



# Opportunities for Wood Use in Low Rise Commercial Buildings

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# Course Description

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This course is intended for designers who want to learn more about the use of wood-frame construction for low-rise retail, office and restaurant occupancies designed under the International Building Code. Topics covered include common framing systems and details, paths to code compliance and tall wall design.



# Learning Objectives

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1. Review permitted applications of wood-frame construction in the International Building Code in low-rise commercial buildings, with an emphasis on retail, office and restaurant occupancies.
2. Consider detailing options for the framing of common features in low-rise commercial buildings, such as flat roofs, parapets and open front floor plans.
3. Examine code requirements pertaining to multi-occupancy buildings and different paths to compliance.
4. Evaluate opportunities for tall wall framing with wood construction and understand the design requirements for code compliance.

# Outline

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- Introduction
- Framing System Design and Details
  - Structural Design Compliance
  - Wall Framing
  - Wall Bracing
  - Roof Framing
- Non-Structural Requirements and Design
  - Allowable Heights and Areas
  - Multi-Tenant and Multi-Occupancy Buildings
  - Fire Resistance and Detailing
- Large Retail Project Case Study

# Low-Rise Wood Construction

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**Retail**



**Restaurants**



**Warehouses**



Storage Facilities  
Offices  
Medical Office Buildings  
Schools

# Wood Can Handle Common Features

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Large Openings  
Irregular Shapes



Flat Roofs and Parapets



# Wood Can Handle Common Features

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Brand Walls

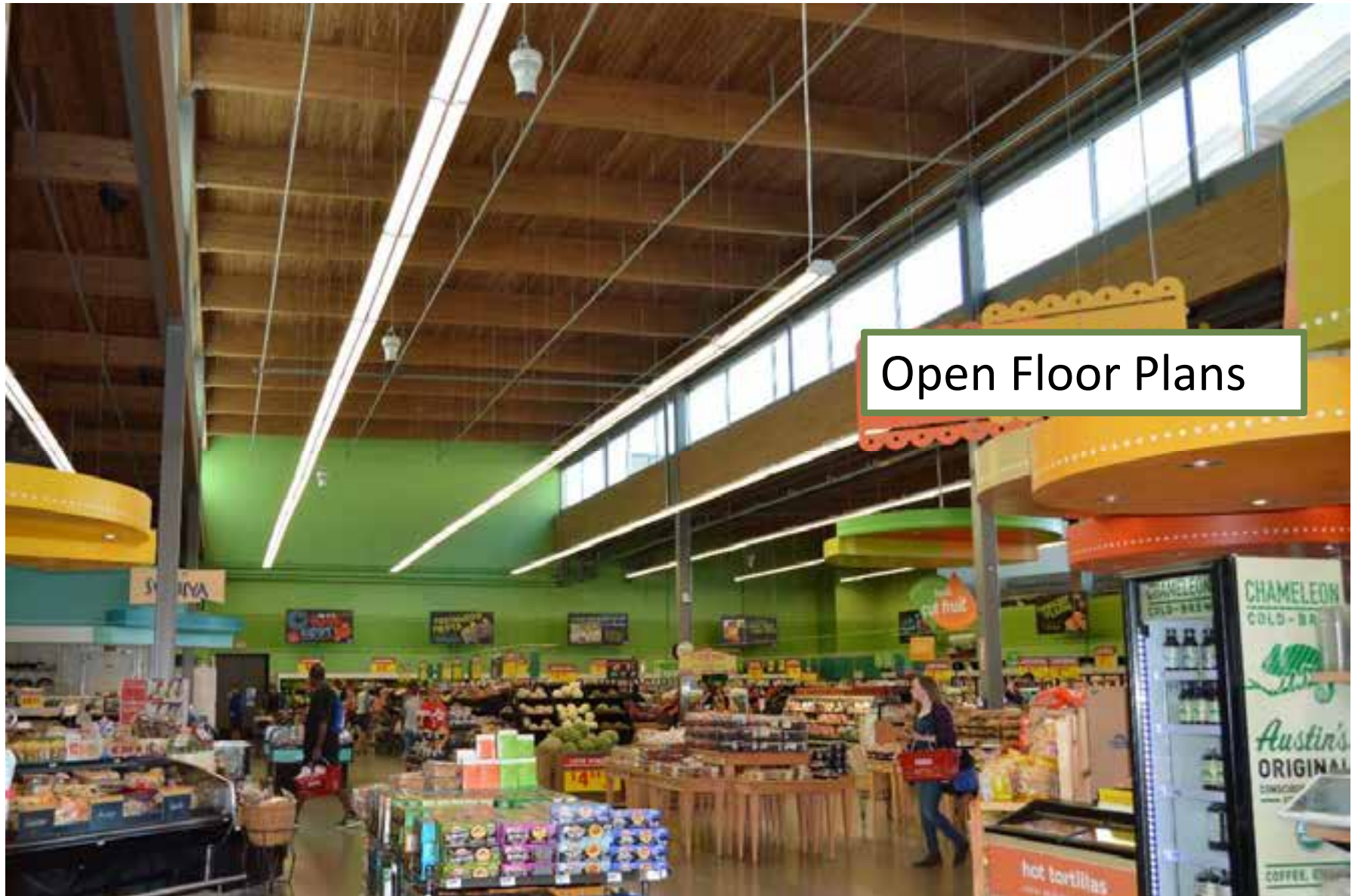


Tall Walls





# Wood Can Handle Common Features



Open Floor Plans

# IBC Occupancy Groups

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Assembly : Groups A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4 and A-5.

Business: Group B.

Educational: Group E.

Factory and Industrial: Groups F-1 and F-2.

High Hazard: Groups H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4 and H-5.

Institutional: Groups I-1, I-2, I-3 and I-4.

Mercantile: Group M.

Residential: Groups R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4.

Storage: Groups S-1 and S-2.

Utility and Miscellaneous: Group U.



# IBC Occupancy Groups

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## Assembly : Groups A-2

- Nightclubs, Restaurants, Taverns and bars

## Business: Group B

- Banks, barber and beauty shops, dry cleaning and laundries, professional services, etc.

## Mercantile: Group M

- Department stores
- Drug stores
- Markets
- Motor fuel-dispensing facilities
- Retail or wholesale stores
- Sales rooms

# ICC Building Valuation Data

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	Construction Type								
Occupancy Group	IA	IB	IIA	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IV	VA	VB
A-2 Assembly	177	172	166	160	150	147	155	136	132
B Business	182	176	170	162	148	142	155	129	124
M Mercantile	132	128	122	116	106	103	111	92	88

Published \$ / Square Foot of Building Area

Structural Wood Framing  
Allowed

Source August 2015, ICC Published National Building Valuation Data

<http://www.iccsafe.org/codes-tech-support/codes/code-development-process/building-valuation-data/>

# ICC Building Valuation Data

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	Construction Type		
Occupancy Group	IIA	IIIA	Diff
A-2 Assembly	166	150	\$16/sf
B Business	170	148	\$22/sf
M Mercantile	122	106	\$16/sf

Type IIA and IIIA construction  
have very similar allowable  
heights and areas

Is this enough to matter to  
you or your clients?

# ICC Building Valuation Data

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	Construction Type		
Occupancy Group	IIB	VA	Diff
A-2 Assembly	160	136	\$24/sf
B Business	162	129	\$33/sf
M Mercantile	116	92	\$24/sf

Published \$ / Square Foot of Building Area

Type IIB and VA construction have very similar allowable heights and areas.

An even larger difference than IIA and IIIA

# > Framing Systems Design and Details

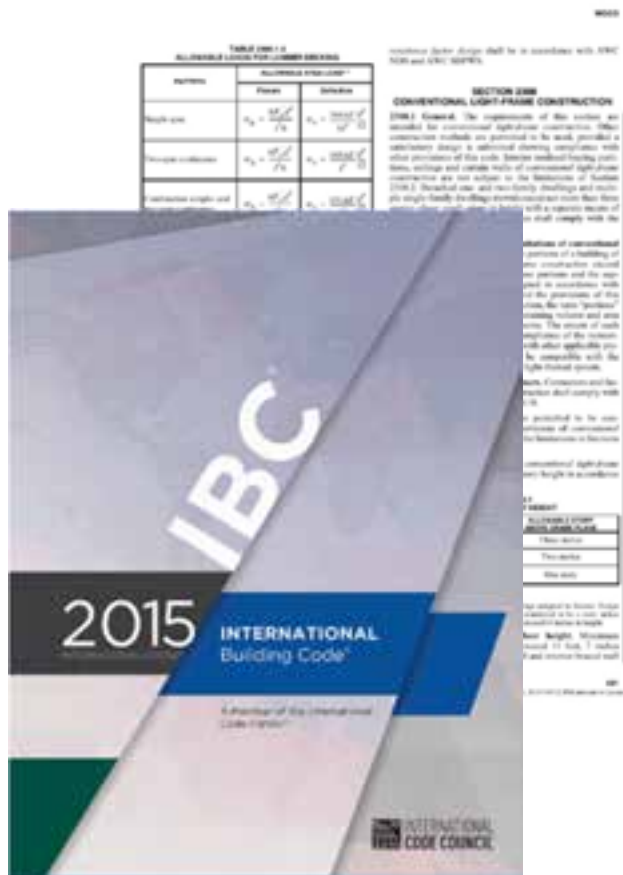
# Paths to Structural Compliance

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- IBC Chapter 16 as starting point for most structural requirements
- IBC Chapter 23 for wood specific requirements and paths to compliance
- ASCE 7 Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures referenced from IBC Chapter 16 for Wind and Earthquake Loading

	Path to Compliance	Reference	Approach
1	Convention Construction	In IBC 2308	Prescriptive
2	AWC Wood Frame Construction Manual	IBC 2309	Prescriptive or Engineered
3	AWC National Design Specification for Wood Construction (NDS)  AWC Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic (SPDWS)	IBC 2305 IBC 2306 (ASD) IBC 2307 (LRFD)	Engineered

# Prescriptive Methods



IBC Conventional Construction



AWC Wood Frame Construction Manual

**Both Limited to 40 psf Live loads.  
Possibly useful for 1 story Commercial Buildings**

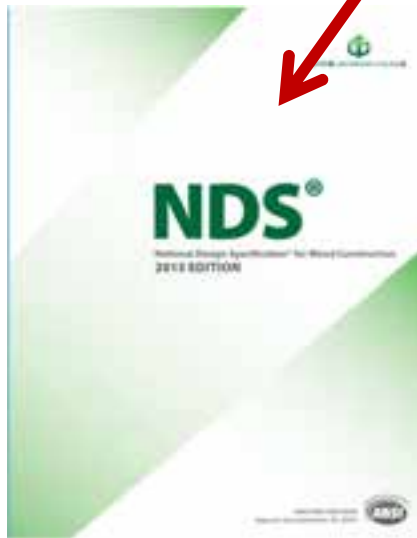


# Engineered Design via AWC NDS and SDPWS

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IBC 2015



AWC NDS 2015 for Wood Members and Connections



AWC SDPWS 2015 for Wood Shear Walls and Diaphragms

***General Engineered Approach:  
Not limited in scope as  
Conventional Construction and WFCM***

# > Wall Framing

# Wall Framing Options

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## Solid Sawn Lumber Sizes

- 2x4 to 2x14
- 4x, 6x and greater thickness available

## Different Species Groups Available

- “Southern Pine” is not a single species but a group of related species which are graded together
- Other common species groups include: Doug-Fir Larch, Hem-Fir, Spruce-Pine-Fir

## Different Grades

- Visually Graded: #1, #2, etc
  - Most Common
- Machine Graded:
  - Machine Stress Rated (MSR)
  - Mechanical Evaluated Lumber (MEL)



Automatic Lumber Tester

Photo: Metriguard

# Wall Framing Options

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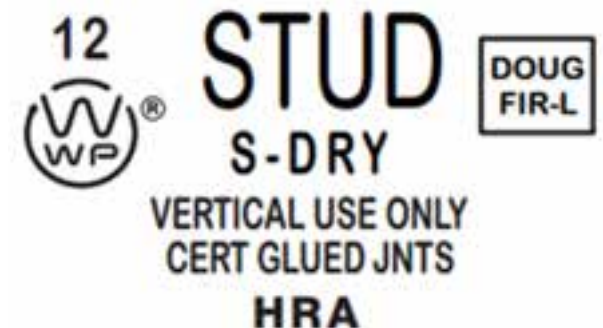
## Finger-Jointed Dimensional Lumber:

- Structural end-gluing of shorter members
- Technically called “End-Jointed”
- Can be used interchangeably with solid sawn lumber of same species and grade, where approved. See IBC 2303.1.1
- Look for grading and grade stamp by



## Variations of Finger Jointed Lumber

- **HRA** (Heat Resistant Adhesive)
  - Only use HRA FJ Lumber in fire rated assemblies
- **Non-HRA** (or no HRA in stamp)
- **Vertical Use Only** or **Stud Use Only**
  - Bending or tension stresses only from short term loading



# Wall Framing Options

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## Engineered Lumber Products

- Laminated Strand Lumber (LSL)
- Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL)
- Parallel Strand Lumber (PSL)
- Glue Laminated Lumber (Glulam)





# Tall Walls in Low Rise

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# Parameters for Engineered Stud Design

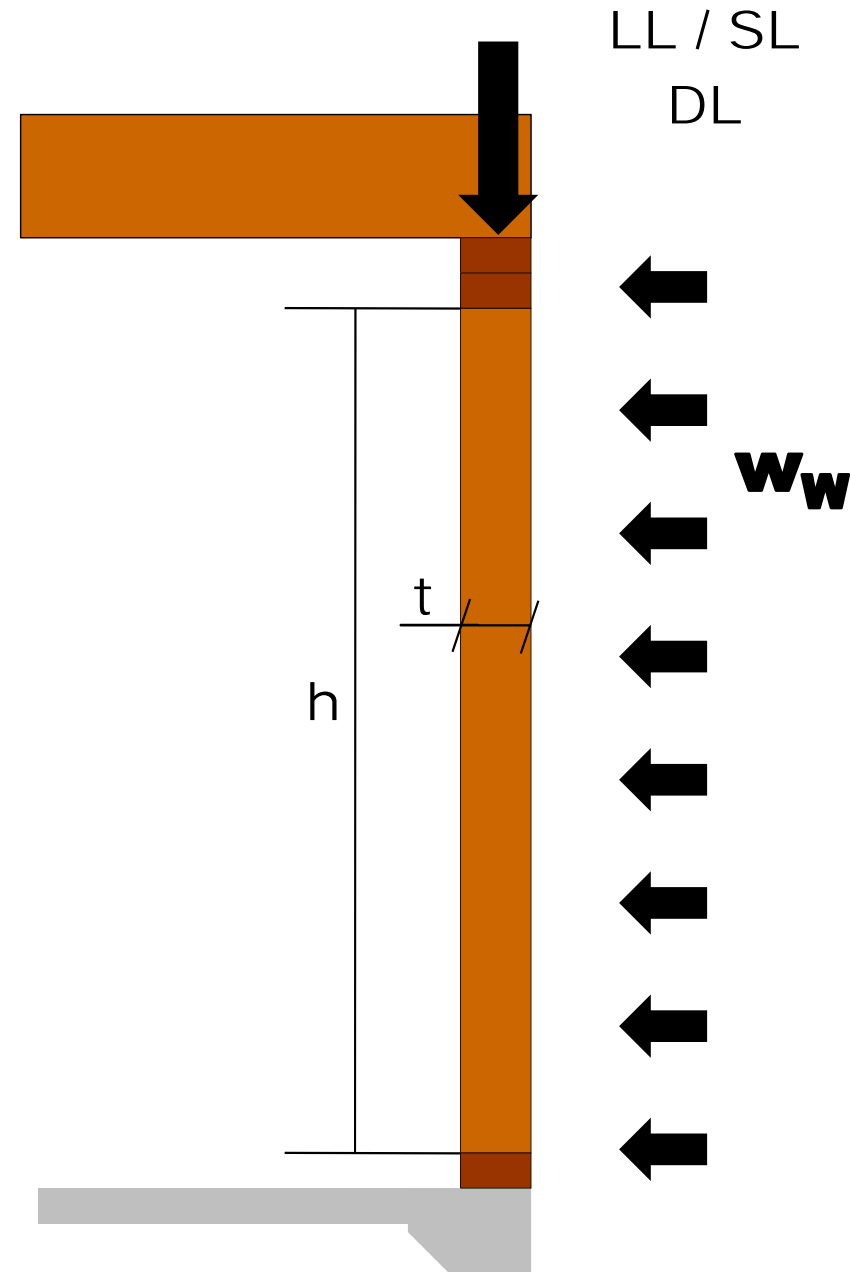
## Structure Parameters

- Design height -  $h$
- Stud spacing
- Wall thickness -  $t$

## Loading Parameters

- Dead Load -  $DL$
- Live and Snow Load –  $LL/SL$
- Wind Loads (C&C and MWFRS) –  $W_W$
- Any Eccentricity

## Deflection Criteria based on Finishes





# Exterior Wall Design Checks

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- Strength Check 1:  
Gravity + Main Lateral Force Loads
- Strength Check 2:  
Full Components and Cladding Wind Loads
- Deflection Check:  
Reduced Components and Cladding Wind Loads

# Strength Check 1 for Stud Design

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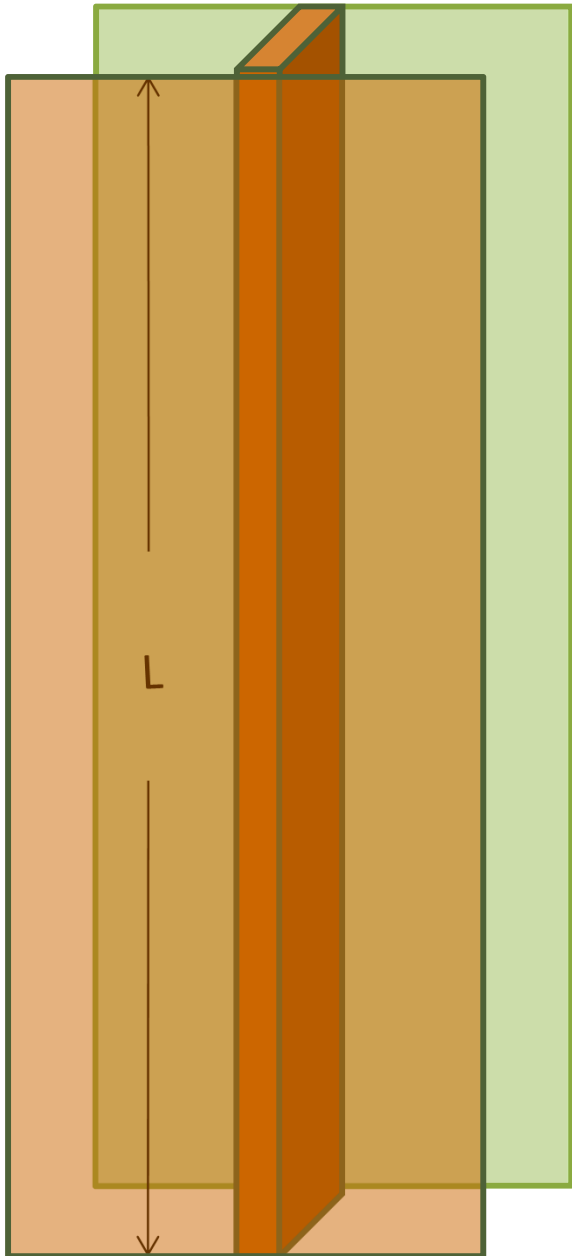
## Strength Check as a Vertical Load Supporting element:

- Apply Vertical Dead, Live, Roof and/or Snow Loads
- Apply out-of-plane lateral loads
  - MWFRS wind loads (ASCE 7-10 Chapter 27 or 28)
  - Seismic wall forces (ASCE 7-10 12.11.1)
- Apply vertical MWFRS wind or Seismic force (if any)
  - For example for a hold-down post.
- Combined Bending & Axial Load Check per AWC NDS
- Use standard load combinations
  - IBC Section 1605 or
  - ASCE 7 Chapter 2

***Design Tip: Bottom plate crushing may govern over Stud and Post Capacities***

# Wall Sheathing Provides Weak Axis Bracing

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NDS Commentary:

“Experience has shown that any code allowed thickness of gypsum board, hardwood plywood, or other interior finish adequately fastened directly to studs will provide adequate lateral support of the stud across its thickness irrespective of the type or thickness of exterior sheathing and/or finish used.”

# Design Considerations

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## Slenderness Limits (NDS 2015 3.7.1.4)

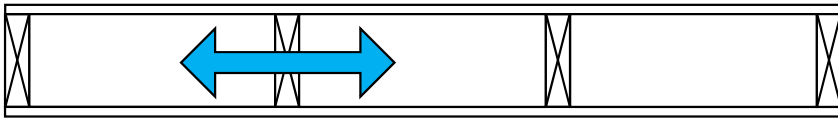
Max Effective Unbraced Length =  $50d$ ,  $d$  = depth in inches

Max of  $75d$  during construction

$1\frac{1}{2}$ " depth

6'-3" max unbraced length.

9'-4" during construction.

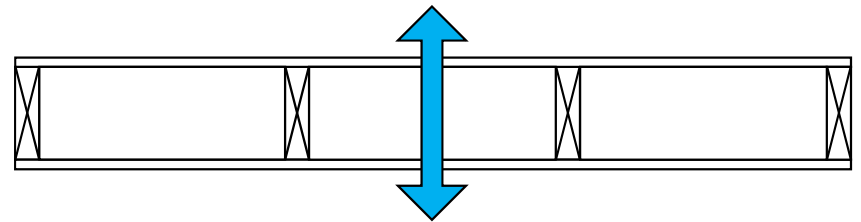


Stud or column can be braced against buckling in this direction by sheathing.

$3\frac{1}{2}$ " (2x4) Max Height: 14'-7"

$5\frac{1}{2}$ " (2x6) Max Height: 22'-11"

$7\frac{1}{4}$ " (2x8) Max Height: 30'-2"



Stud or column is **not** braced against buckling in this direction by sheathing.

# Intermediate Wall Stud Blocking

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# Strength Checks on Stud Design 2

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## Strength Check for Components & Cladding Winds

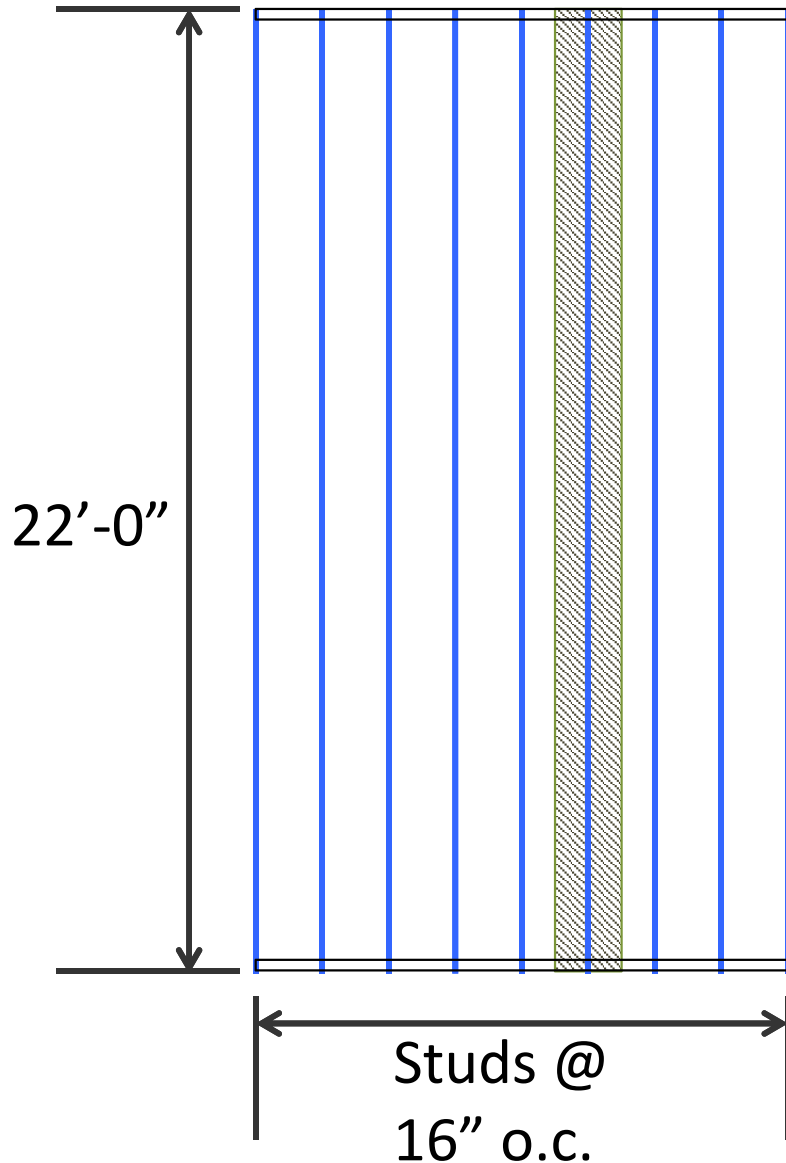
- No axial loading
- **C&C transverse Wind loads only**
- Check stud for bending and shear

***Design Tip: Be aware of ASCE 7 Definition of Effective Wind Area to decrease the required C&C wind load***

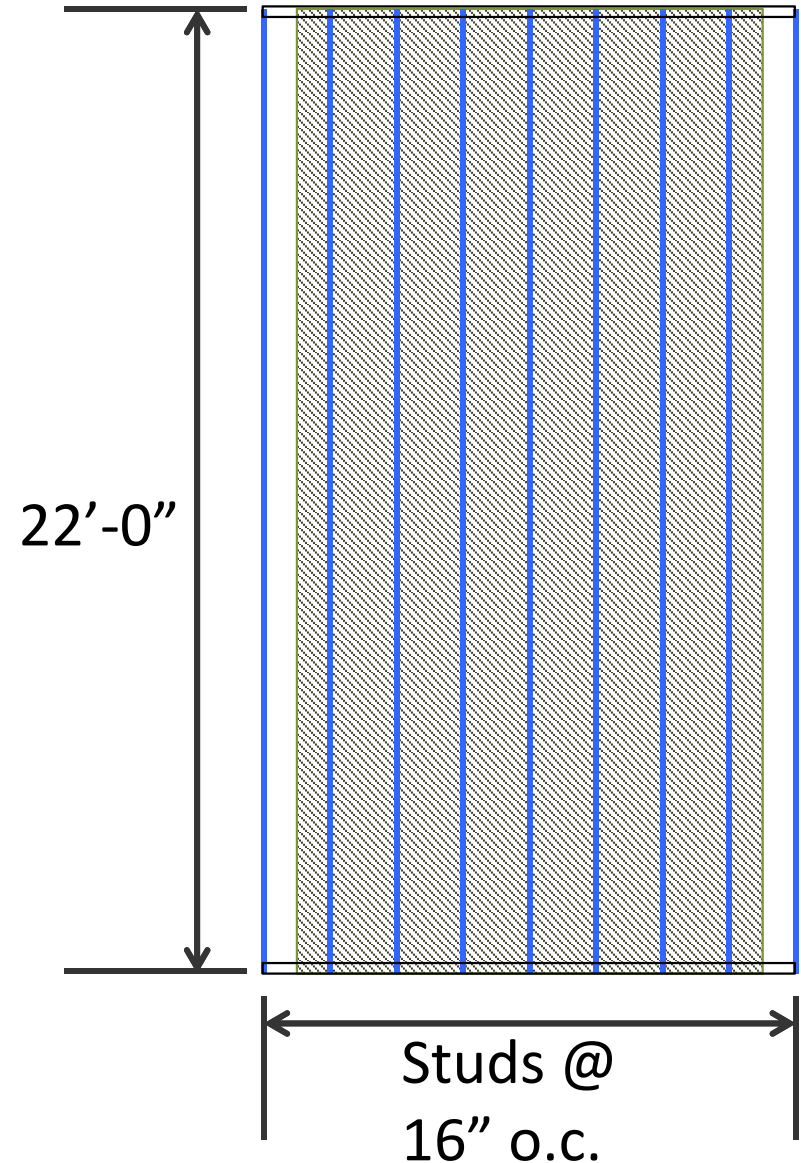
**EFFECTIVE WIND AREA,  $A$ :** The area used to determine ( $GC_p$ ). For component and cladding elements, the effective wind area in Figs. 30.4-1 through 30.4-7, 30.5-1, 30.6-1, and 30.8-1 through 30.8-3 is the span length multiplied by an effective width that need not be less than one-third the span length. For cladding fasteners, the effective wind area shall not be greater than the area that is tributary to an individual fastener.

# Effective Wind Area Example

$$\text{Tributary Area} = (22)(1.33) = 29 \text{ ft}^2$$



$$\text{Effective Wind Area} = 22^2/3 = 161 \text{ ft}^2$$





# Strength Checks on Stud Design 2

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## Strength Check for Components & Cladding Winds

- No axial loading
- C&C transverse Wind loads only
- **Check stud bending and shear.**

*Design Tip: For bending stress check, be aware of Repetitive Use factor  $C_r$  of NDS and Wall Stud Repetitive Member Factor of SDPWS 3.1.1*

**Table 3.1.1.1 Wall Stud Repetitive Member Factors**

Stud Size	System Factor
2x4	1.50
2x6	1.35
2x8	1.25
2x10	1.20
2x12	1.15

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*Design Tip: Is using ASD for design, don't forget to take the allowed reduction in the wind load for the ASD load combinations for ASCE 7-10 Ultimate Wind Speed Loads*

$$D + H + F + (0.6W \text{ or } 0.7E)$$

(Equation 16-12)

# Deflection Checks on Stud Design

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## Deflection Check for Components and Cladding Winds

- No Axial Loading
- C&C transverse Wind load only.
- Check out-of-plane deflection to IBC Table 1604.3 or other more stringent requirements.

***Note: This check often governs tall walls***

***Design Tip: ASCE 7 Definition of Effective Wind Area to decrease the required C&C wind load applies here.***

# Deflection Checks on Stud Design

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## Deflection Check for Components and Cladding Winds

- No Axial Loading
- C&C transverse Wind load only.
- Check out-of-plane deflection to IBC Table 1604.3 or other more stringent requirements.

***Design Tip: Change in IBC 2012 created new L/360 limit for Stucco and Plaster (L/360 limit has been in IRC longer)***

TABLE 1604.3  
DEFLECTION LIMITS<sup>a, b, c, h, i</sup>

CONSTRUCTION	L	S or W <sup>f</sup>
Exterior walls:		
With plaster or stucco finishes	—	L/360
With other brittle finishes	—	L/240
With flexible finishes	—	L/120

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***Design Tip: Read all the footnotes!***

***Multiply calculated C&C Wind Loads by  
0.42 when using  $V_{ULT}$  (ASCE 7-10) OR  
0.70 when using  $V_{ASD}$  (ASCE 7-05 and earlier)***

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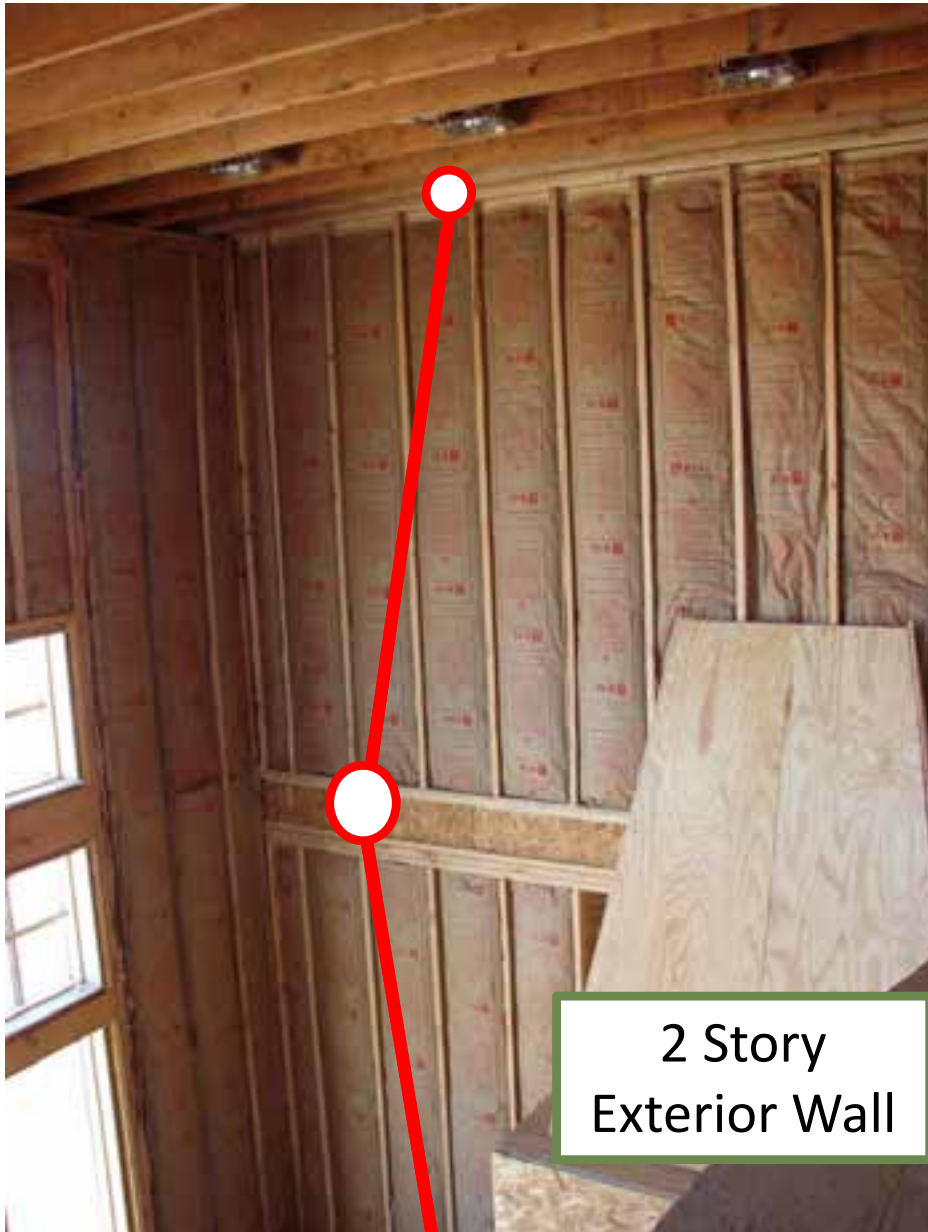
***Design Tip: Change in SDPWS 2015 referenced from IBC 2015 allows application of Wall Stud Repetitive Factor to Stud STIFFNESS. See SDPWS 3.1.1***

**Table 3.1.1.1 Wall Stud Repetitive  
Member Factors**

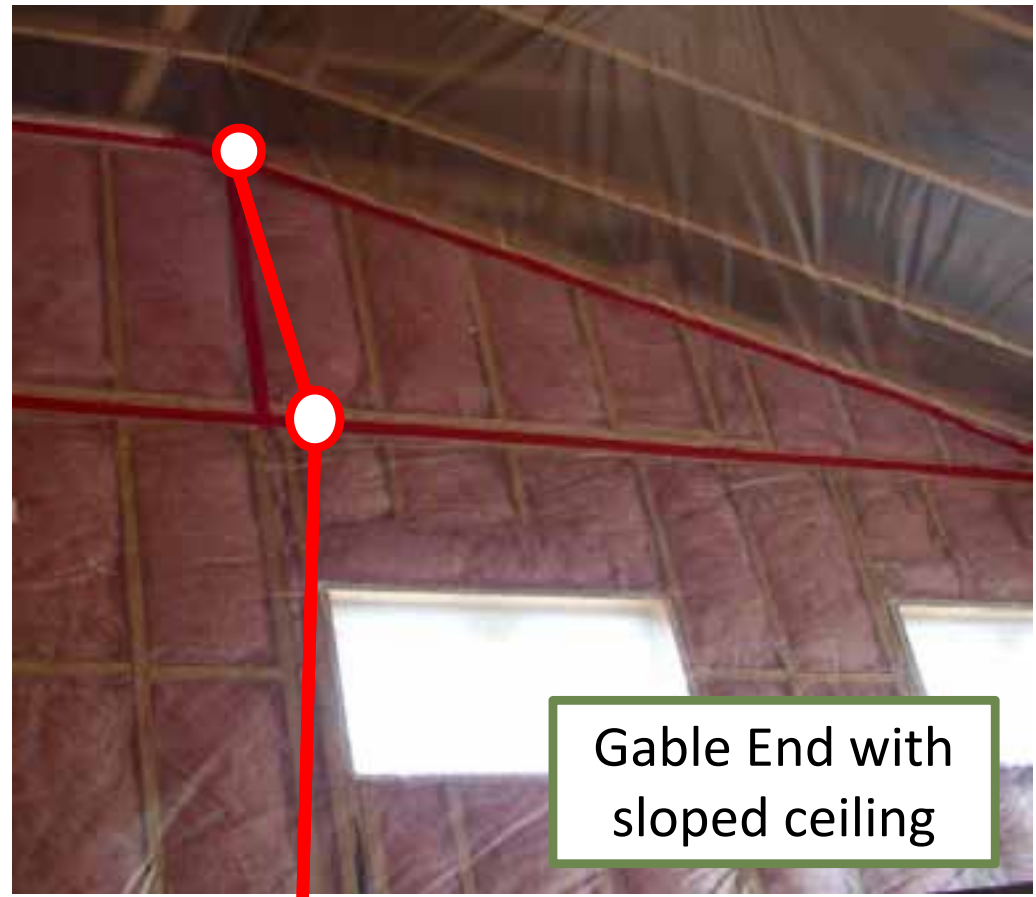
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# Can this Exterior Wall Pass Deflection Check?

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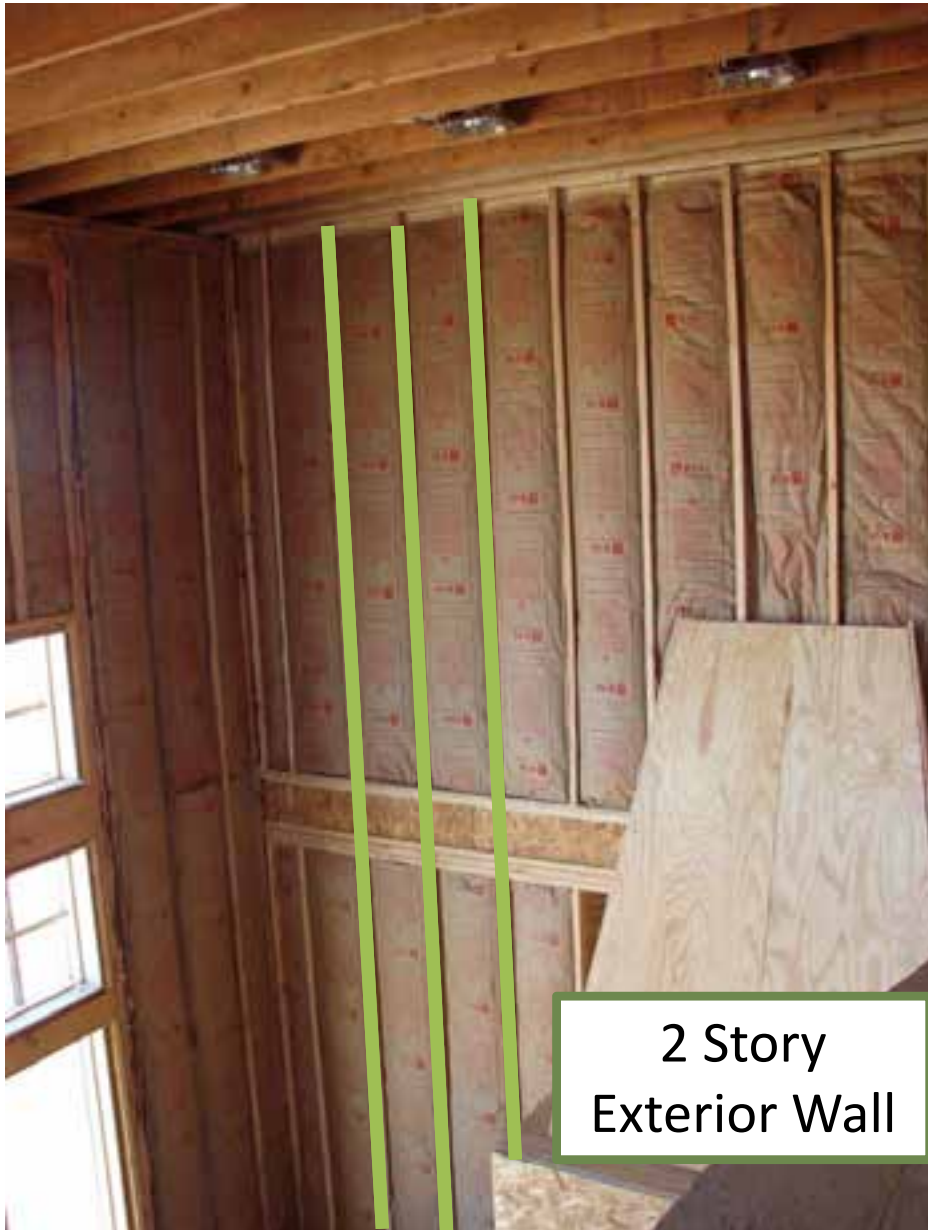
“Hinge Point” creates a structural weakness in the wall





# Can this Exterior Wall Pass Deflection Check?

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Solution = Continuous Studs



# AWC WFCM Prescriptive Stud Tables

**Table 3.20A2 Maximum Exterior Loadbearing<sup>1</sup> and Non-Loadbearing Stud Lengths for Common Lumber Species Resisting Interior Zone Wind Loads - Stud Deflection Limit = H/240** **Exposure B H/240**  
(Fully Sheathed with a Minimum Sheathing Material)<sup>a</sup>

700-yr. Wind Speed 3-second gust (mph)			110			115			120			130			140		
Stud Spacing (in.)	Species	Grade	2x4	2x6	2x8	2x4	2x6	2x8	2x4	2x6	2x8	2x4	2x6	2x8	2x4	2x6	2x8
Maximum Allowable Stud Length (ft.-in.) <sup>1</sup>																	
16	DFL	SS	12-3	19-8	20-0†	11-11	19-1	20-0†	11-6	18-6	20-0†	10-11	17-6	20-0†	10-4	16-8	20-0†
	DFL	No.1	11-10	18-11	20-0†	11-5	18-4	20-0†	11-1	17-10	20-0†	10-6	16-10	20-0†	10-0	16-0	20-0†
	DFL	No.2	11-7	18-6	20-0†	11-2	18-0	20-0†	10-10	17-5	20-0†	10-3	16-6	20-0†	9-5	15-10	20-0†
	DFL	No.3/Stud	11-0	17-8	20-0†	10-8	17-2	20-0†	10-4	16-8	20-0†	9-10	15-9	20-0†	9-4	15-4	20-0†
	DFL	Standard	11-0	-	-	10-6	-	-	10-0	-	-	9-3	-	-	8-6	-	-
	HF	SS	11-7	18-6	20-0†	11-2	18-0	20-0†	10-10	17-5	20-0†	10-3	16-6	20-0†	9-5	15-10	20-0†
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*If building within scope of AWC WFCM, it contains useful wall height tables*



# Tall Walls in Office

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- 2 story, 12k sf office bldg
- Atlanta, GA
- ~20ft tall 2x6 SYP #2 at high entry



# Tall Walls in Restaurant

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- Emeryville, CA
- 24'+ tall
- 2x8 Doug Fir





# Tall Walls in Retail

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Large Diamond Retailer  
Murfreesboro, TN  
22' tall 2x8 Pre-Fabricated



# > Example Projects

# Small Retail Building – Northern CA

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# Small Retail Building – Northern CA



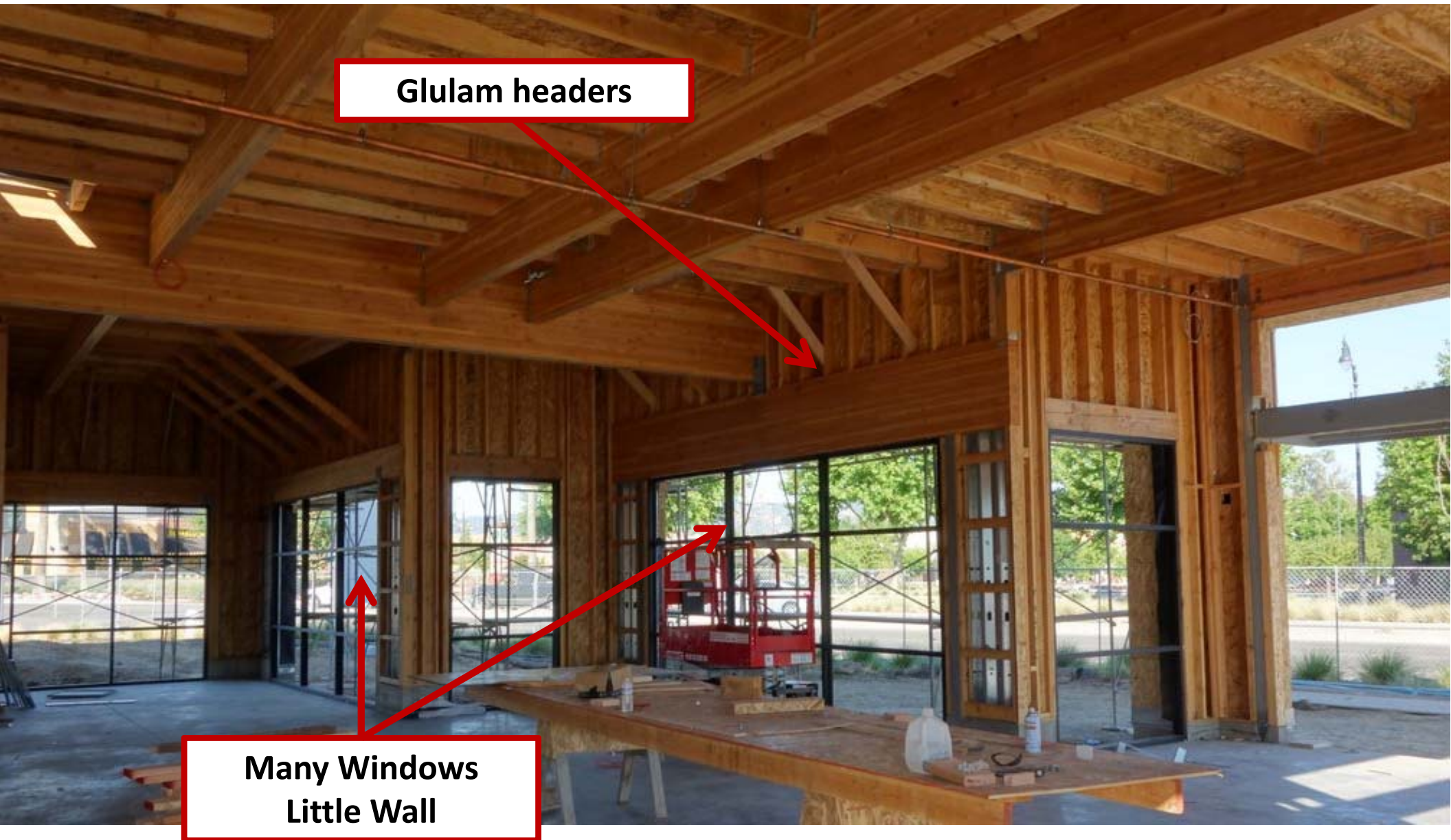
- Flat Roof with
  - WSP Sheathing
  - 2x Sub-Purlins
  - Glulam Purlins
  - Glulam Beams

- 20 ft 2x6 DF walls
  - Interior
  - Exterior



# Small Retail Building – Northern CA

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**Glulam headers**

**Many Windows  
Little Wall**



# Small Retail Building – Northern CA

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# Retail Building – Berlin Vermont

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## Retail Building

- Berlin, VT
- 4,500 sf



# Retail Building – Berlin Vermont

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## Roof Construction:

- Metal Plate Connected Monoslope Wood Roof Trusses
- 6' Deep at Front, 4.5' at Back, 50' Span, 24" o.c.
- Wood Structural Panels
- 2x6 @ 16" o.c. Bearing Walls & Shear Walls– 13' Tall
- Structural Steel Open Front Frame





# Retail Building – Berlin Vermont

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Front Canopy  
and Façade



# Retail Building – Berlin Vermont

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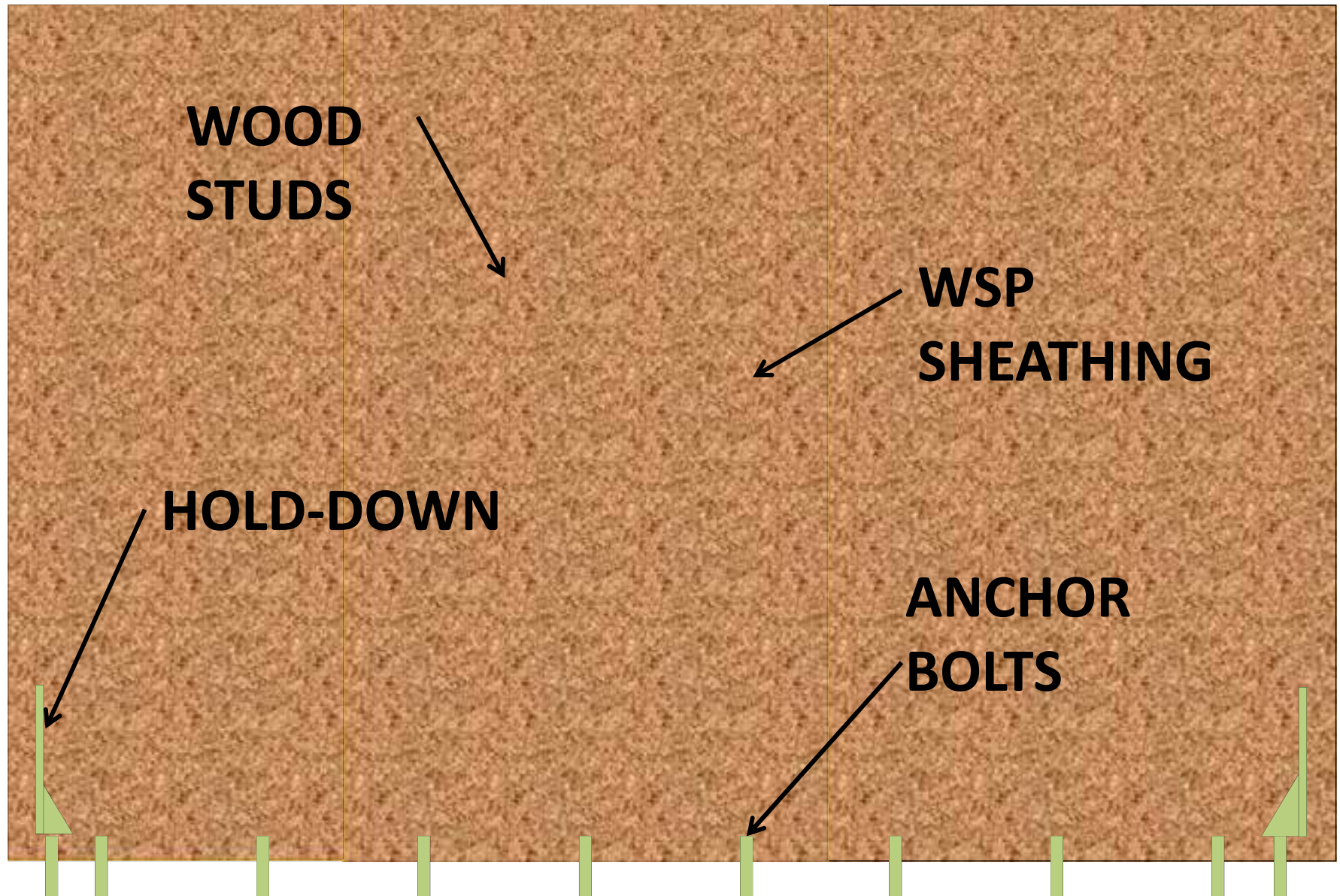




# > Wall Bracing – Shear Walls

# Anatomy of Wood Sheathed Shearwalls

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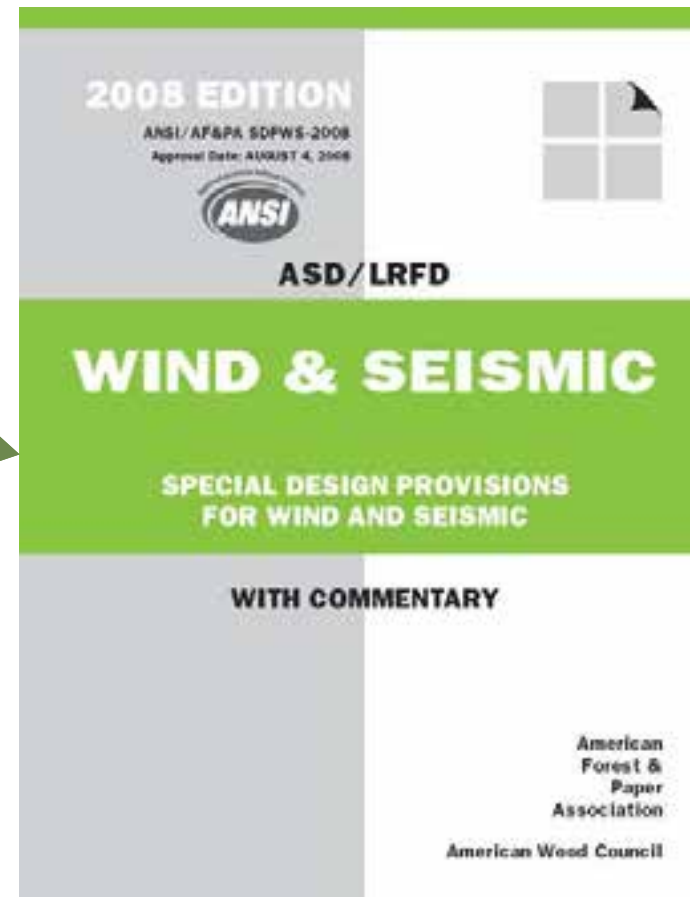


# Lateral Load Capacity

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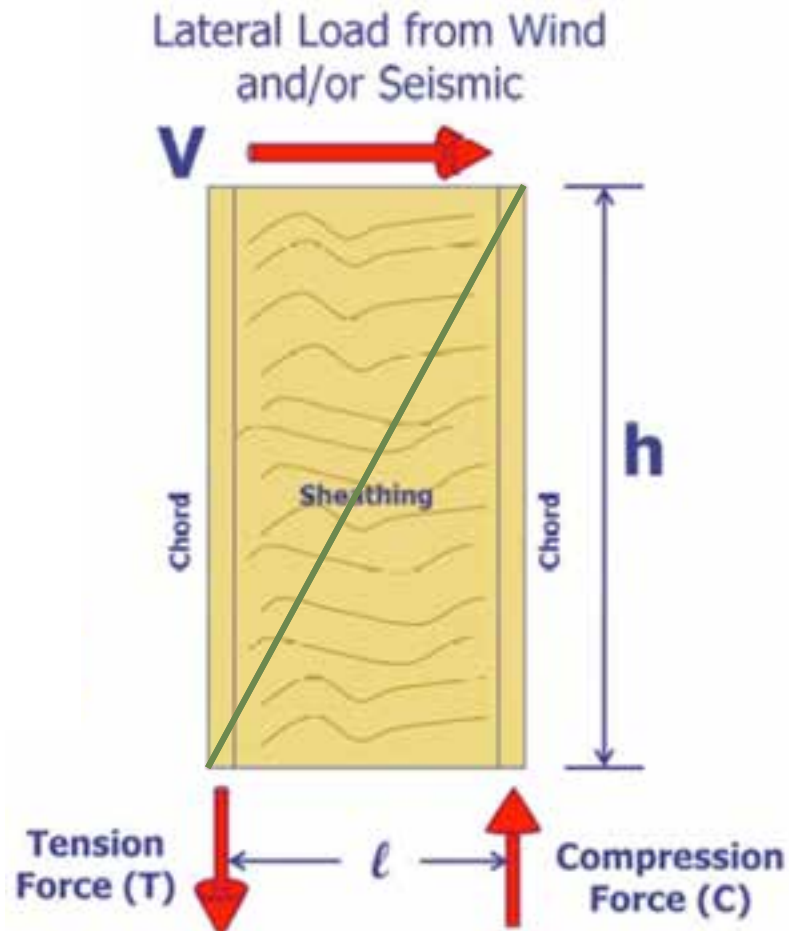


***Tip: Nailed Wood Shear Wall  
Allowable Capacities in IBC 2009  
and earlier versions.  
Not in IBC 2012 or 2015. Nominal  
capacity in SDPWS***



**AWC SDPWS**  
**Provides details and  
capacities of these types of  
nailed wood shear walls**

# Shear Wall Requirements in AWC SDPWS



Wood Education Institute

**Table 4.3.4 Maximum Shear Wall Aspect Ratios**

Shear Wall Sheathing Type	Maximum $h/b$ Ratio
Wood structural panels, unblocked	2:1
Wood structural panels, blocked	3.5:1 <sup>1</sup>
Particleboard, blocked	2:1
Diagonal sheathing, conventional	2:1
Gypsum wallboard	2:1 <sup>2</sup>
Portland cement plaster	2:1 <sup>2</sup>
Structural Fiberboard	3.5:1 <sup>3</sup>

***3:5:1 max aspect ratio for blocked Wood Structural Panel Shear Wall.  
Reduction in Capacity when greater than 2:1***

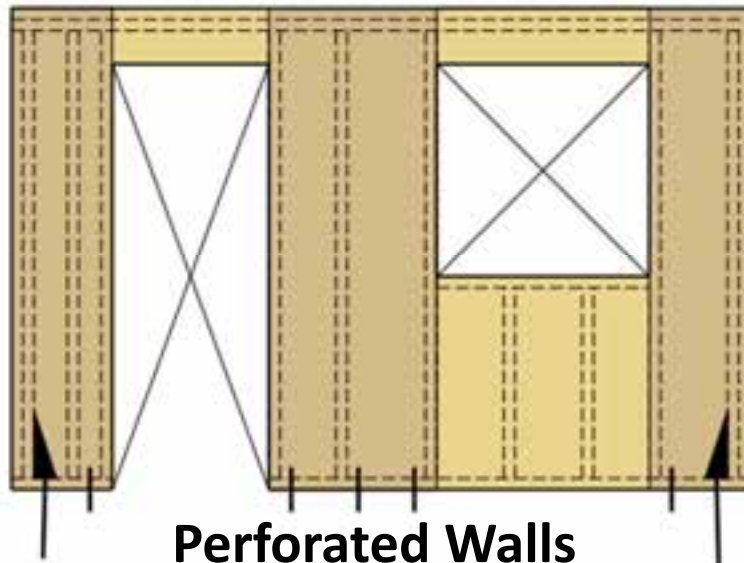
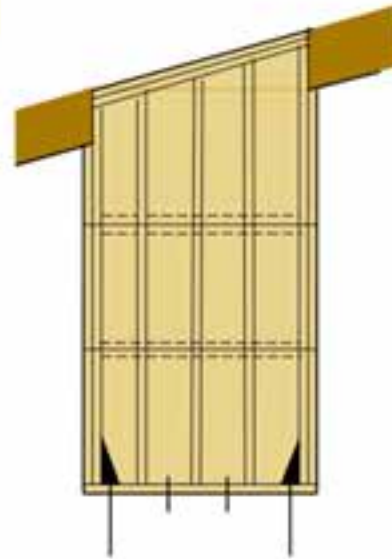
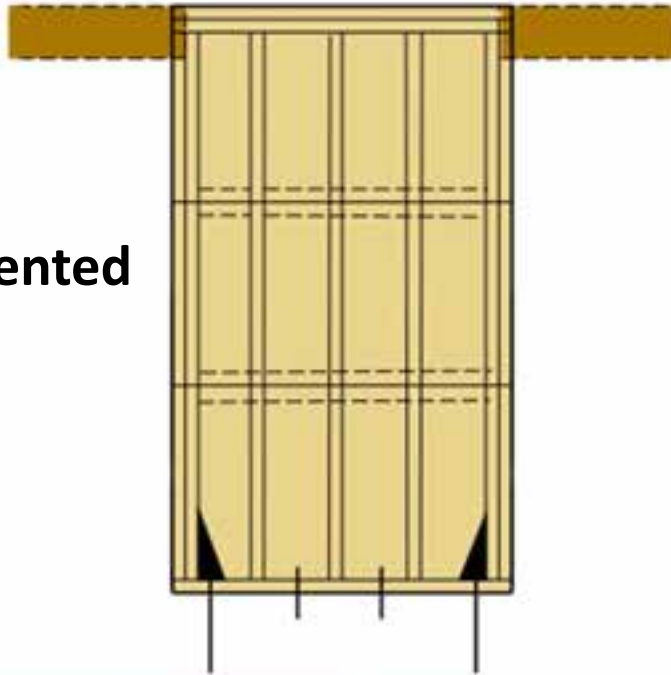
			Fastener Type & Size	A SEISMIC										B WIND					
Sheathing Material	Minimum Nominal Panel Thickness (in.)	Minimun Fastener Penetration in Framing Member or Blocking (in.)		Panel Edge Fastener Spacing (in.)										Panel Edge Fastener Spacing (in.)					
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Wood Structural Panels - Structural I <sup>4,5</sup>			Nail (common or galvanized box)	OSB    PLY			OSB    PLY			OSB    PLY			OSB    PLY						
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	3/8 <sup>2</sup>			460	19	14	720	24	17	920	30	20	1220	43	24	645	1010	1290	1710
	7/16 <sup>2</sup>	1-3/8	8d	510	16	13	790	21	16	1010	27	19	1340	40	24	715	1105	1415	1875
	15/32			560	14	11	860	18	14	1100	24	17	1460	37	23	785	1205	1540	2045
	1-1/2	10d	680	22	16	1020	29	20	1330	36	22	1740	51	28	950	1430	1860	2435	
Wood Structural Panels – Sheathing <sup>4,5</sup>	5/16	1-1/4	6d	360	13	9.5	540	18	12	700	24	14	900	37	18	505	755	980	1260
	3/8			400	11	8.5	600	15	11	780	20	13	1020	32	17	560	840	1090	1430
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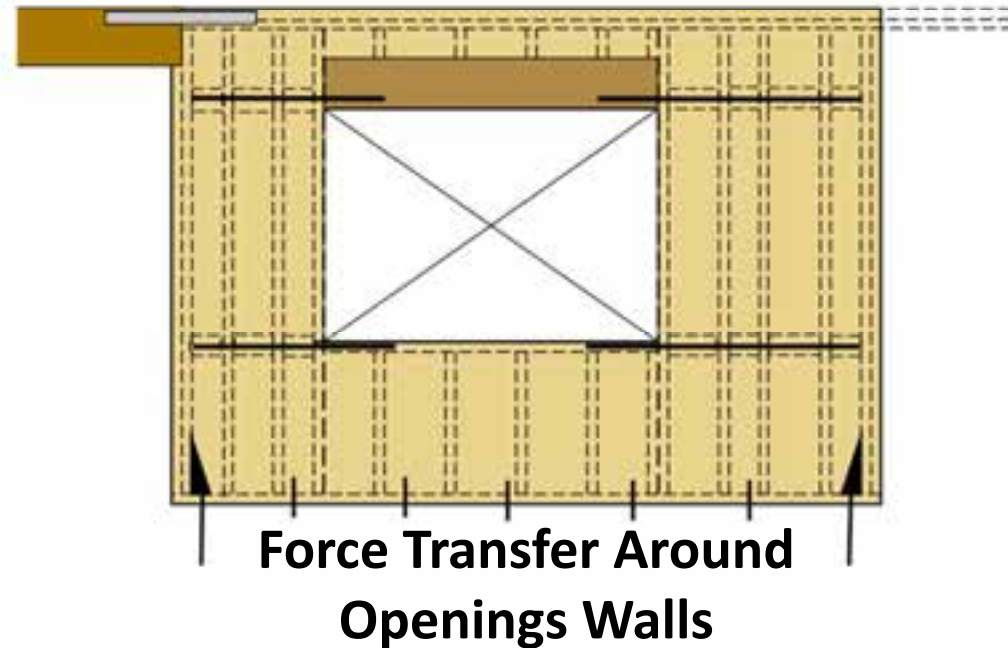
# Engineered Shear Wall Types

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**Solid or Segmented Walls**



**Perforated Walls**



**Force Transfer Around  
Openings Walls**

# Why Use Force Transfer Around Openings?

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# Why Use Force Transfer Around Openings?

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# Open Front & Narrow Walls

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# Prefabricated Shear Wall Options

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Proprietary Products with Evaluation Reports

Different Material Options



Metal Panel  
Hardy Frame



Metal Panel  
Simpson Strong-Tie



Wood Panels  
Simpson Strong-Tie



***The primary benefit is to have lateral force resistance where a 3:5 to 1 aspect ratio shear wall does not fit.***

# Prefabricated Shear Wall Options

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Proprietary Products with Evaluation Reports

Different Material Options



Metal Panel  
Hardy Frame



Metal Panel  
Simpson Strong-Tie



Wood Panels  
Simpson Strong-Tie



Example shear (wind) capacities of 8 ft tall, 24" wide panel on concrete foundation:

4085-7175# (HSB)

5105#

4808#

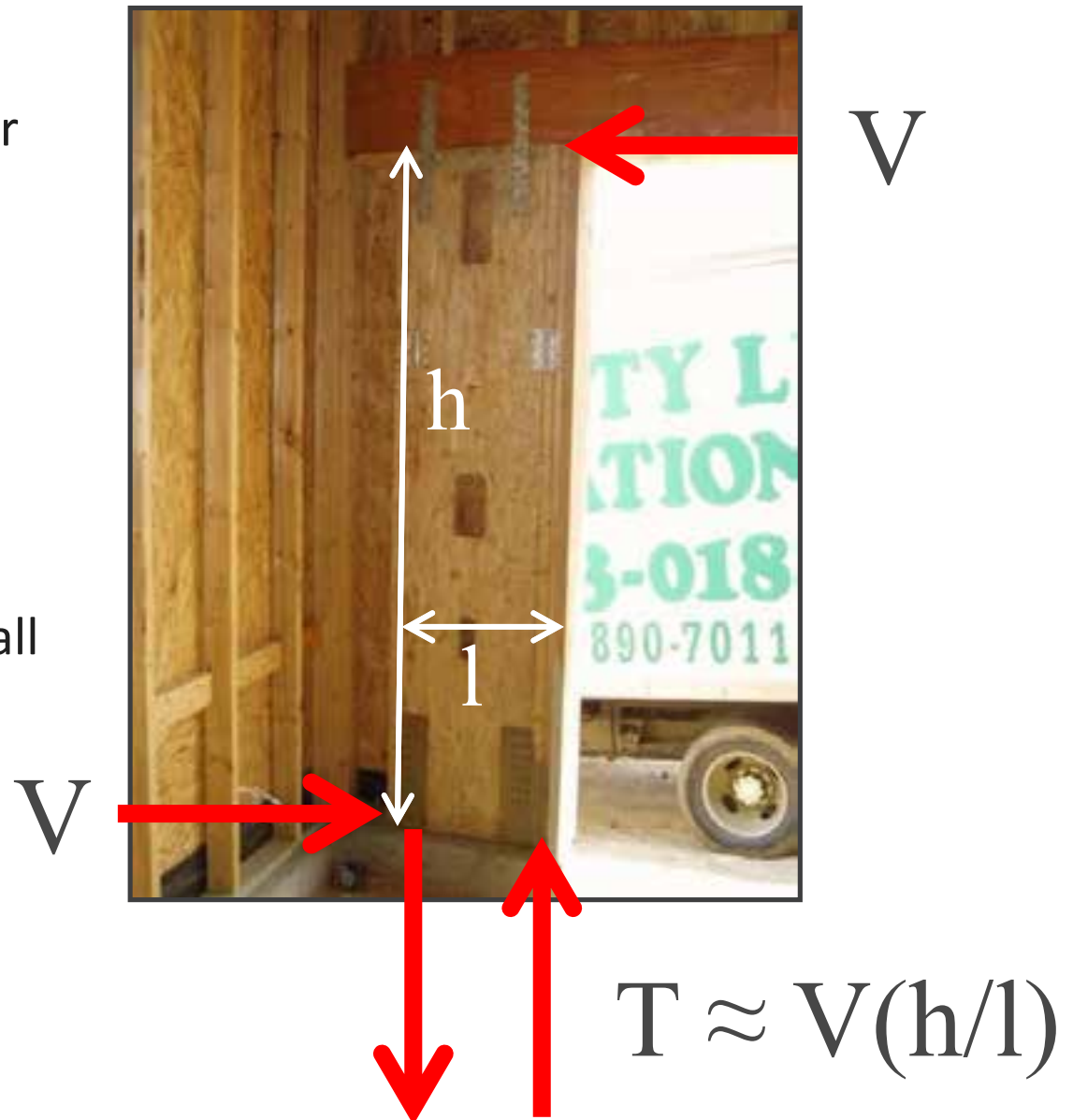
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# Using Prefabricated Shear Walls

## Considerations:

- Drift compatibility with other walls sharing load
- Large hold-down forces
- Foundation Anchorage Coordination
- Sizes range from 12"->24" wide to 6.5'->20' tall

***Tip: Cast-in-place anchorage to concrete needed.  
Don't expect post-installed concrete anchors to work.***





# Small Retail Building – Northern CA

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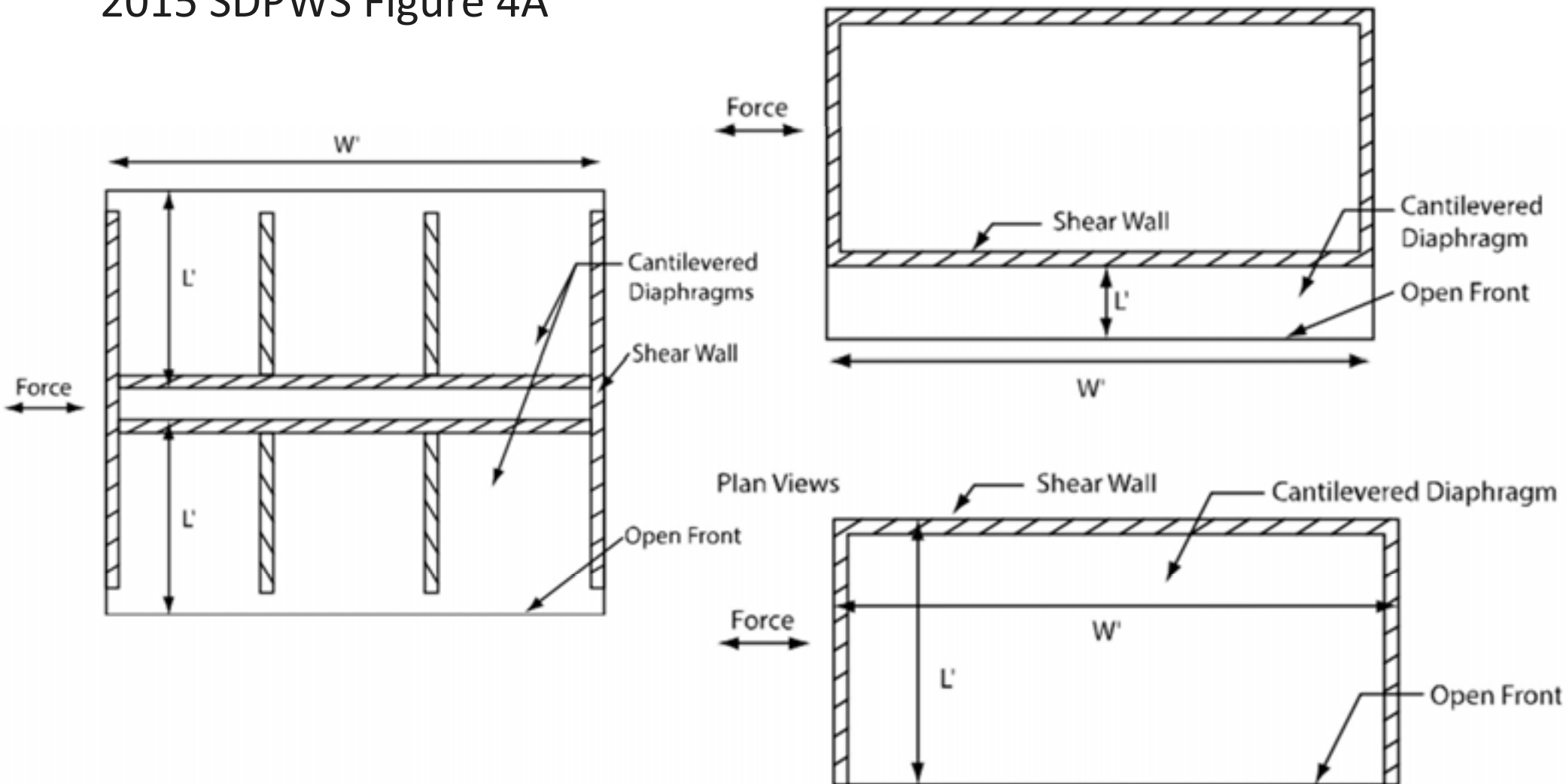




# Open Front Structures

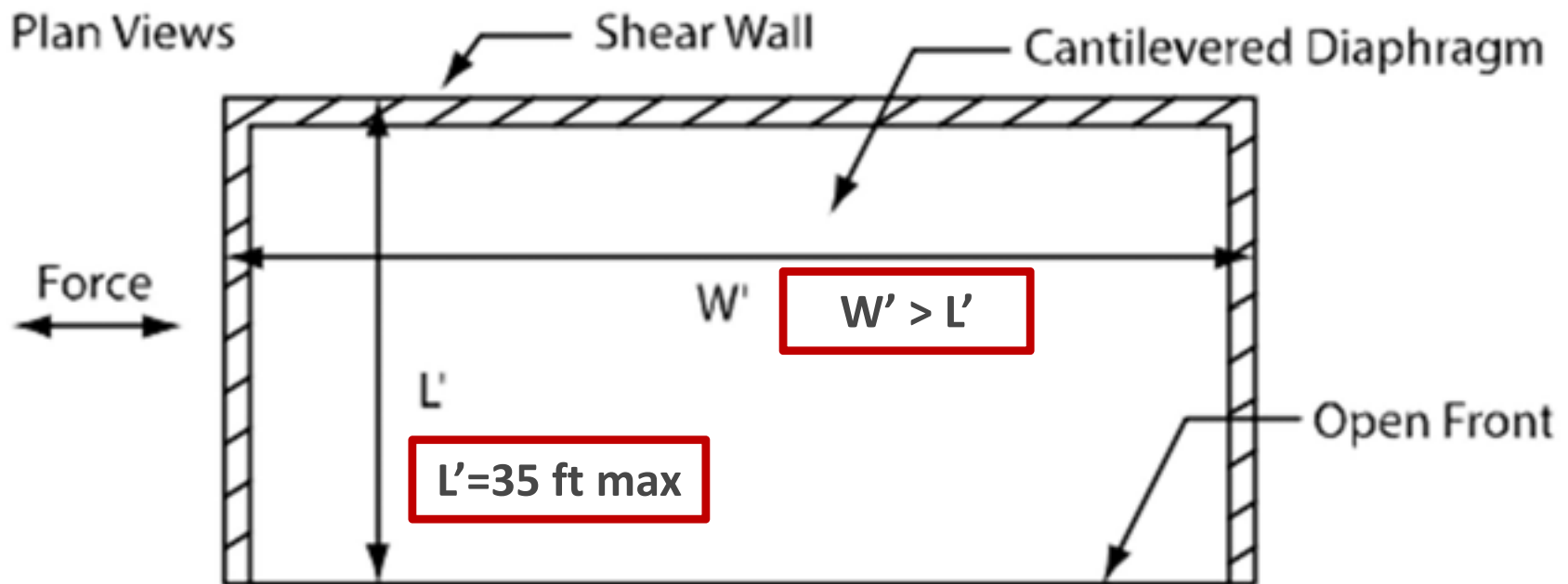
2015 SDPWS unifies Cantilever Diaphragms and Open Front Structures

2015 SDPWS Figure 4A



# Open Front Structures

SDPWS 2008 and 2015 allow Open Front Structures... provide certain important requirements are met.



Possible **1-Story** Open-Front Structure in SDPWS 2015



# Roof Framing

# Common Roof Framing Options

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# Metal Plated Wood Truss

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# Metal Plated Wood Truss

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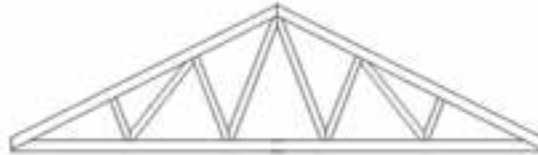


# Truss Configurations

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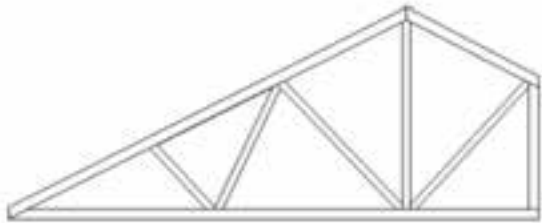
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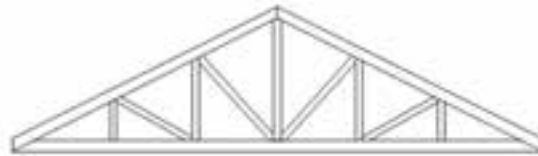
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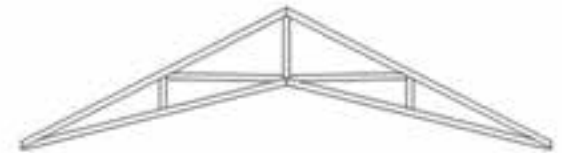
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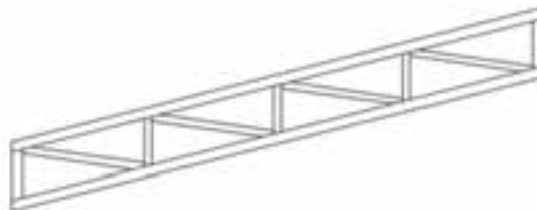
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SLOPING FLAT



FLAT

# Exposed Timber Trusses

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Berlin Shopping Mall, Berlin VT

T&G Deck over Timber Trusses



# Exposed Timber Trusses

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90ft Span Concealed Connector Timber Truss

# Exposed Timber Trusses

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Whole Foods Market, Atlanta, GA

67' Span Glulam Trusses



# Metal Plated Trusses over Exposed Timber Trusses

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Shenandoah Social Center

Photo courtesy D. Remy & Co.



# I-Joist Roof Framing

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- Flat or Sloped Roofs
- Vaulted Ceiling Possibilities



Strip Mall Building

Havens Elementary, Photo courtesy RedBuilt



# Large Flat Roof Systems

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# Creating Open Floor Space

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Grid dimensions in low rise commercial buildings are often a deciding factor when determining structural systems. Accommodation of large, open floor plans with a minimal number of columns is required

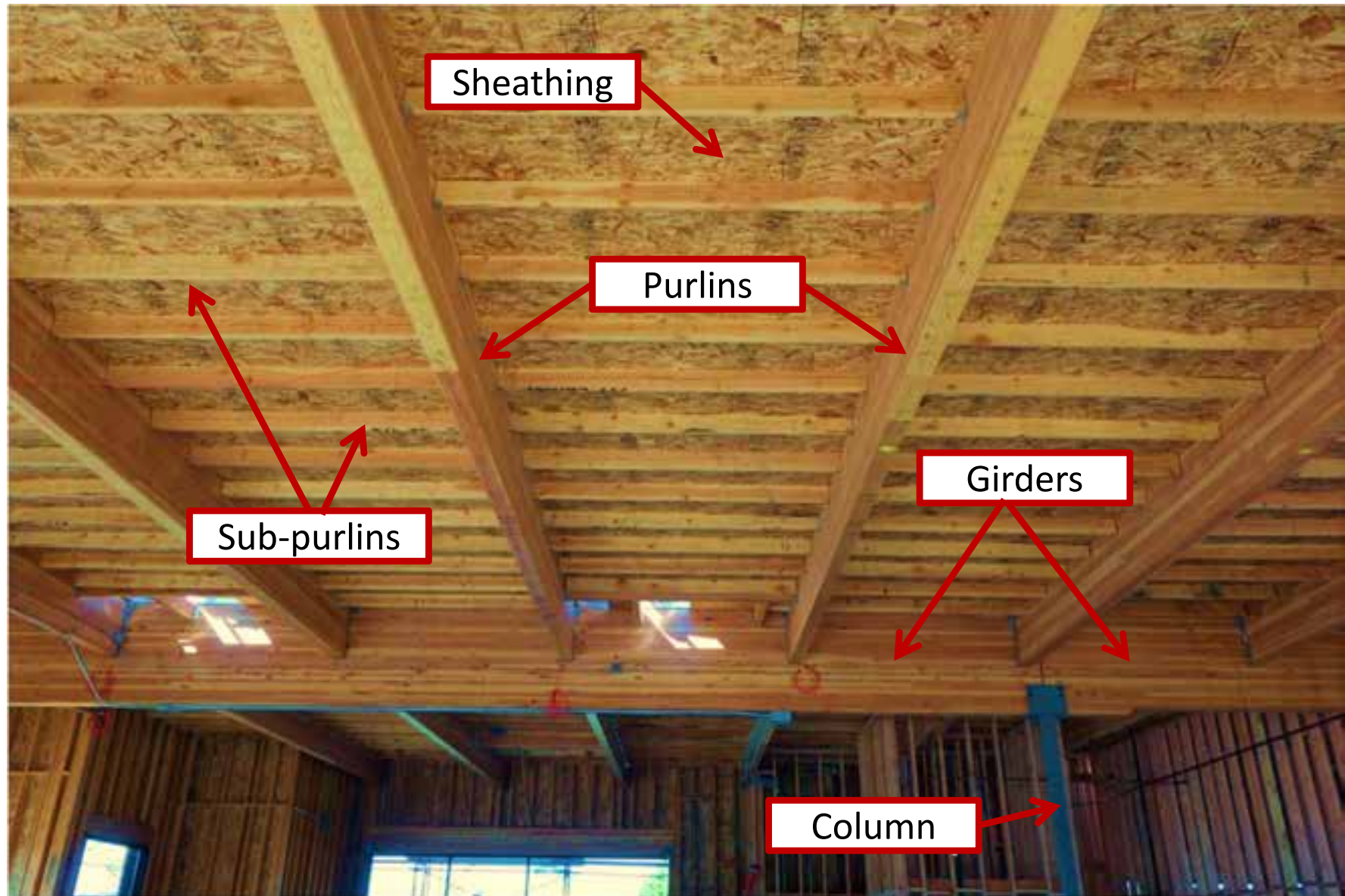
Common Grid Dimensions: 25'x30' to 45'x50' and larger



Photo: Myers-Company.com



# Anatomy of a Large Flat Roof



# Different Flat Roof Framing Systems

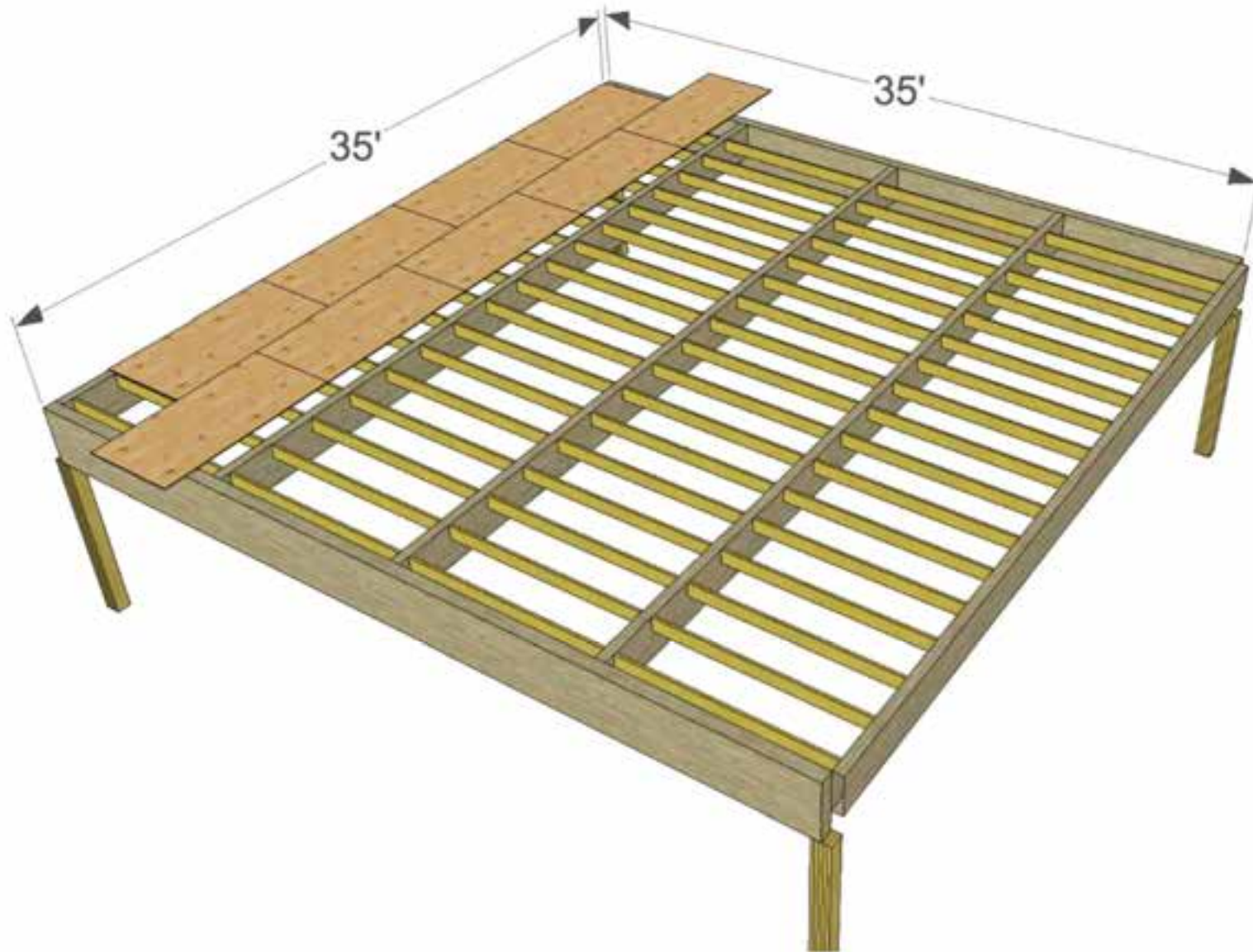
Girder	Purlin	Sub-Purlin	Sheathing
Glulam	Glulam @ 8' to 10' o.c.	2x	WSP
Glulam	Trusses @ 4' to 10' o.c.	2x	WSP
Glulam	Trusses @ 16" to 48" o.c.	None	WSP
Glulam	I-Joists @ 16" to 48" o.c.	None	WSP
Glulam	Glulam @ 4' to 10' o.c.	None	T&G Decking
Glulam	Glulam @ 8'+ o.c.	None	Mass Timber Panels: Cross-Laminated Timber Nail-Laminated Timber Etc.

***Architectural Grade Exposed Wood Options***



# Example Roof Framing System

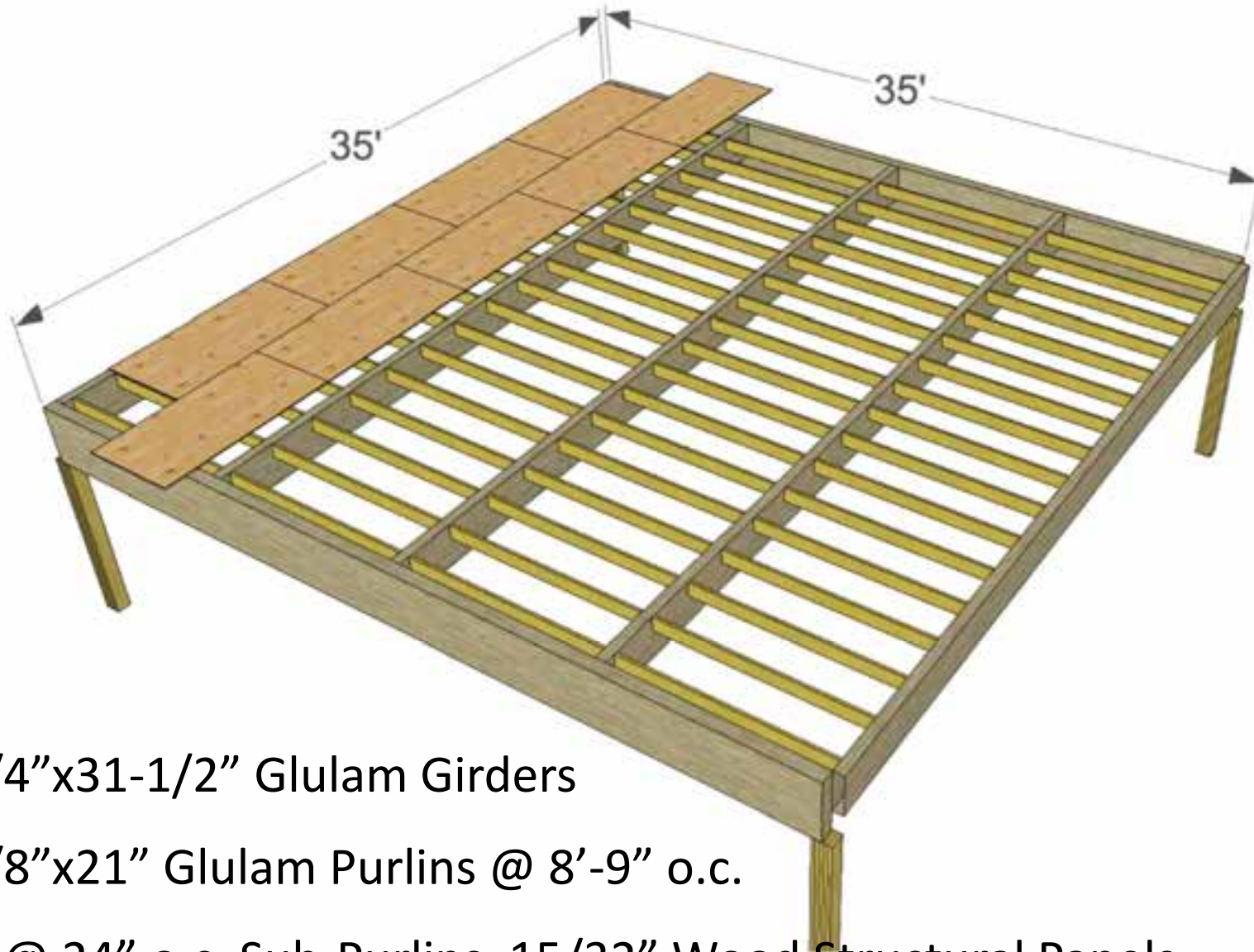
15 psf Roof DL, 20 psf Roof Live Load



# Example Roof Framing System

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15 psf Roof DL, 20 psf Roof Live Load



6-3/4"x31-1/2" Glulam Girders

5-1/8"x21" Glulam Purlins @ 8'-9" o.c.

2x8 @ 24" o.c. Sub-Purlins, 15/32" Wood Structural Panels

# Example Roof Framing System

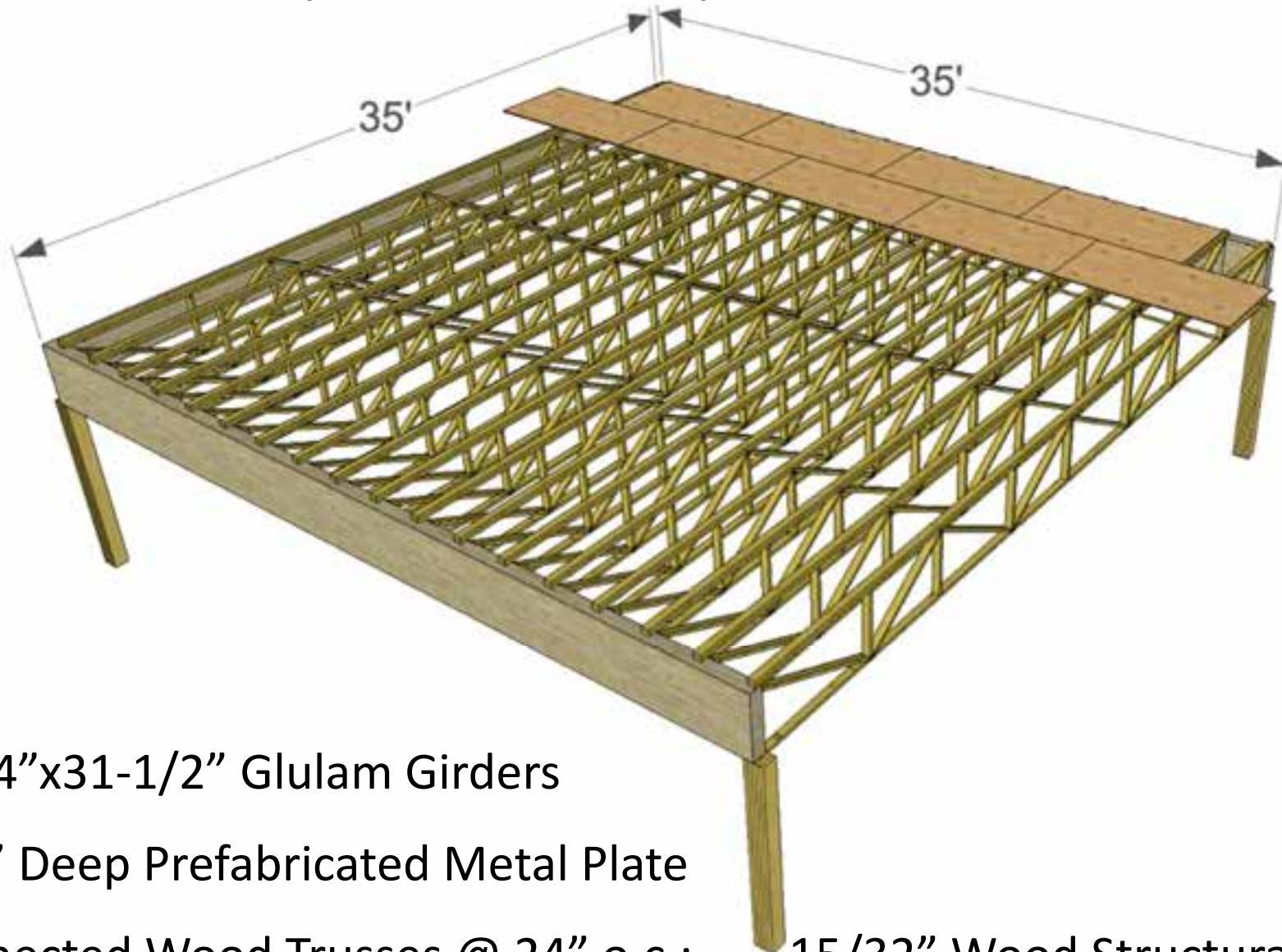
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# Example Roof Framing System

15 psf Roof DL, 20 psf Roof Live Load



6-3/4"x31-1/2" Glulam Girders

3'-0" Deep Prefabricated Metal Plate

Connected Wood Trusses @ 24" o.c.;

15/32" Wood Structural Panels



# Example Roof Framing System

15 psf Roof DL, 20 psf Roof Live Load



6-3/4"x31-1/2" Glulam Girders

5-1/8"x21" Glulam Purlins @ 8'-9" o.c.

HT/Mass Timber Decking Options: NLT, CLT, GLT, 3x T&G

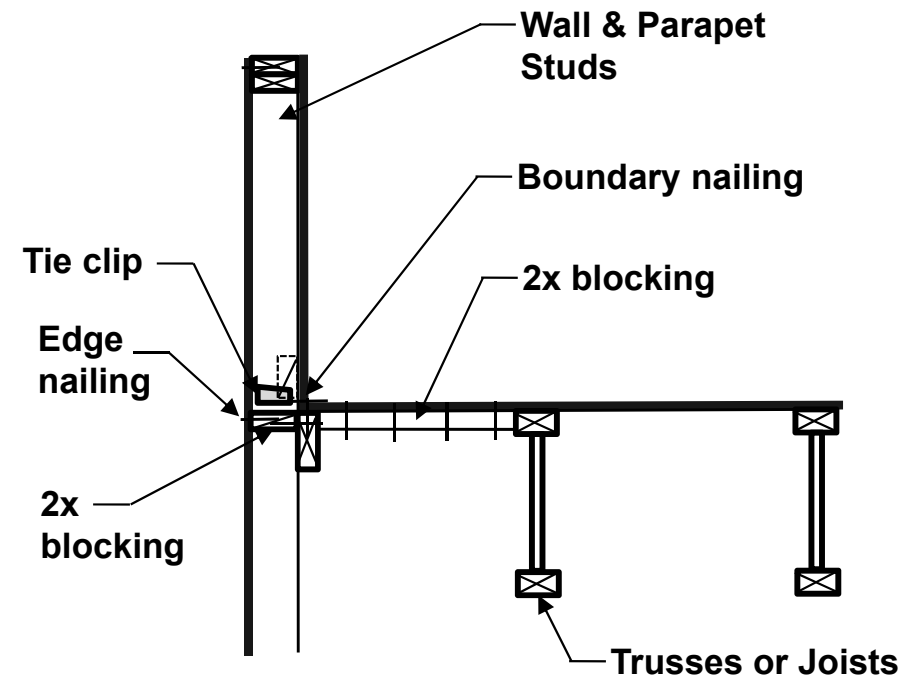
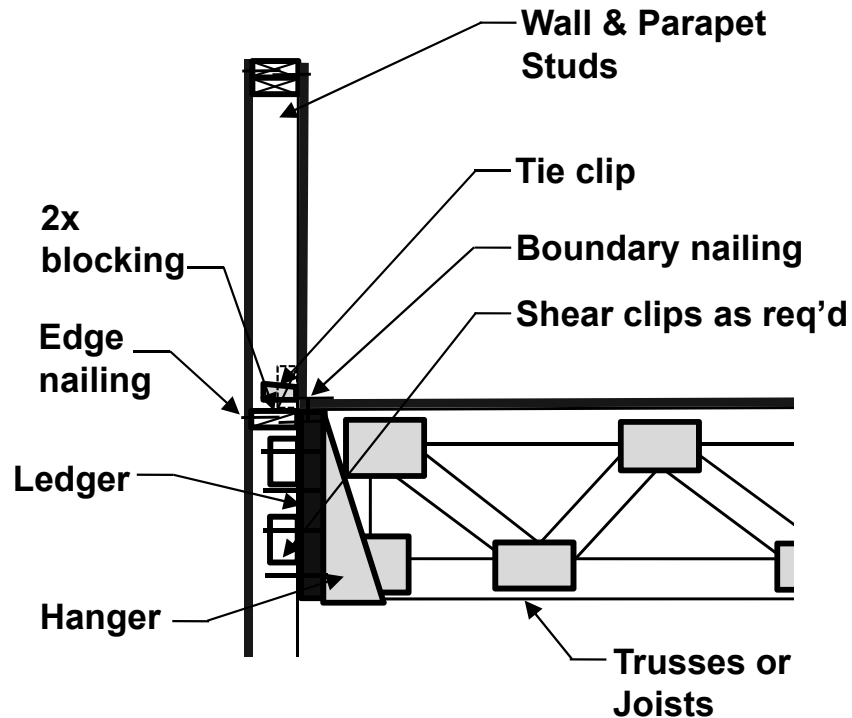
# Example Roof Framing System

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# Parapet Framing Options

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**Tall Stud Parapet Style**

# Parapet Wall Example

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- Sporting Good Retailer
- Dinuba, CA
- 17' to top of roof
- 22' to top of parapet
- 2x6 DF
- Used with hybrid panelized roof

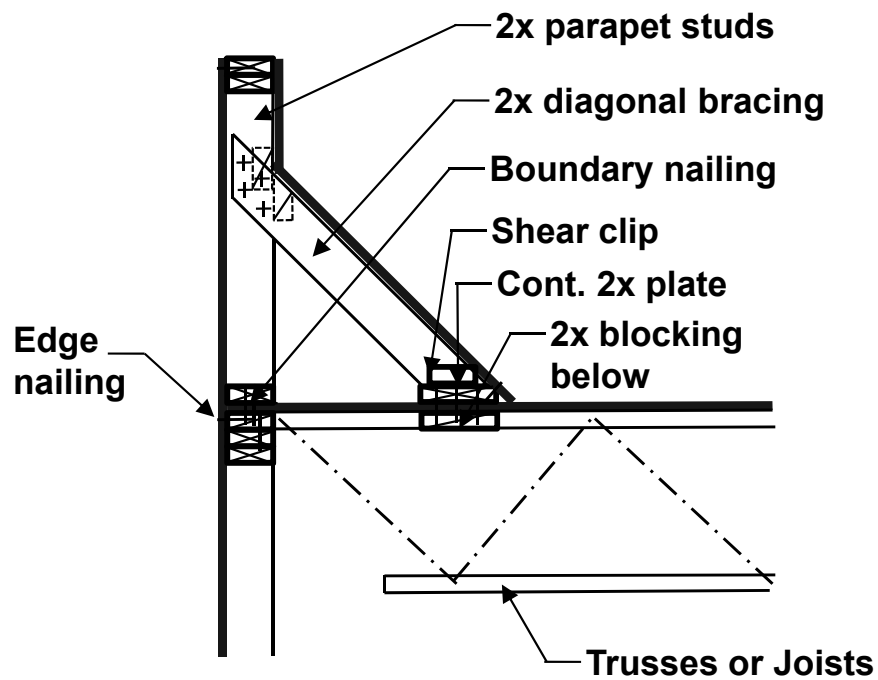


Pelton Engineering

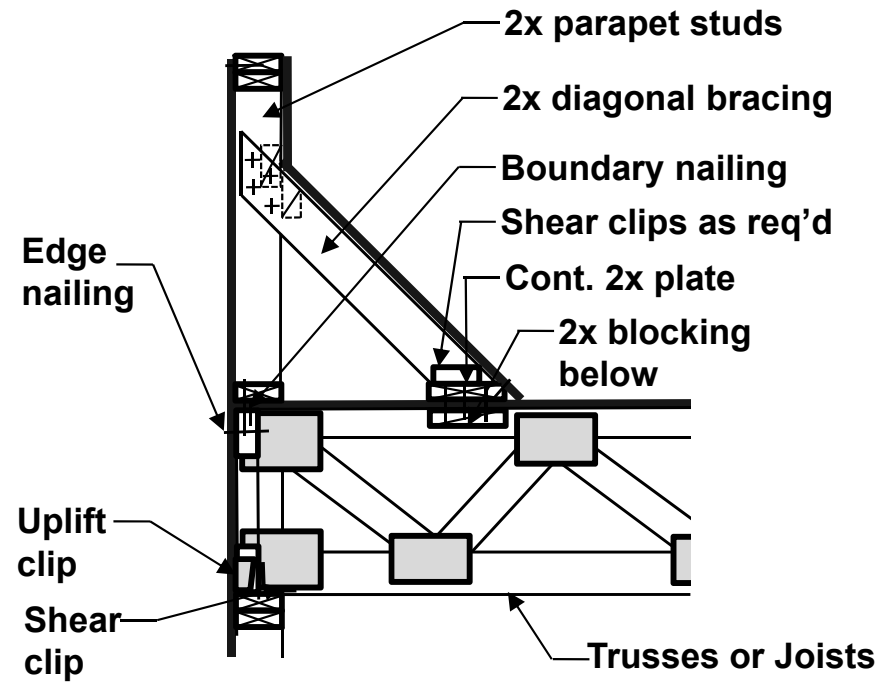


# Parapet Framing Options

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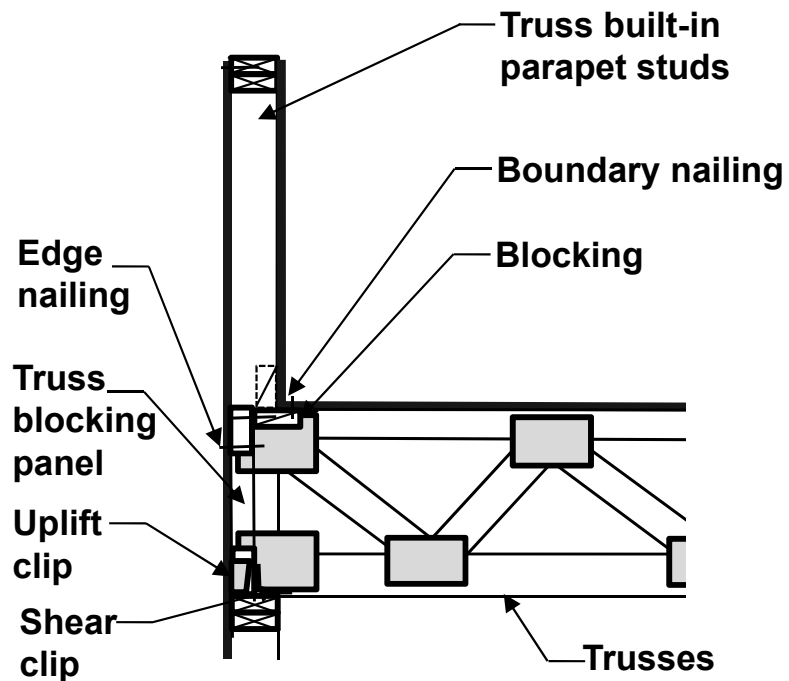
Top Flange Hanger Style



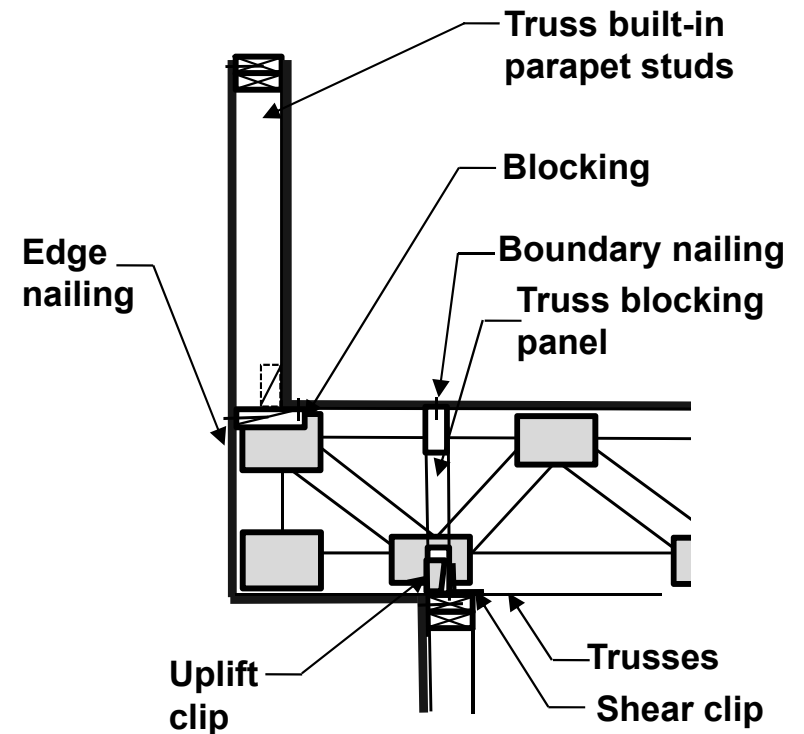
Platform Framing Style

## Built-Up Parapet Style

# Parapet Framing Options



Parapet Flush with Wall



Cantilevered Truss

## Parapet in Truss Style



# > Example Projects



# Layton Petro Mart --- Greenfield, WI



Commercial Wood Design Award 2009  
**Arquitectura, Inc.** – Milwaukee, WI



Layton Petro Mart, Greenfield, Wisconsin

Photos: Arquitectura, Inc.

Interior extension of beams through the glazed façade accentuate the lightness of the roof.



Layton Petro Mart, Greenfield, WI  
Photos: Arquitectura, Inc.









# Fast Food Restaurant

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- 2x6 wall studs
- 10' tall walls + 3' Parapet
- Brick and Stone Cladding



# Fast Food Restaurant

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## Roof Construction:

- Metal Plate Connected Wood Roof Trusses
- 36" Deep, 34' Spans, 32" o.c.





# Wood in Retail Design

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## National Chain Jewelry Store





# Retail – Jewelry Store

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- Murfreesboro, TN
- 2x8 wall studs, 22' tall
- Panelized walls
- Exterior Finishes Applied



# Retail – Jewelry Store

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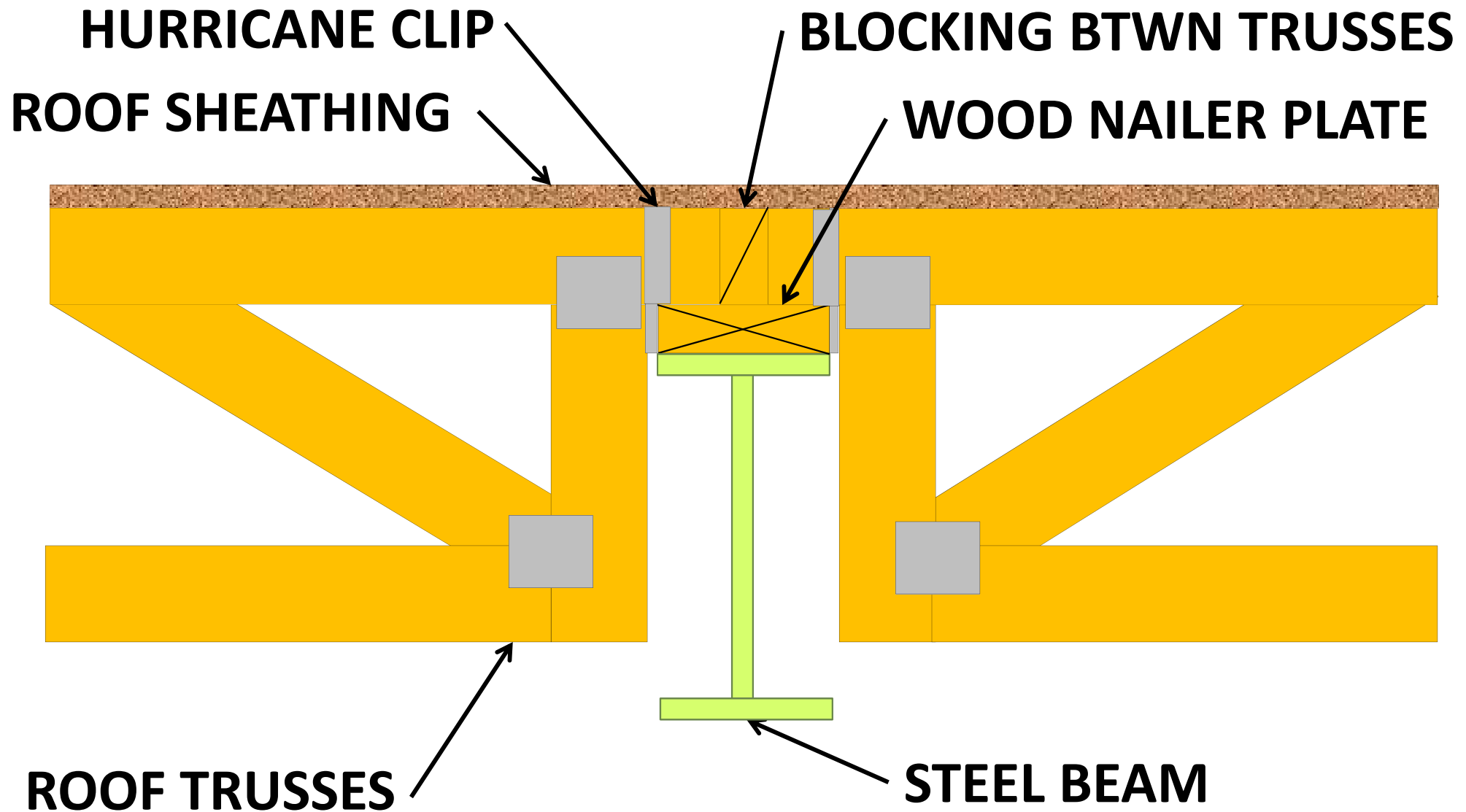
## Roof Construction:

- Metal Plate Connected Wood Roof Trusses, 25' Spans
- Steel beam utilized along center of building. 32' Spans



# Roof Framing Detail

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# Wood in Retail Design

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## Restaurant

- Murfreesboro, TN
- Completed July, 2015





# Restaurant – Brewery Chain

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## Roof Construction

- Wood Structural Panels Sheathing
- Composite Wood-Steel Open Web Trusses
- Glulam Beams
- 2x6 Bearing Walls



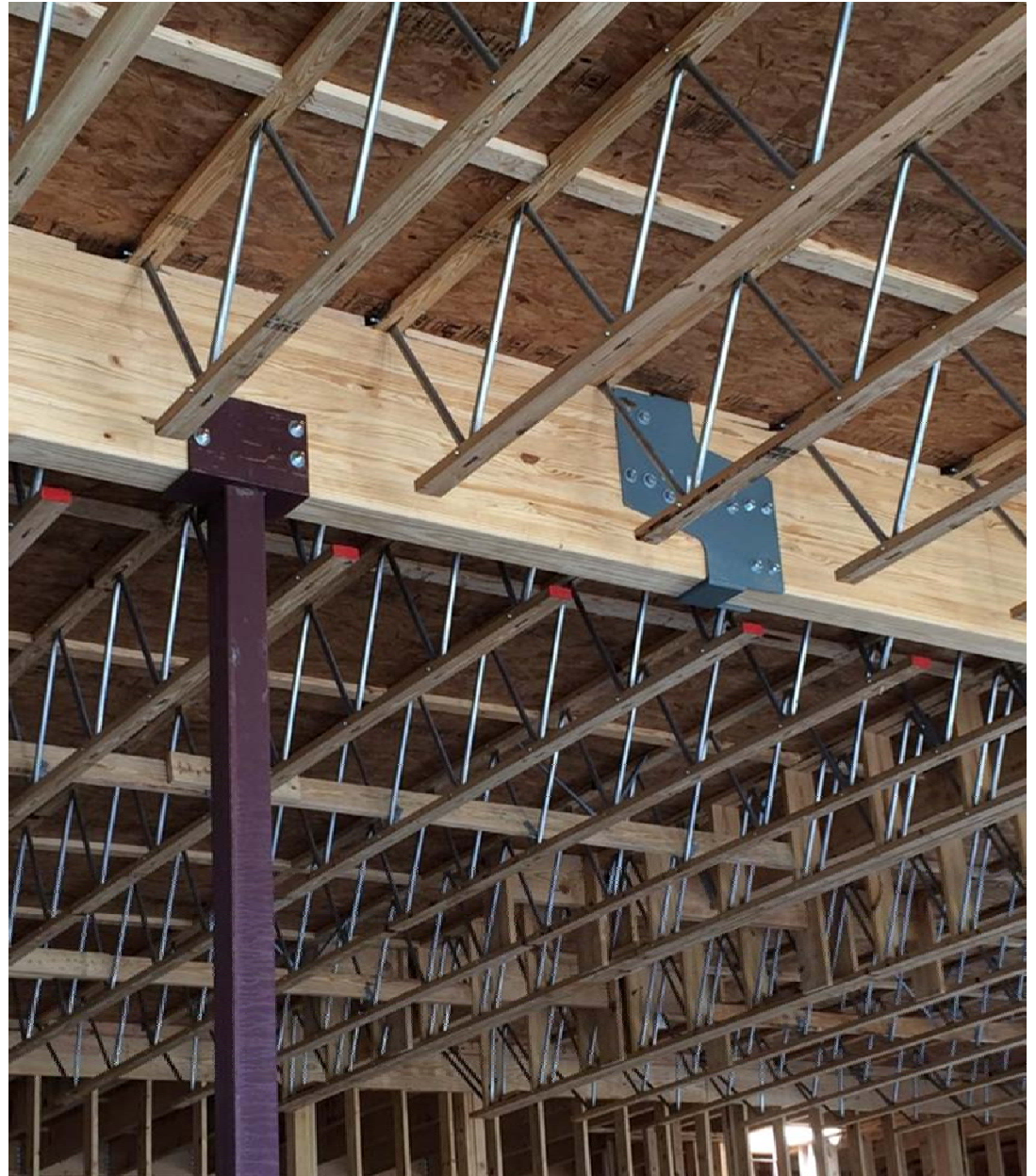




# Restaurant – Brewery Chain

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- Blocked Roof Diaphragm for Higher Capacity



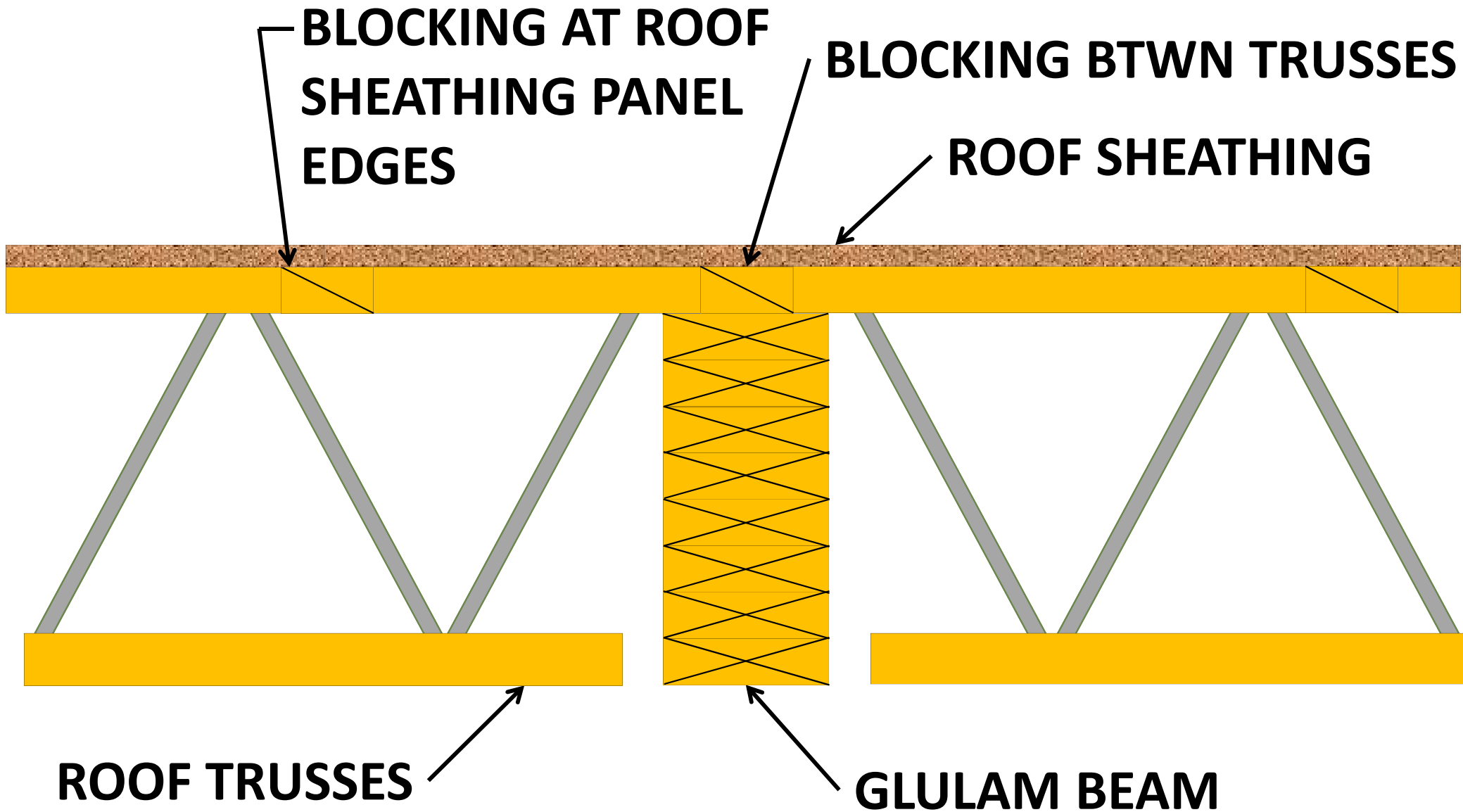






# Roof Framing Detail

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# Wood in Retail Design

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## Fast Food Restaurant

- Provo, UT



# Fast Food Restaurant

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## Building Construction

- Wood Structural Panels & T&G Decking Sheathing
- Composite Wood-Steel Open Web Roof Trusses & Solid Sawn Rafters
- Glulam Beams
- PSL & Built-Up Solid Sawn Columns
- 2x6 Bearing Walls & Shear Walls









# Fast Food Restaurant

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# Fast Food Restaurant

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# **Building Code: Allowable Heights and Areas**

# Height and Areas Code Analysis

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**Question:**

**For the building program, including occupancies and size, what Construction Types are allowed by the Building Code?**

**Answer:**

**Determined by Heights and Areas Code analysis**



# Heights and Areas – IBC 2009 Table 503

GROUP		TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION								
		TYPE I		TYPE II		TYPE III		TYPE IV	TYPE V	
		A	B	A	B	A	B	HT	A	B
	HEIGHT (feet)	UL	160	65	55	65	55	65	50	40
	STORIES(S) AREA (A)									
M	S A	UL UL	11 UL	4 21,500	2 12,500	4 18,500	2 12,500	4 20,500	3 14,000	1 9,000
R-1	S A	UL UL	11 UL	4 24,000	4 16,000	4 24,000	4 16,000	4 20,500	3 12,000	2 7,000
R-2	S A	UL UL	11 UL	4 24,000	4 16,000	4 24,000	4 16,000	4 20,500	3 12,000	2 7,000
R-3	S A	UL UL	11 UL	4 24,000	4 16,000	4 24,000	4 16,000	4 20,500	3 UL	3 UL
R-4	S A	UL UL	11 UL	4 24,000	4 16,000	4 24,000	4 16,000	4 20,500	3 12,000	2 7,000
S-1	S A	UL UL	11 48,000	4 26,000	2 17,500	3 26,000	2 17,500	4 25,500	3 14,000	1 9,000
S-2 <sup>b, c</sup>	S A	UL UL	11 79,000	5 39,000	3 26,000	4 39,000	3 26,000	5 38,500	4 21,000	2 13,500
U <sup>c</sup>	S A	UL UL	5 35,500	4 19,000	2 8,500	3 14,000	2 8,500	4 18,000	2 9,000	1 5,500

*Normal Calculated Allowable Heights and Area  
one route to an answer.*

*Don't overlook Unlimited Area Route*

# Unlimited Area Buildings

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IBC Section 507 gives Unlimited Area Building routes for Type III, IV and/or V Construction for the following occupancies:

Assembly

Education

Business

Factory

Mercantile

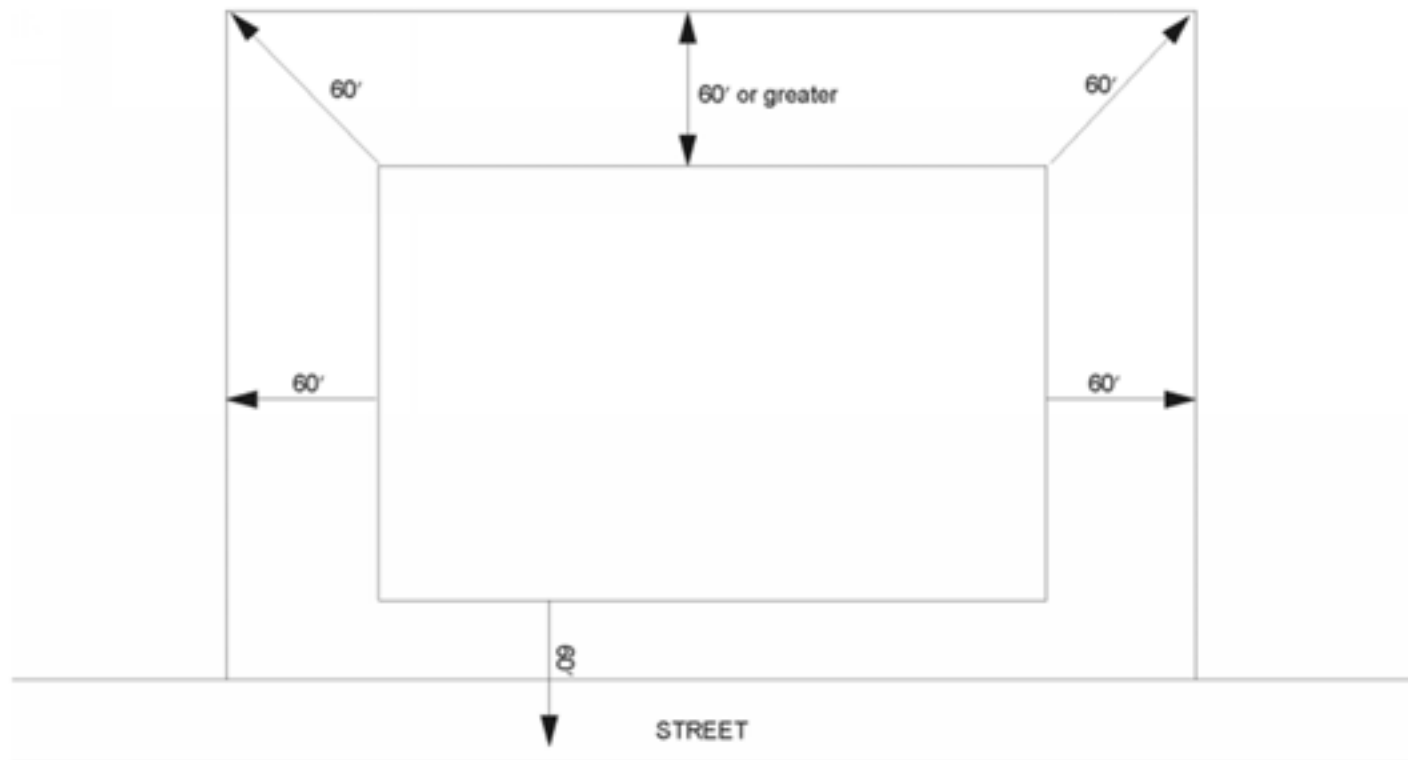
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# Unlimited Area Buildings

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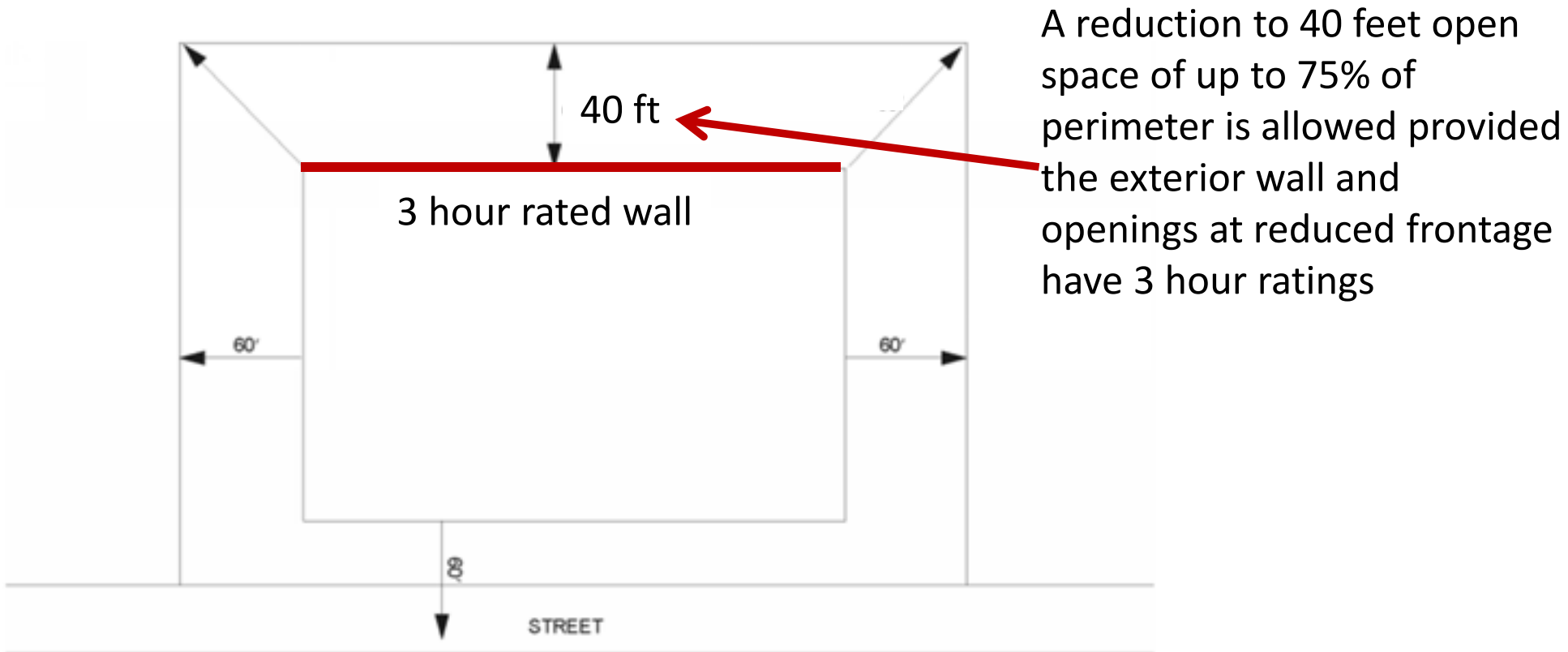
Provisions for unlimited area buildings rely on open space surrounding building (IBC 507)



**REQUIRED SEPARATION FOR UNLIMITED AREA BUILDINGS**

# Unlimited Area Buildings

Provisions for unlimited area buildings rely on open space surrounding building (IBC 507)



**REQUIRED SEPARATION FOR UNLIMITED AREA BUILDINGS**



# Unlimited Area Building Route 1

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B F M and S Occupancies can have **unlimited area** for **any construction type** provided:

- Two stories or less above grade plane
- Equipped with automatic sprinklers
- See IBC 2012 507.4 or IBC 2015 507.5



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# Unlimited Area Buildings

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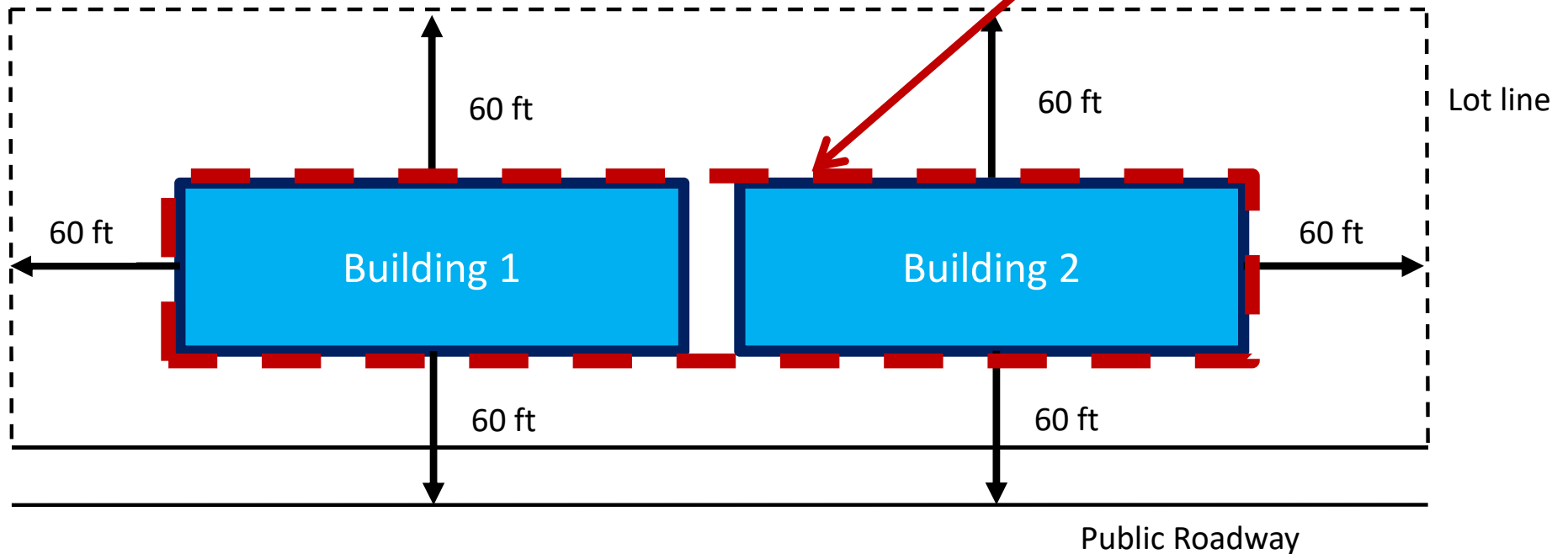
Can these buildings meet the open space provision to qualify for Unlimited Area?



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# Unlimited Area Building(s)?

Check as Single Building



IBC 2015 507.2 Commentary: Two unlimited area buildings ***on the same lot*** must be separated by 60 feet [or 40 feet if Section 507.2.1 is used] unless they are treated as a single building under the provisions of Section 503.1.2

# Other Unlimited Area Buildings Routes

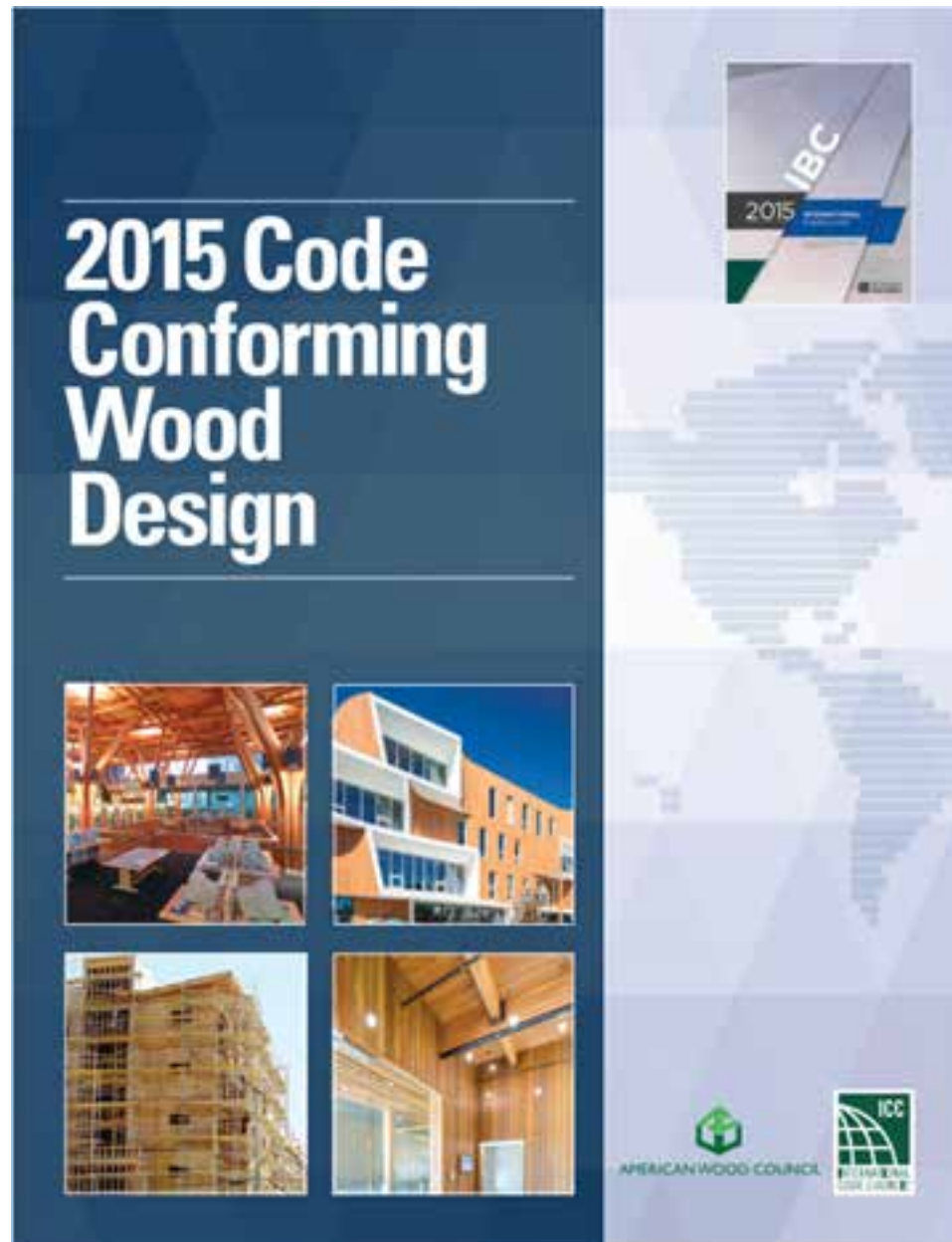
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- 1 Story A-4, Sprinklered of Type III or IV
  - See IBC 2015 507.4
- 1 Story A-3 of Type III or IV.
  - See IBC 2015 507.7
- 1 Story Group E Buildings of Type IIIA or IV
  - See IBC 2015 507.11



# AWC Code Conforming Wood Design

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# **Building Code: Multi-Tenant and Multi-Occupancy Buildings**

# Multi-Tenant Buildings

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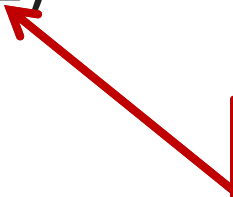
Lead to mixed occupancy buildings



# Code Sections Related to Multiple Occupancies

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- Incidental Uses (509)
- Accessory occupancies (508.2)
- Non-Separated occupancies (508.3)
- Separated Occupancies (508.4)
- Separate Buildings (503.1)
- Covered and Open Malls (402)



Outside scope of  
presentation



# Incidental Uses (IBC 509)

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- Ancillary function associated with an Occupancy
- Pose GREATER risk than the Occupancy
- Examples:
  - Laundry room over 100 square feet.
  - Refrigerant machinery room
  - Incinerator room
  - Furnace room
  - Boiler room



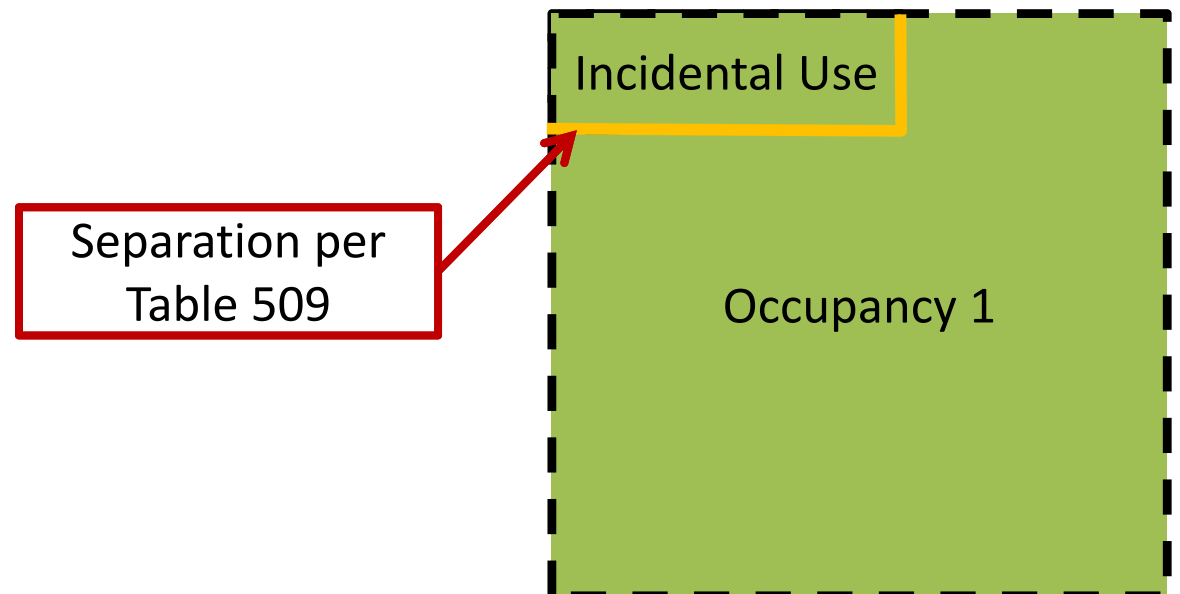
# Incidental Uses (IBC 509)

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- Not more than 10% of area of story
- Have fire separation, smoke separation and/or sprinkler systems per Table 509 and Section 509.4
- **NOT** classified as a different occupancy.
- **Allowable Building Area and Height per main Occupancy**



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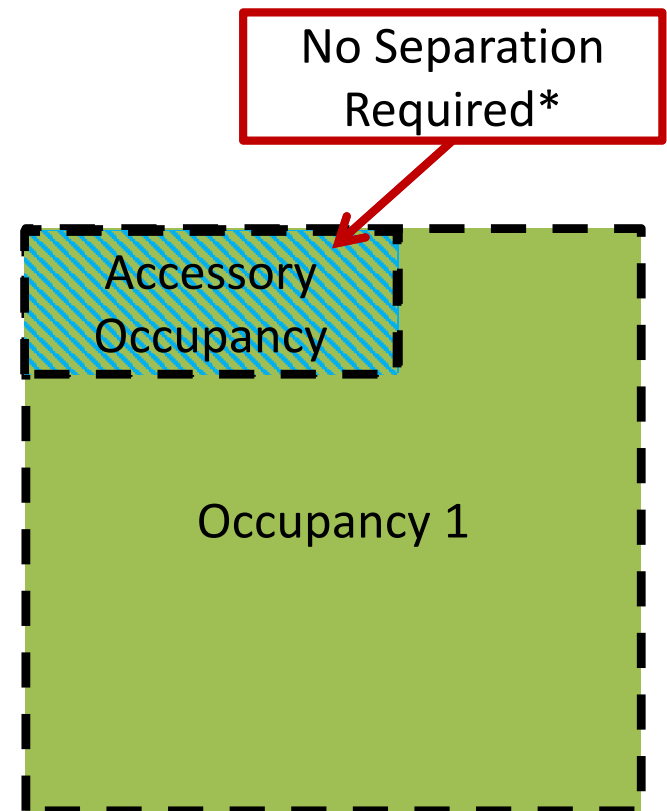
# Accessory Occupancies (508.2)

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- Ancillary to the main Occupancy
- Accessory Area not greater than:
  - 10% of the main Occupancy on same floor
  - IBC 506 “NS” Allowable Area limit of Accessory Occupancy
- No separation between occupancies required\*
- **Allowable Building Area and Height per main Occupancy**

\*Hazardous occupancies require separation

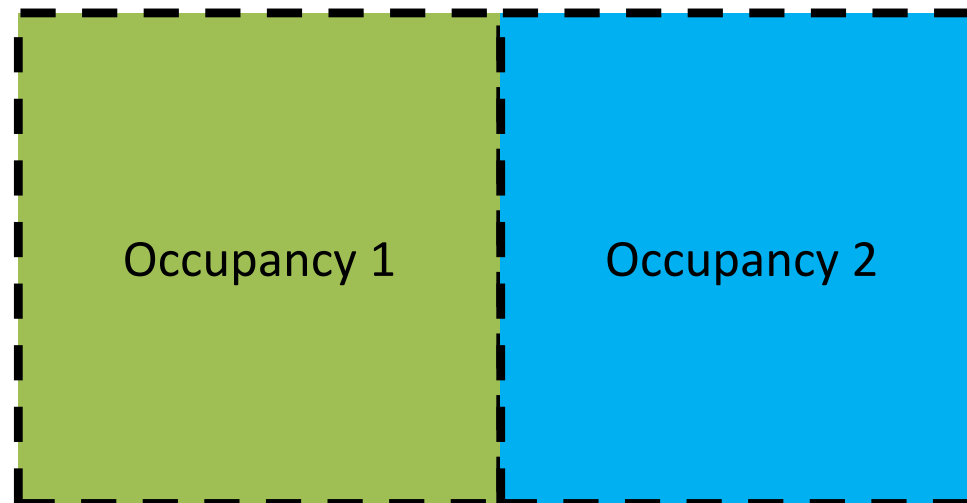
\*Residential separations per Section 420 still apply



# Non-Separated Occupancies (508.3)

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- Most restrictive requirements of all occupancies apply for:
  - Fire Protection Systems (Chapter 9)
  - Allowable Height and Area
- Other requirements for each portion based upon occupancy of that portion
- No separation between occupancies required\*



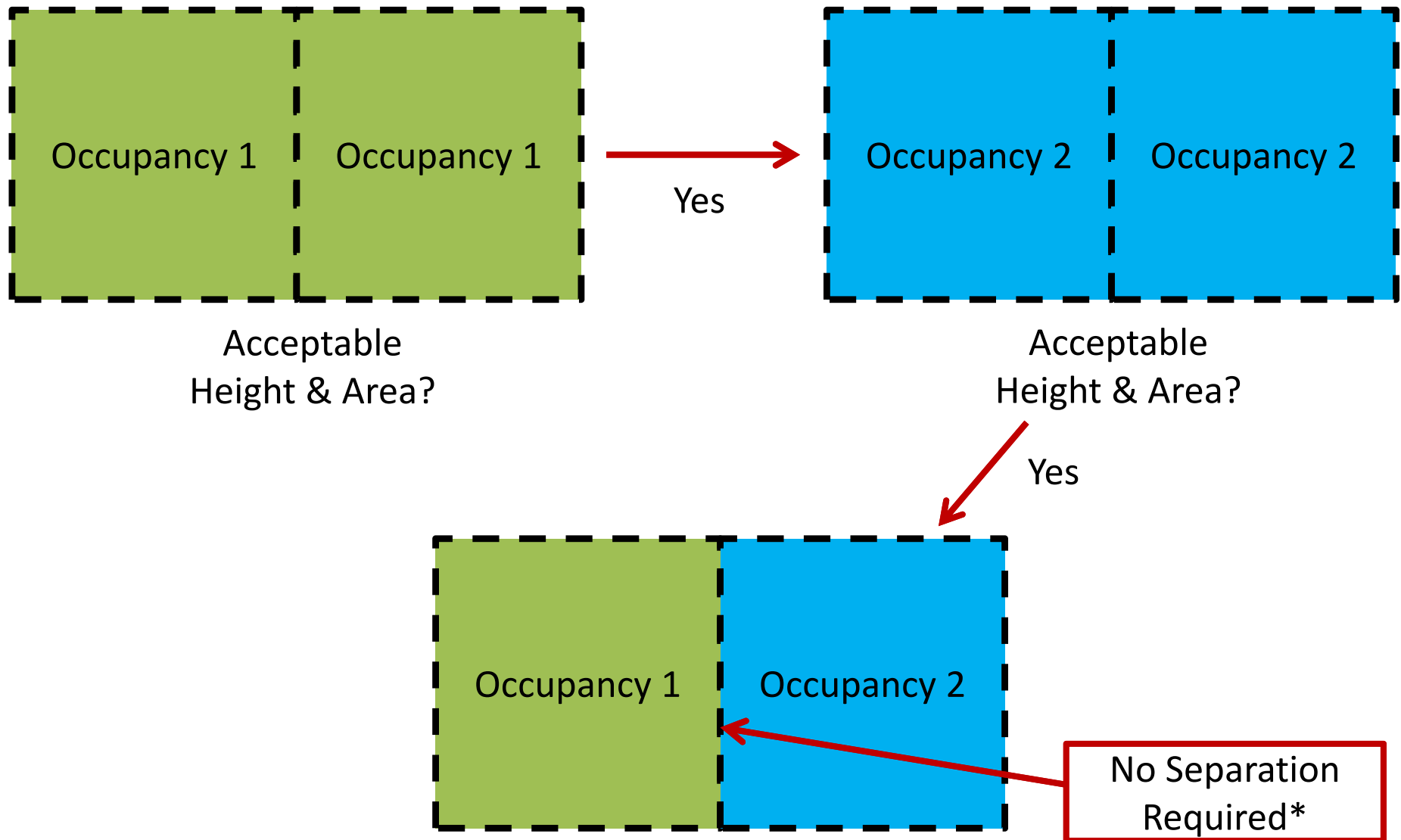
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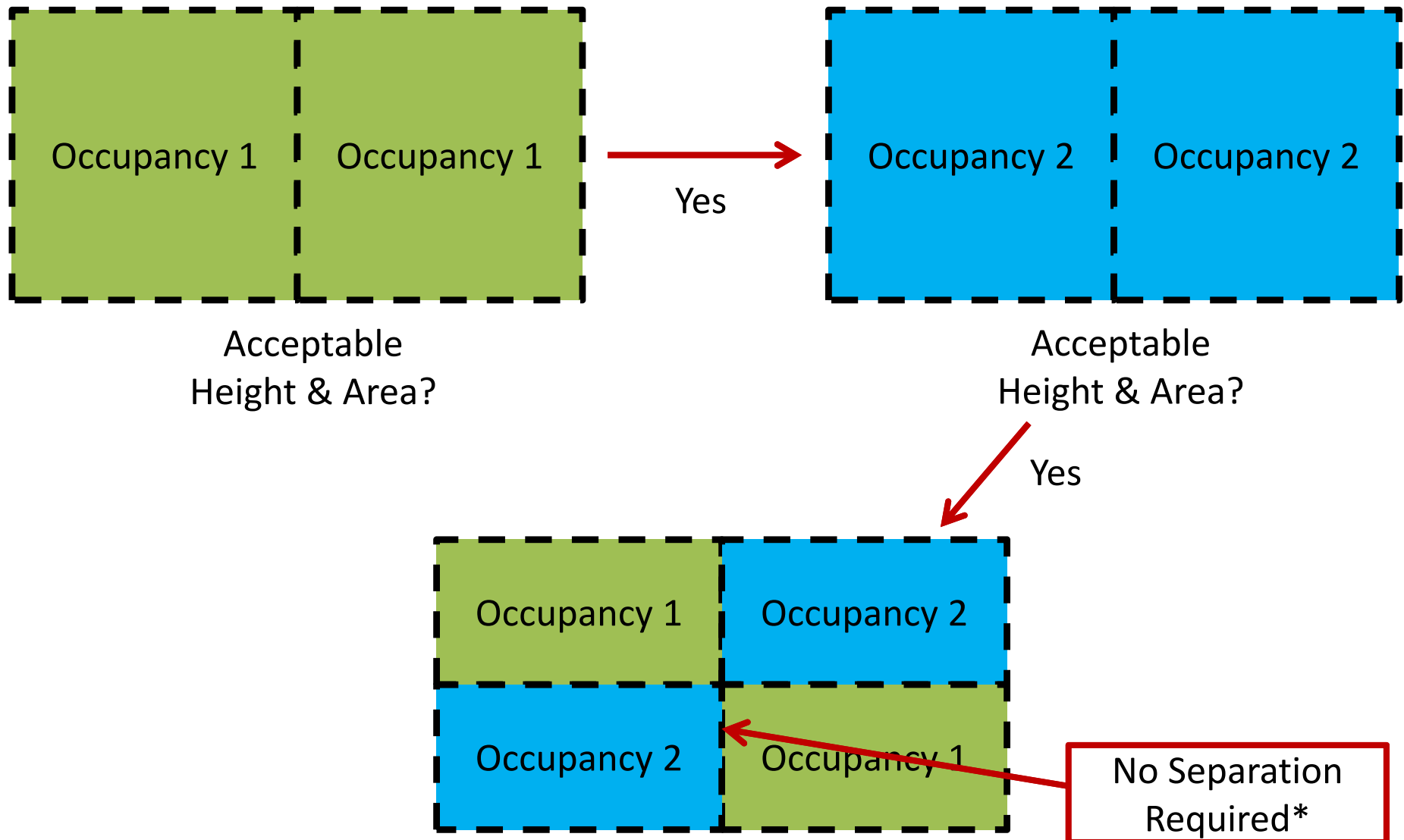
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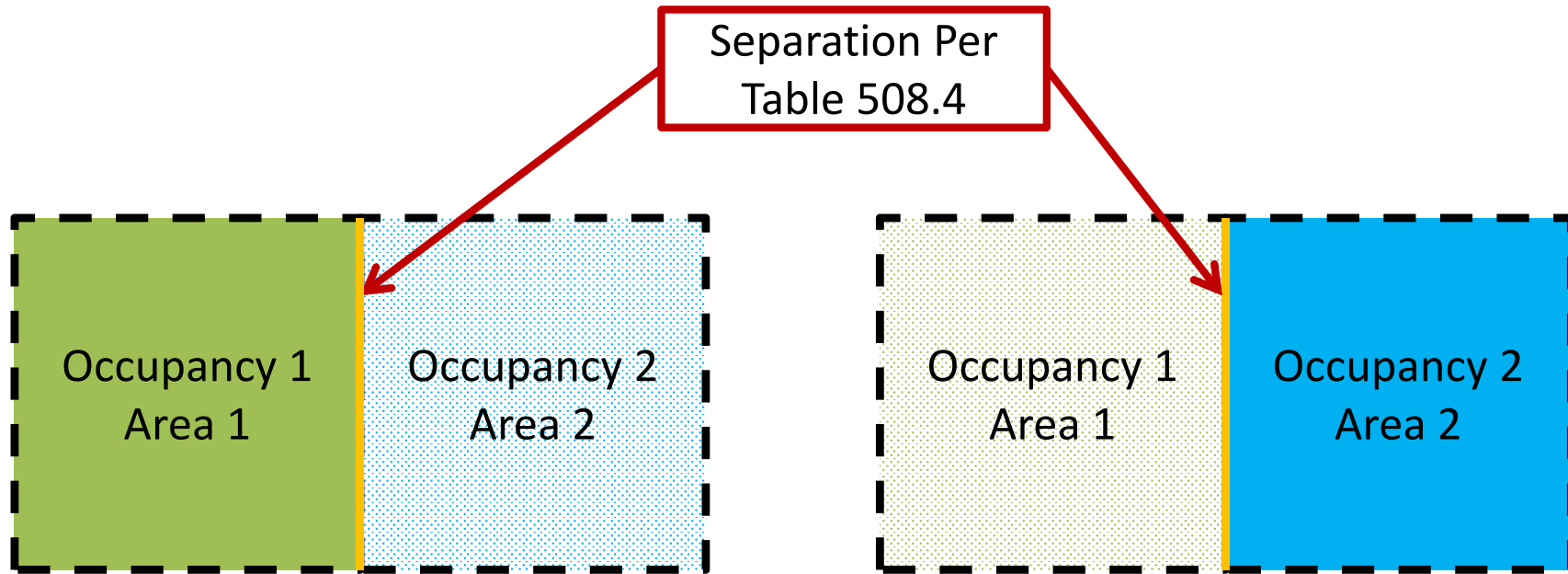
# Separated Occupancies (508.4)

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- Requirements of code for each portion based upon occupancy of that portion
- Allowable Height of each occupancy based upon construction type and occupancy
- Allowable Area of each story
  - Sum of actual area over allowable area of each occupancy  $\leq 1.0$

# Separated Occupancies (508.4)

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$$\frac{A1}{\text{Allowable Area for Occupancy 1}} + \frac{A2}{\text{Allowable Area for Occupancy 2}} \leq 1.0$$

Check Performed for each Story.  
Separation by Fire Barriers and Horizontal Assemblies



# Separated Occupancies (508)

Separation by *Fire Barriers* and *Horizontal Assemblies* required per Table 508.4

OCCUPANCY	A, E		I-1 <sup>a</sup> , I-3, I-4		I-2		R <sup>a</sup>		F-2, S-2 <sup>b</sup> , U		B <sup>c</sup> , F-1, M, S-1	
	S	NS	S	NS	S	NS	S	NS	S	NS	S	NS
A, E	N	N	1	2	2	NP	1	2	N	1	1	2
I-1 <sup>a</sup> , I-3, I-4	—	—	N	N	2	NP	1	NP	1	2	1	2
I-2	—	—	—	—	N	N	2	NP	2	NP	2	NP
R <sup>a</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	N	N	1 <sup>c</sup>	2 <sup>c</sup>	1	2
F-2, S-2 <sup>b</sup> , U	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	N	N	1	2
B <sup>c</sup> , F-1, M, S-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	N	N
H-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
H-2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
H-3, H-4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
H-5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

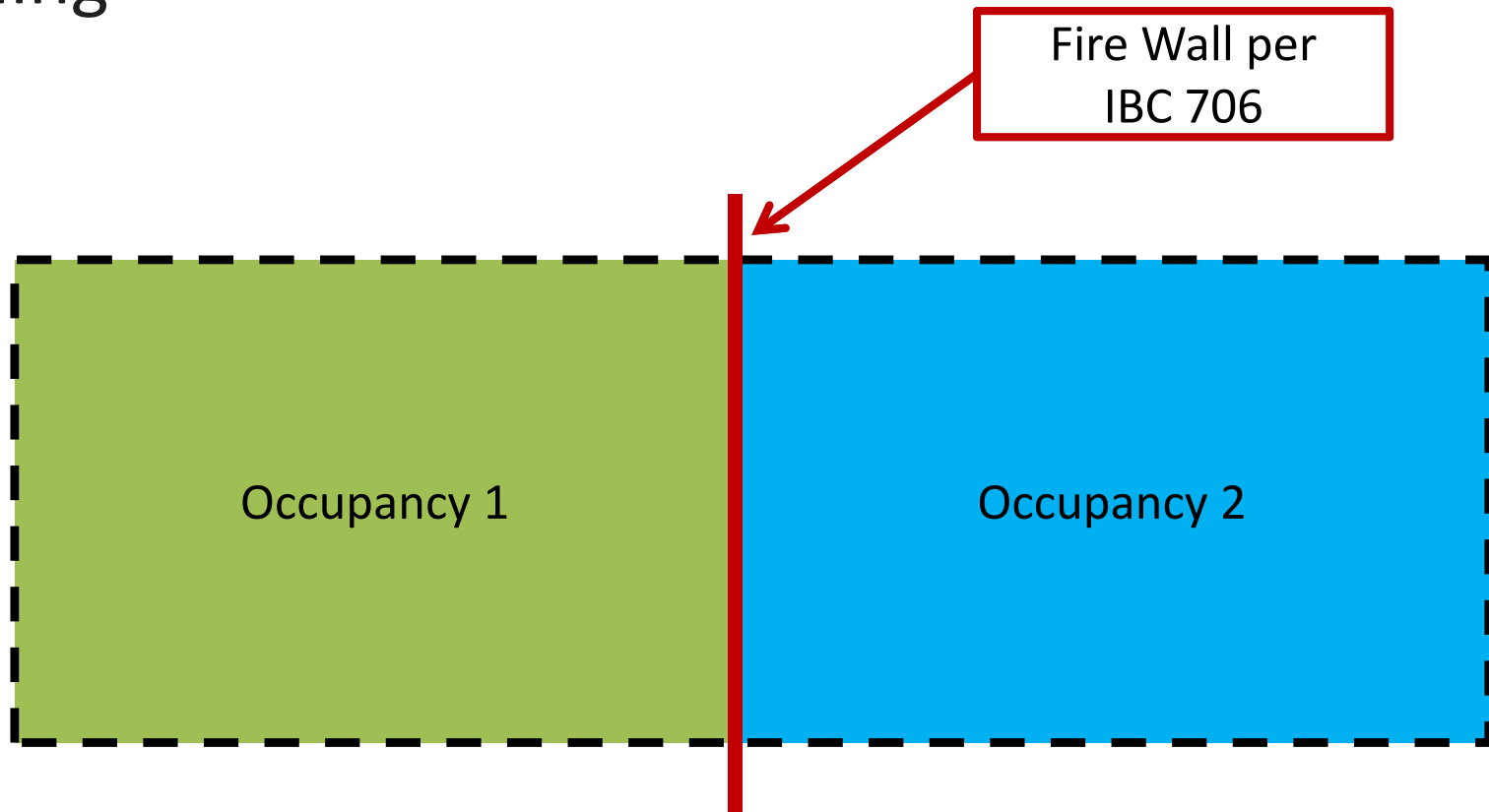
Table 508.4 (Abbreviated)

***NP = Not Permitted, N = No Separation Required***

# Separate Buildings

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Each portion of a building separated by one or more ***fire walls*** shall be considered to be a separate building



IBC H&A Calculator available from WoodWorks website

[\*http://www.woodworks.org/design-and-tools/design-tools/online-calculators/\*](http://www.woodworks.org/design-and-tools/design-tools/online-calculators/)  
*Handles Separated Occupancies*  
*Non-Separated Occupancies (Check “both”)*



# > Retail Store Case Study



# Retail Store Design

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- 55,000 sf chain grocery store in northern CA
- Originally designed and built with steel and masonry
- WoodWorks commissioned structural re-design with wood framing
- Comparing original to wood re-design, WoodWorks commissioned cost estimate & LCA studies

# Big Cost Savings for Retail Store

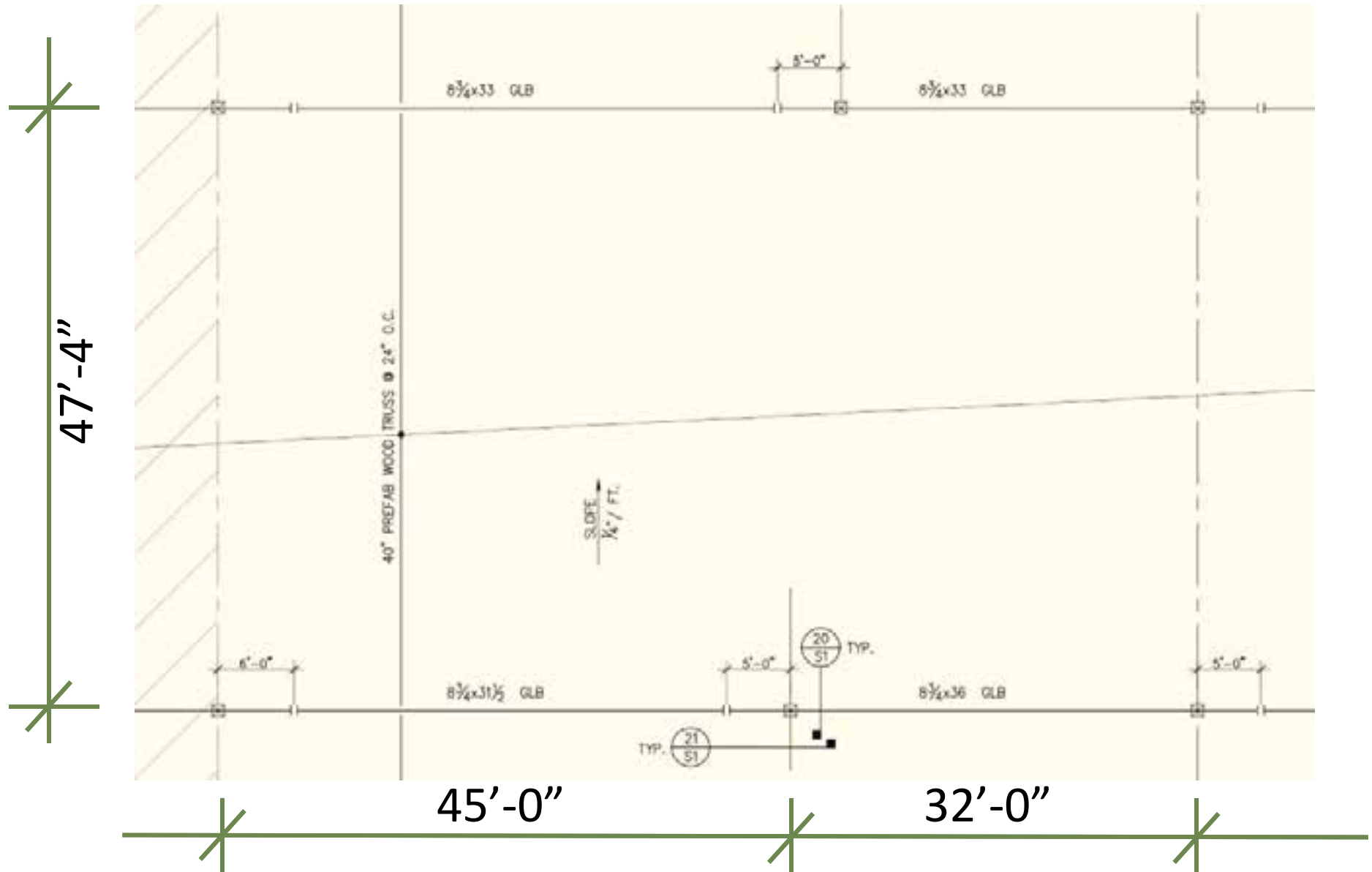
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- Original Steel & Masonry Building: \$4.49 M
- Wood Building: \$3.5 M
- Nearly **\$1 M Savings** – 22% Savings - \$18/sf Savings



# Retail Store: Gravity Framing System

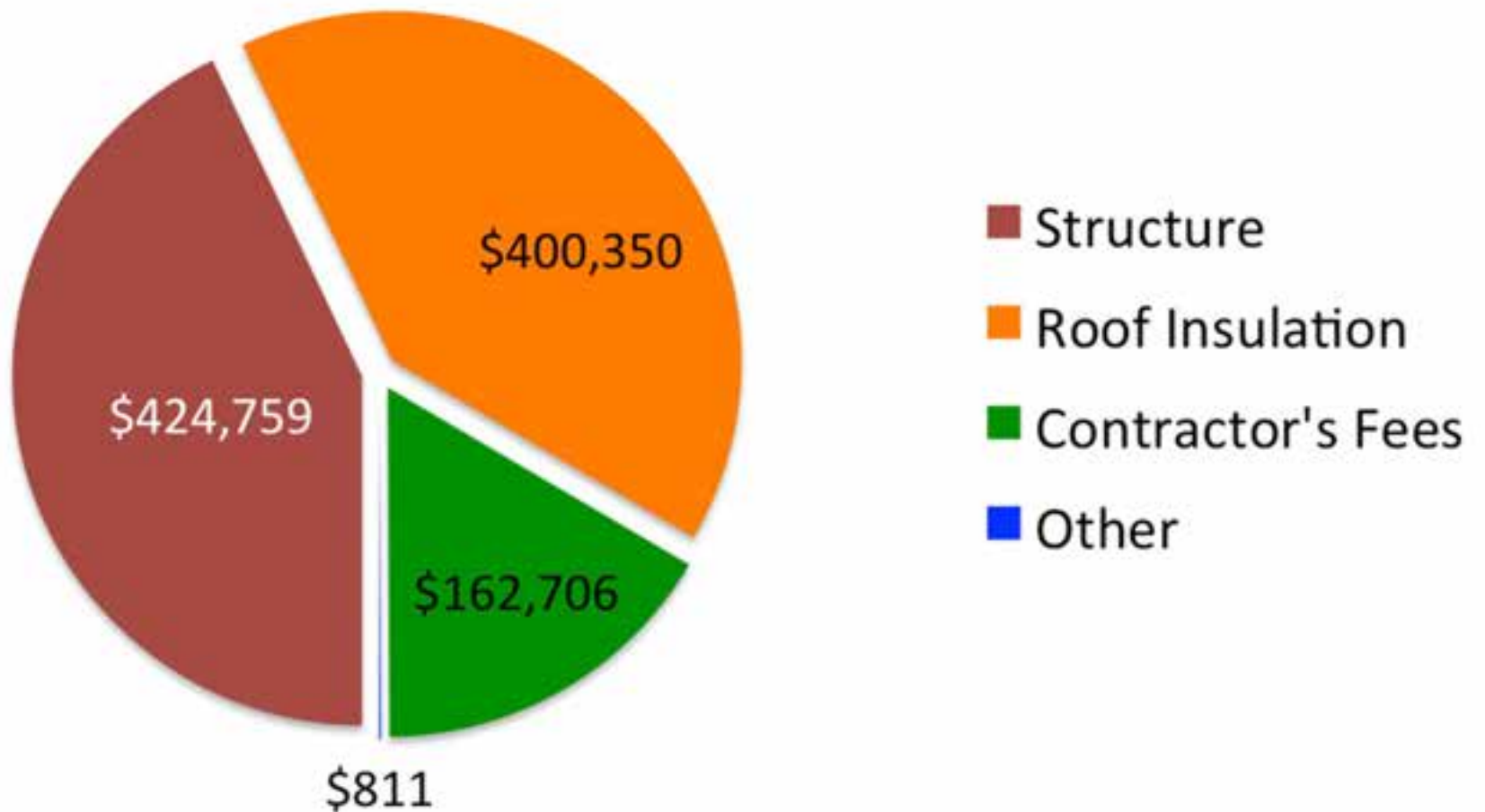
## Partial Roof Framing Plan



# Cost Savings Factor: Structure

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## Total Wood Framed Building Cost Savings





# Cost Savings Factor: Roof Insulation

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- Original Steel & Masonry Building: 4.5" Extruded Polystyrene (XPS) Rigid Insulation on Top of Steel Roof Deck. R-22. **Cost = \$783,000**
- Wood Building: 5.5" Fiberglass Batts Between Roof Trusses. R-22. **Cost = \$383,000**
- **Roof Insulation Savings of \$400,000**



Source: Owens Corning



Source: Network

# Cost Savings Factor: Structure

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Source: Canadian Wood Council

# Cost Savings Factor: Structure

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Source: APA

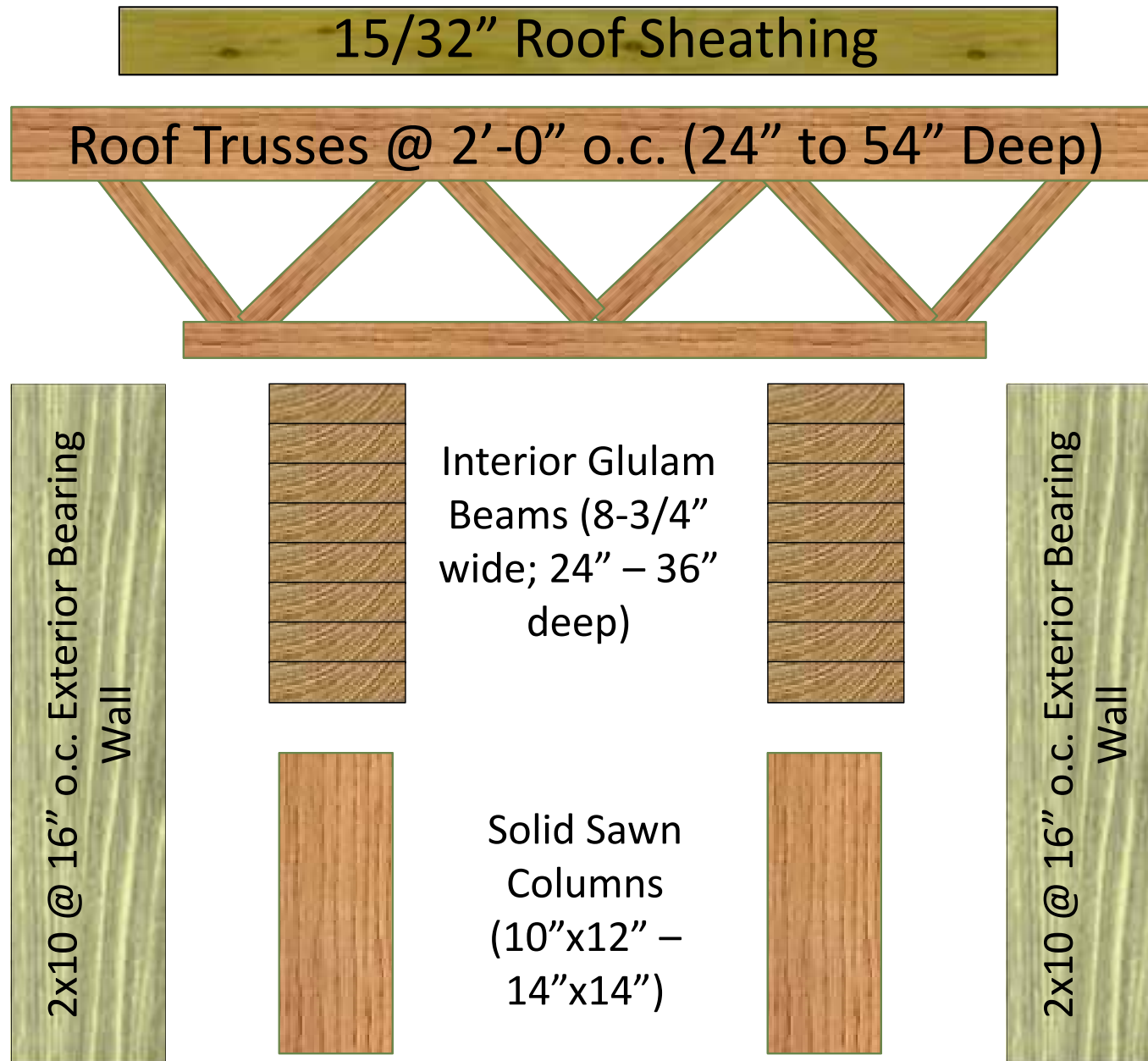
Total Structure Cost Savings  
for Wood Building =  
\$425,000



Source: LP Building Products

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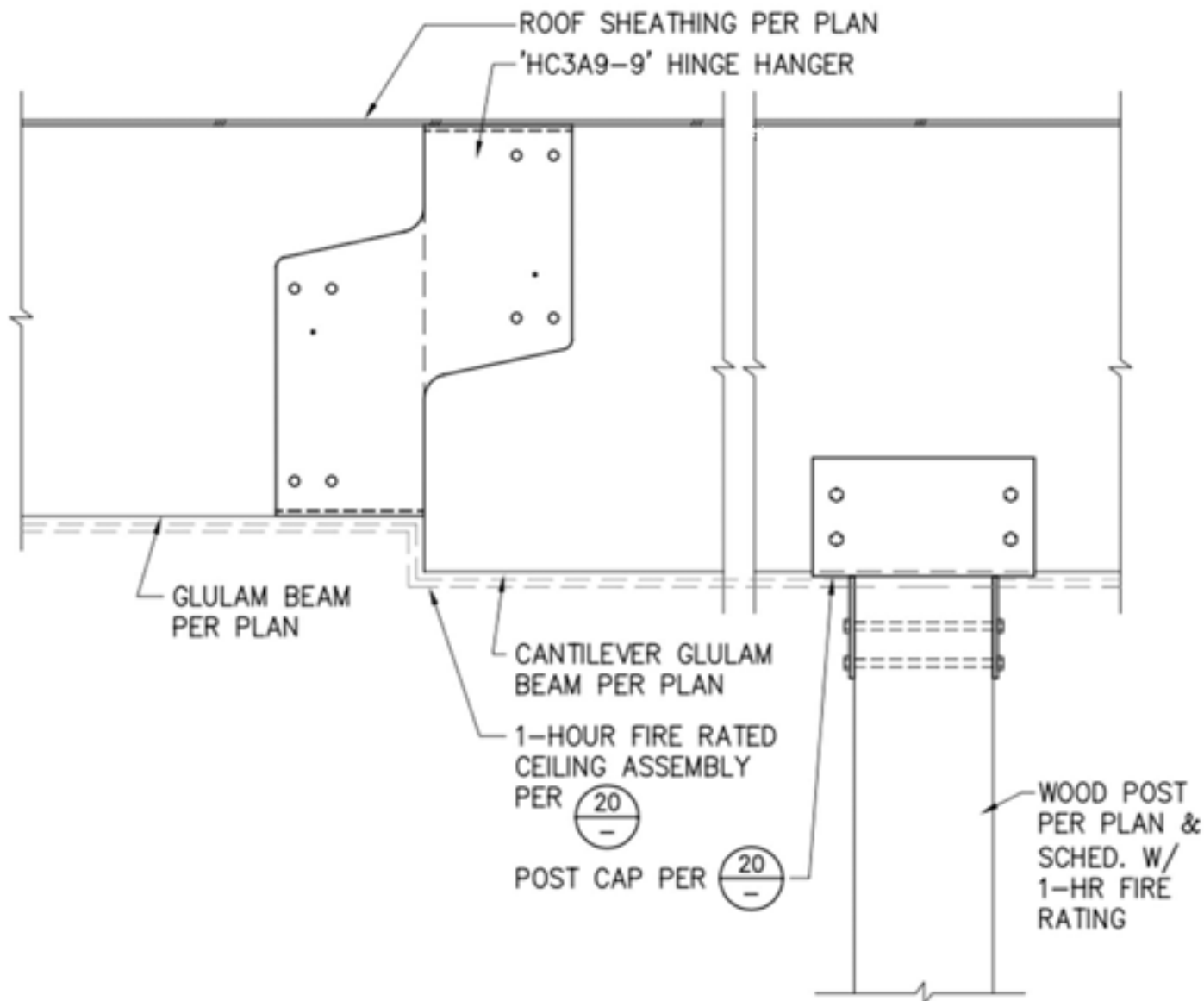


# Cost Savings Factor: Structure

Category	Steel Bldg Element	Wood Bldg Element	Wood Bldg Cost Savings
<b>Roof Beams</b>	Open web steel joist girders	Glulam Beams	<u>\$164k</u>
<b>Roof Decking</b>	1-1/2" Steel Deck	15/32" Sheathing	<u>\$114k</u>
<b>Columns</b>	HSS Columns	Solid Sawn Columns	<u>\$107k</u>
<b>Primary Roof Framing</b>	Open web steel joists	Prefab Trusses	<u>\$66k</u>
<b>Wall Framing</b>	6" metal studs & 8" masonry	2x10 @ 16" o.c.	<u>\$54k</u>
<b>Ceiling</b>	N.A.	5/8" gyp & RC	<u>\$80k Extra</u>
<b>Total Wood Structure Cost Savings</b>			<u><b>\$425k</b></u>

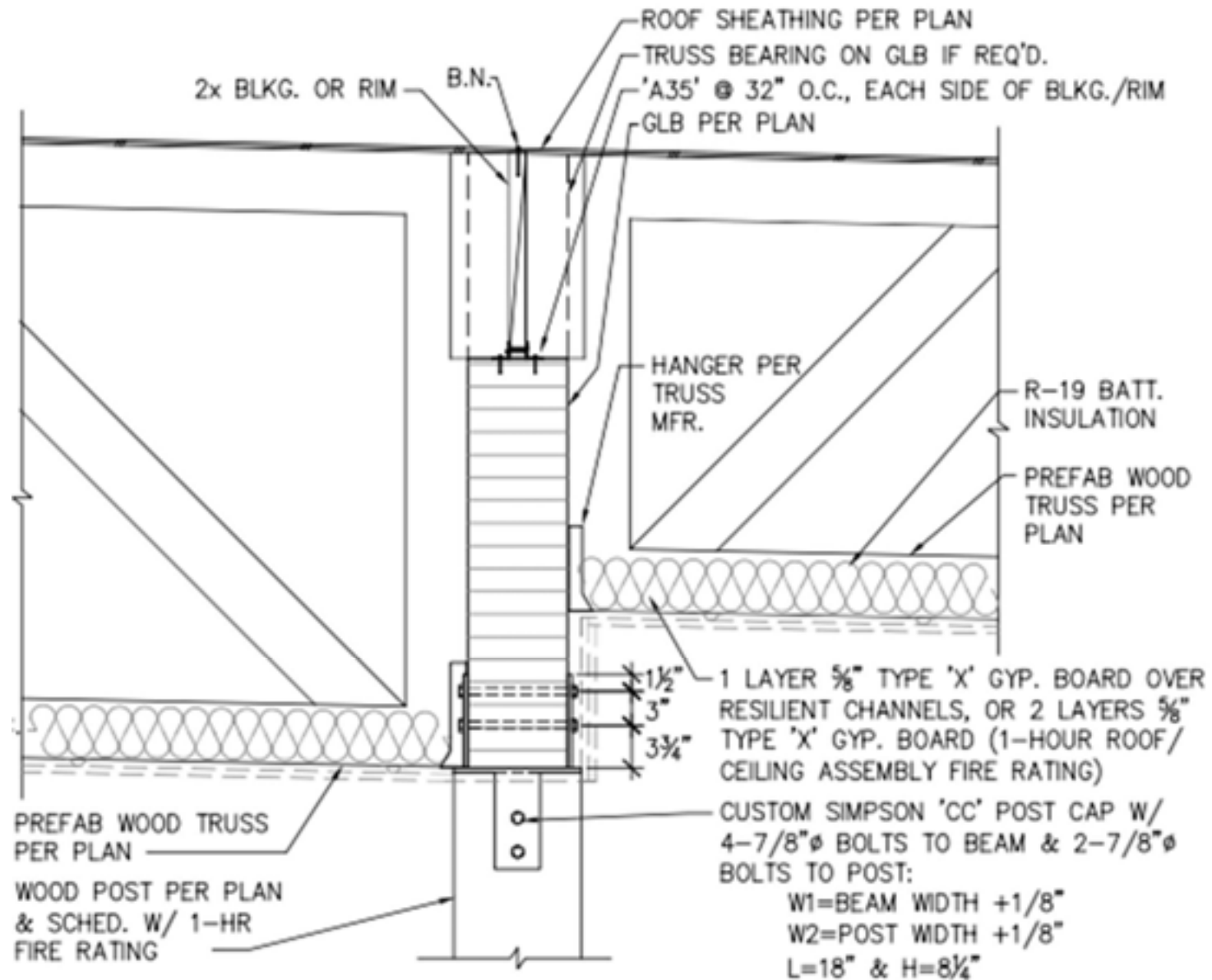
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## Glulam Roof Beam Connection Details



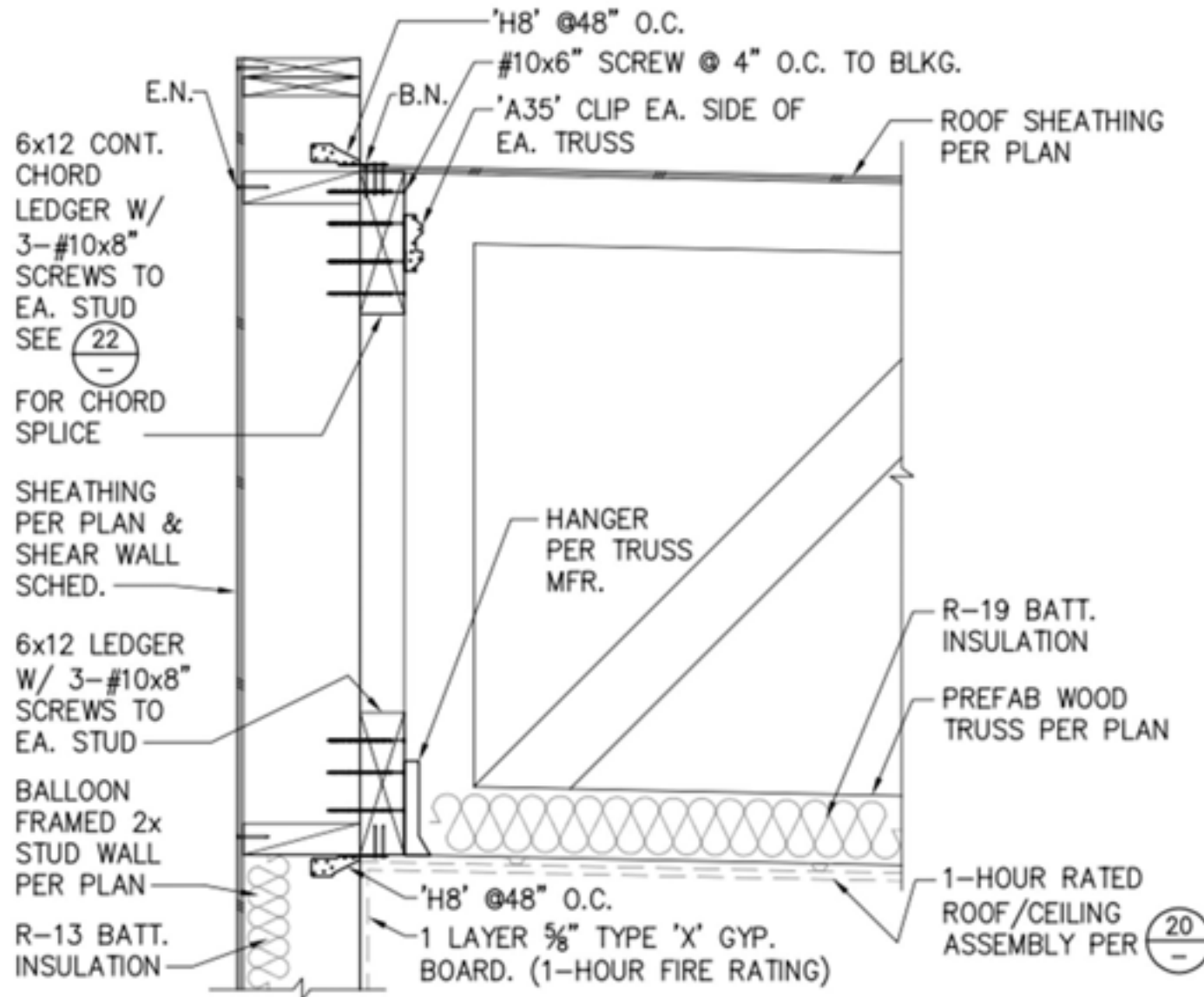
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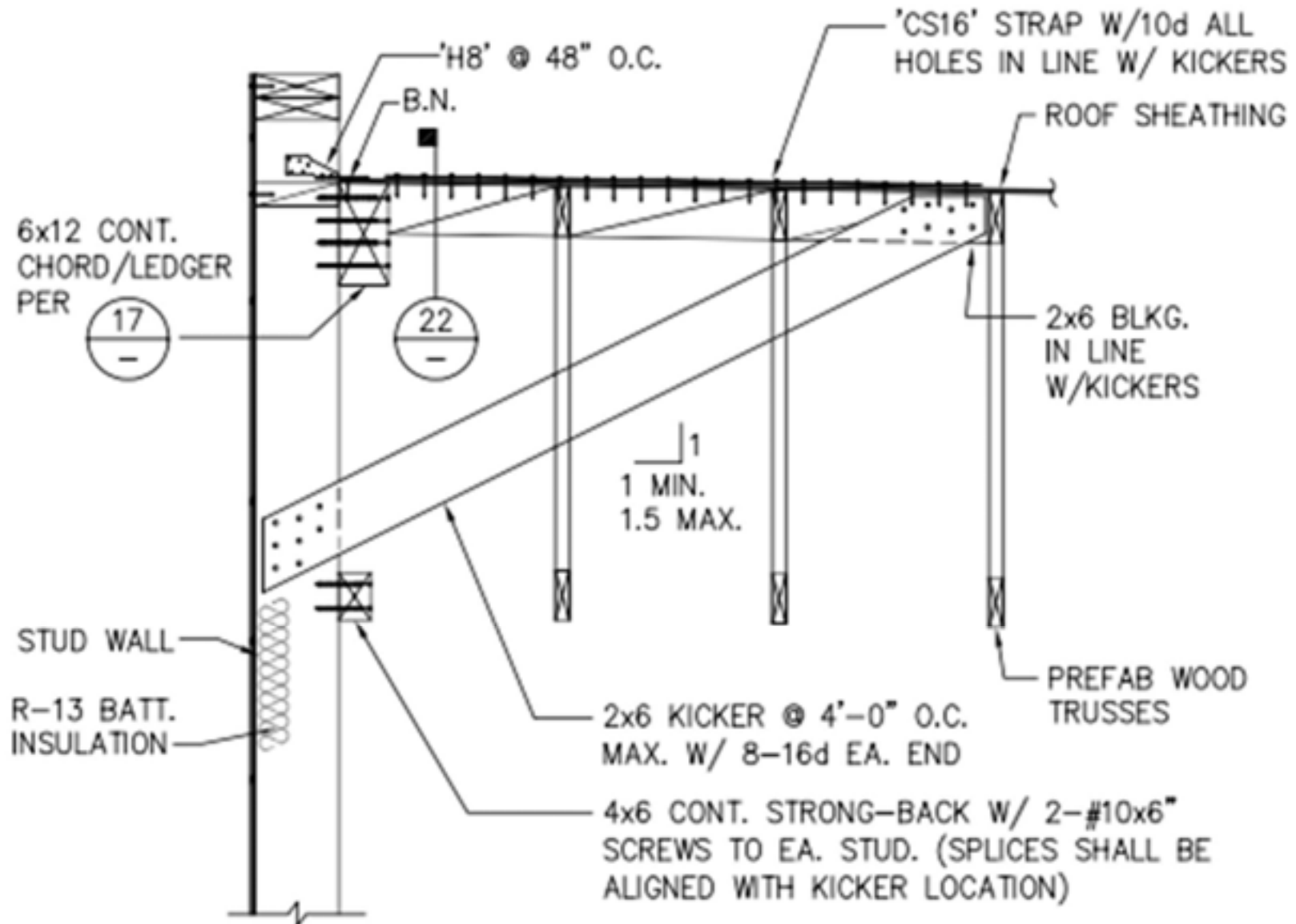
## Exterior Wall Details





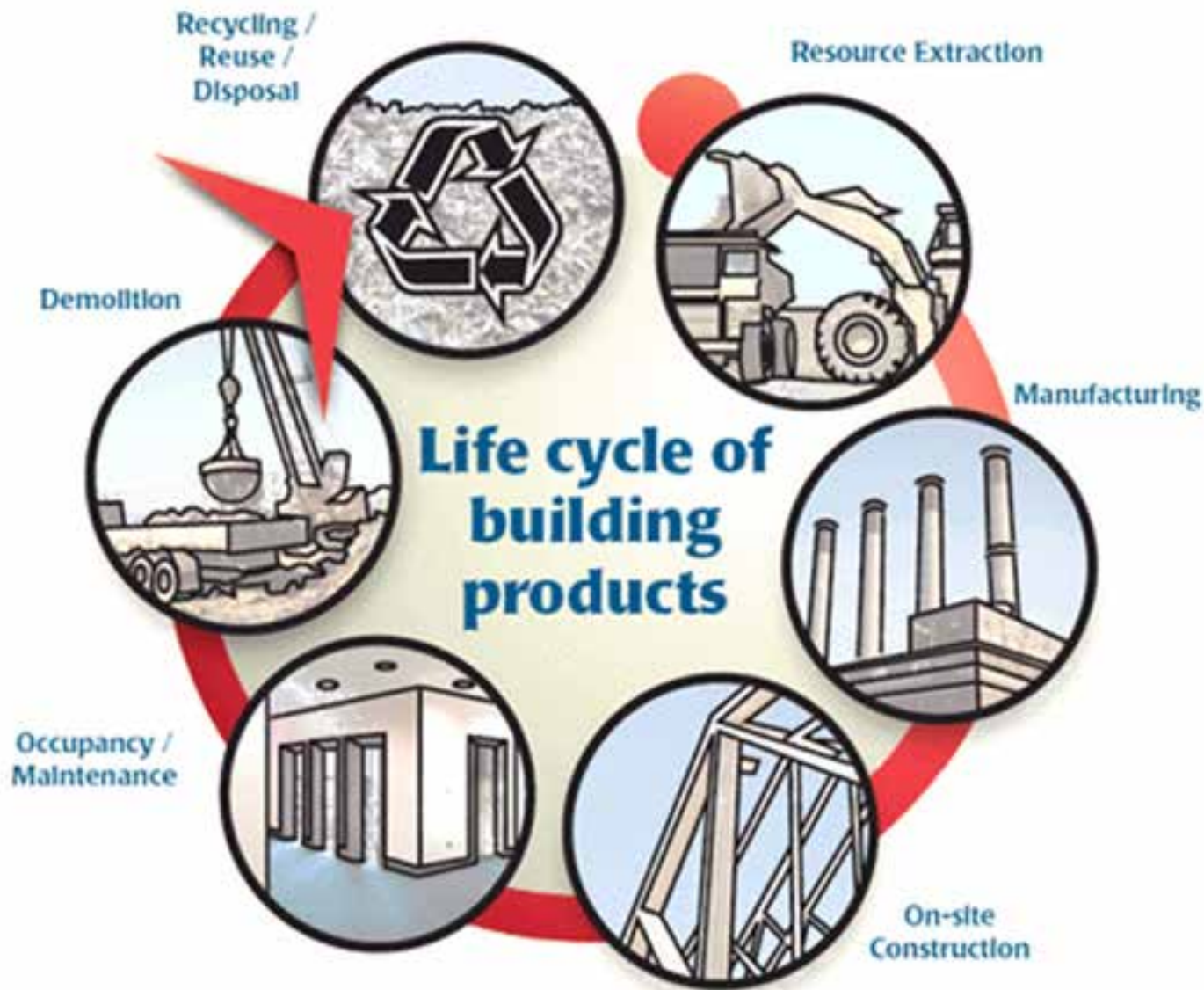
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## Exterior Wall Details



# Life Cycle Assessment

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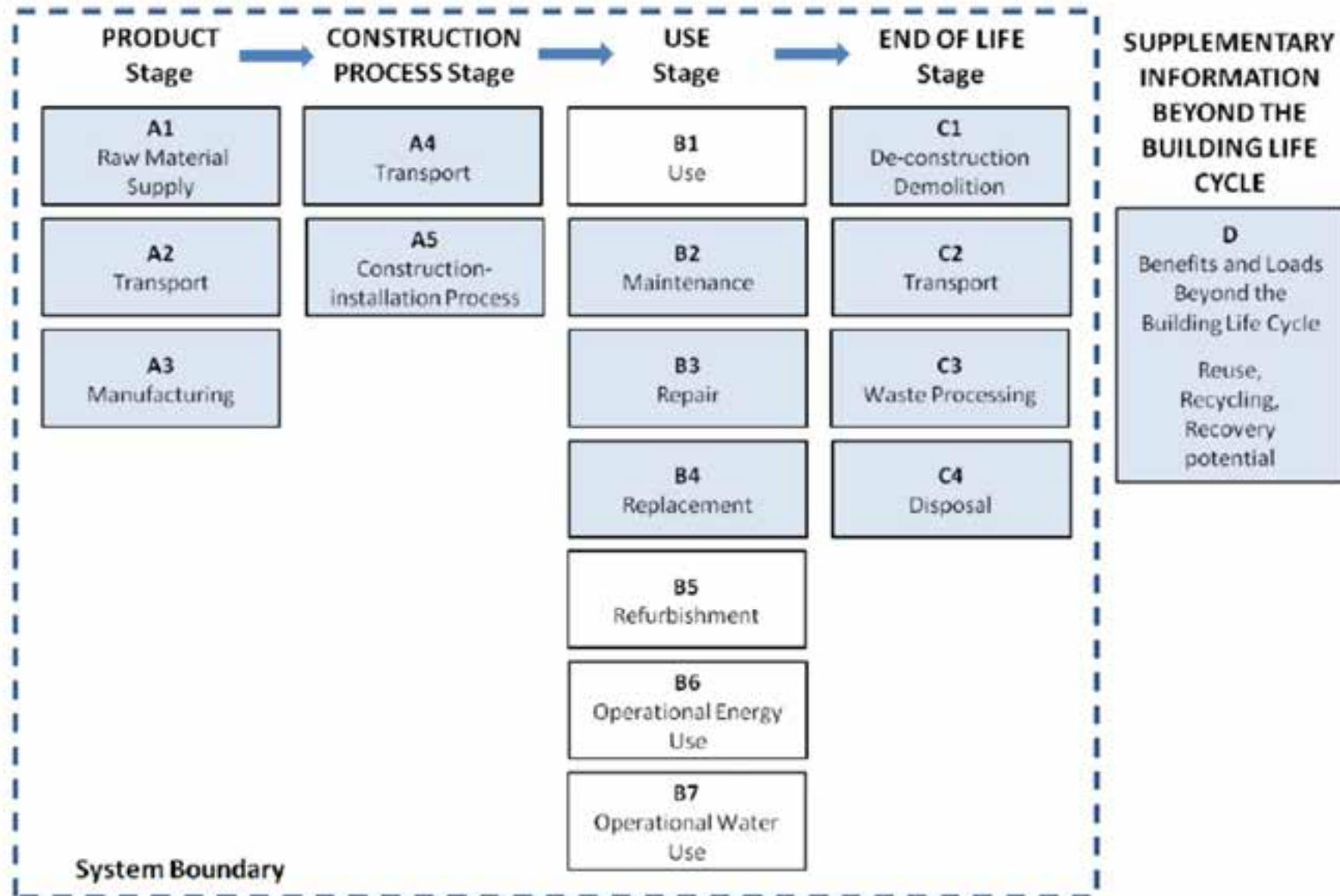


# Life Cycle Assessment

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- Measures the environmental impacts of materials, assemblies or buildings over their entire lives—from extraction or harvest of raw materials through manufacturing, transportation, installation, use, maintenance and disposal or recycling.
- Allows design professionals to compare different building designs based on their environmental impacts and make informed choices about the materials they use.

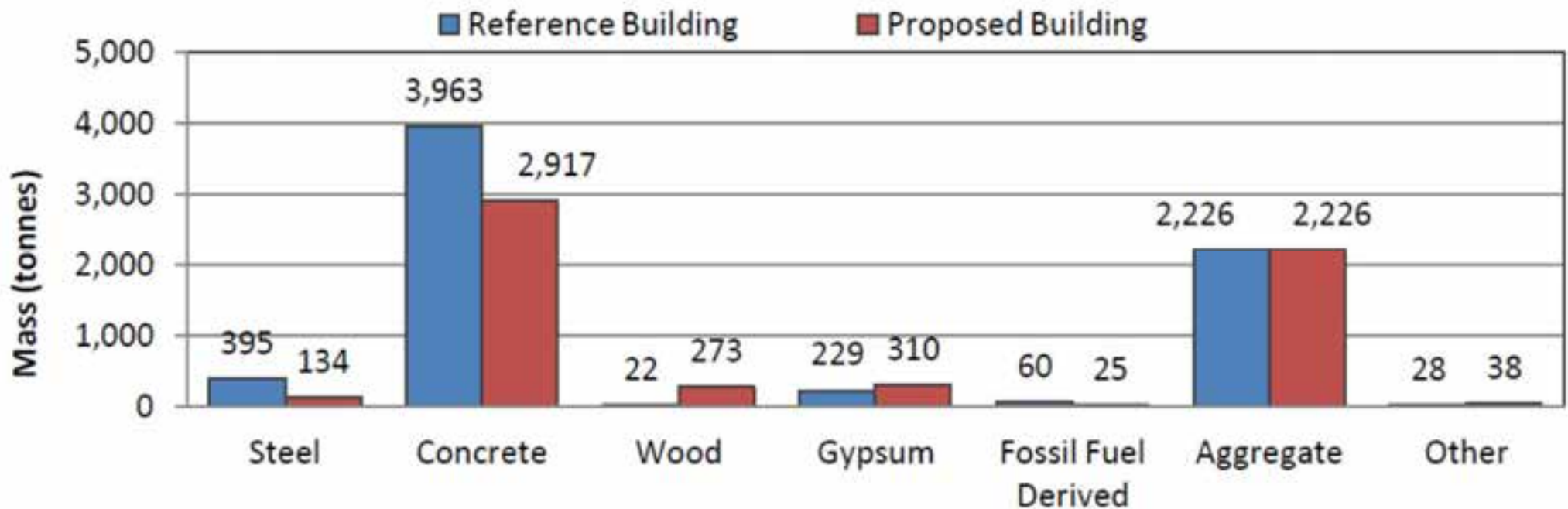
# Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)





# Retail Store: LCA Comparison

## Life Cycle Product Use Mass Comparison by Building Product Type



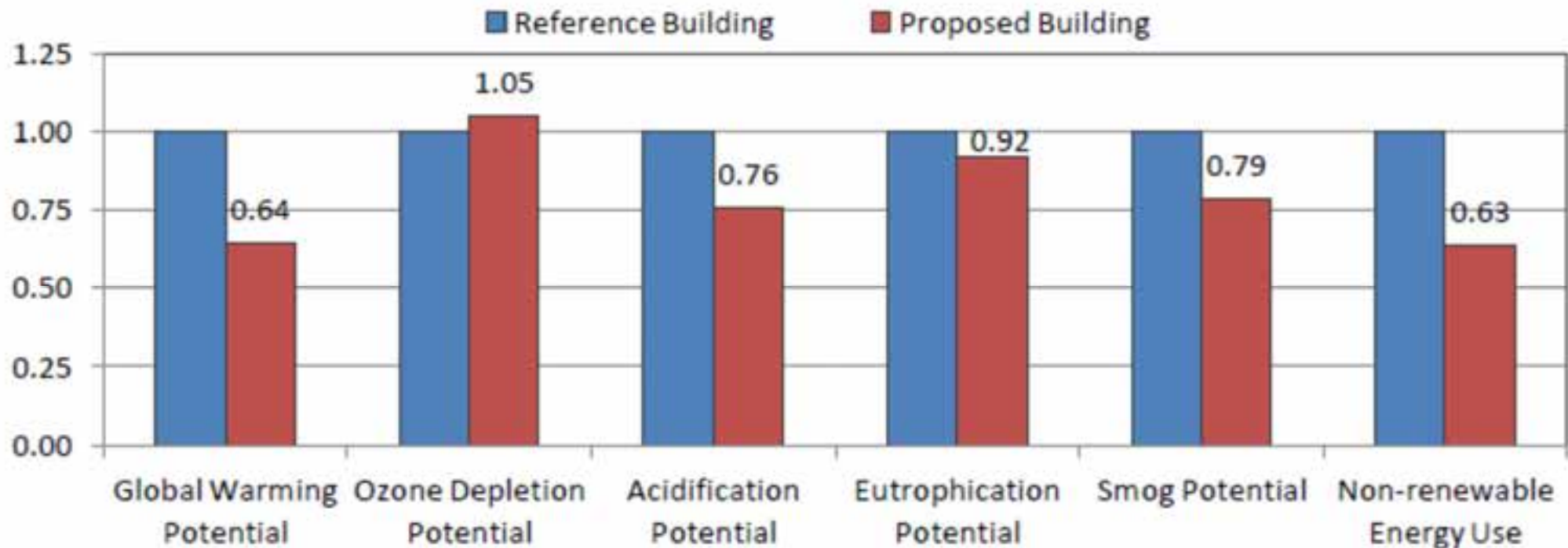
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# Retail Store: LCA Comparison

## LCA Results Comparison – Raw Materials through Demolition/Disposal



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# Summary & Conclusions

# Yard House Bar & Grill

6,500 sq ft restaurant  
Chino Hills, CA



Architectural Grade Glulam Beams  
I-Joist Roof Framing  
Doug Fir Posts  
Wood Stud Exterior Walls





# Boudin SF

Santa Rosa, CA



7200 sq ft  
Restaurant  
& Coffee Shop

# Boudin SF

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Alaskan Yellow Cedar GluLam Beams  
Doug Fir Ceiling Planks  
Engineered Wood Wall Studs



# Additional Resources

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American Wood Council Publications: [www.awc.org](http://www.awc.org)

National Design Specification (NDS) for Wood Construction

Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic (SDPWS)

Wood Frame Construction Manual (WFCM)

Code Conforming Wood Design Series

Force Transfer Around Openings Paper by APA

[www.apawood.org/Data/Sites/1/documents/technicalresearch/seaoc-2015-ftao.pdf](http://www.apawood.org/Data/Sites/1/documents/technicalresearch/seaoc-2015-ftao.pdf)

Metal Plated Wood Trusses:

Structural Building Components Association. [www.SBCIndustry.com](http://www.SBCIndustry.com)

Large Commercial Roof Design:

[www.woodworks.org/design-and-tools/building-systems/panelized-roofs-publications/](http://www.woodworks.org/design-and-tools/building-systems/panelized-roofs-publications/)

Big Box Retail Design Case Study:

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# Questions?

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