Mass Timber Design

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• Mass timber design
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Building Construction Types
## Height and Story Limitations

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Construction Type V (0-1 hr rated)

Type V construction is that type of construction in which the structural elements, exterior walls and interior walls are of any materials permitted by the Code.

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Construction Type III (0-1 hr rated)

Type III construction is that type of construction in which the exterior walls are of noncombustible materials and the interior building elements are of any material permitted by the Code.

- TYPE III-A: Protected Combustible
- TYPE III-B: Unprotected Combustible

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Construction Type IV (2-3 hr rated)

Type IV construction is that type of construction in which the building elements are mass timber or noncombustible materials

- Type IV-A: Fully protected mass timber
- Type IV-B: Partially exposed mass timber
  - 20% of the ceiling exposed; OR
  - 40% of the walls exposed
- Type IV-C: Fully exposed mass timber
- Type IV-HT: Exposed heavy timber, non combustible exterior walls

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<td>Roof:</td>
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New Construction Types

Building Construction Type, Number of Stories and Height

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Building Construction Type:
- IV A: 18 stories, 270' height
- IV B: 12 stories, 180' height
- IV C: 9 stories, 85' height
- HT: 6 stories, 85' height

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Mass Timber Design
Fire Resistance

- Building's ability to withstand exposure to fire in resistance of:

**Structural Stability**
(Collapse)

- No collapse or excessive deflection

**Integrity**
(Fire Penetration)

- No gaps

**Insulation**
(Transfer of excessive heat)

- No excessive heat transfer
When mass timber needs a fire rating

- Generally, no FRR required for Type IV-HT, III-B and V-B construction
- 1-HR FRR:
  - Type III-A and V-A construction (Table 601)
  - Fire barriers (and supporting construction), e.g.: occupancy separations, shaft enclosures, exit passageways, atrium separation, incidental uses, fire areas, etc (Section 707)
- 2-HR FRR:
  - Fire barriers, and supporting construction (Section 707)
  - 2-HR exterior wall using FRTW lumber, or CLT (Section 602)
- Other instances exist in the code, or possibly could be in support of an equivalency to Type I construction to achieve larger and/or higher mass timber higher buildings
- New IBC 2021 provisions will generally require HT elements to achieve 2-HR, or 3-HR fire-ratings (when exceeding 6 stories)
Determination of Fire-Resistance Rating

For Mass Timber Construction

**IBC Table 601**
Fire-resistance Rating Requirements For Building Elements

- The building elements shall have a fire-resistance rating not less than that specified in Table 601 and exterior walls shall have a fire-resistance rating not less than that specified in Table 602.
- The building elements shall comply with the applicable provisions of Section 703.2.

**IBC 703.2**
Fire-resistance ratings

- Test procedures set forth in ASTM E119 or UL 263 or in accordance with Section 703.3.

**IBC 703.3**
Methods for determining fire resistance

- ITEM 3, Calculations in accordance with Section 722.

**IBC 722**
Calculated Fire Resistance

- The calculated fire resistance of exposed wood members and wood decking is permitted in accordance with Chapter 16 of ANSI/AWC National Design Specification for Wood Construction (NDS)

**NDS Commentary Chapter 16**
Fire Design of Wood Members

The design provisions in the NDS are intended for use in Allowable Stress Design (ASD).

- The mechanics-based design procedures in specification for exposed wood members are based on research described in AWC’s Technical Report 10: Calculating the Fire Resistance of Wood Members.
Achieving Fire-Resistance for Timber

- Non-combustible protection (gypsum board)
- Sacrificial char layer (calculated)
- Alternative methods

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Protected Mass Timber Design

Columns

Step 1 - Design for Structure Load

Step 2 - Provide Required Passive Protection

Final Design Section Size = S1'
Exposed Mass Timber Design

Columns

Step 1: Design for Structure Load
Check for Char Capacity

Step 3: Added Char Layer
Approx. 2” per 1-hr fire-resistance rating

Final Design Section Size = S2’

Final Design Section Size = S1
Noncombustible Protection
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Exposed Mass Timber

- Partially exposed:
  - Ceiling: 20% of floor area of dwelling unit, or fire area (integral beams included)
  - Wall: 40% of floor area of dwelling unit, or fire area (integral columns included)
  - Wall + Ceiling: ratio < 1.0
  - Unprotected areas separated > 15’

- Rib-decks and similar system have increased surface area → reduced exposed ceiling area

- Directly attached to mass timber (furred construction?)

- AMM for increased exposed mass timber:
  - Testing of Gen. 2.0 panels (PRG320-2018)
  - Fire modelling
  - Improved fire protection (passive + active)
Type IV-C Construction

**Exterior surface of building elements:**
- one layer of GWB on exterior face per fire code

**Interior surface of building elements (ceilings, walls, beams, columns):**
- Exposed

**Core Walls:**
- CLT core wrapped with one layer of GWB (inside and outside)

**T.O. Floor:**
- Exposed - but potentially covered w/ acoustical layer and/or raised floor
Type IV-B Construction - Max Exposed Ceilings per Code Allowance

Mass timber column in mass timber wall:
Two layers of GWB with up to 40% floor area exposed

Ceiling and Beams:
Two layers of GWB with up to 20% floor area Exposed Surface
(note: a 2’ deep beam is approx 19% of floor area @ 30’ O.C.)

Exterior surface of building elements:
One layer of GWB on exterior face per fire code

Core Walls:
CLT core wrapped with two layers of GWB (Inside and outside)

“Unattached” Interior columns in non-combustible walls:
Exposed

T.O. Floor:
1” minimum topping
Type IV-B Construction - 50% Exposed Ceilings - Requires AHJ Approval

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Two layers of GWB with **up to 40% floor area exposed**

Ceiling and Beams:
Two layers of GWB with **up to 20% floor area Exposed Surface**
(note: a 2' deep beam is approx 45% of floor area @ 30' O.C.)

Exterior surface of building elements:
One layer of GWB on exterior face per fire code

Core Walls:
CLT core wrapped with two layers of GWB (Inside and outside)

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Massing x Construction Types - Visuals by SHoP

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- **Exterior surface of building elements**: One layer of GWB on exterior face per fire code
- **Core Walls**: CLT core wrapped with two layers of GWB (Inside and outside)
- **Program w/ Exposed Mass Timber**: (approx 40% TBC)
- **“Unattached” Interior columns in non-combustible walls**: Exposed
- **T.O. Floor**: 1” minimum topping
During construction of a Type IV-A or IV-B building, when exceeding 6 stories, must provide the following protections during construction:

- Standpipes are provided during construction (installed prior to building reaching 40 feet in height and extend to within one floor of the highest floor with secured decking in place).
- A water supply approved by the fire code official shall be provided to the site (hydrants, standpipe, etc.)
- At least one layer of required non-combustible protection applied to building elements four stories below active floor of construction. Cannot build additional levels until non-comb layer is installed. (shafts not included) – Proposed code updates.
- Exterior wall non-combustible rating, if required, also must be installed four stories below active floor of construction before building an additional level. (shafts not included)

Possible Alternate Means of protection may be discussed with AHJ including providing Fire Watch, site hot work and waste management protocols to reduce likelihood of fire.
Testing Opportunities
Furnace Testing
Typical Detailing
Floor Penetrations

3M ENGINEERING JUDGEMENT NO. 615658
MODIFIED SYSTEM NO. C-AJ-6041 DEPICTED
REQUESTED RATING - 1 HR / F
OBTAINABLE RATING: SEE BELOW*

1. CONCRETE FLOOR/CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER.
2. PENETRATING ITEM PER APPROPRIATE VERSION OF CORRESPONDING EJ.
3. 3M FIRE BARRIER PILLOWS/3M FIRE BARRIER SELF LOCKING PILLOWS.
4. MP+ MOLDABLE PUTTY

1, CONCRETE AND CROSS LAMINATED TIMBER FLOOR,
2. PENETRATING ITEM PER APPROPRIATE VERSION OF CORRESPONDING EJ.
3. STEEL SLEEVE, (WITH OPTIONAL SQUARE BASE)
4. 4 PCF MINERAL WOOL INSTALLED INTO ANNUAL SPACE AS OUTLINED IN APPROPRIATE VERSION OF CORRESPONDING EJ.
5. FIRESTOP SEALANT AS OUTLINED IN APPROPRIATE VERSION OF CORRESPONDING EJ.
6. 3M DUCT WRAP 615+
Penetrations
Edge of Slab Detailing

System No. CEJ 246 P (HHBP 120-01)
PERIMETER FIRE BARRIER SYSTEM - ASTM E 2337

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Rated for ± 15% Movement

Firestop Joint Spray
CFSP-SP WB, or similar

Standard Z clips 20GA galv. steel 1" wide x 3" high with a 2" upper leg and 3" lower leg

Options @ CLT Insulation Joint
1. As shown (base case) - use charring to show 1-HR is achieved.
2. Intumescent tape or caulk between CLT and insulation to mitigate charring behind insulation (back up)
3. Sheet rock backing plate on CLT/Blocking (last resort)
Edge of Slab Detailing
Head of the Walls
Beam-Column Joint
Performance Based Design
Alternative Means and Methods

**IBC 602.4**
Type IV Construction (New Tall Wood Building Provisions)

- The time assigned to the noncombustible protection shall be determined in accordance with Section 703.8 and comply with 722.7.

**IBC 703.8**
Determination of Noncombustible Protection Time Contribution (New Tall Wood Building Provisions)

- The noncombustible protection time contribution shall be established through a comparison of assemblies tested using procedures set forth in ASTM E 119 or UL 263.
  - Test Assembly 1 without protection
  - Test Assembly 2 includes the noncombustible protection.*

**IBC 722.7**

- The required fire resistance of mass timber elements in section 602.4 shall be determined in accordance with Section 703.2 or Section 703.3.

**IBC 703.2**
Fire-Resistance Rating

- Test procedures set forth in ASTM E119 or UL 263 or in accordance with Section 703.3.

**IBC 703.3**
Methods of Determining Fire-Resistance Rating

- Item 4, Engineering analysis based on comparison of building element, component or assemblies designs having FRR as determined by the test procedures set forth in ASTM E119 or UL 263 OR
- Item 5 Alternative protection methods as allowed by Section 104.11.

**IBC 104.11**
Alternative materials, design and methods of construction and equipment (AMM)

- AMM, shall be approved where the building official finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this code, and that the material is, for the purpose intended, not less than the equivalent of that prescribed in this code in 1) Quality, 2) Strength, 3) Effectiveness, 4) Fire resistance, 5) Durability and 6) Safety

*Noncombustible protection time contribution is determined by subtracting the fire resistance time of Test Assembly 1 from the fire resistance time of Test Assembly 2.
Performance Based Analysis

- Thermal-finite element assessment of assemblies
- Support engineering judgement of untested systems/assemblies
- Protection details for connections, exposure of mass timber
- Furnace and realistic building fires
Case Studies
Case Study 1
Corporate Campus, Mountain View

**Architect:** WRNS Studio

**Contractor:** Rudolph & Sletten

**Location:** Mountain View, CA

**Project Description:** Corporate campus predominately office use with assembly uses accessible green roof over all new building structure

**Gross SF:** 645,000 SF office + 505,000 SF structured parking

**Construction Type:** III-B-Sprinklered

**Structural System – Gravity:** Composite CLT + conc. topping floor, steel beams w/glulam columns

**Structural System – Lateral:** Concrete shear wall

Largest (by S.F.) mass timber building in North America
Connections
Case Study 2
Residential Building, San Jose

Architect: SERA
Owner: First Community Housing
Location: San Jose, CA
Project Description: 12-story residential buildings located on a shared podium
Gross SF: 260,000 SF
Construction Type: IV-B, Sprinklered
Structural System – Gravity: CLT + conc. topping floor, glulam columns
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50% Exposed Mass Timber

Gypsum protection at column lines and weak axis of CLT span.
Upcoming Code Changes (G147-21)

Excerpt from G147-21:

602.4.2.2.2 Protected area. Interior faces of mass timber elements, including the inside face of exterior mass timber walls and mass timber roofs, shall be protected in accordance with Section 602.4.2.2.1.

Exceptions: Unprotected portions of mass timber ceilings and walls complying with Section 602.4.2.2.4 and the following:

1. Unprotected portions of mass timber ceilings and walls complying with one of the following:

   1.1. Unprotected portions of mass timber ceilings, including attached beams, shall be permitted and shall be limited to an area less than or equal to 20-100 percent of the floor area in any dwelling unit or fire area.

   1.2. Unprotected portions of mass timber walls, including attached columns, shall be permitted and shall be limited to an area less than or equal to 40 percent of the floor area in any dwelling unit or fire area.

   1.3. Unprotected portions of both walls and ceilings of mass timber, including attached columns and beams, in any dwelling unit or fire area shall be permitted in accordance with Section 602.4.2.2.3.

2. Mass timber columns and beams that are not an integral portion of walls or ceilings, respectively, shall be permitted to be unprotected without restriction of either aggregate area or separation from one another.
Connection Fire-Resistance Rating

FRR for connections in Type IV-A IV-B, or IV-C construction shall be determined by one of the following:

1. **Testing** in accordance with Section 703.2 where the connection is part of the fire resistance test.

2. **Engineering analysis** that demonstrates that the temperature rise at any portion of the connection is limited to an average temperature rise of 250°F (139°C) and a maximum temperature rise of 325°F (181°C) for a time corresponding to the required fire resistance rating of the structural element being connected.

For the purposes of this analysis the connection includes connectors fasteners and portions of wood members included in the structural design of the connection.
Concealed / exposed connections

• New IBC criteria can be applied in simple calculations for concealed connections – (similar to char calculations)

• Engineering analysis of exposed connections are challenging – Finite Element Analysis / Alternative Means and Methods may be needed
Connection Protection

Applying new connection criteria of IBC
Finite Element Assessment

- Thermal-finite element assessment to ASTM E119 temperature curve for 2-hour duration.

- Indicated additional protection was required to bottom bearing plate to mitigate accelerated charring at bottom of column.

TOP and BOTTOM sections of column-floor-column joint (thermal analysis)
Case Study 3
Commercial Building, San Jose

**Architect:** Studio Gang

**Owner:** West Bank

**Location:** San Jose, CA

**Project Description:** 14-story Commercial building predominately office use with assembly uses.

**Gross SF:** 240,000 SF

**Construction Type:** IV-A, Sprinklered

**Structural System – Gravity:** Composite CLT + conc. topping floor, glulam beams w/glulam columns
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- 3-ply (4") CLT + 2hr Gyp Bd
- 16"x30" Girder - 3hr FRR
- 13"x24" Purlin - 2hr FRR
- 5-ply (7") CLT at Perimeter

- 22"x22" Perimeter Columns - 3hr FRR
- 30"x30" Interior Columns - 3hr FRR

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## Project Vision

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<td>14% to 16% of fire area (i.e., floor area)</td>
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<td>Exposed Mass timber- Beams*</td>
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<td>70% to 100% of fire area (i.e., floor area)</td>
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<td>Exposed Mass timber- CLT Ceiling</td>
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* Area of the exposed mass timber within the beam accounts for all exposed surfaces of the beam within the fire area.
Why Exposed Mass Timber?

Exposed Mass Timber
(Analysis and Justification)

Mitigation Measures

Recent Testing

Performance Based Engineering
Proposed Mitigation Measures

1. Sprinkler upgrade from LH to OH1
   - Increased sprinkler density (from 225 SF to 130 SF coverage area)
   - Increased water flow per sprinkler design area (150 gpm to > 300 gpm)
   - Reduced fire size at time of sprinkler activation (from 1.4 MW to 1.1 MW)

2. Smoke detection throughout the building
   - Quicker occupant notification
   - Quicker fire department response
   - Accurate addressability of the fire location
Previous Test Series

- Series of full-scale compartment tests
- Multi-story compartment used for the test series, consisted CLT walls and floors
- Complete burnout of the fuel load without contribution of the mass timber elements
- No automatic fire sprinklers
Mass Timber Material Testing Developments

ICC Tall Wood Building provisions based on testing to PRG-320 (2015)
- Adhesives not thermally resistant
- Resulted in CLT delamination

Current panels manufactured to PRG-320 (2018)
- Thermally resistant PUR (Polyurethane Reactive) adhesives
- No delamination expected
- Additional testing (AWC) just completed

Self-extinguishment is expected to improve within Commercial spaces (compared to residential configuration):
- Reduced re-radiation effects
- Increased ventilation (reduced fire severity)
- Glulam Columns tested > 3hr FRR

High rise commercial projects approved within Canada and US with increased exposed mass timber: INTRO Market Square residential building, ASCENT residential project
FPL Test Results

• Series of 4 compartment tests (residential compartment and fuel load).

• In all tests with exposed mass timber, the peak room temperatures were similar to fully encapsulated test. The fully developed fire stages were longer than the baseline as the exposed timber added more fuel load to the rooms.

• Glulam columns sized to 3-HR FRR per NDS 16, achieved > 4-hrs FRR.
RISE Test Results

• Five compartment fire experiments were performed for this study.

• One of the tests were undertaken with six larger openings, resulting in an opening factor of 0.25 m$^{1/2}$ (0.453 ft$^{1/2}$), which is approximately equal to the midrange of opening factors for office compartments.

• ANSI/APA PRG 320, 2018 compliant panels.

• Only back wall protected (2xType X GWB).
Egress Time Calculation

Egress traveling time includes the following:

- Time for the first occupant to reach the interior exit stair door; and
- Time for the occupants to wait at the stair before entering; and
- Time for the last person to enter the stair door; and
- Time for the last person to reach safety from the controlling component (i.e., relocation to 4 stories below)
Fire Load Energy Density Assessment (FLED)
# Summary

## Exposed Mass Timber

**(Analysis and Justification)**

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