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Objectives

Upon completion, participants will be better able to:

1. Identify building size and use parameters for wood as the primary structural elements.
2. Identify methods specified by the code for establishing fire resistance of wood assemblies and elements, and fire precautions during construction.
3. Apply special provisions for design of wood structures that involve compartmentalization and sprinkler systems.
4. Apply code provisions for the non-structural use of wood in buildings, such as for finishes, appendages, siding, and trim.
CCWD document

- This program is based on the Code Conforming Wood Design (CCWD) document
- The CCWD is intended as a brief yet comprehensive resource for wood design in accordance with the IBC
- Download at www.awc.org

About AWC

Provides design criteria and information on traditional and engineered wood products:
- Engineering data
- Technology
- Standards

More info at awc.org.

ICC

- The International Code Council is a member-focused association.
- It is dedicated to developing model codes and standards used in the design, build and compliance process to construct safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures.
- More info at iccsafe.org.

Referenced Standards

- IBC Chapter 35
  - List of referenced standards
    - Agency that writes the standard
    - Identification and title of the standard
    - Effective date
  - Conflicts 102.4.2
    - Code applies
References Standards

- **American Wood Council (AWC) Standards**
  - 2008 Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic, AWC SDPWS-08
  - 2012 Wood Frame Construction Manual®, AWC WFCM-12®

Building Code of Baltimore City

**CHAPTER 3**
**USE AND OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION**

- **SECTION 301 TO 307** [As in IBC]
- **SECTION 308 INSTITUTIONAL GROUP I**
  - 308.1 to 308.5 [As in IBC] Modifications I-1 to I-4
- **SECTION 309 MERCANTILE GROUP M** [As in IBC]
- **SECTION 310 RESIDENTIAL GROUP R**
  - 310.1 Residential Group R, [As in IBC]
  - 310.2 Definitions, [As in IBC]
  - 310.3 Residential Group R-1, [As in IBC]
  - 310.4 Residential Group R-2, [As in IBC] Modifications R-3 & R-4
CCWD Classifications

- Group A, Assembly occupancies
- Group B, Business occupancies
- Group E, Educational occupancies
- Group F, Factory/Industrial occupancies
- Group I, Institutional occupancies
- Group M, Mercantile occupancies
- Group R, Residential occupancies
- Group S, Storage occupancies
- Others (see IBC 303)

Occupancy classification--new

- Section 303.1.3- Rooms or spaces used for assembly purposes that are associated with a **Group E occupancy** are not considered separate A occupancies, but can be part of the E occupancy.
- Casinos were added to Group A-2
- R-4 group homes no longer have the IRC as a compliance option (310.6)
Types of Construction

- **IBC Chapter 6**
  - Defines types of construction
  - Wood frame construction is typical in Types V, IV and III

Type V Construction

- Permits the use of wood or other approved materials for structural elements.
  - Type VA
  - Type VB

Type IV Construction

- **Heavy Timber (HT) has ...**
  - Exterior walls made of noncombustible materials or fire-retardant-treated wood (FRTW).
  - Interior building elements are made of solid or laminated wood without concealed spaces.

Type III Construction

- Requires exterior walls to be noncombustible material or FRTW and have a minimum 2-hour fire-resistance rating (bearing walls).
  - Type IIIA
  - Type IIIB
Type I and II Construction

- Type I and II construction require building elements constructed of noncombustible materials.

Allowable Heights and Areas

- IBC Chapter 5 contains the general criteria for wood building size.
- Size thresholds for wood structures are often determined by structural considerations rather than code limitations.

Table 503 Excerpt, Allowable Building Heights and Areas

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Maximum Allowable Area

**Section 506**

\[ A_o = \{A_f + [A_f \times l_f] + [A_f \times l_s]\} \quad \text{(Equation 5-1, base equation)} \]

\[ l_f = (F / P - 0.25) \times W / 30 \quad \text{(Equation 5-2, factor for open frontage)} \]

\[ W = (L_1 \times w_1 + L_2 \times w_2 + L_3 \times w_3 + \ldots) / F \quad \text{(Equation 5-3, weighted average for the width of the open space)} \]

(w = 20’ min. & 30’ max unless public way)
Maximum Allowable Area

2012 IBC Clarification

Sprinkler system increases

- When a building is equipped throughout with an NFPA 13-compliant automatic sprinkler system, the allowable floor area is permitted to be increased:
  - \( I_s \)
    - Single-story building – 3x
    - Multistory building – 2x

Exception

- In addition to the area increase, Section 504.2 also permits the Table 503 building heights to be increased:
  - 20 feet
  - 1 story above grade.

NFPA 13

504.2 Automatic sprinkler system increase. Where a building is equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1, 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. These increases are permitted in addition to the building area increase in accordance with Sections 506.2 and 506.3. 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 (18288 mm) or four stories, respectively.

Exception: The use of an automatic sprinkler system to increase building heights shall not be permitted for the following conditions:

1. Buildings, or portions of buildings, classified as a Group I-2 occupancy of Type III, III, IV or V construction.
2. Buildings, or portions of buildings, classified as a Group H-1, H-2, H-3 or H-5 occupancy.
3. Buildings where an automatic sprinkler system is substituted for firewall-rated construction in accordance with Table 607. Note d.
Allowable Building Area Calculation

Given: Single-story Type VB grade school
Provided with an NFPA 13-compliant automatic sprinkler system throughout and located on lot as shown.

Determine: Maximum allowable building area
(see pg. 12 of CCWD)

Chapter 9 Area Limits for Nonsprinklered Buildings

- Many occupancies have floor area limits allowed by Chapter 5 that are greater than those permitted in Chapter 9 for nonsprinklered buildings.
- These same thresholds apply to all construction types, not just wood. The allowable area per story can exceed allowable fire areas and a sprinkler system may be required.

Some Sprinkler Trade-offs

- Reductions in corridor ratings and corridor opening protection
- Flexibility in means of egress (travel distance to exits, number and separation of exits, common path of travel)
- Reductions in dwelling unit separations
- Alternate to emergency escape openings
- Alternate to certain fire and smoke damper requirements
- Interior finish flexibility
- Other trade-offs

Total Building Area

- 506.4 Single Occupancy Buildings three or more stories above grade have a total building area of the allowable building area per story ($A_a$) multiplied by three.
### CCWD Building Area Tables (at end of CCWD)

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### Mixed Occupancy

- **Section 508.3 Nonseparated occupancies**
- **Section 508.4 Separated occupancies**
  - Fire Barriers and/or horizontal assemblies
- **Section 509 Incidental uses (no longer part of mixed occupancies in the 2012 IBC)**

### Total Building Area

- **506.4 Exception**: A single-story basement does not need to be included in the total allowable building area, when the basement does not exceed the area permitted for a single story.

### Fire walls create separate buildings (706.1)

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- In Type V construction, fire walls may be wood frame
- In Types III and IV construction, fire walls must be of noncombustible materials in accordance with Section 706.3.

Unlimited Area Buildings

- Section 507 has provisions for unlimited area Group B, F, M, and S building up to two stories in height
- There are unlimited area provisions for Groups A, E, and mixed use buildings as well

Unlimited Area Buildings

- In most cases, 60 feet of open perimeter is required on all sides, and sprinklers
- The open perimeter can be reduced somewhat per Section 507.5; it requires rated exterior walls at reduced perimeter frontage

Stacked Buildings

- Buildings of different types of construction and occupancy are allowed to be built on top of each other. They are commonly referred to as pedestal buildings.
- See several options in the subsection of Section 510.
Building Height – Stacked Buildings (510.2)

- **Building Height – in feet**
  - Upper building height (feet) is measured from grade plane

- **Building Height – stories**
  - Upper building height (stories) – measured from top of lower building

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<td>Upper Building Height - 4 stories</td>
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Fire Resistance-Table 601

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Fire resistance-tested assemblies (703.2)

- **Tested to the ASTM E 119 or UL 263 standard**

- **Choose listed assemblies from fire-resistance publications or directories**

- **ONLINE CERTIFICATIONS DIRECTORY**

Fire resistance-alternative methods

- **703.3 contains five alternative methods to determine fire resistance:**
  - Fire resistive designs in approved sources
  - Prescriptive designs per Section 721
  - Calculation per 722
  - Engineering analysis based on a comparison of tested building elements, components or assemblies
  - Alternative protection methods per 104.11

Based criteria specified in ASTM E 119 or UL 263.
**Prescriptive assembly**

- Fire resistance of certain wood assemblies is prescribed in Section 721 based on testing using ASTM E 119 or UL 263

DCA 3  
http://www.awc.org/codes/dcaindex.php

**Calculated resistance**

- 722.1 - Fire resistance of exposed wood members may be calculated using the provisions of Chapter 16 of the National Design Specification® (NDS®).

**Calculated resistance**

- AWC’s Technical Report No. 10 (TR10), Calculating the Fire Resistance of Exposed Wood Members contains explanations and examples of the method.


**Calculated Resistance**

- Fire resistance of wood frame assemblies also may be calculated based on the known fire resistance of the components, using the provisions of Section 722.6.

DCA 4- Component Additive Method (CAM)  
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Wood in Noncombustible Construction

- Types I and II construction require the use of noncombustible materials
- Section 603 specifies 25 applications where combustible materials are permitted

Wood in Noncombustible Construction (603.1)

- Wood blocking is permitted for handrails, millwork, cabinets and window and door frames.
- Furring or nailing strips used in connection with "set-out" construction are also permitted.
- Show windows, wooden bulkheads below the window and nailing and furring strips are also permitted to be wood if the window is not more than 15 feet above grade.

Fire-Retardant-Treated Wood (FRTW)

- There are many additional applications for fire-retardant-treated wood (FRTW) in Type I and II construction
  - Nonbearing partitions ≤ 2 hours FR.
  - Roof construction, including structural framework, (except for Type IA construction)
    - 3 stories or more
    - lowest roof member is less than 20 feet measured vertically from the upper floor. (Table 601 footnote b)

Fire-Retardant-Treated Wood (FRTW)

- May be used in exterior walls of Type III and IV construction (602.3, 602.4).
Heavy Timber (HT)

- Permitted in roof construction as an alternative to 1-hour or less fire-resistance rated noncombustible construction (all construction types except IA) (Table 601 footnote c)

Wood Walls and Partitions

- In Type I and II construction - FRTW, 1-hour FRR construction or of wood panels or similar light construction (603.1 item 11)
  - partitions dividing single tenant offices or retail
  - Do not create corridors serving 30 or more occupants
  - up to 6 feet in height (603.1 item 11)

Wood Walls and Partitions

- In Type III and V construction, wood stud framing is permitted (602.3, 602.4):
  - Interior load-bearing
  - Interior Nonload-bearing

Wood Walls and Partitions

- Type IV construction permits wood stud framed partitions (602.4.6):
  - 1-hour FRR construction
  - Solid wood at least two layers of 1-inch matched boards
  - 4-inch-thick laminated construction
Wood Interior Finish Classification System – Sprinklered Buildings

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<th>Location</th>
<th>Minimum Interior Finish Classification</th>
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Sprinklered Buildings: Minimum Interior Finish Classification by Occupancy (see Table 803.9 for full table)

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Wood Interior Finish Classification System – Nonsprinklered Buildings

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Flame spread
- (0-25)
- (26-75)
- (76-100)

803.1
- Class C - wood species
- Class B - some, such as cedar, west coast hemlock, Idaho white pine, redwood, and spruce
- Class A - wood boards and panels when pressure treated with a fire-retardant chemical.

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http://www.awc.org/codes/dcaindex.php

Wood materials may be used as interior finish in almost all occupancies (Table 803.9)
Wood Interior Finish

Exceptions:
- Traditional wood floor covering (804.1)
- Exposed portions of Type IV structural members (803.3)

Wood Interior Trim

- Trim is required to meet a Class C classification (806.5)
- Combustible trim, excluding handrails and guards, cannot exceed 10 percent of the wall or ceiling area to which it is attached (806.5)

Windows and doors

- Exterior openings (705.8)
  - Exterior wall is within given distances of a lot line
  - Generally required fire protection rated window or door assemblies

Windows and Doors

- Unlimited amounts of unprotected openings are permitted by Table 705.8
  - Exterior walls > 30 feet from lot line
  - > 10 feet from the lot line (Type IIB or VB construction)
- No unprotected openings are permitted in the exterior wall
  - Within 5 feet of the lot line (nonsprinklered buildings)
- No openings
  - < 3 feet from the lot line
Windows and doors

- **Interior wood door assemblies (Sections 706 through 710)**
  - Wall assembly requires a fire resistance rating and opening protection.
  - Required to be fire-protection rated

Wood veneer

- **Type I, II, III or IV construction wood exterior wood veneer is allowed up to 40 feet above grade (60 feet if FRTW) (Section 1406)**
  - Veneer is 1-inch nominal thickness
  - 7/16-inch exterior hardboard siding
  - Or 3/8-inch exterior-type wood structural panels or particleboard

Wood Balconies

- **Exterior balconies (Section 1406.3)**
  - Type IV construction
  - Wood construction that provides a fire-resistance rating equal to the floor rating required by Table 601.

Open Exterior Stairs and Ramps

- **Open exterior exit stairs and ramps (Sections 1009.9 and 1010.8)**
  - Wood - building is of Type IV and V construction.
Wood roof covering

- Roof assemblies and coverings are divided into classifications by testing to the ASTM E 108 or UL 790 standard (1505).

Table 1505.1 – Minimum Roof Covering Classification

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Wood roof covering

- Table 1505.1 requires a minimum Class B roof covering for all types of construction
  - except Types IIB, IIIB and VB (Class C materials)
- No. 1 cedar or redwood shakes and No. 1 shingles
  - Two-story buildings
  - < 6,000 sq. ft. of roof area
  - 10 ft. of frontage width on all sides

Wood projections – limits

- In Types III, IV, and V construction, projections of any material are permitted, per the limitations of Section 705.2.3.
- Combustible projections located where protection of some openings is required or within five feet of the lot line must be one of the following:
  - Minimum 1-hour fire-resistance-rated construction,
  - Type IV construction,
  - FRTW
Wood projections - limits

- No projections permitted with less than 2 feet FSD

Wood projections - limits

- 2 feet to less than 5 feet fire separation distance

Wood projections - limits

- 5 feet FSD to a FSD where Table 705.8 allows the area of unprotected openings to be unlimited

Wood Rooftop Structures

- Wood penthouses of FRTW may be placed on:
  - Type I construction two stories or less above grade plane
  - Type II construction with the penthouse at least 5 feet from the lot line
  - See Section 1509
Wood Rooftop Structures

- Type III, IV and VA
  - penthouse Type IV construction or FRTW
  - 20 feet or more from the lot line (1509.2.5 exception 3).

- Type III, IV and V (see limitations in Section 1509.5)
  - Wood towers, spires, domes and cupolas are permitted on buildings of.

Wood in Locations Subject to Decay or Termites

- Wood must be naturally durable wood species or preservative-treated wood using water-borne preservatives, in accordance with AWPA U1 (2303.1.8).

- Location are listed in Section 2304.11

Precautions during construction

- During construction, one portable fire extinguisher must be placed at (3309):
  - Each stairway on all floor levels with combustible materials,
  - Each storage or construction shed and where special hazards exist

- During construction, when a building height reaches 50 feet or four stories
  - a minimum of one temporary lighted stairway must be provided unless a permanent stairway is available for use at all times (3310)
When standpipes are required for the building, a minimum of one standpipe must be available during construction for fire department use (3311).

- The standpipe is installed before the construction is 40 feet above fire department access.

Sprinkler system must be tested and approved (commissioned) before the certificate of occupancy is awarded (3312).

Additional requirements for fire safety during construction are contained in the IFC.

- Temporary heating equipment must be listed and labeled (IFC 3303).
- Smoking is prohibited except in approved areas with posted signage (IFC 3304).
- A fire watch must be maintained with qualified personnel if required by the fire code official (IFC 3304).

Welding operations must follow the provisions of IFC Chapter 35. Electrical wiring must follow the provisions of NFPA 70 (IFC 3304).

- The owner must designate a fire prevention superintendent responsible for the fire prevention program during construction (IFC 3308).
- An accessible emergency phone must be provided in an approved location at the construction site (IFC 3309).
Precautions during construction

- Fire-fighting vehicle access must be provided within 100 feet of temporary or permanent fire department connections (IFC 3310).
- An approved water supply for fire protection must be available when combustible material is at the construction site (IFC 3312).
- Requirements for safeguards during roofing operations (IFC 3317).

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