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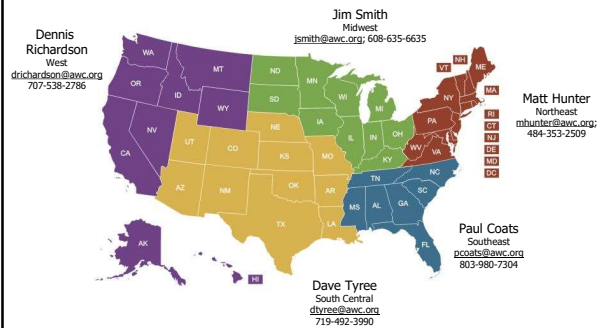
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### Code assistance – AWC field staff




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### Course Description

In early 2016, the ICC Board of Directors approved the creation of an ad hoc committee to explore the building science of tall wood buildings with the scope being to investigate the feasibility of and take action to develop code changes for tall wood buildings. Since that time, the Tall Wood Building (TWB) Ad Hoc Committee has reviewed voluminous materials regarding tall wood buildings, including results of various testing around the world, as well as studies domestically in support of the TWB charge to conduct a thorough review of the science of tall wood..

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### Course Description (continued)

The TWB developed its own test scenario(s) to substantiate any code change proposals (testing was carried out at ATF labs); and worked to develop a comprehensive set of technically-substantiated code changes for consideration during the 2018 Group A code development process. The intensive research performed by the Committee was submitted under the ICC Code Development Process, along with the resulting proposals developed by Committee consensus. All of the Group A TWB proposals have been approved. The TWB has also developed a set of Group B proposals, submitted in January 2019.

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### Learning Objectives

Upon completion, participants will be able to:

- 1 TWB Ad Hoc Committee** Identify the make-up of the TWB Ad Hoc Committee and the process used to reach consensus on proposed code changes.
- 2 IBC Construction Types** Recognize how the new types of construction compare with existing types of construction in the *International Building Code* and specify the inherent differences and conservative approaches the new types have.
- 3 Building Sizes** Understand the process by which the allowable heights, areas, and number of stories permitted for the proposed mass timber types of construction were developed and will be able to utilize the information for building design.
- 4 Fire Resistance** State the fire resistance requirements for mass timber building elements. Further distinguish when and where non-combustible protection can be omitted.

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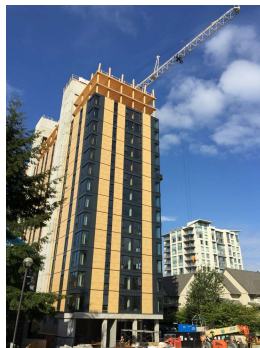
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### Outline

- History and Overview
- TWB Ad Hoc Committee and Testing
- Code Changes and Definitions
- IBC Construction Types
- Building Sizes



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**MASS TIMBER IBC TIMELINE SUMMARY:**  
(Type IV and Heavy Timber)

- **2000 IBC:** legacy code heavy timber combined to form IBC Type IV HT type of construction and exceptions.
- **2006 IBC:** Table 602.4 added with glulam sizes
- **2015 IBC:**
  - Structural Composite Lumber (SCL) added to Table 602.4
  - Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) and CLT product standard (PRG-320) added to IBC
  - New provisions for CLT Type IV HT exterior walls
- **2018 IBC:** 602.4 and 2304.11 provisions consolidated and moved to 2304.11 along with Table 602.4 (no technical changes)

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**MASS TIMBER IBC TIMELINE SUMMARY:**  
(Type IV and Heavy Timber)

- **2021 IBC (group A):**
  - 3 New construction types: IVA, IVB and IVC developed by the ICC ad hoc Committee on Tall Wood Buildings (14 TWB code changes in this class)
  - 6 - 2021 IBC Type IV HT changes (non-TWB):
    - G81-18 corrects S-2 occupancy allowable area
    - G101-18 HT bearing walls 1 hour FRR supporting >2 floors
    - G102-18 Table 601 footnote c applies to roof primary frame
    - G109-18 allows protected concealed spaces in floor or roof
    - G110-18 correlates and clarifies Type IV HT exterior walls
    - G111-18 HT columns, beams & spandrels in exterior walls

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**Most Asked Questions:**

**What is Mass Timber ?...**  
... and  
How different than HT?

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**Answer:**

Mass(ive) Timber is an umbrella term in the 2021 IBC for wood elements meeting the minimum dimensions and material types of Type IV-HT:

- sawn or mech laminated timber,
- glulam,
- structural composite lumber (SCL),
- cross laminated timber (CLT)

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**Question**

How is Heavy Timber different than Mass Timber?



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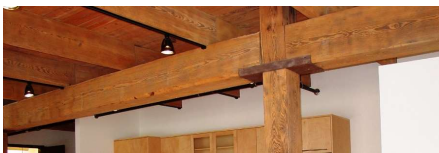
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**Answer**

Heavy Timber typically (but not always) relies on the dimensions and detailing to provide an intrinsic but undetermined level of fire resistance....



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### Mass Timber or Heavy Timber FRR

Mass timber or heavy timber fire resistance rating may come from the wood, or noncombustible protection...

...or both



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### IBC principles for heavy timber and mass timber

**Mass Timber**

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**Conventional Light-Frame**



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### Traditional Heavy Timber – Type IV HT



■ 9 story  
Vancouver, BC



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**Sawn (Traditional) Heavy Timber:**



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**Traditional Heavy Timber, Type IV HT:**



- Montreal Original Fire Department Building out of Heavy Timber w/ housing above

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**Mechanically Laminated Decking**



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### Nail Laminated Timber.

*Photo courtesy of Structurecraft*

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### Nail-Laminated Timber

- 2304.8.3 Mechanically laminated decking.
- 2304.8.3.1 General.
- 2304.8.3.2 Nailing.
- 2304.8.3.3 Controlled random pattern.

Nail length<sub>min</sub> = 2.5 x t<sub>lamination</sub>  
 Nail spacing  
 ≤ 30" o.c.\* 48" span  
 ≤ 18" o.c.\* > 48" span

\*nail placement alternates between top and bottom

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### Nail-Laminated Timber

(g) Mechanically Laminated Floors and Decks. A laminated lumber floor or deck built up of wood members set on edge, when meeting the following requirements, may be designed as a solid floor or roof deck of the same thickness, and continuous spans may be designed on the basis of the full cross section using the simple span moment coefficient.

Laminations shall be driven up and spliced closely together with a row of nails near each edge at spaced intervals and staggered vertically. Nail spacing in each row shall not exceed eighteen inches (18") for two-inch by eight-inch (2" x 8") nominal width and be proportional for other plank widths. Nail length shall be not less than two and one-half times the net thickness of each lamination.

A single span deck shall have all laminations full length.

A continuous deck of two spans shall have not more than every fourth lamination spliced within quarter points adjoining supports.

A continuous deck of more than two spans shall have not more than every third lamination spliced within quarter points adjoining supports.

Joints shall be closely butted over supports or staggered across the deck but within the adjoining quarter spans.

No lamination shall be spliced more than twice in any span.

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## Structural Composite Lumber



- Parallel Strand Lumber or other SCL

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## SCL in Type IV Heavy Timber



- Structural Composite Lumber (SCL) as part of heavy timber in the 2015 IBC:

TABLE 602.4  
WOOD MEMBER SIZE EQUIVALENCIES

MINIMUM NOMINAL SOLID SAWN SIZE		MINIMUM GLUED-LAMINATED NET SIZE		MINIMUM STRUCTURAL COMPOSITE LUMBER NET SIZE	
Width, inch	Depth, inch	Width, inch	Depth, inch	Width, inch	Depth, inch
8	8	6¾	8¾	7	7½
6	10	5	10½	5¼	9½
6	8	5	8¾	5¼	7½
6	6	5	6	5¼	5½
4	6	3	6¾	3½	5½

- Minimum dimensions are established for SCL to qualify as Type IV or Heavy Timber in the 2015 IBC

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## 2018 IBC, G 179 - G 180 602.4 Heavy Timber "reorganization"



- Clarifies requirements for Type IV Construction and heavy timber elements
- Moves many heavy timber details to **IBC Section 2304.11**

SUPPORTING:	HEAVY TIMBER CONSTRUCTION ELEMENT	MINIMUM NOMINAL SOLID SAWN SIZE		MINIMUM GLUED-LAMINATED NET SIZE		MINIMUM STRUCTURAL COMPOSITE LUMBER NET SIZE	
		Width, inch	Depth, inch	Width, inch	Depth, inch	Width, inch	Depth, inch
Floor joists only, combined floor and roof joists	Laminated or glued laminated timber arches, which spring from the floor line; Framed timber trusses	6	8	6 3/4	8 3/4	7	7 1/2
	Wood beams and girders	6	10	5	10 1/2	5 1/4	9 1/2
Roof joists only	Laminated or glued laminated timber arches, which spring from the floor line or from walls	6	8	6 3/4	8 3/4	7	7 1/2
	Laminated or glued laminated timber beams or girders, which spring from the floor line or from walls	6	6	5	6	5 1/4	5 1/2
	Framed or glued laminated arches that spring from the top of walls or wall attachments; Framed timber trusses and other roof framing	6 1/4	6	5	6 3/4	5 1/2	5 1/2



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### Cross Laminated Timber (CLT)



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### CLT Definition & Product Standard

**2015 IBC code change established the definition and product standard for CLT:**

**[BS] CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER.** A prefabricated engineered wood product consisting of not less than three layers of solid-sawn lumber or *structural composite lumber* where the adjacent layers are cross oriented and bonded with structural adhesive to form a solid wood element.

**2303.1.4 Structural glued cross-laminated timber.** Cross-laminated timbers shall be manufactured and identified in accordance with ANSI/APA PRG 320.

**CLT is now a “material permitted by this code” in the 2015 IBC!**



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### 2015 IBC: CLT permitted uses:

- **CLT is now a material permitted by the code:**
- **For Type I and II construction, CLT can be used for balcony and canopy or roof construction**
- **For Type III construction, CLT can be used for the interior building elements including:**
  - **Roof-ceiling assembly,**
  - **Floor-ceiling assembly**
  - **Interior walls**
- **For Type IV or V construction, CLT can be used for anything:**



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2012	American Wood Council (AWC); NGC Testing Services	5 ply CLT wall with 8700 PLF load protected with 1 layer of 5/8" type X gypsum wall board (GWB) each side	E 119
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 **Fire Testing Laboratory** 

**TEST REPORT** Page 1 of 53  
for  
**American Wood Council**  
222 Catocin Circle SE, Suite 201  
Leesburg, VA 20175

Standard Methods of  
Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials  
ASTM E 119 – 11a

Test Report No: WP-1950

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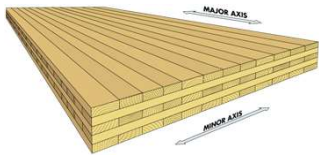
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### CLT vs. GLT

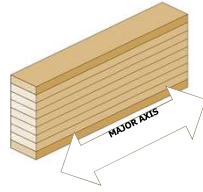
**Cross Laminated Timber**



Thick Orthotropic Plate

Graphics provided by WoodWorks

**Glued Laminated Timber**



Beam-like member

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### Typical Building Configurations

Mass timber or heavy timber buildings may be of building frame type with: column and beam or slab; or platform with bearing walls



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### Brock Commons: post and slab



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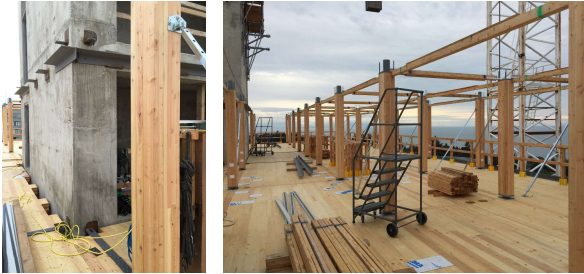
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### Detailing to address shrinkage...




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### Brock Commons: post and slab




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### IBC Section 2304.3.3



### Shrinkage must be accounted for in platform construction:

**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 alternate, such systems shall be designed to accommodate the differential shrinkage or movements.

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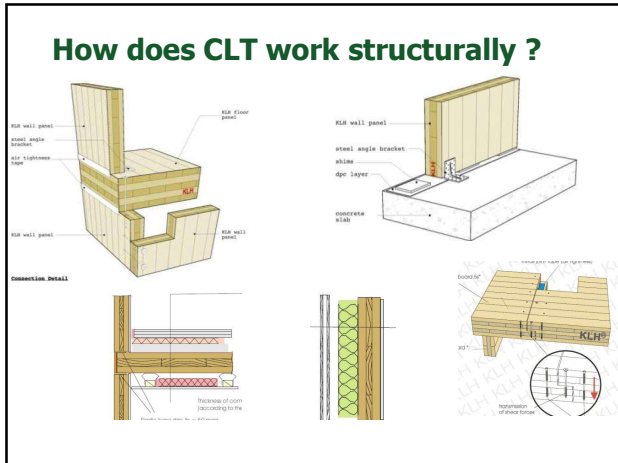
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### Shake Table Tests on 7-story Building

- Conducted at E-Defense
- Building weight 270t
- Self weight 120t
- Added weight 150t
- Panel thickness
  - 140 mm (5.5") floors 1 and 2
  - 125 mm (4.9") floors 3 and 4
  - 85 mm (3.3") top 3 floors
- Wall panels length 2.3 m (7.5')

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### CLT – Soft Story Tests

1. 2' CLT panels
2. Simpson HD8U
3. 5/8" A36 rod x 6 foot
4. 8" displacement
5. 1 inch rod elongation
6. Some angle damage

Google: CLT soft story test

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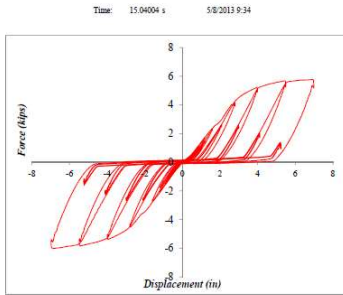
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### CLT – Soft Story Tests



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### New testing of CLT shear wall system

Shake table testing at UCSD, August and Sept, 2017



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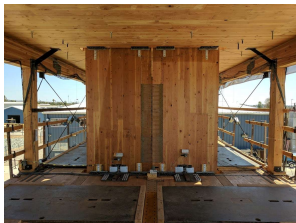
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- Steel fuse absorbs energy.

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- Bent plate fuse absorbs energy.

Photos Courtesy of Washington State University

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Shake table testing at UCSD, August and Sept, 2017

- P695 Testing –platform framed wall with light gage clips between segments control drift and absorb energy.



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### Seismic systems with mass timber

Other lateral systems: buckling restrained brace system



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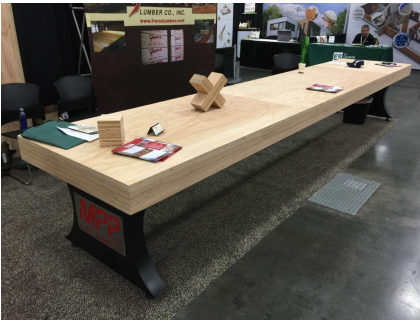
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### Mass Plywood



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### Wood-Concrete Composites



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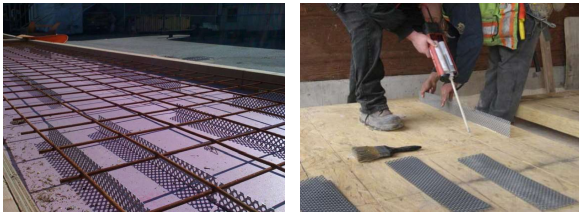
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### Wood-Concrete Composites



Wood (LSL) - Concrete composite panels  
(4" conc., 1" insulation, over 3-1/2" LSL)

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### Wood-Concrete Composites



Photos courtesy of StructureCraft

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### CrossLam Panel tight-fit tool



Slide Courtesy of Structurlam

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### CLT - Typical Construction Details

Internal spline

Double surface spline

Single surface spline

Half-lapped

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### ICC TALL WOOD AD HOC COMMITTEE

TYPE IV-A

TYPE IV-B

TYPE IV-C

TYPE IV-HT

BUSINESS OCCUPANCY (GROUP B)

Illustration courtesy Susan Jones

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### ICC TALL WOOD AD HOC COMMITTEE

#### Project Scope

In December 2015, the ICC Board established the ICC Ad Hoc Committee on Tall Wood Buildings noting the purpose of the ad hoc committee is to

1. explore the building science of tall wood buildings
2. investigate the feasibility, and
3. take action on developing code changes for tall wood buildings.

This scope will require further refinement by the committee.

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### ICC TALL WOOD AD HOC COMMITTEE

#### Membership

The Board has determined that the effort is to be undertaken by the newly formed Ad Hoc Committee on Tall Wood Buildings (AH-TWB). In making the committee appointments, the Board recognized the need to have a consensus committee comprised of the necessary balance of stakeholders including:

- Representatives from building construction material industries
- Building and Fire Officials
- Architects and engineers
- Fire protection experts
- Other construction related stakeholders

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**TWB Committee**

- 4 Work Groups appointed
  - Definitions and Standards
  - Fire
  - Structural
  - Codes
- 82 major issues identified, assigned to specific work groups, and investigated
- Hundreds of reports reviewed and collected via ICC TWB webpage
- Performance Objectives discussed and listed



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### TWB Ad Hoc Objectives

TWB identified performance objectives to be met:

- No collapse under reasonable scenarios of complete burn-out of fuel without automatic sprinkler protection being considered
- No unusually high radiation exposure from the subject building to adjoining properties to present a risk of ignition under reasonably severe fire scenarios
- No unusual response from typical radiation exposure from adjacent properties to present a risk of ignition of the subject building under reasonably severe fire scenarios

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### TWB Ad Hoc Objectives (cont'd)

TWB identified performance objectives to be met:

- No unusual fire department access issues
- Egress systems designed to protect building occupants during design escape time, plus a factor of safety
- Highly reliable fire suppression systems to reduce risk of failure during reasonably expected fire scenarios. Degree of reliability proportional to evacuation time (height) and risk of collapse.




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**The TWB has determined that  
its comprehensive  
package of proposals  
meet these performance  
objectives**

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### Mass Timber Fire Testing:

Year	Test Sponsor and Location	Test Description	Fire Test Std
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2016	LEVER Architecture, ARUP; SwRI	2 Hour exposed beam and column test with CLT deck	E 119
2017	FPF; NRC; NIST National Fire Research Lab	CLT Compartment Fire Tests (w/ first generation PUR adhesive CLT)	Non-Standard
2017	US FPL, ICC Tall Wood Ad Hoc (TWB), AWC; ATF Lab	Compartment Fire Tests, Two Story Mass Timber Building	Non-Standard
2017	AWC; SwRI	Development of a Fire Performance Assessment Methodology for CLT Adhesives	New PRG 320, Annex B standard
2017	AWC; WFC	CLT Floor/Ceiling Assembly to establish the contribution of GWB to FRR	E 119
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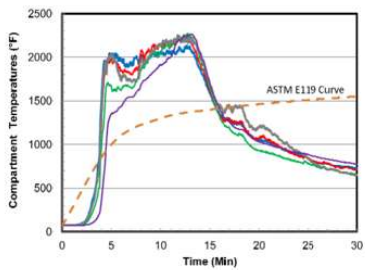
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### "Non-Standard Fire" not in the code



Compartment Temperature  
Typical "non-standard" TT curve

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### Behavior of Fire and Materials

- Fire needs three things:
  - Heat
  - Oxygen
  - Fuel



Source: AWC Staff

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### Behavior of Fire and Materials

- Phases of Fire
  - Ignition
  - Growth
  - Fully Developed
  - Decay



Source: AWC Staff




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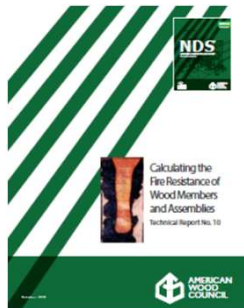
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### Behavior of Fire and Materials

#### Char layer

- tends to insulate the wood from heat sources

The updated version of AWC publication TR-10 is available free: [www.awc.org](http://www.awc.org)



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### Mass Timber Fire Testing:

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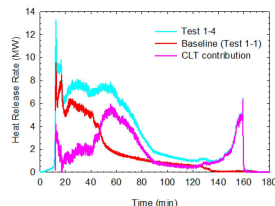
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#### Test 1-4: Exposed CLT ceiling

- 1<sup>st</sup> heat-delamination occurred around 50 minutes, extending fully-developed phase
- 2<sup>nd</sup> heat-delamination occurred around 150 minutes, resulting in fire re-growth



Graphs courtesy of Joseph Su, NRC Canada

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### Adhesive qualification tests

Direction provided by ICC-TWB Ad-Hoc Committee

- Need test protocol capable of identifying heat-delaminating adhesives
- Code-referenced standards governing CLT should require adhesive qualification using this protocol




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## 2018 ANSI/APA - PRG 320

**FLOOR MODIFICATION**

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Cross-laminated timber shall be labeled as conforming to PRG 320 - 18 as referenced in Section 2303.1.4, the heat performance requirements of Section 6.1.3.4 of DGC PSI and have no delamination in any specimen, except where occurring at a localized characteristic when permitted in the product standard.



**FIGURE B1**  
CALIBRATION TIME-TEMPERATURE CURVE

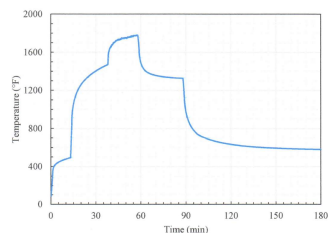


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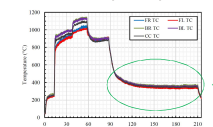
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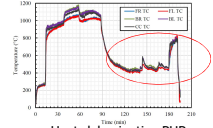
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Qualification tests performed on other adhesives

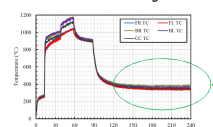
- Fire re-growth observed with PUR
- No fire re-growth observed with
  - Melamine formaldehyde resin
  - Improved PUR
- Test identifies acceptable performance



Melamine formaldehyde resin



Heat-delaminating PUR



Improved PUR

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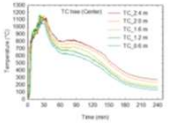
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Figure 67. Photograph of cross-sections after 180 min.

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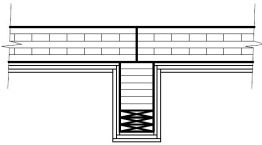
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### Non-combustible protection



FRR of mass timber element =  
time assigned to the exposed  
wood + time assigned to the  
added protection (usually  
gypsum)

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### Ch 7: Fire & Smoke Protection Features

#### 703 Fire-Resistance Ratings and Standardized Fire Tests

Building elements are tested under a standardized test fire exposure for a given duration to:

1. Prevent 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

- **How do calculations work to duplicate structural E119 fire test results?**

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## Fire Design of Exposed Wood Members

CLT manufactured with laminations of equal thickness

**Table 16.2.1B Effective Char Depths (for CLT with  $\beta_n=1.5\text{in./hr.}$ )**

Required Fire Endurance (hr.)	Effective Char Depths, $a_{char}$ (in.)								
	lamination thicknesses, $t_{lam}$ (in.)								
	5/8	3/4	7/8	1	1-1/4	1-3/8	1-1/2	1-3/4	2
1-Hour	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
1½-Hour	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6
2-Hour	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6



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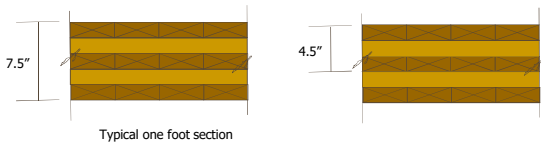
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## Example Floor Calculation

Determination of effective residual cross-section

- Assume 5-ply @ 1.5" each ply = 7.5"
- Determine thickness for 1-hour rating
- $a_{char} = 1.8"$  (NDS Table 16.2.1B)
- $d = 7.5" - 1.8" = 5.7"$
- Could conservatively assume 3-ply panel for design



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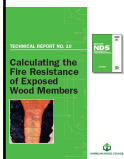
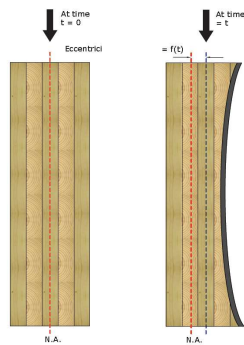
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## Calculation on wall:




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## Non-combustible protection

### FS5-18

**IBC: 703.8 (New)**  
**Proponent:** Stephen DiGiovanni, representing ICC Ad Hoc Committee on Tall Wood Buildings (TWB)

**703.8 Determination of noncombustible protection time contribution.** The time, in minutes, contributed to the fire resistance rating by the noncombustible protection of mass timber building elements, components, or assemblies, shall be established through a comparison of assemblies tested using procedures set forth in ASTM E 119 or UL 263. The test assemblies shall be identical in construction, loading, and materials, other than the noncombustible protection. The two test assemblies shall be tested to the same criteria of structural failure.

1. Test Assembly 1 shall be without protection.
2. Test Assembly 2 shall include the representative noncombustible protection. The protection shall be fully defined in terms of configuration details, attachment details, joint sealing details, accessories and all other relevant details.

The noncombustible protection time contribution shall be determined by subtracting the fire resistance time, in minutes, of Test Assembly 1 from the fire resistance time, in minutes, of Test Assembly 2.

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<b>2011</b>	<b>FPInnovations (FPI); National Research Council of Canada (NRC)</b>	<b>Protected Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT) Floor and Wall Tests,</b>	<b>E 119</b>
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**3.7.1 NRC Protected CLT Floor and Wall Tests**

As discussed in 2.8, in 2011, FPInnovations (FPI), in collaboration with the National Research Council of Canada (NRC), conducted a series of 8 full-scale fire resistance tests of CLT floors and walls [50]. All tests followed the ULC S101 time-temperature curve, a fire exposure comparable to the ASTM E119 time-temperature curve. Three of the CLT floors and one of the CLT walls were protected with GWB.

As reported in Section 2.8 for unprotected CLT floor and wall tests, loading of the floors and walls was based on Canadian standards. For purposes of this analysis, allowable stress design (ASD) values were determined by using relevant grades from the CLT product standard, PRG-320 [51]. Structural fire resistance was then calculated using NDS design provisions and appropriate ASD design values from PRG-320.

**NRC Test #1 - Protected Floor:**  
**NRC Test #2 - Protected Wall:**  
**NRC Test #5 - Protected Floor:**  
**NRC Test #6 - Protected Floor:**




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<b>2014</b>	<b>AWC; Western Fire Center (WFC)</b>	<b>GWB-Protected Beam Tests, Protected Structural Composite Lumber (SCL) Tests</b>	<b>E 119</b>
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**Table 3 5b Added Contribution of Gypsum Wallboard Protection**

Beam Description	Design Stress Ratio	GWB Description		Test Times (minutes)			Estimated Times (minutes)		
		Thickness (inches)	Layers	SCL Beam + GWB	SCL Beam Only	GWB Only	SCL Beam + GWB	SCL Beam Only	GWB Only
3 1/2'-Wide LVL	56%	5/8" Type X	1	71	33	38 <sup>1</sup>	70	30	40
7'-Wide LVL	113%	5/8" Type X	2	139	50	90	130	50	80
3 1/2'-Wide LSL	84%	5/8" Type X	1	74	35	39 <sup>1</sup>	65	26	40
3 1/2'-Wide LSL	84%	5/8" Type X	2	114	35	79	106	28	80

<sup>1</sup>Gypsum wallboard corners were not finished, resulting in early penetration of fire.

When tested in accordance with ASTM E119, all ten SCL beams lasted longer in the fire tests than the calculated fire resistance corresponding to the actual applied load level. Accordingly, test results support the use of the calculation procedure in NDS Chapter 16 and TR10 for SCL.

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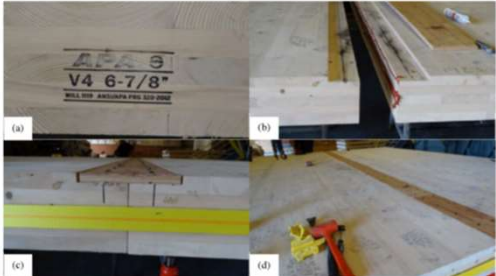


Figure 1. Representative CLT panels showing (a) cross-section and identification, (b) joint, (c) joined assembly, and (d) complete assembly.

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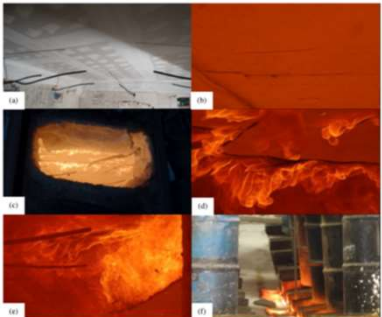


Figure 7. Test 1 floor assembly during test showing (a) before test, (b) field crack - 24 min, (c) flames - 33 min, (d) peeling - 49 min, (e) falling material - 63 min, and (f) glowing at splice joint - 190 min.

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Figure 12. Test 2 floor assembly during test showing (a) before test, (b) darkening - 1 min, (c) flames - 5 min, (d) ashens - 33 min, (e) deflection - 130 min, and (f) sustained flames - 149 min.

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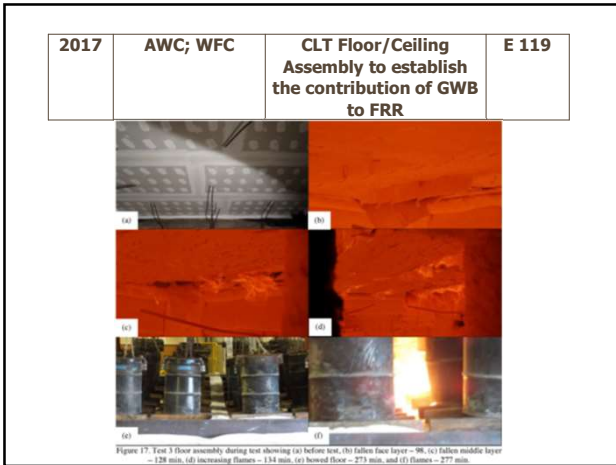
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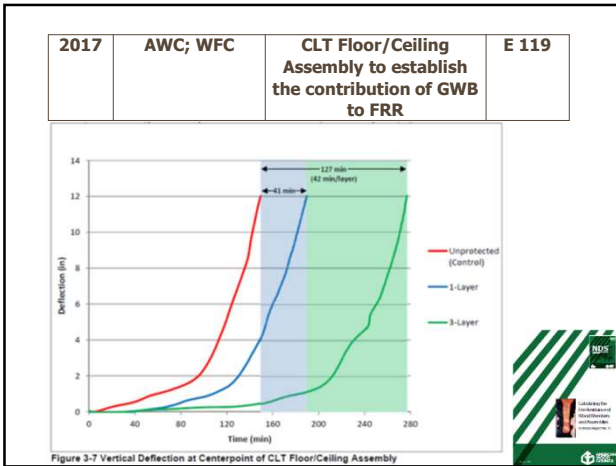
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### Non-combustible protection

## FS81-18

IBC: 722.7 (New), 722.7.1 (New), TABLE 722.7.1(1) (New), TABLE 722.7.1(2) (New), 722.7.2 (New), 722.7.2.1 (New), 722.7.2.2 (New)

Proponent: Stephen DiGiovanni, representing ICC Ad Hoc Committee on Tall Wood Buildings (TWB) (TWB@iccsafe.org)

#### TABLE 722.7.1(1)

Required Fire Resistance Rating of Building Element per Tables 601 and 602 (hours)	Minimum Protection Required from Noncombustible Protection (minutes)
1	40
2	80
3 or more	120

- 2/3 of Table 601 required FRR from NC protection
- Installation requirements of deemed to comply NC protection

TABLE 722.7.1(2)

PROTECTION PROVIDED BY NONCOMBUSTIBLE COVERING MATERIAL

Noncombustible Protection	Protection Contribution (minutes)
1/2 inch Type X Gypsum Board	30-25
5/8 inch Type X Gypsum Board	40

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## Noncombustible protection

Table 722.7.1(a) Protection Required From Noncombustible Covering Material

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Noncombustible Protection	Protection Contribution (minutes)
1/2 inch Type X Gypsum Board	25
5/8 Type X Gypsum Board	40

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## Noncombustible protection

Attachment of Type X Gypsum Board Used as Noncombustible Protection:

- Screws shall penetrate  $\geq 1"$  into mass timber
- Screws shall be spaced no more than 12" o.c. in each direction
- Screws at panel edges shall be between 1" and 2" from the edge
- Panel edges shall be offset 18" from those of adjacent layers
- Stair-step profile required at wall-to-wall & wall-to-ceiling intersections
- Screw heads and panel joints shall be covered with joint compound

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## Other testing of NC protection:



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### Other testing of NC protection:

Objective: Quantify contribution of other non-combustible protection in addition to gypsum on Mass Timber

	Unprotected CLT (control test)	Single-Layer Protection	Triple-Layer Protection	Mineral Wool Protection
CLT type/grade	S-Layer V4 (Smartlam)			
CLT panel size	Two 7'x18' panels per test, joined together for an overall size of 14'x18'			
Loading	24 sand-filled barrels, uniformly-distributed for an applied load of 60 psf			
Span	17'-10"			
Load Ratio	75% of ASD moment (including self-weight)			
Noncombustible protection	None	1 layer of 5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard	3 layers of 5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard	2" thick, 8 pcf mineral wool
GWB attachment	None	Type 5 screws @ 12" o.c. both directions, 1" penetration into CLT, 1.5" edge distance.	Type 5 screws @ 12" o.c. both directions, staggered 4" each layer, 1" penetration into CLT, 1.5" edge distance.	Type 5 screws and 1.5" fender washers at
Deflection at End of Test	13.5"	13.5"	12.0"	12.0"
Test duration	149.4 minutes	189.7 minutes	226.8 minutes	261.3 minutes
Noncombustible protection contribution	--	40.3 minutes	127.4 minutes	113 minutes
Time attributed to each layer	--	40.3 min/layer	42.5 min/layer	113 minutes

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### Behavior of Fire and Materials

- **Wood exposed to high temperature:**
  - low thermal conductivity
  - dimensionally stable
  - inner portion remains cool
  - does not lose strength
  - **Contributes to the Fire !** 

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### Fire Behavior Depends on:

Fire behavior depends in part on:

- Amount of exposed wood
- Arrangement of exposed wood
- Thermal performance of adhesive

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**MASS TIMBER: FRR & NC PROTECTION CHECKLIST:**

- Mass timber material meets heavy timber minimum dimension requirements found in IBC 2304.11?
- Exposed MT meets limits for area and separation between exposed locations?
- NC Protection meets 2/3 FRR of Table 601 and other specific requirements?
- Overall FRR of building elements (either exposed or protected) meet the minimum FRR requirements of Table 601 (calculated or tested)?

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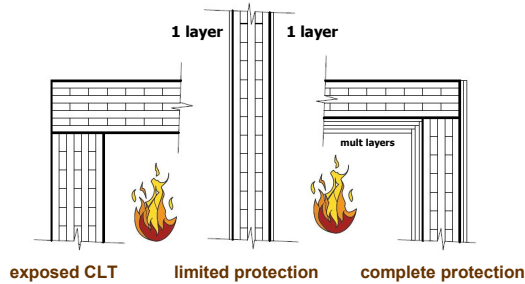
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**Additional NC Protection of CLT:**

All have 3 hour or more fire resistance rating:



Is the behavior the same?

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**Behavior of Fire and Materials**

Protection of mass timber construction:



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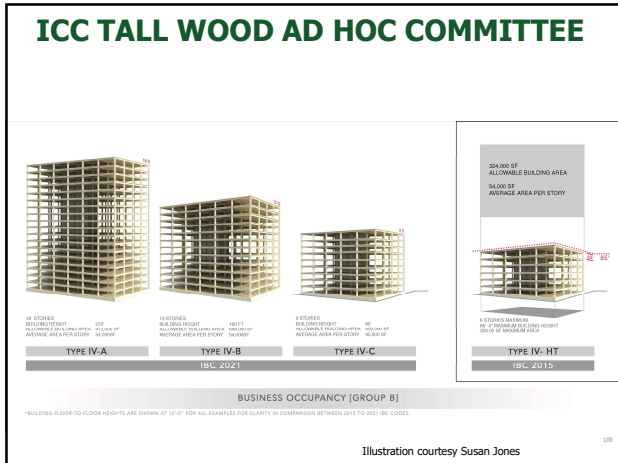
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<b>2017</b>	<b>US FPL, ICC Tall Wood Ad Hoc (TWB), AWC; ATF Lab</b>	<b>Compartment Fire Tests, Two Story Mass Timber Building</b>	<b>Non-Standard</b>
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- Purpose: Perform tests of realistic fire scenarios applicable to tall wood construction in order to evaluate occupant and firefighter tenability for egress and suppression efforts, and to provide data necessary to guide further development of relevant code and standard provisions
- Conducted at U.S. government facilities (ATF)
- Supervised by U.S. Forest Product Laboratory staff




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2017	US FPL, ICC Tall Wood Ad Hoc (TWB), AWC; ATF Lab	Compartment Fire Tests, Two Story Mass Timber Building	Non-Standard
Test	Description	Date	Duration
Test 1	All mass timber surfaces protected with 2 layers of 5/8" Type X GWB	5/23/17	3 hours
Test 2	30% of CLT ceiling area in living room and bedroom exposed	5/31/17	4 hours
Test 3	Two opposing CLT walls exposed – one in bedroom and one in living room (there is a partition wall)	6/20/17	4 hours
Test 4	All mass timber surfaces fully exposed in bedroom and living room. Sprinklered – normal activation	6/27/17	6 minutes
Test 5	All mass timber surfaces fully exposed in bedroom and living room (except bathroom). Sprinklered – 23 min delayed activation	6/29/17	30 minutes

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2017	US FPL, ICC Tall Wood Ad Hoc (TWB), AWC; ATF Lab	Compartment Fire Tests, Two Story Mass Timber Building	Non-Standard
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- Tests 1 through 3: unlikely scenario in which automatic sprinklers fail to activate and fire service unable to respond
- Test 4: normal sprinkler activation
- Test 5: automatic sprinklers fail to activate, but are later manually charged by fire service

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2017	US FPL, ICC Tall Wood Ad Hoc (TWB), AWC; ATF Lab	Compartment Fire Tests, Two Story Mass Timber Building	Non-Standard
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- Two stories, one apartment per level
- Each apartment: 30 ft x 30 ft
- Ceiling height: 9 ft
- 5-ply CLT
  - Douglas fir-Larch species group
  - Lamination Thickness: 1.375 inches
  - CLT Thickness: 6.875 inches
  - Polyurethane Adhesive
- Corridor around each apartment and a 2 hour stair enclosure

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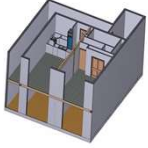

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- Partitions used unrated 1/2" gypsum wallboard
- Kitchen & Living Room: 15 ft x 30 ft
- Bedroom & Bath: 15 ft x 30 ft
- 20-min rated door between compartment and corridor
- 90-min rated door between corridor and stairwell
- Fuel load ~570 MJ/m<sup>2</sup>


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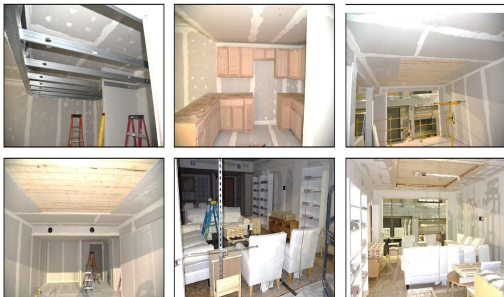
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**ATF fire Test #1 - All Mass Timber Protected**

All mass timber surfaces protected with 2 layers of 5/8" Type X GWB



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**Atf fire Test #2 – 20% of Dwelling Unit CLT Ceilings Exposed**

30% of CLT ceiling area in living room and bedroom exposed

Live load applied using water barrels



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### Atf fire Test #2 – 20% of Dwelling Unit CLT Ceilings Exposed



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### Atf fire Test #2 – 20% of Dwelling Unit CLT Ceilings Exposed

Post-Fire Condition of Glulam  
After Gypsum Removal

- Fire intensity decreased subsequent to consumption of furnishings and contents (known as *decay phase*)
- Exposed mass timber surfaces self-extinguished in the decay phase
- Mass timber surfaces protected with 2 layers of 5/8" Type X GWB remained mostly uncharred



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### Section of exposed ceiling (90° angle)



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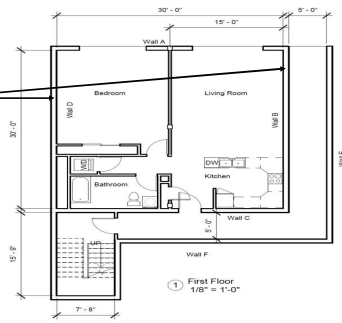
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### ATF fire Test #3 – Exposed Walls

Two opposing CLT walls exposed one in bedroom and one in living room



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### Atf Fire Test #3 40% of Dwelling Unit Floor Area Walls Exposed



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### ATF fire Test #4 – Sprinklers, Exposed

All mass timber surfaces fully exposed in bedroom and living room  
Sprinkler – normal activation



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### Test #5 – delayed Sprinklers

All mass timber surfaces fully exposed in bedroom and living room.

Sprinkler – water delayed for 20 minutes after sprinkler activation within the test compartment...approximately 23 minutes from ignition

- Flashover conditions were reached in the kitchen, and the bedroom was very near reaching flashover
- The sprinkler system effectively suppressed the fire




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### TWB Committee Fire Testing Summary:

Fire Work Group created fire test scenarios to study and validate the TWB code change proposals

- Test structure represented multi-story condo
- 30 ft x 30 ft interior dimensions
- Corridor and stair included in the structure
- UL “modern furnishings” fuel load imposed → 570 MJ/m<sup>2</sup>
  - fuel load was approximately 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of Group R fuel loads from survey of Group R’s

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### ATF Fire Test Results – Event Log

Test No.	Time After Ignition (mm:ss)				
	Flashover (600°C) Living Room	Flashover (600°C) Bedroom	Flames in Hallway	Compartment door Fails	Sprinkler Activation
1	13:27	17:20	26:51	57:46	N/A
1 <sup>st</sup> floor					
2	11:42	17:20	30:38	63:59	N/A
2 <sup>nd</sup> floor					
3	12:37	17:00	13:06 (door frame installation error)	29:42 (door frame installation error)	N/A
2 <sup>nd</sup> floor					
4	-	-	-	-	2:37
1 <sup>st</sup> floor					
5	-	-	-	-	23:00
1 <sup>st</sup> floor					

Tests 2 and 3 terminated at 4 hours with no re-growth

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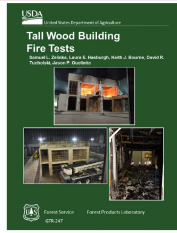
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### ATF Fire tests

Full Report on FPL Website:  
[https://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/documnts/fplgtr/fpl\\_gtr247.pdf](https://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/documnts/fplgtr/fpl_gtr247.pdf)

Fire Test Videos on AWC Website:  
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### Repair in Place ?



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### Mass Timber Fire Testing:

Year	Test Sponsor and Location	Test Description	Fire Test Std
2011	FPInnovations (FPI); National Research Council of Canada (NRC)	Protected Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT) Floor and Wall Tests,	E 119
2012	American Wood Council (AWC); NRC Testing Services	5 ply CLT wall with 8700 PLF load protected with 1 layer of 5/8" type X gypsum wall board (GWB) each side	E 119
2014	AWC; Western Fire Center (WFC)	GWB-Protected Beam Tests, Protected Structural Composite Lumber (SCL) Tests	E 119
2015	AWC; Southwest Research Institute (SwRI)	Nail Laminated Timber (NLT) and CLT compartments; 2 hour FRR fire stops	Non-Standard; E 814
2016	LEVER Architecture, ARUP; SwRI	2 Hour exposed beam and column test with CLT decks	E 119
2017	FRF; NRC; NIST National Fire Research Lab	CLT Compartment Fire Tests (w/ first generation PUR adhesive CLT)	Non-Standard
2017	US FPL, ICC Tall Wood Ad Hoc (TWB), AWC; ATF Lab	Compartment Fire Tests, Two Story Mass Timber Building	Non-Standard
2017	AWC; SwRI	Development of a Fire Performance Assessment Methodology for CLT Adhesives	New PRG 320, Annex B standard
2017	AWC; WFC	CLT Floor/Ceiling Assembly to establish the contribution of GWB to FRR	E 119
2018	NRC, CNRC	Fire Testing of Rooms with Exposed Second Generation PUR adhesive CLT	Non-Standard

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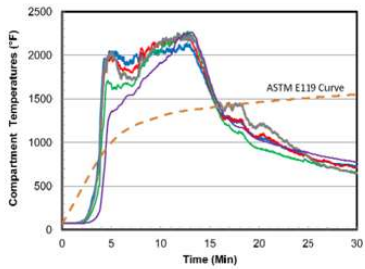
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### "Non-Standard Fire" not in the code



Compartment Temperature  
Typical "non-standard" TT curve

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Figure B-3. Sample after 2-h Exposure.

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## ICC TALL WOOD AD HOC COMMITTEE

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Illustration courtesy Susan Jones

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## TWB Committee Proposals

### TWB Group A Work Product:

- 14 code change proposals to-date; hundreds of code sections reviewed
- 3 new types of construction
- New entries in Height (feet), Height (stories) and Area for the IBC
- Multiple new requirements for safety while under construction
- Existing exterior wall test standard still required (currently NFPA 285 per IBC)

ICC Ad Hoc Committee on Tall Wood Buildings

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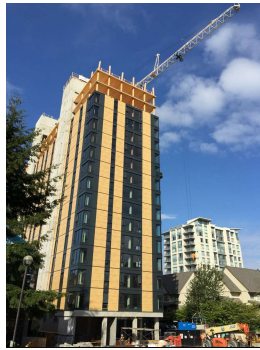
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### TWB proposed Text

#### 602.4 Type IV (cont'd)

All cross-laminated timber shall be labeled as conforming to the heat performance requirements of Section 6.1.3.4 of DOC-PS1 PRG 320-18 as referenced in Section 2303.1.4 and have no delamination in any specimen, except when occurring at a localized characteristic when permitted in the product standard.

Exterior load-bearing walls and nonload-bearing walls shall be mass timber construction, or shall be of noncombustible construction.

Exception: Type IV-HT Construction in accordance with Section 602.4.4.

The interior building elements, including nonload-bearing walls and partitions, shall be of mass timber construction or of noncombustible construction.

Exception: Type IV-HT Construction in accordance with Section 602.4.4.

Combustible concealed spaces are not permitted except as otherwise indicated in Sections 602.4.1 through 602.4.4. Combustible stud spaces within light frame walls of Type IV-HT construction shall not be considered concealed spaces, but shall comply with Section 718.

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### TWB Committee proposals

#### 602.4 Type IV (cont'd)

In buildings of Type IV-A, B, and C, construction with an occupied floor located more than 75 feet above the lowest level of fire department access, up to and including 12 stories or 180 feet above grade plane, mass timber interior exit and elevator hoistway enclosures shall be protected in accordance with Section 602.4.1.2.

In buildings greater than 12 stories or 180 feet above grade plane, interior exit and elevator hoistway enclosures shall be constructed of non-combustible materials.

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**602.4.1.6 Shafts.** Shafts shall be permitted in accordance with Sections 713 and Section 718. Both the shaft side and room side of mass timber elements shall be protected in accordance with Section 602.4.1.2.

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### Exit and Hoistway Enclosures:



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## Type of construction **G108-18**

Table 601 (comparison)

BUILDING ELEMENT	Non-combustible				Mass Timber			
	TYPE I		TYPE II		TYPE IV			
	A	B	A	B	A	B	C	HT
Columns	3	2 (1**)	1	1	3	2	2	HT
Primary Frame	3 (2*)	2 (1**)	1	0	3	2	2	HT
Interior Bearing Walls	3 (2*)	2 (1**)	1	0	3	2	2	HT
Floor Assembly	2	2 (1**)	1	0	2	2	2	HT
IBC 403.2.1 reductions: * reduce 1 hour ** reduce 1 hour (except for F-1, H-2, H-3, H-5, M and S-1 occupancy)					no reduction (all fire resistance rating greater or equal than non-combustible)			

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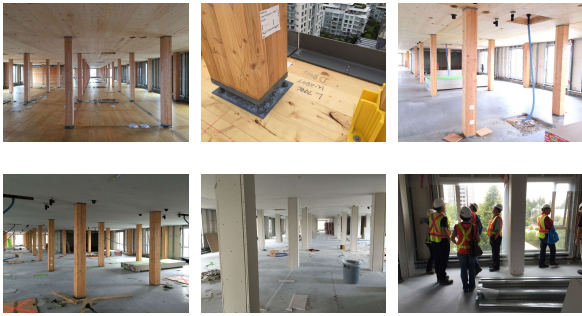
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### Brock Commons: IVA NC Protection:




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### Noncombustible protection in Type IV-B

#### Type IV-B

**602.4.2.2.2 Protected Area.** All interior faces of all mass timber elements shall be protected in accordance with Section 602.4.2.2.1, including the inside faces of exterior mass timber walls and mass timber roofs.

Exceptions: Unprotected portions of mass timber ceilings and walls complying with Section 602.4.2.2.4 and the following:

1. Unprotected portions of mass timber ceilings, including attached beams, shall be permitted and shall be limited to an area equal to 20% of the floor area in any *dwelling unit* or *fire area*; **or**
2. Unprotected portions of mass timber walls, including attached columns, shall be permitted and shall be limited to an area equal to 40% of the floor area in any *dwelling unit* or *fire area*; **or**
3. Unprotected portions of both walls and ceilings of mass timber, including attached columns and beams, in any *dwelling unit* or *fire area* shall be permitted in accordance with section 602.4.2.2.3.

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### ATF Test: IVB NC Protection:




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### TWB Committee proposals

**602.4.2.2.3 Mixed Unprotected Areas.** In each *dwelling unit* or *fire area*, where both portions of ceilings and portions of walls are unprotected, the total allowable unprotected area shall be determined in accordance with Equation 6-1.

$(U_{tc}/U_{ac}) + (U_{tw}/U_{aw}) \leq 1$  (Equation 6-1) where:

- $U_{tc}$  = Total unprotected mass timber ceiling areas
- $U_{ac}$  = Allowable unprotected mass timber ceiling area conforming to Section 602.4.2.2.2, exception item 1
- $U_{tw}$  = Total unprotected mass timber wall areas
- $U_{aw}$  = Allowable unprotected mass timber wall area conforming to Section 602.4.2.2.2, exception item 2

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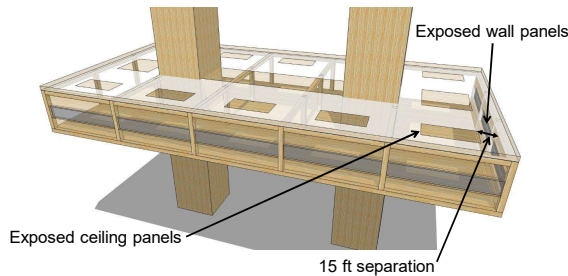
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**602.4.2.2.4 Separation Distance Between Unprotected Mass Timber Elements.** In each *dwelling unit* or *fire area*, unprotected portions of mass timber walls and ceilings shall be not less than 15 feet from unprotected portions of other walls and ceilings, measured horizontally along the ceiling and from other unprotected portions of walls measured horizontally along the floor.




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### G108-18

**G108-18**  
 IBC: 202, 602.4, 602.4.1, 602.4.1.1 (New), 602.4.1.2(New), 602.4.1.2.1 (New), 602.4.1.3 (New), 602.4.1.4 (New), 602.4.1.5 (New), 602.4.1.6 (New), 602.4.2, 602.4.2.1 (New), 602.4.2.2 (New), 602.4.2.2.1 (New), 602.4.2.2.2 (New), 602.4.2.2.3 (New), 602.4.2.2.4 (New), 602.4.2.3 (New), 602.4.2.4 (New), 602.4.2.5 (New), 602.4.2.6 (New), 602.4.3, 602.4.3.1 (New), 602.4.3.2 (New), 602.4.3.3 (New), 602.4.3.4 (New), 602.4.3.5 (New), 602.4.3.6 (New), 602.4.4(New), , TABLE 601, TABLE 602

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### Key considerations in Chapter 6:

- Allowed Materials
- Structural FRR (Table 601)
- Amount and location of non-combustible protection
- **NC protection of concealed spaces**
- NC protection of other features

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### TWB proposed Text

#### 602.4 Type IV (cont'd)

All cross-laminated timber shall be labeled as conforming to the heat performance requirements of Section 6.1.3.4 of DOC PS1 PRG 320-18 as referenced in Section 2303.1.4 and have no delamination in any specimen, except when occurring at a localized characteristic when permitted in the product standard.

Exterior *load-bearing walls* and *nonload-bearing walls* shall be mass timber construction, or shall be of noncombustible construction.

Exception: Type IV-HT Construction in accordance with Section 602.4.4.

The interior building elements, including nonload-bearing walls and partitions, shall be of mass timber construction or of noncombustible construction.

Exception: Type IV-HT Construction in accordance with Section 602.4.4.

Combustible concealed spaces are not permitted except as otherwise indicated in Sections 602.4.1 through 602.4.4. Combustible stud spaces within light frame walls of Type IV-HT construction shall not be considered concealed spaces, but shall comply with Section 718.

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### Concealed Spaces

No exposed combustibles other than plenum exception permitted in concealed space



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### G108-18

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IBC: 202, 602.4, 602.4.1, 602.4.1.1 (New), 602.4.1.2(New), 602.4.1.2.1 (New), 602.4.1.3 (New), 602.4.1.4 (New), 602.4.1.5 (New), 602.4.1.6 (New), 602.4.2, 602.4.2.1 (New), 602.4.2.2 (New), 602.4.2.2.1 (New), 602.4.2.2.2 (New), 602.4.2.2.3 (New), 602.4.2.2.4 (New), 602.4.2.3 (New), 602.4.2.4 (New), 602.4.2.5 (New), 602.4.2.6 (New), 602.4.3, 602.4.3.1 (New), 602.4.3.2 (New), 602.4.3.3 (New), 602.4.3.4 (New), 602.4.3.5 (New), 602.4.3.6 (New), 602.4.4(New), , TABLE 601, TABLE 602

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### TWB Committee proposals

#### 602.4 Type IV (cont'd)

In buildings of Type IV-A, B, and C, construction with an occupied floor located more than 75 feet above the lowest level of fire department access, up to and including 12 stories or 180 feet above grade plane, mass timber interior exit and elevator hoistway enclosures shall be protected in accordance with Section 602.4.1.2. In buildings greater than 12 stories or 180 feet above grade plane, interior exit and elevator hoistway enclosures shall be constructed of non-combustible materials.

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**602.4.1.6 Shafts.** Shafts shall be permitted in accordance with Sections 713 and Section 718. Both the shaft side and room side of mass timber elements shall be protected in accordance with Section 602.4.1.2.

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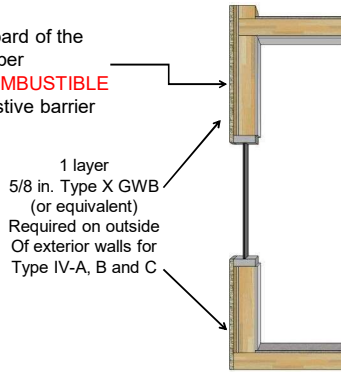
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### Exterior Wall Section

All material outboard of the Mass Timber  
**MUST BE NONCOMBUSTIBLE**  
Except: water resistive barrier



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### Exterior Wall Section



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### In Summary: Type of Construction IV-A



Building Element	
Maximum Height	270'
Number of Stories	18 maximum
Exposed Mass Timber?	No exposed MT, full NC protection including floors
Sprinklers	Yes
Primary Frame FRR	3 hours
Floor FRR	2 hours
Primary Frame FRR coming from NC protection	120 minutes
Stair Towers (if over 120 feet)	Non-combustible
Concealed Spaces	Permitted but protected

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### In Summary: Type of Construction IV-B



Building Element	
Maximum Height	180'
Number of Stories	12 maximum
Exposed Mass Timber?	Up to 20% Ceiling or 40% of floor area for walls; floors protected
Sprinklers	Yes
Primary Frame FRR	2 hours
Floor FRR	2 hours
Fire Resistance from Non-com	80 minutes
Stair Towers	Mass Timber or NC
Concealed Spaces	Permitted but protected

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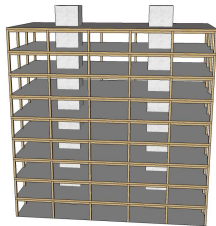
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### In Summary: Type of Construction IV-C



Building Element	
Maximum Height	85'
Number of Stories	9 maximum
Exposed Mass Timber?	Fully exposed (except both sides of stair and shaft enclosures, outside of exterior walls protected)
Sprinklers	Yes
Primary Frame FRR	2 hours
Floor FRR	2 hours
Stair Tower	Mass Timber or NC
Concealed Spaces	Permitted but protected

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### Review Guide - Type of Const Comparison

#### 2021 IBC, 2018 Group A, Tall Mass Timber Proposals Code Action Hearing (CAH) Unofficial Results:

The ICC Ad Hoc Committee on Tall Wood Buildings (TWB) was created by the ICC Board of Directors to explore the concept of tall wood buildings and take actions to develop and submit code change proposals to the ICC process. 24 proposals were submitted and approved for the Group A Committee Action Hearing (CAH). All proposals were approved as submitted (AS) or approved as modified (AM) at the Committee Action Hearing in Columbia, Ohio. The next step in the ICC process will be a vote on the proposals and actions on the committee action hearing. The next step in the ICC process will be a vote on the proposals and actions on the committee action hearing. The next step in the ICC process will be a vote on the proposals and actions on the committee action hearing.

This document is intended to assist individual code official groups to track the proposals in order to become familiar and understand the proposed changes with the least amount of time and effort and also provide a road copy from the hearing for those government agencies who want to consider early adoption of the proposals and modifications that were approved at the CAH.

The CAH approved proposals, when finalized, will create three new types of construction: IVa, IVb and IVc. These timber (Type IV) types technically are changes to the current IBC AS (AS) requirements as new types of the new types of construction permit the use of mass timber IBC Type IV construction in a manner. As a new type of timber, used in the new types of construction, must meet the minimum dimensions assigned the 2018 IBC for heavy timber construction. For those hearing entities with the package, it is recommended the code change proposals are reviewed in the following order starting with the basic requirements for the new types of construction:

- 605B-IBC Section 602.4 - Type of Construction, Approved As Modified (AM) by DG1609a 1 & 2
- 905B-IBC Section 905.8 - Performance Method, Approved As Submitted (AS)
- 703B-IBC Section 703.7 - Rating, Installation, Approved AM by DG1609a 1
- 705B-IBC Section 705.8 - Sealing at Joints, Approved AS/AM; DG1609a 2, 3 and 4 of order just to forward but recommended for future approval by the ad hoc committee
- 707B-IBC Chapter 7 - Insulating Material, Approved AS
- 708B-IBC Section 708.2.2 - High-Rise Sprinkler Water Supply, Approved AS
- 709B-IBC Section 709.2 - Corrosion Resistance, Approved AS
- 710B-IBC Section 710.4 of the IFC - Fire Safety During Const, Approved AM DG1609a 2
- 804B-IBC Table 804.4, Approved AS
- 804B-IBC Table 804.4, Approved AS
- 814B-IBC Chapter 8 - Special Construction, Approved AS
- 815B-IBC Appendix D - Fire Durability, Approved AS
- 808B-IBC Section 808.4 and 808.5 Fire Barriers, Approved AM DG1609a 1

Tall Wood Type of Construction Comparison				
Feature	Type IVa	Type IVb	Type IVc	Notes
Description of use Type IV types	IBC % Non-combustible (NC) protection on all exterior walls (MFT) IBC % Non-combustible (NC) protection on all exterior walls (MFT)	NC protection on all exterior walls (MFT) MFT (except for framed exterior walls)	Approved mass timber (MT) type IV, MFT, non-combustible walls, and interior of exterior walls	
Permitted Materials	MT on NC	MT on NC	MT on NC	
Structural Building Elements	MT on NC	MT on NC	MT on NC	
Nonbearing Walls	MT on NC	MT on NC	MT on NC	
Nonbearing Partitions	MT on NC	MT on NC	MT on NC	
Shelf and Exit Enclosures	MT on NC	MT on NC	MT on NC	
Roofing	NC or MFT protected with 1/2" gyp on 1/2" FRR (1 hour of 1 1/2" gyp)	NC or MFT protected with 2 layers of 1/2" gyp on 1/2" FRR (1 hour of 1 1/2" gyp)	NC or MFT protected with one layer of 1/2" gyp on 1/2" FRR (1 hour of 1 1/2" gyp)	
Interior Protection	None	None	None	
Exterior Protection	Minimum of 1 layer of 1/2" gyp on 1/2" FRR	Minimum of 1 layer of 1/2" gyp on 1/2" FRR	Minimum of 1 layer of 1/2" gyp on 1/2" FRR	
Floor Surface	1 inch of NC protection	1 inch of NC protection	1 inch of NC protection	
Roof	NC protection on exterior and interior of roof	NC protection on exterior and interior of roof	NC protection on exterior and interior of roof	
concealed spaces	No concealed spaces; NC protection in concealed spaces	No concealed spaces; NC protection in concealed spaces	No concealed spaces; NC protection in concealed spaces	
Table 803 - FRR	1 1/2" FRR (1 hr at 1000)	1 1/2" FRR (1 hr at 1000)	1 1/2" FRR (1 hr at 1000)	
Fire Protection Rating	1 1/2" FRR (1 hr at 1000)	1 1/2" FRR (1 hr at 1000)	1 1/2" FRR (1 hr at 1000)	

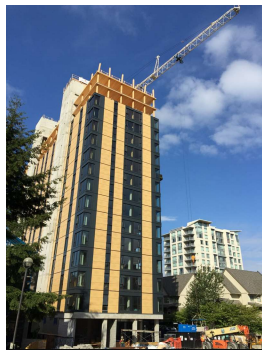
### TWB Committee Group A Proposals – ALL APPROVED as submitted OR as modified.

- ✓ **G108** New types of construction
- **G75** Height in feet
- **G80** Height in stories
- **G84** Allowable area per floor
- **G89** Fire barriers
- **G146** Membrane structures with mass timber
- **G152** Appendix
- **G28** Redundant water supply
- ✓ **F55** Performance based noncombustible protection
- **F56** Sealing of Splices and intersections
- **FS73** mass timber as fire blocking
- ✓ **FS81** Prescriptive noncombustible protection
- **IFC F88** Owners responsibility
- **IFC F266** Fire safety during construction

SO LET'S LOOK AT SOME OF THOSE NEW CODE SECTIONS...

### Outline

- History and Overview
- TWB Ad Hoc Committee and Testing
- Code Changes and Definitions
- IBC Construction Types
- Building Sizes



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### Height and area

**Table 504.3, Allowable Height (G75-18):**

- Type IV B set based on equivalence with Type I B: 180 feet for occupancy groups A, B, E, F, M, S, U and R
- Reduced 1/2 to 1/3 for other occ groups
- Type IV A = IV B x 1.5 instead of UL
- Type IV C = IV HT with no increase

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### ALLOWABLE HEIGHTS – feet

OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION	SEE FOOTNOTES	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION															
		TYPE I		TYPE II		TYPE III		TYPE IV			TYPE V						
		A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	C	HT	A	B				
A, B, E, F, M, S, U	NS <sup>b</sup>	UL	160	65	55	65	55	65	55	65	65	65	65	45	50		40
	S	UL	180	85	75	85	75	85	75	270	180	85	85	65	70		60
H-1, H-2, H-3, H-5	NS <sup>c, d</sup>	UL	160	65	55	65	55	65	55	120	90	65	65	65	50		40
	S	UL	160	65	55	65	55	65	55	120	90	65	65	65	50		40
H-4	NS <sup>c, d</sup>	UL	160	65	55	65	55	65	55	65	65	65	65	50		40	
	S	UL	180	85	75	85	75	85	75	140	100	85	85	70		60	
I-1 Condition 1, I-3	NS <sup>d, e</sup>	UL	160	65	55	65	55	65	55	65	65	65	65	50		40	
	S	UL	180	85	75	85	75	85	75	180	120	85	85	70		60	
I-1 Condition 2, I-2	NS <sup>d, e, f</sup>	UL	160	65	55	65	55	65	55	65	65	65	65	50		40	
	S	UL	180	85	75	85	75	85	75	180	120	85	85	70		60	
I-4	NS <sup>d, g</sup>	UL	160	65	55	65	55	65	55	65	65	65	65	50		40	
	S	UL	180	85	75	85	75	85	75	180	120	85	85	70		60	
R <sup>h</sup>	NS <sup>d</sup>	UL	160	65	55	65	55	65	55	65	65	65	65	50		40	
	S13D	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60		40	
	S13R	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60		60	
	S	UL	180	85	75	85	75	85	75	270	180	85	85	70		60	

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### Height and area

**Table 504.4, Allowable Stories (G80-18):**

- Type IV B set based on equivalence with Type I B: 12 stories for occupancy groups A-2, A-3, A-4, B, and R; 6 stories for A-1, E and U
- Reduced for F, I, M, H-4 and S occ groups; and other H occ groups = IV HT
- Type IV A = IVB x 1.5 (not UL); H=IV HT
- Type IV C = IV HT x 1.5 for A 2-4, B, R

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### ALLOWABLE HEIGHTS – stories

TABLE 504.4  
ALLOWABLE NUMBER OF STORIES ABOVE GRADE PLANES, b

OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION						HT	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION		
		SEE FOOTNOTES	TYPE I	TYPE II	TYPE III	TYPE IV A	TYPE IV B		TYPE IV C	TYPE IV	TYPE V
A-1	NS	UL15	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	2	1
S	UL15	3	4	2	3	2	3	3	4	3	2
A-2	NS	UL11.5	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1
S	UL12	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	2
A-3	NS	UL11.5	2	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	1
S	UL12	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	2
A-4	NS	UL11.5	2	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	1
S	UL12	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	2
A-5	NS	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL	1	1	UL	UL	UL
S	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL
B	NS	UL11.5	3	5	3	5	3	5	3	3	2
S	UL12	4	6	4	6	4	6	4	6	4	3
E	NS	UL15	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	1	1
S	UL15	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	2	2
F-1	NS	UL11.4	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1
S	UL12.5	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
F-2	NS	UL11.5	3	4	3	5	3	5	3	3	2
S	UL12.6	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	3
H-1	NS <sup>a</sup>	1	1	1	1	1	NP	NP	1	1	NP
S							1	1			

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### ALLOWABLE HEIGHTS – stories

I-4	NS <sup>a</sup>	UL15	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	1	1
S	UL15	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	2	2
M	NS	UL11.4	2	4	2	4	4	4	4	3	1
S	UL12.5	3	4	3	5	3	5	3	5	4	2
R-1 <sup>a</sup>	NS <sup>a</sup>	UL11.4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	2
S13R		4	4						4	3	
S	UL12	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	3	
R-2 <sup>a</sup>	NS <sup>a</sup>	UL11.4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	2
S13R		4	4						4	3	
S	UL12.5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	3	
R-3 <sup>a</sup>	NS <sup>a</sup>	UL11.4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3
S13D		4	4						3	3	
S13R		4	4						4	4	
S	UL12.5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	
R-4 <sup>a</sup>	NS <sup>a</sup>	UL11.4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	2
S13D		4	4						3	2	
S13R		4	4						4	3	
S	UL12.5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	3	
S-1	NS	UL11.4	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	1
S	UL12.5	3	4	3	5	3	5	3	4	2	
S-2	NS	UL11.5	3	4	3	5	3	5	4	4	2
S	UL12.6	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	5	3	
U	NS	UL15	2	3	2	3	3	3	4	2	1
S	UL15	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	5	3	2

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### Height and area

Table 506.2, Allowable Area (G84-18):

- Type IV C based on IV HT x 1.25 (with some exceptions)
- Type IV B based on IV HT x 2.0 (with some exceptions)
- Type IV A based on IV HT x 3.0 (with some exceptions)

IVA and IVB much more conservative than UL (taller = smaller fire area, floor)

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**ALLOWABLE areas – square feet**

OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION SEE FOOTNOTES	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION								TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION
	TYPE I		TYPE II		TYPE III		TYPE IV				
	A	B	A	B	A	B	C	FT			
A-3	NS	UL	NA	15,000	9,000	14,000	9,000	13,000	10,000	14,000	9,000
	S1	UL	NA	92,000	28,000	50,000	28,000	100,000	140,000	26,000	28,000
	SM	UL	NA	40,000	28,000	41,000	28,000	110,000	150,000	26,000	28,000




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**Comparison of Fire Area:**

BUILDING ELEMENT	Non-combustible					Mass Timber		
	TYPE I	TYPE II		TYPE III		TYPE IV		
Columns	3	2	3	1	3	2	2	HT
Primary Frame (2*)	3	2	1	0	3	2	2	HT
Interior Bearing Walls	3	2	1	0	3	2	2	HT
Floor Assembly	2	2	1	0	2	2	2	HT

**EACH Type IV A, B or C FLOOR IS A SEPARATE FIRE AREA FOR:**

- A,B,E,F-2,H-4,H-5,I, M,R, & S-2 occ groups

TABLE 707.3.10 FIRE-RESISTANCE RATING REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE BARRIERS, FIRE WALLS OR HORIZONTAL ASSEMBLIES BETWEEN FIRE AREAS

OCCUPANCY GROUP	FIRE-RESISTANCE RATING (hours)
H-1, H-2	4
F-1, H-3, S-1	3
A, B, E, F-2, H-4, H-5, I, M, R, S-2	2
U	1

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**Comparison of Fire Area (5 story - R)**

Building # of Stories	Type IB (2016 CBC)			Type IVB (proposed 2021 IBC)		
	Assembly Occupancy	Office Occupancy	Residential Occupancy	Assembly Occupancy	Office Occupancy	Residential Occupancy
1	UL	UL	UL	120,000	288,000	164,000
2	UL	UL	UL	90,000	216,000	123,000
3	UL	UL	UL	90,000	216,000	123,000
4	UL	UL	UL	67,500	162,000	92,250
5	UL	UL	UL	54,000	129,600	73,800
6	UL	UL	UL	45,000	108,000	61,500
7	UL	UL	UL	38,571	92,571	52,714
8	UL	UL	UL	33,750	81,000	46,125
9	UL	UL	UL	30,000	72,000	41,000
10	UL	UL	UL	27,000	64,800	36,900
11	UL	UL	UL	24,545	58,909	33,545
12	UL	UL	UL	22,500	54,000	30,750

**Fire Area Comparison of IB (unlimited) vs. IVB vs. IIIA:**  
**Fire Area is each floor for Type IVB:** 73,800 sf one floor (147,600 sf if 2 floors open)  
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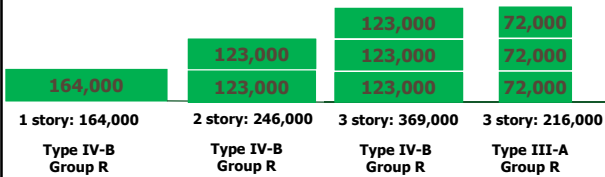
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	Assembly Occupancy	Office Occupancy	Residential Occupancy	Assembly Occupancy	Office Occupancy	Residential Occupancy
1	UL	UL	UL	120,000	288,000	164,000
2	UL	UL	UL	90,000	216,000	123,000
3	UL	UL	UL	90,000	216,000	123,000
4	UL	UL	UL	67,500	162,000	92,250
5	UL	UL	UL	54,000	129,600	73,800
6	UL	UL	UL	45,000	108,000	61,500
7	UL	UL	UL	38,571	92,571	52,714
8	UL	UL	UL	33,750	81,000	46,125
9	UL	UL	UL	30,000	72,000	41,000
10	UL	UL	UL	27,000	64,800	36,900
11	UL	UL	UL	24,545	58,909	33,545
12	UL	UL	UL	22,500	54,000	30,750

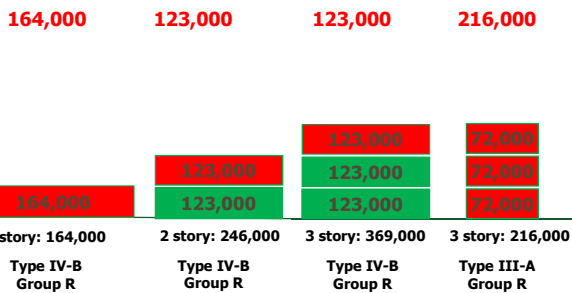
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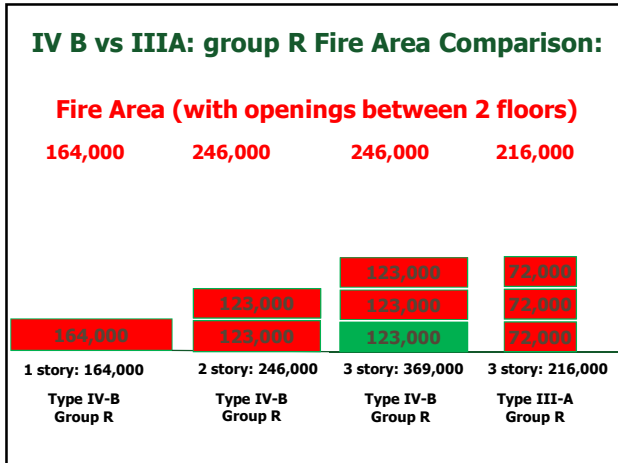
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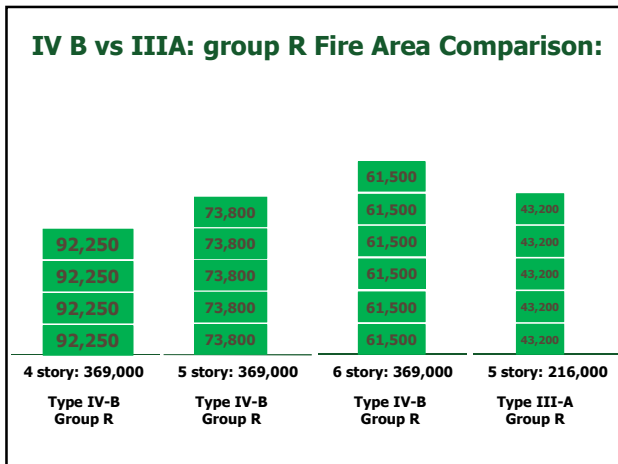
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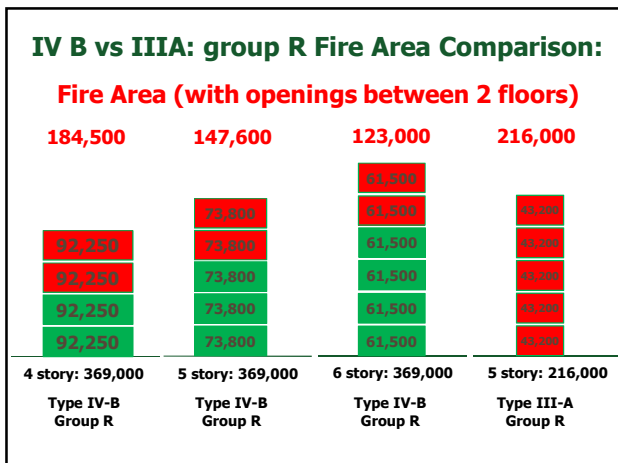
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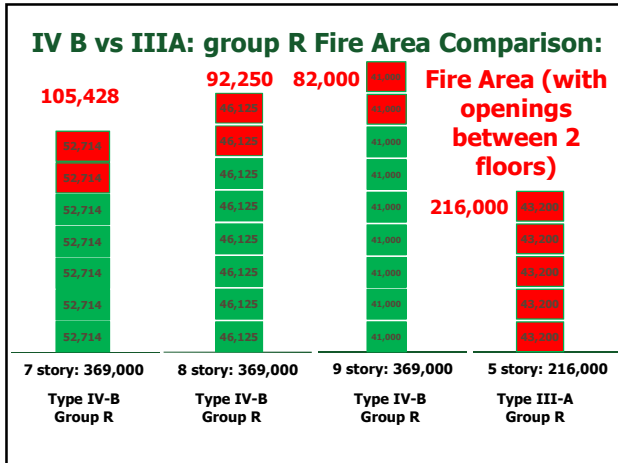
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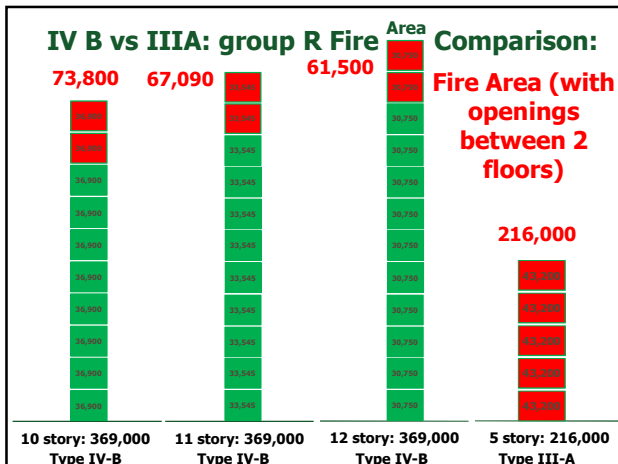
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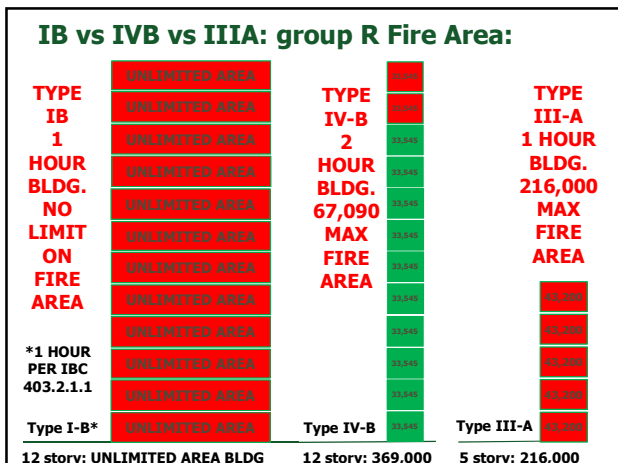
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**TWB Committee Group A Proposals –**  
 ALL APPROVED as submitted OR as modified.

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SO LET'S LOOK AT SOME OF THOSE NEW CODE SECTIONS...

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**Tall Wood Code Changes are Conservative**

IV A , IV B proposals more conservative than Type I A , I B:

- **All material outboard of the CLT exterior wall must be non-combustible (except weather resistive barrier)**
- **No one hour reduction allowed in required FRR for supervised sprinkler valves as in IBC 403.2.1**
- **No combustible light frame walls, floors, shafts or roofs**
- **In addition to the NC protection (FRR of 2/3 of table 601 FRR), MT has it's own redundant FRR based on size**
- **Limitations on height, area and number of stories (can not be unlimited area like Type I A and B)**
- **Minimum of 80 minutes of noncombustible protection also provided for roof construction**
- **Owner responsibilities for maintenance**
- **Limits on exposed combustible materials during construction**

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