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- High-piled storage arrays:
 - allow the owner or tenant to maximize amount of goods stored in a smaller footprint,
 - enable rapid construction of large, low-cost warehouses near shifting population and transportation nodes, and,
 - increase efficiency in product handling within the storage configuration.





























































Section	and Table 3203.8	
PRODUCT CATEGORY	PRODUCT	CLASSIFICATION
	Level I	Class III (See Chapter 51)
Acrosols	Level 2	Class IV (See Chapter 51)
	Level 3	High-hazand (See Chapter 51)
	Dry cells (excludes lithium, lithium-ion and other similar exotic metals or combustible electrolyte); without blister packing (if blister packed, refer to the commodity classification definitions)	Class I
	Dry cells (nonlithium or similar exotic metals); in blister packing; cartoned	Class II
Batteries	Vehicle; any size (for example, automobile or truck); empty plastic casing	High-hazard (Group A unexpanded
	Vehicle: large (in other words, truck or larger); dry or wet cells (excludes lithium-ion and other cells containing combustible electrolytes)	High-hazard (Group A unexpanded
	Vehicle; small (for example, automobile); wet cells (excludes lithium-ion and other cells containing combustible electrolytes)	Class I
	Circular baled corn stover	Class IV
Biomass	Rectangular baled corn stover	Class III
	Rectangular baled switchgrass	High-hazard



















































Pallets §3203.10	
 Influence fire behavior of "unit load" Wood, metal or plastic High density, low density plastic 	
Solid or open decks	⊆) ⇒ center



Commodity Influence §3203.10

Pallet Composition	Commodity Class	Impact
Unreinforced polypropylene or unreinforced high-density polyethylene	I-IV	Increase one class
Reinforced polypropylene or reinforced high-density polyethylene	1-111	Increase two classes
Reinforced polypropylene or reinforced high-density polyethylene	I-IV	Increase to High Hazard
Others	I-IV	Unless tests prove otherwise, increase two classes
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			All Sto	rage Are	as ^b		Solid-Piled Storage, She Storage and Palletized Stor			
Commodity Class	Storage Area ^a (square feet)	Automatic Fire Extinguishin g System	Automati c Fire Detectio n System	Buildin g Access	Smoke and Heat Removal	Draft Curtain s	Maximum Pile Dimension ^e	Maximum Permissible Storage Height ^d	Maximum Pile Volume	
	0-500	NRª	NR	NR ^e	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
	501 - 2,500	NRa	Yesi	NR ^e	NR	NR	100	40	100,000	
	2501 – 12,000 Public Accessible	Yes	NR	NR ^e	NR	NR	100	40	400,000	
	2501 – 12,000 Non-public Accessible Option 1	Yes	NR	NR®	NR	NR	100	40	400,000	
\bigcirc	2501 – 12,000 Non-public Accessible Option 2	NRª	Yes	Yes	Yesi	Yesi	100	30 ^r	200,000	
	12,000 - 20,000	Yes	NR	Yes	Yesi	NR	100	40	400,000	
	20,001 - 500,000	Yes	NR	Yes	Yesi	NR	100	40	400,000	
	> 500,0009	Yes	NR	Yes	Yesi	NR	100	40	400,000	
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Commodity Class	Circ of Minh Dilad	All Storage Areas ^b					Solid-Piled Storage, Shelf Storage and Palletized Storage			
	Storage Area ^a (square feet)	Automatic Fire Extinguishing System	Automatic Fire Detection System	Building Access	Smoke and Heat Removal	Draft Curtains	Maximum Pile Dimension	A Storage, Shelf Storage Maximum Permissible Storage Maximum Pile Volume NR NR 30 400,000 30 400,000 30 400,000 30 400,000 30 400,000 30 400,000 30 400,000 30 400,000		
	0-500	NRa	NR	NRe	NR	NR	50	NR	NR	
	501 – 2,500 Public Accessible	Yes	NR	NR ^e	NR	NR	50	30	400,000	
High- hazard	501 – 2,500 Non-public Accessible Option 1	Yes	NR	NR®	NR	NR	50	30	400,000	
	501 – 2,500 Non-public Accessible Option 2	NR∘	Yes	Yes	Yesi	Yesi	50	20	200,000	
	2,501 - 300,000	Yes	NR	Yes	Yes ^j	NR	50	30	400,000	
	300,001 - 500,000 ^{g,h}	Yes	NR	Yes	Yesi	NR	50	30	400,000	
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Table 3206 (Extract)									
			All Sto	orage Area	IS ^b	Storage, She Palletized Sto	Storage, Shelf Storage alletized Storage		
Commodity Class	Size of High Piled Storage Area ^a (square feet)	Automatic Fire Extinguishing System	Automatic Fire Detection System	Building Access	Smoke and Heat Removal	Draft Curtains	Maximum Pile Dimension ^c	Maximum Permissible Storage Height ^d	Maximum Pile Volume
I-IV	2,501 – 12,000 Not open to public Option 1	Yes	NR	NR⁰	NR	NR	100	40	400,000
	2,501 – 12,000 Not open to public Option 2	NRª	Yes	Yes	Yes ^j	Yes ^j	100	30 ^f	200,000
2018 FC High-Piled Combustible Storage									













Fire Detection Systems §3206.5					
Hazard Class	Area (ft ²)	Open to Public			
Class I-IV	501-2,500				
Class I-IV	2,501-12,000	No			
High Hazard	501-2,500	No			



Fire Detection Systems

- Although smoke detectors are preferred by IFC[®] §907.2.15, heat detection may be more appropriate.
- Heat detectors are limited to smooth, beam or sloped ceilings in a building <30' in height
 - Ceilings >30' in height require a performance design for spot-type heat detectors, or,
 - Linear cable or pneumatic rate-of-rise heat detection system.

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Bu	ilding Acces	s: Table	3206.2
• F	ire department acces	s door thresh	old:
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	Commodity Classification	Unsprinklered	Sprinklered
	Class I – IV	2,501 ft ²	12,001 ft ²
	High-hazard	501 ft ²	2,501 ft ²
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Smoke/Heat Removal §3206.8 Provides aid in salvage and overhaul operations by providing post-extinguishment ventilation • Significant IFC[®] 2015 changes: Draft curtains eliminated Smoke and heat vents only in non-sprinklered storage areas Smoke and heat vents or mechanical ventilation in sprinklered areas ÷ center

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Smoke/Heat Removal §910.2.2 When required by Table 3206, with exceptions 1. Sprinklered frozen food warehouses used solely for storage of Class I and II commodities. 2. Buildings protected by ESFR or fast response Control Mode Specific Application (CMSA) sprinklers. ÷ center 2018 IFC High-Piled Combustible Storage













Aisle Widths §3206.10.1.2

Sprinkler Protection	Hazard Class	Storage Area	Open to Public	Aisle Width (in.)
Yes	Any	Any	Any	44
Yes	High	2,500 sq. ft. or more	Yes	96
Yes	Any	Mechanical stocking	Yes	96
Yes*	High	Mechanical stocking	Yes	44
Yes*	High	Mechanical stocking	No	24
No	Any	Any	Any	96
* If protected for	r multiple-rov	v (> 2 adjacent) racks per {	§ 903.3.1.1.	
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Pile Dimensions Table 3206.2						
•	Give	n:				
	 Classification 	ass I-IV co	ommodity			
	 St 	orage area	a: 2,501 to 12,0	00 sq. ft.		
	 Not open to the public 					
	Option	Sprinklers	Max. Dimension (feet)	Max. Height (ft.)	Max. Volume (cu.ft.)	
	Option 1	Sprinklers Yes	Max. Dimension (feet) 120	Max. Height (ft.) 40	Max. Volume (cu.ft.) 400,000	
	Option 1 2	Sprinklers Yes No	Max. Dimension (feet) 120 120	Max. Height (ft.) 40 30	Max. Volume (cu.ft.) 400,000 200,000	











REFER TO	Tabl	е 3	3208.3	(Extr	act)	
DEBOOK	Rack Configuration		Flue Design	Sprinklers at the or Without Minin Sprinkl	Ceiling With num In-Rack ers	In-Rack Sprinklers at Every Tier
				≤ 25 feet	> 25 feet	Any Height
	Double-row	Transverse	Size	6 inches	3 inches	Not Required
	Rack	Flue space	Vertically aligned	Not Required	Yes	Not Applicable
	(Option 1)	Longi	tudinal Flue space	Not Required	6 inches	Not Required
		Transverse	Size	3 inches	6 inches	Not Required
	Double-row Rack	Flue space	Vertically aligned	Not Required	Yes	Not Applicable
	(Option 2)	Longi	tudinal Flue space	6 inches	Not Required	Not Required
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Final Reflection Reflect on the day. What will you 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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