

2012 International Building Code Errata

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ELEVENTH PRINTING (Updated November 28, 2016)

CHAPTER 2 DEFINITIONS

SECTION 202 DEFINITIONS

START OF CONSTRUCTION. The date of [permit](#) issuance for new construction and *substantial improvements* to *existing structures*, provided the actual start of construction, *repair*, reconstruction, rehabilitation, *addition*, placement or other improvement is within 180 days after the date of issuance. The actual start of construction means the first placement of permanent construction of a building (including a manufactured home) on a site, such as the pouring of a slab or footings, installation of pilings or construction of columns.

Permanent construction does not include land preparation (such as clearing, excavation, grading or filling), the installation of streets or walkways, excavation for a *basement*, footings, piers or foundations, the erection of temporary forms or the installation of accessory buildings such as garages or sheds not occupied as *dwelling units* or not part of the main building. For a *substantial improvement*, the actual “start of construction” means the first *alteration* of any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of a building, whether or not that *alteration* affects the external dimensions of the building.

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~~**GRADE FLOOR OPENING.** A window or other opening located such that the sill height of the opening is not more than 44 inches (1118 mm) above or below the finished ground level adjacent to the opening.~~

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COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF MASONRY. Maximum compressive force resisted per unit of net cross-sectional area of masonry, determined by the testing of masonry prisms or a function of individual masonry units, mortar and grout.

[BS] PORCELAIN TILE. Tile that conforms to the requirements of ANSI ~~137.1.3~~ A137.1 Section 3.0 for ceramic tile having an absorption of 0.5 percent or less in accordance with ANSI ~~137.4.1–A137.1 Section 4.1~~ Class Table and ~~ANSI 137.1.6.1 Allowable Properties by Tile Type–Section 6.1~~ Table 10.

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VAPOR-PERMEABLE MEMBRANE. The property of having a moisture vapor permeance rating of ~~5~~ ~~10~~ perms (~~2.9~~ ~~5.7~~ x 10⁻¹⁰ kg/Pa•s•m²) or greater, when tested in accordance with the desiccant method using Procedure A of ASTM E 96. A vapor-permeable material permits the passage of moisture vapor.

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FIRE PROTECTION RATING. The period of time that an opening protective will maintain the ability to confine a fire as determined by tests prescribed in Section ~~745-716~~. Ratings are stated in hours or minutes.

HURRICANE-PRONE REGIONS. Areas vulnerable to hurricanes defined as:

1. The U. S. Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico coasts where the ultimate design wind speed, V_{ult} , for Risk Category **II** buildings is greater than 115 mph (51.4 m/s) and
2. Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, Virgin Islands and American Samoa.

SPECIAL INSPECTION. Inspection of construction requiring the expertise of an *approved special inspector* in order to ensure compliance with this code and the *approved construction documents*.

Continuous special inspection. Special inspection by the *special inspector* who is continuously present when and where the work to be inspected is being performed.

Periodic special inspection. Special inspection by the *special inspector* who is intermittently present where the work to be inspected has been or is being performed.

VEHICLE BARRIER. A component or a system of components, near open sides or walls of a garage ~~floor~~ floors or ~~ramp~~ ramps ~~or building walls~~ that ~~act~~ acts as ~~a restraints~~ restraint for vehicles.

WIND-BORNE DEBRIS REGION. Areas within hurricane-prone regions located:

1. [no change]
2. In areas where the ultimate design wind speed is 140 mph or greater; ~~or Hawaii~~.

[no change to remainder of definition]