

An architectural rendering of a modern office interior featuring a tall timber structure. The space is characterized by a high ceiling with exposed wooden beams and large, curved wooden columns. Industrial-style metal ductwork is visible on the ceiling. The office is furnished with wooden tables, green chairs, and white sofas. Large windows provide a view of a cityscape. People are shown working and interacting in the space.

Exploring Tall Wood: New Code Provisions for Tall Timber Structures

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Image: Hickok Cole

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Course Description

As interest in and use of mass timber in the U.S. has grown, so too has interest in pushing these timber structures to greater heights. Using international examples of successful tall wood buildings as precedent, some designers have proposed tall wood projects in the states using a project-specific performance-based design approach. In order to provide a uniform set of code provisions for these tall wood buildings, the International Code Council established an ad hoc committee on tall wood buildings that proposed a set of code changes allowing up to 18 stories of mass timber construction. Those code changes were announced as approved in January 2019 and will become part of the 2021 International Building Code. Following a brief discussion of history and motivators, this presentation will introduce the new tall wood code provisions and construction types, as well as the technical research and testing that supported their adoption.

Learning Objectives

1. Review the global history of tall wood construction and highlight the mass timber products used in these structures.
2. Explore the work and conclusions of the ICC Ad Hoc Committee on Tall Wood Buildings in establishing 14 new code provisions for the 2021 IBC that address tall wood construction.
3. Discuss differences between the new tall wood mass timber construction types and existing construction types.
4. Identify the key passive fire-resistance construction requirements and active systems that enable taller wood buildings to be built safely.

The What, Why and How of Tall Mass Timber



Photo: Michael Green Architecture

TALL MASS TIMBER ASSESSING THE WHAT





Photos: Michael Elkan | Naturally Wood | UBC

BROCK COMMONS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

18 STORIES | 174 FT



MJOSTARNET, NORWAY



Photos: Bygg Mesteren | Voll Arkitekter

18 STORIES | 280 FT

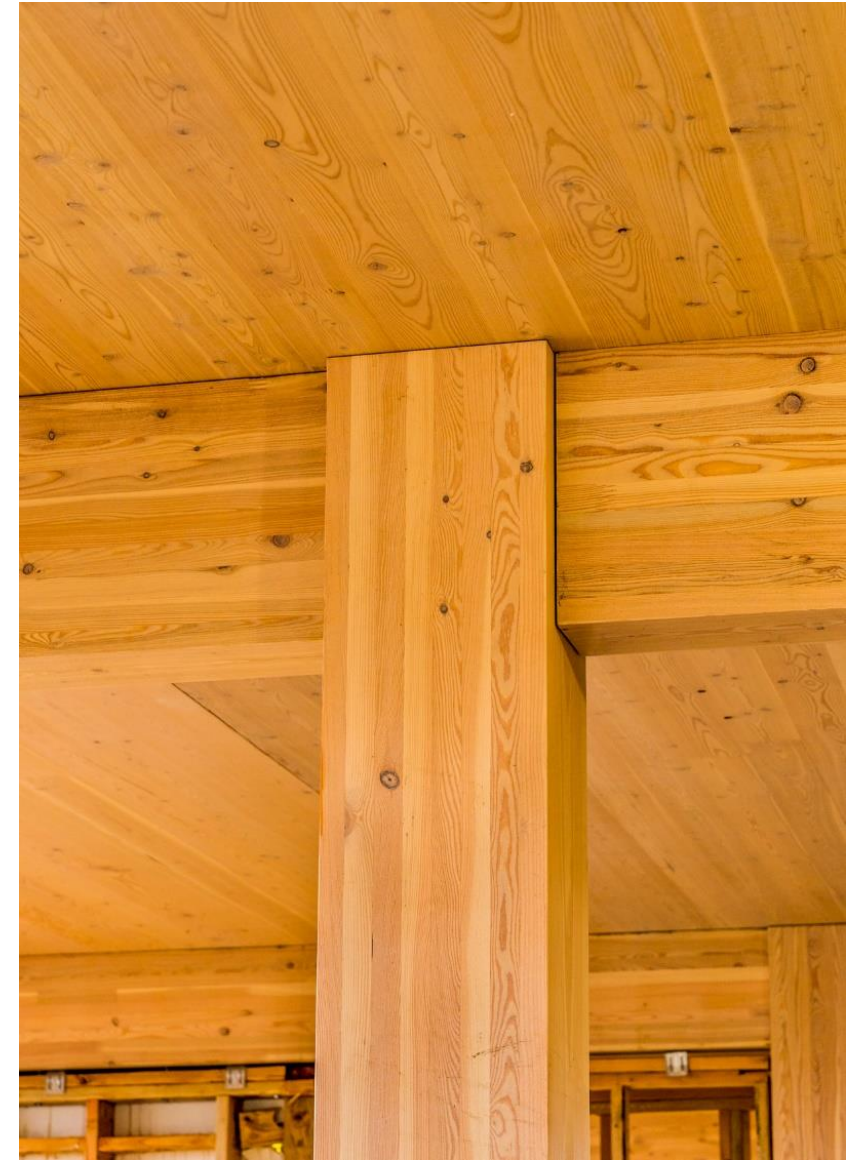
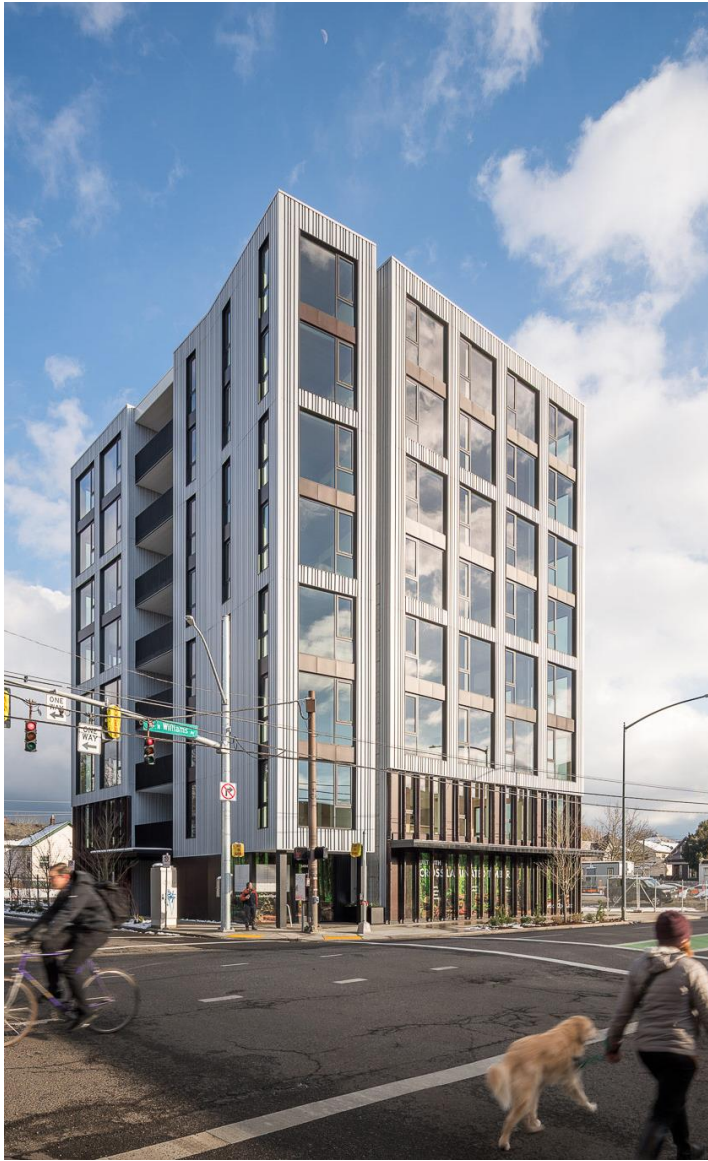


HOHO, AUSTRIA



Photos: RLP Rüdiger Lainer + Partner, RWTplus

24 STORIES | 275 FT



Photos: Baumberger Studio/PATH Architecture/Marcus Kauffman | Architect: PATH Architecture

CARBON12, PORTLAND, OR

8 STORIES | 85 FT

INTRO, CLEVELAND

9 Stories | 115 ft
8 Timber Over 1 Podium

512,000 SF

297 Apartments, Mixed-Use

Photo: Harbor Bay Real Estate Advisors, Image Fiction | Architect: Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture

ASCENT, MILWAUKEE



Photo: Korb & Associates Architects |
Architect: Korb & Associates Architects



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25 STORIES

19 TIMBER OVER 6 PODIUM, 284 FT

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ASCENT, MILWAUKEE

493,000 SF

259 APARTMENTS, MIXED-USE

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80 M ST, WASHINGTON, DC



80 M ST, WASHINGTON, DC

An architectural rendering of a modern office building at 80 M St, Washington, DC. The building features a prominent three-story wooden over-build on top of an existing seven-story structure. The over-build has a series of horizontal wooden beams and a large, open-plan interior with glass walls. A wide, dark staircase with white railings connects the different levels. The building is surrounded by a city street with cars and other buildings in the background. The sky is clear and blue.

3 STORY OVER-BUILD
ON EXISTING 7 STORY BUILDING

Photo: Hickok Cole | Architect: Hickok Cole

80 M ST, WASHINGTON, DC

100,000 SF

**2 NEW LEVELS OF CLASS A OFFICE SPACE
OCCUPIED PENTHOUSE
17'-0" CEILING HEIGHTS**

Photo: Hickok Cole | Architect: Hickok Cole

NIR CENTER, PORTLAND, OR



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NIR CENTER, PORTLAND, OR

10 STORIES
Type IV-B Construction
Hybrid Mass Timber + Steel

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NIR CENTER, PORTLAND, OR

~400,000 SF

235,000 SF Laboratory Space

25,000 SF Office Space

Ground Floor Retail

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Hennebery Eddy
Architects

APEX CLEAN ENERGY HQ

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

187,000 SF

Photo: William McDonough + Partners | Architect: William McDonough + Partners

APEX CLEAN ENERGY HQ

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

8 STORIES
6 TIMBER OVER 2 PODIUM, 100 FT



PRIMARY OFFICE SPACE

TALL MASS TIMBER UNDERSTANDING THE WHY



Global Population Increase

2019 = 7.7
billion people



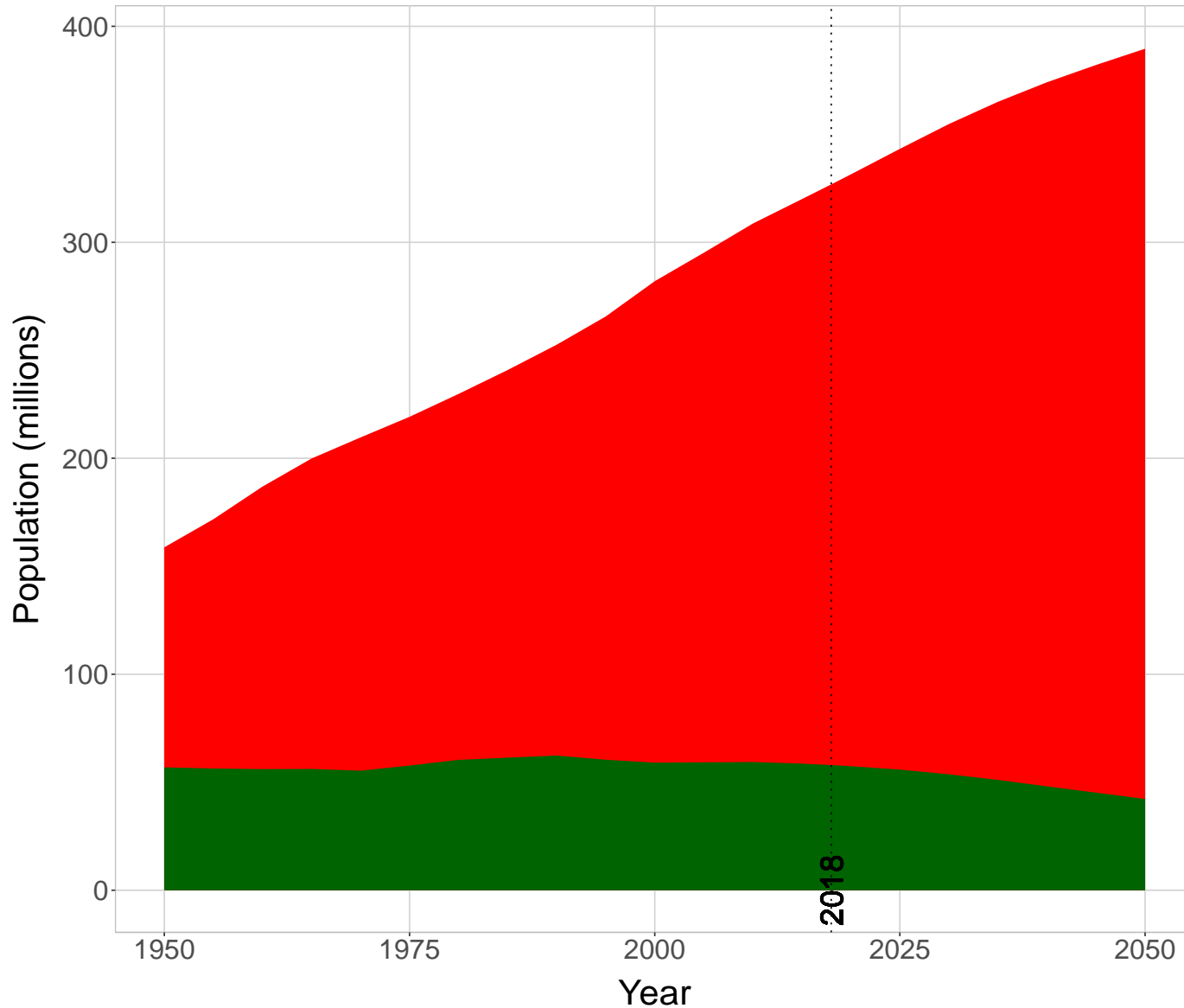
2050 = 11.2
billion people

Source: <https://ourworldindata.org/future-population-growth>

Urban and rural population

United States of America

Urban Rural



US URBAN POPULATION BOOM



URBAN



RURAL

2019

271.4 M

57.7 M

2030

301 M

53.7 M

2050

347.3 M

42.2 M

Carbon Storage

Wood \approx 50% Carbon (dry weight)



Image: Kaiser + Path



Image: Lever Architecture

Biophilic Design, Connection to Forests



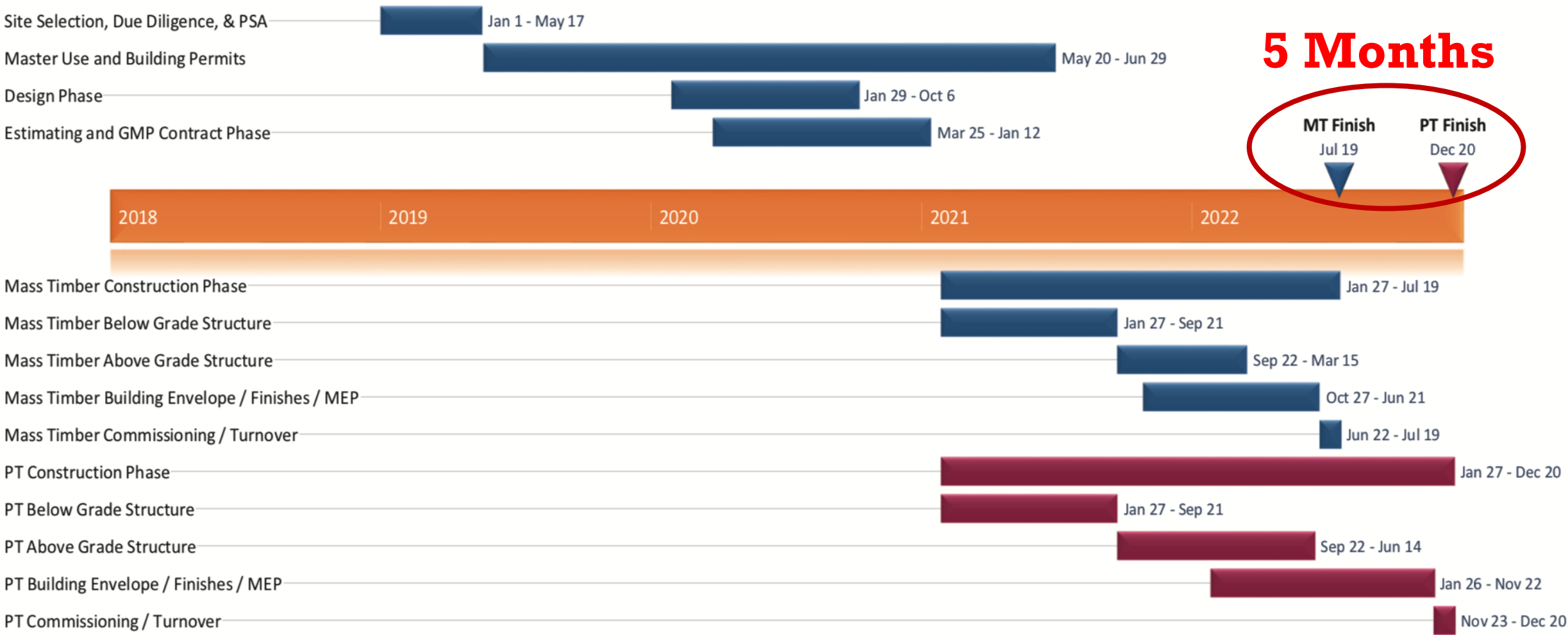
George Fox University – Canyon Commons
Hacker | Photo: Jeremy Bittermann

Construction Impacts: Labor Availability



Photo: Lendlease

Construction Impacts: Schedule



Tall Mass Timber: Structural Warmth is a Value-Add



TMBR (unbuilt) Minneapolis, MN | Images: D/O Architects

TALL MASS TIMBER DEMONSTRATING THE HOW



Glue Laminated Timber (Glulam)
Beams & columns



Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)
Solid sawn laminations



Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)
SCL laminations



Photo: Freres Lumber



Photo: StructureCraft



Photo: LendLease



Photo: LEVER Architecture

Dowel-Laminated Timber (DLT)



Photo: StructureCraft

Nail-Laminated Timber (NLT)



Photo: Think Wood

Glue-Laminated Timber (GLT)

Plank orientation



Photo: StructureCraft



Photo: StructureCraft



Photo: Ema Peter



Photo: Manasc Isaac
Architects/Fast + Epp



TALL WOOD IN THE CODE

2018 IBC and All Previous Editions:

- » Prescriptive Code Limit - 6 stories (B occupancy) or 85 feet
- » Over 6 Stories - Alternate Means and Methods Request (AMMR) through performance based design
- » Based on the 1910 Heights and Areas Act

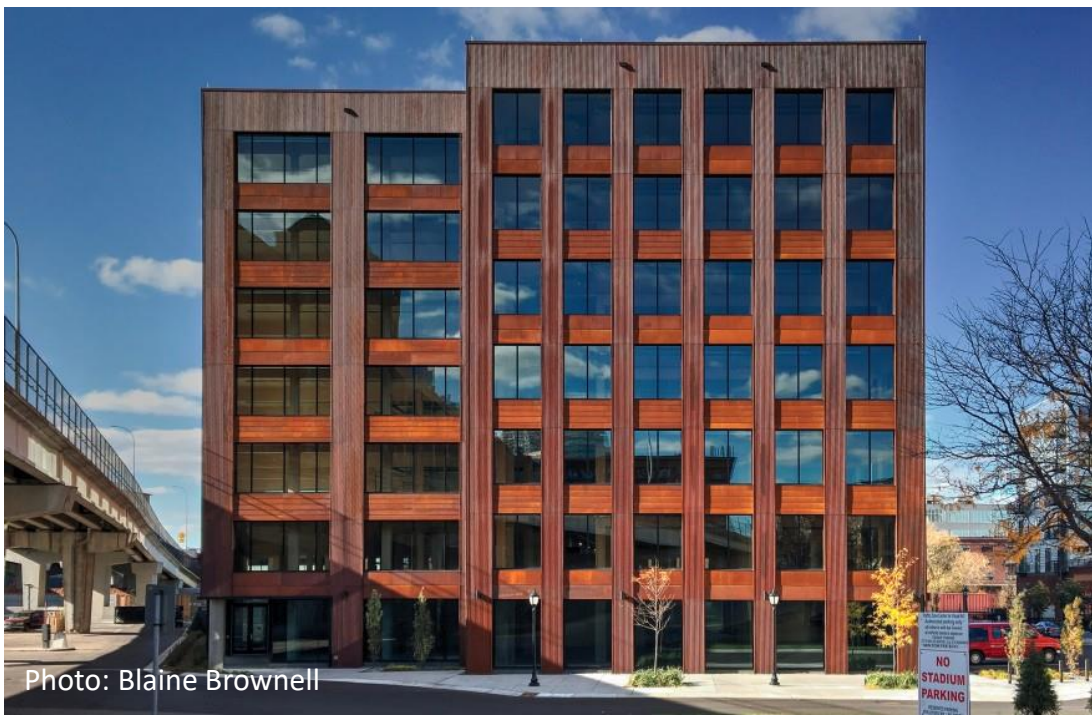


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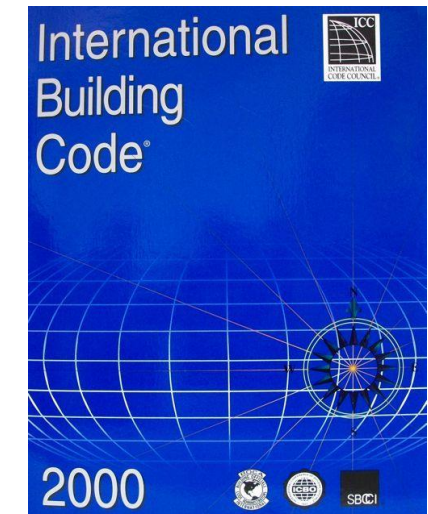
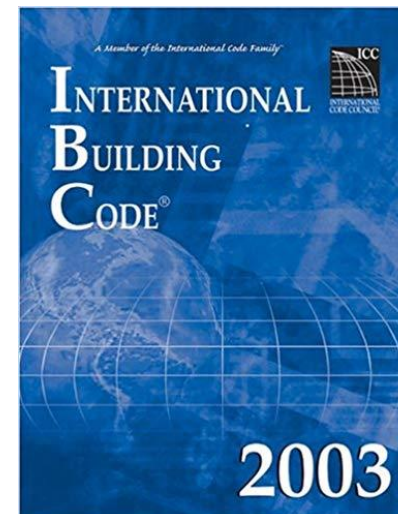
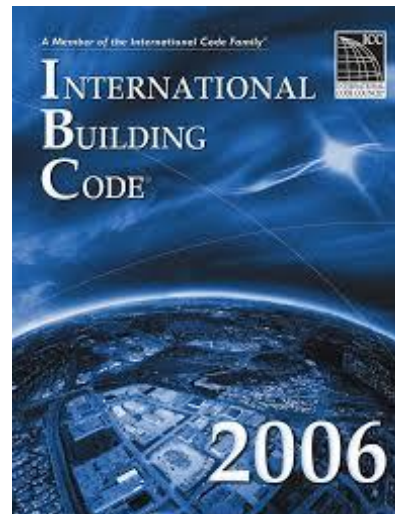
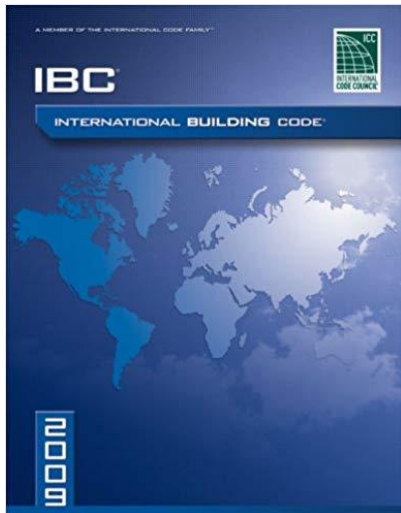
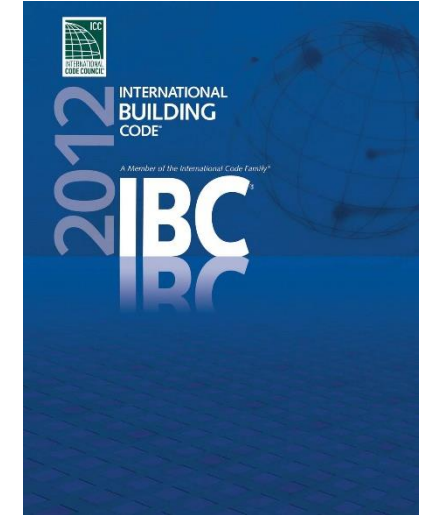
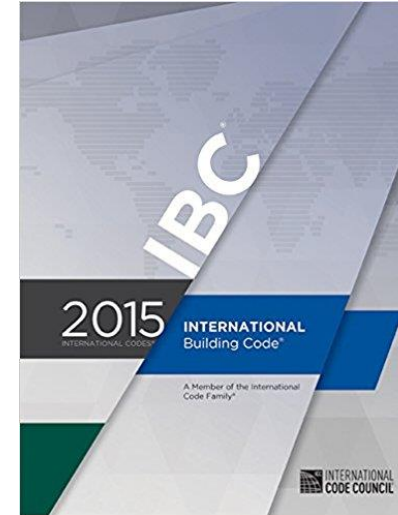
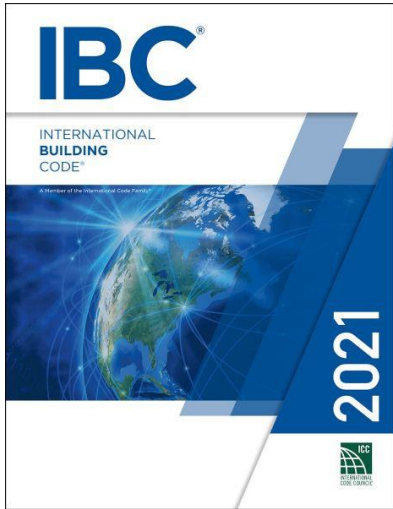


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3 YEAR CODE CYCLE

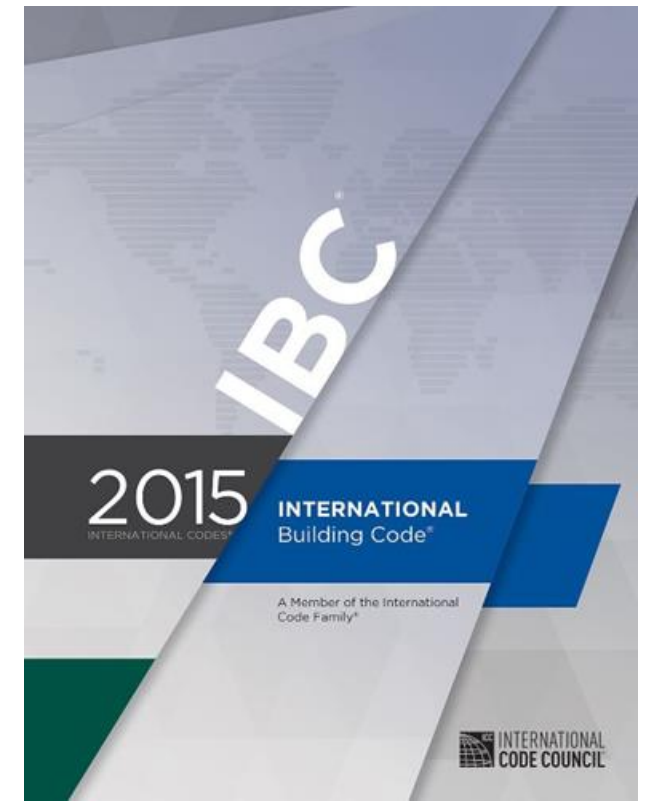


U.S. TALL WOOD DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGES

Seen as the catalyst for the mass timber revolution, CLT first recognized in US codes in the 2015 IBC

[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.



U.S. TALL WOOD DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGES

Interest in tall wood projects in the US was rapidly increasing. Some building officials were reluctant to approved proposed plans, primarily due to lack of code direction and precedent



Empire State Building, New York City, New York, 1931



Photo: Seagate Mass Timber Inc
Pollux Chang photographer

U.S. TALL WOOD DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGES



In December 2015, the ICC Board established the ICC Ad Hoc Committee on Tall Wood Buildings. Objectives:

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.

Taller wood buildings create new set of challenges to address:

AHC established 6 performance objectives:

1. No collapse under reasonable scenarios of complete burn-out of fuel without automatic sprinkler protection being considered.
2. Highly reliable fire suppression systems to reduce the risk of failure during reasonably expected fire scenarios. The degree of reliability should be proportional to evacuation time (height) and the risk of collapse.



AHC established 6 performance objectives:

3. No unusually high radiation exposure from the subject building to adjoining properties to present a risk of ignition under reasonably severe fire scenarios.
4. 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.



AHC established 6 performance objectives:

- 5. No unusual fire department access issues
- 6. Egress systems designed to protect building occupants during the design escape time, plus a factor of safety.

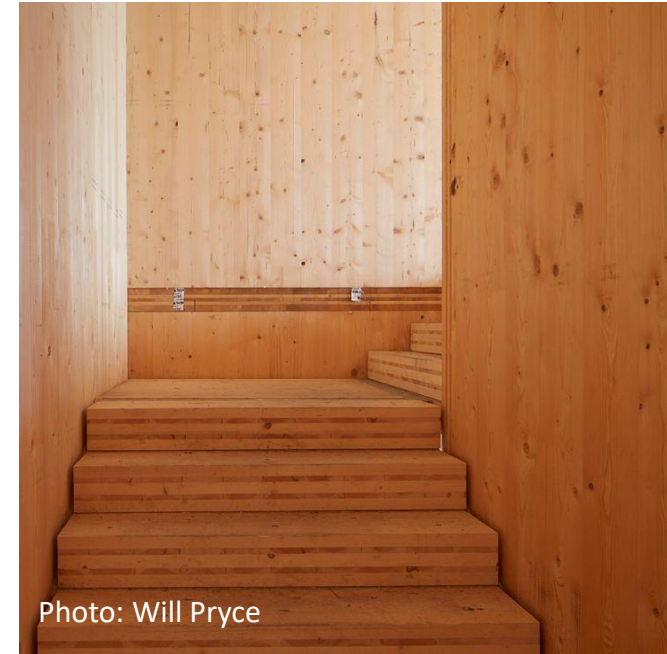


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U.S. BUILDING CODES

Tall Wood Ad Hoc Committee

Commissioned series of 5 full-scale tests on 2-story mass timber structure at ATF lab in MD, May-June 2017

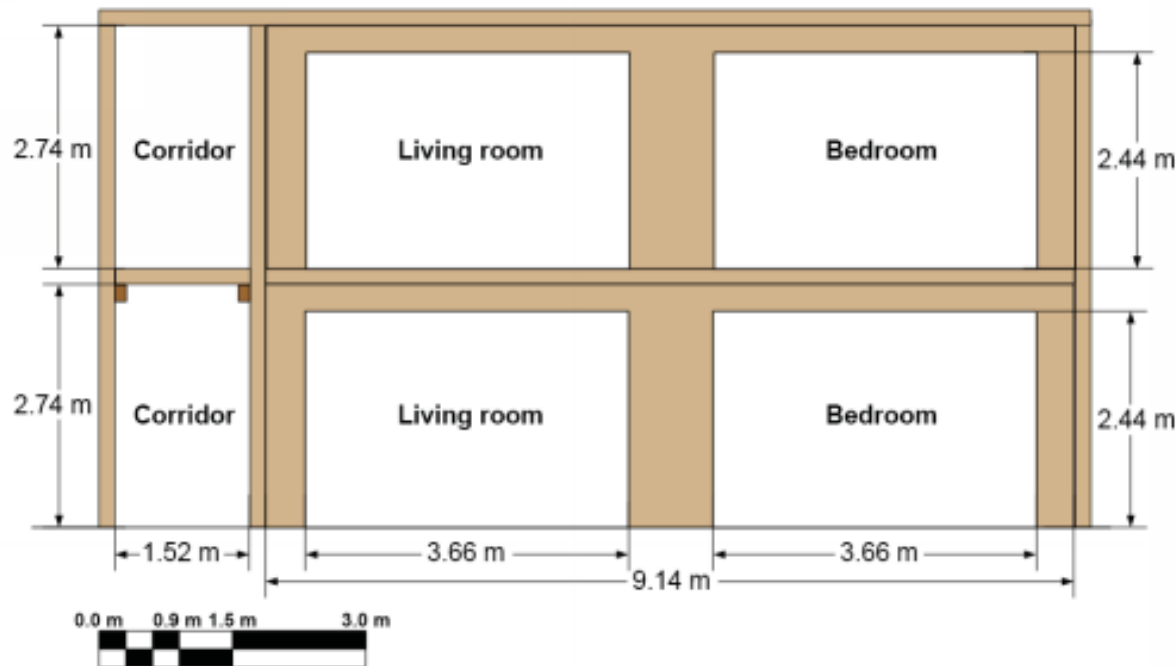


Figure 2. Elevation view of the front of the cross-laminated timber test structure.

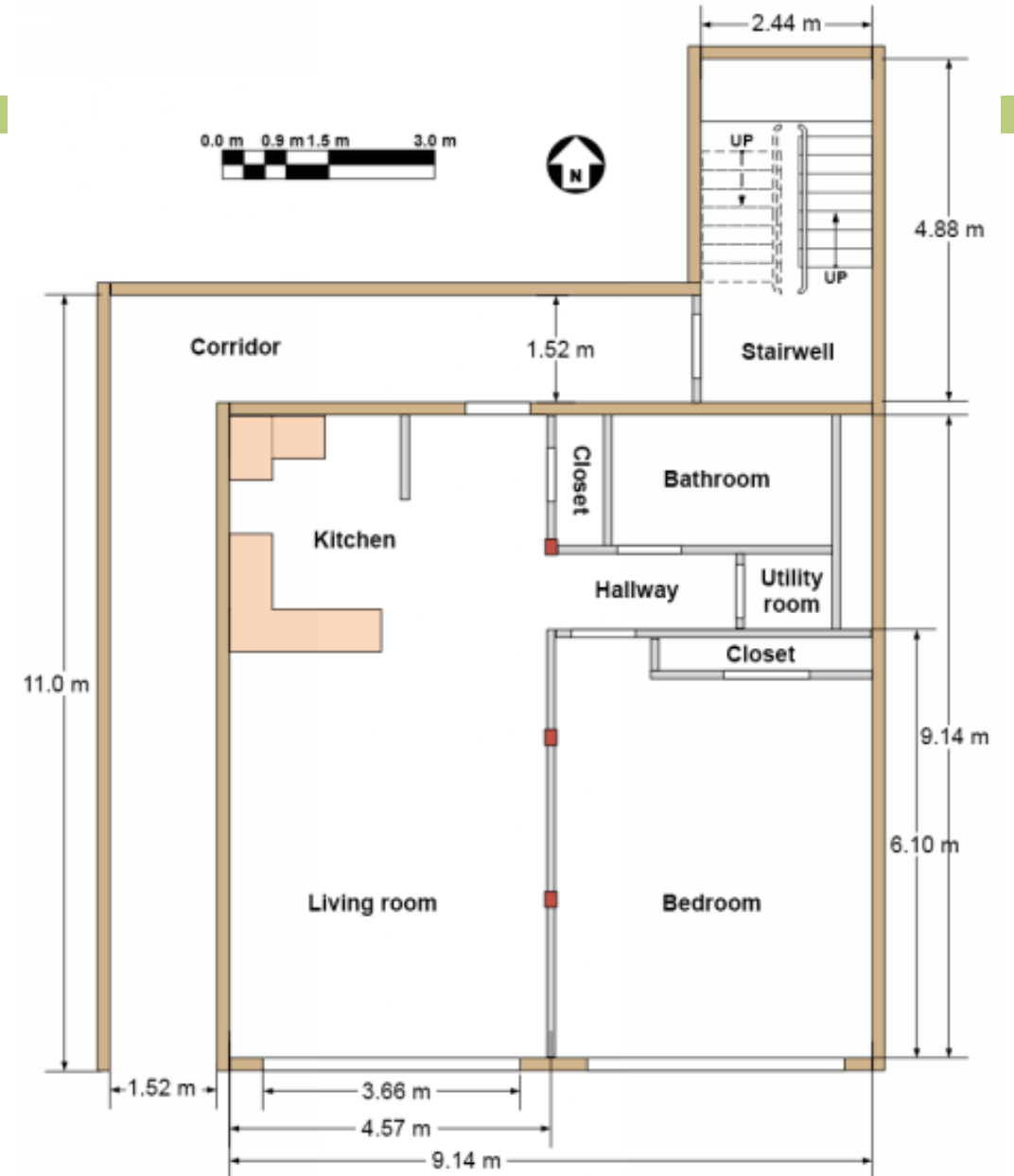


Figure 1. General plan view of cross-laminated timber test structure.

U.S. BUILDING CODES

Tall Wood Ad Hoc Committee

Tests on exposed mass timber, gypsum-covered mass timber; normal sprinkler protection, delayed sprinkler protection

Majority of flames seen are from contents, not structure



U.S. BUILDING CODES

Tall Wood Ad Hoc Committee

| Test | Description | Construction Type |
|--------|---|-------------------|
| Test 1 | All mass timber surfaces protected with 2 layers of 5/8" Type X Gypsum. No Sprinklers. | IV-A |
| Test 2 | 30% of CLT ceiling area in living room and bedroom exposed. No Sprinklers. | IV-B |
| Test 3 | Two opposing CLT walls exposed – one in bedroom and one in living room. No Sprinklers. | IV-B |
| Test 4 | All mass timber surfaces fully exposed in bedroom and living room. Sprinklered – normal activation | IV-C |
| Test 5 | All mass timber surfaces fully exposed in bedroom and living room. Sprinklered – 20 minute delayed activation | IV-C |



Photo: LendLease



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U.S. BUILDING CODES

DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGES

ICC TWB Ad Hoc Committee proposals consisted 17 total code changes:

Requirements for the new Types of Construction:

- IBC Section 602.4 – Type of Construction (G108-18)
- IBC Section 703.8 – Performance Method for Fire Resistance from Noncombustible Protection (FS5-18)
- IBC Section 722.7 – Prescriptive Fire Resistance from Noncombustible Protection (FS81-18)
- IBC Section 703.9 – Sealants at Edges (FS6-18)
- IBC Section 718.2.1 – Fire and Smoke Protection (FS73-18)
- IBC Section 403.3.2 – High-Rise Sprinkler Water Supply (G28-18)
- IBC Section 701.6 – Owners' Responsibility (F88-18)
- IFC Section 3308.4 – Fire Safety During Construction (F266-18)

Allowable building size limits:

- IBC Table 504.3 – Building Height (G75-18)
- IBC Table 504.4 – Number of Stories (G80-18)
- IBC Table 506.2 – Allowable Area (G84-18)

Housekeeping changes:

- IBC Section 3102 – Special Construction (G146-18)
- IBC Appendix D – Fire Districts (G152-18)
- IBC Section 508.4 and 509.4 – Fire Barriers (G89-18)
- IBC Table 1705.5.3 Special Inspections
- IBC Section 110.3.5 Connection Protection Inspection
- IBC Section 2304.10.1 Connection Fire Resistance Rating

TALL WOOD APPROVED!

Unofficial results posted Dec 19, 2018

Final votes ratified Jan 31, 2019

AWC: Tall Mass Timber code changes get final approval

Dec 19, 2018

LEESBURG, VA. – The International Code Council (ICC) has released the unofficial voting results on code change proposals considered in 2018, including passage of the entire package of [14 tall mass timber code change proposals](#). The proposals create three new types of construction (Types IV-A, IV-B and IV-C), which set fire safety requirements, and allowable heights, areas and number of stories for tall mass timber buildings. Official results are expected to be announced during the first quarter of 2019. The new provisions will be included in the 2021 *International Building Code* (IBC).

“Mass timber has been capturing the imagination of architects and developers, and the ICC result means they can now turn sketches into reality. ICC’s rigorous study, testing and voting process now

SO WHAT'S CHANGED??



Since its debut, IBC has contained 9 construction type options

5 Main Types (I, II, III, IV, V) with all but IV having sub-types A and B

| TYPE I | | TYPE II | | TYPE III | | TYPE IV | TYPE V | |
|--------|---|---------|---|----------|---|---------|--------|---|
| A | B | A | B | A | B | HT | A | B |

2021 IBC Introduces 3 new tall wood construction types:

IV-A, IV-B, IV-C

Previous type IV renamed type IV-HT

| BUILDING ELEMENT | TYPE I | | TYPE II | | TYPE III | | TYPE IV | | | | TYPE V | |
|---------------------|--------|---|---------|---|----------|---|---------|---|---|----|--------|---|
| | A | B | A | B | A | B | A | B | C | HT | A | B |

New Building Types



18 STORIES
BUILDING HEIGHT 270'
ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 972,000 SF
AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 54,000SF

TYPE IV-A



12 STORIES
BUILDING HEIGHT 180 FT
ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 648,000 SF
AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 54,000SF

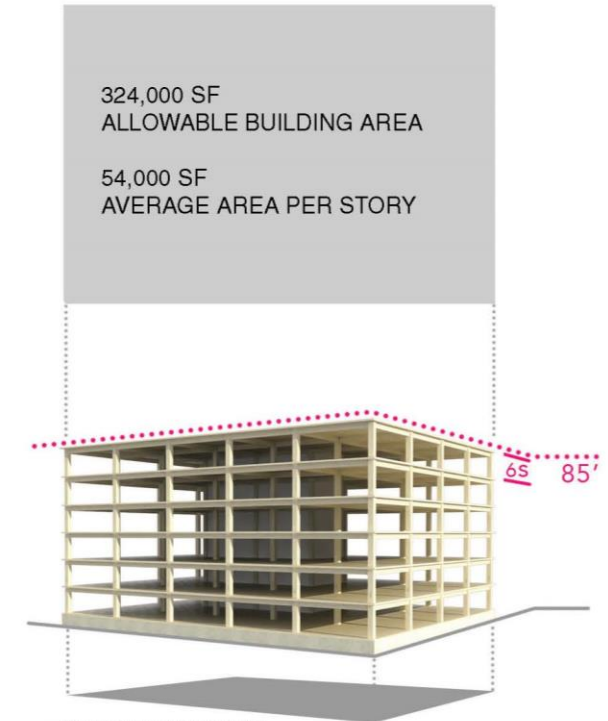
TYPE IV-B



9 STORIES
BUILDING HEIGHT 85'
ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 405,000 SF
AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 45,000 SF

TYPE IV-C

IBC 2021



6 STORIES MAXIMUM
85'-0" MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT
324,00 SF MAXIMUM AREA

TYPE IV- HT

IBC 2015

BUSINESS OCCUPANCY [GROUP B]

*BUILDING FLOOR-TO-FLOOR HEIGHTS ARE SHOWN AT 12'-0" FOR ALL EXAMPLES FOR CLARITY IN COMPARISON BETWEEN 2015 TO 2021 IBC CODES.

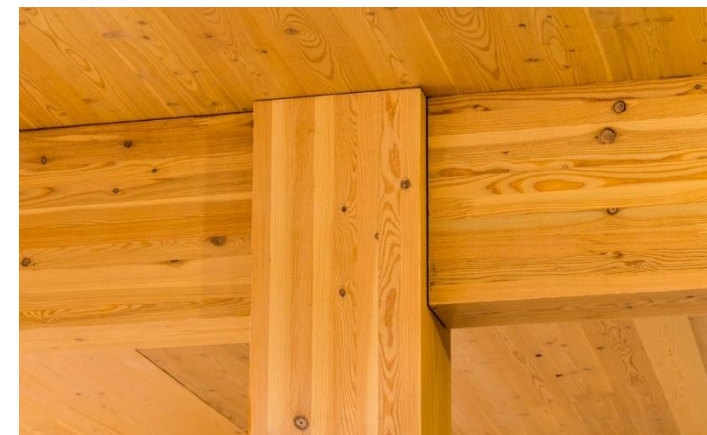
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Type IV-C



9 STORIES
BUILDING HEIGHT 85'
ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 405,000 SF
AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 45,000 SF

TYPE IV-C



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Photos: Baumberger Studio/PATH
Architecture/Marcus Kauffman

Type IV-C Protection vs. Exposed



9 STORIES
BUILDING HEIGHT 85'
ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 405,000 SF
AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 45,000 SF

TYPE IV-C



Credit: Kaiser+Path, Ema Peter

All Mass Timber surfaces may be exposed

Exceptions: Shafts, concealed spaces, outside face of exterior walls

Credit: Susan Jones, atelierjones

Type IV-C Height and Area Limits



9 STORIES
BUILDING HEIGHT 85'
ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 405,000 SF
AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 45,000 SF

TYPE IV-C

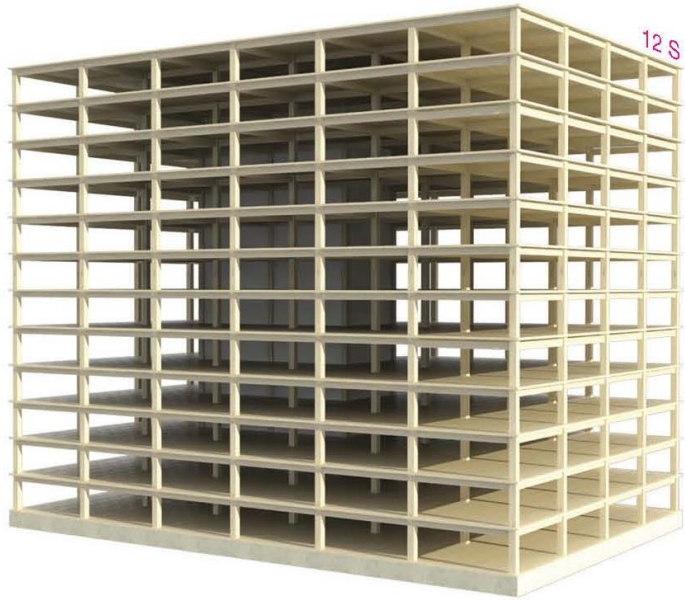
| Occupancy | # of Stories | Height | Area per Story | Building Area |
|-----------|--------------|--------|----------------|---------------|
| A-2 | 6 | 85 ft | 56,250 SF | 168,750 SF |
| B | 9 | 85 ft | 135,000 SF | 405,000 SF |
| M | 6 | 85 ft | 76,875 SF | 230,625 SF |
| R-2 | 8 | 85 ft | 76,875 SF | 230,625 SF |

Areas exclude potential frontage increase

In most cases, Type IV-C height allowances = Type IV-HT height allowances, but add'l stories permitted due to enhanced FRR

Type IV-C area = 1.25 * Type IV-HT area

Type IV-B



12 STORIES
BUILDING HEIGHT 180 FT
ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 648,000 SF
AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 54,000SF

TYPE IV-B

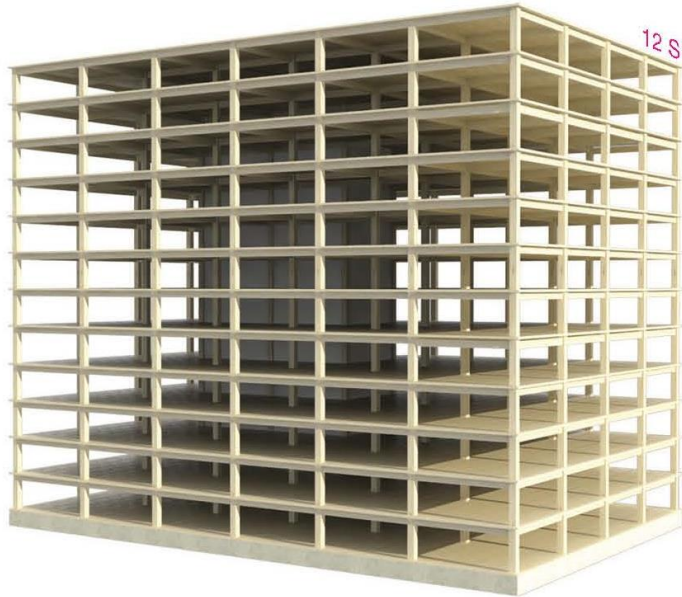
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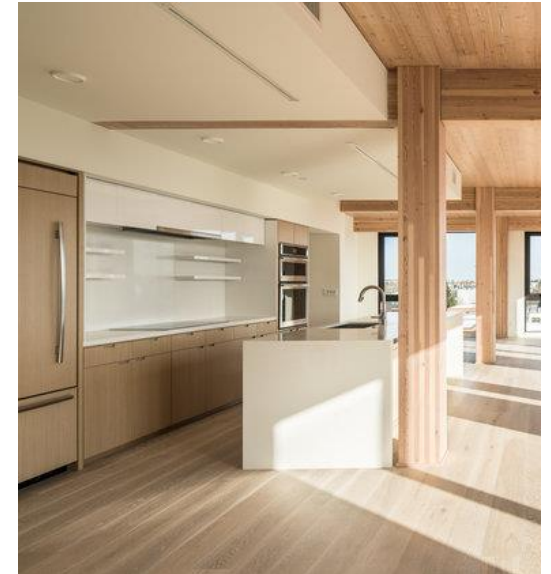
Type IV-B Protection vs. Exposed



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TYPE IV-B

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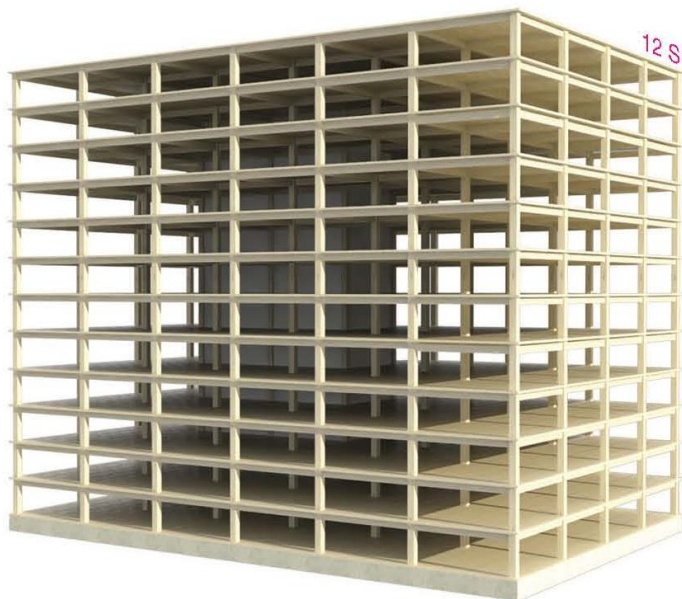


Credit: Kaiser+Path

NC protection on all surfaces of Mass Timber except limited exposed areas

~20% of Ceiling or ~40% of Wall can be exposed, see code for requirements

Type IV-B Height and Area Limits



12 STORIES
BUILDING HEIGHT 180 FT
ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 648,000 SF
AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 54,000SF

TYPE IV-B

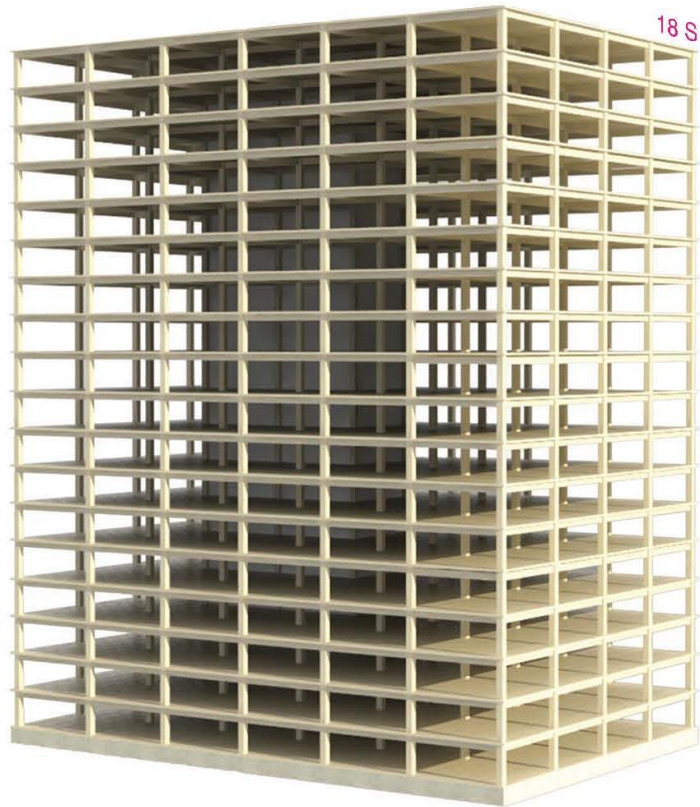
| Occupancy | # of Stories | Height | Area per Story | Building Area |
|-----------|--------------|--------|----------------|---------------|
| A-2 | 12 | 180 ft | 90,000 SF | 270,000 SF |
| B | 12 | 180 ft | 216,000 SF | 648,000 SF |
| M | 8 | 180 ft | 123,000 SF | 369,000 SF |
| R-2 | 12 | 180 ft | 123,000 SF | 369,000 SF |

Areas exclude potential frontage increase

In most cases, Type IV-B height & story allowances = Type I-B height & story allowances

Type IV-B area = 2 * Type IV-HT area

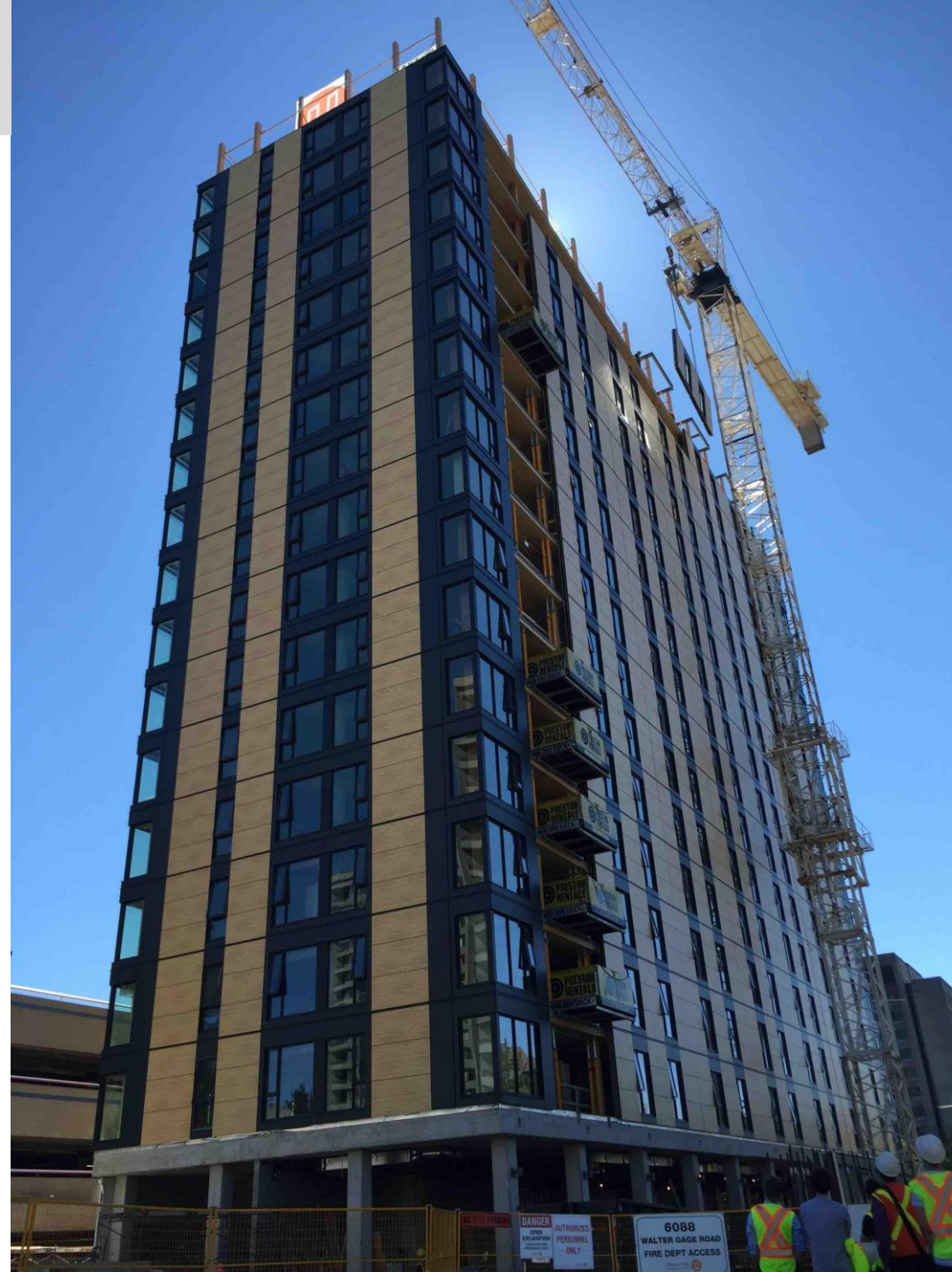
Type IV-A



18 STORIES
BUILDING HEIGHT 270'
ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 972,000 SF
AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 54,000SF

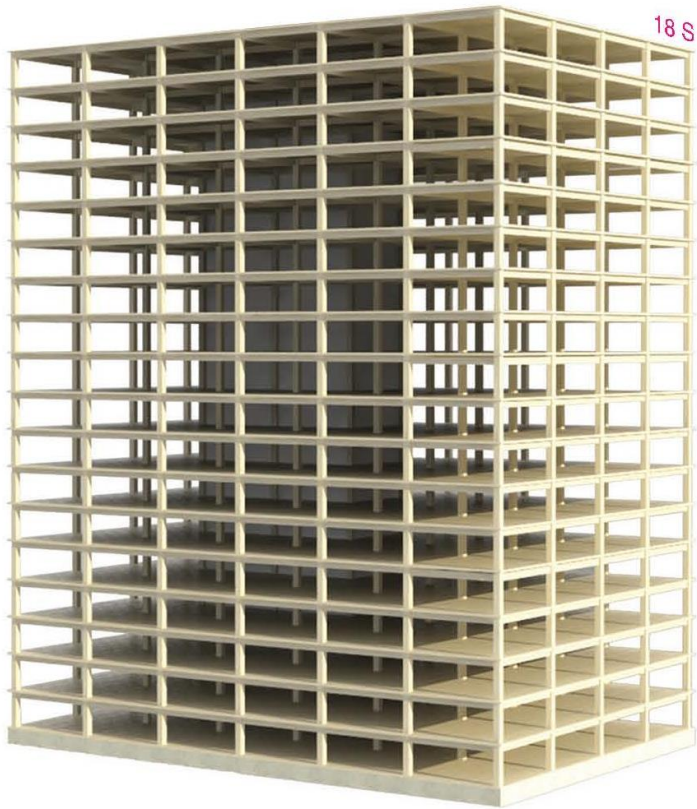
TYPE IV-A

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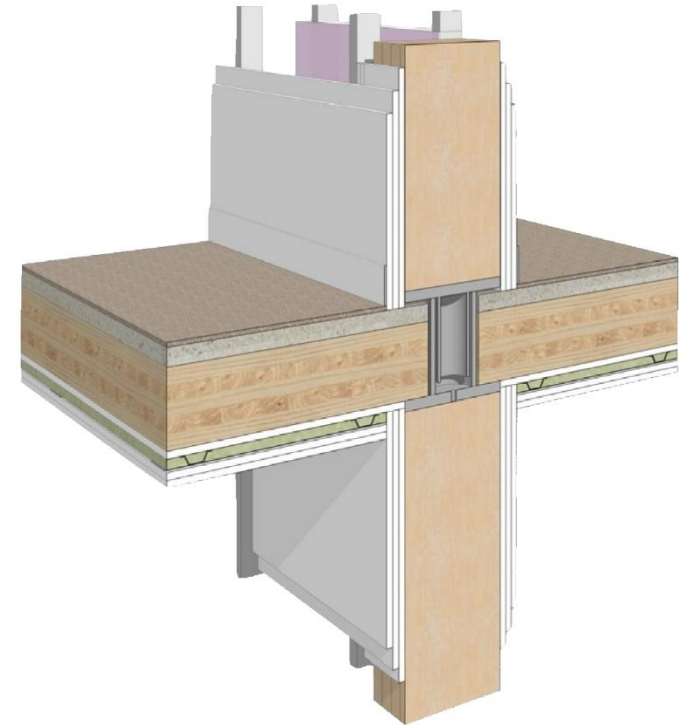
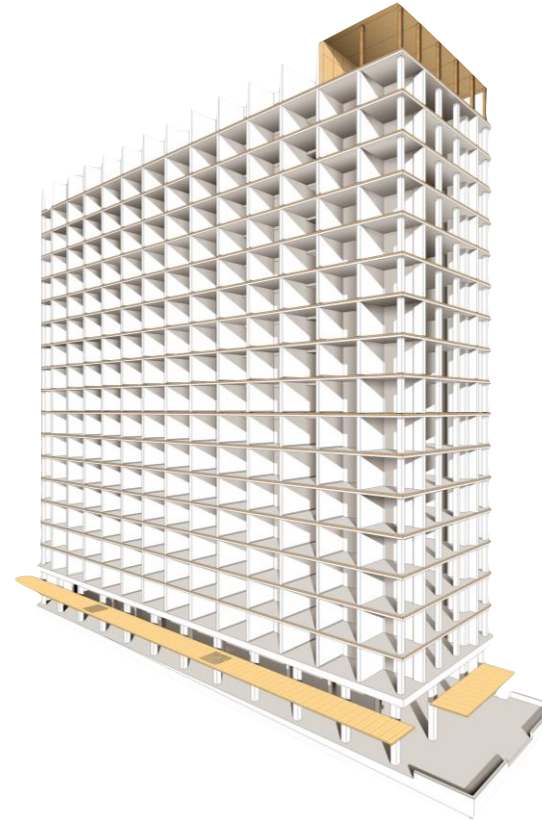
Type IV-A Protection vs. Exposed



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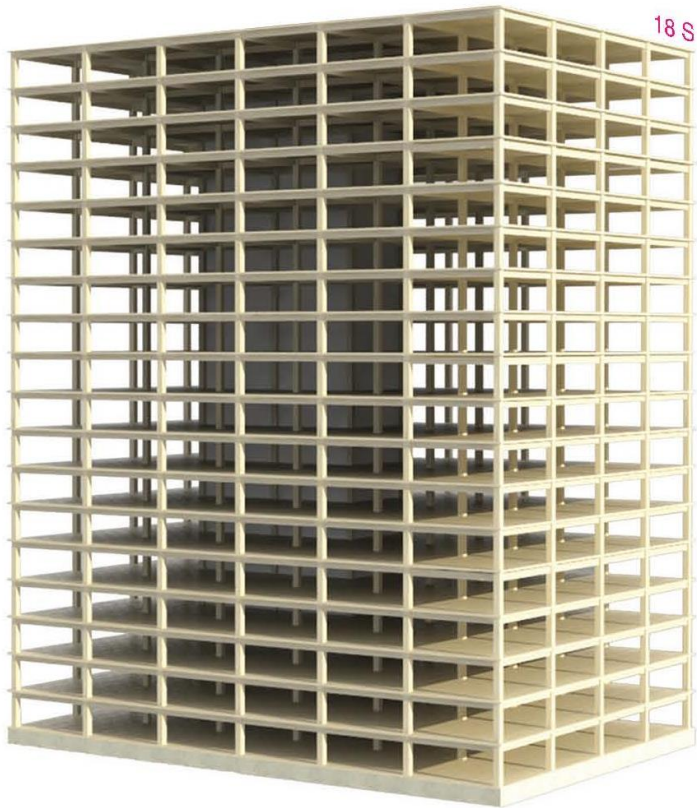
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**100% NC protection on all surfaces of
Mass Timber**

Credit: Acton Ostry Architects, Fast + Epp

Type IV-A Height and Area Limits



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 BUILDING HEIGHT 270'
 ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 972,000 SF
 AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 54,000SF

TYPE IV-A

| Occupancy | # of Stories | Height | Area per Story | Building Area |
|-----------|--------------|--------|----------------|---------------|
| A-2 | 18 | 270 ft | 135,000 SF | 405,000 SF |
| B | 18 | 270 ft | 324,000 SF | 972,000 SF |
| M | 12 | 270 ft | 184,500 SF | 553,500 SF |
| R-2 | 18 | 270 ft | 184,500 SF | 553,500 SF |

Areas exclude potential frontage increase

In most cases, Type IV-A height & story allowances = 1.5 * Type I-B height & story allowances

Type IV-A area = 3 * Type IV-HT area

Tall Wood Buildings in the 2021 IBC *Up to 18 Stories of Mass Timber*

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• Dennis Richardson, PE, CBO, CASp, American Wood Council

In January 2019, the International Code Council (ICC) approved a set of proposals to allow tall wood buildings as part of the 2021 International Building Code (IBC). Based on these proposals, the 2021 IBC will include three new construction types—Type IV-A, IV-B and IV-C—allowing the use of mass timber or noncombustible materials. These new types are based on the previous Heavy Timber construction type (renamed Type IV-HT) but with additional fire-resistance ratings and levels of required noncombustible protection. The code will include provisions for up to 18 stories of Type IV-A construction for Business and Residential Occupancies.

Based on information first published in the Structural Engineers Association of California (SEAOC) 2018 Conference Proceedings, this paper summarizes the background to these proposals, technical research that supported their adoption, and resulting changes to the IBC and product-specific standards.

Background: ICC Tall Wood Building Ad Hoc Committee

Over the past 10 years, there has been a growing interest in tall buildings constructed from mass timber materials (Breneman 2013, Timmers 2015). Around the world there



WoodWorks Tall Wood Design Resource

http://www.woodworks.org/wp-content/uploads/wood_solution_paper-TALL-WOOD.pdf

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| Via Cenni | Milan, Italy | 9 | 2013 |
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An aerial photograph of a tall timber building under construction. The structure features a dense grid of vertical wooden columns and horizontal beams, creating a series of rectangular bays. The timber is a light, natural color. On the left side, a white steel truss structure is visible, likely part of a crane or scaffolding system. The building is situated in an urban environment, with other buildings and greenery visible in the background. A semi-transparent white banner with the text "TALL TIMBER CODE ADOPTION" is overlaid across the center of the image. The logo "STRUCTURLAM" is visible on some of the horizontal beams.

TALL TIMBER CODE ADOPTION

NEW MASS TIMBER DESIGN MANUAL

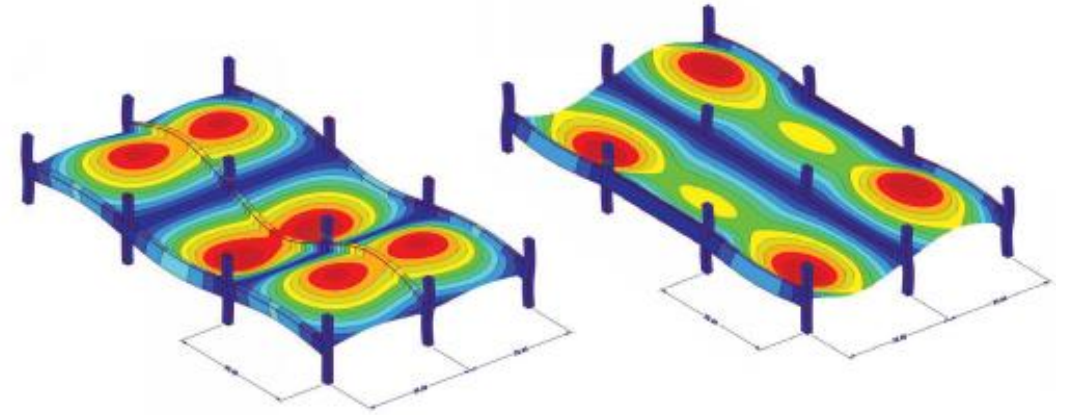
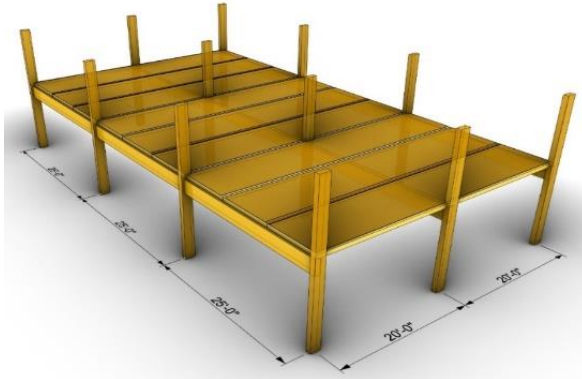
80+ pages of mass timber technical resources, case studies and more. Links directly to many additional resources.

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NEW MASS TIMBER FLOOR VIBRATION DESIGN GUIDE



U.S. Mass Timber
Floor Vibration

Design Guide



**Worked office, lab and
residential Examples**

*Covers simple and complex methods
for bearing wall and frame supported
floor systems*

NEW MASS TIMBER CONNECTIONS INDEX

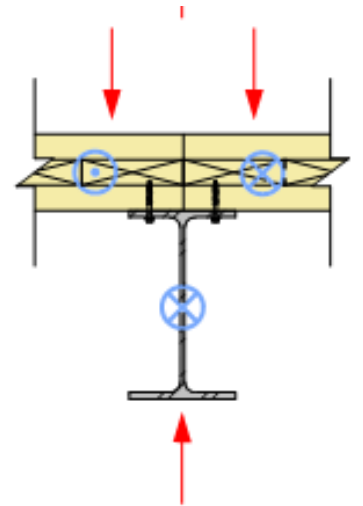
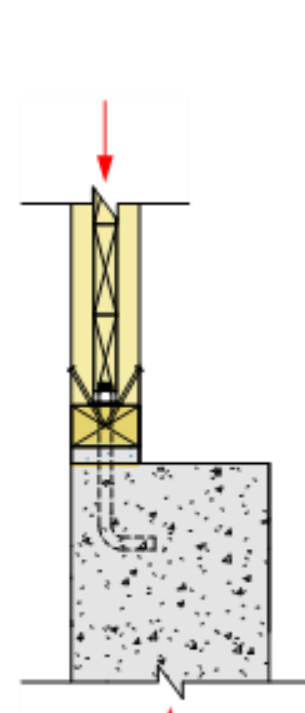
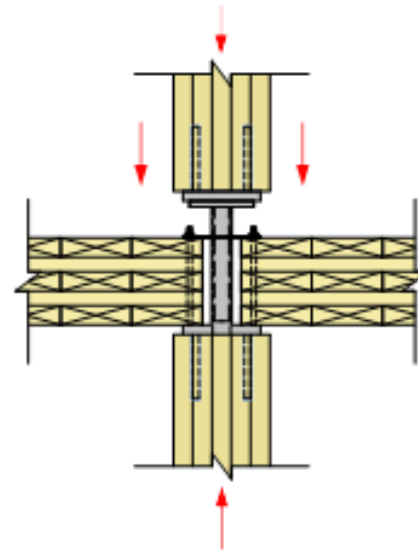


ARCHITECTURE
URBAN DESIGN
INTERIOR DESIGN



A library of commonly used mass timber connections with designer notes and information on fire resistance, relative cost and load-carrying capacity.

WoodWorks Index of
Mass Timber Connections



NEW MASS TIMBER INSURANCE RESOURCES



Insurance for Mass Timber Construction: Assessing Risk and Providing Answers

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One of the exciting trends in building design is the growing use of mass timber—i.e., large solid wood panel products such as cross-laminated timber (CLT) and nail-laminated timber (NLT)—for floor, wall and roof construction. Mass timber products have inherent fire resistance and can be left exposed in many applications and building sizes, achieving the triple function of structure, finish and fire resistance. Because of their strength and dimensional stability, these products offer an alternative to steel, concrete and masonry for many applications, but have a much lighter carbon footprint. It is this combination of exposed structure and strength that developers and designers across the country are leveraging to create innovative designs with a warm yet modern aesthetic.

As mass timber construction has proliferated across the U.S., a number of project teams have run into the same issue: insurance companies unfamiliar with these types of buildings can be reluctant to provide insurance.

The challenge has presented itself in two forms: builder's risk insurance (or course of construction) and property insurance (after building is complete and occupied). Relative risks are assessed differently for each, and each requires a unique approach. For example:

- Construction-phase risks associated with fire are different in mass timber buildings than with most other framing systems. Since the timber elements have inherent fire-resistance capabilities, a building can have a certain level of passive fire resistance after the frame is erected. Protection doesn't rely on (and wait for installation of) materials such as spray-applied

- In addition to safety, property insurance for mass timber buildings requires an understanding of performance related to things like moisture, durability and building enclosure detailing. Much of the property insurance discussion is also site-specific—e.g., Is the area prone to flooding, earthquakes or high winds? Mass timber has been tested against potential natural disasters, and numerous test and research reports are available.

This paper is intended for developers and owners seeking to purchase insurance for mass timber buildings, for design/construction teams looking to make their designs and installation processes more insurable, and for insurance industry professionals looking to alleviate their concerns about safety and performance.

For developers, owners and design/construction teams, it provides an overview of the insurance industry, including its history, what affects premiums, how risks are analyzed, and how project teams can navigate coverage for mass timber buildings. Insurance in general can seem like a mystery—what determines premium fluctuations, impacts of a



Mass timber insurance resource for insurers, developers, contractors & designers. Explains unique attributes of mass timber construction for the insurance industry, and how project teams can make their projects more insurable

Testing Data and Results

Fire Performance:

- [Inventory of Fire-Resistance Tested Mass Timber Assemblies & Penetrations](#) – WoodWorks
- [Compartment Fire Testing of a Two-Story Mass Timber Building: full report and summary videos](#) – U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives/USDA Forest Products Laboratory (FPL)
- [Tall mass timber-related fire test reports](#) – Multiple sources via the American Wood Council (AWC)
- [Fire Resistance of Structural Composite Lumber Products](#) – White, R., USDA FPL
- [Glulam Connection Fire Test Summary Report](#) – Softwood Lumber Board, ARUP
- [Calculating the Fire Resistance of Wood Members and Assemblies](#) – AWC
- [Fire Design of Mass Timber Members](#) – McLain, R., Breneman, S., WoodWorks
- [CLT Adhesive Tests in Support of Mass Timber Buildings](#) – AWC

Post Fire and Sprinkler Remediation:

- [Post-Fire Restoration of Cross-Laminated Timber \(CLT\)](#) – Smartlam
- [Solutions for Upper Mid-Rise and High-Rise Mass Timber Construction Rehabilitation of Mass Timber Following Fire and Sprinkler Activation](#) – Ranger, L., FPIInnovations

Wind:

- [Wind-Induced Vibrations in Timber Buildings](#) – Parameter Study of Cross-Laminated Timber Residential Structures

NEW MASS TIMBER BUSINESS CASE STUDIES

Download online at

www.woodworks.org/mass-timber-business-case-studies


The ICE Blocks: Mass Timber Development

Development Overview

| Property Information | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Property Name | The Ice Blocks |
| Submarket | Midtown Sacramento CA |
| Construction Type | Timber 1a/2b |

The ICE Blocks: Market Context

Sacramento Market



The ICE Blocks: Quantitative Overview


| Costs | Market | | | Actual | | | Realized | | |
|--------------|--------|--------|----------|----------|--------|--------|----------|----------|--|
| | Metric | Market | Proforma | Realized | Metric | Market | Proforma | Realized | |
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The ICE Blocks: Qualitative Overview

Distinctive interiors attract quality tenants at competitive rents

Mass Timber Business Case Study

The ICE Blocks
Sacramento, CA



Developer: Heller Pacific

Case Study by: CONRAD INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

WoodWorks™ WOOD PRODUCTS COUNCIL

- Includes financial return performance data on mass timber projects
- Developers share lessons learned, challenges and successes

MASS TIMBER CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

In Progress/Development



MASS TIMBER
CONSTRUCTION
MANUAL



INSTALLER TRAINING



VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON
WORKSHOPS

Stay up to date with training for construction managers, GC's, and installers at our website:

<https://www.woodworks.org/mass-timber-construction-management-program/>

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