

A photograph of a modern office interior. The ceiling is made of light-colored wood with exposed beams and a track lighting system. Large windows on the left side are covered with light-colored curtains. In the center, a person is standing near a desk. The foreground shows a wooden table and some colorful cushions. The overall atmosphere is bright and airy.

# **New Tall Wood Code Provisions: Understanding Advanced Design Topics**

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Questions related to specific materials, methods, and services will be addressed at the conclusion of this presentation.



# Course Description

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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. This presentation will take a detailed look at the new code provisions and methods of addressing the new requirements. Topics will include tall-wood specific high rise and sprinkler requirements, methods of demonstrating fire-resistance ratings, fire design for penetrations, connections and abutting panels, allowances for exposed timber, exterior walls, concealed spaces and more.

# Learning Objectives

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1. Explore the three new tall wood construction types and discuss related code provisions such as allowable heights and fire-resistance ratings.
2. Discuss code-compliant options for exposing mass timber, where up to 2-hour fire-resistance ratings are required, and demonstrate design methodologies for achieving these ratings.
3. Review code requirements unique to tall wood buildings, focusing on items such as sprinklers, shaft construction and concealed spaces.
4. Highlight design options for addressing topics such as fire stops at penetrations through mass timber assemblies and exterior walls fire-resistance in tall timber structures.



## NEW CONSTRUCTION TYPES IN 2021 IBC

**Type IV-A** – Maximum 18 stories, with gypsum wallboard on all mass timber.

**Type IV-B** – Maximum 12 stories, limited-area of exposed mass timber walls and ceilings allowed.

**Type IV-C** – Maximum 9 stories, all exposed mass timber designed for a 2-hour fire resistance.



# 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

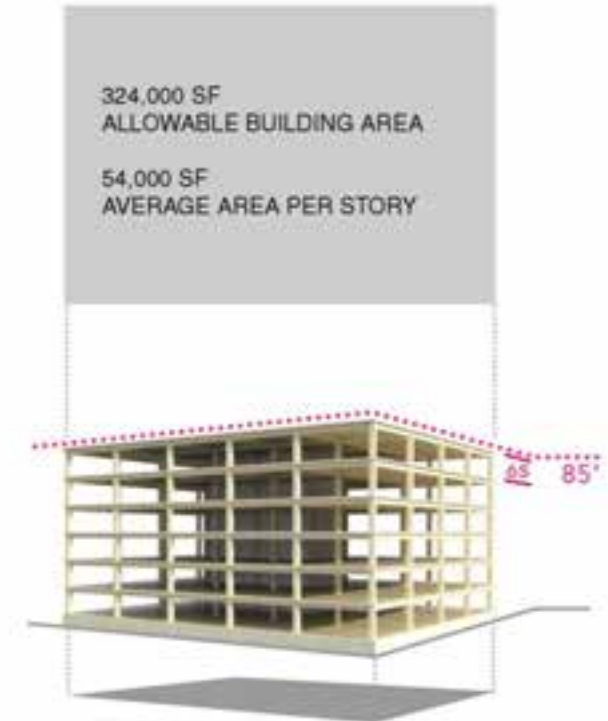
TYPE IV-B



9 STORIES  
BUILDING HEIGHT 81'  
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.

# Tall Wood Building Size Limits

	Construction Type (All <u>Sprinklered Values</u> )						
	I-A	I-B	<u>IV-A</u>	<u>IV-B</u>	<u>IV-C</u>	IV-HT	III-A
Occupancies	Allowable Building Height above Grade Plane, Feet (IBC Table 504.3)						
A, B, R	Unlimited	180	<u>270</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>85</u>	85	85
	Allowable Number of Stories above Grade Plane (IBC Table 505.4)						
A-2, A-3, A-4	Unlimited	12	<u>18</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	4	4
B	Unlimited	12	<u>18</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	6	6
R-2	Unlimited	12	<u>18</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>	5	5
	Allowable Area Factor (At) for SM, Feet <sup>2</sup> (IBC Table 506.2)						
A-2, A-3, A-4	Unlimited	Unlimited	<u>135,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>56,250</u>	45,000	42,000
B	Unlimited	Unlimited	<u>324,000</u>	<u>216,000</u>	<u>135,000</u>	108,000	85,500
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A-2, A-3, A-4	Unlimited	11	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	3
B	Unlimited	11	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	5
R-2	Unlimited	11	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	4
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A-2, A-3, A-4	Unlimited	Unlimited	<u>45,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>18,750</u>	15,000
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sprinklers will be required**

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# Non-Tall Opportunities – Large Area

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# Type IV-A



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

## TYPE IV-A

Credit: Susan Jones, atelierjones



Photos: Structurlam, naturally:wood,  
Fast + Epp



# Type IV-A Height and Area Limits



18 STORIES  
BUILDING HEIGHT 270'  
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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**



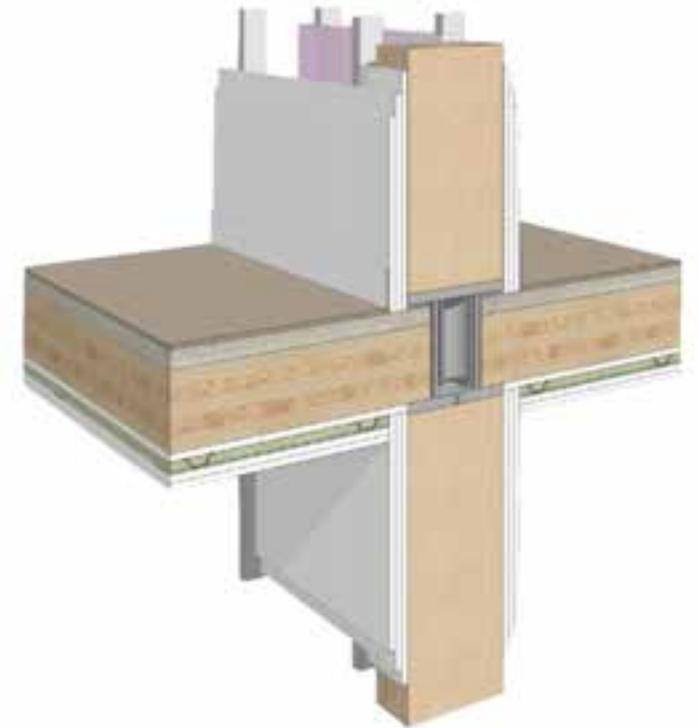
# Type IV-A Protection vs. Exposed



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

TYPE IV-A

Credit: Susan Jones, atelierjones



100% NC protection on all surfaces of  
Mass Timber

Credit: Acton Ostry Architects, Fast + Epp

# Type IV-A Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

IV-A



Primary Frame FRR

**3 HR (2 HR at Roof)**

Ext or Int Bearing Wall FRR

**3 HR**

Floor Construction FRR

**2 HR**

Roof Construction FRR

**1.5 HR**



# Type IV-A Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

IV-A



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Ext or Int Bearing Wall FRR

Floor Construction FRR

Roof Construction FRR

FRR	Min. NC Protection
3 HR (2 HR at Roof)	120 min (80 min at Roof)
3 HR	120 min
2 HR	80 min
1.5 HR	80 min

**½" Type X Gypsum = 25 min | 5/8" Type X Gypsum = 40 min**



# Noncombustible Protection (NC)

**TABLE 722.7.1(a)**

**PROTECTION REQUIRED FROM NONCOMBUSTIBLE COVERING MATERIAL**

<u>Required Fire Resistance Rating of Building Element per Tables 601 and 602 (hours)</u>	<u>Minimum Protection Required from Noncombustible Protection (minutes)</u>	
<u>1</u>	<u>40</u>	1 layer 5/8 Type X
<u>2</u>	<u>80</u>	2 layers 5/8 Type X
<u>3 or more</u>	<u>120</u>	3 layers 5/8 Type X

**TABLE 722.7.1(b)**

**PROTECTION PROVIDED BY NONCOMBUSTIBLE COVERING MATERIAL**

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



# Noncombustible Protection (NC)



The definition of “Noncombustible Protection (For Mass Timber)” is created to address the passive fire protection of mass timber.

Mass timber is permitted to have its own fire-resistance rating (e.g., Mass Timber only) or have a fire resistance rating based on the fire resistance through a combination of the mass timber fire-resistance plus protection by non-combustible materials as defined in Section 703.5 (e.g., additional materials that delay the combustion of mass timber, such as gypsum board).



Credit: Urban One

# MT Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)



**IBC 722.7**

**The fire resistance rating of the mass timber elements shall consist of the fire resistance of the unprotected element (MT) added to the protection time of the noncombustible (NC) protection.**

**MT**



**NC**



Credit: Urban One

**= FRR**

# MT Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)



However, FRR Doesn't always need to be from a combination of MT + NC. In some cases, just NC can be used, in other cases, just MT can be used:

## IBC 602.4

Mass timber elements shall meet the fire resistance rating requirements of this section based on either the fire resistance rating of the noncombustible protection, the mass timber, or a combination of both.

**MT**



**NC**



Credit: Urban One

# MT Type IV Minimum Sizes

**In addition to meeting FRR, all MT elements must also meet minimum sizes**

**These minimum sizes have been in place for old type IV (current type IV-HT) construction and the same minimums sizes also apply to MT used in new types IV-A, IV-B and IV-C**

**Contained in IBC 2304.11**



Photo:: Ema Peter



# Type IV Minimum Sizes - Framing

Framing		Solid Sawn (nominal)	Glulam (actual)	SCL (actual)
Floor	Columns	8 x 8	6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> x 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	7 x 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
	Beams	6 x 10	5 x 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> x 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Roof	Columns	6 x 8	5 x 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> x 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
	Beams*	4 x 6	3 X 6 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> X 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>

Minimum Width by Depth in Inches  
See IBC 2018 2304.11 or IBC 2015 602.4 for Details

\*3" nominal width allowed where sprinklered



Photo: WoodWorks

# Type IV Minimum Sizes – Floor/Roof Panels

## Floor Panels/Decking:

- 4" thick CLT (actual thickness)
- 4" NLT/DLT/GLT (nominal thickness)
- 3" thick (nominal) decking covered with:  
1" decking or 15/32" WSP or ½"  
particleboard

## Roof Panels/Decking:

- 3" thick CLT (nominal thickness)
- 3" NLT/DLT/GLT (nominal thickness)
- 2" decking (nominal thickness)
- 1-1/8" WSP





# MT Type IV Minimum Sizes – Walls

## Exterior Walls for Type IV-A B C

- CLT or Non-combustible

## Exterior Walls for Type IV-HT

- CLT or FRTW or Non-combustible
- IBC 2018 - 6" Thick Wall (FRTW or CLT)
- IBC 2021 - 4" Thick CLT



# MT Type IV Minimum Sizes – Walls

## MT Interior Walls in all Type IV:

- Laminated construction 4" thick
- Solid wood construction min. 2 layers of 1" matched boards

## Other Interior Walls in Type IV A,B,C

- Non-combustible (0 hr for nonbearing)

## Other Interior Walls in Type IV HT

- Non-combustible (1 hr min)
- Wood stud wall (1 hr min)

**Verify other code requirements for FRR (eg. interior bearing wall; occupancy separation)**





# Type IV-A Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

IV-A

## FRR Examples:

Primary Structural Frame (Beam, Column, Bearing Wall):

**3 HR Required**

NC protection = at least 120 min

- Use 3 layers of 5/8" type X Gypsum = 120 min (2 HR)

Mass Timber FRR req'd = 3 HR – 2 HR = 1 HR



# Type IV-A Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

IV-A

## FRR Examples:

### Floor Panels:

**2 HR Required**

NC Protection = at least 80 min

- Use 2 layers of 5/8" type X Gypsum = 80 min (1.33 HR),  
plus:
  - Mass Timber FRR req'd =  $2 \text{ HR} - 1.33 \text{ HR} = 0.67 \text{ HR}$ ,  
or
- Use 3 layers of 5/8" Type X Gypsum = 120 min (2 HR)  
and no FRR from MT req'd



Credit: Urban One

# Type IV-A Protection



Floor Surface Protection

Roof Construction Protection

Ext Wall Protection

**Min. 1 inch of NC protection**

**Min. 2 layers 5/8" type X gyp  
on inside face**

**Min. 1 layer 5/8" type X gyp  
on outside face**

**Min. 2 layers 5/8" type X gyp  
on inside face (non-brng)**

**Min. 3 layers 5/8" type X gyp  
on inside face (brng)**

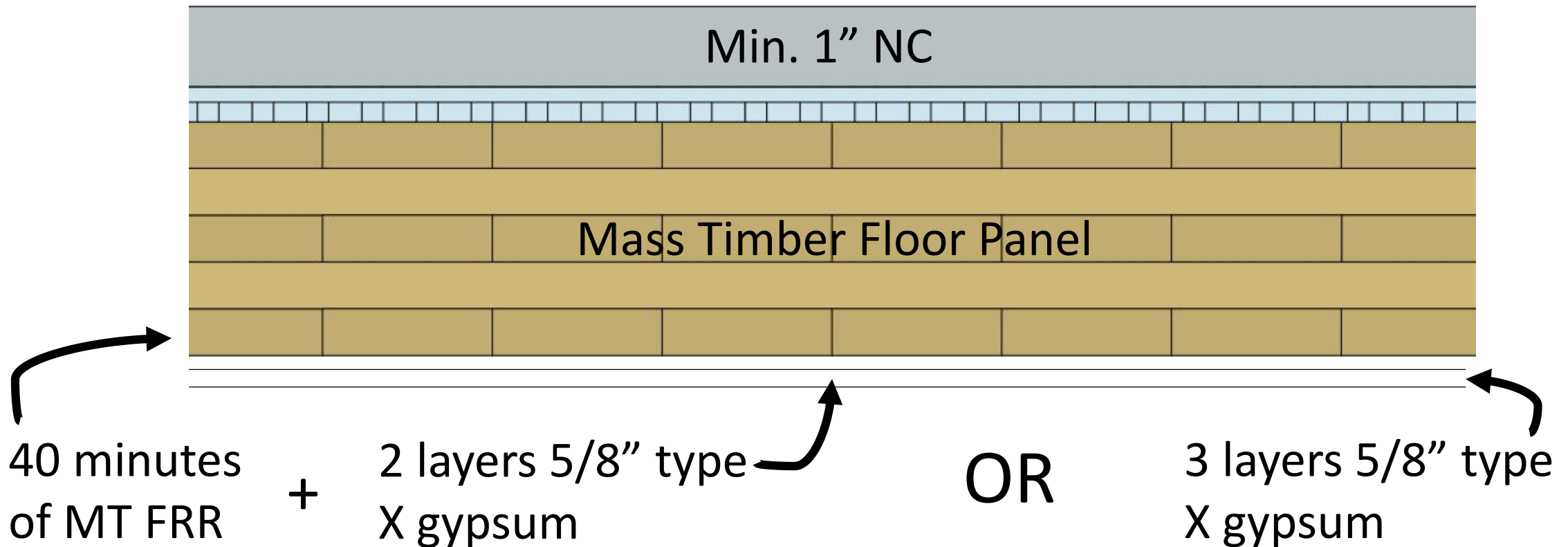


Credit: Maxxon

# Type IV-A Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

IV-A

## FRR & NC Floor Panel Example: 2 HR

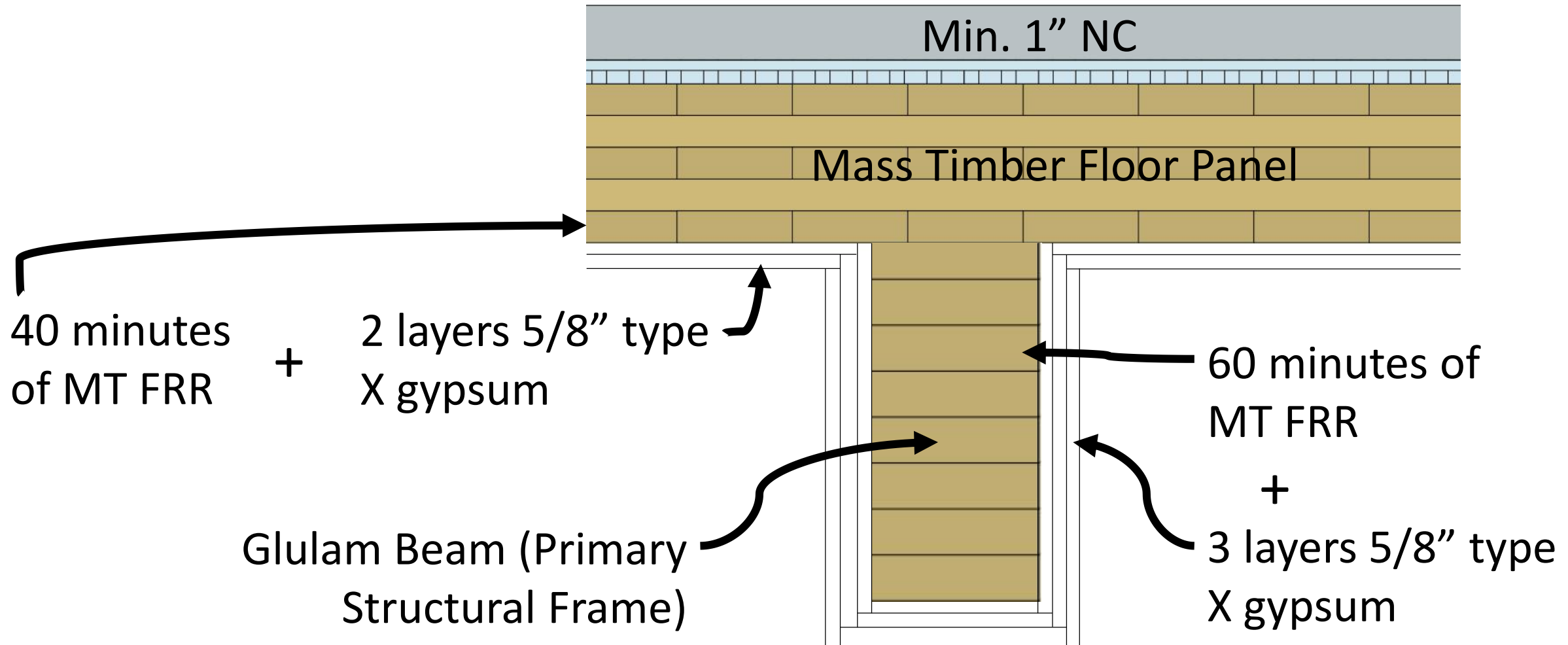




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IV-A

**Primary Frame (3 HR) + Floor Panel Example (2 HR):**

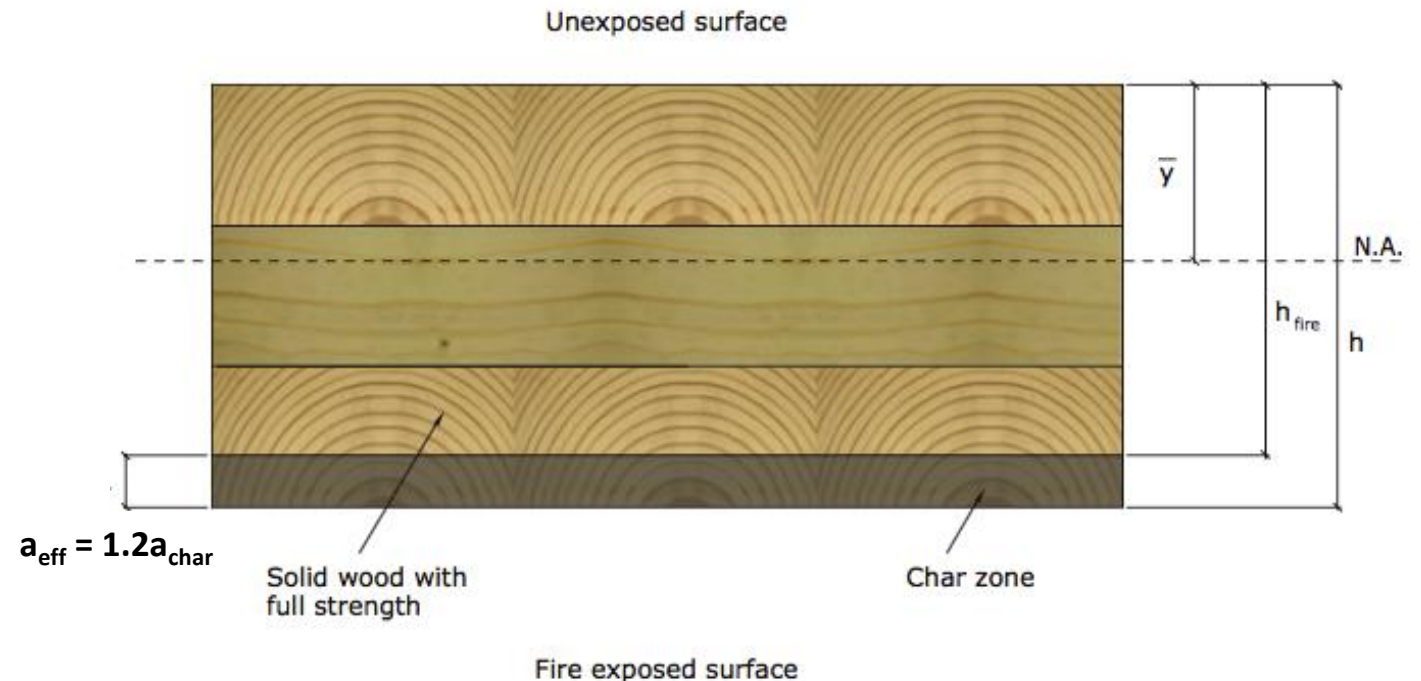


# MT Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

How do you determine FRR of MT?

2 Options:

1. Calculations in Accordance with IBC 722 → NDS Chapter 16
2. Tests in Accordance with ASTM E119



# MT Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

## MT FRR Calculations Method:

- IBC 703.3 allows several methods of determining FRR. One is calculations per 722.
- 722.1 refers to NDS Chpt 16 for exposed wood FRR

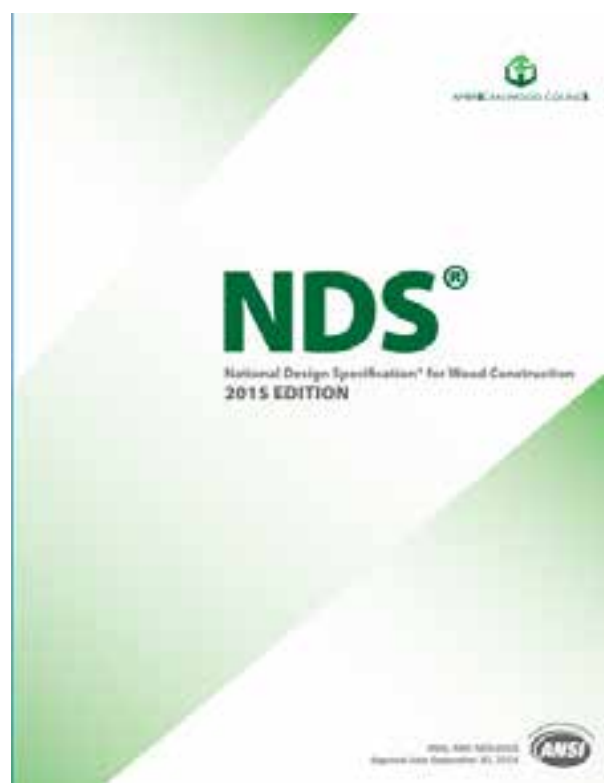
**703.3 Methods for determining fire resistance.** The application of any of the methods listed in this section shall be based on the fire exposure and acceptance criteria specified in ASTM E119 or UL 263. The required *fire resistance* of a building element, component or assembly shall be permitted to be established by any of the following methods or procedures:

3. Calculations in accordance with Section 722.

**722.1 General.** The provisions of this section contain procedures by which the *fire resistance* of specific materials or combinations of materials is established by calculations. These procedures apply only to the information contained in this section and shall not be otherwise used. The calculated *fire resistance* of concrete, concrete masonry and clay masonry assemblies shall be permitted in accordance with ACI 216.1/TMS 0216. The calculated *fire resistance* of steel assemblies shall be permitted in accordance with Chapter 5 of ASCE 29. The calculated *fire resistance* of exposed wood members and wood decking shall be permitted in accordance with Chapter 16 of ANSI/AF&PA *National Design Specification for Wood Construction (NDS)*.



# MT Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)



NDS Chapter 16 includes calculation of fire resistance of NLT, CLT, Glulam, Solid Sawn and SCL wood products

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

Required Fire Endurance (hr.)	Effective Char Depths, $a_{\text{char}}$ (in.)								
	lamination thicknesses, $h_{\text{lam}}$ (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



Credit: FPInnovations



# MT Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

Nominal char rate of 1.5"/HR is recognized in NDS. Effective char depth calculated to account for duration, structural reduction in heat-affected zone



Credit: ARUP

**Table 16.2.1A Char Depth and Effective Char Depth (for  $\beta_n = 1.5$  in./hr.)**

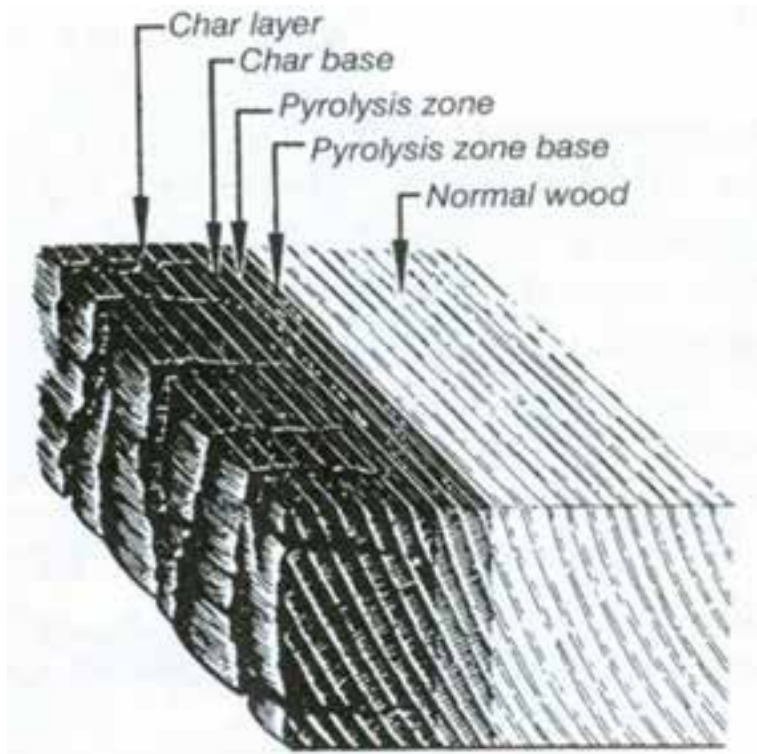
Required Fire Resistance (hr.)	Char Depth, $a_{char}$ (in.)	Effective Char Depth, $a_{eff}$ (in.)
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1½-Hour	2.1	2.5
2-Hour	2.6	3.2

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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

# MT Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

Structural capacity check performed on remaining section, with stress increases



Credit: Forest Products Laboratory

**Table 16.2.2 Adjustment Factors for Fire Design<sup>1</sup>**

			ASD					
			Design Stress to Member Strength Factor	Size Factor <sup>2</sup>	Volume Factor <sup>2</sup>	Flat Use Factor <sup>2</sup>	Beam Stability Factor <sup>3</sup>	Column Stability Factor <sup>3</sup>
Bending Strength	$F_b$	x	2.85	$C_F$	$C_V$	$C_{fu}$	$C_L$	-
Beam Buckling Strength	$F_{bE}$	x	2.03	-	-	-	-	-
Tensile Strength	$F_t$	x	2.85	$C_F$	-	-	-	-
Compressive Strength	$F_c$	x	2.58	$C_F$	-	-	-	$C_P$
Column Buckling Strength	$F_{cE}$	x	2.03	-	-	-	-	-

$$a_{\text{char}} = \beta_t t^{0.813}$$

**Solid Sawn, Glulam, SCL**

$$a_{\text{char}} = n_{\text{lam}} h_{\text{lam}} + \beta_t \left( t - (n_{\text{lam}} t_{\text{gl}}) \right)^{0.813}$$

**CLT**

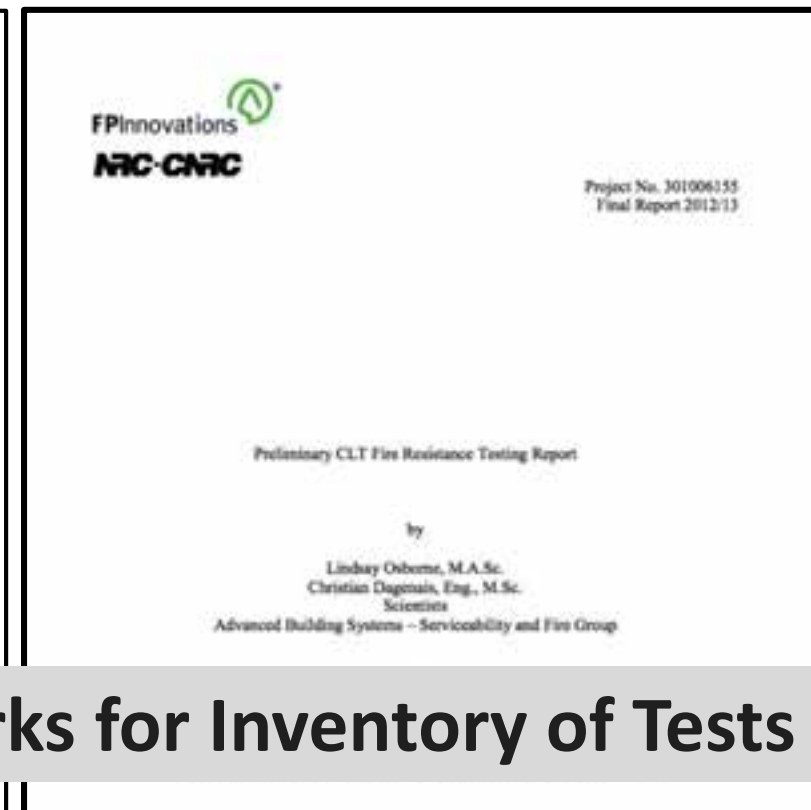
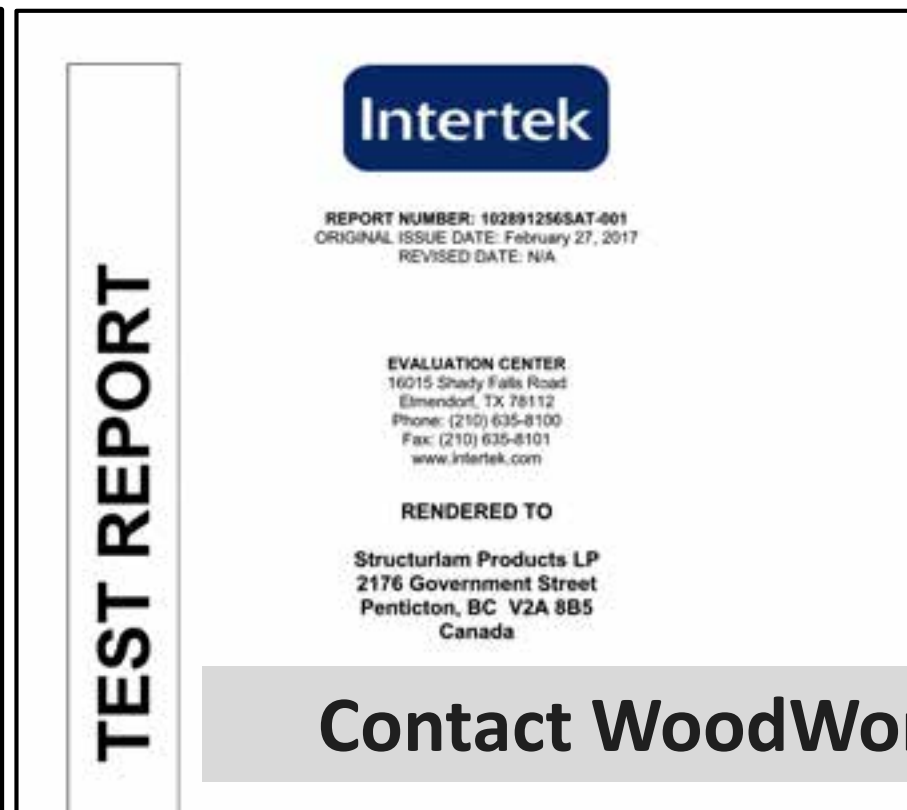
$$a_{\text{eff}} = 1.2 a_{\text{char}}$$

**Effective Char Depth**

# MT Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

## Tested Assemblies Method:

- Many successful Mass Timber ASTM E119 fire tests have been completed by industry & manufacturers



Contact WoodWorks for Inventory of Tests



# MT Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)



## Fire-Resistive Design of Mass Timber Members

Code Applications, Construction Types and Fire Ratings

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For many years, exposed heavy timber framing elements have been permitted in U.S. buildings due to their inherent fire-resistance properties. The predictability of wood's char rate has been well-established for decades and has long been recognized in building codes and standards.

Today, 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. Like heavy timber, mass timber products have inherent fire resistance that allows them to be left exposed and still achieve a fire-resistance rating. Because of their strength and dimensional stability, these products also offer a low-carbon alternative to steel, concrete, and masonry for many applications. 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, often for projects that go beyond traditional norms of wood design.

This paper has been written to support architects and engineers exploring the use of mass timber for commercial and multi-family construction. It focuses on how to meet fire-resistance requirements in the International Building Code (IBC), including calculation and testing-based methods. Unless otherwise noted, references refer to the 2018 IBC.

### Mass Timber & Construction Type

Before demonstrating fire-resistance ratings of exposed mass timber elements, it's important to understand under what circumstances the code currently allows the use of mass timber in commercial and multi-family construction.

A building's assigned construction type is the main indicator of where and when all wood systems can be used. IBC Section 602 defines five main options (Type I through V) with all but Type IV having subcategories A and B. Types III and V permit the use of wood framing throughout much of the structure and both are used extensively for modern mass timber buildings.

**Type IV (IBC 602.2)** – Timber elements can be used in floors, roofs and interior walls. Fire-retardant-treated wood (FRTTW) framing is permitted in exterior walls with a fire-resistance rating of 2 hours or less.

**Type V (IBC 602.5)** – Timber elements can be used throughout the structure, including floors, roofs and both interior and exterior walls.

**Type IV (IBC 602.2)** – Commonly referred to as "Heavy Timber" construction, this option



Carbon12 | Portland, Oregon  
Kaiser Design | Beth Architecture  
Munz Structural Engineering

## Mass Timber Fire Design Resource

- Code compliance options for demonstrating FRR
- Updated as new tests are completed
- Free download at [woodworks.org](https://woodworks.org)



# MT Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

## Inventory of Fire Tested MT Assemblies

Table 1: North American Fire Resistance Tests of Mass Timber Floor / Roof Assemblies



CLT Panel	Manufacturer	CLT Grade or Major x Minor Grade	Ceiling Protection	Panel Connection in Test	Floor Topping	Load Rating	Fire Resistance Achieved (Hours)	Source	Testing Lab
3-ply CLT (114mm 4.49 in)	Nordic	SPF 1650 Fb 1.5 E MSR x SPF #3	2 layers 1/2" Type X gypsum	Half-Lap	None	Reduced 30% Moment Capacity	1	1 (Test 1)	NRC Fire Laboratory
3-ply CLT (101mm 4.13 in)	Structurlam	SPF #1/#2 x SPF #1/#2	1 layer 5/8" Type X gypsum	Half-Lap	None	Reduced 75% Moment Capacity	1	1 (Test 3)	NRC Fire Laboratory
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Nordic	EI	None	Topside Spline	2 staggered layers of 1/2" cement boards	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	2	NRC Fire Laboratory March 2016
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Nordic	EI	1 layer of 5/8" Type X gypsum under J-channels and furring strips with 5.5/8" dimensional joists	Topside Spline	2 staggered layers of 1/2" cement boards	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	3	NRC Fire Laboratory Nov 2014
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Nordic	EI	None	Topside Spline	3/4 in. proprietary gypcrete over Maxxon acoustical mat	Reduced 50% Moment Capacity	1.5	3	UL
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Nordic	EI	1 layer 5/8" normal gypsum	Topside Spline	3/4 in. proprietary gypcrete over Maxxon acoustical mat or proprietary sound board	Reduced 50% Moment Capacity	2	4	UL
3-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Nordic	EI	1 layer 5/8" Type X Gyp under Resilient Channel under 7.5/8" Joists with 3.1/2" Mineral Wool between joists	Half-Lap	None	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	21	Intertek 8/24/2012
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Structurlam	E1 M5 MSR 2100 x SPF #2	None	Topside Spline	1-1/2" Maxxon Cyp-Grete 2000 over Maxxon Reinforcing Mesh	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2.5	6	Intertek, 2/22/2016
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	DR Johnson	V1	None	Half-Lap & Topside Spline	2" gypsum topping	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	7	SwRI (May 2016)
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Nordic	SPF 1650 Fb MSR x SPF #3	None	Half-Lap	None	Reduced 30% Moment Capacity	1.5	1 (Test 3)	NRC Fire Laboratory
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Structurlam	SPF #1/#2 x SPF #1/#2	1 layer 5/8" Type X gypsum	Half-Lap	None	Unreduced 100% Moment Capacity	2	1 (Test 6)	NRC Fire Laboratory
7-ply CLT (245mm 9.65")	Structurlam	SPF #1/#2 x SPF #1/#2	None	Half-Lap	None	Unreduced 100% Moment Capacity	2.5	1 (Test 7)	NRC Fire Laboratory
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	SmartLam	SL-V4	None	Half-Lap	nominal 1/2" plywood with 9d nails	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	12 (Test 4)	Western Fire Center 10/26/2016
3-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	SmartLam	V1	None	Half-Lap	nominal 1/2" plywood with 9d nails	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	12 (Test 3)	Western Fire Center 10/28/2016
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	DR Johnson	V1	None	Half-Lap	nominal 1/2" plywood with 9d nails	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	12 (Test 6)	Western Fire Center 11/01/2016
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	KIH	CVDM1	None	Half-Lap & Topside Spline	None	Loaded, See Manufacturer	1	18	SwRI

# Materials Permitted

**602.4 Type IV.** Type IV construction is that type of construction in which the building elements are mass timber or noncombustible materials and have fire resistance ratings in accordance with Table 601. Mass timber elements shall meet the fire resistance rating requirements of this section based on either the fire resistance rating of the noncombustible protection, the mass timber, or a combination of both and shall be determined in accordance with Section 703.2 or 703.3. The minimum dimensions and permitted materials for building elements shall comply with the provisions of this section and Section 2304.11. Mass timber

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..



# Type IV-B



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

TYPE IV-B

Credit: Susan Jones, atelierjones

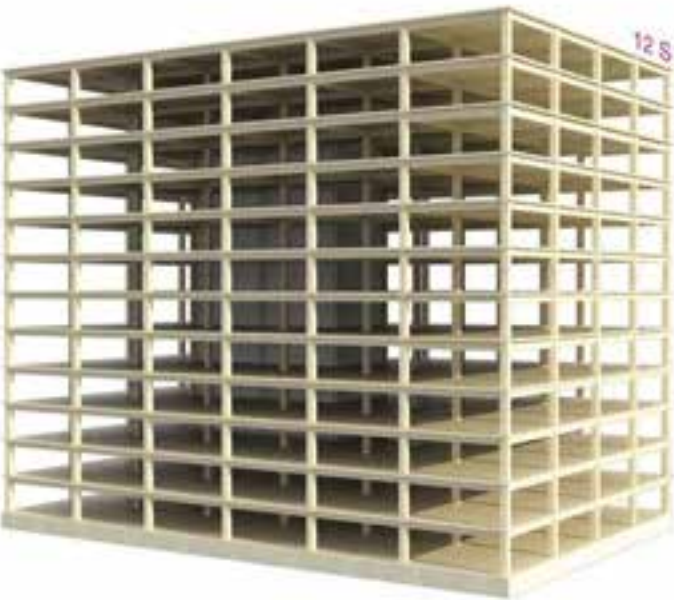


Credit: LEVER Architecture



# IV-B

## 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

Credit: Susan Jones, atelierjones

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

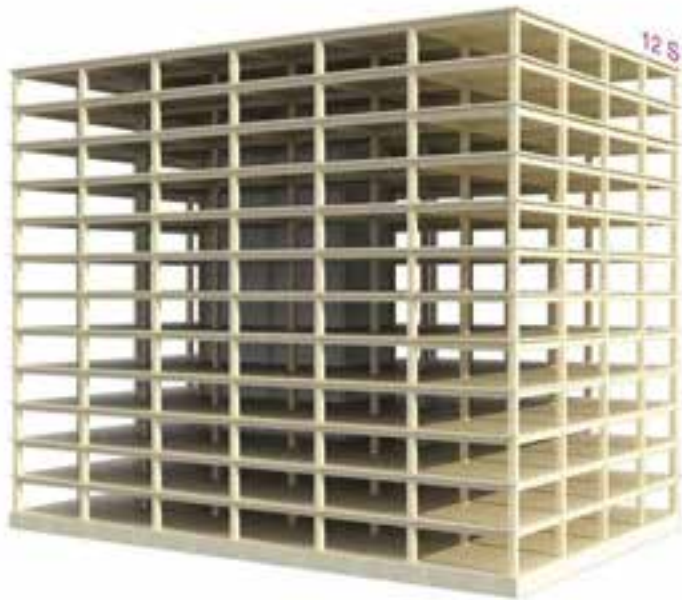
**In most cases, Type IV-B height & story allowances = Type I-B height & story allowances**

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



# Type IV-B Protection vs. Exposed

IV-B



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

TYPE IV-B

Credit: Susan Jones, atelierjones



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**

# Type IV-B Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

IV-B



Primary Frame FRR

2 HR (1 HR at Roof)

Ext or Int Bearing Wall FRR

2 HR

Floor Construction FRR

2 HR

Roof Construction FRR

1 HR



# Type IV-B Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

IV-B



**\*Applicable to most locations. Limited exposed MT permitted**

Primary Frame FRR

Ext or Int Bearing Wall FRR

Floor Construction FRR

Roof Construction FRR

FRR	Min. NC Protection
2 HR (1 HR at Roof)	80 min* (40 min* at Roof)
2 HR	80 min*
2 HR	80 min*
1 HR	40 min*

**½" Type X Gypsum = 25 min | 5/8" Type X Gypsum = 40 min**



Credit: Urban One

# Type IV-B Protection



Floor Surface Protection

Roof Construction Protection

Ext Wall Protection

**Min. 1 inch of NC protection**

**Min. 1 layer 5/8" type X gyp  
on inside face\***

**Min. 1 layer 5/8" type X gyp  
on outside face**

**Min. 2 layers 5/8" type X gyp  
on inside face\***

**\*Applicable to most locations  
Limited exposed MT permitted**

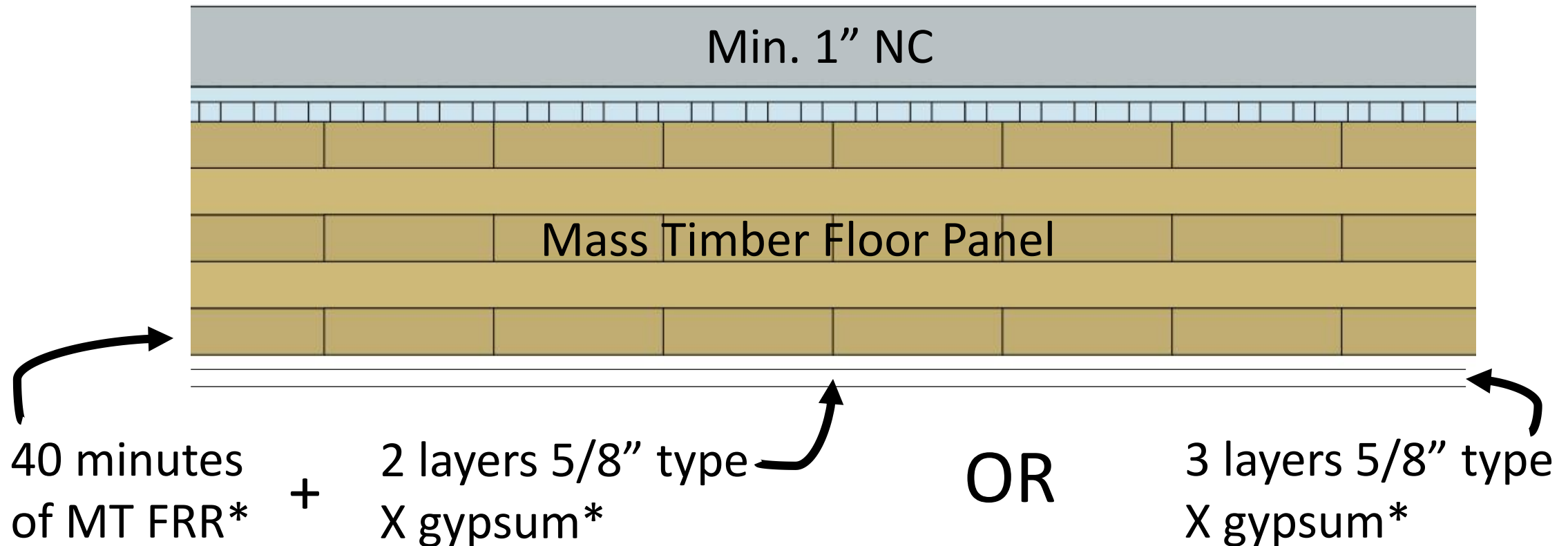




# Type IV-B Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

IV-B

## FRR & NC Floor Panel Example: 2 HR



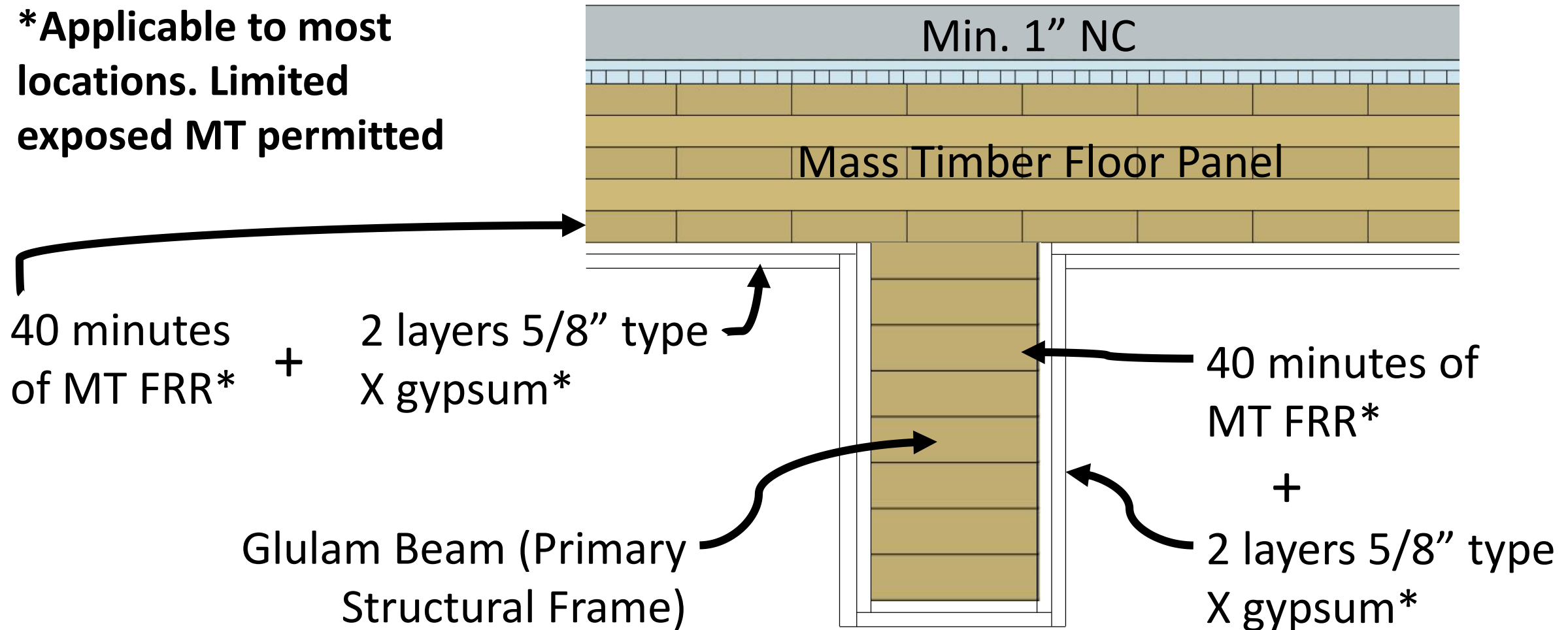
**\*Applicable to most locations. Limited exposed MT permitted**

# Type IV-B Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

IV-B

## Primary Frame (2 HR) + Floor Panel Example (2 HR):

**\*Applicable to most locations. Limited exposed MT permitted**



# Type IV-B Protection vs. Exposed

IV-B

**Limited Exposed MT allowed in Type IV-B for:**

- **MT beams and columns which are not integral part of walls or ceilings, no area limitation applies**
- **MT ceilings and beams up to 20% of floor area in dwelling unit or fire area, or**
- **MT walls and columns up to 40% of floor area in dwelling unit or fire area, or**
- **Combination of ceilings/beams and walls/columns, calculated as follows:**



Credit: Kaiser+Path

# Type IV-B Protection vs. Exposed

IV-B

**Mixed unprotected areas, exposing both ceilings and walls:**

- In each dwelling unit or fire area, max. unprotected area =

$$(U_{tc}/U_{ac}) + (U_{tw}/U_{aw}) \leq 1.0$$

- $U_{tc}$  = Total unprotected MT ceiling areas
- $U_{ac}$  = Allowable unprotected MT ceiling areas
- $U_{tw}$  = Total unprotected MT wall areas
- $U_{aw}$  = Allowable unprotected MT wall areas



Credit: Kaiser+Path



# Type IV-B Protection vs. Exposed

IV-B

## Design Example: Mixing unprotected MT walls & ceilings



800 SF dwelling unit

- $U_{ac} = (800 \text{ SF}) * (0.20) = 160 \text{ SF}$
- $U_{aw} = (800 \text{ SF}) * (0.40) = 320 \text{ SF}$
- Could expose 160 SF of MT ceiling, OR 320 SF of MT Wall, OR
- If desire to expose 100 SF of MT ceiling in Living Room, determine max. area of MT walls that can be exposed

# Type IV-B Protection vs. Exposed

IV-B

## Design Example: Mixing unprotected MT walls & ceilings



$$(U_{tc}/U_{ac}) + (U_{tw}/U_{aw}) \leq 1.0$$

$$(100/160) + (U_{tw}/320) \leq 1.0$$

$$U_{tw} = 120 \text{ SF}$$

- Can expose 120 SF of MT walls in dwelling unit in combination with exposing 100 SF of MT ceiling

# Type IV-B Protection vs. Exposed

IV-B

## Horizontal separation of unprotected areas:

- 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.



Credit: Kaiser+Path

# Type IV-C



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

TYPE IV-C



Credit: Susan Jones, atelierjones

Photos: Baumberger Studio/PATH  
Architecture/Marcus Kauffman



# IV-C

## 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**

## IV-C

# 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: Susan Jones, atelierjones



Credit: Kaiser+Path, Ema Peter

**All Mass Timber surfaces may be exposed**

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

# Type IV-C Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

IV-C



Primary Frame FRR

Ext or Int Bearing Wall FRR

Floor Construction FRR

Roof Construction FRR

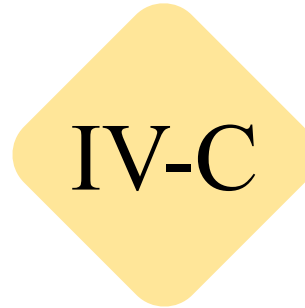
2 HR (1 HR at Roof)
2 HR
2 HR
1 HR

Same FRR as IV-B, but all MT in IV-C may be



Credit: Ema Peter

# Type IV-C Protection



Floor Surface Protection

Roof Construction Protection

Ext Wall Protection

**None req'd**

**None req'd**

**Min. 1 layer 5/8" type X gyp  
on outside face  
None req'd on inside face**



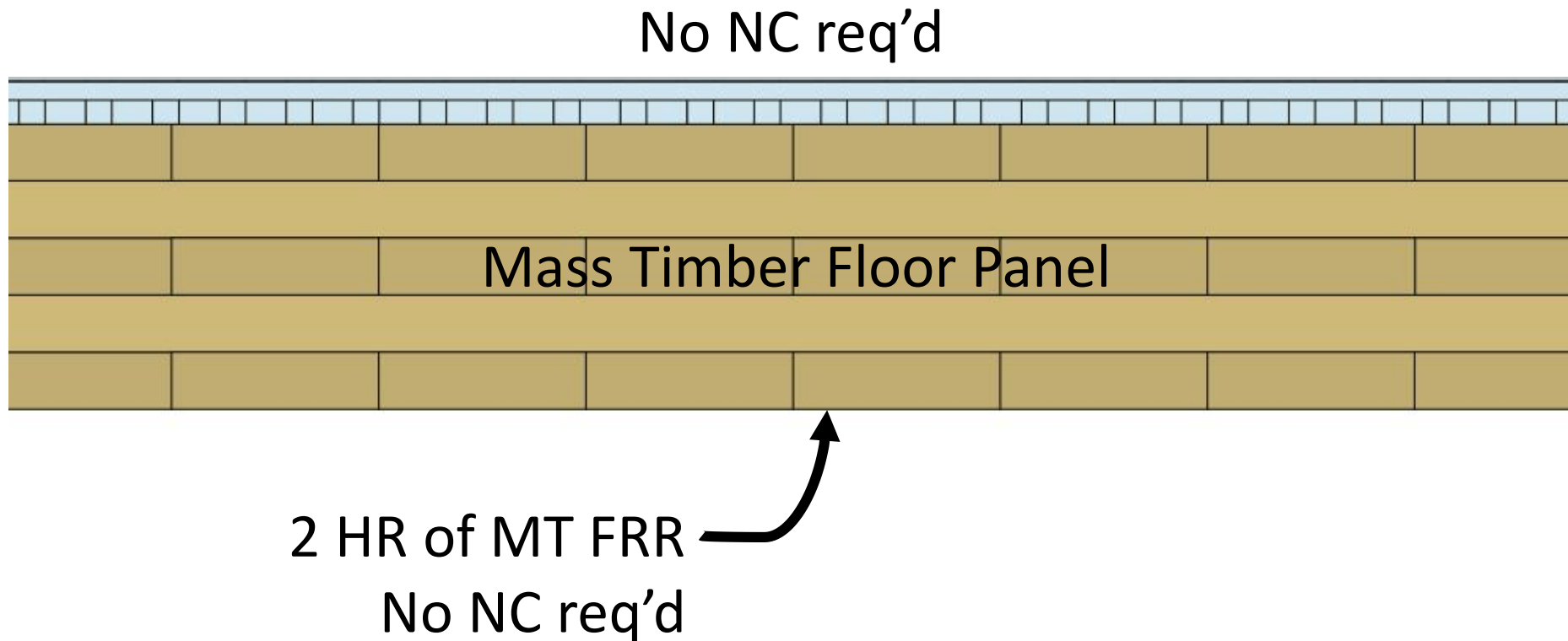
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# Type IV-C Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

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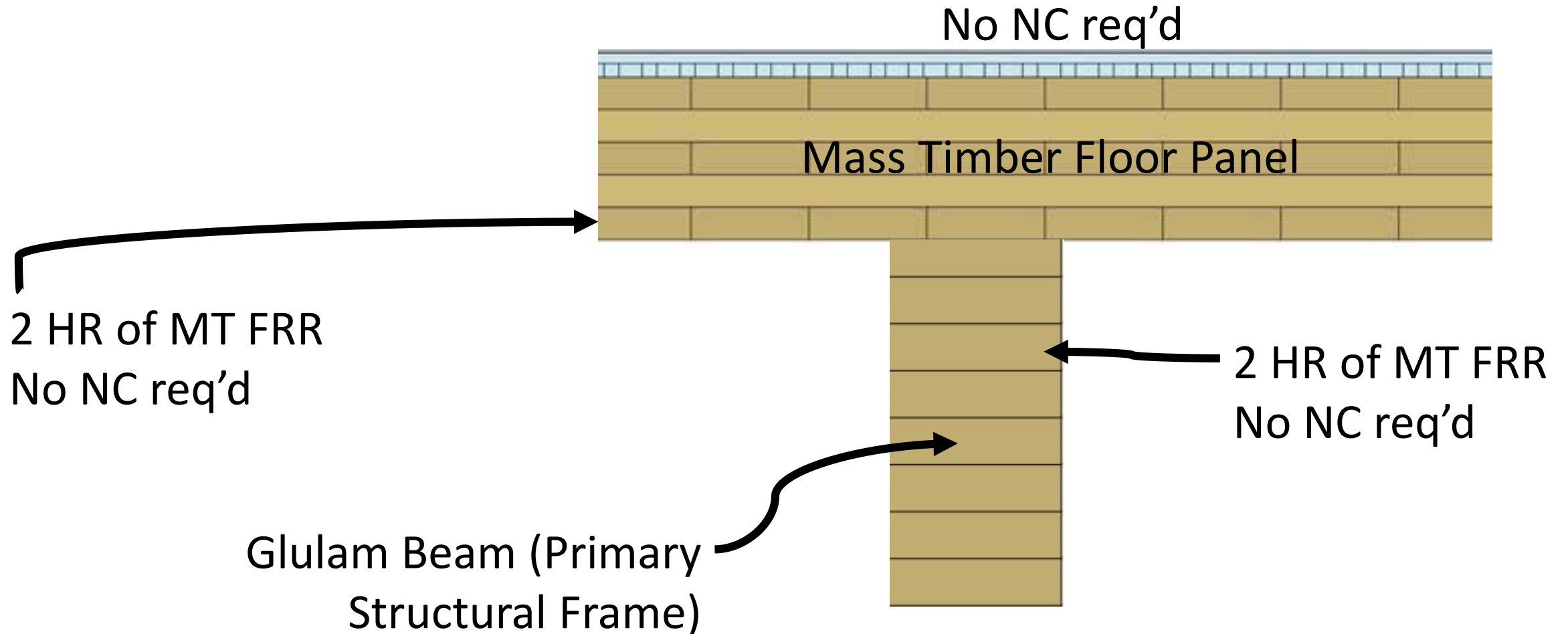
## FRR & NC Floor Panel Example: 2 HR



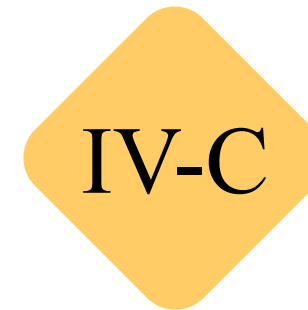
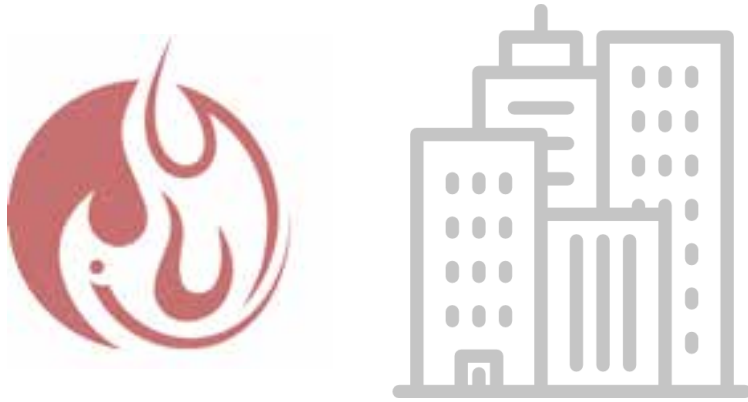
# Type IV-C Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

IV-C

**Primary Frame (2 HR) + Floor Panel Example (2 HR):**



# Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR) Recap



Roof Construction
Primary Frame @ Roof
Floor Construction
Primary Frame
Exterior Bearing Walls
Interior Bearing Walls

1.5	1	1	HT
2	1	1	HT
2	2	2	HT
3	2	2	HT
3	2	2	2
3	2	2	1 or HT

Required Fire Resistance Rating in Hours (per Table 601 only)

# Noncombustible Protection (NC) Recap

Noncombustible Protection Required

IV-A



IV-B



Credit: LEVER Architecture

IV-C



Credit: PATH Architecture

IV-HT



Photo: Blaine Brownell



# Interior Wall Construction Recap



IV-A

IV-B

IV-C

IV-HT

Fire Rating (bearing wall)

3 Hr

2 Hr

2 Hr

1 Hr or HT\*

Construction – MT

Laminated construction 4" thick (CLT, NLT, etc)  
Solid wood construction min. 2 layers of 1" matched boards

NC Protection

Per Interior Requirements

No

Noncombustible non-bearing wall

0 Hr

1 Hr

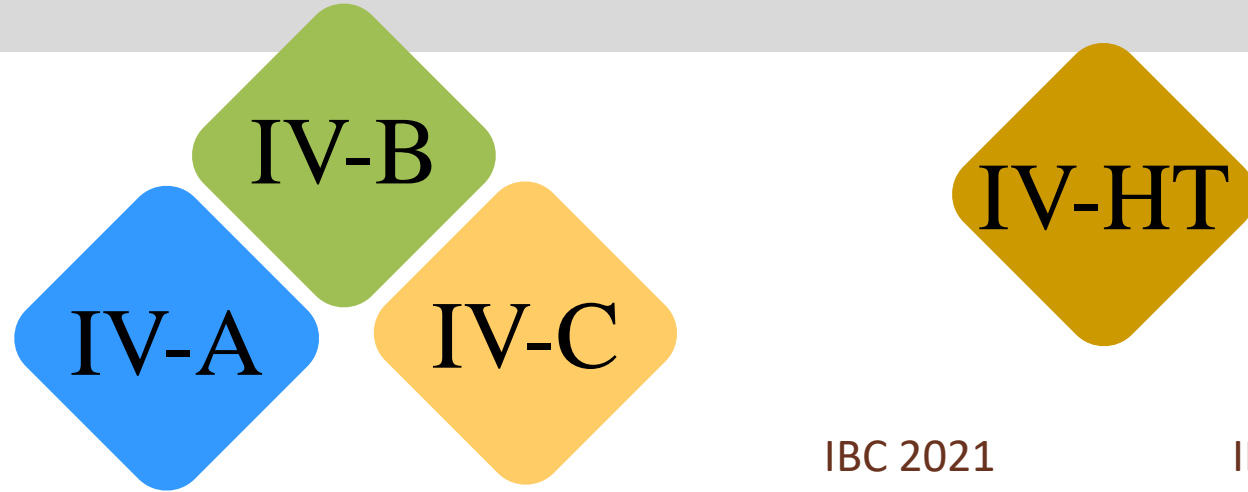
Wood Stud Wall

No

1 Hr

\*IBC 2021 requires at least 1 Hr FRR for HT walls supporting 2 levels

# Exterior Wall Construction Recap



Fire Rating (bearing wall)

Mass Timber

Exterior NC Protection

Interior NC Protection

Light Frame FRTW

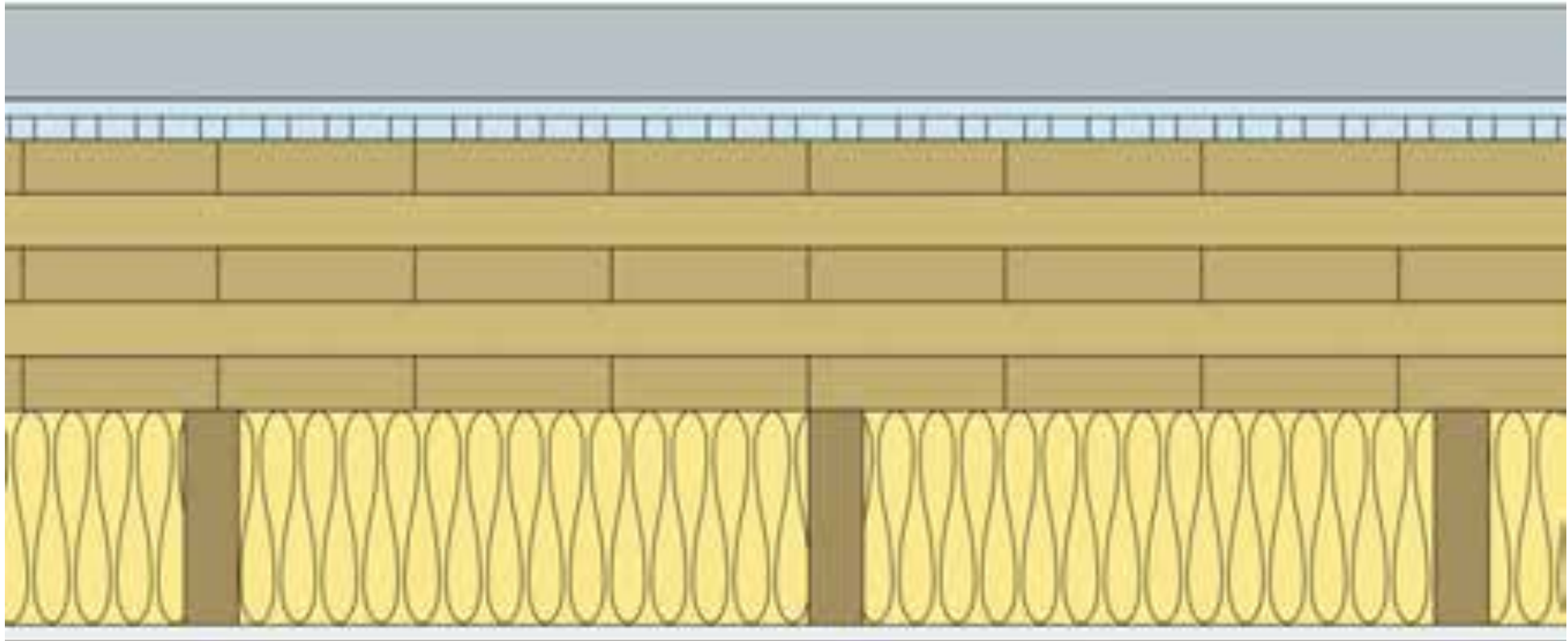
IBC 2021			IBC 2018	
3 Hr	2 Hr	2 Hr	2 Hr	2Hr
Mass Timber/CLT			4" min thick <u>CLT</u> *	6" <u>Wall</u> *
40 Min NC & No Exterior Combustible Coverings			FRT Sheathing, Gyp or other NC	
Per Interior Requirements			Not Required	
No			Yes*	6" Wall*

\*Changes in IBC 2015, 2018, and 2021 editions

# Concealed Spaces in Type IV

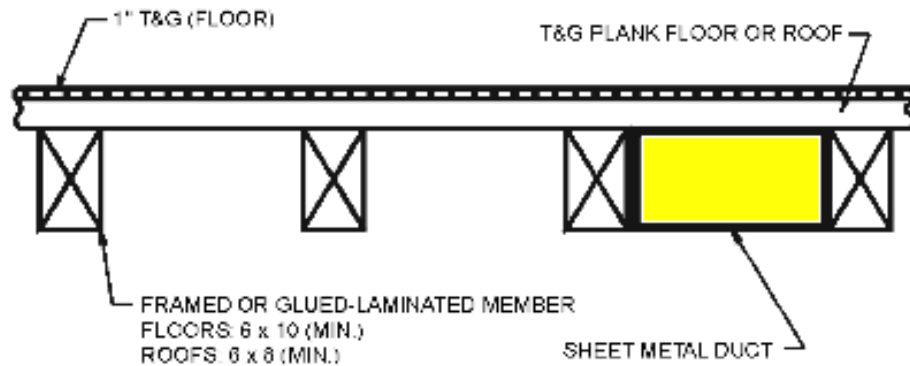
**What if I have a dropped ceiling? Can I have a dropped ceiling?**

- **Impact on FRR, NC placement, sprinkler requirements**

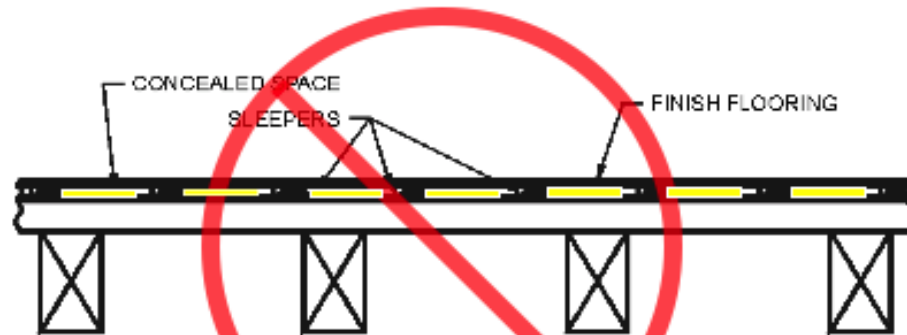


# Concealed Spaces in Type IV

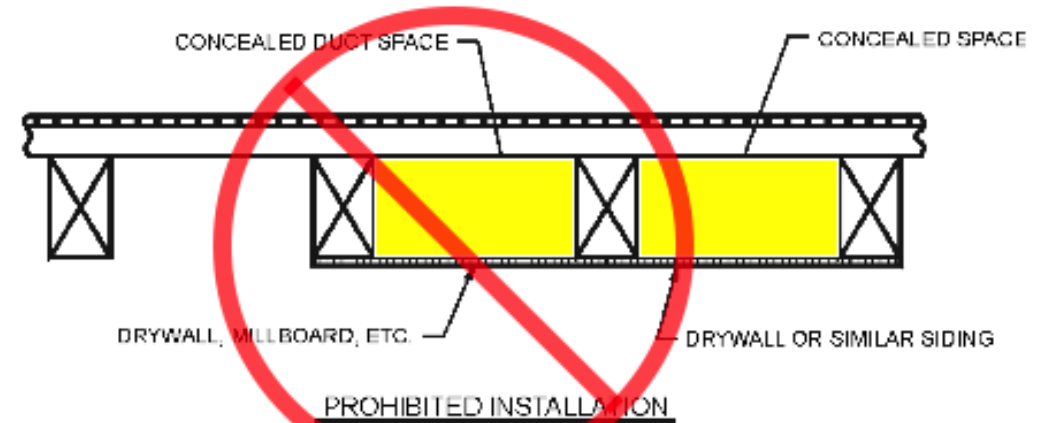
**Previous Type IV (now IV-HT) provisions prohibited concealed spaces**



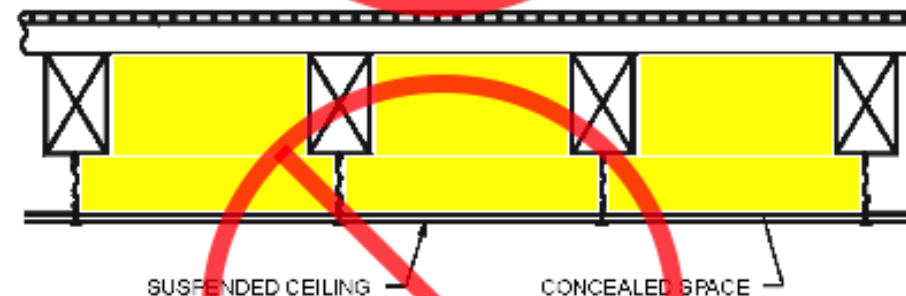
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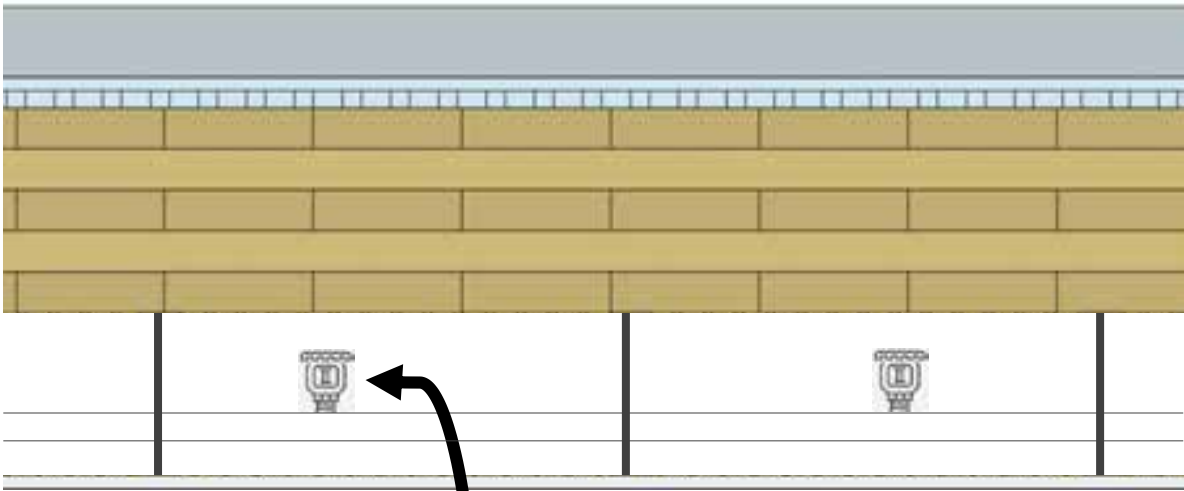
# Concealed Spaces in Type IV

**Type IV-HT (IBC 2021) permits concealed spaces where one of the following conditions exists:**

1. The building is sprinklered throughout with an NFPA 13 Sprinkler and automatic sprinklers are provided in the concealed space.
2. The concealed space is completely filled with noncombustible insulation.
3. Surfaces within the concealed space are fully sheathed with not less than 5/8" Type X gypsum.

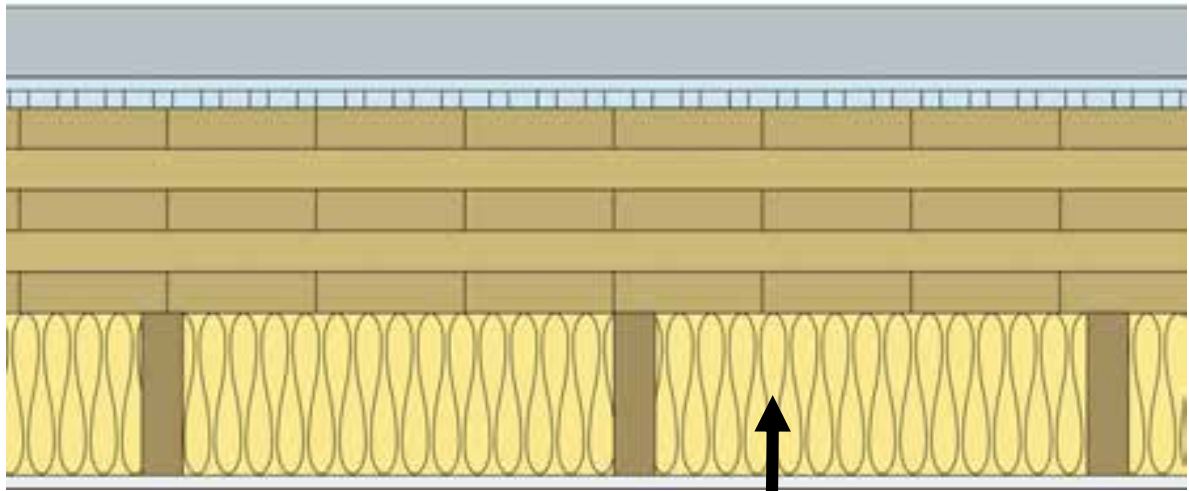
Concealed spaces within interior walls and partitions with a one hour or greater fire resistance rating complying Section 2304.11.2.2 do not require additional protection.

# Concealed Spaces in Type IV-HT



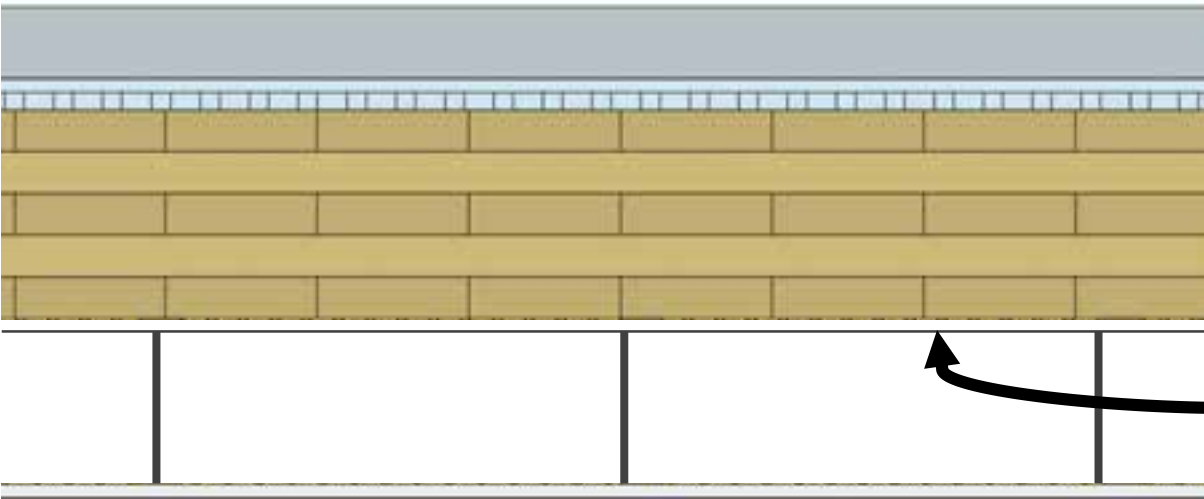
**Option 1**

Sprinklers in  
concealed spaces



**Option 2**

Noncombustible  
insulation



**Option 3**

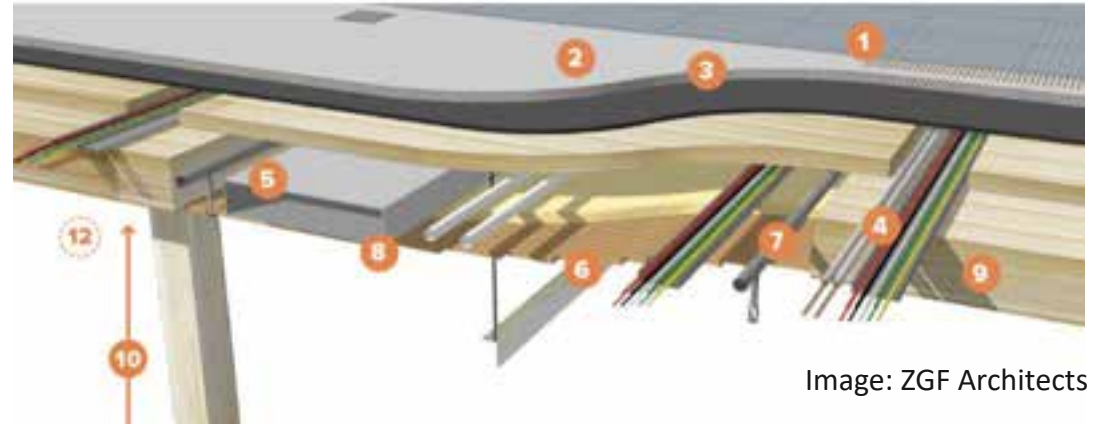
5/8" Type X gypsum  
on all MT surfaces

# Concealed Spaces in Type IV-A, IV-B, IV-C

**New IV-HT concealed space provisions do not apply to IV-A, IV-B or IV-C**

**But, can still have concealed spaces in IV-A, IV-B, IV-C:**

- **IV-A and IV-B:** Combustible construction forming concealed spaces protected with NC of 80 minutes (2 layers of 5/8" Type X Gypsum)
- **IV-C:** Combustible construction forming concealed spaces protected with NC of 40 minutes (1 layer of 5/8" Type X Gypsum)



# Concealed Spaces in Type IV-A, IV-B



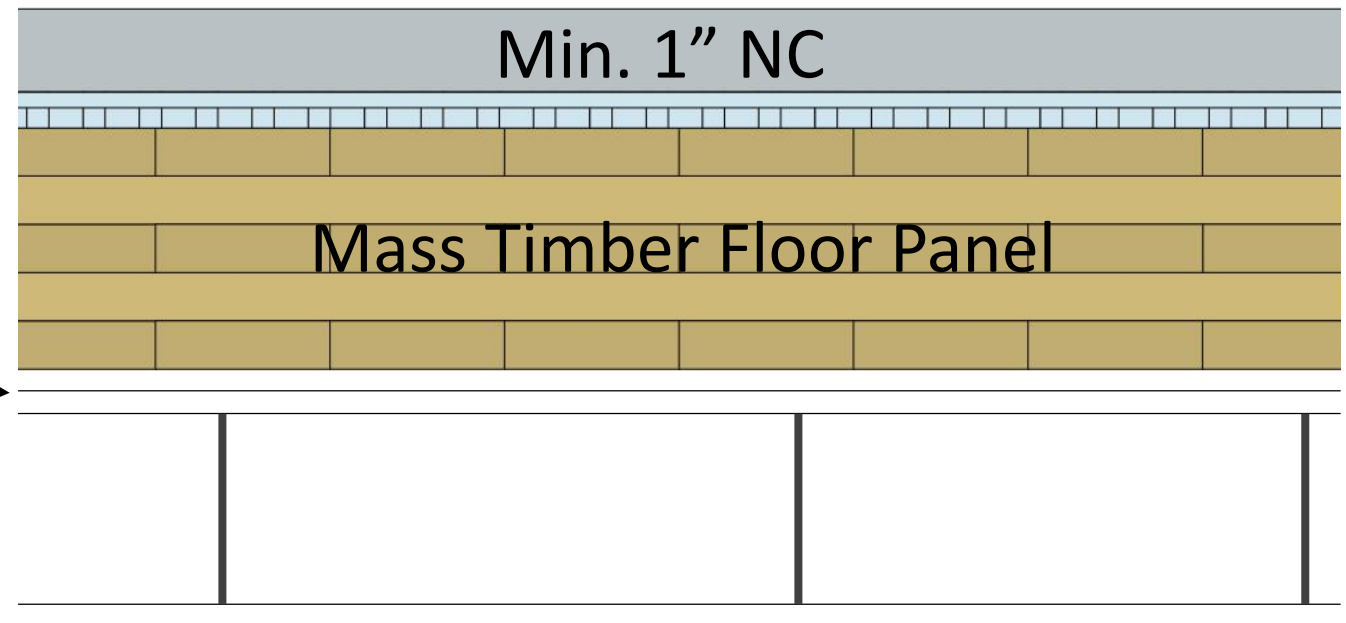
\*Applicable to most locations. Limited exposed MT permitted in IV-B

2 layers 5/8" type X gypsum\*

w/o dropped ceiling

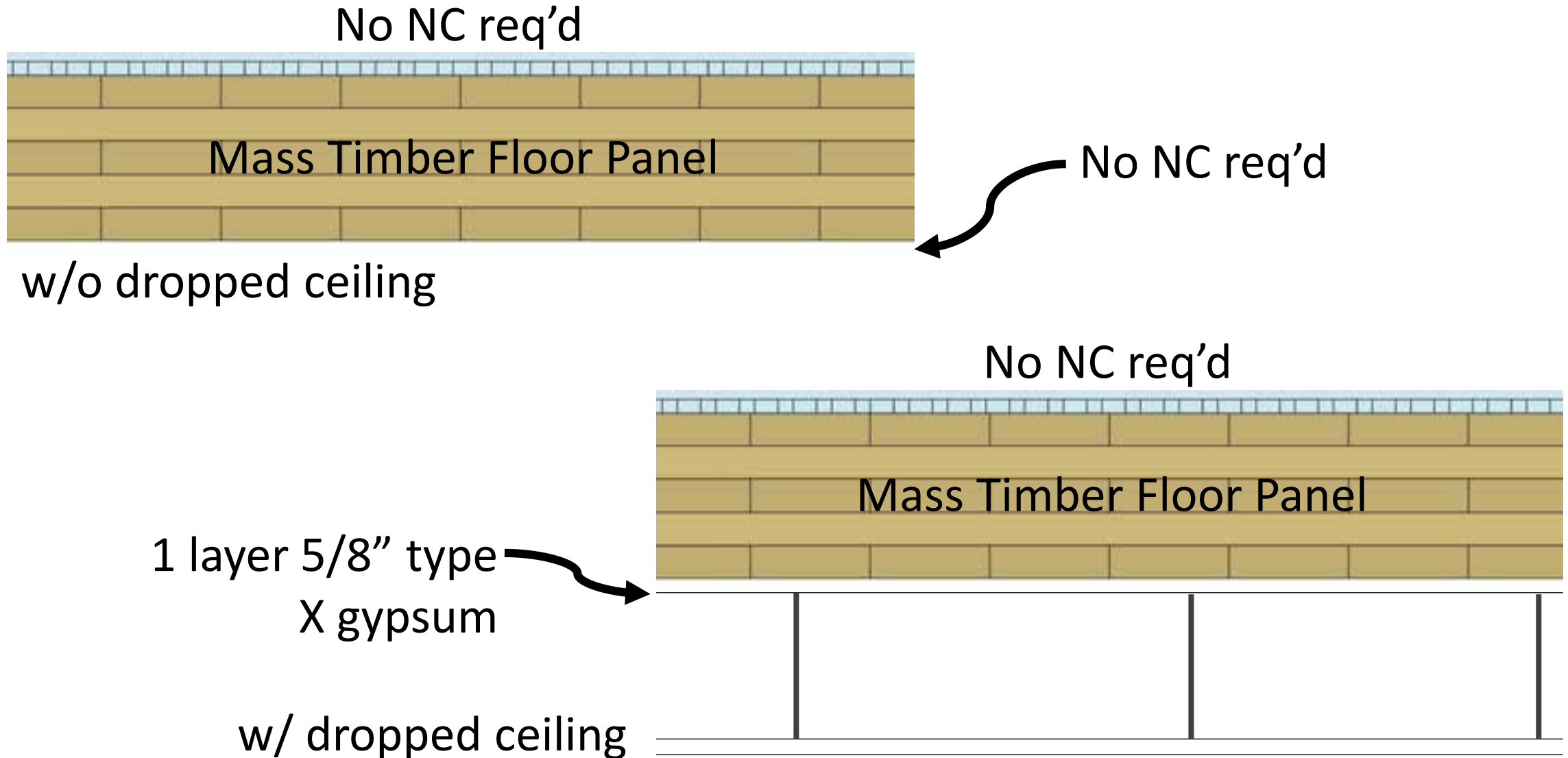
2 layers 5/8" type X gypsum

w/ dropped ceiling





# Concealed Spaces in Type IV-C



# Tall Wood Shaft Enclosures

- When can shaft enclosures be MT?
- What FRR requirements exist?
- If shaft enclosure is MT, is NC req'd?



Credit: Alex Schreyer

# Tall Wood Shaft Enclosures



Exit & Hoistway Enclosures

E&H Enclosures FRR

IV-A

IV-B

IV-C

Up to 12 Stories or 180 ft: MT protected with 2 layers 5/8" type X gyp (if 2 HR req'd) or 3 layers 5/8" type X gyp (if 3 HR req'd) both sides

NC or MT protected with 2 layers 5/8" type X gyp (IBC 2021 602.4.2.6) both sides

NC or MT protected with 1 layer 5/8" type X gyp (IBC 602.4.3.6) both sides

Above 12 Stories or 180 ft: Noncombustible shafts (IBC 2021 602.4)

2 HR (not less than FRR of floor assembly penetrated, IBC 713.4)

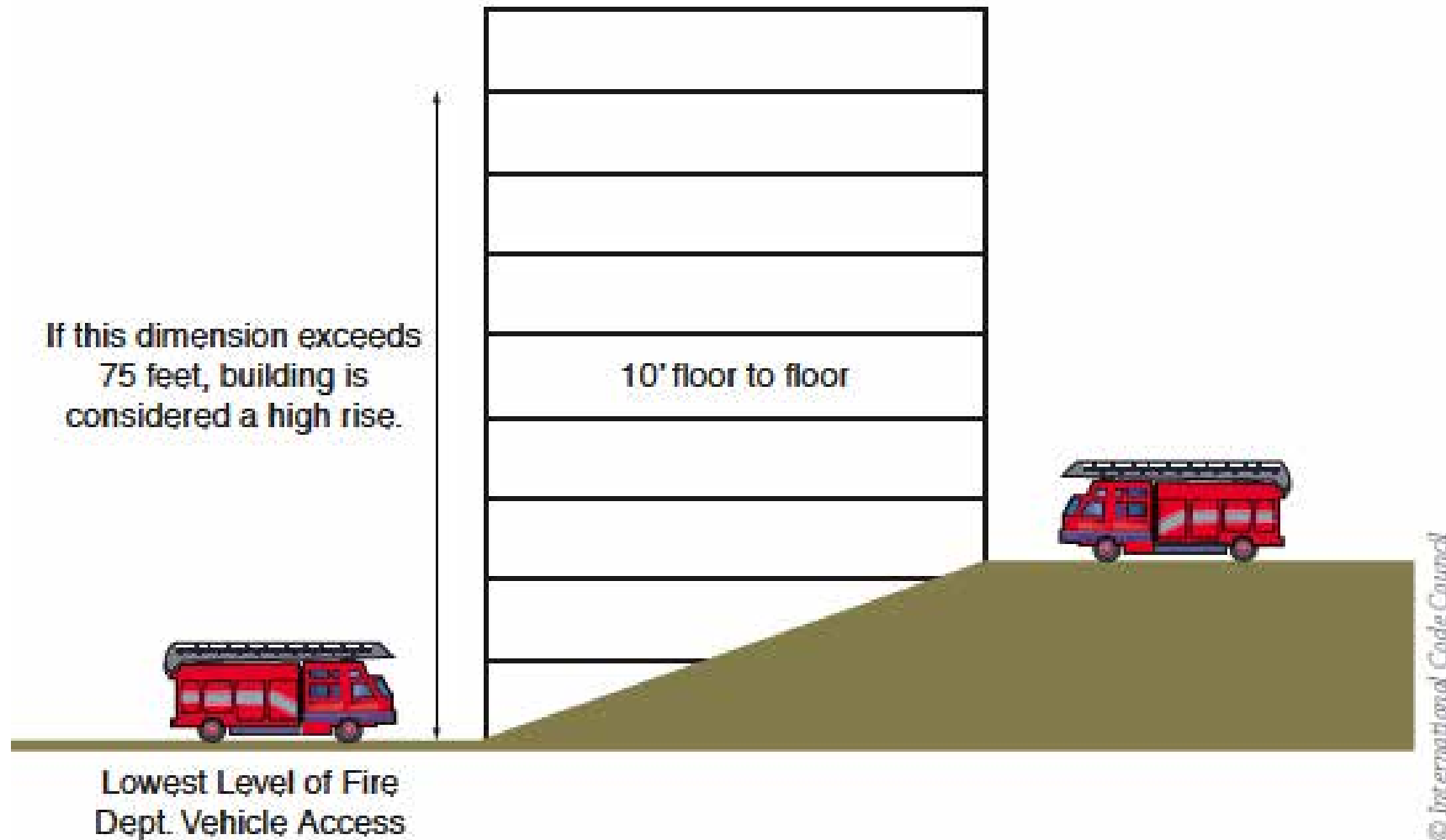




**DOES TALL WOOD = HIGH RISE?**



# Mid-Rise vs. High-Rise



**FIGURE 6-6** Determination of high-rise building

# Sprinklers in High Rises

- **Two Water Mains Required if:**
  - Building Height Exceeds 420 ft, or
  - **Type IV-A and IV-B buildings that exceed 120 ft in height**



Photo: Michael Green Architecture





# ADDRESSING CLT CHAR FALL OFF



# CLT Fire Performance – Char Fall Off

**CLT char fall off or heat induced delamination occurs when laminations (or pieces thereof) fall off the underside of a CLT panel under extended fire conditions.**



Photo: Urban One



Photo: ARUP



# CLT Fire Performance – Fire Re-Growth

**In tall buildings, preventing fire re-growth is key.**

**Fire re-growth is a phenomenon in which the heat-release rate of a fire intensifies following a decay phase. Fire re-growth can be initiated when delamination occurs, as this exposes un-charred wood surfaces, thereby resulting in an influx of fuel available for consumption by the fire.**



Photo: Urban One

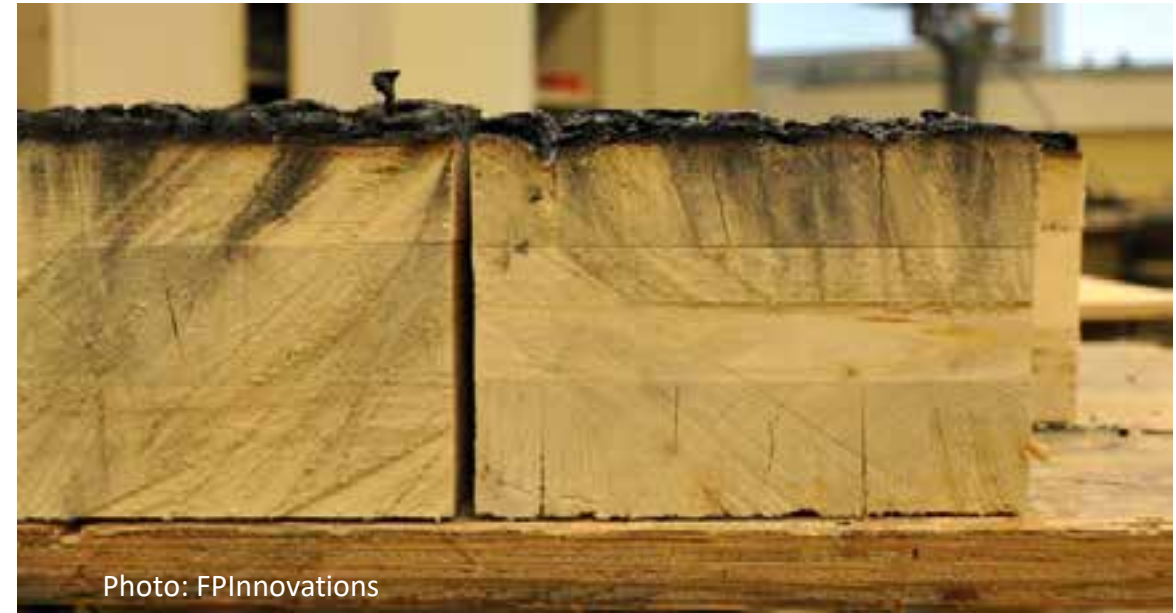


Photo: ARUP

# CLT Fire Performance – Char Fall Off

## Facts about CLT char fall off:

- Only an item to consider in tall buildings. Important to avoid in high-rise construction where required performance is containment of fire within compartment of origin with no sprinkler or fire service suppression
- Not applicable when discussing mid-rise mass timber (or any building under types II, III, IV-HT or V)
- Largely a function of adhesive performance under high temps
- Has been addressed in PRG 320-18 (required for all CLT under 2021 IBC, not just tall wood)



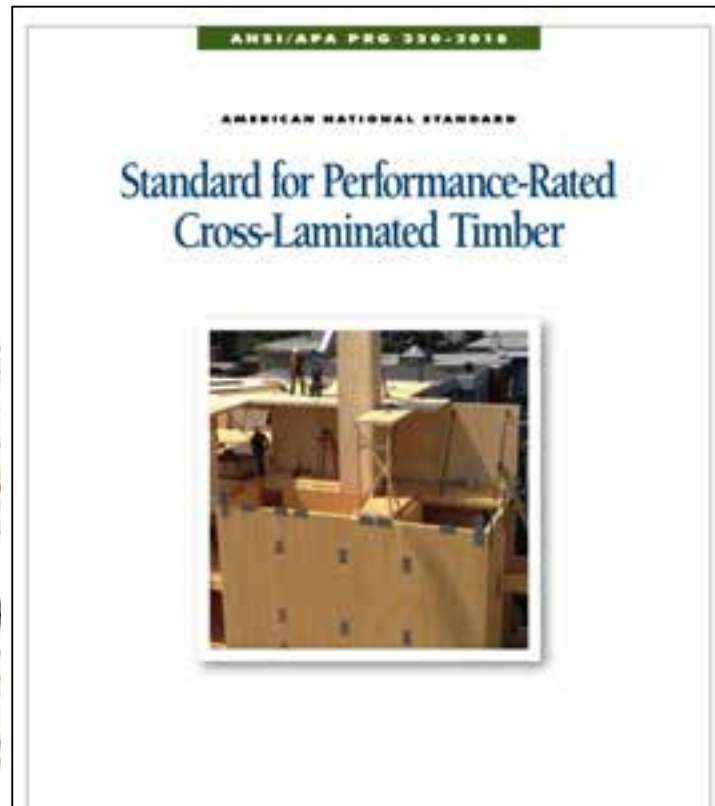
# CLT Fire Performance – PRG 320

## 2021 IBC Section 602.4 added:

Cross-laminated timber shall be labeled as conforming to PRG 320 - 18 as referenced in Section 2303.1.4.



Photo: ARUP



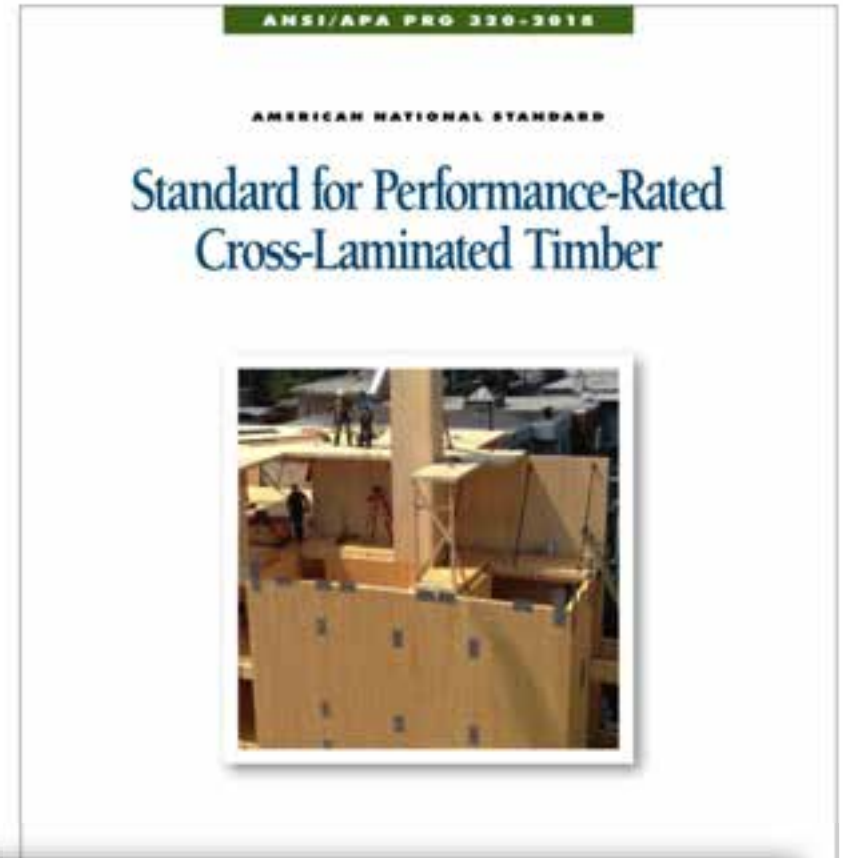


# CLT Fire Performance – PRG 320

PRG 320 is manufacturing & performance standard for CLT.

2018 edition (referenced in 2021 IBC) added new elevated temperature adhesive performance requirements validated by full-scale and medium-scale qualification testing to ensure CLT does not exhibit fire re-growth

When designing tall wood – specify CLT per PRG 320-18 (req'd in IBC 2021 for all CLT)



**ANNEX B. PRACTICE FOR EVALUATING ELEVATED TEMPERATURE PERFORMANCE OF ADHESIVES USED IN CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER (MANDATORY)**



A construction worker wearing a black hard hat, a high-visibility green long-sleeved shirt, and an orange safety vest is working on a tall wooden structure. The worker is positioned on a red ladder or scaffolding, reaching up to adjust a vertical wooden beam. The structure is composed of large, light-colored wooden panels and beams, with metal brackets and bolts visible. Scaffolding and other construction elements are visible in the background under a clear blue sky.

# CONNECTIONS IN TALL WOOD

Photo: Structurlam

# Connection Fire Protection

In Construction Types IV-A, IV-B & IV-C, building elements are required to be FRR as specified in IBC Tables 601 and 602. Connections between these building elements must be able to maintain FRR no less than that required of the connected members.

## 16.3 Wood Connections

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Wood connections, including connectors, fasteners, and portions of wood members included in the connection design, shall be protected from fire exposure for the required fire resistance time. Protection shall be provided by wood, fire-rated gypsum board, other approved materials, or a combination thereof.

Source: NDS



Photo: MyTiCon



# Connection Fire Protection

**Many ways to demonstrate connection fire protection: calculations, prescriptive NC, test results, others as approved by AHJ**



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# Connection Fire Protection

**2017 Glulam Beam to Column Connection  
Fire Tests under standard ASTM E119  
time-temperature exposure**



Photo: ARUP/SLB





# Connection Fire Protection

## Fire Test Results

Test	Beam	Connector	Applied Load	FRR
1	8.75" x 18" (222mm x 457mm)	1 x Ricon S VS 290x80	3,905lbs (17.4kN)	1hr
2	10.75" x 24" (273mm x 610mm)	Staggered double Ricon S VS 200x80	16,620lbs (73.9kN)	1.5hrs
3	10.75" x 24" (273mm x 610mm)	1 x Megant 430	16,620lbs (73.9kN)	1.5hrs

# Connection Fire Protection

## Softwood Lumber Board Glulam Connection Fire Test Summary Report

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# PENETRATIONS IN TALL WOOD

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# Penetration Fire Protection

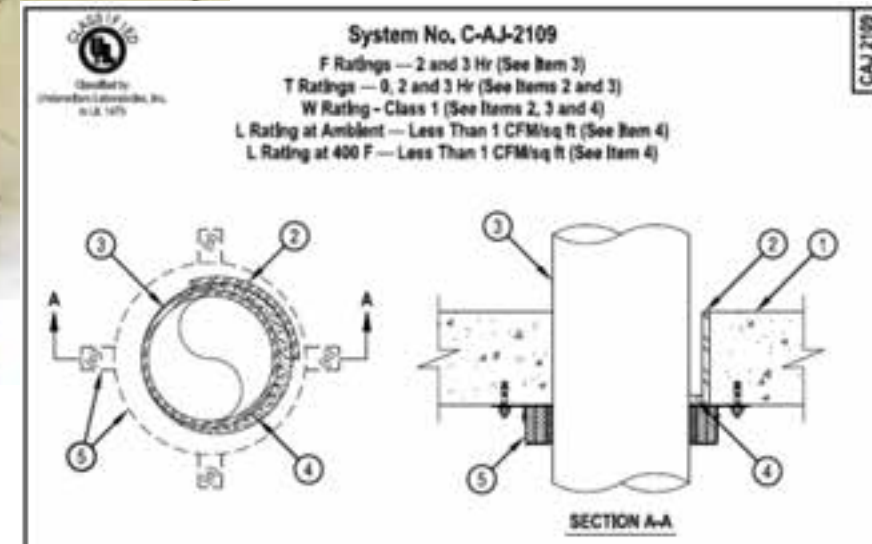
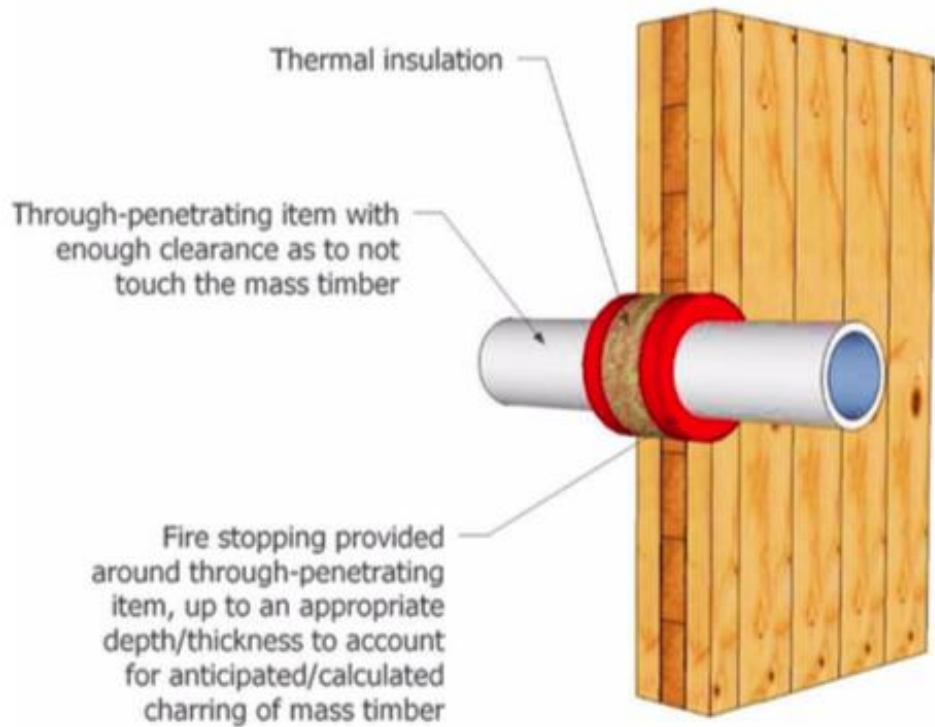
**Although not a new code requirement or specific to tall wood, more testing & information is becoming available on firestopping of penetrations through MT assemblies**





# Penetration Fire Protection

**Most firestopping systems include combination of fire safing (eg. noncombustible materials such as mineral wool insulation) plus fire caulk**



# Penetration Fire Protection

Firestop systems tests on Mass Timber  
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## FIRE PERFORMANCE OF FIRESTOPS, PENETRATIONS, AND FIRE DOORS IN MASS TIMBER ASSEMBLIES

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**ABSTRACT:** Integrity and continuity must be maintained for fire separations required to provide fire prevent passage of hot gases or increased temperature on the unexposed side. Vulnerable locations, where are introduced into mass timber systems, are susceptible to fire spread. Service and closure penetration timber fire separation have been investigated. Many of the fire stop systems were able to achieve 1-1/2 hours, accordance with CAN/ULC-S115, which would be required for 2-hr fire resistance rated assemblies, in tall wood buildings. Construction details are outlined which ensure adequate fire performance of these penetrations.

**KEYWORDS:** Firestop, through-penetrations, fire rated door, mass timber, cross-laminated timber buildings, fire resistance

### 1 INTRODUCTION

Many tall wood buildings using mass timber are planned or are currently being designed for construction around the world. A few have been built in Canada, including an 18 storey cross-laminated timber (CLT) and glulam building in British Columbia. The prescriptive requirements in the National Building Code of Canada (NBCC) [1] do not (yet) permit the construction of wood buildings taller than six stories, however an alternative

construction, as well as in several alternative building designs.

Although the general fire performance of mass timber is well documented, there are still several areas that warrant further investigation to ensure safety levels are met and a number of design details are available for designers to use. Generating generic assemblies will reduce the need for testing completed on an individual construction



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# Penetration Fire Protection

## Inventory of Fire Tested Penetrations in MT Assemblies



**Table 3: North American Fire Tests of Penetrations and Fire Stops in CLT Assemblies**

CLT Panel	Exposed Side Protection	Penetrating Item	Penetrant Centered or Offset in Hole	Firestopping System Description	F Rating	T Rating	Stated Test Protocol	Source	Testing Lab
3-ply (78mm 3.07")	None	1.5" diameter data cable bunch	Centered	3.5 in diameter hole. Mineral wool was installed in the 1 in. annular space around the data cables to a total depth of approximately 2 – 5/64 in. The remaining 1 in. annular space from the top of the mineral wool to the top of the floor assembly was filled with Hilti FS-One Max caulking.	1 hour	0.5 hour	CANULC S115	26	Intertek March 30, 2016
3-ply (78mm 3.07")	None	2" copper pipe	Centered	4.375 in diameter hole. Pipe wrap was installed around the copper pipe to a total depth of approximately 2 – 5/64 in. The remaining 1 in. annular space starting at the top of the mineral wool to the top of the floor assembly was filled with Hilti FS-One Max caulking.	1 hour	NA.	CANULC S115	26	Intertek March 30, 2016
3-ply (78mm 3.07")	None	2.5" sched. 40 pipe	Centered	4.92 in diameter hole. Pipe wrap was installed around the schedule 40 pipe to a total depth of approximately 2 – 5/64 in. The remaining 1 in. annular space starting at the top of the pipe wrap to the top of the floor assembly was filled with Hilti FS-One Max caulking.	1 hour	NA.	CANULC S115	26	Intertek March 30, 2016
3-ply (78mm 3.07")	None	6" cast iron pipe	Centered	8.35 in diameter hole. Mineral wool was installed in the 1 in. annular space around the cast iron pipe to a total depth of approximately 2 – 5/64 in. The remaining 1 in. annular space starting at the top of the pipe wrap to the top of the floor assembly was filled with Hilti FS-One Max caulking.	1 hour	NA.	CANULC S115	26	Intertek March 30, 2016
3-ply (78mm 3.07")	None	Hilti 6 in drop in device, System No.: F-B-2049	Centered	9.01" diameter hole. Mineral wool was installed in the 1 – 1/4 in. annular space around the drop-in device to a total depth of approximately 1 – 7/64 in and the remaining 1 in. annular space from the top of the mineral wool to the top edge of the 9 – 1/64 in. hole in the CLT was filled with Hilti FS-One Max caulking.	1 hour	0.75 hour	CANULC S115	26	Intertek March 30, 2016
5-ply CLT (131mm 5.16")	None	1.5" diameter data cable bunch	Centered	3.5" diameter hole. Mineral wool was installed in the 1 in. annular space around the data cables to a total depth of approximately 4 – 5/32 in. The remaining 1 in. annular space from the top of the mineral wool to the top of the floor assembly was filled with Hilti FS-One Max caulking.	2 hours	1.5 hours	CANULC S115	26	Intertek March 30, 2016
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5-ply (175mm 6.875")	None	1" nominal PVC pipe	Centered	4.21 in diameter with a 3/4 in plywood reducer flush with the top of the slab reducing the opening to 2.28 in. Two wraps of Hilti CP 648-E W4 5/1-3/4" Firestop wrap strip at two locations with a 30 gauge steel sleeve which extended from the top of the slab to 1 in below the slab. The first location was with the bottom of the wrap strip flush with the bottom of the steel sleeve and the second was with the bottom of the wrap strip 3 in. from the bottom of the slab. The void between the steel sleeve and the CLT and between the steel sleeve and pipe at the top was filled with Roxul Safe mineral wool leaving a 3/4 in deep void at the top of the assembly. Hilti FS-One Max Intumescent Firestop Sealant was applied to a depth of 3/4 in on the top of the assembly between the plywood and steel sleeve as well as the steel sleeve and pipe.	2 hours	2 hours	ASTM E814	24	QAI Laboratories March 3, 2017



# SEALANTS AT MT PANEL EDGES

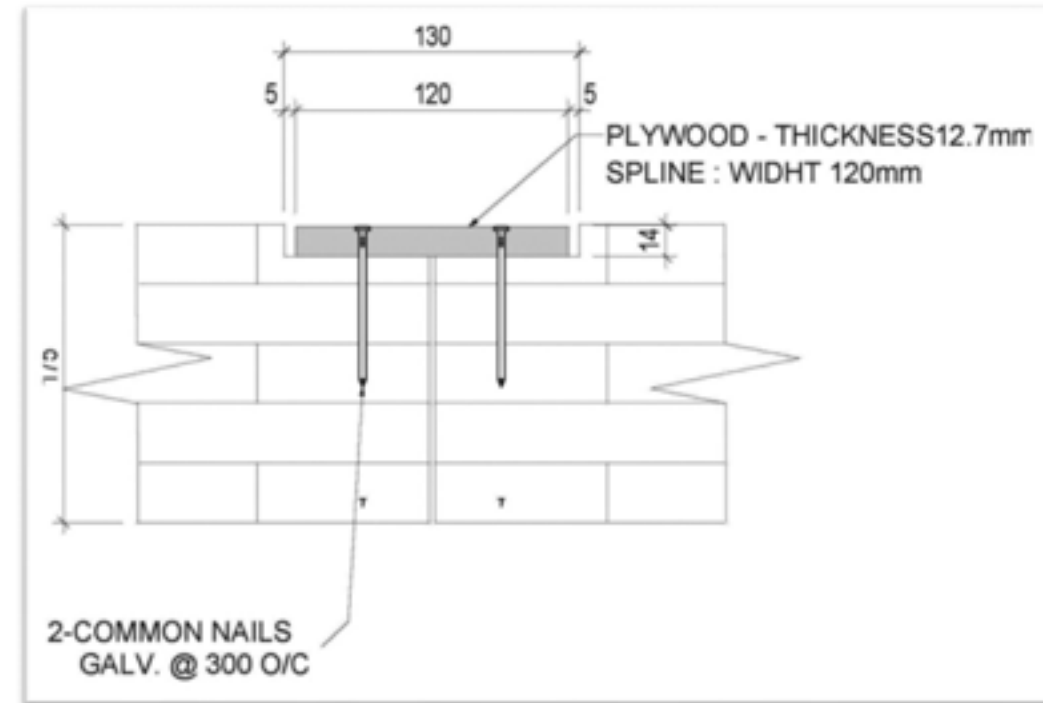




# Sealants at MT Panel Edges

**703.9 Sealing of adjacent mass timber elements.** In buildings of Type IVA, IVB, and IVC construction, sealant or adhesive shall be provided to resist the passage of air in the following locations:

1. At abutting edges and intersections of mass timber building elements required to be fire resistance-rated
2. At abutting intersections of mass timber building elements and building elements of other materials where both are required to be fire resistance-rated.



# Sealants at MT Panel Edges

Sealants shall meet the requirements of ASTM C920 (elastomeric joint sealants). Adhesives shall meet the requirements of ASTM D3498 (gap filling construction adhesives, i.e. not fire caulk).

**Exception:** Sealants or adhesives need not be provided where they are not a required component of a fire resistance- rated assembly.



# Sealants at MT Panel Edges

Several MT fire tested assemblies have successfully been completed w/o adhesives/sealants at abutting panel edges

2021 IBC will require periodic special inspections of adhesive/sealant installation (when required to be installed)



# Occupancy Separation

## Protection of MT used for occupancy separation

### Addition to IBC 508.4.4.1 requires:

Mass timber elements serving as fire barriers or horizontal assemblies to separate occupancies in Type IV-B or IV-C construction shall be separated from the interior of the building with a minimum of ½" gypsum board or a noncombustible equivalent.





# Incidental Use Separation

## Protection of MT used for incidental use separation

### **New section 509.4.1.1 requires:**

Where Table 509 specifies a fire- resistance-rated separation, mass timber elements serving as fire barriers or a horizontal assembly in Type IV-B or IV-C construction shall be separated from the interior of the incidental use with a minimum of ½” gypsum board or a noncombustible equivalent.



# Fire Safety During Construction

**New code provisions in International Fire Code (IFC) address construction fire safety of tall wood buildings**

**3308.4 Fire safety requirements for buildings of Types IV-A, IV-B, and IV-C construction.** Buildings of Types IV-A, IV-B, and IV-C construction designed to be greater than six stories above grade plane shall meet the following requirements during construction unless otherwise approved by the fire code official.

1. Standpipes shall be provided in accordance with Section 3313.
2. A water supply for fire department operations, as approved by the fire chief.



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# Fire Safety During Construction

## IFC 3313 Standpipe Requirements

### SECTION 3313 STANDPIPES

#### **3313.1 Where required.**

In buildings required to have standpipes by Section 905.3.1, not less than one standpipe shall be provided for use during construction. Such standpipes shall be installed prior to construction exceeding 40 feet (12 192 mm) in height above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access. Such standpipe shall be provided with fire department hose connections at accessible locations adjacent to usable stairways. Such standpipes shall be extended as construction progresses to within one floor of the highest point of construction having secured decking or flooring.

#### **3313.2 Buildings being demolished.**

Where a building is being demolished and a standpipe is existing within such a building, such standpipe shall be maintained in an operable condition so as to be available for use by the fire department. Such standpipe shall be demolished with the building but shall not be demolished more than one floor below the floor being demolished.

#### **3313.3 Detailed requirements.**

Standpipes shall be installed in accordance with the provisions of Section 905.

**Exception:** Standpipes shall be either temporary or permanent in nature, and with or without a water supply, provided that such standpipes comply with the requirements of Section 905 as to capacity, outlets and materials.

# Fire Safety During Construction

## IFC 3308.4 Cont'd

3. Where building construction exceeds six stories above grade plane, at least one layer of noncombustible protection where required by Section 602.4 of the International Building Code shall be installed on all building elements more than 4 floor levels, including mezzanines, below active mass timber construction before erecting additional floor levels.
4. Where building construction exceeds six stories above grade plane required exterior wall coverings shall be installed on all floor levels more than 4 floor levels, including mezzanines, below active mass timber construction before erecting additional floor level.

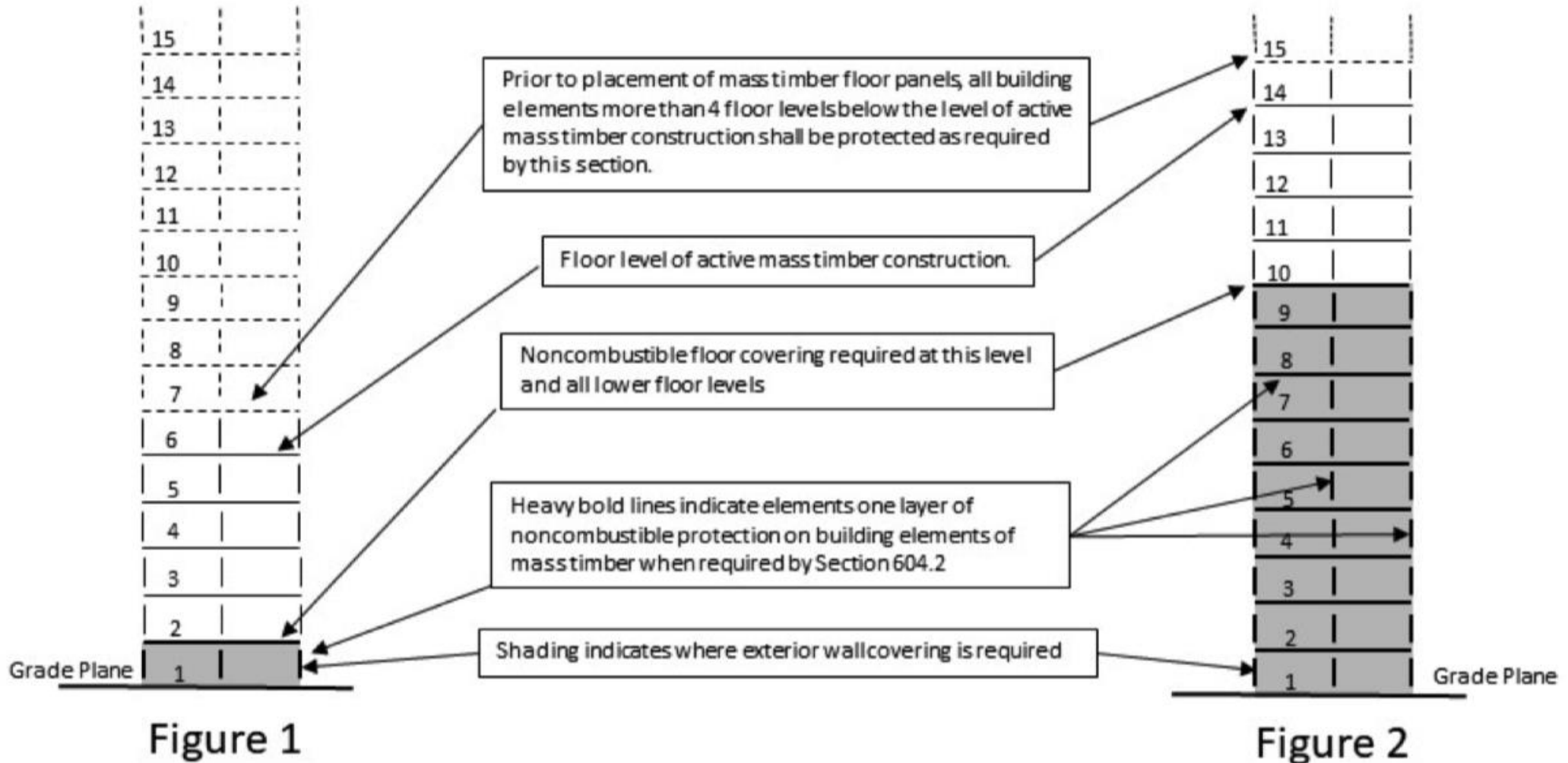
**Exception:** Shafts and vertical exit enclosures



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# Fire Safety During Construction



**Examples of Protection During Construction  
For Mass Timber Buildings Greater Than  
6 Stories Above Grade Plane**

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