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Session: 2018 IRC Essentials - Design Criteria, Foundations, Framing and Finishes



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Based on the 2018 International Residential Code[®] (IRC[®])



Apply the critical concepts provisions of the 2018 *International Residential Code*[®].





OBJECTIVES

- Explain the fundamental provisions of the 2018 IRC.
- Locate general topics and applicable tables in the 2018 IRC.
- Define terms essential for correct code interpretation.
- Identify the code that relates to the design, construction or inspection of residential building.









Tips

Guide to a successful class:

- Slides contain some text and iconic images to help you learn.
- Text and commentary is in the handout.
- Follow along in the course handout.
- Ask Questions, ask questions, ASK QUESTIONS!!!!



Outline

- Overview
- Part I: Code Administration and Enforcement
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 Development
- Part III: Structural
- Part IV: Finishes and Weather Protection

- Part V: Health and Safety
- Part VI: Building Utilities
- Part VII: Energy Conservation
- Part VIII: Protection from Other Hazards
- Summary, Q and A and Debrief



Site Preparation

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Location on Property

- Measured perpendicular to the exterior wall
- Measured between the building and:
 - Lot lines
 - Centerline of a street or alley





Site Preparation

- Two basic provisions:
 - Soil characteristics as they relate to the support and stability of foundations
 - Grading to provide surface drainage away from foundations



General Requirements

Exterior footings

- Minimum of 12" below the undisturbed ground level
- Protected against frost
- All footings must bear on:
 - Natural soil; or
 - Compacted engineered fill







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Presumptive Load-bearing Values & Properties of Soils

Unified Soil Classification System Symbol	Soil Description	Load Bearing Pressure (psf)	Drainage Characteristics	Frost Heave Potential	Volume Change Potential Expansion
GW	Well-graded gravels, gravel sand mixtures, little or no fines	3000	Good	Low	Low
GP	Poorly graded gravels or gravel sand mixtures, little or no fines	3000	Good	Low	Low
SW	Well-graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines	2000	Good	Low	Low
SP	Poorly graded sands or gravelly sands, little or no fines	2000	Good	Low	Low
GM	Silty gravels, gravel-sand-silt mixtures	2000	Good	Medium	Low
SM	Silty sand, sand-silt mixtures	2000	Good	Medium	Low
GC	Clayey gravels, gravel-sand-clay mixtures	2000	Medium	Medium	Low
SC	Clayey sands, sand-clay mixture	2000	Medium	Medium	Low
ML	Inorganic silts and very fine sands, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sands or clayey silts with slight plasticity	1500	Medium	High	Low
CL	Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays	1500	Medium	Medium	Medium to Low
СН	Inorganic clays of high plasticity, fat clays	1500	Poor	Medium	High
MH	Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sandy or silty soils, elastic silts	1500	Poor	High	High

Fill

Engineered fill is required for:

- Over-excavation to remove unsuitable soils
- Additional material to raise the elevation of the footings above the existing undisturbed soil

Engineered fill must be:

- Designed by a registered design professional
- Installed as specified in design requirements
- Tested as specified in design requirements





Storm Drainage

- Final grade
 - Minimum fall 6" within 10' of foundation
 - Exception for local site conditions
 - Water can be directed to swales or drains
 - Concrete surfaces within 10' of the foundation need 2%



slope





Storm Drainage



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Structural

Table R301.2(1) Climatic and Geographic Design Criteria

 IRC adoption: jurisdiction completes table with data applicable to the jurisdiction – for example:





Table R301.2(1) (Continued) Climatic and Geographic Design Criteria

 IRC adoption: jurisdiction completes table with data applicable to the jurisdiction – for example:

	Ice Barrier			
Weathering	Frost Line Depth	Termite	Underlayment Required	
Negligible or Moderate or Severe	42 in.	Yes or No	Yes or No	



Table R301.2(1) (Continued) Climatic and Geographic Design Criteria

Winter Design Temp	Flood Hazards	Air Freezing Index	Mean Annual Temp
2º F	Date NFIP, Etc.	1197	51º F



Table R301.2(1) (Continued) Climatic and Geographic Design Criteria

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Elevation	Latitude	Latitude Winter Heating Summer Cooling Altitude Indoor Design Temp.					

Heating Temp. Differ.	Cooling Temp. Differ.	Wind Velocity Heating	Wind Velocity Cooling	Coincident Wet Bulb	Daily Range	Winter Humidity	Summer humidity

Prescriptive and Performance

- Prescriptive requirements
 - A specific set of rules to follow
- Performance requirements
 - Expectation that the system will function in a certain way
 - For structural requirements, performance is achieved through engineering



Prescriptive and Performance

- Conventional construction
 - Engineered design can be used for structural elements that:
 - Exceed the limits in the code; or
 - Are not included in the code
- Alternative to wood framing provisions
 - Wood Frame Construction Manual published by the American Wood Council
 - WFCM addresses wind speeds up to 150 mph
 - IRC wind speeds are less than 110 mph



For example, the sizing of wide flange steel beams





Live Loads IRC Table R301.5

Minimum Uniformly Distributed Live Loads

USE	LIVE LOAD (psf)
Uninhabitable attics without storage	10
Uninhabitable attics with limited storage	20
Habitable attics and attics served with fixed stairs	30
Balconies (exterior) and decks	40
Fire escapes	40
Rooms other than sleeping rooms	40
Sleeping rooms	30



Live Loads (Continued) IRC Table R301.5 Minimum Uniformly Distributed Live Loads

USE	LIVE LOAD (psf)	
Guardrails and handrails	200	Single concentrated load applied in any direction along the top.
Guardrail in-fill components	50	Horizontally applied normal load of 50 lb. on area of 1 sq. ft.
Passenger vehicle garages	50	2,000-lb concentrated load / 20-sq. in. area.
Stairs	40	300-lb concentrated load / 4 sq. in. of tread





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Dead Loads

- Average dead loads are included in the prescriptive tables for:
 - Footings
 - Floors
 - Walls
 - Roofs

For example, spread footing sizes for conventional frame construction assume average weights for the construction materials being supported





Deflection

- Allowable deflection in structural framing members:
 - Studs
 - Joists
 - Beams
 - Rafters
- Table R301.7
 - L = span length
 - H = span height

Structural Member	Allowable Deflection
Rafters having slopes greater than 3:12 with no finished ceiling attached to rafters	<i>L</i> /180
Interior walls and partitions	<i>H</i> /180
Floors/ceilings with plaster or stucco finish	<i>L</i> /360
All other structural members	<i>L</i> /240
Exterior walls—wind loads with plaster or stucco finish	<i>H</i> /360
Exterior walls with other brittle finishes	<i>H</i> /240
Exterior walls with flexible finishes	<i>H</i> /120
Lintels supporting masonry veneer walls	<i>L</i> /600



Example 4-1 Floor Joist Deflection

Floor joist span is 14'

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Allowable deflection from Table R301.7 is L/360

L = 14' x 12" = 168"

 $168 \div 360 = 0.47$

Allowable deflection is 0.47"

Note: a 14' span rafter with 4:12 slope and no ceiling attached has an allowable deflection of L/180, which is twice the deflection allowed for floor joists



Wind Loads

- Wind forces acting on buildings
 - IRC conventional framing limits wind speed to 140 mph V_{ult} (130 in hurricane prone areas)
 - AWC Wood Framing Construction Manual (WFCM)
 - ICC 600 Standard for Residential Construction in High-Wind Regions
 - ICC International Building Code
 - ASCE 7 Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures





Wind Exposure Category

Exposure B

- Some wind protection with trees and buildings
- Default
- Exposure C
 - Open terrain with scattered obstructions
- Exposure D

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 Flat, unobstructed areas exposed to open water, smooth mud flats, salt flats and unbroken ice for
 ≥ 5,000 ft





Wind exposure B



Wind exposure C



Hurricane-prone regions

- Hurricane-prone regions. Areas vulnerable to hurricanes, defined as the U.S. Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico coasts where the ultimate design wind speed, Vult, is greater than 115 miles per hour, and Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, Virgin Islands and America Samoa.
- Windborne debris region. Areas within hurricane-prone regions located in accordance with one of the following:
 - 1.Within 1 mile of the coastal mean high water line where the ultimate design wind speed, Vult, is 130 mph or greater.
 - 2. In areas where the ultimate design wind speed, Vult, is 140 mph or greater; or Hawaii.





Snow Loads

- Snow loads must be considered where applicable
- IRC and WFCM conventional framing tables are limited to snow load <70 psf







Earthquakes

Seismic Design Category	1- and 2-Family Dwellings	Townhouses	
A & B	No seismic requirements	No seismic requirements	
С	No seismic requirements	Seismic Requirements Apply	
$D_{0,} D_{1,} D_{2}$	Seismic Requirements Apply		
E	Engineered Design Required		

- The IRC assigns a Seismic Design Category to building sites relative to the anticipated intensity and frequency of earthquakes
- Prescriptive provisions of the IRC are adequate for SDC A and B



Earthquakes

- Regularly shaped buildings
 - Uniform distribution of forces
 - More predictable response chara
- Irregularly shaped buildings
 - Force concentrations
 - Generally less effective in resisting earthquake load effects







Foundation Materials

- Concrete
 - Removable forms
 - Stay-in-place insulating concrete forms (ICF)
- Precast concrete
- Masonry
- Wood

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 Engineered or alternative designs







Footings

- Footings must bear on undisturbed ground
- Footings must extend below the frost depth
- Exterior footings 12" below undisturbed ground level
- Detrimental materials removed prior to placing concrete



Size of Concrete Footings

Conventional Light-Frame Construction

Snow load	Type of foundation	Load bearing value of soil			
30 psf	Type of foundation	1,500	2,000	2,500	
	Slab-on-grade	12 x 6	12 x 6	12 x 6	
1-story	With crawl space	13 x 6	12 x 6	12 x 6	
	Plus basement	19 x 6	14 x 6	12 x 6	
	Slab-on-grade	12 x 6	12 x 6	12 x 6	
2-story	With crawl space	17 x 6	13 x 6	12 x 6	
	Plus basement	23 x 6	17 x 6	14 x 6	

Projection "P" \ge 2 in. and \le T Thickness "T" \ge 6 in. Width "W" per table



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Example 5-1 Footing Size

- Determine minimum width (W), projection (P) and thickness (T) of a continuous spread footing
- Given:
 - 2-story dwelling with basement
 - 1500 psf assumed soil bearing capacity
 - 30 psf snow load
 - Conventional construction:
 - a) Light-frame construction with siding
 - b) Light-frame construction with brick veneer



Second story

First story

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Example 5-1 Footing Size





Example 5-2 **Isolated Footing Size**

Given:

Simple tributary load transferred to column and footing Excludes roof, wall, or second-floor loads Column supports tributary floor area 10 of 120 ft² at 50 psf Floor ioists 0 Footing 1,500 psf assumed soil-Column 5 bearing capacity Determine minimum Beam area 10 ft x 12 ft 120 sq. ft. footing size # 14 5 ft 5 ft 5 ft 5 ft #

10 ft





10 ft

Example 5-2 **Isolated Footing Size**

Soil load-bearing capacity

1500 psf

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- Tributary column load
 - 120 ft² x 50 lbs. = 6,000 lbs.
 - 6,000 lbs. \div 1,500 psf = 4 ft²
- Thickness (T) Min. 6"
- Projection (P) cannot exceed footing thickness









Foundation Anchorage

- Anchor bolts
 - 1/2-inch diameter
 - 7-inch embedment
 - Middle 1/3 of plate







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Foundation Anchorage

- Wood sill plate anchorage to foundation for
 - Dwellings and townhouses in SDC "A" and "B"



Foundation Anchorage

- Wood sill plate anchorage Seismic
 - Dwellings and townhouses in SDC D₀, D₁ and D₂



Slot is permitted it

standard washer is talled over plate washer

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3 in.

/2 in. diameter bolts

Concrete Foundation Walls

- Foundation walls must be constructed to resist lateral loads
- Thickness and vertical reinforcement determined by:
 - Soil type
 - Height of foundation
 - Height of unbalanced backfill
 - Difference in height between the exterior finish ground level and the top of the interior basement floor





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Concrete Foundation Walls

- Horizontal reinforcing required for basement walls
 - Table R404.1.2(1)

Maximum Unsupported Height of Basement Wall	Location of Horizontal Reinforcement
≤8 feet	One No. 4 bar within 12" of the top of the wall and one No. 4 bar near mid-height of the wall story
>8 feet	One No. 4 bar within 12" of the top of the wall and one No. 4 bar near third points the wall story

- Vertical reinforcing required
 - Tables R404.1.2(2) through R404.1.2(9)



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Horizontal Reinforcing in Concrete Basement Wall

- Table R404.1.2(1)
 - 3 horizontal No. 4 bars
 - One bar within 12" of top
 - Other bars at third points
 - Bars located in center of wall







Vertical Reinforcing in **Concrete Basement Wall**

10 in, nominal

8'

- Soil class = CL inorganic sandy clay
- 10" nominal thickness
- Wall height = 9'
- Unbalanced backfill height = 8'
- Table R404.1.2(8) Vertical Reinforcement
 - No. 6 bars at 39 inches on center



Height Above Finished Grade

 Concrete and masonry foundation walls must extend above the finished grade adjacent to the foundation



Moisture Protection

- Drainage by perforated pipe or other approved drain system
 - Installed at or below the level of the basement or crawl space floor,
 - Exception for areas with welldrained soils
- Dampproofing materials applied to the exterior of the foundation
- Waterproofing in areas with a high water table or other known severe soil-water conditions
 - Flexible sealants or other impervious material





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Underfloor Space

- Ventilation of crawl space required
 - Circulate air
 - Dissipate condensation
- Method of ventilation
 - Foundation openings
 - Mechanical exhaust ventilation
 - Connection to the conditioned air supply of the dwelling
- Access to underfloor spaces
 - 18" x 24" through floor
 - 16" x 24" through perimeter

wall

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Framing

- Light-frame construction
 - Wood or cold-formed steel
- Grade mark on wood products
 - Wood structural panels
 - Load-bearing dimension lumber







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Engineered Wood Products

- Plate-connected open web trusses
- I-joists
- Glued-laminated lumber
- Laminated veneer lumber (LVL)
- Other structural composite lumber (SCL)





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Wood Trusses

- Design submitted to building official for approval
- Include:
 - Design loads
 - Slope or depth, span and spacing
 - Required bearing widths
 - Lumber size, species and grade
 - Connection requirements
 - Required permanent bracing location





Other information

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Wood Treatment

- Wood in locations subject to decay requires:
 - Wood treated with preservatives; or
 - Naturally durable wood
 - Redwood
 - Cedar
 - Black locust
 - Black walnut



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Protection Against Decay



Boring and Notching Floor and Ceiling Joists

 Boring holes and notching of solid sawn beams, floor joists and ceiling joists



Boring and Notching Bearing Walls



Boring and Notching Nonbearing Walls



Boring and Notching Top Plate of Bearing Wall



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Fireblocking

 Designed to stop the spread of fire in concealed spaces of wood frame construction



Draftstopping

- Divide concealed floor assembly spaces into areas of <1000 ft²
- Materials:
 - 1/2" gypsum board
 - 3/8" wood structural panels
 - Other approved materials





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Wood Floor Framing

- Prescriptive tables for:
 - Beams and girders
 - No. 2 grade Douglas fir-larch, hem-fir, southern pine and spruce-pine-fir
 - Various support conditions
 - Floor joists
 - Specific grade and species of lumber
 - Live load 30 or 40 psf
 - Dead load 10 or 20 psf







Example 6-1 **Beam Size and Bearing Support**

- Determine the minimum size and bearing support requirements for an interior beam supporting 2 floors
- #2 hem-fir lumber
- Building width = 28'
- Beam span = 6'





Fastener Schedule for Floor Framing

- IRC Table R602.3(1)
 Fastener Schedule for Structural Members
- Common nails

Description	Nails	Spacing		
Rim joist to plate, toe nail	8d	6" O.C.		
Joist to sill or girder, toe nail	3 - 8d	—		
Joists lapped at bearing support, face nail	3 - 10d	IRC Section R502.6.1		
Built-up girders and beams	10d	24" O.C. at top and bottom and staggered. Three nails at ends and at each splice.		



Deck Attachment

- Deck ledger connection to:
 - 2" band joist; or
 - 1 x 9½ Douglas Fir LVL rim board
- Fasteners

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- ≥½" diameter lag screws or bolts with washers
- Hot-dipped galvanized or stainless steel
- Lag screws full-depth through rim joist
- Fasteners staggered along length of ledger





Deck Joists and Beams

- Prescriptive methods for joists and beams in deck construction.
 - Spans & bearing requirements

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Example 6-3 Deck Footings

Determine the minimum round concrete footing size for the deck corner post and interior post of a 20-foot x 12foot free-standing deck based on Table 6-5 and Figure 6-18. The live load is 40 psf and exceeds the snow load. The presumed soil bearing pressure is 2000 psf.

		Load Bearing Value of Soil (psf)						
		1500			2000			
Live or Ground Snow Load (psf)	Tributary area (ft²)	Side of a square footing (in)	Diameter of a round footing (in)	Thickness (in)	Side of a square footing (in)	Diameter of a round footing (in)	Thickness (in)	
40	20	12	14	6	12	14	6	
	40	14	16	6	12	14	6	
	60	17	19	6	15	17	6	
	80	20	22	7	17	19	6	
	100	22	25	8	19	21	6	
	120	24	27	9	21	23	7	
	140	26	29	10	22	25	8	
	160	28	31	11	24	27	9	

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Example 6-3 Deck Footings

- Tributary area Corner post
- Length is ¼ of total length = 20 ft × ¼ = 5 ft Width is ½ of total width = 12 ft × ½ = 6 ft Area = 5 ft × 6 ft = 30 ft²
- Tributary area Interior post
- Length is $\frac{1}{2}$ of total length = 20 ft x $\frac{1}{2}$ = 10 ft Width is $\frac{1}{2}$ of total width = 12 ft x $\frac{1}{2}$ = 6 ft Area = 10 ft x 6 ft = 60 ft²
- Corner post Footing size – Corner post 1/4 Min. 14 in. diameter Min. 6 in. thick Corner post Footing size – Interior post tributary area 1/2 Min. 17 in. diameter Min. 6 in. thick 12 ft 1/2 IRC Interior post tributary area 2018 IRC Essentials Interior post 20 ft

Wall Framing

- Size and spacing of studs is related to:
 - Number of floors being supported
 - With or without the additional load of the roof-ceiling assembly



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Example 6-3 Stud Size and Spacing

- Determine the minimum size, maximum height and maximum spacing of standard studs in an exterior bearing wall
- Given:

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- 3 stories of wood framing (walk-out basement plus 2 stories)
- Standard- or stud-grade lumber









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Example 6-4 Header Size in Exterior Walls

Given:

- Ground snow load = 30 psf
- Clear span roof truss
- Center bearing floor framing
- Building width = 28'
- Header span = 7'

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#2 Douglas fir-larch



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Example 6-4 Header Size in Exterior Walls

Table R602.7.1

Ground snow load = 30 psf Building width = 28 feet					
Supporting	Size	Span	Jack studs		
Roof & Ceiling	2-2x10	7-3	2		
	2-2x12	8-5	2		
Roof, ceiling, one center-bearing floor	2-2x10	6-2	2		
	2-2x12	7-1	2		
Roof, ceiling, two center-bearing floors	3-2x10	6-4	2		
	3-2x12	7-4	2		



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Wall Bracing

- Wall bracing provides resistance to racking from lateral loads, primarily wind and seismic forces
- Amount and location of bracing is determined by several factors:
 - Number of stories
 - Seismic design category
 - Design wind speed
 - Method of bracing

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center

Brace

wall

Intermittent bracing using Method WSP (wood structural panel)

Single braced

wall lin

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Single

braced wall line

Method PFH Braced Wall Panels

Portal Frame with Hold-Downs

- Minimum hold-down capacity 3500 lbs
- Double sill plate
- 5/8-inch anchor bolt





Ceiling Joists

- Ceiling joists
 - Support ceiling materials
 - Serve as rafter ties to resist the outward thrust of the rafters at the top of the wall
 - Require adequate connection to the rafter and top of wall
- Ceiling joist spans for:
 - Attics without storage
 - Attics with limited storage
 - Attics with fixed stair access require joists sized as floor joists



Rafters

- Rafter spans based on:
 - Snow load of the geographic area;
 - Roof live load of 20 psf where snow load <30 psf;
 - Whether ceiling material is attached to the bottom of the rafter
- Connection to ceiling joists
 - Rafters are connected to the ceiling joists at the top plate; or
 - 2 x 4 rafter ties are required to resist the outward
 thrust forces of the rafters on the wall



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Example 6-6 Rafter Size and Spacing

Given:

- #2 Spruce-pine-fir lumber
- Span = 15'

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- Ground snow load
 = 30 psf
- Dead load = 10 psf
- Ceiling not attached to rafters







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Example 6-6 Rafter Size and Spacing

Table 802.5.1(3) - Rafter Spans

		Dead Load = 10 psf		
Rafter Spacing (inches) Species and Grade	Species and Crade	2 x 6	2 x 8	2 x 10
	Species and Grade	Maximum rafter spans		
	ft - in	ft - in	ft - in	
16	Douglas fir-larch #2	12-1	15-4	18-9
	Southern Pine #2	11-2	14-2	16-10
	Spruce-pine-fir #2	11-11	15-1	18-5
24	Douglas fir-larch #2	9-9	12-4	15-1
	Southern Pine #2	10-2	13-2	15-9
	Spruce-pine-fir #2	9-9	12-4	15-1



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Rafter Tie Alternatives



Table R602.3(1) Fastener Schedule for Roof Framing

Description	Nails	Spacing
Rafter or roof truss to plate, toe nail	3-16d box or 3-10d common	2 toe nails on one side and 1 toe nail on opposite side
Roof rafters to ridge, valley or hip rafters	4-16d toe nail 3-16d face nail	_
Ceiling joists to plate, toe nail	3-8d common	_
Collar tie to rafter, face nail	3-10d common	_
Rafter/ceiling joist heel joint connection	Table R802.5.1(9)	_



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Roof Uplift Connections

- Table provides uplift values based on:
 - Building width
 - Wind speed
 - Exposure category
 - Roof pitch
- For ≤200 lbs. uplift, toe-nail connection is OK
- For >200 lbs. uplift, a connector is required



Example **Roof Uplift Connection**

- Determine uplift forces
- Given:

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- Wind speed = 115 mph
- Wind exposure B
- Trusses 24 in. o.c.
- Building width = 36 ft

Table R802.11 – Rafter or Truss

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Roof slope = 5:12



Attic Ventilation and Access

- Total net free ventilating area must be 1/150 of attic area
 - Reduced to 1/300 when 40% to 50% of ventilating area in upper portion of space
 - Unvented attics may be permitted with certain conditions
- Access to attics required when:
 - Attic area >30 ft², and
 - Attic height >30"
- Access

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- Minimum 22" x 30"
- 30" headroom above the opening
 - Located in a hallway or other readily accessible location





Part IV Finishes and Weather Protection

Interior Finishes

- Minimum installation requirements for:
 - Gypsum board (drywall)
 - Plaster
 - Ceramic tile
 - Wood paneling
- Inspection is not required except when part of a fire-resistance-rated assembly





Exterior Wall Covering

- 3 components of a weather-resistant exterior wall assembly:
 - Water-resistive barrier required over sheathing of all exterior walls, except for detached accessory buildings
 - Flashing

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Siding or veneer

1 layer of #15 asphalt saturated felt, or Other approved waterresistant material





Masonry and Stone Veneer

- SDC A, B or C
 - < 3 stories</p>
 - < 30 feet above noncombustible foundations
 - Additional 8 feet for gable end walls
 - < 5 inches thick</p>
 - Weight < 50 psf weight</p>
- SDC D_0 , D_1 , or D_2
 - Reduced height, weight
 and thickness limitations



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Roof Covering

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Underlayment for Asphalt Shingles



Ice Barriers

 Ice barrier is required in areas with a history of water damage to structures from ice dams at roof eaves

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Discussion Activity







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Final Reflection

This slide will help the learner to reflect on the day and what they will take back to the job and apply.

- What? What happened and what was observed in the training?
- So what? What did you learn? What difference did this training make?
- Now what? How will you do things differently back on the job as a result of this training?





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