The following are code changes and public comments to be considered at the 2010 Dallas Final Action Hearings that are related to the CTC Area of Study noted above.

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702, 703.5, 715.2, 715.3, 715.3.1, Table 715.3 (New), 715.4, 715.4.1, 715.4.2, 715.4.3, 715.4.3.1, 715.4.3.2, 715.5.4, 715.4.4, 715.4.4.1, 715.4.5, 715.4.6, 715.4.6.1, 715.4.6.1.1, 715.4.7, 715.4.7.1, 715.5.8.1.1, 715.5.8.1.2, 715.5.8.1.2.1, 715.5.8.1.2.2, 715.4.7.2, 715.4.7.3, 715.5, 715.4.7.3.1, 715.4.7.4, 715.5.8, 715.5.8.1, 715.5.8.2, 715.6.8.3, Table 715.5, 715.5.9, 715.5.9.1, TABLE 715.4,

**Proposed Change as Submitted**

**Proponent:** Paul K. Heilstedt, PE, FAIA, Chair, representing ICC Code Technology Committee (CTC); William F. O'Keeffe, representing SAFTIFirst

1. Add new text:

   **SECTION 702 DEFINITIONS**

   **Fire-rated glazing.** Glazing with either a fire protection rating or a fire resistance rating.

2. Revise as follows:

   **SECTION 703 FIRE RESISTANCE RATINGS AND FIRE TESTS**

   **703.5 Fire-resistance-rated glazing.** Fire-resistance-rated glazing, when tested in accordance with ASTM E 119 or UL 263 and complying with the requirements of Section 707, shall be permitted. Fire-resistance-rated glazing shall bear a label or other identification showing the name of the manufacturer, the test standard and the identifier “W-XXX,” where the “XXX” is the fire resistance rating in minutes. Such label or identification shall be marked in accordance with Table 715.3 issued by an approved agency and shall be permanently affixed to the glazing.

3. Add new text as follows:

   **715.3 Marking Fire-Rated Glazing Assemblies** Fire-rated glazing assemblies shall be marked in accordance with Tables 715.3, 715.5, and 715.6.

   **715.3.1 Fire-rated glazing that exceeds the code requirements.** Fire-rated glazing assemblies marked as complying with hose stream requirements (H) shall be permitted in applications that do not require compliance with hose stream requirements. Fire-rated glazing assemblies marked as complying with temperature rise requirements (T) shall be permitted in applications that do not require compliance with temperature rise requirements. Fire-rated glazing assemblies marked with ratings (XXX) that exceed the ratings required by this code shall be permitted.

   **Table 715.3**

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<tr>
<th>Fire Test Standard</th>
<th>Marking</th>
<th>Definition of Marking</th>
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<tr>
<td>ASTM E119 or UL 263</td>
<td>W</td>
<td>Meets wall assembly criteria.</td>
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</table>
Fire Test Standard | Marking | Definition of Marking
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NFPA 257 or UL 9 | OH | Meets fire window assembly criteria including the hose stream test.
NFPA 252 or UL 10B or UL 10C | D, H, T | Meets fire door assembly criteria.
| | | Meets fire door assembly "Hose Stream" test.
| | | Meets to 450º F temperature rise criteria for 30 minutes
| | XXX | The time in minutes of the fire resistance or fire protection rating of the glazing assembly

715.3 715.4 Alternate methods for determining fire-protection. *(No change to current text)*

715.4 715.5 Fire door and shutter assemblies. *(No change to current text)*

**Exceptions:**

*(Exceptions to remain unchanged)*

715.4.1 715.5.1 Side hinged or pivoted swinging doors. *(No change to current text)*

715.4.2 715.5.2 Other types of assemblies. *(No change to current text)*

715.4.3 715.5.3 Door assemblies in corridors and smoke barriers. Fire door assemblies required to have a minimum fire protection rating of 20 minutes where located in corridor walls or smoke barrier walls having a fire-resistance rating in accordance with Table 715.4 715.5 shall be tested in accordance with NFPA 252, UL 10B or UL 10C without the hose stream test.

**Exceptions:**

*(Exceptions to remain unchanged)*

715.4.4.1 715.5.5.1 Glazing in doors. Fire protection rated glazing shall be limited to 100-sq. inches (0.065 m²). Fire protection rated glazing in excess of 100 sq. inches (0.065 m²) shall be permitted in fire door assemblies when unless the glazing has been tested as components of the door assemblies and not as glass lights, and shall have a maximum transmitted temperature rise of 450F degrees (250C degrees) in accordance with Section 715.4.4 715.5.5.

**Exception:** The maximum temperature rise is not limited in buildings equipped with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2.

715.4.5 715.5.6 Fire door frames with transom lights and sidelights. Door frames with transom lights, sidelights, or both shall be permitted where a ¾-hour fire protection rating or less is required in accordance with Table 715.4. Where a fire protection rating exceeding ¾ hour is required in accordance with Table 715.4. Fire door frames with transom lights, sidelights, or both, shall be permitted where installed with fire-resistance rated glazing tested as an
assembly in accordance with ASTM E119 or UL 263 shall be permitted where a fire-protection rating exceeding ¾-hour is required in accordance with Table 715.4.

715.4.6 715.5.7 Labeled protective assemblies. (No change to current text)

715.4.6.4 715.5.7.1 Fire door labeling requirements. Fire doors shall be labeled showing the name of the manufacturer or other identification readily traceable back to the manufacturer, the name or trademark of the third-party inspection agency, the fire protection rating and, where required for fire doors in exit enclosures and exit passageways by Section 715.4.7 715.5.8, the maximum transmitted temperature point. Smoke and draft control doors complying with UL 1784 and shall be labeled as such and shall also comply with Section 715.4.6 715.5.7.3. Labels shall be approved and permanently affixed. The label shall be applied at the factory or location where fabrication and assembly are performed.

715.4.6.4 715.5.7.1.1 Light kits, louvers and components. Listed light kits and louvers and their required preparations shall be considered as part of the labeled door where such installations are done under the listing program of the third-party agency. Where tested for such use, fire doors and door assemblies shall be permitted to consist of components, including glazing, vision light kits and hardware that are labeled, listed or classified by different third-party agencies.

715.4.6.2 715.5.7.2 Oversized doors. (No change to current text)

715.4.6.3 715.5.7.3 Smoke and draft control door labeling requirements. (No change to current text)

715.4.7 715.5.8 Glazing material. (No change to current text)

715.5.8.1 Size limitations. Fire-protection-rated glazing used in fire doors shall comply with the size limitations of NFPA 80, and as provided in sections 715.5.8.1.1 and 715.5.8.1.2.

Exceptions:

715.5.8.1.1 Fire-resistance-rated glazing in door assemblies in fire walls and fire barriers rated greater than 1-hour. Fire-resistance-rated glazing tested to ASTM E119 or UL 263 and NFPA 252, UL10B or UL 10C shall be permitted in fire door assemblies located in fire walls and in fire barriers in accordance with Table 715.4 to the maximum size tested and in accordance with their listings.

715.5.8.1.2 Fire-protection-rated glazing in door assemblies in fire walls and fire barriers rated greater than 1-hour. Fire-protection-rated glazing shall be prohibited in fire walls and fire barriers except as provided in 715.5.8.1.2.1 and 715.5.8.1.2.2.

715.5.8.1.2.1 Horizontal exits. 1. Fire protection-rated glazing in fire doors located in fire walls shall be permitted except where serving a fire door in a horizontal exit, a self-closing swinging door shall be permitted to have a vision panel of not more than 100 square inches without a dimension exceeding 10 inches. Fire protection-rated glazing shall be permitted as vision panels in self-closing swinging fire door assemblies serving as horizontal exits in fire walls where limited to 100 square inches with no dimension exceeding 10 inches.

715.5.8.1.2.2 Fire barriers. 2. Fire-protection-rated glazing shall not be installed in fire doors except as permitted in fire doors having a 1-1/2-hour fire protection rating intended for installation in fire barriers, unless the glazing is not more than 100 square inches in area.

715.4.7.2 715.5.8.2 Exit and elevator protectives. (No change to current text)

715.4.7.3 715.5.8.3 Labeling. (No change to current text)

715.4.7.3.1 715.5.8.3.1 Identification. (No change to current text)

715.4.7.4 715.5.8.4 Safety glazing. (No change to current text)

(Renumber subsequent sections)

715.5.8 715.6.8 Interior fire window assemblies. Fire-protection-rated glazing used in fire window assemblies located in fire partitions and fire barriers shall be limited to use in assemblies with a maximum fire-resistance rating of 1-hour in accordance with this section.

715.5.8.4 715.6.8.1 Where ¾-hour fire-protection window assemblies permitted. Fire-protection-rated glazing requiring 45 minute opening protection in accordance with Table 715.5 715.6 shall be limited to fire partitions designed in accordance with Section 709 and fire barriers utilized in the applications set forth in Sections 707.3.6 and 707.3.8 where the fire resistance rating does not exceed 1 hour. Fire-protection-rated glazing assemblies tested in accordance with ASTM E119 or UL 263 shall not be subject to the limitations of this section.
715.5.8.2 715.6.8.2 Area limitations. The total area of windows shall not exceed 25 percent of the area of a common wall with any room.

715.6.8.3. Where 1/3-hour fire-protection window assemblies permitted. Fire-protection-rated glazing shall be permitted in window assemblies tested to NFPA 257 or UL 9 in smoke barriers and fire partitions requiring 1/3-hour opening protection in accordance with Table 715.6.
### TABLE 715.5-715.6
FIRE WINDOW ASSEMBLY FIRE-PROTECTION RATINGS

<table>
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<tr>
<th>TYPE OF WALL ASSEMBLY</th>
<th>REQUIRED WALL ASSEMBLY RATING (hours)</th>
<th>MINIMUM FIRE WINDOW ASSEMBLY RATING (hours)</th>
<th>FIRE RATED GLAZING MARKING</th>
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NP – Not permitted
<sup>a</sup> Not permitted except fire resistance rated glazing assemblies tested to ASTM E119 or UL 263, as specified in Section 715.2
<sup>b</sup> xxx = The fire rating duration period in minutes, which shall be equal to the fire resistance rating required for the wall assembly.

#### 715.5.9 715.6.9 Labeling.
Fire-protection-rated glazing shall bear a label or other identification showing the name of the manufacturer, the test standard and information required Section 715.5.9.1 Table 715.6 that shall be issued by an approved agency and shall be permanently affixed to the glazing.

#### 715.5.9.1 Identification.
For fire protection-rated glazing, the label shall bear the following two-part identifiers: “OH – XXX.” “OH” shall indicate that the glazing has been tested to and meets both the fire protection and the hose-stream requirements of NFPA 257 or UL 9. “XXX” shall indicate the fire-protection rating period, in minutes, that was tested.

### TABLE 715.4-715.5
FIRE DOOR AND FIRE SHUTTER PROTECTION RATINGS

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<th>REQUIRED WALL ASSEMBLY RATING (hours)</th>
<th>MINIMUM FIRE DOOR AND FIRE SHUTTER ASSEMBLY RATING (hours)</th>
<th>DOOR VISION PANEL SIZE</th>
<th>FIRE RATED GLAZING MARKING</th>
<th>DOOR VISION PANEL</th>
<th>MINIMUM SIDE LIGHT/TRANSOM ASSEMBLY RATING (hours)</th>
<th>FIRE RATED GLAZING MARKING SIDE LIGHT/TRANSOM PANEL</th>
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<td>Shaft, exit enclosures and exit passageway walls</td>
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<td>Fire partitions: Corridor walls</td>
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<td>1/3</td>
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*Fire protection* or *Fire resistance* is not permitted for certain conditions.

*Fire protection* or *Fire resistance* values are indicated for various scenarios in the table.

Glass Label
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**Type of Assembly** | **Required Wall Assembly Rating (hours)** | **Minimum Fire Door and Fire Shutter Assembly Rating (hours)** | **Door Vision Panel Size** | **Fire Rated Glazing Marking Door Vision Panel** | **Fire Protection** | **Minimum Sidelite/Transom Assembly Rating (hours)** | **Fire Rated Glazing Marking Sidelite/Transom Panel**
---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---
Smoke barriers | 1 | 1/3 | Maximum size tested | D-H-45 | Fire Protection | 3/4 | D-H-NT-45

**a.** Two doors, each with a fire protection rating of 1-1/2 hours, installed on opposite sides of the same opening in a fire wall, shall be deemed equivalent in fire protection rating to one 3-hour fire door.

**b.** For testing requirements, see Section 715.5.3 714.4.3.

**c.** Fire resistance rated glazing tested to ASTM E119 per section 715.2 shall be permitted, in the maximum size tested.

**d.** Fire protection where the building is equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler and the fire-rated glazing meets the criteria established in Section 715.5.5.1.

**e.** Under the column heading "Fire rated glazing marking door vision panel", W refers to the fire-resistance rating of the glazing, not the frame.

**Reason:**

(O’Keefe) The ICC Board established the ICC Code Technology Committee (CTC) as the venue to discuss contemporary code issues in a committee setting which provides the necessary time and flexibility to allow for full participation and input by any interested party. The code issues are assigned to the CTC by the ICC Board as “areas of study”. Information on the CTC, including: meeting agendas; minutes; reports; resource documents; presentations; and all other materials developed in conjunction with the CTC effort can be downloaded from the following website: http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/ccctc/index.html. Since its inception in April 2005, the CTC has held seventeen meetings - all open to the public.

This proposed change is a result of the CTC’s investigation of the area of study entitled “Labeling of Fire Rated Glazing”. The scope of the activity is noted as:

Identify root causes of problems selecting, specifying, installing, and inspecting fire protective and fire resistive glazing and other assembly components including the frames. Propose identification requirements and other related code changes.

The marking provisions of the IBC applicable to fire rated glazing (“Marking Provisions”) were first adopted as a part of Chapter 7 of the IBC in 2004. In the last development cycle, the Fire Safety Committee recommended that the ICC Board consider submitting the marking of fire rated glazing to the Code Technology Committee (CTC) as an area of study since repeat proposals to change the Marking Provisions were being submitted on a regular basis.

The ICC Board referred the Marking Provisions to the CTC as an area of study and a Study Group (SG), Chaired Carl Wren, was formed. The SG consisted of both fire and building code officials; architects; engineers; fire rated window and door manufacturers; primary fire rated glazing manufacturers; and a fire protection engineer. It was recognized by the SG that the existing marking system, as those marks were designated in product listings, was leading to fire protection products in applications not allowed by the IBC. After numerous meetings and a full hearing before the CTC, the SG and the CTC unanimously approved proposing these changes to the IBC’s Marking Provisions.

The primary objective of the CTC in proposing these changes is to make the Marking Provisions of Chapter 7 easier to understand and enforce and to minimize the possibility that the system could result in confusion between fire protection labeled products in applications where fire-resistance rated products meeting ASTM E 119 are permitted. The proposal includes the following changes:

1. Adds new Table 715.3, to define and relate the various test standards for fire rated glazing to the designations used to mark fire rated glazing. A new definition of the term “fire rated glazing” would also be included.

2. While the designations “W,” “OH,” “D,” “DT,” “DH” and “XXX” used to mark fire rated glazing will remain as they were originally adopted in 2004, the marking of fire rated glazing in fire door assemblies (D) are simplified by deleting the NH designation (not hose stream tested) and the NT designation (temperature rise tested). It is clarified that those designations correspond to test standards, not end uses. Tables 715.4 and 715.5 show the markings required for acceptance in specified applications.

3. All text provision used to define and relate test standards to marking designations are deleted in favor of including all of the required marking provisions in Tables 715.3, 715.4 and 715.5. This is intended to provide building and fire code officials with easy access to all of the information needed when inspecting fire window and fire door installations, including required marking designations.

4. In connection with removing many of the text provisions referring to the marking of fire rated glazing, the inclusion of all pertinent marking requirements in tables 715.4 and 715.5, a number of columns are added to those Tables. These new columns specify the required designations that the building and fire code officials will need to look for when inspecting fire rated glazing in the various categories of fire resistance rated walls, fire door assemblies and fire window assemblies identified in Tables 715.4 and 715.5.

5. The size limitation provisions starting at 715.4.6.1 are re-written to eliminate the use of “exceptions” and thus clarify them - no substantive changes to these provisions are intended.

6. It was determined that Table 715.4 inadvertently omitted reference to 1 1/2 hour doors in shaft, exit enclosures and exit passageway walls and this proposal adds that reference to the Table.

7. The Marking Provisions have been written to clarify that fire protection rated glazing tested to NFPA 257 and used in transoms and sidelites in certain fire barriers and corridor walls will also have to be tested to NFPA 252 since they are a part of a door assembly. Accordingly, these glazings are marked D-H-OH-XXX.

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It was recognized by the SG that the existing marking system, as those marks were designated in product listings, was leading to the misuse of fire protection products in applications not allowed by the IBC. It was also recognized that “T” marking were being applied by some manufacturers to designate use of fire protection products in temperature rise test doors that in fact did not limit temperature rise and should not be so marked. Attached as support are documents submitted to the CTC Labeling Study Group that show the confusion in listings showing end-use marks that are not permitted by the IBC. After numerous meetings and a full hearing before the CTC, the SG and the CTC unanimously approved proposing these changes to the IBC’s Marking Provisions.

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5. The size limitation provisions starting at 715.4.6.1 are re-written to eliminate the use of “exceptions” and thus clarify them - no substantive changes to these provisions are intended.

6. It was determined that Table 715.4 inadvertently omitted reference to 1 1/2 hour doors in shaft, exit enclosures and exit passageway walls and this proposal adds that reference to the Table.

7. The Marking Provisions have been written to clarify that fire protection rated glazing tested to NFPA 257 and used in transoms and sidelites in certain fire barriers and corridor walls will also have to be tested to NFPA 252 since they are a part of a door assembly. Accordingly, these glazings are marked D-H-OH-XXX. It has also been clarified where fire rated glazing products must be tested to and marked as complying with ASTM E119 in sidelight and transom assemblies in openings requiring greater than ¼-hour protection, and for glazing sizes exceeding 100 sq. inches in doors rated 1-hour and greater.

8. Section 715.4.6.1 was revised to clarify labeling of door assembly components, and to recognize that door assemblies are permitted to have components labeled by different test agencies.

Bibliography: Examples of UL Listing Markings submitted to CTC Labeling Study Group.

Cost Impact: This code change will not increase the cost of construction.

Public Hearing Results

Committee Action: Approved as Submitted

Committee Reason: The committee agreed with the reorganization of the glazing provisions and the clarity of the fire rated glazing marking provisions. The revised provisions will give the code official all they need to determine if glazing is being used in the right locations.

Assembly Action: None

Individual Consideration Agenda

This item is on the agenda for individual consideration because a public comment was submitted.

Public Comment:

Bob Eugene, representing Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., requests Disapproval.

Commenter's Reason: We applaud the CTC for attempting to clarify glazing requirements in Section 715. A copy of how the finished Section 715 would look with the changes was not provided in the monograph or to the code development committee. When we literally cut and pasted the proposal together, a number of correlation errors and misnumbered sections were found. These errors and inconsistencies cannot be easily corrected with a public comment, so we reluctantly feel this proposal should be disapproved. Some, but not all, of the problems we found include the following:

1. Section 715.2 states that fire-resistance rated glazing shall not otherwise be required to comply with this section (Section 715), but the proposal then introduces new requirements for fire-resistance rated glazing in section 715.5.8.1.1, 715.6.8.1, Table 715.3 and Table 715.5. This is a conflict.

2. The marking glazing requirements in table 715.3 are confusing and do not correlate well with marking marking requirements in section 715.5.8.3.1 (formerly section 715.4.7.3) and in Table 715.6 (formerly 715.5). Manufacturers have already changed their markings to meet the requirements established in the 2006 code. This will require manufacturers to change the markings again. A mixture of the new and old markings in the field will create confusion during inspections.

3. Table 715.3 includes a column with the “Definition of Marking”, which seems more like code commentary language and not mandatory code language.

4. Section 101.3 clearly states that the code includes the minimum requirements to be met. It is unnecessary, and bad precedence, to include section 715.3.1 titled “Fire rated glazing that exceeds code requirements”. For example, there is no need to indicate that 90-minute rated glazing can be used in a 45-minute application. If it is done here then do we need to repeat this concept throughout the code? This
is better suited for code commentary, if there is considered a need to communicate that the minimum code requirements can be exceeded.

5. We found what appeared to be incorrect section references in the following new sections: 715.5.3.2, Table 715.4, 715.4, and 715.5.8.

6. Section 715.5.8.1 is titled “Size limitations” and indicates, “Fire-protection rated glazing shall comply with 715.5.8.1.1 and 715.5.8.1.2. However, the new Section 715.5.8.1.1 covers “fire-resistant” glazing, not “fire-protection” glazing. This is outside the scope of this section.

7. The proposal included a numbering system that included five decimal points (e.g. section 715.5.8.1.2.1) which is confusing and may not comply with ICC guidelines. It would be much clearer to organize the sections in a fashion that avoids this level of complexity. This would have been more evident if a final version of how the revised code would look was provided.

8. Section 715.4.6.1.1 suggests components of the door assembly may be labeled, listed or classified by different third party agencies where tested for such use. How is an AHJ to know if these components were tested for such use? It would be more appropriate to state when listed and labeled for such use by different third party agencies.

9. This marking scheme appears to set a precedent that may allow glazing that does not meet hose or temperature criteria to be installed in applications where it is required.

Again, we applaud the CTC for their work on this, but more work and additional review is needed before this proposal is ready for adoption in the code.

Final Action: AS AM AMPC D