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Passive Fire Protection Features

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Objectives

- At the end of this presentation, you will:
 - Understand the intent and purpose behind *fire* resistive construction
 - Understand the 2015 IBC Chapter 7 code requirements, testing procedures, plan review requirements and inspection practices relating to *fire resistive construction*

Objectives Cont.

- Understand the code requirements, testing procedures, plan review requirements and inspection practices relating to the protection of penetrations
- Understand the 2015 IBC Chapter 7 requirements for protecting penetrations (firestop systems)



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Objectives Cont.

- •Be able to navigate UL's Product Spec[™] and Installation Code Link in order to identify *listed* products and assemblies which demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the 2015 *International Building Code*.
- > Fire resistance-rated Building Elements
- ➤ Fire protection-rated Firestop Systems



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Agenda

- A brief IBC Basics Review
- Fire-Resistance-Rated Construction
 - Definitions
 - •International Building Code Requirements
 - •Establishing Fire-Resistance Ratings
 - •Permitted Changes to UL Designs



Agenda Cont.

- •Through and Membrane-Penetration Firestop Systems
- Plan Review and Inspection Process
- Methods of Showing Code Compliance
- Engineering Judgments
- Navigating the UL Directories & UL's Online Resources for Code Compliance
- Summary and Closing



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IBC Basics

Some Fundamentals



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Use of the IBC

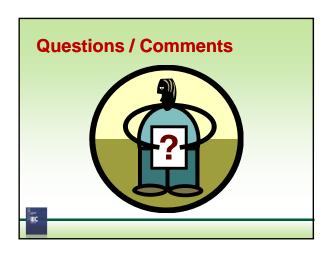
- Definitions Chapter 2
- Occupancy Classification
- Use of Tables Scoping Section
- Table Footnotes
- Code Exceptions
- Reference Standards
- Index and Glossary
- · Identifying Changes in Code Text



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Margin markings: • Vertical lines indicate new or revised text • Arrows indicate that an entire sentence, paragraph or Section was deleted * • A single asterisk indicates that text or a table has been relocated within the code * * • A double asterisk indicates that the text or table immediately following in has been relocated there from elsewhere in the code

Identifying Changes and the Responsibility of Code Development Margin markings: • Letters in brackets indicate the Section is maintained by another code development committee [B] is the Building Code Development Committee [M] is Mechanical Code • Terms set forth in Chapter 2 – Definitions are italicized • If not italicized, then the definition in Chapter 2 does not impart the intended meaning





Passive Fire Protection

The IBC takes a systematic approach to building fire protection, including:

1. Passive Fire Protection

Fire Area = The aggregate floor area enclosed and bounded by fire walls, fire barriers, exterior walls or horizontal assemblies of a building.

2. Active Fire Protection

Fire Protection System = Approved devices, equipment and systems or combinations of systems used to detect a fire, activate an alarm, extinguish or control a fire, control or manage smoke and products of a fire or any combination thereor.

3. Reasonable level of redundancy; inspection, testing & maintenance

More Definitions

• Fire-resistance - That property of materials or their assemblies that prevents or retards the passage of excessive heat, hot gases or flames under conditions of use. (IBC)



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Definitions Cont.

- Fire-resistance rating The period of time a building element, component or assembly maintains the ability to confine a fire, continues to perform a given structural function, or both, as determined by the tests, or the methods based on tests, prescribed in Section 703.3 (IBC)
 - Passage of Flames
 - Heat Transmission
 - Structural Integrity



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Definitions Cont.

- Fire-protection rating The period of time that an <u>opening protective</u> will maintain the ability to confine a fire as determined by tests prescribed in Section 715. Ratings are stated in hours or minutes. (IBC)
 - Passage of Flames
 - Structural Integrity



Standards Writing Organizations

American National Standards Institute (ANSI)

- •ASTM International (ASTM)
- •FM Global (FM)
- •National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- •Underwriters Laboratories (UL)



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Fire-Resistance-Rated Construction

International Building Code Requirements for Fire-Resistance-

Rated Construction



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Code Requirements

- Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10 of the IBC
- Chapters 3 and 4 Defines Occupancies
- Chapter 5 General Building Heights and Areas
 - Permitted building area based on four factors:
 - •Type of construction
 - Occupancy
 - Available frontage
 - •Use of sprinklers



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Code Requirements Cont.

- Section 508 Covers mixed use considerations
- Chapter 6 Types of Construction
 - Table 601 Establishes hourly rating required for building elements based on Type of Construction
- Chapter 7 Fire and Smoke Protection Features



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Code Requirements Cont.

- •703.2 <u>Fire-resistance ratings</u> shall be determined in accordance with ASTM E 119 or UL 263
- •703.2.1 Nonsymmetrical walls shall be tested from both faces
- •703.2.3 Assemblies considered unrestrained unless registered design professional provides evidence satisfactory to AHJ that construction qualifies for restrained classification per ASTM E 119 or UL 263



Code Requirements Cont.

•703.3 – Methods for determining *fire resistance* shall be based on fire exposure and acceptance criteria of ASTM E 119 or UL 263



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Code Requirements Cont.

- •703.3 Cont. Required *fire resistance* permitted to be established based on any of the following:
 - 1. Designs documented from approved sources
 - 2. Prescriptive requirements from Section 721
 - 3. Calculations in accordance with Section 722
 - 4. Engineering analysis based on ASTM E 119 or UL 263
 - 5. Alternative protection methods as allowed in Section 104.11
 - 6. Fire-resistance designs certified by an approved agency.



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Code Requirements Cont.

- Breaches of assemblies shall be protected in accordance with Sections 712, 713, 714, 715 and 716
- Chapter 10 Means of Egress
 - Table 1020.1 Establishes hourly rating required for corridors based on Occupancy Group



Fire Resistance

- Expressed as an Hourly Time Period
- Ratings range from 1/2 to 4 hours
- Containment of fire to room or floor of origin (horizontal and vertical compartmentalization)

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Fire-Resistance-Rated Construction Establishing Fire-Resistance Ratings

Standards

- ANSI / UL 263
- ASTM E 119
- NFPA 251 (Withdrawn)

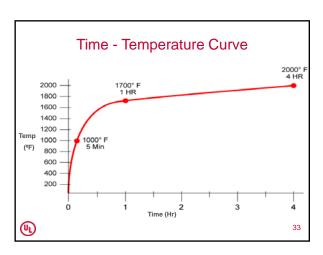
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Building Components

- Columns
- Beams
- Floor/Ceilings (F/C) or Roof/Ceilings (R/C)
- Walls

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Columns

- Sample size Minimum 9 ft
- Tested unloaded

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Conditions of Acceptance – Columns • 1000°F / 1200°F





Beams

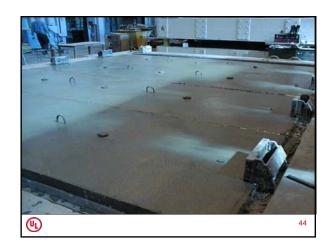
- Sample size Minimum 12 ft
- Load applied Per design

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Conditions of Acceptance – Beams

- Support load
- 1100°F / 1300°F

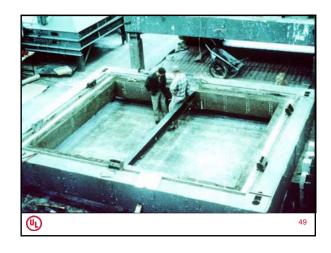
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Floor/Ceiling or Roof/Ceilings

- Sample size 180 sq ft / 12 ft
- Load applied Per design

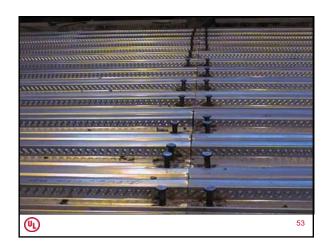
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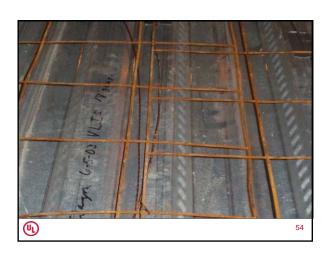




















Conditions of Acceptance Floor/Ceilings or Roof/Ceilings

- Support load
- Flame passage
- 250°F / 325°F
- Support temperatures (beams) 1100°F / 1300°F



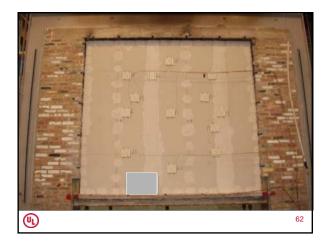


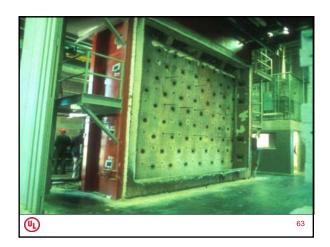


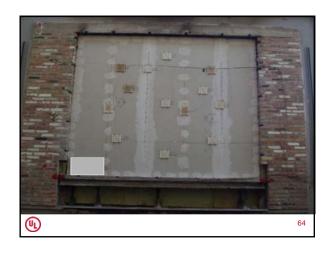
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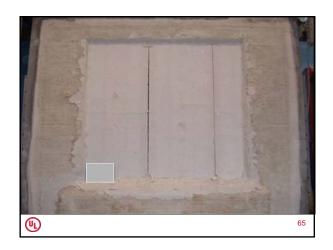
- Sample size 100 sq ft / 9 ft Load applied Per design

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Conditions of Acceptance – Walls

- Flame passage
- 250°F / 325°F
- Support load
- Hose stream (2 ½ minutes at 30 psi)







Methods of Showing Compliance with the Fire Resistance Requirements of the IBC

- 703.2 Fire-resistance ratings shall be determined in accordance with ASTM E 119 or UL 263
- 703.3 Methods for determining fire resistance shall be based on fire exposure and acceptance criteria of ASTM E 119 or UL 263



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Methods of Showing Compliance with the Fire Resistance Requirements of the IBC

- 703.3 Cont. Required fire resistance permitted to be established based on any of the following:
 - Designs documented from approved sources
 - Prescriptive requirements from Section 721
 - Calculations in accordance with Section 722
 - Engineering analysis based on ASTM E 119 or UL 263
 - Alternative protection methods as allowed in Section 104.11
 - Fire-resistance designs certified by an approved agency



Designs Documented From Approved Sources

- Product Directories of Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories
 - •UL Fire Resistance Directory, Fire Resistance Directory on CD-ROM and Online Certifications Directory
 - •Intertek Intertek Directories of Certified Products
 - •FM Global Factory Mutual Approval Guide



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Designs Documented From Approved Sources Cont.

- Gypsum Association Fire Resistance Design Manual
- American Insurance Services Group, Inc. (210) 469 – 3922 - Fire Resistance Ratings
- BOCA Guidelines for Determining Fire Resistance Ratings of Building Elements



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Designs Documented From Approved Sources Cont.

- ASCE / SFPE 29 Standard Calculation Methods for Structural Fireproofing
- ACI 261.1 / TMS 0216.1 Standard Method for Determining Fire Resistance of Concrete and Masonry Construction Assemblies



Fire-Resistance Rating of Structural Members

Covered in IBC Section 704

- ➤ Comply with IBC 601 based on Construction Type
- ➤ Column and primary structural frame protection
- >Secondary structural member protection (new)
- Light-frame construction
- Horizontal accemblises
- ➤Truss protection



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Fire-Resistance Rating of Structural Members

Continuation of IBC Section 704 Requirements

- >Attachments to structural members
- ➤ Connections (CT addition 704.6.1)
- ➤Impact protection
- >Exterior load-bearing structural members
- ➤ Seismic isolation systems



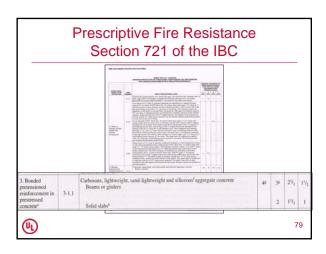
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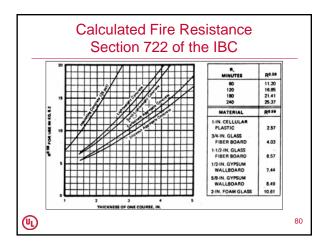
Fire-Resistance Rating of Structural Members

Continuation of IBC Section 704 Requirements

- ➤ Sprayed fire-resistant materials (SFRM)
- Application and manufacturer's instructions
- Surface conditions
- Primers, paints and encapsulants
- Temperature
- Finished condition







Engineering Analysis Based on ASTM E 119 or UL 263

- Engineering judgments
 - Product manufacturer
 - Testing laboratory
 - Fire protection engineer
 - Professional engineer

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Alternate Materials, Design and Methods of Construction and Equipment

- Allows authority having jurisdiction to accept other information to show compliance
 - Evaluation Services Reports
 - IAPMO Evaluation Services
 - •ICC Evaluation Services
 - •UL Evaluation Services



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Organization Under Each Product Area

- Guide Information
- Designs, Systems or Assemblies
- Product Categories (indexed by manufacturer's names)

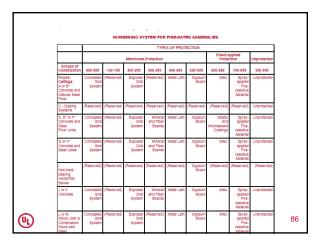


Guide Information

- Equipment, materials or systems included in the Category
- Intended use, restrictions or supplemental information that apply
- Standard(s) used to evaluate products under the Category
- Listing or Classification Mark information for the Category



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Designs

- Each design contains specific construction features
- Many designs contain various options and various ratings
- Must be followed exactly for rating to apply



Fire Resistance-Rated Construction

Permitted Changes to Designs



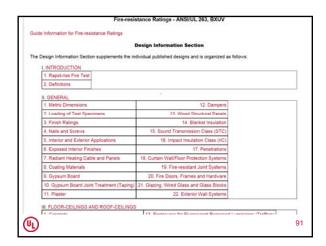
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Fasteners

- Cement coated box or cooler nails shall be used for securing gypsum board, unless otherwise specified in design
- Screws meeting ASTM C 1002 or C 954 may be substituted for nails providing head diameter and length are equal or larger than specified nail



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Primers with SFRM

- May be applied to primed structural elements providing:
 - Beam flange width shall not exceed 12 inch
 - Column flange width shall not exceed 16 inch
 - Web depth shall not exceed 16 inch
 - Pipe diameter or tube width shall not exceed 12 inch
 - Bond tests conducted to ASTM E 736
 - Average > 80% of uncoated steel and individual > 50% of uncoated steel, or
 - Wrap member with metal lath



Concrete in Horizontal Assemblies

- Compressive strength specified may be reduced 500 psi
- Unit weight tolerance 3 pcf
- Do not substitute lightweight concrete if normal weight specified
- Do not substitute normal weight concrete if lightweight specified



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Outlet Boxes in Ceilings

- Metallic boxes may be installed in F/C and R/C assemblies incorporating gypsum board protection providing:
 - •Clearance not to exceed 1/8 in.
 - •Area of each box not to exceed 16 sq in.
 - •Total area of boxes not to exceed 100 sq in. per 100 sq ft of ceiling area
- Nonmetallic boxes tested and listed (CEYY)



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Steel Joists

- Specified joist is minimum depth
- Specified joist is minimum weight/foot
- K-Series Joist may often substitute for older series joists specified
- Spacing between joists may be increased to 4 ft OC providing:
 - •Structural integrity of floor is maintained
 - Hanger wire spacing is not increased
- Bridging bar size is minimum



Gypsum Board on Horizontal Assemblies

- Thickness may be increased providing fastener length is also increased
- Additional layers may be added

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Gypsum Ceiling Control Joints

- Ceiling suspended below floor assembly
- Guide describes control joints when gypsum board is parallel to wood joists
- Guide describes control joints when gypsum board is perpendicular to wood joists



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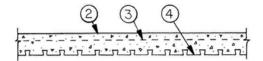
Recessed (Can) Lighting

- Generic recessed luminaires <u>not</u> permitted unless covered in design
- Luminaires specifically tested and Listed for use in fire resistive construction covered in "Luminaires and Luminaire Assemblies Classified for Fire Resistance Category" (CDHW)

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Restrained & Unrestrained

- Designer & AHJ must determine
- Unrestrained ratings may be used for either condition





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Restrained & Unrestrained Cont.

HVAC Openings in Ceilings

- Most acoustical ceilings are tested with generic hinged blade damper
- UL Classified Ceiling Damper, Ceiling Air Diffuser or Air Terminal Unit may be substituted for generic hinged blade damper
- Duct Protection Systems A and B may also be substituted per Guide Info
- Some assemblies with gypsum board ceilings have been test with specific UL Classified Ceiling Dampers
- In assemblies with gypsum board ceilings, damper may not be utilized if not specified in design



Blanket Insulation in Horizontal Assemblies

- May cause premature disruption of ceiling membrane
- For certain assemblies, fiberglass insulation can be used with additional layer of gypsum board
- Otherwise, only permitted as specified

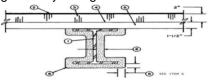
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Beam Size

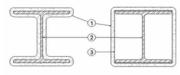
- Larger beams may be substituted without restriction
- Larger is based on W/D ratio
- W/D = weight of unit measure divided by heated perimeter (exposed surface except top flange
- Larger W/D yields greater fire resistance



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Column Size

- Larger columns may be substituted without restriction
- Based on W/D ratio
- Larger W/D yields greater fire resistance





Walls & Partitions

- Rating applies when either face exposed to fire, unless otherwise noted
- Unsymmetrical walls tested from both sides
- Exterior walls may only require rating from inside face
- Load bearing rating applies to non load bearing applications



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Walls & Partitions Cont.

- Size of studs specified is minimum
- Stud spacing specified is maximum
- Board orientation as specified in design

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Walls & Partitions Cont.

- Metallic boxes may be installed in wall assemblies incorporating gypsum board protection providing:
 - •Max 2 hr rated assemblies
 - •Clearance not to exceed 1/8 in.
 - Area of each box not to exceed 16 sq in.



Walls & Partitions Cont.

- •Total area of boxes not to exceed 100 sq in. per 100 sq ft of wall surface
- •Boxes on opposite sides of wall separated by min 24 in. or provided with protection (CLIV)
- Nonmetallic boxes tested and listed (CEYY)

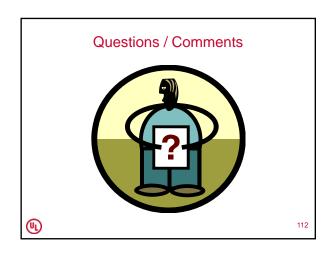


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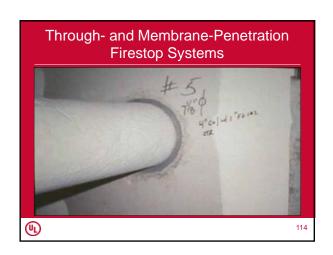
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Permitted Changes — Summary www.ul.com/architects Self Service Tools and Resources Resources to help architects quickly and early locate code compilant fire-resistance and smoke protection solutions.

Permitted Changes — Summary www.ul.com/architects DESIGN CRITERIA AND ALLOWABLE VARIANCES Product category guide information can clarify construction and application requirements for the certifications and view acceptable variances allowed for the designs and systems. Click below for details. Walls, floors, beams and columns Firestop systems Joint systems Perimeter fire containment systems Architectural services FAQs





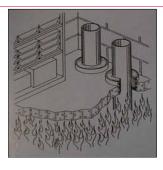


No Firestopping



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Proper Firestopping



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Some Definitions

- What is Firestopping?
 - Firestopping (v) is the process of restoring the integrity of a fire-resistance-rated assembly at a penetration of the assembly through the use of a properly designed, installed, inspected and maintained firestop system
 - Firestopping (n) is a material or device installed to resist the passage of flame and heat through penetrations (i.e. a firestop)



Definitions Cont.

- Membrane Penetration A breach in one side of a floor-ceiling, roof-ceiling or wall assembly to accommodate an item installed into or passing through the breach. (IBC)
- Through Penetration A breach in <u>both</u> <u>sides</u> of a floor, floor-ceiling or wall assembly to accommodate an item passing through the breaches. (IBC)



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Definitions Cont.

Membrane-Penetration Firestop – A
material, device or construction installed to
resist for a prescribed time period the
passage of flame and heat through
openings in a protective membrane in
order to accommodate cables, cable trays,
conduit, tubing, pipes or similar items.
(IBC)



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Definitions Cont.

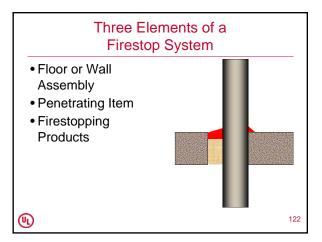
• Through-Penetration Firestop System – An assemblage consisting of a fire-resistance-rated floor, floor-ceiling, or wall assembly, one or more penetrating items passing through the breaches on both sides of the assembly and the materials or devices, or both, installed to resist the spread of fire through the assembly for a prescribed period of time. (IBC)



Definitions Cont.

• Firestop System – Membrane or throughpenetration firestop system. (BEJ)













Standards • ANSI / UL 1479 • ASTM E814 Ratings • F - Flame Occurrence

T - Heat Transmission
L - Leakage (Optional)
W - Water Leakage (Optional)

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Conditions of Acceptance F Rating

- Passage of Flame
- Hose Stream
- IBC Definition:

F RATING. The time period that the *through-penetration firestop system* limits the spread of fire through the penetration when tested in accordance with ASTM E 814 or UL 1479.



Conditions of Acceptance T Rating

- Passage of Flame
- 325°F Temperature Rise
- Hose Stream
- IBC Definition:

T RATING. The time period that the *penetration firestop system*, including the penetrating item, limits the maximum temperature rise to 325°F (163°C) above its initial temperature through the penetration on the nonfire side when tested in accordance with ASTM E 814 or UL 1479.



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L Rating

- Air Leakage Rate at Ambient Temperature
- Air Leakage Rate at 400°F
- IBC Definition:

L RATING. The air leakage rating of a *through penetration firestop system* or a fire-resistant *joint* system when tested in accordance with UL 1479 or UL 2079, respectively.

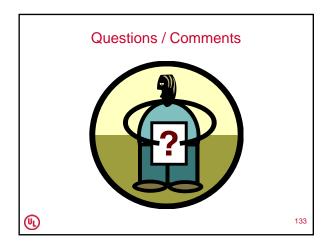


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W Rating

- Optional program*, applicable to incidental water
- 3 Ft WC Pressure Head / 72 Hr Exposure
- Firestop subjected to water exposure, followed by standard fire and hose stream tests
- Firestop systems assigned a W Rating
- * No IBC definition or requirements





Firestop Systems

International Building Code Requirements



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Code Requirements General

- Section 714 of the 2015 IBC
 - •714.3 Penetrations into or through *fire walls*, *fire barriers*, *smoke barrier* walls and *fire partitions* shall comply with 714.3.1 through 714.3.3. Penetrations in *smoke barrier* walls shall also comply with 714.4
 - •714.4 Penetrations of horizontal assemblies not required to be protected by shaft enclosure shall be protected per Section 714.4.1 through 714.4.4



Code Requirements Wall Assemblies

- Section 714.3 of the 2015 IBC
 - •714.3.1 Through penetrations shall be protected by one of the following:
 - As tested as part of the entire wall assembly
 - •As tested to ANSI/UL 1479 / ASTM E814
 - Exceptions
 - Concrete, grout or mortar (full thickness of the wall)
 - Annular space protection material



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Code Requirements Wall Assemblies Cont.

•714.3.1.2 – When tested to ANSI/UL 1479 / ASTM E814, through penetrations shall have an F Rating of not less than the required rating of wall penetrated



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Code Requirements Wall Assemblies Cont.

- •714.3.2 Membrane penetration shall be protected as follows:
- •As specified in 714.3.1 (i.e. through penetrations)
- Recessed fixtures shall be installed so as not to reduce the required fire resistance



Code Requirements Wall Assemblies Cont.

- Exceptions
- Steel electrical boxes installed per prescriptive requirements
- •Listed electrical boxes of any material installed per listing
- Electrical boxes of any size or type installed with tested and listed protection
- Boxes other than electrical boxes tested and listed for such
- Annular space created by fire sprinklers (covered by metal escutcheon plate)
- Steel electrical boxes exceeding 16 sq. in in area or any size exceeding prescriptive requirements protected by listed putty pads or other listed material and method installed per its listing



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Code Requirements Horizontal Assemblies

- Section 714.4 of the 2015 IBC
 - •714.4.1.1 Through penetration shall be protected by one of the following:
 - As tested as part of the entire horizontal assembly
 - •As tested to ANSI/UL 1479 / ASTM E814
 - Exceptions
 - Annular space protection material
 - · Concrete, grout or mortar
 - •Listed electrical boxes of any material installed per listing



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Code Requirements Horizontal Assemblies Cont.

- •714.4.1.2 When tested to ANSI/UL 1479 / ASTM E814, through penetrations shall have F and T Ratings of not less than 1 hour but not less than required rating of assembly penetrated
 - $\bullet \, \mathsf{Exceptions}$
 - Penetrations contained and located within the cavity of a wall above or below the floor do not require a T Rating
 - Penetrations by floor, tub or shower drains contained and located within the concealed space of a horizontal assembly do not require a T Rating
 - Penetrations a maximum of 4" in diameter penetrating directly into metal-enclosed electrical power switchgear do not require a T Rating



Code Requirements Horizontal Assemblies Cont.

- •714.4.2 Membrane penetration shall be protected as follows:
- As specified in 714.4.1.1 or 714.4.1.2 (i.e. through penetrations)
- Recessed fixtures in floor/ceiling assemblies shall be installed so as not to reduce the required fire resistance



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Code Requirements Horizontal Assemblies Cont.

- Exceptions
- If less than 100 sq in. per 100 sq ft, metallic penetrants may be either firestopped or fireblocked
- Steel electrical boxes installed per prescriptive requirements
- Electrical boxes of any size or type installed with tested and listed protection
- •Listed electrical boxes of any material installed per listing
- Annular space created by fire sprinklers (covered by metal escutcheon plate)
- Interruption by a double wood top plate of a wall assembly sheathed with X-Rated gypsum; provided all penetrating items through the double top plates are protected and the ceiling membrane is tight to the top plates.



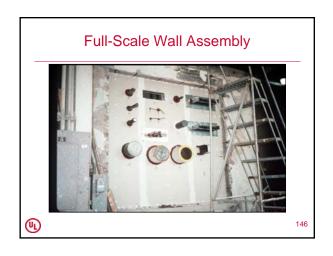
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Code Requirements Miscellaneous

- 714.4.3 Noncombustible penetrants shall not be connected to combustible penetrants beyond point of firestop system
- 714.4.4 Penetrations in smoke barriers shall have an L Rating at ambient and 400°F
 - •Max 5.0 CFM / sq ft of opening
 - •Aggregate 50 CFM / 100 sq ft of barrier

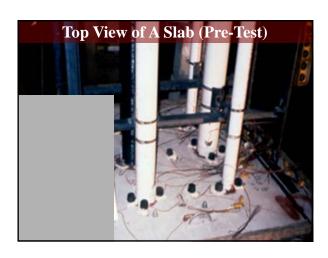


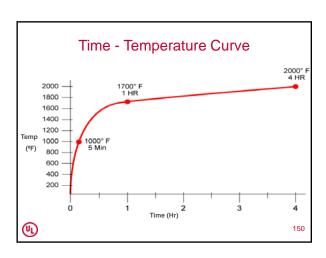
Firestop Systems Establishing F and T Ratings





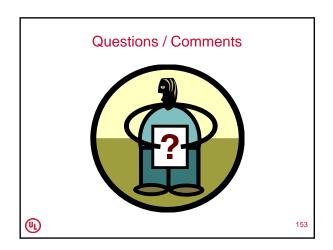




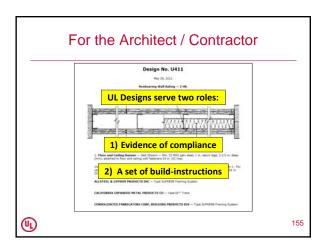


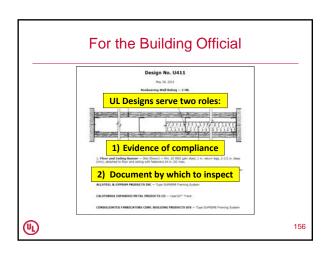






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Plan Review

• 107.2.1 - <u>Construction documents</u> shall be of sufficient clarity to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed and <u>show in detail that it will conform to the provisions of this code ...</u>



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Plan Review Cont.

- Details showing compliance with the fireresistive requirements of the IBC shall be included on the plans and specifications
- (IPC/IMC) For buildings more than 2 stories, details showing materials and methods for protecting penetrations of pipes and mechanical systems to maintain required structural safety, fire resistance rating and fireblocking shall be included



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Plan Review Cont

- Recommended that the UL designs (or others) be imported into the plans
- Importing designs into plans does NOT violate UL copyright requirements, provided:
- ✓ Presented in their entirety in a non-misleading manner and without manipulation (data & drawings)
- ✓ Include notation that they are reprinted from UL Online Certification Directory: "© 2017 UL LLC"



Plan Review Cont.

- Review proposed fire-resistance-rated assemblies for compliance with code
- •Hourly rating requirement
 - Type of Construction
 - Details of assemblies proposed relative to actual construction
 - Consider variations identified relative to permitted substitutions stated in the UL Fire Resistance Directory



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Plan Review Cont.

- Consider need for engineering judgments if permitted by department policy
- Consider need for special inspections as required by code and/or by department policy
- •IBC 1705.17 (new) Statement of Special Inspections required in high-rise or structural risk category III or IV by an *approved agency* for:
- ✓ Penetration firestop systems
- √ Fire-resistant joint systems



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Fire-Resistance-Rated Construction

Inspection Process





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Inspection of Fire-Resistance-Rated Assemblies

- Inspections typically done by Code Official, but may be inspected by an approved agency or individual
- IBC 1703 requirements for approved agency:
 - ✓Independence 1703.1.1
 - ✓ Adequate equipment 1703.1.2
 - ✓ Experienced personnel 1703.1.3

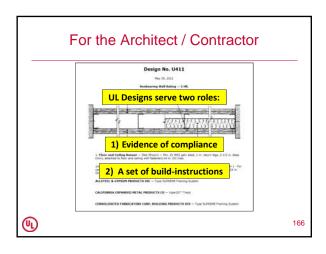


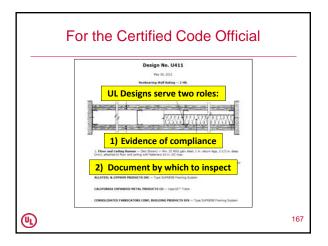
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Inspection of Fire-Resistance-Rated Assemblies

- Verifies approved design is being used
- Verifies assembly is being constructed in accordance with the approved design
- May require multiple and well-timed inspections
- May require selective "destructive" inspection







Inspection of Firestop Systems

- Section 110.3.6 of the 2015 IBC:
 - Protection of joints and penetrations in fireresistance-rated assemblies, smoke barriers and smoke partitions shall not be concealed from view until inspected and approved
- Section 1705.17 of the 2015 IBC:
 - Special Inspections are required for fireresistant penetrations and joints in high-rise buildings and Risk Category III or IV

Pre-Construction Meeting

- Review selected designs
- Obtain engineering judgments as needed
- Establish inspection guidelines and expectations
- Establish work and inspection schedules
- Review qualifications /experience of contractors



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Pre-Inspection

- Require construction documents that detail all fire-resistance-rated assemblies
- Obtain copies of all fire-resistance-rated designs
- Develop a plan to inspect each assembly at the appropriate times during the construction process

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At the Inspection Site

- Have your inspection tools such as a flashlight, coring device, depth gauge, calipers, tape measure, etc.
- Review the general layout of the assembly
- Verify the building materials being utilized match those described in the approved design



At the Inspection Site Cont.

- For board products, verify the type, manufacturer, thickness and orientation match what is described in the approved design
- Verify fastener type, size and spacing for compliance with the approved design
- For insulation products, verify the type, manufacturer, thickness and density match what is described in the approved design



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At the Inspection Site Cont.

- Verify that the approved third party testing agency's labels are on the products, empty containers or boxes
- When necessary conduct destructive evaluations on the assemblies
- During the inspection have the contractor follow along to repair assemblies after destructive testing



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Reference Materials

- ASTM E 736 "Standard Test Method for Cohesion / Adhesion of Sprayed Fire Resistive Materials Applied to Structural Members"
- ASTM E 605 "Standard Test Methods for Thickness and Density of Sprayed Fire Resistive Material Applied to Structural Members"



Reference Materials Cont.

- Association of Wall and Ceiling Industry Technical Manuals 12, 12-A and 12-B
- Gypsum Association Fire Resistance Design Manual
- International Firestop Council Video Inspecting Firestop for Compliance



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Available Resources

- Fire Safe North America (FSNA) www.firesafenorthamerica.org
- Association of Wall and Ceilings Industry (AWCI) – www.awci.org
- Gypsum Association (GA) www.gypsum.org



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Building Elements & Firestop Systems Engineering Judgments

Engineering Judgments

- An Engineering Judgment is a <u>letter or</u>
 <u>report</u> issued by some knowledgeable
 party which evaluates the construction of
 some site-specific application which
 <u>deviates from a tested design, system or</u>
 <u>assembly</u> and concludes with a judgment
 of the applicable rating of that assembly
- Referred to as "Engineering Analysis" in IBC Section 703.3



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Engineering Judgments Cont.

- Typically, an Engineering Judgment is used when a tested design, systems or assembly is unavailable
- Most often applied to fire resistive construction



Engineering Judgments Cont.

- Applications for an Engineering Judgment
 - Design and system concept where multiple components, some listed and some unlisted, are used to field construct the finished assembly (e.g. wall)
 - •Typically products are not required to be listed by code
- Must be acceptable to the Code Official



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Who Issues Engineering Judgments?

- Who issues Engineering Judgments?
 - Professional engineer
 - •Fire protection engineer
 - Manufacturer
 - Testing laboratory
- Individual issuing judgment must be acceptable to the *Code Official*



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2015 IBC References Justifying Engineering Judgments

- IBC 104.11 Alternative materials, design and methods of construction and equipment
- IBC 703.2 Fire-resistance ratings
- IBC 703.3 Alternative methods for determining fire resistance – six options are permitted



Important Points of an Engineering Judgment

- No guidance from the International Code Council or the various I-Codes
- No guidance from UL
- Best documents available are from the International Firestop Council (IFC) – www.firestop.org



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IFC Guidelines

- Four Documents International Firestop Council (IFC) www.firestop.org
 - Recommended *IFC* Guidelines for Evaluating Firestop Systems in Engineering Judgments (EJs)
 - Covers firestops, joint systems and grease/air duct assemblies
 - Perimeter fire barrier systems
 - Fire resistant duct enclosure systems for commercial kitchen exhaust ducts
 - Fire resistant duct enclosure systems for ventilation ducts

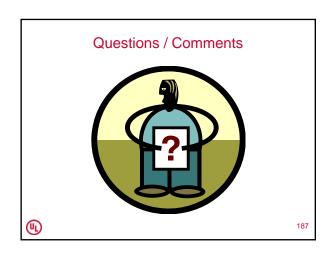


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Summary of Engineering Judgments

- Emphasizes importance of tested designs
- Not a substitute for existing designs
- Should be issued only by those who know the components
- Based on sound engineering practices and knowledge of performance of the designs
- Based on interpolation of previous testing
- Issued only for a specific jobsite
- Presented in clear detail







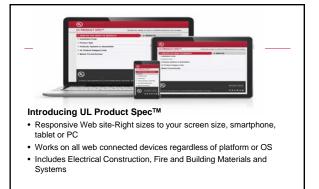


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- Installation Code Code Link
- Online Certifications Directory



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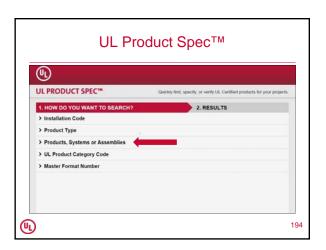
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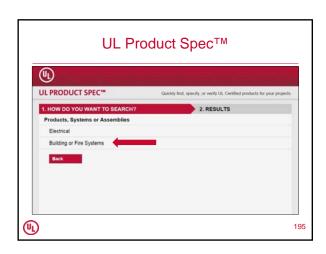
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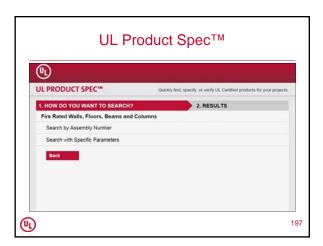


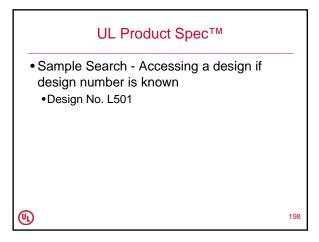
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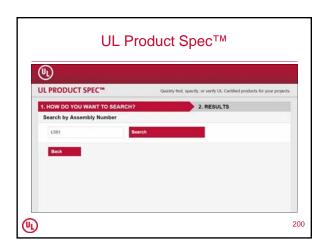


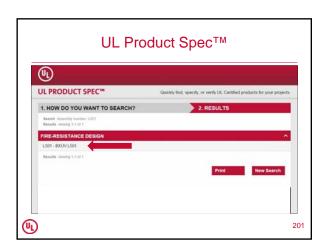


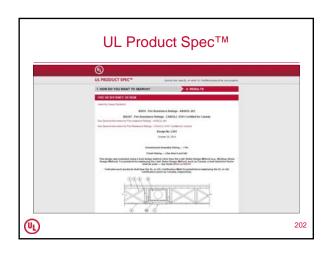




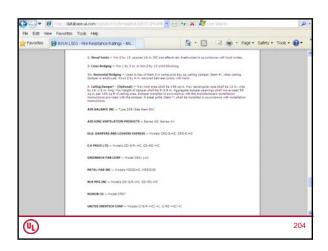


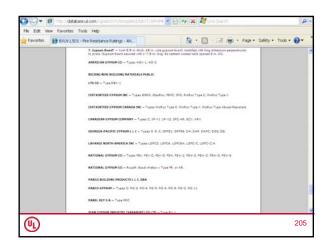












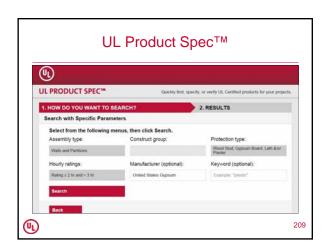


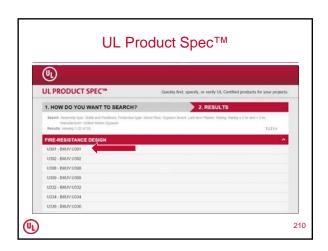
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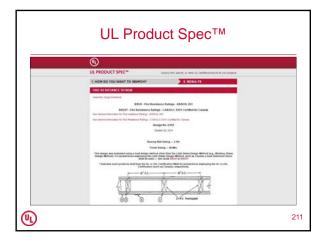
- Sample Search Searching for a design based on specific parameters
 - •Wood stud/gypsum board wall assembly
 - •2 hour rating
 - •Gypsum board supplied by the United States Gypsum Company











Guide Information

- Equipment, materials or systems included in the Category
- Intended use, restrictions or supplemental information that apply
- Standard(s) used to evaluate products under the Category
- Listing or Classification Mark information for the Category



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Examples of Guide Information for Firestop Systems

- General Description of a Firestop System
- Standard
- Description of Ratings
- Permitted Substitutions
- Specifications of Penetrating Items
- Support of Penetrating Items
- Angle of Penetration
- Description of Numbering System



C-A J-1000 First Alpha Character

- C Either Floor or Wall being Penetrated
- F Floor being Penetrated
- W Wall being Penetrated

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C-AJ-1000 Second and Third Alpha Characters

| Letter | Description |
|--------|--|
| Α | Concrete floors with a minimum thickness less than or equal to 5 in. |
| В | Concrete floors with a minimum thickness greater than 5 in. |
| С | Framed floors |
| D | Steel decks in marine vessels |
| Е | Floor-ceiling assemblies consisting of concrete with membrane protection |
| F-I | Not used a present time |
| J | Concrete or masonry walls with a minimum thickness less than or equal to 8 in. |
| K | Concrete or masonry walls with a minimum thickness greater than 8 in. |
| L | Framed wall |
| М | Bulkheads in marine vessels |
| N | Composite panel walls |
| O-Z | Not used at present time |

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C-AJ-1000 **Numeric Characters**

| Numeric Range | Description | |
|---------------|---|-----|
| 0000 - 0999 | No penetrating items | |
| 1000 - 1999 | Metallic pipe, conduit or tubing | |
| 2000 - 2999 | Nonmetallic pipe, conduit or tubing | |
| 3000 - 3999 | Electrical cables | |
| 4000 - 4999 | Cable trays with electrical | |
| 5000 - 5999 | Insulated pipes | |
| 6000 - 6999 | Misc. electrical penetrants such as busducts | |
| 7000 - 7999 | Misc. mechanical penetrants such as air ducts | |
| 8000 - 8999 | Groupings of penetrations including any combination of items listed above | |
| 9000 - 9999 | Not used at present time | |
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Firestop Systems

- Each firestop system contains specific construction features
- Many firestop systems contain various options and various ratings
- Must be followed exactly for rating to apply

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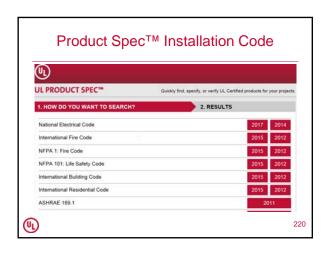
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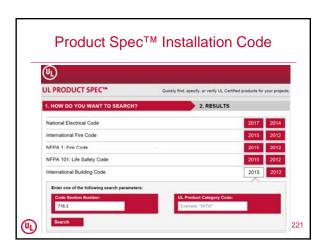
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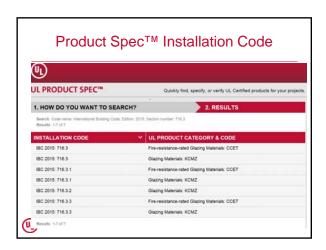
Search by Installation Code

- Correlates model code sections to UL product categories
- Covers many model codes and editions (IBC, IFC, NEC, etc.)
- Flexible search capabilities
- Powerful tool to locate appropriate Listings
- www.ul.com/codelink

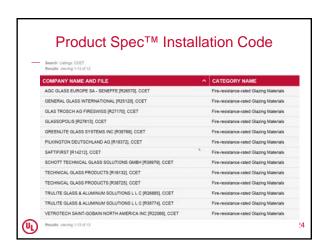
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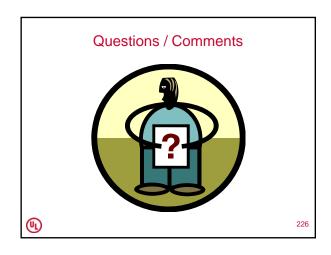


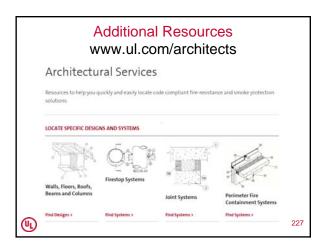












Additional Resources

- Firestop Contractors International Association <u>www.FCIA.org</u>
- National Fireproofing Contractors Association <u>www.NFCA-online.org</u>
- UL Code Authorities Technical Library www.ul.com/codeauthorities

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