Off-site Construction and Building Official Responsibility

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What is Off-Site?
What is Off-Site Construction?

• **OFF-SITE CONSTRUCTION.** A home, building, component or panelized system which is wholly or in substantial part fabricated or assembled on a separate building site and has been manufactured in such a manner that all parts or processes cannot be inspected at the installation site without disassembly, damage to, or destruction thereof.
What is Off-Site?

Open Construction

Closed Construction
History

• 1600s – First off-site construction came to America from England.
• 1800s – Modular homes were built in New York and sent to California during the Gold Rush.
• 1897 - E.F. Hodgson opened a manufacturing plant in Dover, Massachusetts.
• 1908 – 1939 Sear Roebuck sold over 75,000 homes.
History

• 1934 – Schult Mobile Homes opened one of the first housing factories in the country.

• 1963 – 13.5% of all new housing starts were mobile homes

• 1971 – Walt Disney’s Contemporary Resort

• 1976 – Federal Manufactured Housing standards introduced to regulate construction
History

• 1990s and 2000s brought in a new generation of architects looking for efficiency and sustainability.

• In 1996 25% of all single-family homes built were manufactured homes.
History

- 2016 – Marriott builds its first modular hotel in California
- 2018 – CitizenM builds its first modular hotel in New York
- 2021 - Elon Musk buys a $50k Modular Tiny Home
Modular Construction

- **Modular Structure** means any structure built for use of occupancy by person or property, whether or not designed to be placed on a permanent foundation. Modular structures include factory-built buildings and subassemblies for manufactured residential and commercial units, modular homes and pre-manufactured homes.
Residential Modular Construction

• Built to state and/or local codes (IRC)
• 1-2% of the single-family market.
• 1% of Multi-family
Commercial Modular Construction

- Nonresidential factory-built building components and structures designed to meet all applicable State and local codes
Relocatable Buildings
Permanent Modular construction
Volumetric Modular Pods
Panelized

- A panelized building system incorporates construction techniques that use advanced technology, quality materials and a controlled work environment to build energy-efficient homes in less time.
Structurally Insulated Panels

- SIP Panels
- The panels consist of an insulating foam core sandwiched between two structural facings, typically oriented strand board (OSB)
Recycled Shipping Containers

Many Uses of Shipping Containers
- Residential Homes
- Single family and Multi-story
- Homeless Shelters
- Office Buildings
- Medical Buildings
- Emergency Hospitals
- Apartments/Student Housing
- Hotels
- Schools
- Restaurants/Cafés/Bars
- Workshops
- Stores
- Portable Restrooms
- Disaster Shelters
Manufactured Housing

• Manufactured home: A structure, transportable in one or more sections, which in the traveling mode is 8 body feet or more in width or 40 body feet or more in length, or which when erected on site is 320 or more square fee, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and includes plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, and electrical systems contained in the structure.
Manufactured Housing

- Currently 6.9 million manufactured homes across the country
- Regulated by HUD
- Built to 24 CFR Part 3280 – Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards
- The price per square foot for a manufactured home is about $50, compared to $114 for a site-built home (excluding land)
Tiny Homes

- Appendix Q of the IRC defines TINY HOUSE as “a dwelling that is 400 square feet (37 m²) or less in floor area excluding lofts.”
- ANSI A119.5 Park Model Recreational Vehicle Standard
- NFPA 1192 Standard for RVs
Park Models

ANSI A119.5 Park Model Recreational Vehicle Standard
RVs

• NFPA 1192 Standard for RVs (2021 Edition)
Benefits

• **Faster Completion Time**
  • A home’s construction time can be reduced because the site work portion in the field and the actual construction on the home’s modules are being done separately, but simultaneously.
  • Initial testing of many of a home’s system (plumbing and electrical) is being done prior to delivery to the site.
  • Weather is virtually eliminated as a delay because of the work in being done indoors.
  • modular construction an average 25 to 50 percent time savings over traditional construction.
Benefits

• **Reduced Costs**
  • Labor costs are reduced because of lost productivity due to weather.
  • Much of the rework is eliminated due to issues at the site.
  • Modular construction can cut costs by 20-30 percent. A shorter build time saves money on overall construction.
Benefits

• Better for the environment
  • Factory production is designed to minimize, reused, or eliminate waste
  • Recent reporting from the Waste & Resources Action Program (WRAP) shows that a 90-percent waste reduction can be achieved by increasing the use of off-site construction.
  • Less wasted work time because of the concentration of many homes being constructed in one locations versus spreading resources across scattered lots for typical custom home construction.
  • Less pollution – Since most materials are delivered to the factory, modular construction means fewer trucks at the project site. Fewer vehicles mean less air and noise pollution.
Benefits

• **Higher Quality**
  • Consistent processes
  • Continuous inspection
  • Trained and consistent workforce
  • Easier quality control – The modular method of “in-house” design and production helps designers, engineers, and builders spot problems early on.
Benefits

• **Worker Safety**
  • Works have a much more predictable and consistent work environment.
  • Multi-story buildings are built with modules on the ground floor of a factory virtually eliminating fall hazards.
  • Safety equipment is required in the factory and is monitored and enforced
Challenges

• The payment schedule required for modular projects requires capital earlier in the project than in traditional construction because manufacturers require up-front capital so they can procure all materials and begin producing a design.

• While modular projects must be built to the same local code as traditional construction, there may be some regulatory overlap because state and local authorities may impose additional requirements for approval and transportation.

• For manufactured housing, zoning requirements and traditional financing is a challenge
Trends
Projected growth to 2023

- Source: Markets and Markets
- CAGR = Compound Annual Growth Rate
Off-site Construction Regulations
Off-Site Construction Regulatory Process
Modular Insignias

• A label on each unit signifies to the local building official that the unit has been constructed under a state sanctioned modular program
• Labels generate revenue for the State.
Quality Assurance Program

• Production process (station by station)
• Inspection process
• Control of design documents
• Training
• Material control
• Internal auditing
• Testing
Common Challenges

- Material Standards and Listings
- Design and Installation
- Plan Submission Format
- Quality Assurance Manuals
- Time Zone/language and/or Terminology Barriers
Recycled Shipping Containers
AC 462 Introduced by ICC-ES

- February 2016
- Established criteria and protocol for evaluating the reuse of shipping containers as a source of building product/material and not the final building itself
- For any new building constructed using shipping containers as part or the whole building
- Intent is to Evaluate the quality control procedures to establish and verify
  - Dimensions
  - Chemical/Physical properties of steel components
  - Evaluate the steel components for design in accordance with provisions of the code
- Intended to provide information and recommendations to those involved in the use of containers as buildings or structures
States Requiring AC 462 for Containers

- North Dakota
- Oregon
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Washington
- West Virginia – Local Requirements

Arizona - unless tested for steel
California
Colorado
Delaware
Florida
Georgia
Idaho - AC 462 or Steel testing
Illinois - Based on Local requirements
Louisiana
Maryland – over 400 square foot otherwise local
Minnesota
Mississippi – When under the ICC 500
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York – with PE Certification (alternate Steel Testing)
As with all ICC Guidelines, this guideline is not intended to be a regulatory document but rather a non-mandatory document that provides useful information for the industry, design professionals and code.
Current Code Requirements

Under the current code (2018 edition) shipping containers may be used as building components subject to the alternative building material requirements of the IBC (Section 104.11). Because approval procedures vary from location to location, developers and builders should consult local government authorities to gain an understanding of the state and local laws and regulations as well the required technical submissions for development review and approval.

The 2021 International Building Code includes provisions for the use of shipping containers as a building material based on approved code change – G151-18

3115.1 General

The provisions of Section 3115 and other applicable sections of this code shall apply to intermodal shipping containers that are repurposed for use as buildings or structures, or as a part of buildings or structures.
Convention for Safe Containers (CSC) sets international standards in two areas:

- Design type approval to ensure that new containers are designed and built to meet the dimensional and strength requirements established by the International Standards Organization (ISO).

- Safety inspections to ensure that containers are maintained in safe condition during their operating lives.
The information contained on the data plate includes, but not limited to, the following:

- Manufacturer's name or identification number
- Date manufactured
- Safety approval number
- Identification number
- Maximum operating gross mass or weight (kg)(lbs.)
- Allowable stacking load for 1.8G (kg)(lbs.)
- Transverse racking test force (Newtons)
- Valid maintenance examination date
- Classification Society
Remote Virtual Inspections
New Standards for Off-Site Construction

• Off-Site Construction Standards
  • ICC/MBI Standard 1200: Planning, Design, Fabrication and Assembly
  • ICC/MBI Standard 1205: Inspection and Regulatory Compliance

• Developed by the ICC/MBI Off-Site and Modular Construction Standard Consensus Committee (IS-OSMC)

• Anticipated Publication Date: September 16th
  • Available for adoption and use by jurisdictions throughout the United States in conjunction with the model building code for the finished construction.
Planning, Design, Fabrication and Assembly

“...provide minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety, general welfare and address societal and industry challenges in multiple facets of the off-site construction process including: planning, designing, fabricating, transporting and assembling...”

This Standard includes componentized, panelized and modularized elements and will not apply to HUD Manufactured Housing.
ICC/MBI 1200 – Standard for Off-Site Construction

• Provides planning and preparation requirements for:
  – The role of the architect/modular manufacturer/construction manager/general contractor;
  – Location of plant vs. construction site;
  – A controlled manufacturing environment;
  – Supply chain integration;
  – The fabrication process and on-site assembly.
ICC/MBI 1200 – Standard for Off-Site Construction

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ICC/MBI 1200 – Standard for Off-Site Construction

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  • Administrative Provisions
    • Purpose
    • Scope
    • Provisions for Compliance
    • Compliance Alternative
    • Referenced Standards
• General Requirements
  • Planning Considerations
    • AHJ, Manufacturing process, transportation, installation sequencing, cranes, responsibilities
  • AHJ Requirements (state programs where exist)
  • Responsible Parties Identification
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• Chapter 1: Application & Administration
  • Submittal Documents
    • General requirements
      • Delineation of off-site/on-site elements
      • Key plan
      • Mate lines
      • Component specifications
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    • Panelized systems
  • Inspections
    • In-plant
    • On-site
      • Inter-connections
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• Chapter 2: Definitions
  • Acronyms/Abbreviations
  • Definitions
    • ASSEMBLY. A collection of modular components assembled into a whole or partial module or modular building.
    • AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION (AHJ). Organization, political subdivision, office or individual charged with the responsibility of administering and enforcing the provisions of the applicable building code. The authority having jurisdiction shall include a state agency or local building department.
• Chapter 2: Definitions
  • Definitions
    • COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE PROGRAM. Procedures that state the guiding principles and define the framework for ensuring that construction documents approved by a design review agency, or that modular buildings inspected by a third-party inspection agency, comply with the applicable building codes.
    • DATA PLATE. A plate attached by the manufacturer or installer, to a modular building, or modular component that contains identifying information allowing code officials or end users to determine if the structure is suitable for installation in their jurisdiction, location, or project.
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• Chapter 2: Definitions
  • Definitions
    • DECAL. The approved form of certification issued by the authority having jurisdiction, to be permanently attached to the modular building, modular component or panelized system indicating that it has been constructed to meet or exceed the applicable building code requirements.
    • THIRD PARTY REVIEW AGENCY. An organization, private or public, determined by the authority having jurisdiction to be qualified by reason of facilities, personnel, experience, and demonstrated reliability to review the design package and certify compliance to the applicable building codes.
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• Chapter 2: Definitions
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    • INSIGNIA. The approved form of certification issued by the authority having jurisdiction to the manufacturer to be attached to the modular building, modular component or panelized system indicating that it has been constructed to meet or exceed the applicable building code requirements.
    • INSTALLATION. The assembly of a modular building, modular component or panelized system on site and the process of affixing the modular building, modular component or panelized system to land, a foundation, footings or an existing building.
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• Chapter 2: Definitions
  • Definitions
    • MODULAR COMPONENT. A sub-assembly, subsystem, or combination of elements, including panelized systems, building shells or bathroom pods, for use as a part of a modular building that is not structurally independent, but is a part of structural, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, fire protection, or other systems affecting life safety.
    • MODULE. A three-dimensional, volumetric section of a modular building designed and approved to be transported as a single section independent of other sections, to a site for on-site construction.
Chapter 2: Definitions

• Definitions

• PANELIZED SYSTEM. Wall, roof or floor components that are constructed at a location other than the building site in a manner that prevents the construction from being inspected at the building site without disassembly, damage or destruction thereof.

• THIRD-PARTY INSPECTION AGENCY. An approved person or entity determined by this standard or applicable states statutory requirements to be qualified by reason of facilities, personnel, experience, demonstrated reliability, and independence of judgment to inspect industrialized housing, buildings, and portions thereof for compliance with the construction documents, compliance control program, and applicable codes.
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• Chapter 3: Design
  • Fire and Smoke Protection Features
    • Construction Documents
    • Inspections
    • Secondary Attachments to Structural Members
  • Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing/Fire Protection Systems
    • Application
    • Construction Documents
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- Chapter 3: Design
  - Exterior Walls
    - System continuity
    - Control layers
    - Insulation
  - Structural Design
    - Tolerances in Panelized

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• Chapter 4: Special Requirements Based on Product Type
  • Modules
    • Structural (stiffness, interconnections, diaphragm and sheer walls)
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- Chapter 5: Manufacturing Plant
  - Location (not on-site)
  - QA/QC Plan --> 1205, availability
  - QA/QC Process
    - Personnel
    - Frequency
    - Records
  - Inspection
    - Availability
    - Notification
- Sustainability
  - Materials Protection

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• Chapter 6: Fabrication
  • Volumetric Construction
    • Structural identification
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    • ASCE 7
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  • Transportation Permitting/Route/Weight
  • Methods of Transport
    • Integrated chassis/trailer/other
    – Loading and Unloading
    – On-site storage
    • Stacking
    • Weather and Mechanical Protection
    • Staging
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- Chapter 8: On-Site Installation
  - Foundation (loads)
  - Installation Tolerances (ISO 6707-1)
  - Connections
    - Manufacturer's Instructions
      - Structural strength & rigidity
      - Envelope (air barrier, vapor barrier, insulation, sheathing...)
      - Ducts, pipes, wires
      - Fire separations, blocking
      - Foundation loads and anchorage
      - Foundation support
      - Services
      - Other
ICC/MBI 1200 – Standard for Off-Site Construction

• Chapter 9: Referenced Standards
  • ASCE 7
  • IBC
  • IRC
  • ICC Guideline 5
  • ICC/MBI 1205
  • ISO 6707-1
  • NFPA 221

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Inspection and Regulatory Compliance

“...provide minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety, general welfare and address societal and industry challenges for the inspection and regulatory compliance of off-site and modular construction.”

This Standard includes componentized, panelized and modularized elements and will not apply to HUD Manufactured Housing.
ICC/MBI 1205 - Standard for Off-Site Construction

• Inspection and Regulatory Compliance
• Includes compliances requirements for:
  • Permitting;
  • In-plant and on-site final inspections;
  • Third party inspections;
  • The role of Industrialized Building Departments, state modular programs and the Authority Having Jurisdiction.
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    - Planning Considerations
    - Duties and responsibilities of building officials
      - Display proper labels
      - Undamaged
      - Installation
      - Certificate of occupancy
      - Report violations to state (if applicable)
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  - General Requirements
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      - Registered design professional;
      - Manufacturer
      - Assembly
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  - Submittal Documents
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• Chapter 1: Application & Administration
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    • Inspections
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      • On-site
      • Manufacturer's installation instructions and construction documents

• Chapter 2: Definitions
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• Chapter 3: Plan Approvals and Inspection Procedures
  • Document requirements
    • Plans, specs, test results, evaluations, manufacturer instruction...
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    • Structural calcs
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• Chapter 3: Plan Approvals and Inspection Procedures
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    • Table (use and occupancy, type of construction, area, occupants, height, fire rating, structural design loads)
    • Floor plans, elevations, cross sections
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    • Envelope and interior wall info
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• Chapter 3: Plan Approvals and Inspection Procedures
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    • Drawings & details
  • Electrical Systems
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    • Disconnects
    • Locations
    • Lighting plan

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• Chapter 4: Third Party Review and Inspection Agencies
  • AHJ approval
    • Name, address
    • Disciplines
    • Key personnel
    • Experience
    • Accreditation (ISO 17065 or 17020 by 17011 body)
    • Registered design professional certifications/professional license/certification
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• Chapter 4: Third Party Review and Inspection Agencies
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- Chapter 5: Requirements for Compliance Assurance Program
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    - Org chart and key personnel
    - Plant layout (station by station)
    - Inspection procedures
    - Checklists/training/auditing
    - Construction document approval process
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- Chapter 5: Requirements for Compliance Assurance Program
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    - Manufacturing records
    - Serial numbering
    - Testing and inspection equipment
    - Module storage
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    - Forms
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- Chapter 5: Requirements for Compliance Assurance Program
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• Chapter 6: Authority Having Jurisdiction
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    • Each facility
    • Report changes
  – List of approved third-party inspection agencies
  – Right of entry
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• Chapter 7: Third Party Insignia, Identification and Data Plates
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    • third party + certification label number
    • Permanently affixed
    • Agency controlled
  • Data plate
    • Manufacturer info
    • Codes/loads/special conditions/special instructions
  – Records retention
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• Chapter 8: Referenced Standards
  • IBC
  • IRC
  • ISO 17011
  • ISO 17020
  • ISO 17065

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Code Council Resources (www.icc SAFE.org/offsite)

• Guideline 5-2019 Guideline for the Safe Use of ISO Intermodal Shipping Containers Repurposed as Buildings and Building Components
• ICC/MBI 1210 - Standard for Off-Site Construction: Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing Systems, Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation (in development)
• FAQs on Off-Site Construction
• Learning Center Specialty Catalog on Off-Site Construction
• Digital Codes Premium Off-Site Resources (forthcoming)
• Conformity Assessment Services from ICC-ES, IAS, NTA
• Education Courses for Standards 1200 and 1205 coming soon.
Adopting ICC/MBI 1200 & 1205

• Being considered for incorporation in 2024 IBC.
• Jurisdictions can adopt now as stand-alone effort or part of code adoption.
• Incorporate into Building Code & Residential Code:
  – IBC Section 429 (new)
  – IRC Section 301.1.5 (new)
• Salt Lake City, UT adopted March 2021
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- Uo Value Zone
- Roof Load Zone
- Wind Zone
Manufactured Housing Installation
3285.203 Site Drainage. ½” per foot for 10 feet
3285.203 Site Drainage. ½” per foot for 10 feet
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3285.201 Soil Conditions

- Must be on firm, undisturbed soil or fill compacted to at least 90 percent of its maximum relative density.

- All organic material such as grass, roots, twigs, and wood scraps must be removed in areas where footings are to be placed.
3285.204 Ground moisture control

Void or tears in the vapor retarder must be repaired. 12” overlap.

Vapor retarder is required even with a slab. Best practice is under the slab, but above the slab is acceptable.
3285.305 Clearance under homes.

- A minimum clearance of 12 inches must be maintained between the lowest member of the main frame and the grade under all areas of the home.
Foundation System
Concrete block piers
3285.303 Pier construction

Concrete Blocks
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3285.303 Pier construction

Lumber Spacer
Shims
Caps must be one of the following

1. 4”x8”x16” concrete solid block.
2. 2”x8”x16” Hardwood or P.T. Lumber.
3. ½”x8”x16” Steel plate w/ corrosion protection.
4. Other listed material.
3285.303 Pier construction

To fill the gap above the cap you may use the following:

1. 4”x8”x16” Concrete Block
2. 3”x8”x16” Concrete Block
3. 2”x8”x16” Concrete Block
4. Hardwood or P.T. Lumber no thicker than 2”
5. Other listed material.
6. Shims used in pairs no more than one inch in height.

Only one concrete block above cap, up to 2” lumber, plus shims may be used in combination. I-beam shall never rest directly on concrete blocks.
3285.307 Perimeter support piers
Typically found missing on block perimeter walls
3285.307 Perimeter support piers
Missing Caps and no bearing.
Unlisted/unlabeled piers and caps
3285.308 Manufactured piers

• Must be listed and labeled.

• Provided with protection against weather deterioration and corrosion at least equivalent to that provided by a costing of zinc on steel of .30 oz./ft.²
## Foundation Construction

24 CFR 3285 Subpart D

- Piers

### Load on Frame Supports for Homes Not Requiring Perimeter Blocking — lbs.

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## Foundation Construction

### Footing Dimensions

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**Note:**

To calculate a square or rectangular footer:

\[
\text{Length (in)} \times \text{Width (in)} = \text{Area}
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**Example:**

16 in x 20 in = 320 sq. inches

To calculate a round footer:

\[
3.14 \times 0.25 \times \text{Diameter (in)} = \text{Area}
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**Example:** For a 22” diameter footing

\[
3.14 \times 0.25 \times 22 \text{ in} \times 22 \text{ in} = 380 \text{ sq. inches}
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Anchorage

* Indicates a configuration that will require an additional strap connected to the far beam
End Wall Anchors
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Alternative Anchoring Systems

- Must be listed and labeled.
- Must be installed per manufacturer’s installation instruction and must be approved for use in DAPIA manual.
3285.203(f) Gutters and downspouts.

- If gutters and downspouts are installed, the water runoff must be directed away from the home.
- Not required to be installed.
3285.504 Skirting

- Must be weather-resistant material
- Can not trap water behind siding or trim
- Must not impede the contraction and expansion of the homes exterior covering.
3285.505 Dryer vents and combustion air inlets must pass through the skirting to the outside.

Duct shall be supported and not have reverse slope.
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3285.603 Water Supply

1. Pipes must be insulated and use heat tape unless it is in an insulated foundation system.
2. A shutoff valve is mandatory.
Drain lines shall have $\frac{1}{4}$" slope and support at 4ft oc.
AC condensate line shall be supported at 4ft oc without negative slope.
3285.604 Drainage system

T&P Valve is required to extend to the exterior
3285.606 Ductwork Connection
Subpart I – Exterior and Interior Close-Up

- Siding installation
- Mate-line gasket
- Hinged roofs and eaves
- Interconnections
- Shipped-loose wall paneling
3280.801(d) Roof is free from physical damage, all shipping material is removed.
3285.804 Bottom board repair
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3280.808(k) Under-chassis line-voltage (120 volts nominal or higher) must be protected by conduit.
3280.809(d) The chassis of multiple section homes must be bonded with No. 8 minimum copper wire.
• 3280.114(d) Guards. (1) Porches, balconies, or raised floor surfaces located more than 30 inches above the floor or grade below must have guards not less than 36 inches in height.

• Porch railing designs must be DAPIA approved.
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