

exceed an area greater than 20% of the roof area except as permitted under occupancy sections.

1. No individual dome or group of domes or skylights shall exceed 100 square feet.

a. Domes or groups of domes or skylights shall be separated from each other by at least 8 feet laterally and 10 feet along the slope of the roof.

(7) Building locations:

(a) When the distance between buildings located on the same property is less than 10 feet, the following shall apply:

1. Where the combined gross area for these buildings is less than that allowable for one building the exterior wall shall satisfy minimum requirements listed for class of construction in table 51.03-A.

a. Buildings classified as wood frame under subsections Ind 51.03 (7) or (8) shall have exterior walls with a fire-resistive rating of not less than that required for these buildings when satisfying the 10 feet to 30 feet distance to property line shown in table 51.03-A.

2. Where the combined gross area for these buildings is greater than that allowable for one building, one of the opposing walls shall be not less than a 4-hour fire-resistive rated fire division wall or building division wall, whichever applies. Where buildings are of different classes of construction, the lesser allowable gross area shall apply.

(8) Interior balcony or mezzanine. Interior balconies or mezzanine floors shall have fire-resistive ratings as required for the story in which it is located.

(9) No pipes, wires, cables, ducts or other service equipment shall be imbedded lengthwise in the required fire-resistive protection of any structural member except as allowed in approved fire rated assemblies.

(10) Exposed exterior structural columns and framing. The required fire-resistive hourly rating may be omitted on noncombustible columns and framing when the building does not exceed 2 stories and the fire separation to the center of a street, or to the property line or buildings on the same property, is greater than 30 feet.

(11) Stairways, elevators and vertical shafts which serve 3 or more floor levels shall be enclosed with fire-resistive rated construction equal to or better than requirements specified in Table 51.03-A, except as exempted below:

(a) In buildings with 3 floor levels, the stairways in the upper 2 levels may be left open provided all stairways leading to the lowest level are separated from the upper levels with fire-resistive rated construction as specified in Table 51.03-A or better.

(b) Conditions specified in subsections Ind 55.09 (1) (a) and (b) as applied to a place of worship are acceptable.

(12) (a) Parapet walls shall be provided on exterior walls closer than 10 feet to a property line or to other buildings on the same property except as exempted under Ind 51.02 (12) (a) 4, Wis. Adm. Code. Parapet walls shall satisfy the following requirements:

1. Parapets shall not be less than 2 feet in height.

2. The minimum thickness of masonry parapets shall be 8 inches.

3. Parapets shall have fire-resistive ratings as specified for exterior walls in Table 51.03-A.

4. Parapets are not required on exterior walls which front streets and alleys or where exterior walls connect with roofs of noncombustible construction.

(b) All parapet walls shall be properly coped with noncombustible weatherproof material.

(13) FIRE DIVISION WALLS. Fire division walls shall have not less than a 4-hour fire-resistive rating as specified in section Ind 51.04 and shall comply with one of the following conditions:

(a) The wall shall extend 3 feet above the roof.

(b) The wall shall connect and make tight contact with roof decks of at least 2-hour fire-resistive noncombustible construction on both sides of the wall.

(c) The wall shall connect and make tight contact with roofs of noncombustible construction on both sides of the walls, and the roofs shall be noncontinuous at the wall.

(14) DETERMINATION OF NUMBER OF STORIES.\* For purposes of establishing the maximum allowable stories in the various classes of construction stated in section Ind 51.03, the number of stories shall be determined on the following basis:

(a) The first floor shall be determined first and this level shall satisfy the following conditions:

1. Is the lowest floor having one or more required exits for that floor and for any floor(s) above or below.

a. If condition stated in 1. is not satisfied, the highest floor level shall be considered the first floor.

2. The elevation of the first floor shall be at or not more than 6 feet above an exit discharge grade.

3. The door sill of all required exit discharges from the first floor shall be at or not more than 3 feet above exit discharge grade.

(b) An interior balcony or mezzanine floor which exceeds 25,000 square feet or one third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ), whichever is least, of the net area enclosed within exterior walls and/or fire division walls shall be counted as a story.

(c) Penthouse(s) with a total area that exceeds 50% of the total roof area shall be counted as a story(ies).

(d) Construction according to subsection Ind 51.02 (4) (b) 1. b. shall also be counted as a story(ies).

(e) Total number of stories shall include the first floor plus all stories above and those stories determined by subsections Ind 51.02 (14) (b), (c) and (d).

1. Floor levels satisfying the definition of basement(s), ground floor(s), attic, interior balcony(ies) and/or mezzanine floor(s), unless otherwise stated, shall not be counted as a story(ies). For exception, see Appendix A-51.02 (14), Illustration No. 4.

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\* See Appendix A for further explanatory material.

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underside of the members. Splice plates shall be not less than 3 inches, nominal, in thickness.

(f) Floors:

1. Wood floor construction shall be tongued and grooved, or splined lumber not less than 3 inches nominal thickness, or of solid lumber placed on edge and securely fastened together to make a floor not less than 4 inches, nominal, in thickness. A top layer of flooring of one inch nominal thickness shall be placed over all such floor construction.

(g) Stair construction may be of wood in buildings not exceeding 3 stories in height. In 4-story buildings, all stairs, platforms and stair construction shall be constructed of noncombustible material.

(h) Roofs. Roof decks shall be:

1. Matched or splined wood roof decking of not less than 2 inches in nominal thickness; or

2. Solid lumber not less than 3 inches in nominal thickness, set on edge securely fastened together; or

3. Approved 1½ inch thick plywood with exterior glue, tongue and groove with all end joints staggered and butting on centers of beams spaced not over 4 feet apart; or

4. Other forms of roof decks, if of noncombustible material.

(5) EXTERIOR MASONRY (NO. 5):

(a) A building is of exterior masonry construction if all enclosing walls are constructed of masonry or reinforced concrete with fire-resistive ratings as set forth in table 51.03-A.

(b) All buildings of this classification shall not exceed a height of 50 feet, in which height there shall be not more than 4 stories.

(c) The interior structural framing shall be metal, reinforced concrete, masonry or wood. Fire protection of metal or wood structural members may be omitted except that all such members supporting load-bearing masonry in all parts of buildings of more than one story shall be of metal, reinforced concrete or masonry with not less than one-hour fire-resistive protection of supporting metal.

(d) In walls where fire protection is required, the bottom of lower flange of lintels supporting load-bearing masonry shall be protected for openings exceeding 12-foot spans.

(e) Floors, roofs, partitions and stairs may be of wood but no joist, rafter, stud or stringer shall be less than 2 inches in nominal thickness.

(f) Bays, oriels and similar exterior projections from the walls shall be constructed of material with fire-resistive ratings as required for exterior walls or approved fire-retardant treated wood satisfying the definition for "noncombustible" [Ind 51.01 (86) (c)].

(g) Where exterior overhangs are closer than 20 feet to the adjoining property line or other building on the same property, exterior wood siding, trim and shingles of projecting canopies, cornices, roof overhangs, dormers and mansard roofs may be used if the construction complies with the following:

1. All exposed material shall be noncombustible material or fire-retardant treated wood satisfying the definition for "noncombustible" [Ind 51.01 (86) (c)].

\* See Appendix A for further explanatory material.

2. Exterior masonry walls shall extend to the underside of roof rafters or joists or bearing points of beams and trusses.

3. Spaces between rafters, joists, beams or trusses shall be fire-stopped with nominal 2-inch wood blocking or rigid noncombustible material to the underside of the roof decking.

(h) Penthouses and other roof structures shall have enclosing walls of noncombustible construction and roof framing and coverings shall be equal to that specified in table 51.03-A.

(6) METAL FRAME—UNPROTECTED (NO. 6):

(a) A building is of metal frame unprotected construction if the enclosing walls are of unprotected metal or unprotected metal in combination with other noncombustible materials and all building elements are as set forth in Table 51.03-A unless otherwise exempted.

1. Heavy timber may be used for interior columns and floor framing.

2. Interior mezzanines and balconies within the first story may be constructed of one-hour fire-resistive construction.

(b) All buildings of this classification shall not exceed a height of 50 feet, in which height there shall be not more than 3 stories.

(c) Stairs and stair platforms may be of wood with stringers not less than 2 inches in nominal thickness.

(d) Bays, oriels and similar exterior projections from the walls shall be constructed of material with fire-resistive ratings not less than that specified for exterior walls in table 51.03-A.

(7) WOOD FRAME—PROTECTED (NO. 7):

(a) A building is of wood frame protected construction if the structural parts and enclosing walls are of protected wood, or protected wood in combination with other materials, with fire-resistive ratings as set forth in table 51.03-A. If such enclosing walls are veneered, encased or faced with stone, brick, tile, concrete, plaster or metal, the building is also termed a wood frame protected building.

(b) All buildings of this classification shall not exceed a height of 40 feet, in which height there shall be not more than 2 stories.

(c) Floors, roofs, partitions and stairs may be of wood but no joist, rafter, stud or stringer shall be less than 2 inches in nominal thickness.

(d) The structural members supporting the finished ceiling in the topmost story shall be protected on the underside by fire-resistive material acceptable in systems approved for one-hour fire-resistive ratings as covered in section Ind 51.04.

(8) WOOD FRAME—UNPROTECTED (NO. 8):

(a) A building is of wood frame unprotected construction if the structural parts and enclosing walls are of unprotected wood, or unprotected wood in combination with other materials. If such enclosing walls are veneered, encased or faced with stone, brick, tile, concrete, plaster or metal, the building is also termed a wood frame unprotected building.

(b) All buildings of this classification shall not exceed a height of 35 feet, in which height there shall be not more than 2 stories.

\* See Appendix A for further explanatory material.

(c) Floors, roofs, partitions and stairs may be of wood but no joist, rafter, stud or stringer shall be less than 2 inches in nominal thickness.

**History:** Cr. Register, June, 1972, No. 198, eff. 1-1-73; am. (1) (d), renum. (1) (e) 1. to be (f), (1) (f) 1. a. to be (1) (f) 1., (1) (f) (g) (h) (1) to be (1) (g) (h) (1) (j), (2) (f) 1. to be (2) (g), (2) (g) 1. a. to be (2) (g) 1., (2) (g) (h) (i) to be (2) (h) (1) (j), (3) (d) 1. to be (e), (3) (e) 1. a. to (3) (e) 1., (7) (b) to be (c), (7) (c) to be (b), am. (2) (e), r. (4) (e) 3., r. and recr. (6) (a), cr. (7) (d), Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10-1-73; r. and recr. (6) (a), Register, May, 1974, No. 221, eff. 6-1-74.

**Ind 51.04 History:** 1-2-56; r. Register, February, 1971, No. 182, eff. 7-1-71; cr. Register, July, 1971, No. 187, eff. 8-1-71 and expiring 1-1-72.

### Fire-Resistive Standards for Materials of Construction

**Ind 51.04 Scope.** This section shall include standards applicable to various types of fire-resistive construction. Requirements established herein are considered minimum safety standards and will not necessarily result in the most advantageous insurance rates.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1971, No. 182, eff. 7-1-71; r. eff. 8-1-71 and recr. eff. 1-1-72, Register, July, 1971, No. 187.

**Ind 51.041 History:** Cr. Register, February, 1971, No. 182, eff. 7-1-71; r. eff. 8-1-71, and recr. eff. 1-1-72, Register, July, 1971, No. 187; r. Register, June, 1972, No. 198, eff. 1-1-73.

**Ind 51.042 General requirements.** (1) Construction details and quality of material used for these systems must be those used by the testing laboratory for the test, and/or those dictated by good construction practice.

(2) Connection of structural members. (a) The minimum fire-resistive protection of a connection shall be equal to the maximum required for the members to which it is attached.

(3) For structural components with a fire-resistive rating obtained by test with restrained ends, the supporting structure shall be designed to provide for this restraint.

(4) ASTM standard methods of test. (a) All products manufactured and tested according to ASTM standard methods prior to effective dates of standards specified in "Fire-Resistive Standards for Materials of Construction" shall be accepted unless the ASTM standard method used in the test is judged to be inadequate in comparison with the currently adopted standard method.

(5)\* The heat transmission requirements of ASTM E-119 (25b), with the exception of high hazard areas, penal and health care facilities and warehouses for combustible materials, may be reduced to one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the hourly rating required by this code, but not less than one hour.

**NOTE:** For ASTM E-119 Standard adopted see Ind 51.25 (90).

(a) The fire-resistive rating for structural integrity required by this code shall be maintained where the heat transmission criteria has been reduced.

\* See Appendix A for further explanatory material.

(6) The use of fire-resistive protection implies consent by owner to maintain material in a serviceable condition. Where this protection is concealed, provisions shall be made for periodic visual inspection of the structural insulating material at each story.

**NOTE:** Definition of owner—see 101.01 (13), Wis. Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1971, No. 182, eff. 7-1-71; r. eff. 8-1-71, and recr. eff. 1-1-72, Register, July, 1971, No. 187.

**Ind 51.043 Approved rating methods.** (1) Ratings of fire-resistive assemblies shall be determined by one of the following methods:

(a) Test by approved testing laboratories (see Ind 51.044).

(b) Typical examples as listed in this code in lieu of approved test (see Ind 51.045).

(c) Approved method of calculation in lieu of approved test (see Ind 51.046).

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1971, No. 182, eff. 7-1-71; r. eff. 8-1-71, and recr. eff. 1-1-72, Register, July, 1971, No. 187.

**Ind 51.044 Approved testing laboratories.** (1) Fire rating tests conducted according to table 1 listed ASTM standards shall be acceptable if conducted by the recognized testing laboratory for referenced test.

**NOTE:** Other testing laboratories will be recognized as an approved agency if accepted in writing by the department.

**TABLE 1**

Name of Recognized Laboratories	ASTM Standard Tests					
	E-84	E-108	E-119	E-136	E-152	E-163
Forest Prod. Lab., Madison, Wis.*	-----	-----	X	-----	X	-----
Nat'l. Bureau of St'd., Washington, D.C.	-----	-----	X	X	-----	-----
Ohio State Univ., Columbus, Ohio	-----	-----	X	X	X	X
Portland Cement Assoc., Skokie, Ill.	-----	-----	X	-----	-----	-----
Southwest Research Inst., San Antonio, Tex.	X	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Underwriters' Lab., Inc., Chicago, Ill.	X	X	X	-----	X	X
Underwriters' Lab., Inc., Scarborough, Ont., Canada	X	X	X	X	X	X
Univ. of Calif., Berkeley, Calif.	-----	X	X	-----	-----	X

\*NOTE: Reference based on research and development data. Facility is not available for conducting routine rating tests.

NOTE: For column identification and specific standards adopted, see subsections Ind 51.25 (88) thru (93).

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1971, No. 182, eff. 7-1-71; r. eff. 8-1-71, and recr. eff. 1-1-72, Register, July, 1971, No. 187.

**Ind 51.045 Typical examples of Fire-Resistive Structural Components.** (1) Basic design and construction for specified fire-resistive protection of structural components listed in table 2, including references (a) through (p), shall be acceptable.

NOTE: The following table is based on performance, interpretation of various test data and/or data from ASTM E-119 test (see table 2).

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