ICC Code Technology Committee

Area of Study - Labeling of Fire Rated Glazing

Scope & Objectives

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Scope:

During the previous code development cycles, numerous code changes have been submitted relative to the appropriate marking standards for fire rated glazing. This issue has been debated by the industry and within the standards writing organizations without resolution. As a public safety issue, the I-Codes should establish the regulations.

Objective:

Identify root causes of problems selecting, specifying, installing, and inspecting fire protective and fire resistive glazing and other assembly components including the frames. Propose identification requirements and other related code changes.

<u>Issues to consider (not all inclusive)</u>

- Mark frame and glass?
- How should the label look in order for the code enforcer to know it is installed correctly and in accordance with code?
- Code official should not have to go to a listing to verify code compliance
- The manufacturer provides the specifications. Do they have requisite code knowledge as to when a label is required and is the glazing specified code compliant based on the fire rating requirements in the code?
- Distinction between fire resistance rating and fire protection rating
- The issue is more involved than just the labeling requirements of IBC Section 715.2

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