this article, you should be able to:

CONTINUING EDUCATION



# Case Study: Horizontal Separation

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## Galt Place Apartments

Location: Galt, CA

Mixed Use Residential over  
Retail and Parking

Architect: Applied Architecture

# Sloped Sites

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Fashion Valley, CA  
AvalonBay Communities



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Seattle, WA  
PB Architects



# Sloped Sites

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**HEIGHT, BUILDING.** The vertical distance from *grade plane* to the average height of the highest roof surface.

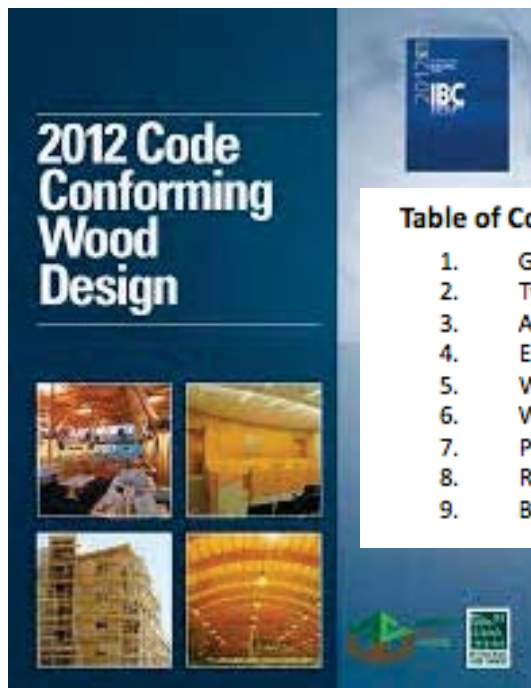
**GRADE PLANE.** A reference plane representing the average of finished ground level adjoining the building at *exterior walls*. Where the finished ground level slopes away from the *exterior walls*, the reference plane shall be established by the lowest points within the area between the building and the *lot line* or, where the *lot line* is more than 6 feet (1829 mm) from the building, between the building and a point 6 feet (1829 mm) from the building.



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Matt Church - Davis Church Structural Engineers

# 2012 Code Conforming Wood

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## Fire Resistance Ratings

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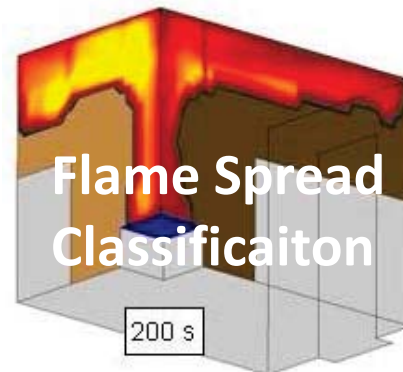
### Key Differences in Fire Ratings for Construction Types

	IIIA	IIIB	VA
Exterior (bearing) wall framing	FRT	FRT	non-FRT
<b>Exterior wall fire rating</b>	<b>2 hr</b>	<b>2 hr</b>	1 hr
Floor assembly fire rating	1 hr	0 hr	1 hr
<b>Fire wall rating</b>	<b>3 hr</b>	<b>3 hr</b>	2 hr

### IBC Tables 601 & 706.4

Note: FRT = Fire Retardant Treated

# Fire Performance



## Fire-Resistance Rated Wall Assemblies

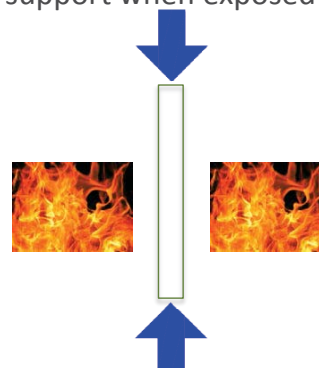
**Fire-Resistance Rating:** The period of time a building element, component or assembly maintains the ability to confine a fire, continues to perform a given structural function, or both, as determined by the tests, or the methods based on tests, prescribed in Section 703.

Tested under a standardized test fire exposure for a given duration to:

1. Prevent the passage of flame and temperature rise from one side to the other
2. Continue to provide vertical structural support when exposed to fire and elevated temperatures



**Fire Confinement**



**Structural Performance**

# Fire-Resistance Rated Wall Assemblies

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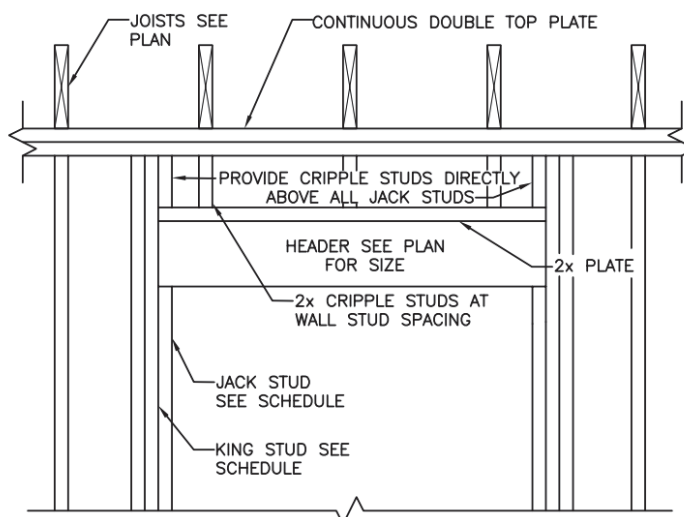
There are five basic types of fire-resistance rated wall assemblies:

- Light Frame Bearing Walls (IBC 704.4.1)
- Exterior Walls (IBC 705)
- Fire Wall or Party Wall (IBC 706)
- Fire Barrier (IBC 707)
- Fire Partition (IBC 708)

## Light Frame Bearing Walls (IBC 704.4.1)

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King studs, jack studs, and boundary elements may have fire-resistance rating provided by membrane in load bearing wall

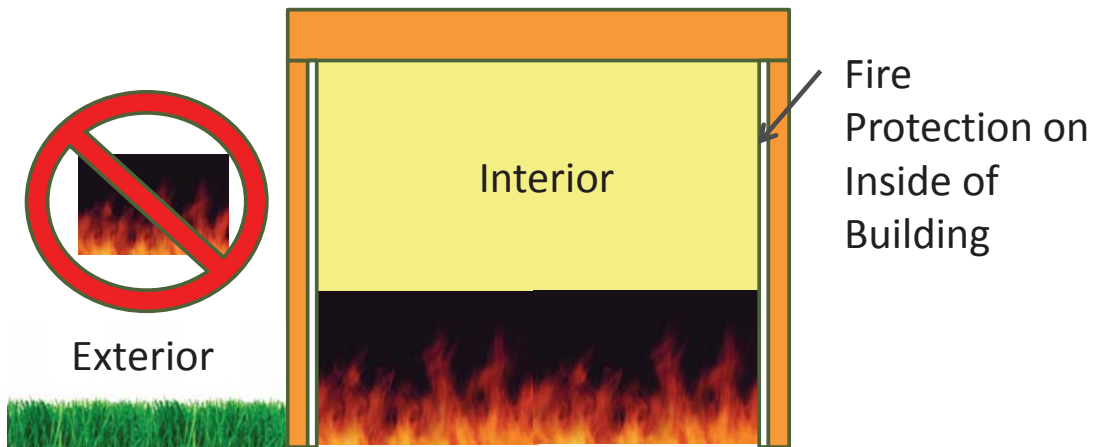


Typ. Bearing Wall Opening Framing



# Exterior Walls - FSD

Basic assumption is that fires begin at the interior and rated wall assemblies are not required *from* the exterior unless close to another structure.



# Exterior Walls (IBC 705)

**705.5 Fire Resistance Ratings:** Exterior walls shall be fire-resistance rated in accordance with Tables 601 and 602 and this section. The required fire-resistance rating of exterior walls with a fire separation distance of greater than 10 feet (3048 mm) shall be rated for exposure to fire from the inside. The required fire-resistance rating of exterior walls with a fire separation distance of less than or equal to 10 feet (3048 mm) shall be rated for exposure to fire from both sides.

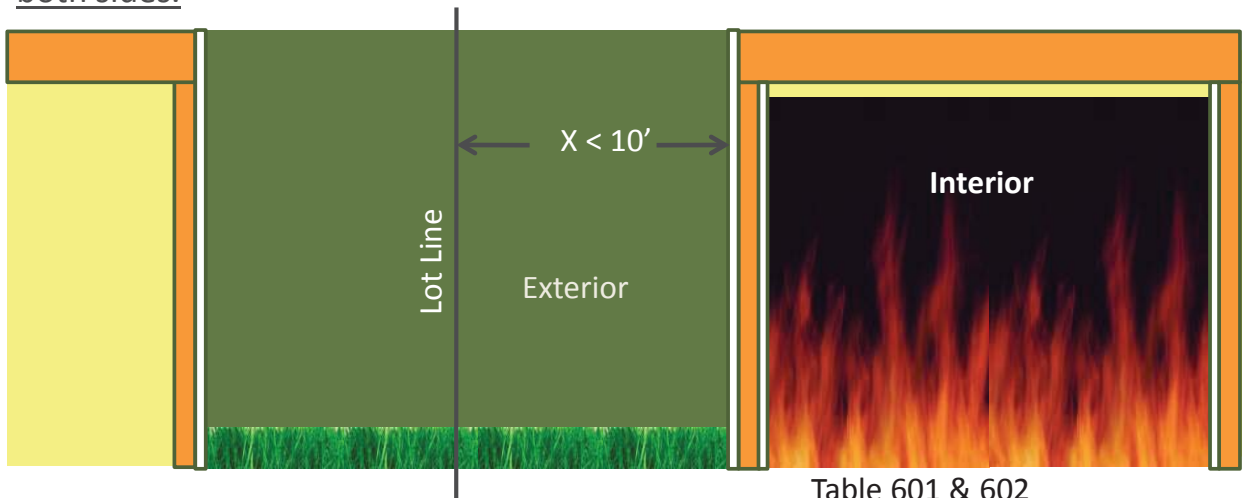


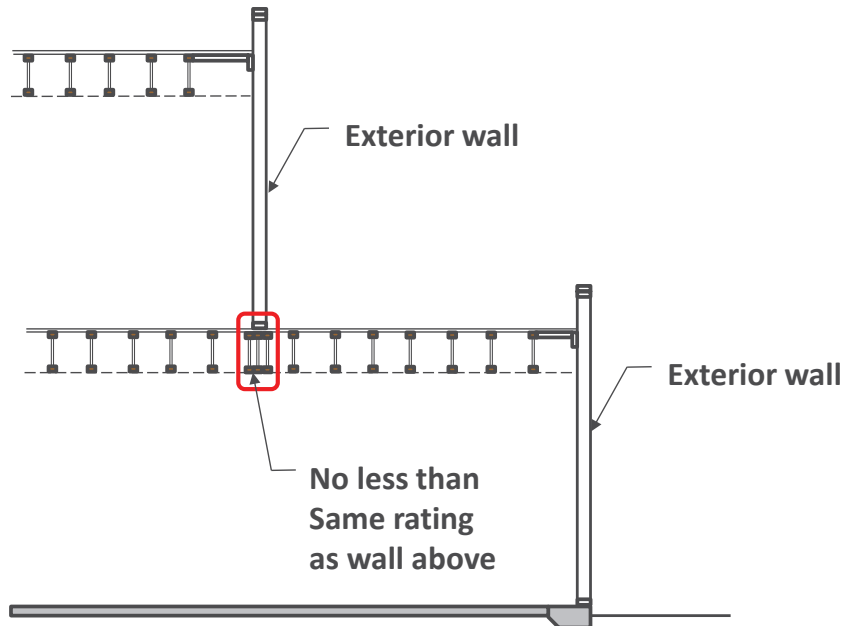
Table 601 & 602

## Exterior Walls – Vertical Offsets

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There is no requirement for an exterior wall to extend to the foundation in a stepped building.

Posts, beams or walls, that support a rated exterior wall must be fire – resistance rated not less than the rating of the supported wall (IBC 704.1 )



## Exterior Walls - Asymmetry


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Common issues with tested assemblies:

- Assembly Asymmetry- separate assemblies for each side

# Exterior Walls – Using FRT Studs

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The Design Inform

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*“Wood stud walls may contain fire-retardant-treated studs as well as untreated wood studs. The use of fire-retardant-treated plywood (wood structural panels) may be used in Designs that contain use of untreated plywood when all other specified attributes are equivalent to the wood structural panel used in the Design.”*

## Exterior Walls – Addition of WSP

### 4.7 Fire-resistive Construction:

As an alternate to plywood of the same thickness, structural-use panels may be used in one-hour fire-resistive floor-ceiling or roof-ceiling assemblies permitted by the applicable code. In lieu of  $1\frac{5}{32}$ -inch-thick (11.9 mm) or  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch-thick (12.7 mm) plywood, two-layer assemblies are permitted to be constructed with  $\frac{7}{16}$ -inch-thick (11.1 mm), nonveneer rated sheathing (span-rated 24/16).

The  $1\frac{3}{32}$ -inch- or  $1\frac{1}{8}$ -inch-thick (27.8 mm or 28.6 mm) Sturd-I-Floor (rated 48 oc) panels may be substituted for the double-wood floor for one-hour wood-floor construction.

Structural-use panels may be installed between the fire protection and the wood studs on either the interior or exterior side of fire-resistance-rated wood frame wall and partition assemblies described in the applicable code, provided the length of fasteners is adjusted for the added thickness of the panel.

Tongue-and-groove structural-use panels that are either  $1\frac{3}{32}$  inch or  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inch (27.8 mm or 28.6 mm) thick, with exterior glue, may be substituted for the plywood permitted in the code for heavy timber roof decks in Type IV construction.

Common issue with tested assemblies:

- Inclusion of wood structural panel – ESR2586 & AWC’s DCA4 OR Gypsum Association Manual Guidelines



**Component Additive Method (CAM) for Calculating and Demonstrating Assembly Fire Resistance**

Wood-frame walls and floors offer designers a unique opportunity to provide structures with economy as well as proven energy performance. Where these assemblies are required by the building codes to achieve a minimum fire resistance rating, a wide range of options for design exists.

developed from conducting a series of fire resistance tests. The Component Additive Method (CAM) provides for calculating the fire resistance of load bearing and non-load bearing floor, wall, ceiling and roof assemblies. The calculated fire resistance provisions within Section 722.6 of the *International Building Code® (IBC)* were developed using CAM.

**Building Code Requirements**

# Fire Wall, Barrier, Partition

## Fire wall (IBC 706)

- Divides structure into separate buildings
- Continuous from foundation (or top of three hour podium) to or through roof
- Structural stability required to allow collapse on either side from fire without causing collapse of fire wall
- Special requirements at roof and intersection with exterior walls, at horizontal projecting elements and between stepped buildings
- Required to be of non-combustible construction except in type V construction
- 2 to 4 hour rated (Table 706.4)

## Fire Barrier (IBC 707)

- Designed to restrict the spread of fire with continuity through the building
- Divides structure into fire areas, and fire barriers are required for various purposes such as shaft enclosures, exit enclosures, atrium separation, occupancy separations, and control or incidental use areas.
- Supported by construction of equal fire resistance-rating (except for incidental use areas in type IIB, IIIB and VB construction)
- 1 to 4 hour rated (table 707.3.10)

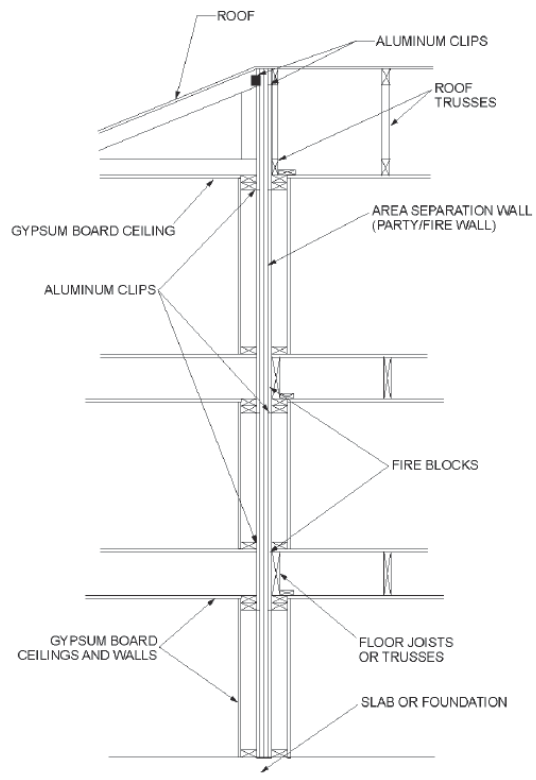
## Fire Partition (IBC 708)

- Separates dwelling units, sleeping areas, corridors, and tenant spaces.
- May terminate at the lower side of a fire-resistance rated floor/ceiling/roof assembly
- In most instances fire partitions are not required to be supported by fire resistance-rated construction in type IIB, IIIB and VB construction (section 708.4)
- Rated 1 hour or less (IBC section 708.3)

## Fire Walls – Structural Stability

### 706.2 Structural Stability:

Fire walls shall have sufficient structural stability under fire conditions to allow collapse of construction on either side without collapse of the wall for the duration of time indicated by the required fire-resistance rating or shall be constructed as double fire walls in accordance with NFPA 221.





# Fire Walls – Ratings & Materials

**TABLE 706.4  
FIRE WALL FIRE-RESISTANCE RATINGS**

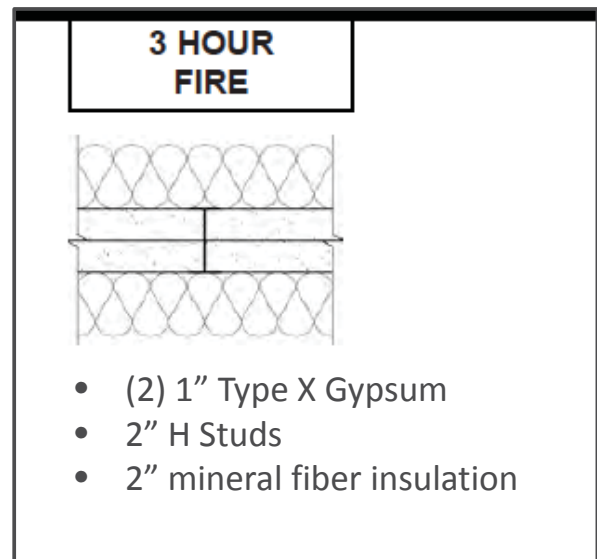
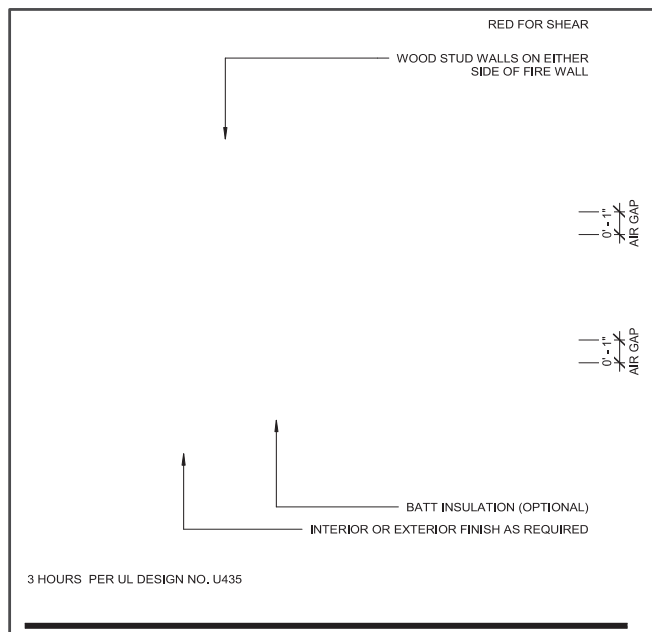
GROUP	FIRE-RESISTANCE RATING (hours)
A, B, E, H-4, I, R-1, R-2, U	3 <sup>a</sup>
F-1, H-3 <sup>b</sup> , H-5, M, S-1	3
H-1, H-2	4 <sup>b</sup>
F-2, S-2, R-3, R-4	2

- a. In Type II or V construction, walls shall be permitted to have a 2-hour fire-resistance rating.
- b. For Group H-1, H-2 or H-3 buildings, also see Sections 415.6 and 415.7.

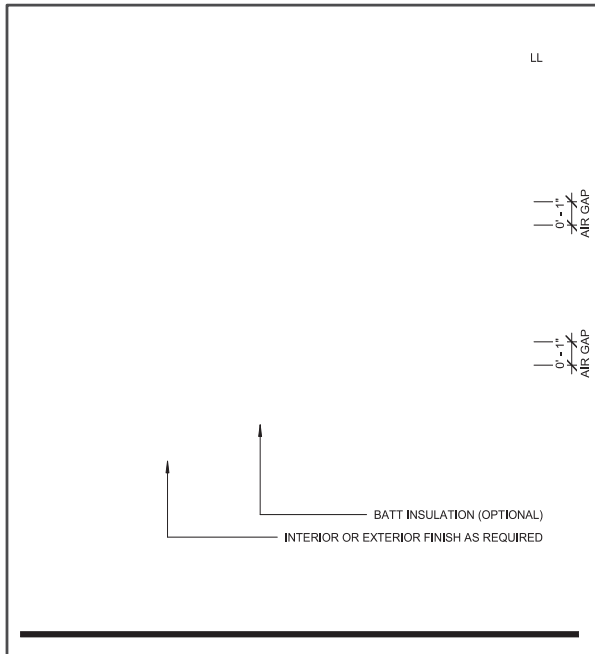
**IBC 706.3** – Fire walls shall be of any approved non-combustible materials.

**Exception:** Buildings of Type V construction

## Fire Wall - Assembly

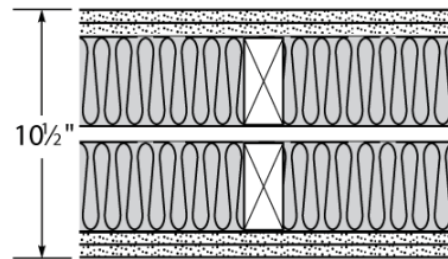


# 2 HR Fire Wall– Type V



CAD & Revit Details: [www.woodworks.org](http://www.woodworks.org)

## Fire Rated System Design - GA WP-3820



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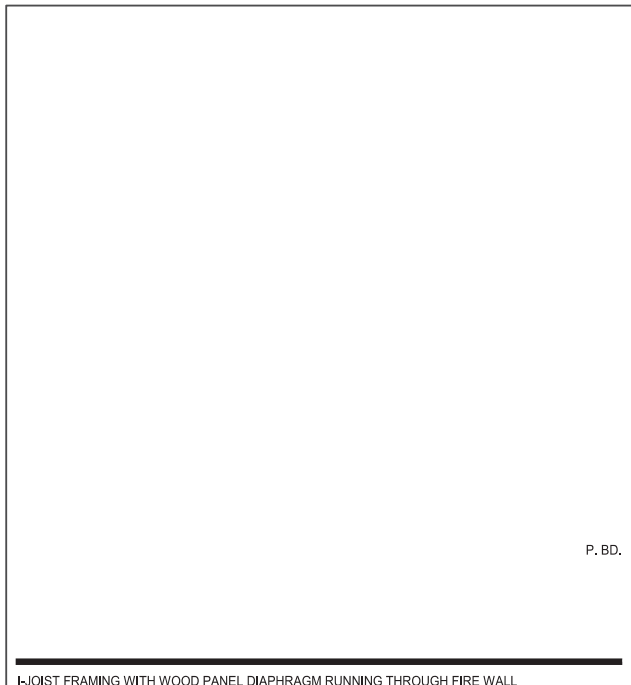
## GA WP-3820

### Area Separation Wall - Wood Stud (Loadbearing)

Fire Rating	STC / Sound Test	System Thickness
<b>2 hour</b>	<b>58 dB</b> Sound Test: GA-NGC-3056	<b>3-1/2"</b>

<http://www.usgdesignstudio.com/wall-selector.asp?framingType=18708&bldgSystem=18620>

# Fire Walls – Diaphragm Continuity



I-JOIST FRAMING WITH WOOD PANEL DIAPHRAGM RUNNING THROUGH FIRE WALL



G WITHOUT WOOD PANEL DIAPHRAGM RUNNING THROUGH FIRE WALL

CAD & Revit Details: [www.woodworks.org](http://www.woodworks.org)

# Fire Walls – Diaphragm Continuity



## SEAOSC LIGHT-FRAMING CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SEISMOLOGY OPINION

DATE: March 21, 2008

### Continuity of Plywood Diaphragm Sheathing in 2 hr and 3hr Fire Walls:

**Opinion:** The continuity of plywood diaphragm sheathing should be maintained across the air gap commonly encountered in double stud Firewalls of 2 or 3 hour construction. The intent is to ensure that structural continuity is not significantly reduced in the roof and floor diaphragms.

### **Commentary:**

This opinion is prepared to address the issue of diaphragm continuity as it relates to recent changes in 2007 CBC and 2006 IBC model code. Specifically the outgoing UBC provisions for Area-Separation walls have more or less been replaced by the Fire wall provisions of the IBC. Such walls are encountered in light-frame multifamily or mixed-use construction and are often constructed as a double studwall when occurring at partywall locations. The double stud walls are typically separated by an airspace of a one to four inches.

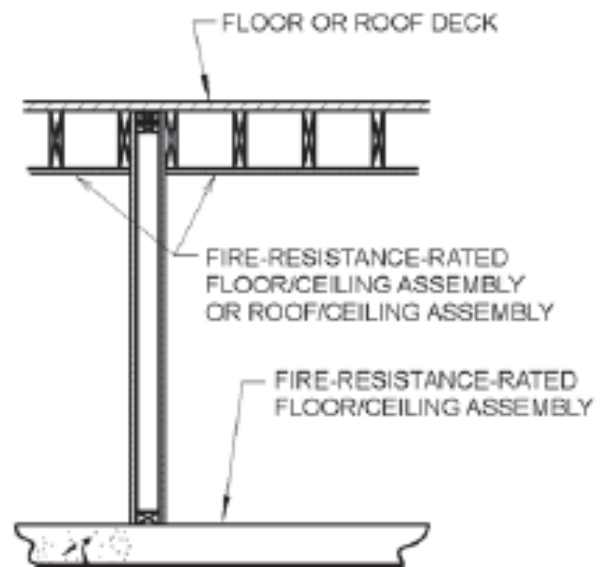
The IBC has introduced language [IBC 705.4] that states fire walls must have "sufficient structural stability" under fire conditions to allow collapse of either side. Previous commentary to the UBC topic of Area Separation

## Fire Barriers – IBC 707

Supported by assembly of equal or greater fire resistance (with exceptions when required for separating incidental use areas in type IIB, IIIB and VB construction)

Commonly used in:

- Shaft enclosures
- Interior exit stairway
- Exit stairway enclosures
- Exit passageways
- Incidental uses (IBC 509)
- Occupancy separations
- Atriums
- Creating separate fire areas



# Shaft Walls

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## 705.5: Continuity:

- Extend and attach to foundation to floor/roof
- Through concealed spaces
- Joints and voids shall comply with sections 707.8 and 707.9

## 713.4 Fire-Resistance Rating:

- Not less than 2 hours (4 stories or more)
- 1 hour (less than 4 stories)
- Number of connected stories includes basement but not mezzanine
- Fire rating shall not be less than floor assembly penetrated, but need not exceed 2 hours



# Wood Framed Shaft Walls

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Using wood framed shaft walls can:

- Eliminate lateral load considerations associated with attaching wood diaphragms to concrete or masonry shaft walls (SDPWS 4.1.5)
- Eliminate differential shrinkage at floor to wall transition
- Eliminate different construction trades in building during construction
- Reduce costs
- Improve schedule





# Shaft Wall Details

2 layers 5/8" thk.  
Type "X" GWB  
each side for 2 hr.  
rating

Rim joist

WSP sht'g  
as required

2x6 studs

Concrete topping

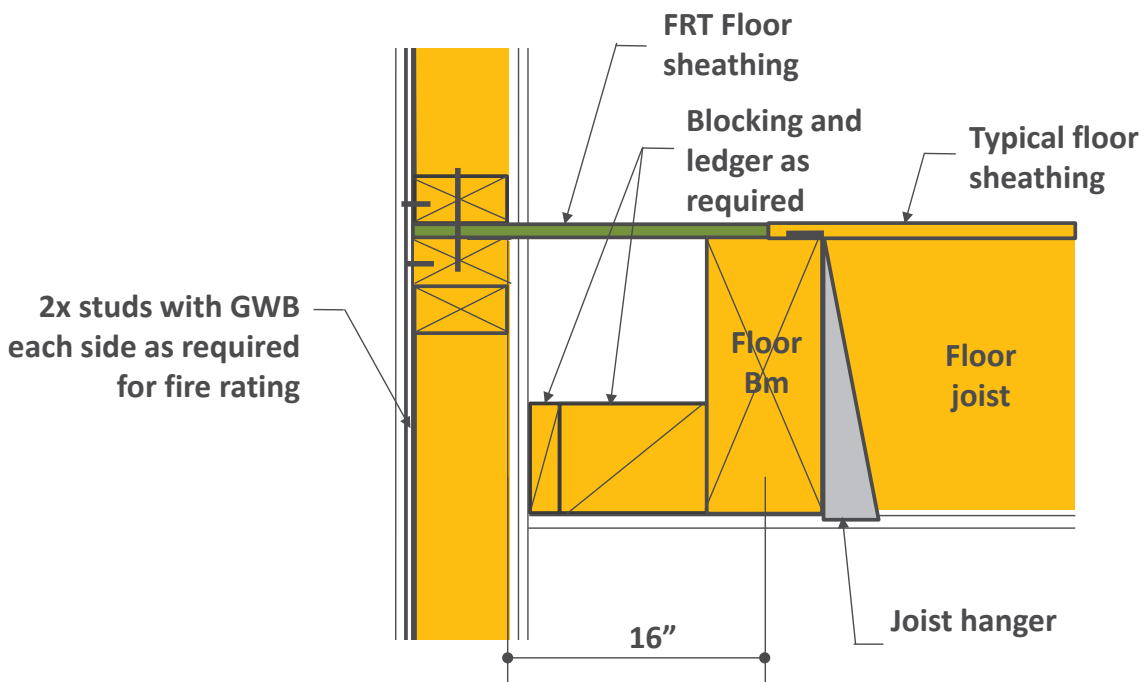
Floor joists

Dbl. row of solid  
blocking to  
continue fire  
rating



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# Shaft Wall Details



# Elevator Shaft Wall

2 layers 5/8" thk. Type "X" GWB each side for 2 hr. rating

Elevator guide rails and support bracket with slotted holes

Galvanized metal spacer

Double stud wall

Nailer plate

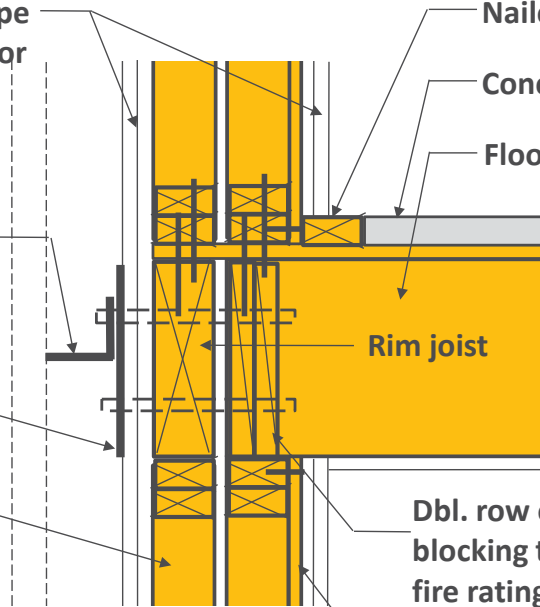
Concrete topping

Floor joists

Rim joist

Dbl. row of solid blocking to continue fire rating

WSP sht'g as required



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# Corridors - 1hr Floor

Floor sheathing

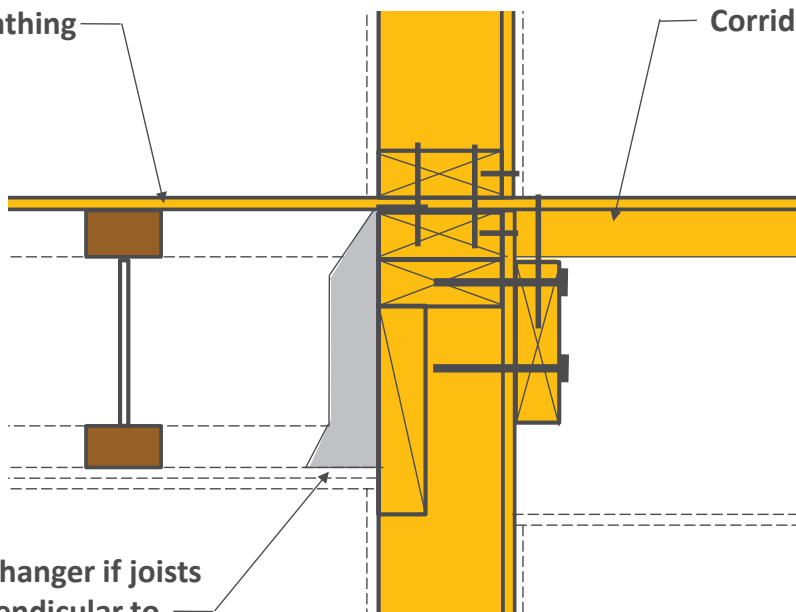
Corridor decking Legend



Untreated



FRT Wood



Joist hanger if joists perpendicular to wall

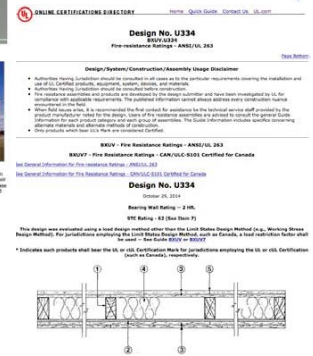
# Choosing Fire Rated Assemblies

Tested assemblies (ASTM E119) per IBC 703.2:

- UL Listings
- Gypsum Catalog
- Proprietary Manufacturer Tests
- Industry Documents: such as AWC's DCA3

Alternate Methods per IBC 703.3

- Prescriptive designs per IBC 721.1
- Calculated Fire Resistance per IBC 722
- Fire-resistance designs documented in sources
- Engineering analysis based on a comparison
- Fire-resistance designs certified by an approved agency



# Balconies – IBC 1406.3

Balconies of combustible construction and not FRT shall be:

- Rated in accordance w/ Table 601 for floors
- Or be of Type IV
- And shall not exceed 50% of bldg perimeter

Exceptions

- Balconies in Type III, IV and V can be of type V const and shall not have fire resistance rating if sprinkler protection provided
- Untreated wood is permitted for rails and guardrails

# Balconies – IBC 1406.3

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So....

For Type III or V balcony options are:

1. Non-combustible – no sprinklers/no fire rating
2. FRT – no fire sprinklers/no fire rating
3. Type IV– no fire sprinklers/no fire rating
4. Non treated – fire sprinkler/no fire rating
5. Non treated – fire rated per 601 & 602/ no sprinkler



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## Mid-Rise Construction Types

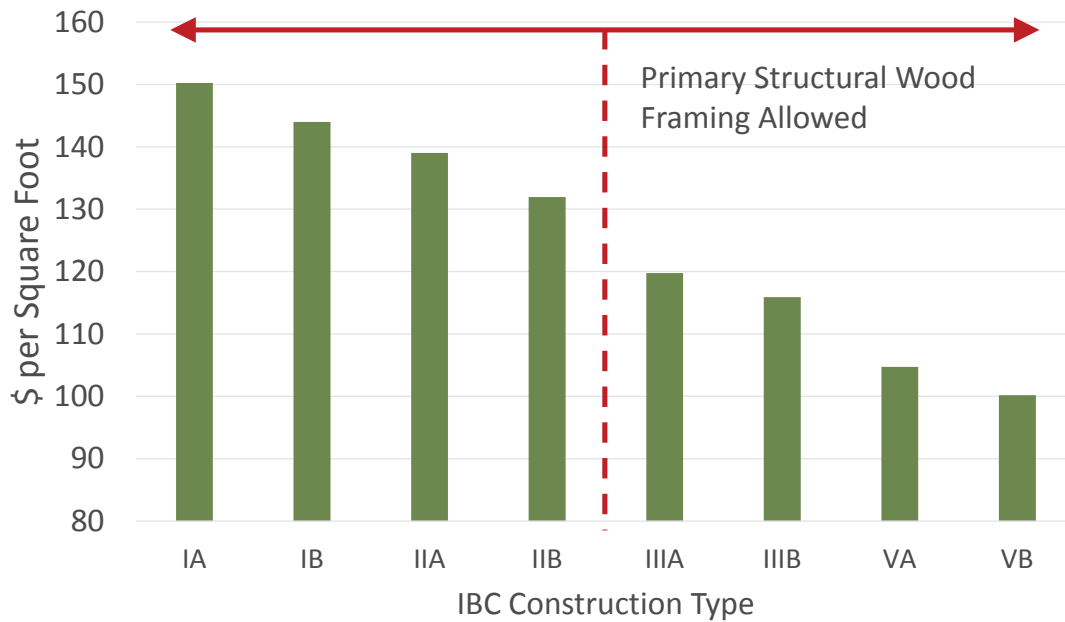
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Materials	Protected Elements	Less Protected Elements	Unprotected Elements
Non-Combustible	IA, IIA	IB	IIB
Combustible	-	-	-
Mixed Systems	IIIA	IIIB	-
Heavy Timber	-	IV	-
Any Materials	VA	-	VB



# IBC Building Valuation Data

International Code Council, Feb 2014 Data  
R-2 Occupancy



# IBC Building Size Limits

Residential (R1, R2, and R4) Occupancies

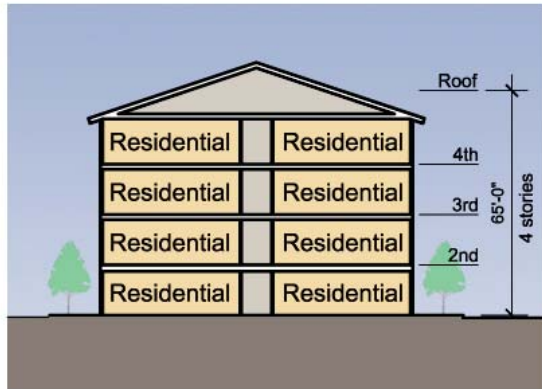
Construction Type Allowable Limit	IIIA	IIIB	VA	VB
Stories	4	4	3	2
Height (ft)	65	55	50	40
Building Area/Story (ft <sup>2</sup> )	24k	16k	12k	7k
Total Building Area* (ft <sup>2</sup> )	72k	48k	36k	14k

\* Assuming max stories built

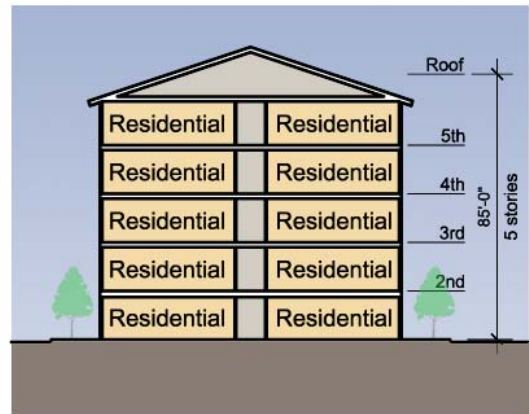
IBC 2012 Table 503 Tabular Values



# IBC Building Size Limits



IIIA Tabular Height Limits



Increased Limits

With NFPA 13 Sprinklers:

IBC gives an allowable Heights and Area Increase



# IBC Building Size Limits with Sprinkler

Residential (R1, R2, and R4) Occupancies

Type IIIA Construction Allowable Limit	Table 503	NPFA 13	NPFA 13	Frontage ?
Stories	4	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
Height (ft)	65	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>
Building Area/Story (ft <sup>2</sup> )	24k	24k	<b>72k</b>	<b>90k</b>
Total Building Area* (ft <sup>2</sup> )	72k	72k	<b>216k</b>	<b>270k</b>

IBC 2012 Section	503	504.2	506.3	506.2
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\* Assuming max stories built per IBC 506.4

? Maximum frontage increase possible

# Case Study: Stella Apartments

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## Stella Apartments

Location: Marina Del Ray, CA

244 Apts., 650K sf total (2 bldgs)

Type IIIA and VA construction

Panelized wood framing saved 1-2 months construction time and \$200,000



Architect: Design ARC. Los Angeles, CA

Photos: Lawrence Anderson,

[www.lawrenceanderson.net](http://www.lawrenceanderson.net)



## Outline

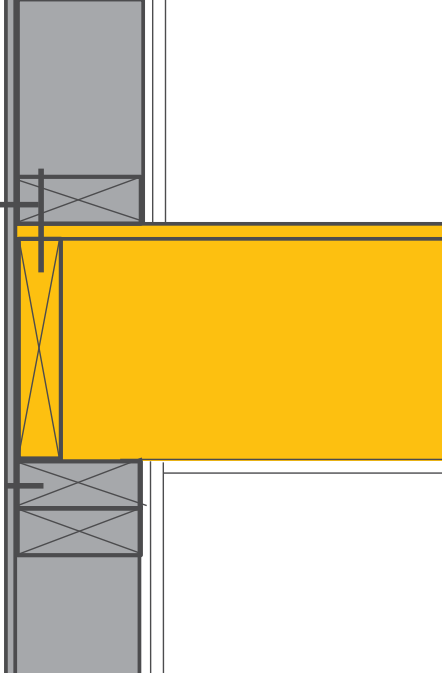
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## Platform Framing

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### Structural

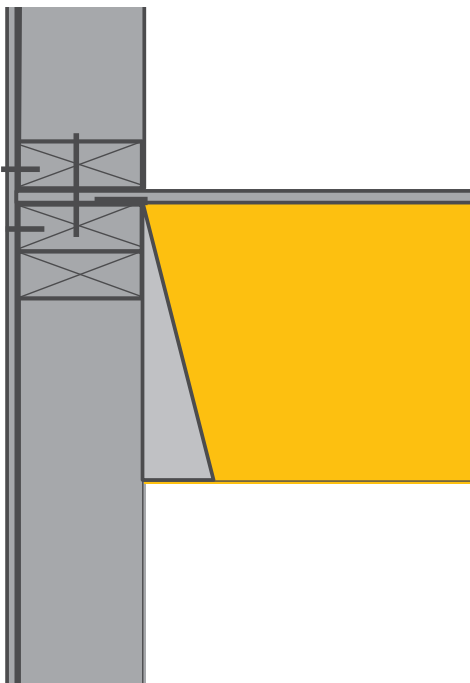
- Direct bearing/ no add'l hardware
- May require load transfer blocking for concentrated loads from above
- Wall sole plate and floor sheathing crushing may need to be considered

### Constructability

- Framing can be completed before drywall and insulation are installed
- Common length studs

## Semi-balloon Framing

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### Structural

- Additional hardware/no direct bearing
- No load transfer blocking req'd

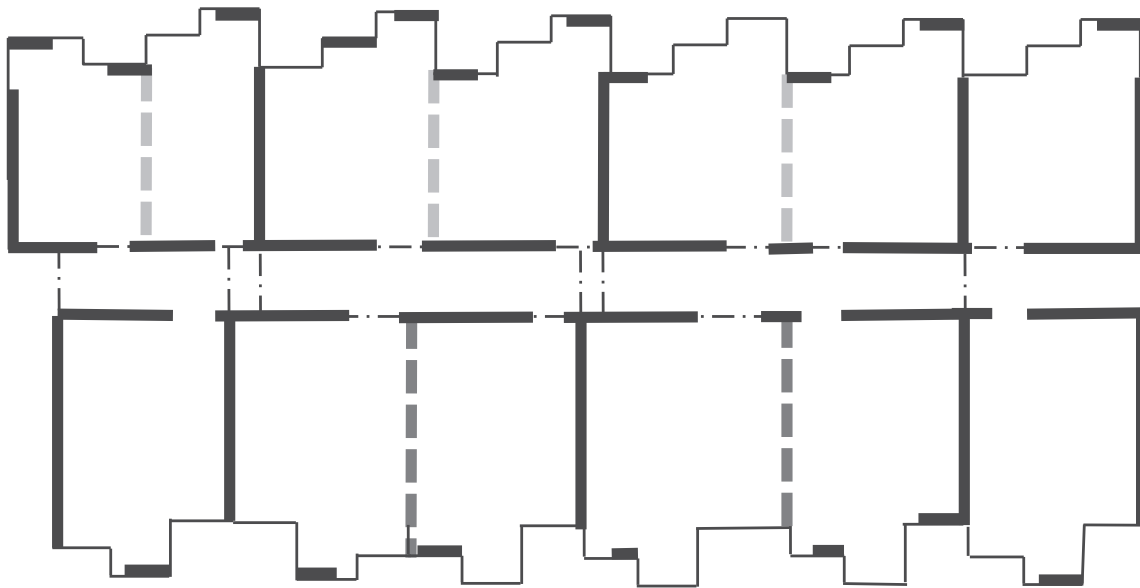
### Rated Assemblies

- May accommodate continuity in exterior walls in Type III construction

### Constructability

- Framing can be completed before drywall and insulation are installed
- Custom length studs
- Can help minimize building shrinkage

# Shear Wall Framing Considerations

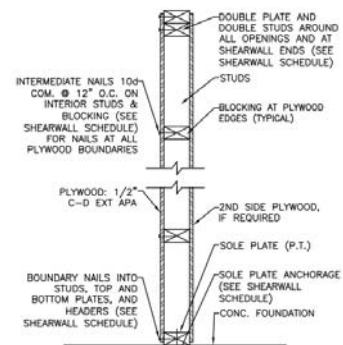
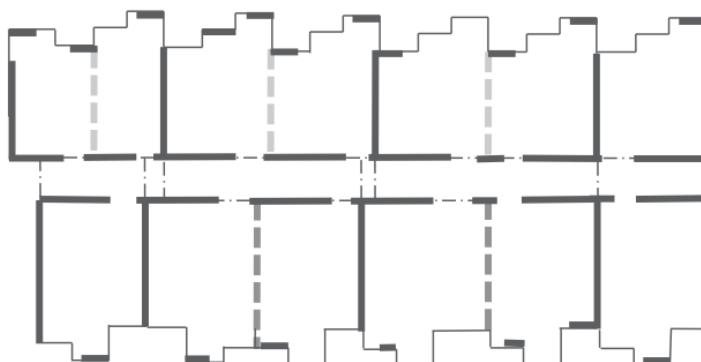


Typical Floor Plan Shear Wall Layout

— Indicates wood sheathed shear wall

# Shear Wall Framing Considerations

- Typical floor plan results in shorter solid wall sections, offset walls, need for more collectors, struts
- Shorter walls = higher concentrated loads
- Higher concentrated loads = tighter nailing, larger hold downs & end posts, possibly double sided sheathing
- Code requirements for wall height to width ratios must be met
- Accumulated loads further concentrate forces in lower level walls



TYPICAL SHEARWALL DETAIL  
SCALE: NOT TO SCALE

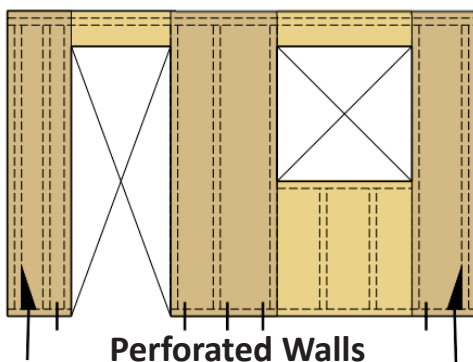
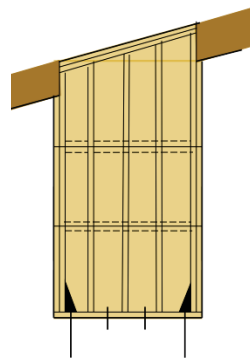
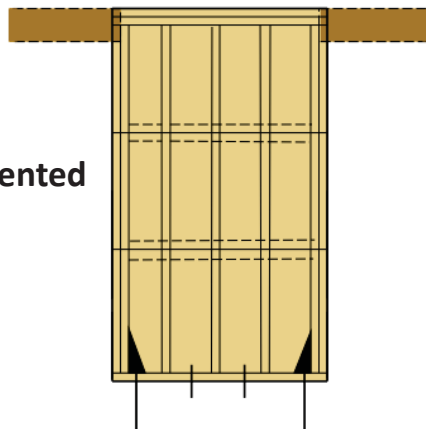
# Shear Wall Framing Considerations

- Shear wall components can affect other building features
- End Posts: More wood in wall = less insulation
- Sheathing on interior walls affect wall finishes, acoustics
- Hold downs, end posts, blocking can affect in-wall utilities
- Openings in walls for MEP can affect shear wall strength

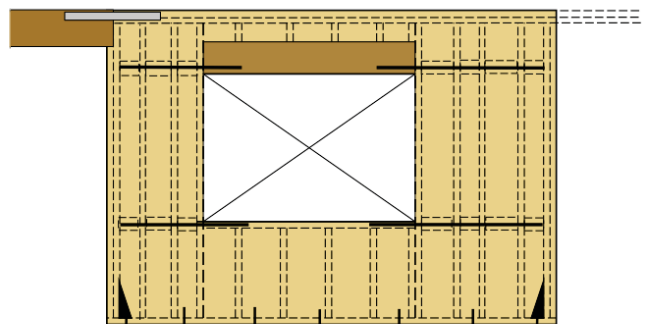


# Shear Wall Configuration Options

**Solid or Segmented Walls**



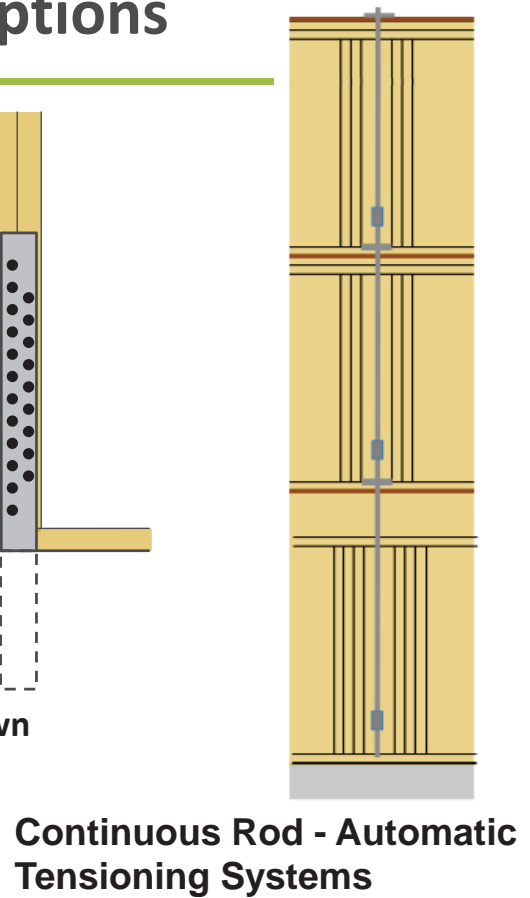
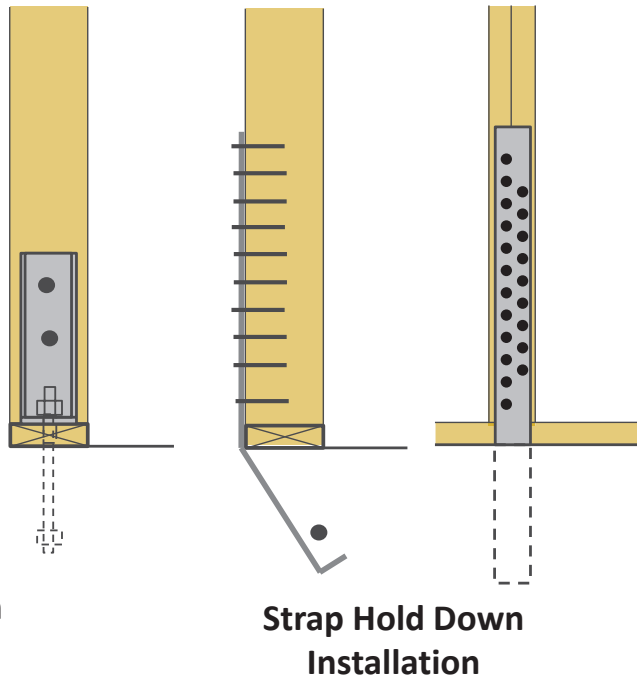
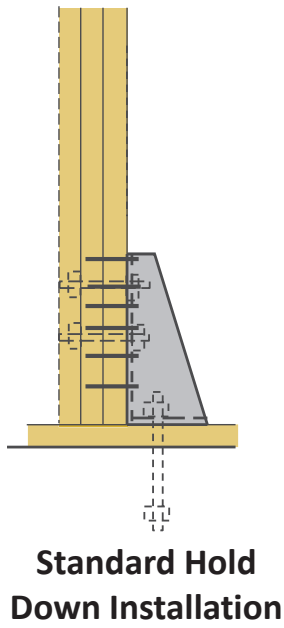
**Perforated Walls**



**Force Transfer Around Openings Walls**

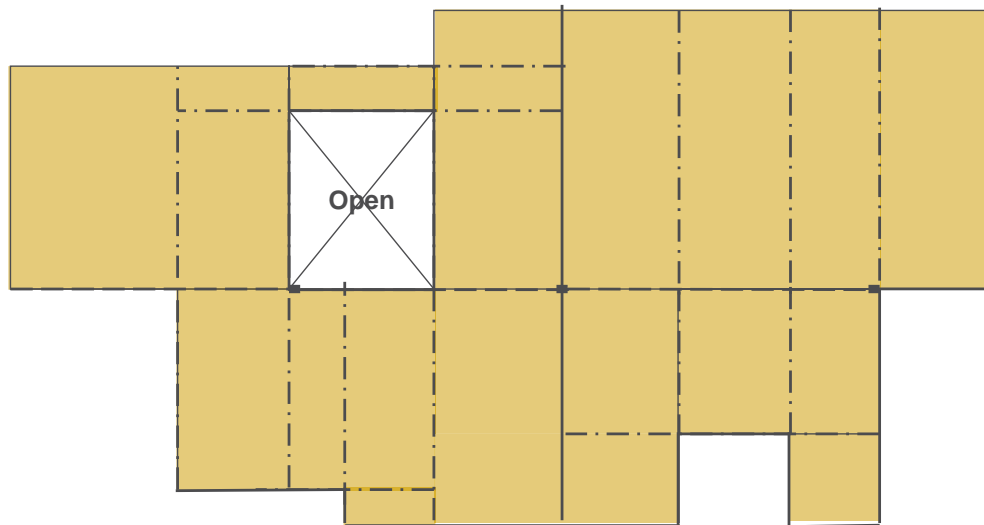
# Shear Wall Hold Down Options

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# Diaphragm Considerations

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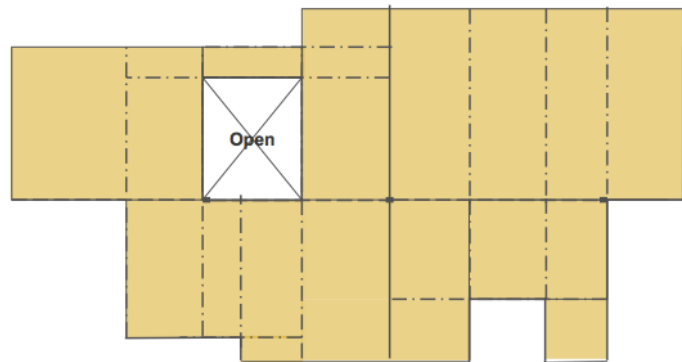
Typical Floor Plan Diaphragm Layout



# Diaphragm Considerations

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- Typical floor plan results in diaphragm offsets, re-entrant corners, discontinuities, openings
- Diaphragm openings, discontinuities = higher concentrated, localized loads
- Higher concentrated loads = tighter nailing, larger chord & strut loads, may require blocked diaphragm
- Code requirements for diaphragm length to width ratios must be met



# Shear Wall to Podium Slab Interface

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- Amplification of seismic forces is required for elements supporting discontinuous walls per ASCE 7-10 12.3.3.3
- Overstrength factor of 3 (may be reduced to 2.5 per footnote g of Table 12.2-1) is required
- Attachment to concrete slab must also conform to ACI 318 Appendix D
- Typically will be transitioning from ASD for wood design to LRFD for concrete design
- Hold down attachments to concrete options: embedded nuts or plates, sleeves through slab, welded studs & reinforcing



# PT Sole Plate vs FRT Continuity

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In type III construction with FRT studs, what happens where the sole plate is in contact with concrete?

- FRTW is required
- PT wood is required

FRT contains about 10x borate compound found in PT (borate is water soluble)

Can specify a product tested to do both



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  - Calculations
  - Recommendations
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# IBC 2012 on Shrinkage

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2304.3.3 Shrinkage. Wood walls and bearing partitions shall not support more than two floors and a roof unless an analysis satisfactory to the building official shows that shrinkage of the wood framing will not have adverse effects on the structure or any plumbing, electrical or mechanical systems, or other equipment installed therein due to excessive shrinkage or differential movements caused by shrinkage. The analysis shall also show that the roof drainage system and the foregoing systems or equipment will not be adversely affected or, as an alternative, such systems shall be designed to accommodate the differential shrinkage or movements.



## Key Factors Influencing Shrinkage

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- Pre-construction moisture content (MC)
- In-service equilibrium moisture content (EMC)
- Cumulative thickness of cross-grain wood contributing to shrinkage

Wood species has relatively little impact since most species used in commercial construction have similar shrinkage properties.

# Basic Wood Shrinkage Theory

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Moisture changes cause dimensional changes perpendicular to grain

Growing tree is filled with water



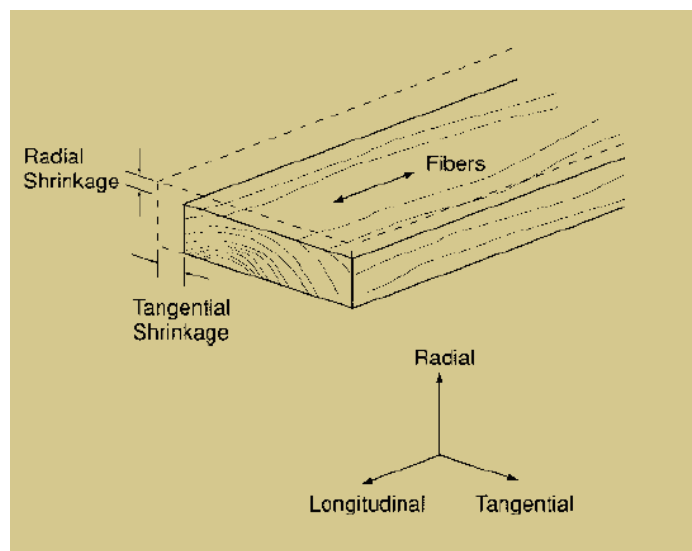
As wood dries, it shrinks perp. to grain

Image: Wood Handbook, Wood as an Engineering Material, USDA Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory, 2010

# Basic Wood Shrinkage Theory

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Shrinkage in lumber expected ACROSS the grain.  
Longitudinal shrinkage is negligible.



Wider & Thicker --- NOT Taller

# Basic Wood Shrinkage Theory

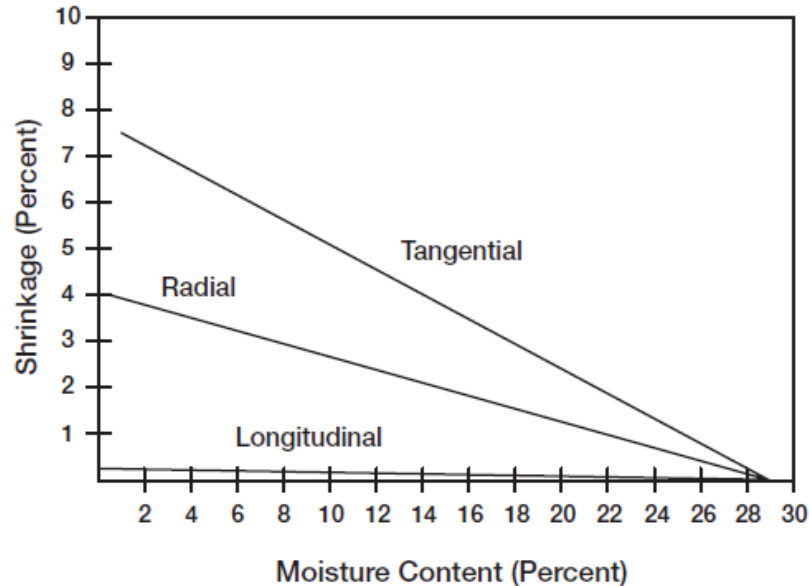


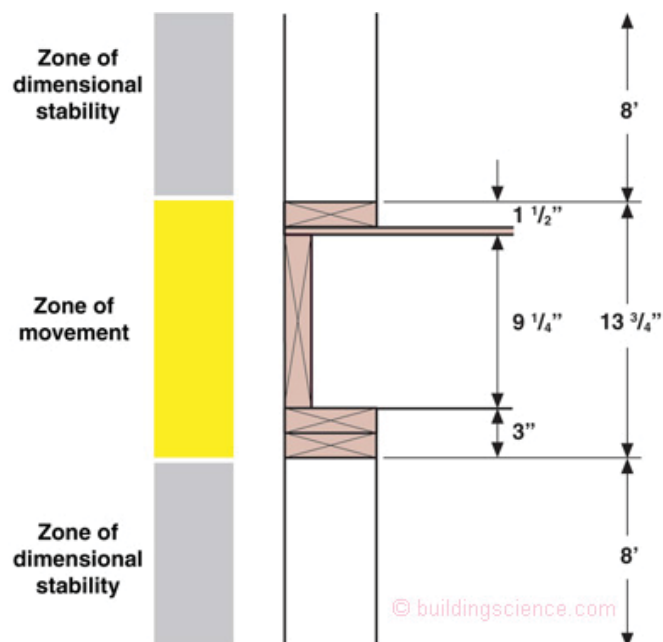
Figure 2. Average shrinkage properties

## Zone of Movement

Shrinkage occurs primarily in horizontal members

- Wall plates
- Floor/rim joists

Be aware of cumulative shrinkage.





# Pre-Construction Moisture Content

Product	Moisture Content
Lumber – S-Dry	19% or less
Lumber – S-Green	Usually over 19%
Panel products (OSB, plywood)	4-8%
I-Joists	4-16%

➔  $M_i = 19\%$

➔  $M_i = 28\%$



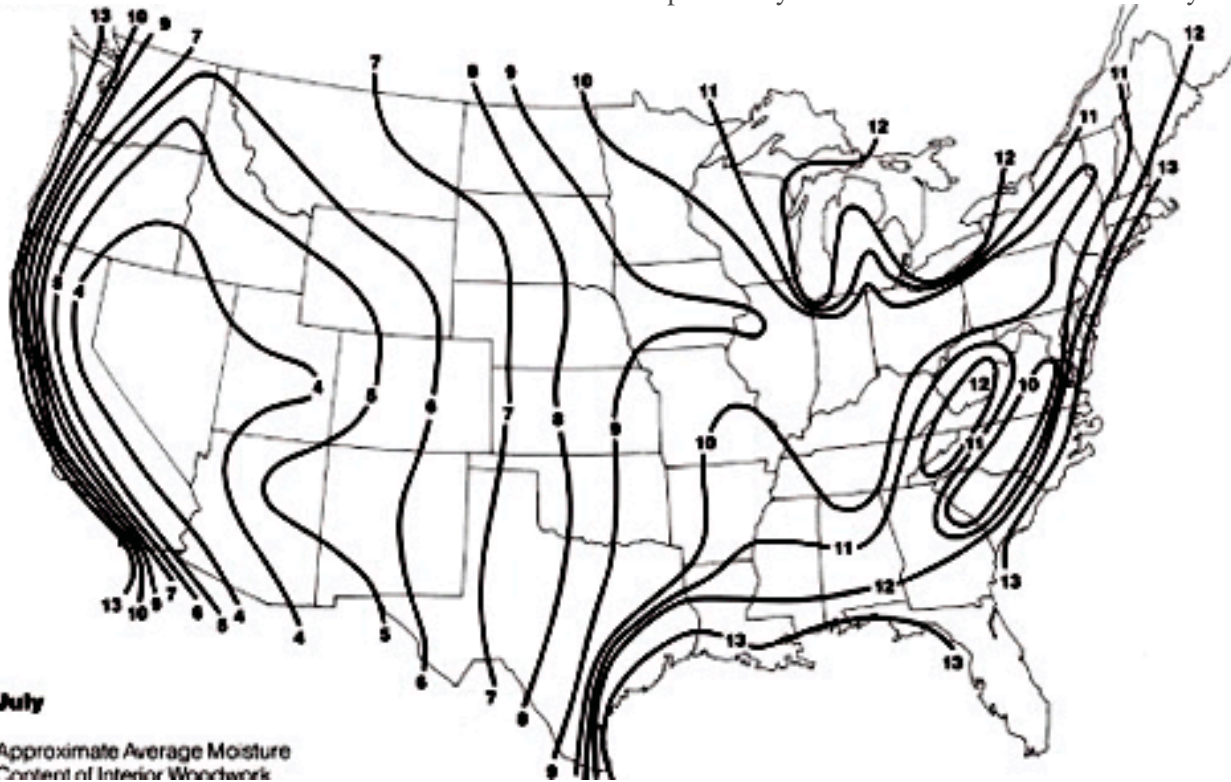
## Minimize Construction Moisture Accumulation

1. Minimize storage of material on site where rain and standing water can increase moisture content.
2. Keep unused framing material covered
3. Inspect pre-built wall panels prior to installation for proper material and quality of mechanical fasteners.
4. “Dry-in” the structure as quickly as possible.
5. Immediately remove any standing water from floor framing after rain showers.



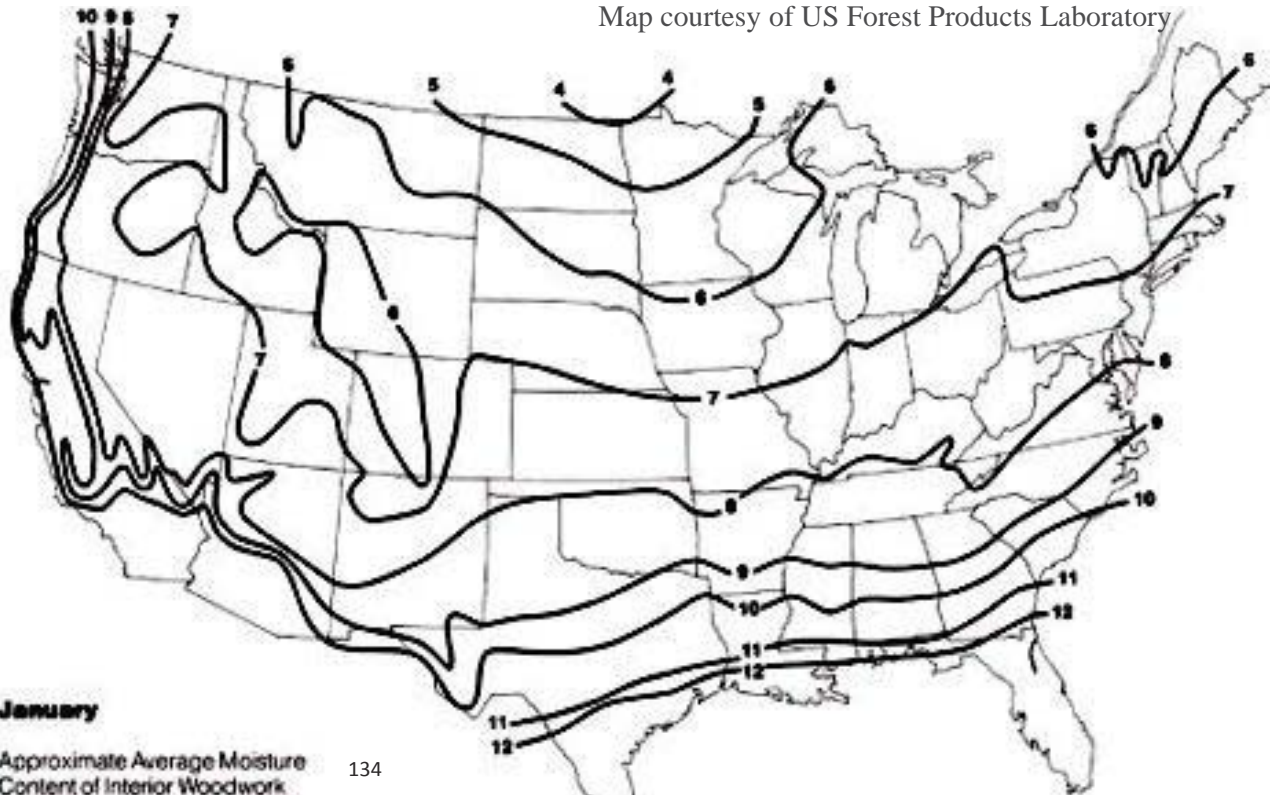
# In-service Average EMC in July

Map courtesy of US Forest Products Laboratory



# In-service Average EMC in January

Map courtesy of US Forest Products Laboratory



## Calculating Shrinkage

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For MC **between 6 to 14%** the shrinkage formula is:

$$S = D_i [C_T (M_F - M_i)]$$

$S$  = shrinkage (in inches)

$D_i$  = initial dimension (in inches)

$C_T / C_R$  = dimension change coefficient, tangential/radial direction

$C_T$  = 0.00319 for Douglas Fir-Larch

$C_T$  = 0.00323 for Hem-Fir

$C_T$  = 0.00263 for Spruce-Pine-Fir

$C_T$  = 0.00263 for Southern Pine

$M_F$  = final moisture content (percent)

$M_i$  = initial moisture content (percent)

## Calculating Shrinkage

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For MC **outside the range of 6 to 14%** :

$$S = \frac{D_i (M_F - M_i)}{\frac{30(100)}{S_T} - 30 + M_i}$$

$S$  = shrinkage (in inches)

$D_i$  = initial dimension (in inches)

$S_T / S_R$  = tangential/radial shrinkage (%) from green to oven dry

$M_F$  = final moisture content (percent)

$M_i$  = initial moisture content (percent)

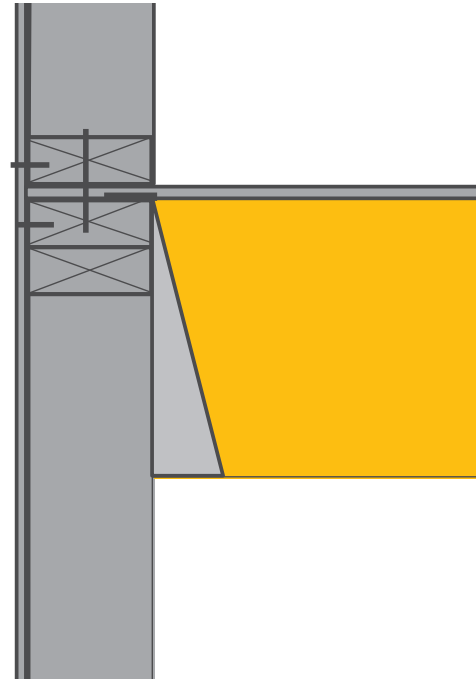
# Minimizing Shrinkage

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## Semi-balloon framing

- incorporates floor framing hanging from top plates
- Eliminates tangential shrinkage in zone of movement
- Floor framing doesn't contribute to overall building shrinkage

**Non-standard stud lengths and increased hardware requirements are a result.**



# Differential Movement

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Movement between wood frame elements and other materials that...



- do not shrink at all
- shrink much less
- expand

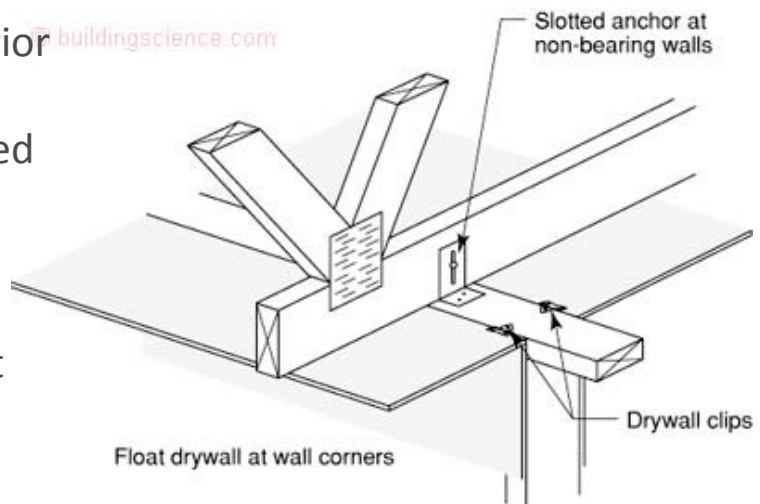


## Shrinkage & Finish Considerations

Large expanses of interior and exterior drywall, paneling and siding need to be looked at specifically.

Employ expansion joint and slip-type detailing.

Attention to interaction of structural (load-bearing) and non-structural elements is necessary



## Shrinkage & MEP Considerations

Fully compress wall framing by completing all dead load potential PRIOR to mechanical installations.

Avoid rigid vertical piping in mechanical and plumbing systems. Flexible members allow for shrinkage between floors.





# MEP Considerations

Vertical vent stacks should be installed after completion of framing.

Vent stacks require special attention and must be designed to allow for vertical movement due to shrinkage between floors.



## Brick Façade: Solution 1- Plain Unreinforced Brick-h>30'

**Design must be in strict conformance with ACI 530 section 6.2.1-Alt. design method (engineered)**

**Design to section 2.2 (ASD) or 3.2.2 (strength) unreinforced masonry**

**Brick veneer must be self supporting and not supported off of the wood framing**

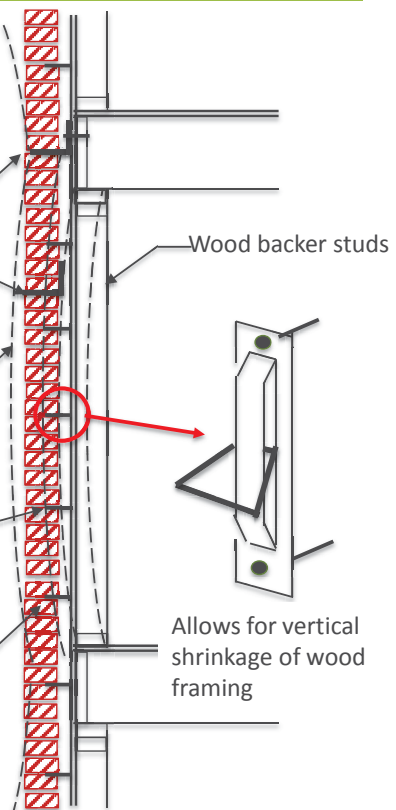
Joints must allow for all differential movement (lateral drift and vertical shrinkage of wood Framing Etc.). Weight of brick must not be supported by wood Framing

Requires steel lintel at openings

Brick goes into flexure when wall studs deflect

Anchors/ties to be spaced a maximum of 32" o.c. horiz. And 18" o.c. vert. (except seismic)

Veneer must be designed per ACI 530 section 2.2 as plain unreinforced masonry



# Façade Considerations - Resources

## Brick Industry Association— [www.gobrick.com](http://www.gobrick.com)

**IBRICK** TECHNICAL NOTES on Brick Construction | 28  
 ASSOCIATION | 1850 Centennial Park Drive, Reston, Virginia 20191 | [www.gobrick.com](http://www.gobrick.com) | 703-620-0010 | November 2012

### Brick Veneer/Wood Stud Walls

**Abstract:** This Technical Note deals with the prescriptive design of anchored brick veneer over wood stud backing in new construction. The properties of the brick veneer/wood stud system are described, which lead to design considerations. Selection of materials, construction details and workmanship techniques are also included.

**Key Words:** air space, anchors, brick, flashing, foundations,

#### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Support:**
- Provide a noncombustible foundation to support veneer
  - Where vertical support is provided by wood construction, provide steel angles properly attached to or supported by wood framing
- Veneer Height Limitations:**
- For residential construction (IRC), do not exceed height listed in Table 1
  - For commercial construction (IBC) see "Additional Requirements for Buildings Covered by the IBC" and the "Wood" chapter of IBC
- Air Space:**
- Maintain a minimum 1 in. (25 mm) air space\*
  - Where corrugated anchors are used, maintain a maximum 1 in. (25 mm) air space
  - Do not exceed 4 1/4 in. (114 mm) between back of brick and sheathing unless anchors are rationally designed
  - Completely fill the air space below wall base flashing with grout or mortar
  - Where continuous insulation is placed between the veneer and backing, maintain 1 in. (25 mm) between the back of the brick and the face of the insulation
  - An air space is allowed to be a 1 in. (25 mm) nominal dimension in the IRC and a 1 in. (25 mm) specified dimension in the IBC to account for construction tolerances.
- Flashing:**
- Install above grade at the wall base and extend to or beyond face of brickwork
  - Extend base flashing at least 8 in. (203 mm) vertically
  - Place at all points where air space is interrupted and at other locations where water removal is desired, such as

**IBRICK** TECHNICAL NOTES on Brick Construction | 18A  
 ASSOCIATION | 1850 Centennial Park Drive, Reston, Virginia 20191 | [www.gobrick.com](http://www.gobrick.com) | 703-620-0010 | November 2006

### Accommodating Expansion of Brickwork

**Abstract:** Expansion joints are used in brickwork to accommodate movement and to avoid cracking. This Technical Note discusses and gives guidance regarding their placement. The theory and practice of showing proper placement of expansion joints to avoid cracking are also included. Information about bond breaks, flexible anchorage, movement, sealants.

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 ASSOCIATION | 1850 Centennial Park Drive, Reston, Virginia 20191 | [www.gobrick.com](http://www.gobrick.com) | 703-620-0010 | October 2006

### Volume Changes - Analysis and Effects of Movement

**Abstract:** This Technical Note describes the various movements that occur within buildings. Movements induced by changes in temperature, moisture, elastic deformations, creep, and other factors develop stresses if the brickwork is restrained. Restraint of these movements may result in cracking of the masonry. Typical crack patterns are shown and their causes identified.

**Key Words:** corrosion, cracks, creep, differential movement, elastic deformation, expansion.

#### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Use the following coefficients to calculate movements of brick veneer:
  - Thermal expansion:  $4 \times 10^{-4}$  in./in./°F ( $7.2 \times 10^{-5}$  mm/mm/°C)
  - Moisture expansion:  $5 \times 10^{-4}$  in./in. (mm/mm)
  - Creep:  $0.7 \times 10^{-7}$  in./in. per psi ( $0.1 \times 10^{-4}$  mm/mm per MPa)
- Consider coefficients of movements for other materials in contact with brickwork.
- Consider elastic deformation and movement of structural elements supporting and connected to brickwork.

#### INTRODUCTION

All building materials change in volume in response to changes in temperature or moisture. Changes in volume, elastic deformations due to loads, creep and other factors result in movement. Restraint of these movements may cause stresses within building elements that result in cracks.

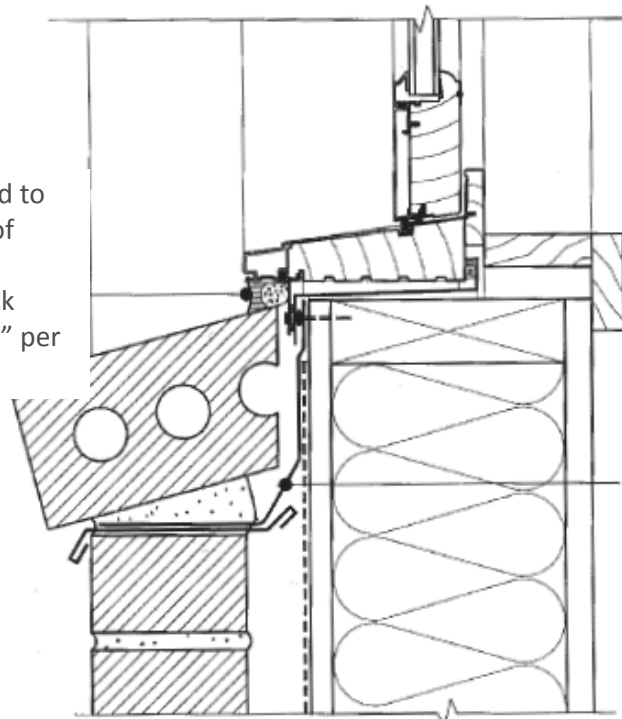
To avoid cracks, masonry elements should be designed to minimize movement or accommodate differential movement between materials and assemblies. A system of movement joints can reduce the potential for cracks and the problems they cause. Movement joints can be designed by estimating the magnitude of the different movements

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Accommodate brickwork movement by:
  - placing expansion joints around elements that are rigidly attached to the frame and project into the veneer, such as windows and door frames
  - installing metal caps or copings that allow independent vertical movement of wythes
  - installing jamb mortars that allow independent movement between the brick and window frame
  - installing adjustable anchors or ties
- Expansion Joint Sealants:
  - Comply with ASTM C 920, Grade NS, Use M
  - Class 50 minimum extensibility recommended; Class 25 alternate
  - Consult sealant manufacturer's literature for guidance regarding use of primer and backing materials
- Bond Breaks:
  - Use building paper or flashing to separate brickwork from dissimilar materials, foundations and slabs
- Loadbearing Masonry:
  - Use reinforcement to accommodate stress concentrations, particularly in parapets, at applied loading points and around openings
  - Consider effect of vertical expansion joints on brickwork stability

# Door and Window Considerations

Sealant joint sized to allow shrinkage of wood frame and expansion of brick (typically 1/4" to 1/2" per floor)



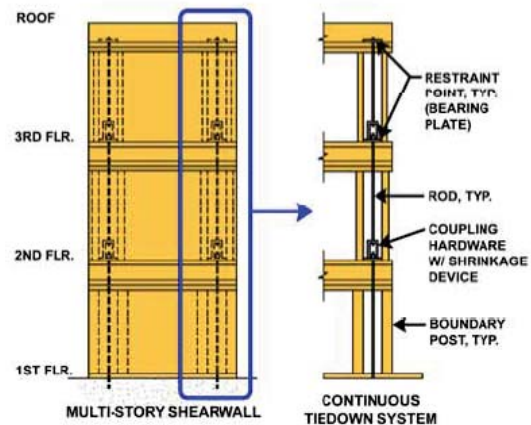
Flexible membrane flashing detailed to maintain positive slope after frame shrinkage

# Shrinkage Effects on Structural Components

Strap hold downs can buckle with too much accumulated movement.

Anchor type holdowns should re-tightened before installing finishes.

Threaded rod holdowns with shrinkage compensating devices work well for 4 stories and above with stacking units.



# Shrinkage & Deck Considerations

Figure 1. Section of wood-framed wall system showing deck framing with steel deck support columns.

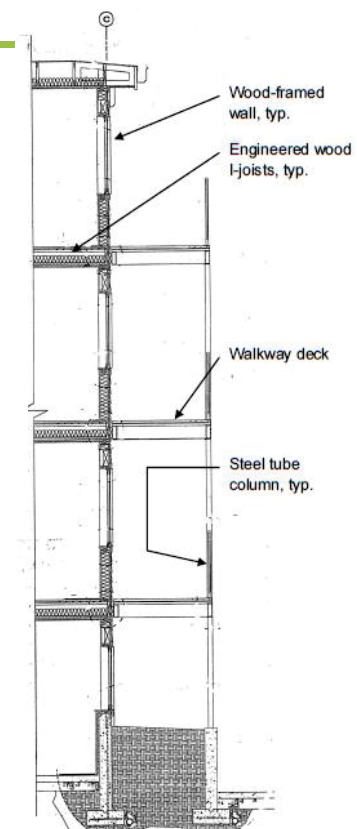
Table 1. Summary of measured deck slopes.

Summary of Deck Slopes for:	Story	Measured Locations	Deck Slope (%)		
			Average	Minimum	Maximum
Free Ledger Condition	4	23	-2.38	-0.70	-2.50
	3	23	-1.22	-0.50	-2.20
	2	23	-0.81	-0.20	-1.60
Fixed Ledger Condition	4	24	-0.26	0.70	-0.90
	3	24	-0.19	1.00	-1.10
	2	24	-0.27	1.20	-1.60

Note: Negative slopes drain to building wall; positive slopes drain away from building wall.

White Paper:

Multi-Story Wood-Frame Shrinkage Effects on Exterior Deck Drainage: A Case Study by Zeno Martin, Wood Design Focus Fall 2010

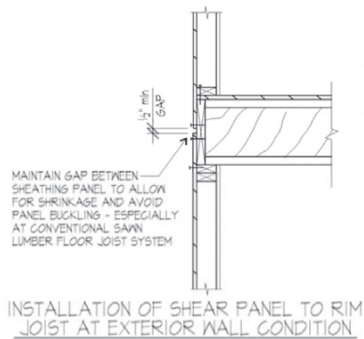




# Shrinkage Mitigating Detailing Tips

Best practices to mitigate distress to finishes arising from cumulative differential movement:

- Be acutely aware of the fact that there will be differential movement
- Address it in detailing and specifications
- Consider where distress will occur
- Provide details to relieve or avoid it



Architects: Cooper Carry & The Preston Partnership  
Photo: Aerial Photography Inc.

## Shrinkage Resources – [www.wwpa.com](http://www.wwpa.com)



### Dimensional Stability of Western Lumber

From WWPA publication *Dimensional Stability (TG-3)*, rev. 1990

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Preventing Defects Caused by Unequal Dimensional Changes

Wood is one of our most important building materials. We live in wood houses, utilize wood furniture and enjoy the beauty and warmth of wood. Many people work with wood for a livelihood or as a hobby because of its unique features, abundance in many areas and the renewability of the forests from which it is derived. Wood is used in many forms throughout the world, however, few people fully understand its properties.

Wood possesses many excellent qualities, but it also has certain peculiarities which must be understood and considered for optimum application. One of these is its hygroscopicity which causes change in some properties due to the moisture absorption and desorption.

Wood, composed mainly of cellulose and lignin, shrinks as it dries and swells as it absorbs moisture. Dimensional changes generally take place from 0% to 30% moisture



## TECH NOTES

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November 2002

### Shrinkage Calculations for Multistory Wood Frame Construction

*Lack of affordable housing is an important issue affecting all major industrialized cities. Multistory/multifamily wood frame construction offers one cost-effective solution. Wood frame construction has advantages over steel, masonry and concrete in speed of construction and material cost in buildings ranging from one to five stories in height.*

*How wood acclimates to its surrounding environment is an important design consideration. Wood, as a natural material, shrinks and swells with changes in moisture content. Accommodating for the effects of shrinkage of wood frame members is one of the key considerations in designing and building these structures. Proper design and construction contribute to the performance of multistory wood frame structures over time.*

#### Moisture in Solid-Sawn Lumber

Standard moisture content designations are used to indicate the moisture content (MC) of lumber at time of manufacture. The designations are as follows:

### WWPA Lumber Shrinkage Estimator

**DOWNLOAD**

Right click on the button above or here to begin downloading. If you have Microsoft Excel loaded, the program will open in your browser window.

Features easy-to-use form to estimate shrinkage by selecting the Western species group, starting moisture content, ending moisture content and product size from 1x2 to 24x24. Comparisons can be made between two Western species groups.

*Minimum requirements:*

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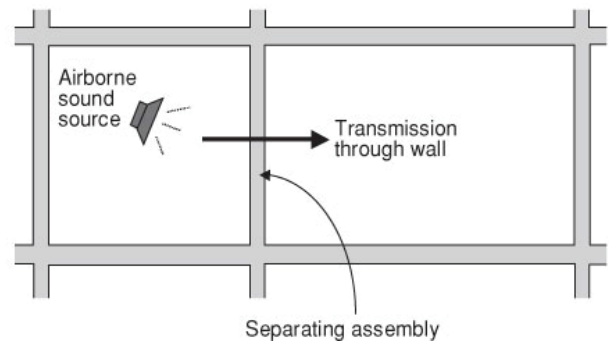
## Building Acoustics Overview

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### Air-borne sound:

- Sound Transmission Class (STC)

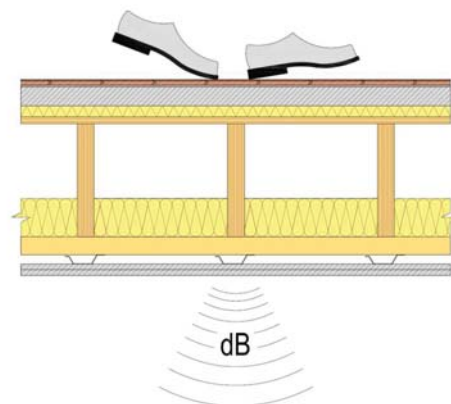
Measures how effectively an assembly isolates air-borne sound and reduces the level that passes from one side to the other



### Structure-borne sound:

- Impact Insulation Class (IIC)

Evaluates how effectively an assembly blocks impact sound from passing through it





# Acoustical Code Requirements

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IBC Section 1207:

## Min. STC of 50 (45 if field tested) for:

- All Walls, Partitions, and Floor/Ceiling Assemblies which separate adjacent dwelling units or a dwelling unit from an adjacent public area

## Min. IIC of 50 (45 if field tested) for:

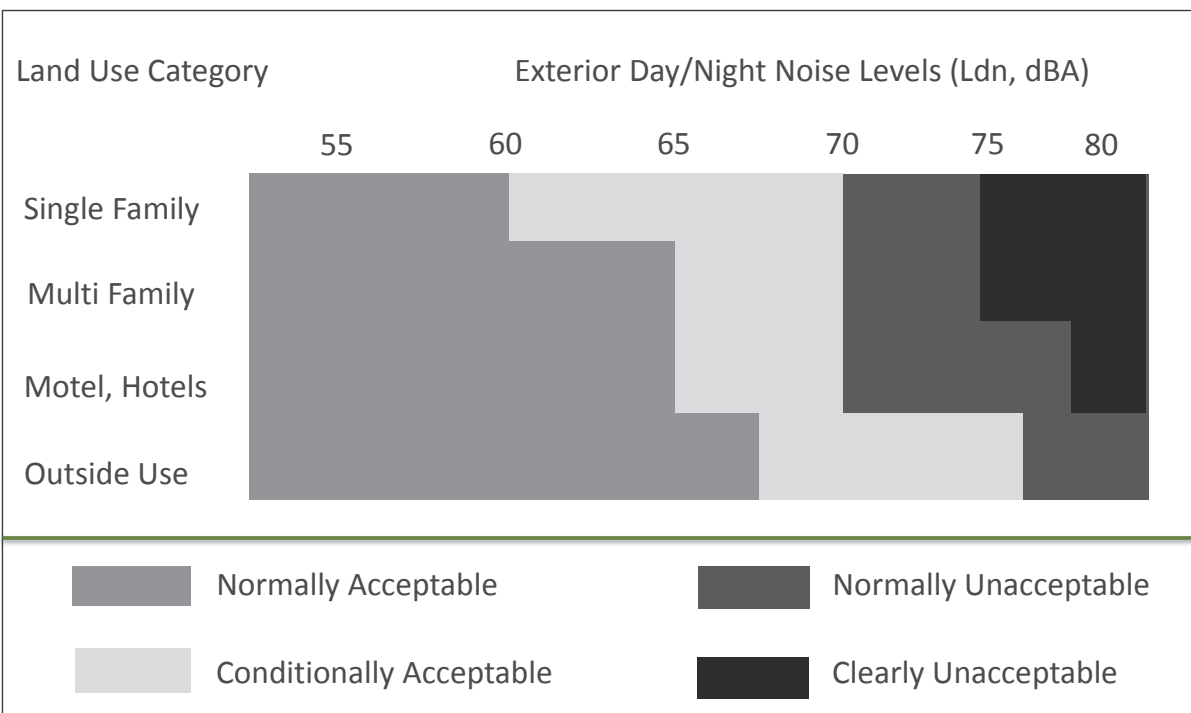
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# Acoustical Isolation Between Units

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Class Designation	Airborne Sound Isolation (STC)	Floor Ceiling Impact Isolation (IIC)
Entry Level	50	50
Market Rate	55	55
Luxury	60	60

# Exterior-to-Unit

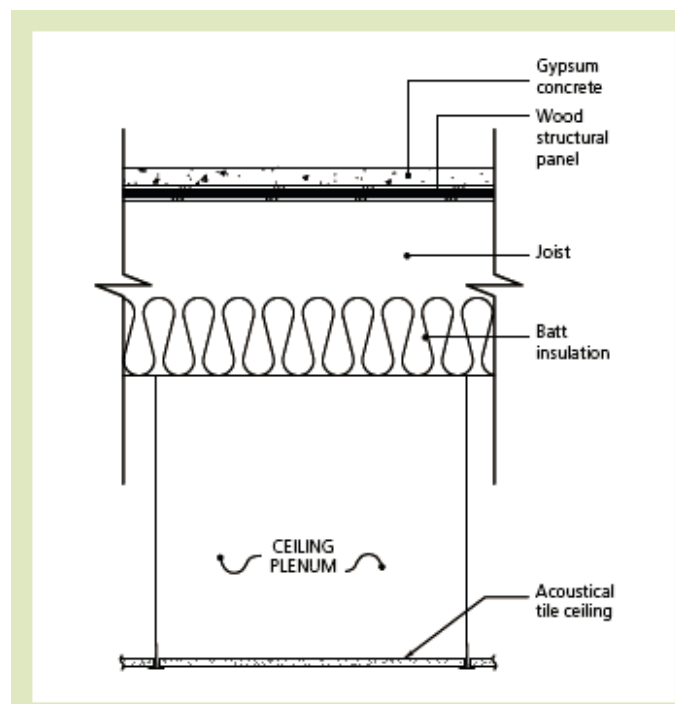


*State of California General Plan Guidelines, 1987*

# Retail-to-Unit

## Typical Floor-Ceiling Detail

Although common between restaurants or bars and the apartments above, the configuration shown in this detail may lead to noise complaints by apartment occupants.



# Rated Assemblies

## WOOD FRAMED WALLS & PARTITIONS

STC	GA FILE NO.
60 - 64	WP 3010 WP 5450
55 - 59	WP 3110 WP 3810 WP 3812 WP 3820 WP 3825 WP 5508 WP 5509 WP 5510 WP 5520
50 - 54	WP 3005 WP 3239 WP 3240 WP 3241 WP 3242 WP 3243 WP 3244 WP 3245 WP 3246 WP 3247 WP 3251 WP 3260 WP 3261 WP 3910 WP 5530

## SHAFT WALLS

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## AREA SEPARATION FIRE WALLS

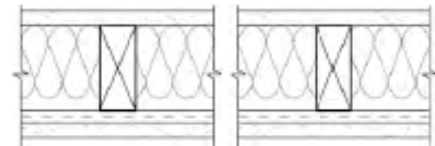
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60 - 64	ASW 0980 ASW 0985 ASW 0997 ASW 0998 ASW 0999 ASW 1000 ASW 1003 ASW 1004 ASW 1006
50 - 54	ASW 1100 ASW 1105 ASW 1111

## WOOD FRAMED FLOOR-CEILINGS

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55 - 59	FC 5102 FC 5103 FC 5104 FC 5105 FC 5107 FC 5109
50 - 54	FC 5111 FC 5112 FC 5115 FC 5116 FC 5119 FC 5120

1 HOUR  
FIRE

50 to 54 FSTC  
SOUND



## > One of Many Performance Goals

### University of Washington Student Housing

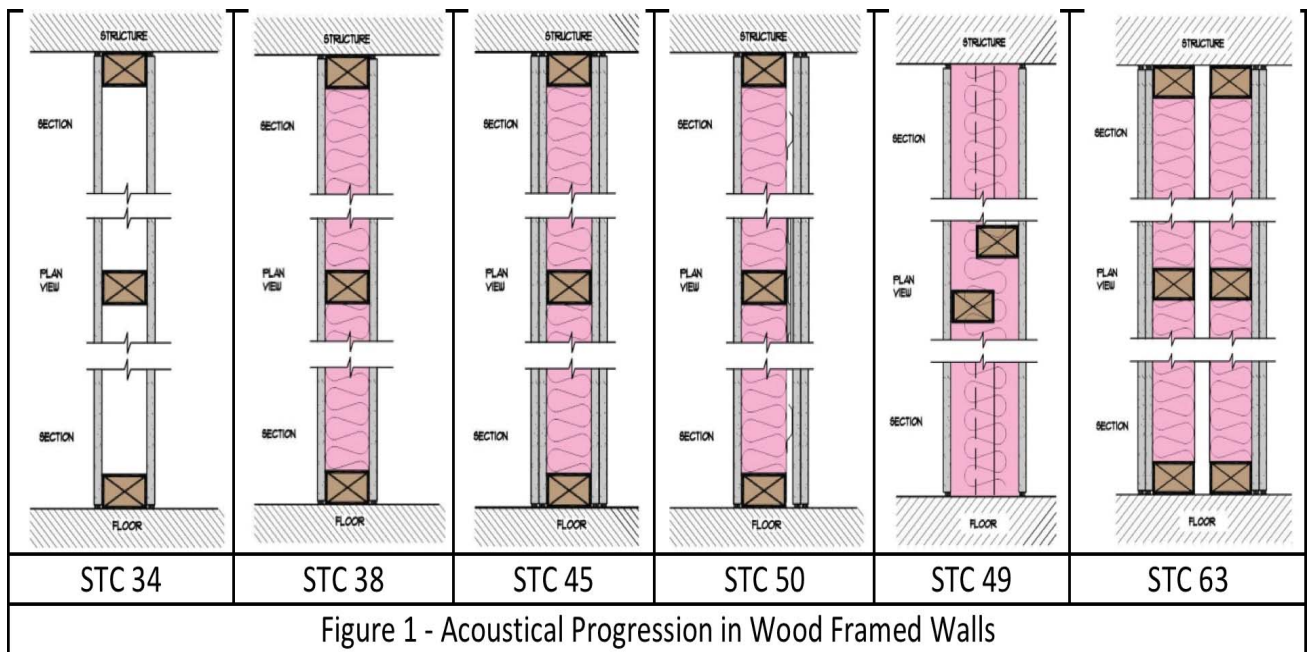
Seattle, WA

Architect: Mahlum

This five-building project includes a strategic combination of staggered and double stud walls to minimize sound transmission.

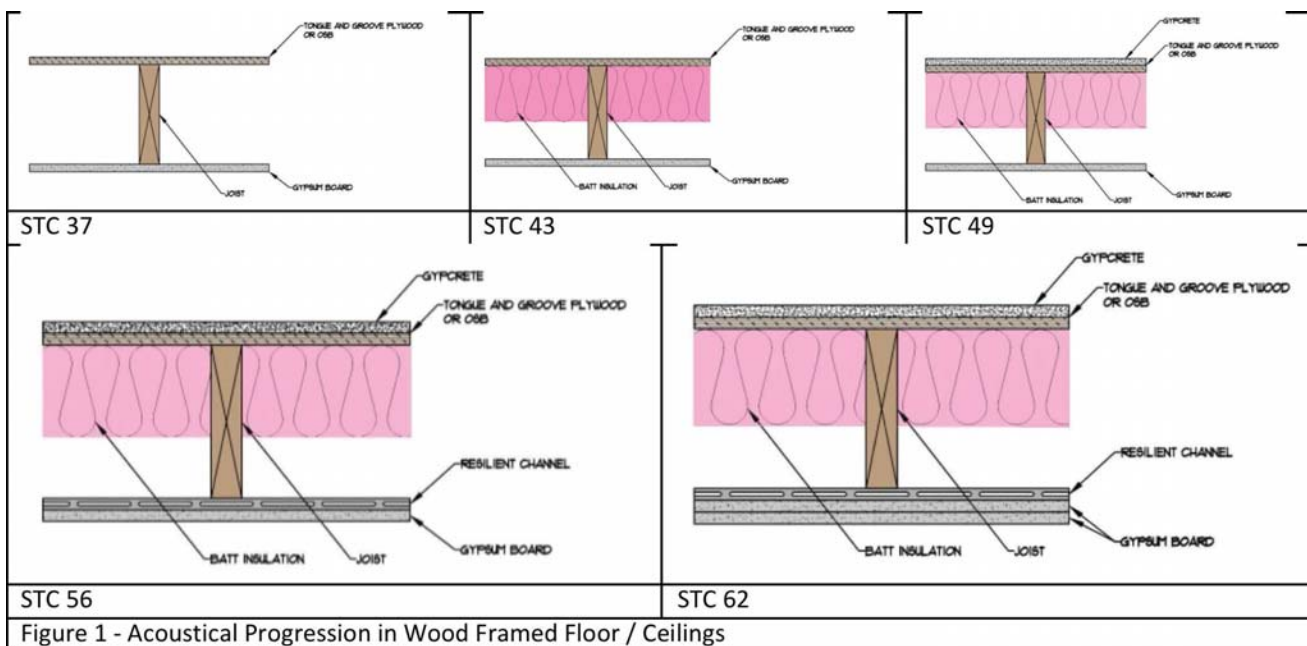
Photo: Benjamin Benschneider

# Acoustically Rated Assemblies



Many available free online STC & IIC rated assembly charts (USG, GP, others)

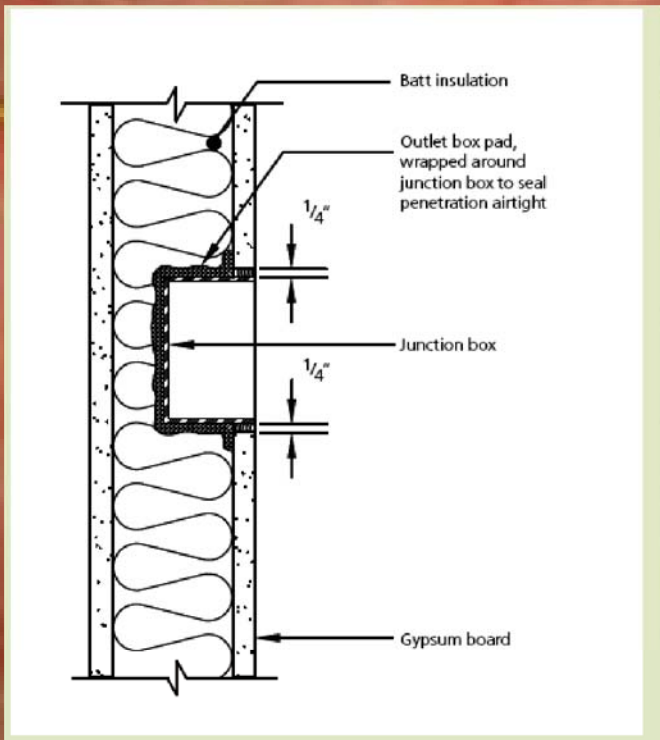
# Acoustically Rated Assemblies







# Air Tight and Insulated

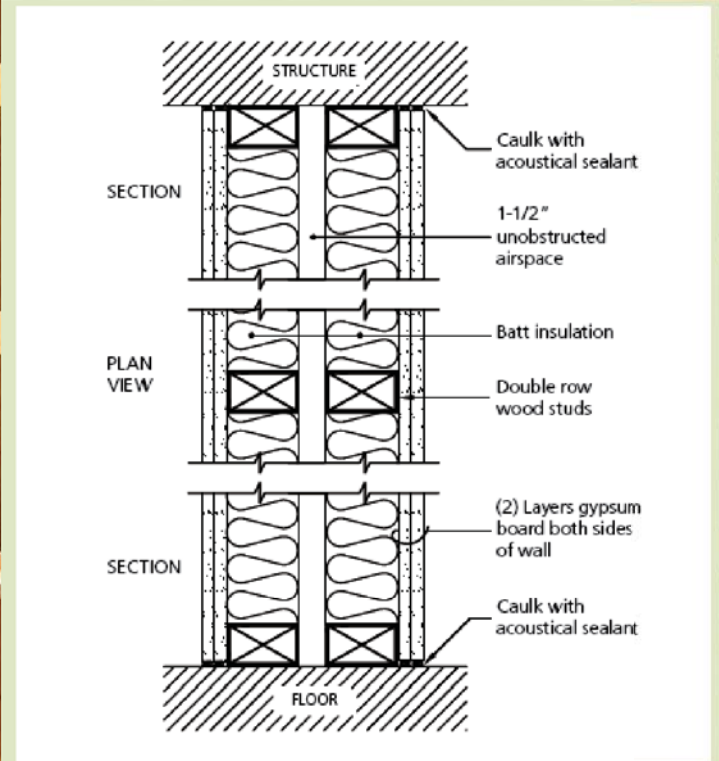
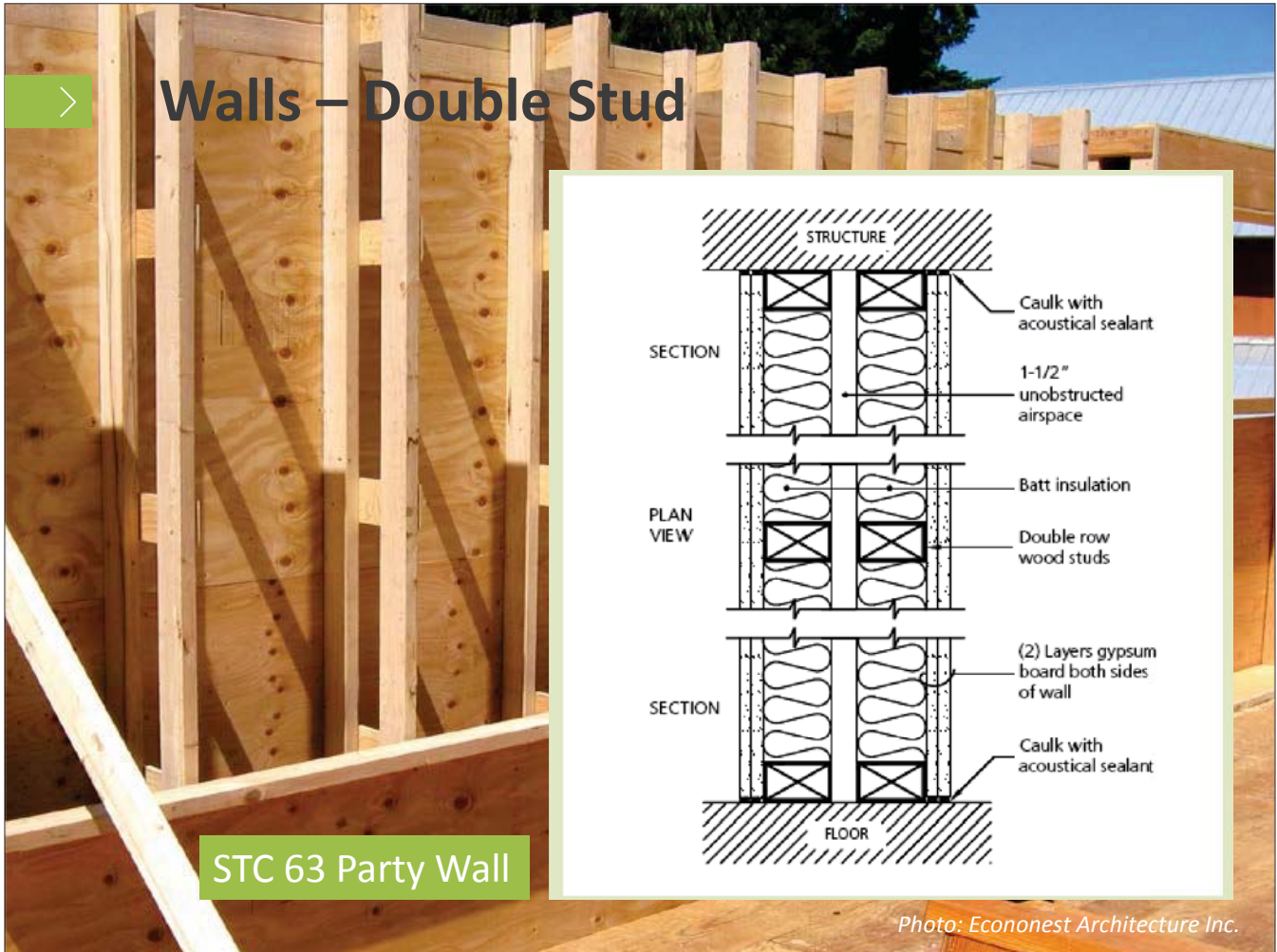


Examples of ineffective and effective installation

Photo Dr. Energy Saver



# Walls – Double Stud



STC 63 Party Wall

Photo: Econest Architecture Inc.



# Walls – Staggered and Single Stud

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After double stud construction, the next best solutions are staggered and single stud.

*Photos: Root Graphics (1); Arch Wood Protection*

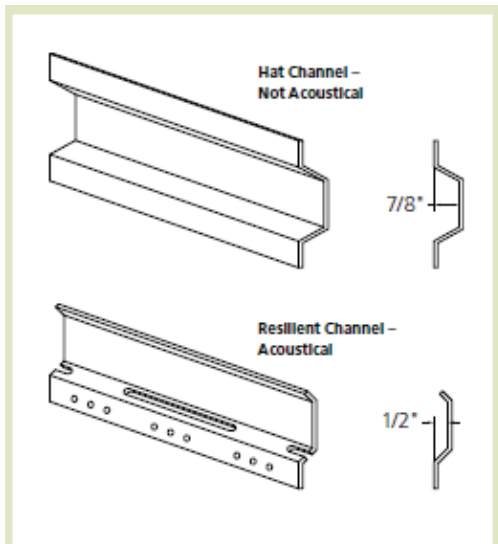


## Improvement Factor: Insulation

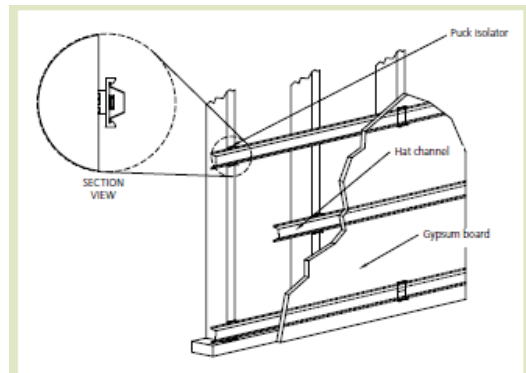
The most cost-effective acoustical improvement to a sound insulation system is the addition of batt insulation or any open cell foam system to the stud or joint cavity.

*Photo Dreamstime*

# Improvement Factor: Resilient Channels

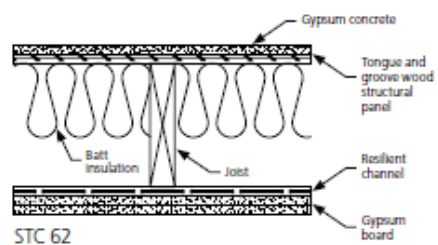
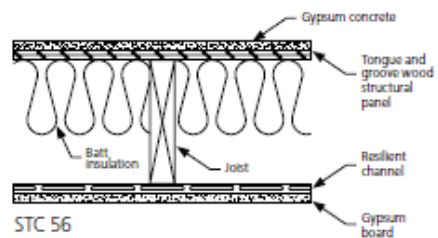
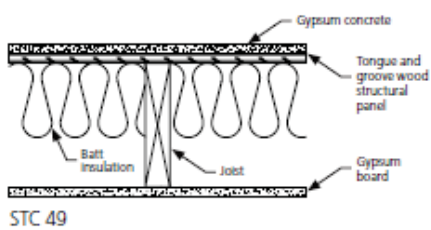
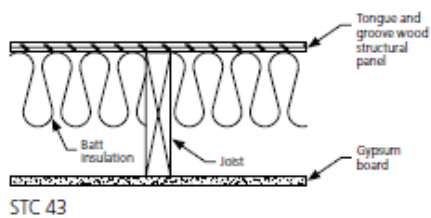
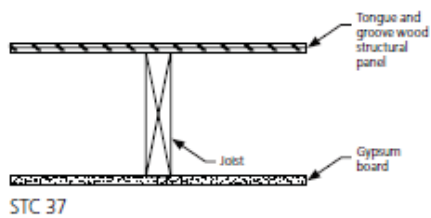


Metal channels found in wood framing



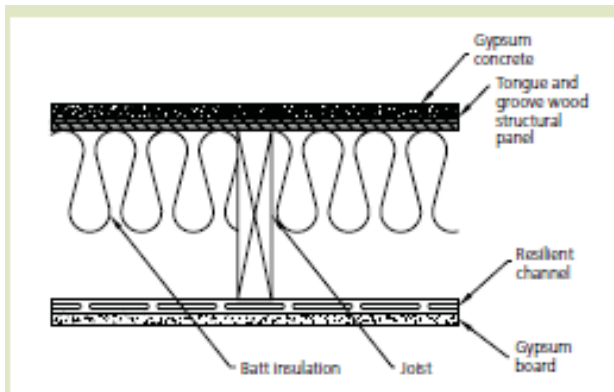
Acoustical 'puck isolator' wall detail (isometric view)

# Floor-Ceiling Systems





# Acoustical Detailing



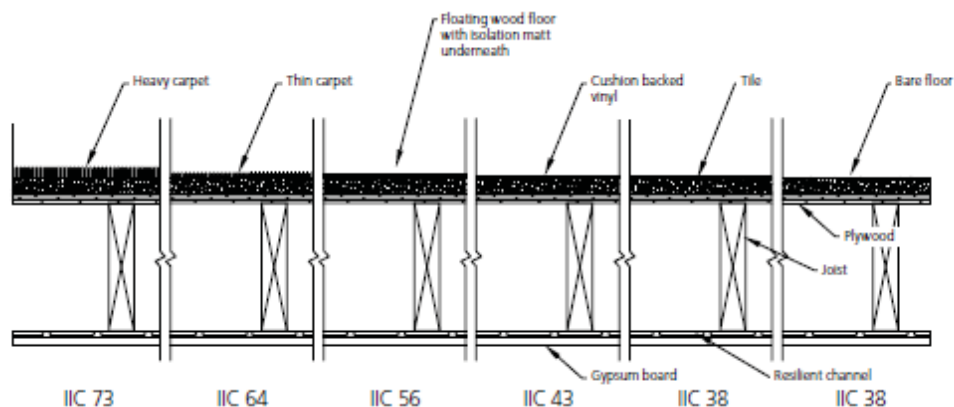
## Effective floor-ceiling option includes:

- Gypcrete or light-weight concrete
- Impact isolation matt
- Tongue and groove subfloor (glued and screwed to the joist)
- Joist system (with 6 inches of batt insulation)
- Resilient channel or puck system (resilient system)
- Two layers of 5/8-inch type "X" gypsum board



# Impact Isolation

## Impact Isolation Progression in Wood-Frame Floors/Ceilings (Section View)

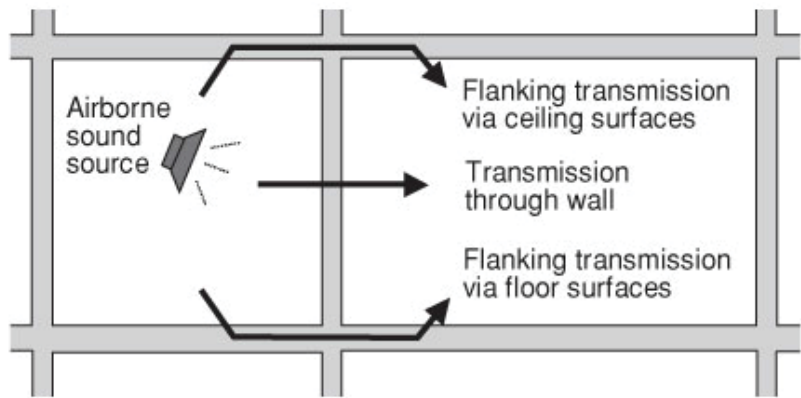


*For clarity, batt insulation in the joist cavity is not shown*

# Additional Acoustics Best Practices

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- Avoid creating flanking paths
- Isolate mechanical systems between units
- Seal openings in assemblies (where air flows, sound flows)
- Avoid aligning doors on opposite sides of common hallways

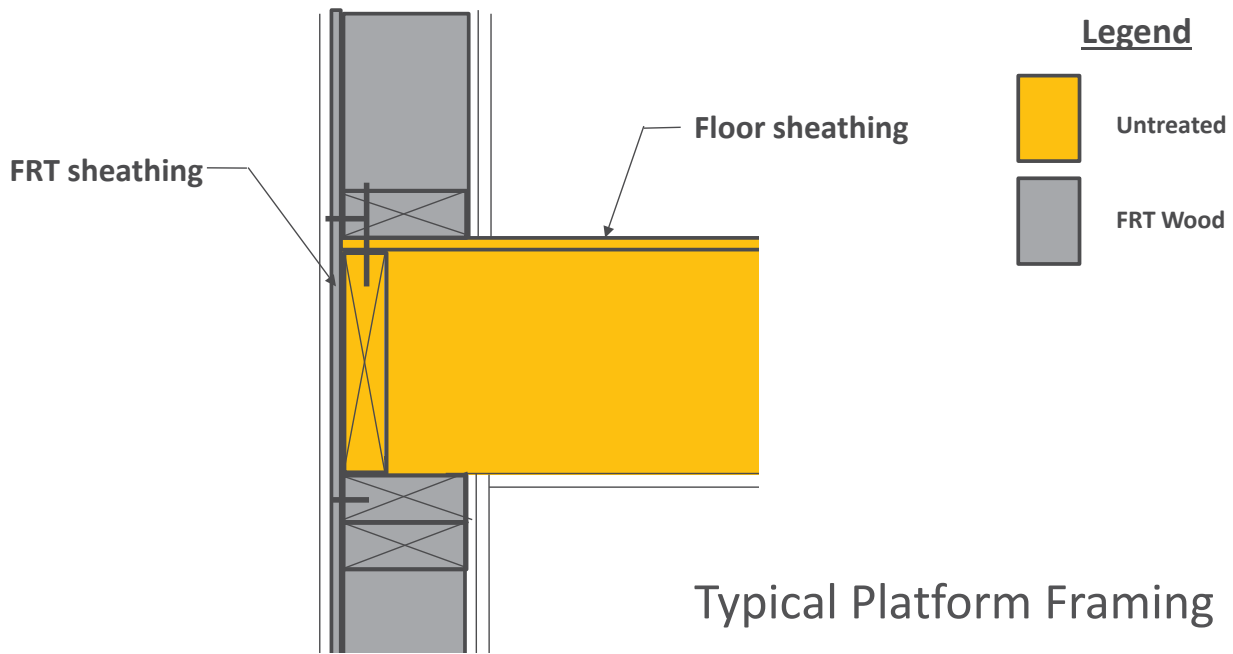


## Outline

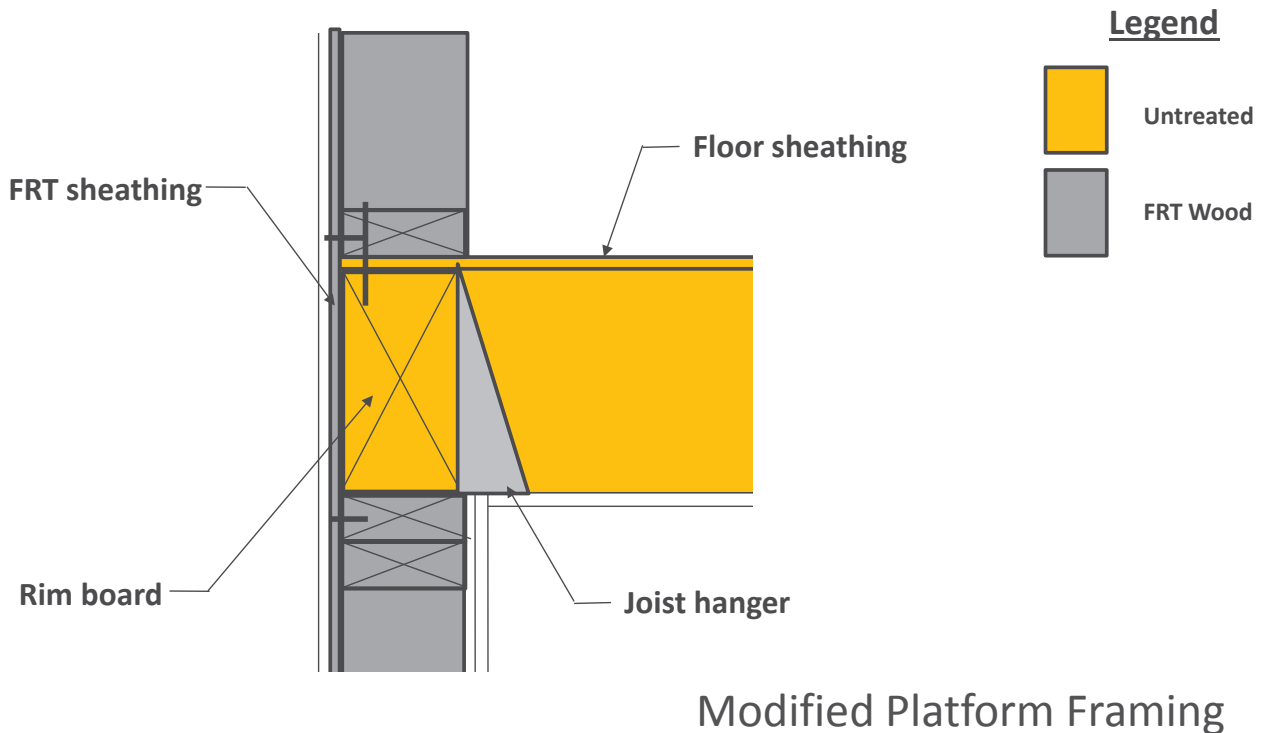
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- Mid-Rise Construction Types & Life Safety Review
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# Exterior Walls – Intersecting Floors



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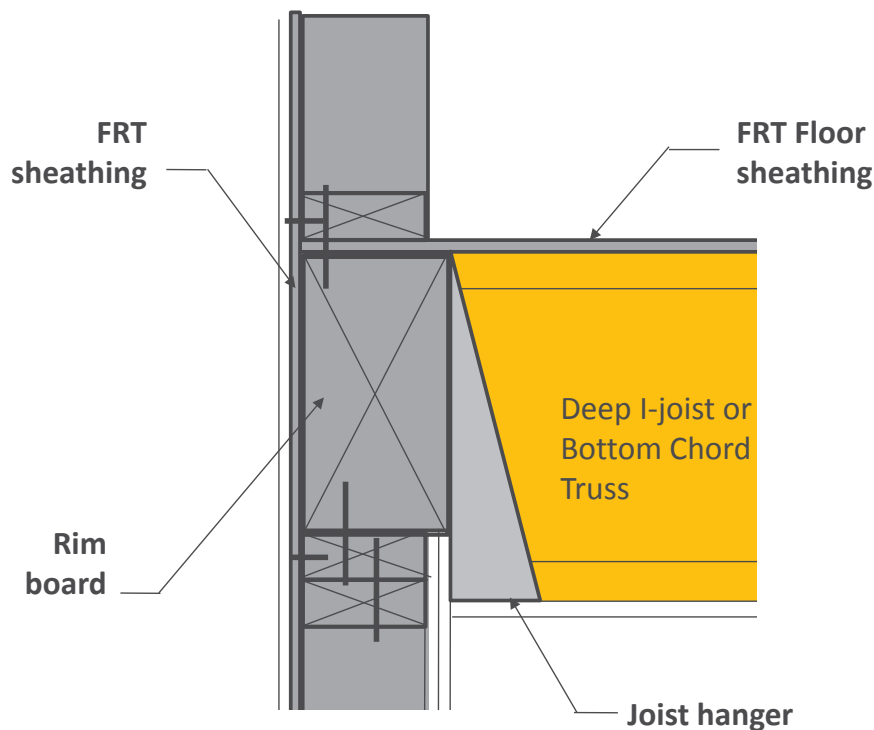




# Fire Resistance of Exposed Members

**722.1 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 masonry and clay masonry assemblies shall be permitted in accordance with ACI 216.1/TMS 0216. The calculated *fire resistance* of steel assemblies shall be permitted in accordance with Chapter 5 of ASCE 29. The calculated *fire resistance* of exposed wood members and wood decking shall be permitted in accordance with Chapter 16 of ANSI/AF&PA *National Design Specification for Wood Construction (NDS)*.

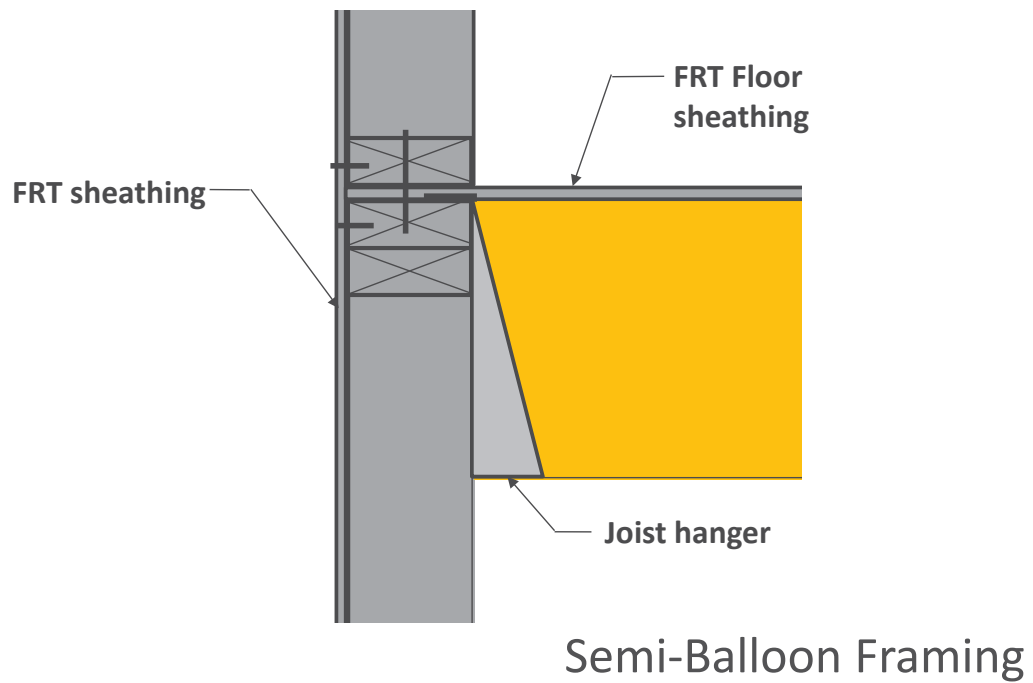
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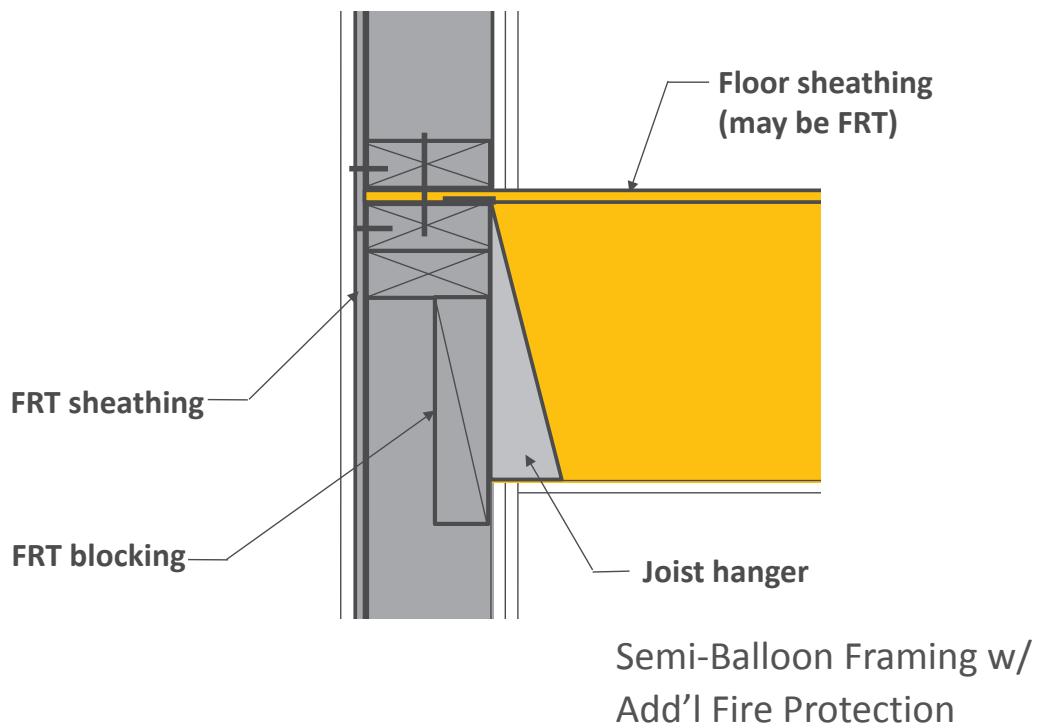
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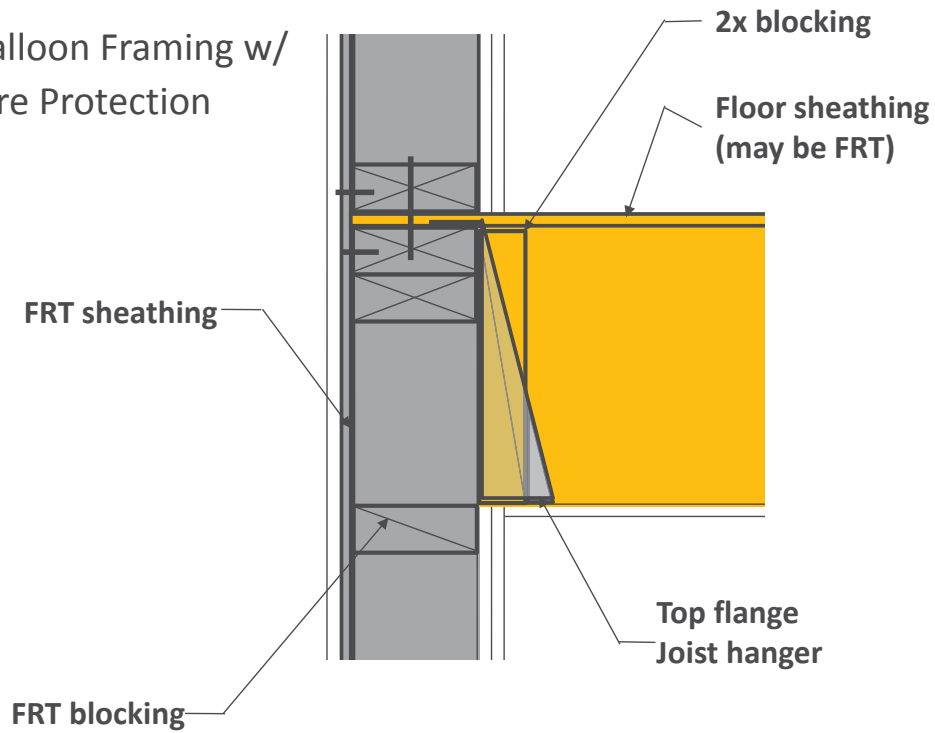
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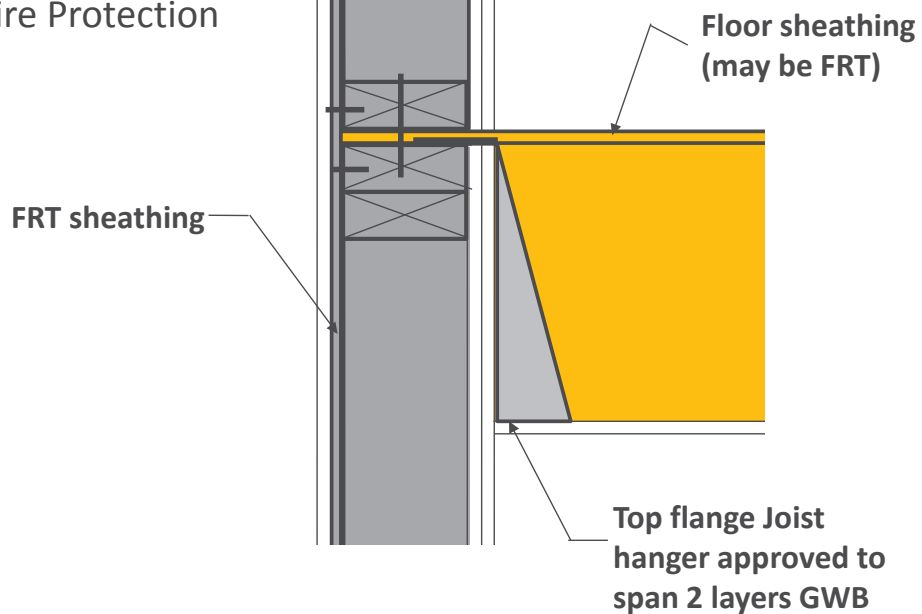
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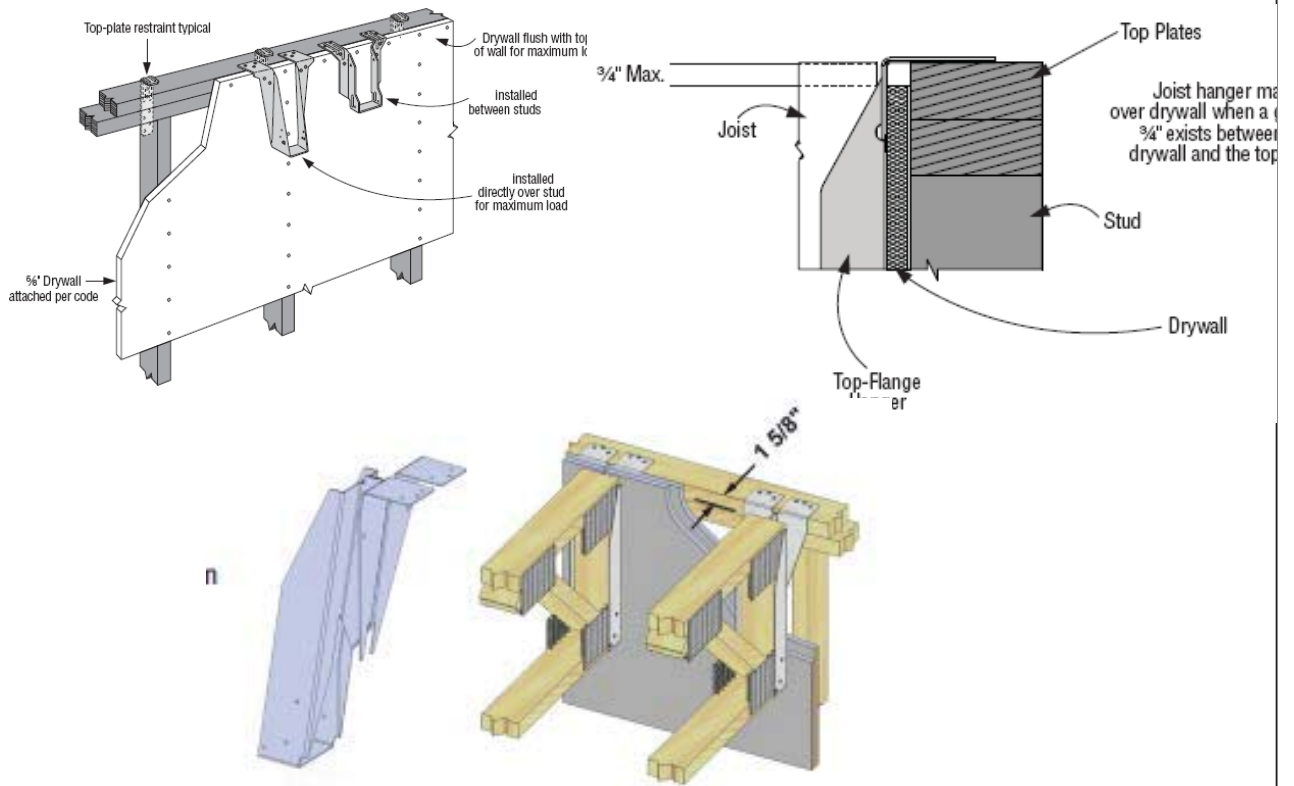
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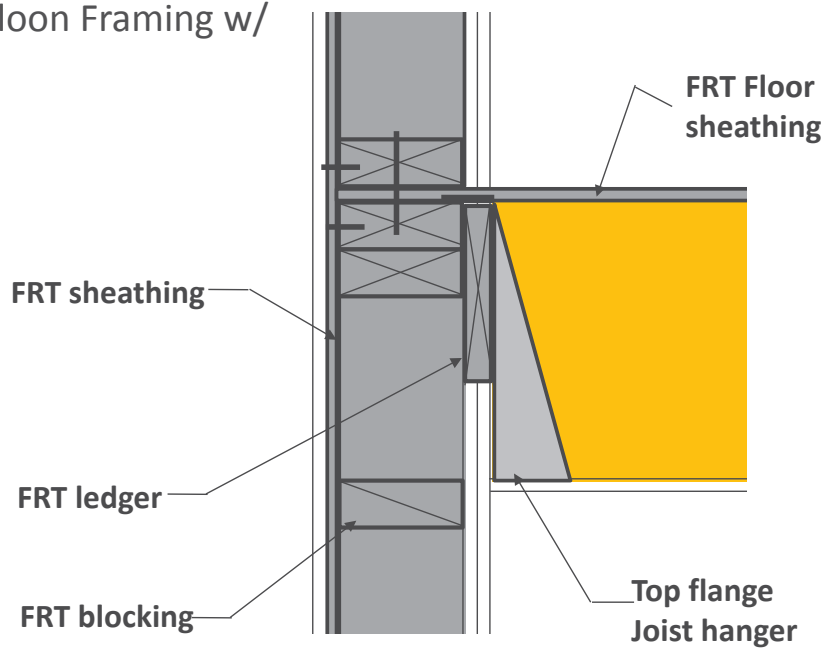


# Over Gypsum Hangers



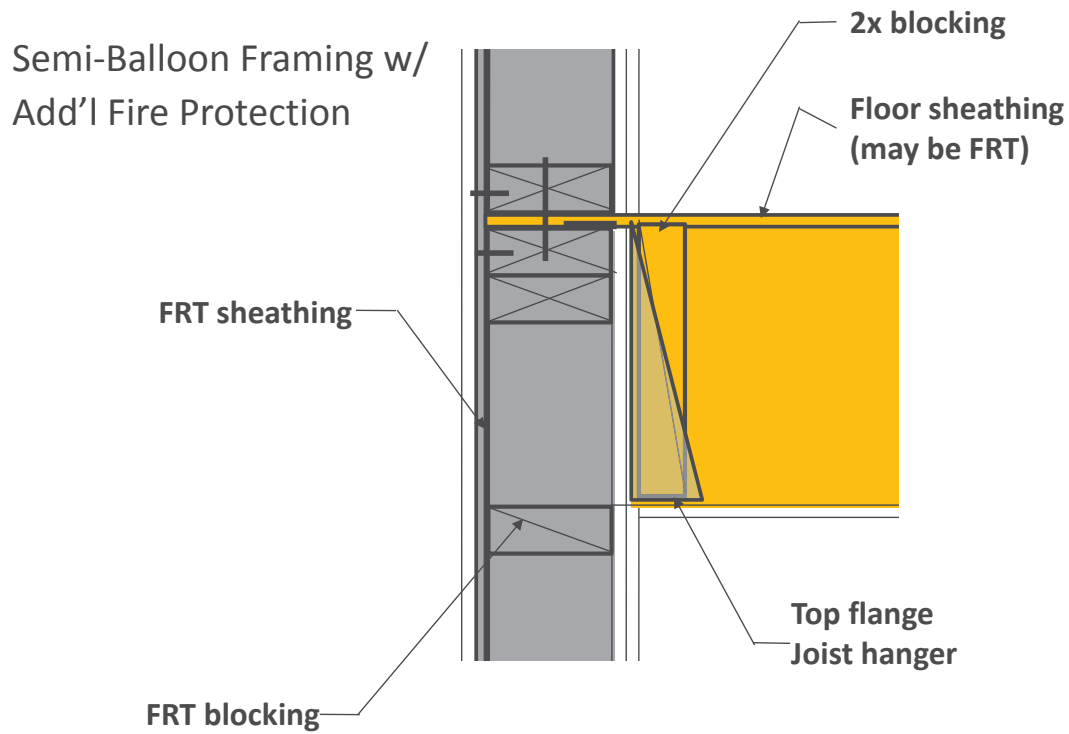
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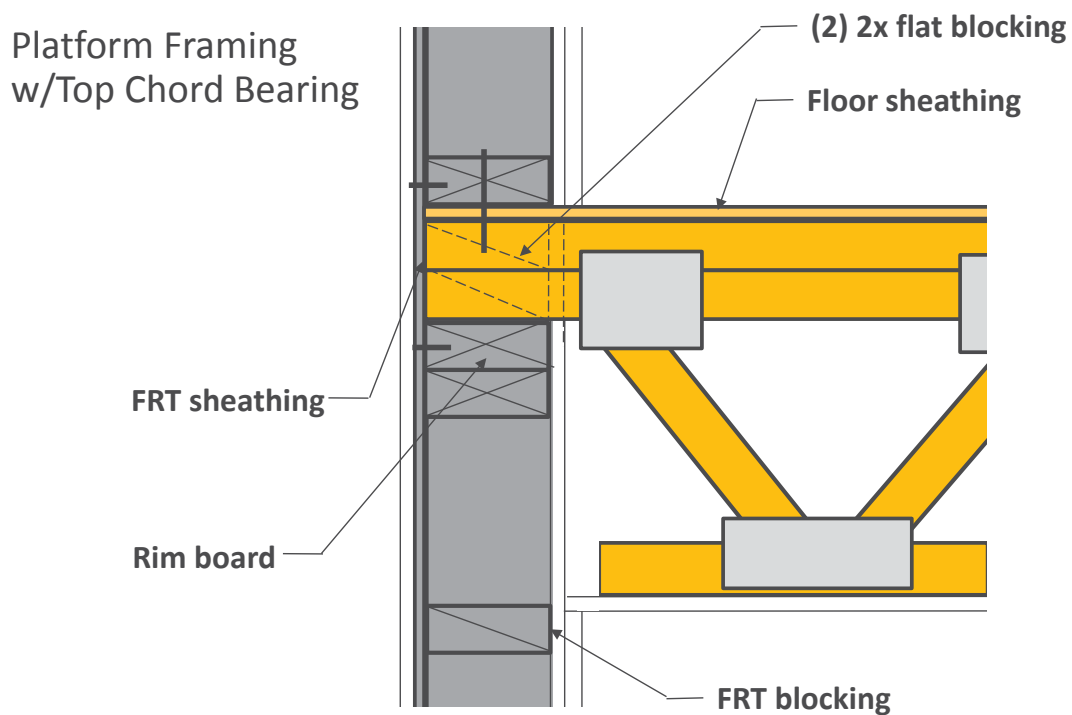
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# Type III Construction Detail Example

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# Type III Construction Detail Examples

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What is being enforced in jurisdictions you are working in?



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